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## Famed Legislator Has Passed Away

### "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Picturesque Member of Congress For Years Is Dead

90 YEARS OLD

Was Born in Guilford County, North Carolina; Had Career Of A Fighter

Danville, Ill., Nov. 12.—The fiery spirit of Joseph Gurney Cannon, dimmed to an ember by the weight of ninety years, was quenched by death.

In the home from which he went to Congress 53 years ago, and amid walls laden with the trophies of his public life, the patriarch died at high noon, in the midst of a deep sleep.

Weakening of the heart muscles caused his death, but the general deprivations of old age warned his family several months ago that the end was near. He told comrades in the national house, when he quit its halls in 1922 that he was going home to die, home to the rambling brown brick mansion which he built 65 years ago for his bride who preceded him to the grave.

After his retirement from Congress he continued his daily walks downtown beneath the elms of Vermillion street, and the most cartooned face in America was daily visible behind the brown curtains of the Second National bank which he helped found. But several months ago he was forced to a daily motor outing, which he continued until a few weeks ago.

His mind faded with his body, and he could recall but dimly, after his 90th birthday last May, the scenes with which his long congressional service was vivid. Not wanting memory, however, could keep him inactive, and his last public act four months ago, was to turn the sod for a new church for the St. James Methodist Episcopal congregation. Born a quaker, he joined the Methodist church after leaving Congress and each Sunday until recent weeks found him in the pew his wife had occupied throughout her life time in Danville.

### SKETCH OF CAREER.

Time scarcely had touched with silver the thin locks of Joseph Gurney Cannon years ago, ere the nation had rechristened him "Uncle Joe." And under that title, confirmed by millions who never saw him, yet knew every line of his worn face and every whimsical trait of his intense personality, "Uncle Joe" came at last to end his career as eldest statesman of the nation; the man of longest service in the Congress; the object of honors among his colleagues that took no thought of party or political differences.

In the musty files of the Congressional Record there stands written a moving tale of this man's great service. It begins back in 1873 when first he came out of Illinois to take his seat in the house, even then a picturesque, fire eating political gladiator to whom the uproar of the debate and the tense moments in committee were

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## AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—



Six feet of earth settles menny a det.

## Lays Down The Gavel of Life



"UNCLE JOE" CANNON

## Smithfield Wins In Final Contest

### Local High Gridders End Season With 21-0 Win Over Erwin High; Record For Season

C. H. McGregor's Smithfield high eleven marched to victory against the Erwin eleven on the local gridiron Friday afternoon in the final game of the 1926 season for the local cohorts. The score was 21 to 0. The attack by the local squad was led by Captain Davis, at end, and Jimmie Kirkman, at quarterback, with the entire team falling in line. Davis twice received passes to score touchdowns while Kirkman ran through the whole Erwin team gaining in all over a hundred yards. The game was marred by many fumbles some of which proved costly for the visitors.

Smithfield first scored in the initial period when after Davis had carried the ball to the one yard line Wellons, in carrying the ball, fumbled and Erwin recovered behind the goal line giving Smithfield a safety. Smithfield's first touchdown came as a result of a pass, Kirkman to Davis. The attempt to make the extra point failed. The other two touchdowns were made in the third quarter on another pass to Davis and a long run followed by line bucks.

The work of Davis and Kirkman was outstanding. Davis showed stellar work in receiving passes, while Kirkman made several long runs two of which were for over thirty yards. For Erwin, Harper was the outstanding star.

The line-up:

Erwin (0)	Smithfield (21)
Grady	Davis
	Left end
L. Avery	Creech
	Left tackle
Lucas	Mathews
	Left guard
Roberts	Norton
	Center
Byrd	Stevens
	Right end
West	Fuller
	Right tackle
C. Avery	Woodard
	Right guard
Strickland	Kirkman
	Quarterback
Harper	Wellons
	Right halfback
Turnage	Parrish
	Left halfback
Barber	Grantham
	Fullback

Score by periods:

Smithfield ----- 2 6 13 0—21

Erwin ----- 0 0 0 0—0

With this game the 1926 season closes. The team has won from Selma, Cary and Erwin being defeated by the much stronger teams such as Methodist Orphanage, Goldsboro, Dunn and Raleigh. Smithfield was the first high school team to score a touchdown on the Raleigh high eleven.

### RECORD FOR SEASON.

Smithfield 0; Methodist Orphanage 53.  
Smithfield 0; Goldsboro 50.  
Smithfield 19; Selma 0.  
Smithfield 0; Dunn 6.  
Smithfield 7; Raleigh 33.  
Smithfield 7; Cary 0.  
Smithfield 21; Erwin 0.  
Total: Smithfield 54; Opponents 142.

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## Recorder's Court Lasts Three Days

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Devoted to Cases on Criminal Docket

The Recorder's Court was in session here three days last week—Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The following cases on the criminal docket were disposed of:

The State took a nol-pros with leave in a case against R. B. Tew charged with violating the prohibition law.

Homer James for gambling was fined \$5.00 and costs.

Noz Paulk was convicted of disposing of cotton against which there was a claim. He was sentenced to 6 months on the road or to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. From this judgment he took an appeal to the superior court.

Lee Pearce was discharged upon payment of costs in an action charging simple assault. A. L. Adams received a like judgment on a similar charge.

James Webb was convicted of possessing beverages in violation of the Turlington Act. He was discharged upon payment of costs.

L. R. Raynor was convicted of possessing liquor in violation of the prohibition laws. He was dismissed upon payment of costs.

Paul Frazier was convicted of drunkenness and possessing liquor and was discharged upon payment of costs.

Charlie Pilkington was convicted of operating a car while drunk. The court taxed a \$15 fine on him and required payment of costs.

The defendant was restrained from driving car in Johnston county during the next six months.

Isaiah Evans was convicted upon a charge of simple assault. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of costs.

Tom Fowler drew a 30-day road sentence upon conviction of a charge of simple assault.

Charles Dudley was convicted of simple assault and was discharged upon payment of costs.

Bernice Nowell faced his honor on a warrant containing three counts—assault, operating a car while drunks, and reckless driving. He was convicted on all the counts. On the first he was fined \$50 and costs; on the second and third count, prayer for judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Buck Pollard was convicted of larceny. He was discharged upon payment of costs.

Handy McLamb was charged with two counts in one warrant—assault cursing on highways. He was convicted and on the first charge was fined \$50 and costs; on the second charge prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Sam McLamb was convicted of possessing and transporting liquor for purpose of sale. He drew a fine of \$50 and costs and a four-month jail sentence. Judgment was suspended upon good behavior for a term of two years.

The State took a nolpro with leave in a case against Nazero Hudson. This defendant was charged with assault.

Silas Worley was charged with prostitution. The State took a nolpro with leave in his case.

R. E. Howell was discharged upon payment of costs in a case charging assault.

Wade Worley and Lula Langley, charged with prostitution, were convicted. They were allowed to pay a fine of \$15.00 and costs.

Ed Moore was charged with driving a car while under the influence of intoxicants. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of costs.

Dudley Baun, David Nicholas and Iredell Baun faced the court on ugly charges. Nichols was convicted of an assault upon a female and was fined to work sixty days on the county roads, to be suspended upon payment of \$40 and one half the costs. Dudley Brown was sim-

## CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW OPENS HERE TOMORROW

The Woman's Club will have all interested in the Chrysanthemum Show remember that tomorrow (Wednesday) is the date. The front part of the grocery department of Austin's store will be used to display chrysanthemums, geraniums, cakes and candies. The show opens at 9 o'clock. At 2:30 in

the afternoon, the prize cakes will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Throughout the day, tea and sandwiches will be served for the benefit of the club treasury. Peony, hyacinth, narcissus and Chinese sacred lily bulbs and sweet pea seed will be on sale. The ladies will also sell barometer flowers.

## Appointments For Kiwanians Talk Raleigh District Of Local Affairs

### Smithfield and Selma Change Methodist Pastors This Year; Others In County Back

The North Carolina Conference, which has been in session in Durham for the past week, came to a close yesterday afternoon. The next meeting place will be Raleigh with Edenton Street church. Bishop Edwin Mouzon presided over the conference, which has been characterized as one of the best, in years.

The climax of the conference comes with the reading of the appointments of the preachers to their next year's work which takes place on the last day of the conference.

There are several changes in the Raleigh district two of which affect Johnston county. Rev. A. J. Parker, who has served the church at Smithfield for two years, goes to City Road Church, Elizabeth City, and Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, of Durham, comes to take his place. Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, who has been at Selma, goes to Gregson, on the Durham circuit. Rev. D. M. Sharpe is the new pastor at Selma. Rev. H. R. Ashmore, who, since graduating from Duke University last spring, has been serving several churches in Johnston county, has been assigned to Lucama-Buckhorn.

The appointments for the Raleigh district are as follows: Presiding Elder, M. T. Plyler; Bailey Circuit, E. C. Maness, J. D. Stout, Jr., preacher; Benson Circuit, J. R. Blalock; Cary-Apex, W. C. Ball; Clayton, Marvin Self; Creedmoor Circuit, E. E. Stanfield; Four Oaks Circuit, E. D. Dodd; Franklinton Circuit, V. A. Royall; Fuquay Springs Circuit, K. F. Duval; Garner Circuit, W. G. Pratt; Stem Circuit, A. L. Stevenson; supply; Kenly Circuit, F. B. Joyner; Louisburg Circuit, E. C. Crawford; Millbrook Circuit, S. J. Starnes; Oxford, A. L. Ormond; Oxford Circuit, J. H. Lanning; Princeton Circuit, G. B. Perry; Raleigh: Central, E. L. Hillman; Edenton Street, W. A. Stanbury; Epworth, D. N. Caviness; Jenkins Memorial, W. H. Brown; Selma, D. M. Sharpe; Smithfield, D. E. Earnhardt; Tar River, J. C. Williams; Zebulon Circuit, E. M. Hall; Lucama-Buckhorn, H. R. Ashmore; Andrews and Pleasant Grove, P. H. Fields, supply; business manager N. C. Christian Advocate, T. A. Sikes; superintendent Methodist Orphanage, A. S. Barnes.

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## Husband and Wife

My wife gets mad at me, delivers a lecture, and then clamps the radio headset on her ears so she can't hear my come-back—Walter.



WHAT DOES YOUR WIFE DO?

## Destructive Fire Razes Town Hall

### Three Fire Companies Confine Flames To The One Building

### HEAVY DAMAGES

Town of Smithfield Is Heaviest Loser; Losses Partly Covered By Insurance

Perhaps the most stubborn fire in many years occurred here early Friday morning, when it was discovered about 2:30 o'clock that the town hall in the business district, was on fire. The blaze had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the building, although the fire was confined to the town hall. Three fire companies, the white and negro companies of this city, and the Selma company did strenuous work in subduing the flames, but the building burned intermittently all Friday and Saturday.

The local fire companies were on the scene shortly after the alarm was given, but it was soon evident that extra help was needed. A message to Selma brought the fire brigade from that city over the new hardsurfaced road in record time—eight minutes, and the work it did in helping to control the fire was splendid.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The opera house on the second floor of the burned building was used on Thursday evening for boxing bouts, a part of the Armistice day program, and the fire apparently originated on this floor, but whether this had any connection with the blaze will probably never be known.

The heaviest losers in the fire are the town of Smithfield, which owned the building itself; M. B. Strickland, proprietor of the City Market, which was located in the building, and C. M. Johnson, proprietor of the City Dry Cleaning Company, whose dry cleaning room at the rear of the burned building was demolished. The city clerk's offices were located in the town hall, but all town records of any consequence were saved by Mr. W. L. Fuller, the town clerk, who himself, took them to a place of safety. Chief C. R. Cable had his sleeping apartments in the building, but he was able to save his personal effects. The town carried \$6,000 insurance on the building.

Mr. Strickland lost practically all of his market fixtures and a large part of his stock of merchandise. His large refrigerator was full of meats, some of which were taken out on Friday in good condition. Mr. Strickland had insurance in the amount of \$1,500.

Mr. Johnson has been unable to tell the extent of his loss. Some of his machinery may be intact, when it is removed from the debris. The main room of the City Dry Cleaning company was located in the Davis building, and was not damaged at all. He is handling dry cleaned also as usual. The city clerk has secured quarters in the Ashley Smith building on Market street, and Mr. Strickland is occupying the old stand of the A. B. Grocery on Third street.

Although the fire was confined to the one building, nearby buildings were somewhat damaged by the falling walls. The windows and window frames of the Davis building on the side next to the fire were ruined; a great hole was knocked in the side of Holland's garage; and the rear roof of the colored barber shop was damaged, causing hay, which was stored there, to catch fire.

The town board met Friday night

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## LIKED IN ARMY SET



The charming Mrs. James T. Coupl, wife of the personal physician to President Coolidge, is a popular member of the army set in the national capital.

## Ladies Respond With 225 Cakes

### Surplus Cakes Sold At Auction Help Defray Other Expenses

The ladies of Johnston county responded well to the call for cakes for the Armistice Day dinner served to the ex-soldiers here on Nov. 11. Two hundred twenty-five were brought from the various townships. There were ten or more that were not needed for the dinner and these were auctioned off and the money used to help defray the expenses of the other eats. The lot brought \$40.15. Several were taken to the County Home and given to the inmates, who appeared to appreciate this courtesy very much.

Among those who sent cakes were twenty-five from Wilders township. Miss Pearl Barnes was cake chairman in that township. Mrs. Walter J. Hooks, chairman from Beulah, brought sixteen. Mrs. G. Willie Lee chairman from Pleasant Grove, brought nine, and furnished as a list of those contributing as follows: Mrs. G. Willie Lee, Mrs. John L. Johnson, Mrs. Clarence Lee, Mrs. David Wood, Mrs. William A. Lee, Mrs. Clyde Williams, Mrs. Junnie Roberts, Miss Claudia Lee Stephenson and Miss Gladys Hawkes.

Mrs. Lee Sanders, for Smithfield township, reports sixty-five cakes, those contributing being as follows: Mrs. W. H. Byrd, Mrs. L. H. Sasser, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. N. B. Grantham, Mrs. J. H. Kirkman, Mrs. Geo. Thornton, Miss Ruth Jones, Mrs. John Myatt, Mrs. W. S. Myatt, Mrs. Geo. Baskerville, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. Roger Smith, Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Sr., Mrs. Chester Stephenson, Mrs. Chas. Davis, Mrs. D. H. Creech, Mrs. W. H. Austin, Mrs. S. R. Brady, Mrs. Carlton Stephenson, Mrs. W. H. Lassiter, Mrs. J. H. Woodall, Miss Emma Tomlinson, Mrs. G. B. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Sanderson, Mrs. K. L. Rose, Mrs. C. V. Johnson, Miss Minnie Eason, Mrs. Rufus Creech, Mrs. E. W. Pou, Mrs. Joe Davis, Mrs. Lula Turner, Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, Mrs. P. A. Holland, Mrs. Eliza Williamson, Mrs. J. A. Naron, Mrs. J. H. Abell, Mrs. R. C. Gillett, Mrs. G. T. Powell, Mrs. L. G. Patterson, Mrs. A. W. Francis, Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst, Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Beaty, Mrs. J. W. Stephenson, Mrs. F. H. Brooks, Mrs. Thel Hooks, Mrs. J. C. Bingham, Mrs. Ina Aycock, Mrs. Ed Woodall, Mrs. N. T. Holland, Mrs. Ella Baker, Mrs. Jesse Coats, Mrs. W. L. Fuller, Mrs. R. H. Alford, Mrs. Ed Abell, Mrs. Paul Brown, Mrs. Ed Sasser, Mrs. Hugh Austin, Mrs. E. J. Wellons, Mrs. S. B. Jones, Mrs. Willis Smith, Mrs. H. B. Marrow, Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt and Mrs. Hal Hood.

Guests of Rex Beach. Friends in Smithfield and Johnston county will be interested to know that Geo. Ross Pou, of Raleigh, is spending this week as the guest of Rex Beach, the author, on his steam launch on Ocracoke Sound in Eastern North Carolina. The occasion is a hunting party which will last for several days.

## A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

(Miss) Alma Lee recognized her name last issue.

## Death Saddens All Princeton

### Mrs. J. R. Ledbetter Passes at a Goldsboro Hospital After Several Weeks' Illness

News reached here Saturday of a sad death which occurred in a Goldsboro hospital Friday afternoon, when Mrs. J. R. Ledbetter, of Princeton, passed away. The end came about five o'clock in the afternoon following an illness of about nine weeks. Several weeks ago she underwent a major operation at the Goldsboro hospital and peritonitis developed causing her death. All Princeton mourns the passing of this good woman, who was an active member of the Methodist church, and was also a leader in other phases of community life. The deceased was about fifty years old. Before her marriage, she was Miss Fanny Massey. She leaves besides her husband and two daughters, Misses Frances and Margaret Ledbetter, three brothers, John W. Massey, of Clayton; D. D. Massey of Durham; Herbert Massey, of Raleigh; and W. C. Massey, of Trinity, and one sister, Mrs. Bertha Jones, of Princeton.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Methodist church in Princeton, conducted by Rev. G. B. Perry, her pastor, who was assisted by Rev. J. G. Johnson a former pastor of the deceased. Interment was made in the new Princeton cemetery. A magnificent floral offering attested the esteem and love in which Mrs. Ledbetter was held by friends and relatives.

Among those from Smithfield who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ryals, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Naron, Mrs. Dora Kirkman, Dr. C. C. Massey, Mrs. T. C. Henry, Mrs. A. G. Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Massey, Mrs. W. C. Beasley, Mrs. R. I. Wallace, and Mr. Daj Thompson.

### Extension Reading Course.

Appointment of Professor Russell M. Grumman as special collaborator to conduct the reading courses of the Bureau of Education in the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was announced at the Interior Department today.

There are now thirty reading courses from which prospective readers may choose the course they wish to pursue. Many readers have already enrolled for some of the courses which include history, biography, fiction, American literature, world's great literature, etc. Readers enrolled represent a wide variety of occupations and interests.

Prospective readers should apply to Professor Russell M. Grumman, Extension Division, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. There is no fee in connection with this service.

### ANNUAL ROLL CALL AT NAHUNTA CHURCH

The annual roll call and Thanksgiving service will be held at Nahunta church near Pinkney Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14, at ten o'clock. There will be present Rev. L. W. McFarland, of High Point, and several other good ministers. Everybody invited to bring a well filled basket on Saturday and spent a day with friends in praises and thankfulness unto our Heavenly Father, for we owe it to Him.

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