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Forsythe Case Changes Scene

Miss Evelyn Britt, Under \$5,000 Bond, Was Here Yesterday; Nothing Definite Yet.

The Johnston County grand jury will now have charge of the investigation into the mysterious death of "Mighty" Forsythe, runner who was carried dead to a Raleigh hospital on the morning of November 24th.

Solicitor Clawson L. Williams, of Sanford, stopped in Raleigh on his way here to prosecute cases in a two weeks' term of superior court, in order to confer with Coroner L. M. Waring, in an effort to get information as to the testimony given by a number of witnesses, who appeared before the coroner's jury.

Sheriff J. M. Turley sent a new warrant to Raleigh Saturday for the three defendants, Evelyn Britt, of Durham, Robert Separk, and Robert Stephenson, who are charged in the warrant with the murder of Forsythe. It is not known whether this warrant has been served or not. Separk has been a prisoner since his arrest on the night of November 24; Stephenson has never been apprehended; Miss Britt is under a \$5,000 bond to appear in the case when wanted. Miss Britt was in Smithfield yesterday, but because court was delayed in getting under way, the case so far as we have been able to learn has not been disposed of yet by the grand jury. It is said that more than a dozen witnesses will appear before the grand jury when that body delves into the mysterious case.

According to the News and Observer, the Wake authorities finished its probe last Thursday.

The Wake coroner's jury declared in its findings that the wound, a six-inch cut on Forsythe's skull, which caused Forsythe's death was inflicted somewhere in Johnston county "in or near Clayton." The jury further decided that Forsythe could not possibly have been killed in the manner alleged by Separk and Evelyn Britt. The jury decided that Forsythe's death was caused by a sharp-edged instrument.

LIBERAL DISCOUNT TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

It is the custom of Rose's 5, 10 and 25 cent stores to give a liberal discount on Christmas supplies which are donated as Christmas gifts by churches, church societies, Sunday schools, public schools, and charitable institutions. Mr. L. W. Barnes, manager of the local store, announces that this custom will be observed again this year, and invites all committees to visit this store and inspect merchandise and prices. He promises to give each committee or person buying for charitable causes his personal attention.

MINSTREL DRAWS CROWD

The minstrel put on by the Kiwanis club here Friday night in the school auditorium was attended by a large crowd. The performance was featured by a number of clever hits on local personages that were received each time with applause. The costuming was striking, adding much to the minstrel spirit. A goodly sum was realized for the Kiwanis treasury.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Mc—



"Deys gwine ter be a lot uv turkeys losted in de male."

Romance



Lena Wilson, a girl from the Canadian backwoods, is engaged to marry "Bud" Stillman, son of James A. Stillman, multi-millionaire New York banker. This girl of the Lumberlost met the rich man's son and their friendship blossomed into love, just like movies and books.

State And Nation News Paragraphs

Congress To Discuss Farm Aid After Christmas—Tobacco Reporting Service.

Farm relief legislation is not expected to come up for discussion in Congress until after the Christmas recess. It is thought that the debate will begin when Senator McNary, Republican, of Oregon, introduces a revised McNary-Haugen bill. Farm relief is said to be one of the chief topics for discussion at the Capitol. There has been a difference of opinion among farm groups as to the position of President Coolidge, but the fact that he noted in his annual message a need for easing the situation in rural areas has been comforting to relief advocates, according to a recent dispatch from Washington.

The establishment of a tobacco market reporting service at Lynchburg, Va., representing the Virginia dark tobacco district, and another at Lexington, Ky., has been announced by the Department of Agriculture. Other markets are to be added to the service later in the season, the reports to be distributed by a representative of the department at each market. The reports are to represent typical markets in recognized tobacco districts. A report issued at Lexington for the week ending December 3, gave the sales of the week as 1,553,000 pounds compared with 2,030,000 pounds sold to the same date last season, and the average price per pound of all sales as 16 cents, compared with 22 1/2 cents average to the same date a year ago.

This year's winner of the Rhodes scholarship were announced Sunday by President Frank Aydellotte, of Swarthmore College, American secretary to the Rhodes Trustees. The scholars recently elected will enter Oxford in October, 1927. These scholars are chosen on the threefold basis of intellectual ability and attainments, qualities of character, including public spirit and leadership, and interest in many outdoor sports. Each student winning this scholarship is given 400 pounds a year for three years for study at Oxford University. For the 32 scholarships available in the United States this year, there were 372 applicants. The winner for North Carolina was F. G. McCarthy, of Duke University.

Princess Illeana of Roumania, who recently toured the United States with her mother and brother, will marry Prince Umberto, Crown Prince of Italy, within six months, according to a statement through the Associated Press. Princess Illeana is seventeen years old and Umberto is 22. The betrothal of the princess and the prince was arranged at the time of the Italo-Roumania convention last September when among other things Roumania se-

County Extension Agents At School

Agree That Balanced Farming And Reduction Of Cotton Acreage Is Remedy For Cotton Situation.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Seventy-nine farm demonstration agents and 47 home agents spent the past week at State College at their annual short course and conference. The agents discussed problems peculiar to their own work during the morning hours and then went to classes as students for the remainder of the day.

How to meet the present cotton situation was one of the serious questions before the agents and it was agreed that the campaign for better balanced farming would meet the situation by reducing the present cotton acreage some 30 per cent. The men felt that farmers would be loathe to sign blanks obligating themselves to reduce the acreage 25 per cent but stated that many of the farmers to whom they had tendered the plan of crop diversification had seemed pleased with the idea. It was agreed that an intensive campaign for better balancing the crops and livestock of the state would be put on immediately following the holidays.

The value of club work, promotion of the poultry industry, crop statistics, the value of demonstrations, and the marketing of surplus produce were five other important matters to which the agents gave attention. According to Dean I. O. Schaub, the conference last week was one of the most satisfactory gatherings of extension workers held in recent years. Both the men and women appeared to be imbued with an ideal of service. Facts and figures were presented to show that valuable results are accruing to the state from this work. Not only are the agents aiding farmers in following better systems of agriculture on their individual farms but they are also doing much to aid farm women in having more comfortable and efficient homes, said Dean Schaub.

PRINCETON HIGH ADDS ANOTHER VICTORY TO LIST

Princeton, Dec. 10.—Princeton high school basketball team added another victory to her string Thursday night by defeating the Gym team of Goldsboro, 21 to 20. The Princeton boys overwhelmed their opponents in the last half after being held down to a 16 to 13 score. The line up is as follows: Goldsboro (20) Princeton (21) Parrish Massengill Forward Peedin Parson Oliver Parker Center Nash Toler Guard Kilpatrick Wiggs Guard

In This Great Cathedral.

Who gives the crown to the clover, The gold to the meadow weeds? Who hangs upon the barberry bush Its rosary of beads?

LOCALS TO MEET FOUR OAKS IN OPENING ENCOUNTER

On Thursday night Coach McGregor's flying quintet will do battle with the Four Oaks team. Everything is in readiness for the clash. The game will begin at 8 o'clock. A large crowd is expected to turn out for the affair as it is the first game of the season for the locals. The Smithfield High has a number of prominent basketballers in its ranks including Ramie Davis, letter man from last year; Sylvan and Milton Bane, former aces of the Premier club of Durham, and others. The Four Oaks team is said to be a strong outfit and a good game is anticipated. The game will be played in the local armory. The men out for the Smithfield high school are Davis, Fitzgerald, Parrish, Sellers, Avera, Norton, Stevens, Ragsdale, M. Bane, S. Bane, Cotter, Fuller, Wellons, and others.

Officers Destroy Potential Booze

About 3000 Gallons Of Beer Have Been Poured Out; Eight Or Nine Arrests.

The destruction of around 4000 gallons of potential booze in Boon Hill Thursday, Friday and Saturday by Federal prohibition agents assisted by locally deputized officers, is calculated to diminish somewhat the Christmas supply of booze in that township. Over three thousand gallons of beer were poured out, the raids being made in the day time and in several instances the stills were in full operation.

Thursday, two federal officers came upon a distillery near Cox's Ferry in the edge of Johnston near the Wayne line, and captured not only a fifty-gallon still but made two arrests. It was about two-thirty in the afternoon and the still was running full blast. A negro by the name of Green Atkinson who was in charge, was arrested, and later papers were served on a white man, Dave Pearce, for implication. Eighteen or twenty barrels of beer were destroyed, but only a small quantity of the finished product was found. These men were arraigned before I. W. Massey, of Selma, U. S. Commissioner, both men giving bond for their appearance in Federal court. Pearce is from Wayne county but Atkinson lives in Johnston.

Friday about noon, Federal Prohibition Agent R. J. Horton, assisted by Dal Thompson, Charlie Stephenson and Mr. Richardson, made a raid in the "islands" taking a fifty or sixty gallon capacity still and pouring out about twenty barrels of beer. About 200 yards away another still about the same size was discovered. This also was cut down, but only seven barrels of beer were found. About ten gallons of whiskey was found at the two stills. In connection with these raids, five men were arrested, and there is a warrant out for a sixth who is still at large. The captured men are Needham Fall of Wayne county, Ward Capps, Leslie Blackman, Riah House, and an Irishman whose name we were unable to get. David Massey is still at large. Fail endeavored to pull a bluff when he flashed a badge inside his coat saying, "I'm one of the boys. You need not bother me." The inscription on the badge, however, proved to be, not official, but simply "booze inspector." All were given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Massey and placed under bond for appearance in Federal court. Fail was placed under a \$1,000 bond.

Saturday morning about 10 o'clock, the officers visited the place where a still had been in operation on Hardy Pearce's land and destroyed four barrels of beer. The still had evidently been running a short time before. Hardy Pearce was arrested.

The officers then went back to the "islands" and turned out beer at two different places, but the stills had been moved. A negro was arrested.

AGED WOMAN PASSES AWAY AT SELMA

Selma, Dec. 13.—Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Parker were conducted Saturday afternoon from her home on Raeford street, Elder Jesse Barnes of Smithfield officiating. Mr. Parker's illness was of short duration, being confined to her bed only two days. She was in her 84th year and her passing was as peaceful as her life had been.

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She was the daughter of the late John H. Massey and was married to Mr. John H. Parker in 1866. Her husband preceded her to the grave four years ago. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. F. Pate, of Goldsboro, and Mrs. J. P. Temple, of Selma, and one sister, Mrs. H. A. Peterson, of Smithfield, besides several grandchildren and hosts of friends.

Among those from out of town here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fitzgerald of Pine Level, Mr. P. H. Joyner and Mrs. Geo. T. Whitley of Princeton, Mrs. H. A. Peterson of Smithfield, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pate and daughter of Goldsboro. The floral offerings were unusually beautiful. Interment was made in the Selma cemetery Saturday afternoon.

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Co. Board Favors Road Proposition

Agrees To Put Road In Johnston In Condition Required By State Highway Commission.

The board of county commissioners in an adjourned meeting held here yesterday, adopted a resolution favoring the taking over of the Henderson-Clinton highway by the State Highway Commission, and favoring the putting in proper condition that portion of the road which passes through Johnston. A similar resolution was passed some time ago by the retiring board, and that part of the highway which lies in the northern part of the county has been put in good condition, and some work on the road toward Bentonville has been done. The text of the resolution passed is as follows:

Resolved by the board of the commissioners of the county of Johnston in a special session held this the 13th day of December, 1926, That we are heartily in favor of and do, hereby petition the Honorable Board of Highway Commissioners to take into the State system of roads, the highway from Henderson to Clinton, being advocated by the Henderson-Clinton Highway Association.

We further agree to put that portion of the road which may lie in Johnston county in such a condition as is required to make the above action possible.

Other items of business transacted yesterday included the following: All present registrars of vital statistics in all townships except Oneals township, were reappointed. Mrs. Wiley Earp was appointed in Oneals.

Ordered that bills payable not paid until filed in regular order. Ordered that statement be sent to J. B. Oneal, Wendell Route 1, C. W. Houtch dog case, \$76. The report of Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, was accepted and ordered filed.

Walders township road machine sold to county road system for \$450 to be applied on note.

Ordered that tax list of Millard Lee be corrected. Twenty-six acres of land in his name should be listed in name of Bill Bledsoe and Millard Lee.

Ordered that A. T. High be released of poll tax as he is a resident of Wake county.

In a joint session with the board of education, it was ordered that the board of education be authorized to employ three additional teachers.

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Superior Court Convenes Here

Judge Cranmer Delivers a Fine Charge To The Grand Jury; Large Crowd In Attendance.

A two weeks' term of Johnston County Superior Court began here yesterday with Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, presiding, and with an unusually large attendance. The court was called to order at ten o'clock and the jurors were sworn in. J. W. Sanders was made foreman of the grand jury. Mr. Sanders later in the day became ill, and P. B. Chamblee was made foreman. Victor Barbour, of Bentonville township, was made officer to the grand jury. The judge asked that twelve more jurors be summoned in order that two sets might facilitate the work of the court. After delivering an able charge to the grand jury, Judge Cranmer adjourned court until two o'clock in the afternoon, owing to the fact that Solicitor Clawson Williams, who lives in Sanford, was delayed in Raleigh.

In making the charge to the grand jury, Judge Cranmer explained the jury system and then, suggested the duty of this body in protecting society. He recounted the plan for drawing jurors, telling how, in June the county commissioners of the various counties take the tax lists, select men of good moral character, men of sufficient intelligence, men who have paid their taxes, whose names are placed in a jury box, and how at a certain time before a term of court, thirty-six of these names are drawn out by some child. He emphasized the qualifications which the law requires, stating that "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," and urging each jurymen to "keep his heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

After mentioning the ways by which a jury gets its information, Judge Cranmer impressed upon the men composing that body the importance of performing their duty in protecting not only those who are in court, but the good people of this county. He called them the guardians of the homes of Johnston county. "Making a home is the greatest work there is," declared Judge Cranmer. "Destroy every church and leave good homes, and the churches will so be rebuilt. Destroy the good homes, and there will soon be no churches." The judge spoke of the prevalence of utter disregard of automobile laws, of the gravity of carrying concealed weapons, of gambling, of the violation of the prohibition law, and called upon the jury to know no class, no race distinctions as the cases to be presented are passed upon.

The court tackled the docket in the afternoon, but a number of the large crowd here yesterday for court, will be required to return later in the term. Only one case was completed during the afternoon. Oscar Mitchell went to trial for violating the prohibition laws and was found guilty. The judgment of the court was suspended until later in the week.

The case of the State against Gaston Roberts, charged with brutal assault upon his wife last August, was begun, several witnesses being called by both the State and the defense, but the testimony was not completed and the case will be resumed this morning. The defendant through his attorneys stated that he would not resist a verdict.

The case, the State against D. W. Parrish, Lawrence Parrish and George Otho Johnson, was set for next Monday at 9 o'clock. There has been considerable interest in this case, a large number of witnesses having been summoned. The new county officers who have to do with the court appeared to be at ease in the performance of their duties, and the indications are that, with the judge and solicitor pushing things forward, the court will wipe many a case from the slate this term.

Healthiest



Warren Griffin, 16-year-old Oscar County, Kentucky, boy, was judged the healthiest in all the nation, as the contest staged in conjunction with the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago. Warren stands 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 143 pounds.

Largest Cotton Crop In History

Government Report Estimates Production At 18,618,000 Bales For The Season.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A tidal wave of cotton has swept the south this season and reached the high water mark for all time with a total of 9,390,000,000 pounds of the foamy lint. That total was the preliminary estimate of production announced today by the department of agriculture which made allowance for some loss of open cotton still standing, from beating storms and for the tendency of growers to leave low grade cotton unpicked because of the low prices.

The crop reporting board estimated production at 18,618,000 bales of 500 pound gross weight, each containing 478.5 pounds of lint with 21.5 pounds of bagging and ties. The census bureau reported that 14,644,966 running bales had been ginned to December 1.

The huge production which exceeded the previous record crop of 1914 by more than 1,100,000 pounds was the result of the largest acreage ever planted to cotton.

FUNERAL MR. NICHOLSON HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral of Mr. C. S. Nicholson, who died suddenly last Wednesday in Cleveland, Ohio, was held at the Presbyterian church here Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The service was conducted by Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church. Miss Frances White sang, "The Gate That Stands Ajar."

Immediately after the funeral the body was carried to Kenly for burial, and was laid to rest in the family plot in the Kenly cemetery. The pall bearers were: Messrs. E. F. Ward, R. C. Gillett, R. E. Whitehurst, D. H. Jones, E. S. Edmundson, T. C. Jordan, S. T. Honeycutt, W. S. Smith, Z. L. LeMay and Dr. W. J. B. Orr. The floral offering was very beautiful. Mr. Nicholson formerly lived here, but for the past several years he had made his home in Cleveland, Ohio. Although a sufferer from a heart trouble, his death came as a shock to relatives. He was stricken with an acute attack in Cleveland last Wednesday while in a jewelry store, and, although medical aid was summoned instantly, he never revived, having passed away at the first attack.

Mr. Nicholson was a member of the Baptist church. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Pipkin, of Greensboro, and Mrs. R. H. Alford, of this city. Quite a number from here attended the burial in Kenly.

STORES OPEN AT NIGHT

The usual custom is for the American Dollar Store, Rose's five and Ten, and Gregory's five and Ten to be closed each night. However, from now until Christmas these stores will be open at night.

Selma Kiwanians Entertain Ladies

A. J. Ellis, of Raleigh, Is Chief Speaker of The Evening; Special Music Enjoyed.

Selma, Dec. 12.—"Ladies Night" was observed at the local Kiwanis club hall last evening with about forty Kiwanians and their wives and sweethearts present, besides several invited guests. The hall presented a festive appearance with its decorations of red bells and and streamers suggestive of the coming Yuletide. The opening number was one verse of America, sung by all present. The invocation was given by Dr. R. L. Shirley, pastor of the Baptist church. Dr. C. P. Harper, president of the club, called for introduction of the guests. Dr. L. W. Mayerberg had charge of the splendid program. Several stunts were pulled off and several impromptu speeches were enjoyed. Mr. Geo. F. Brietz talked on "What Kiwanis Has Meant To Selma." Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of Edgerton Memorial church, talked on "The Spirit of Christmas." Solos by Mrs. M. R. Wall and Miss Rose Worley, Mr. Lindsay and a duet by Mrs. Clell Brantford Bueck and Mr. Linwood Richardson were enjoyed. The features of the evening came when Supt. F. M. Waters introduced Mr. A. J. (Jack) Ellis, of Raleigh, speaker for the occasion. He held his audience spellbound while he drove home points of vital interest. He declared the greatest need of the world today is peace, universal peace. "Peace on earth and goodwill toward men" is mockery when we are making preparation for war, he declared. Everyone seemed to catch the spirit, and the short talk by President Harper was a fitting climax to the happy occasion. The attendance prize went to Mrs. S. W. Armistead. The turkey dinner served in three courses was much enjoyed.

The Friday Afternoon Book club held a very interesting meeting on December 10 with Mrs. J. N. Wiggs as hostess at her home on North Green street. The hall and reception room were attractively decorated with holly, mistletoe and red bells. The business session was presided over by Mrs. L. D. Debnam, the president. The following committee to select new books was appointed: Mesdames W. H. Call, L. D. Debnam, and Miss Annie Noble, chairman. The meeting was then turned over to the hostess and the following program on Southern Literature was rendered: Biographical Sketches on Francis O. Tieknor and John R. Thompson, by Mrs. Geo. F. Brietz; Henry Timrod and James Ryder Randall, by Mrs. Geo. D. Vick; Father Ryan and William Gordon McCabe, by Mrs. E. V. Woodard. A Christmas contest followed, in which Mrs. E. V. Woodard was the winner of a box of handkerchiefs. Miss Lillian Louise Woodard gave a Christmas reading which was much enjoyed. The guests were then invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, saltines, pickles, hot coffee, followed by jello with whipped cream and fruit cake. The hostess was assisted in serving by Miss Bertha Woodard. Guests besides club members were Mrs. C. E. Younger and Mrs. W. T. Woodard.

A Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one leapt his name and will present it to the Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Ticket must be called for before the following issue.

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Miss Ida Batten recognized her name last issue.