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## Discuss Mexicans Relations Freely

**Possibility of War; Coolidge Explains Nicaraguan Policy to Congress**

The possibility of war with Mexico is being discussed frankly in Congress, although the White House and State Department maintained a noticeable silence until yesterday. In the House, Representative Huddleston, of Alabama, has introduced a resolution calling for a withdrawal of American forces from Nicaragua. Senator Curtis, Republican leader, and Edge, Republican, of New Jersey, are rallying to the defense of Coolidge policies. In the Senate, the foreign relations committee has before it a resolution by Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, calling for a withdrawal of forces from Nicaragua. In the meantime, additional naval American forces have landed upon Nicaraguan soil and preparations are going forward at San Diego, Cal., to organize a marine battalion for use in an emergency, according to the Associated Press dispatches yesterday.

President Coolidge, explaining his Nicaraguan policy to Congress yesterday, declared that munitions of war supplied the Sacaca revolutionists their evidence of having belonged to the Mexican government. He described his Mexican policy as one of thorough protection of American interests in conformity with the traditional stand of the United States.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington dated yesterday states that the establishment of two neutral zones in Nicaragua was reported to the State Department today by Rear Admiral Latimer. A department announcement said:

"A report from Admiral Latimer states that business along the Escondido River has been paralyzed conditions are becoming serious so far as American lives and property are concerned.

"The revolutionary forces have already interfered with the shipment for the Mahogany Company's employees."

### Entertain Christian Endeavorers.

Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, entertained the members of the Christian Endeavor Society Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Smith, Jr., on North Third street.

The guests arrived about 7:30 o'clock, and one lively game after another furnished entertainment for the young folks until later in the evening when delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served. Candies also were served. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

### Mr. Pou To Give Barbecue.

Mr. George Ross Pou, of Raleigh, will give a barbecue at the armory Friday night for all the members of the American Legion who have paid their 1927 dues. The barbecue will be given at seven-thirty o'clock and all must pay their 1927 pledges before that time in order to receive an invitation.

### Multiplication

Teacher: "William, how many bones have you in your body?"  
William: "Four hundred thousand."

"That's a great many more than I have."  
"But, teacher, I had sardines for lunch."—The Progressive Grocer.

### AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—



De snow sho is whiter than me.

## A New Year Photograph



An excellent new photograph of The President and Mrs. Coolidge taken on the White House steps New Year day. Mrs. Coolidge cel. brated her 44th birthday on January 9.

## Fatally Injured First Service In Auto Accident Free Will Church

**Car Strikes Railing of Bridge, Throwing Occupant Into Stream**

Mr. J. Edward Benson, of Four Oaks, was fatally injured Saturday when his car struck the railing of a bridge across a stream between Erwin and Linden. He fell from the car into the stream, his head striking some timbers. His skull was fractured and he never regained consciousness. He also suffered internal injuries. The injured man was carried immediately to Good Hope Hospital at Erwin, where he passed away at 9:30 Saturday night.

Mr. Benson was en route to Fayetteville to see his sister who was seriously ill in a hospital there. He was accompanied by his thirteen-year-old daughter.

For several years Mr. Benson had been the public cotton weigher at Four Oaks. He was forty-four years of age. He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife and five children.

The funeral was held in Four Oaks yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and interment was made in the Four Oaks cemetery. The Masons had charge of the service at the grave.

### PRINCETON WINS AGAIN

The boys' basketball team of Princeton continued to win Friday afternoon when it defeated the strong Four Oaks team by the score of 25 to 15.

The features of the game were the guarding of Kemple and Captain Hill, and the fast forwarding of Gurley, making twelve of his teammates points. Creech, also of Princeton, starred, making a wonderful shot from the center of the court.

The Princeton tossers started off the game at a rapid rate of speed, keeping the ball in their possession most of the time. When the first half ended the score was 15 to 4 in favor of Princeton. Coach Boyett, seeing the game cinched, ran in three of his substitutes in the last half. Four Oaks played a good game, but was outclassed by the Princeton aggregation.

The Princeton team will challenge any high school team in the state.

### INFANT SON DIES AT REX HOSPITAL

Harvey Poole, the twelve-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Poole, of Clayton, died Monday morning at Rex hospital, Raleigh. The body has been carried to Clayton for interment.

## Thieves Enter 5 Local Stores

**Make Entrances Through Front Doors By Twisting Off Locks; Stores All Located On Third Street**

In spite of the fact that the town board of commissioners recently retained two night policemen in view of robberies in nearby towns, instead of dropping one as was contemplated, thieves made bold entrances into five stores in this city Sunday night and made their complete get-away. The stores entered were all on Third street, right in the business district, and entrances in each instance were made through the front doors. The shops broken into include The Quality Clothing Store, Joe Davis, proprietor; The City Market, M. B. Strickland, proprietor; The Western Hot Spot, Fred Adams, proprietor; The Smithfield Fruit Store, Mr. Baroody, proprietor, and the City Dry Cleaning Company, C. M. Johnson, proprietor.

The robbers broke into the stores by twisting the locks off the front doors apparently with something like a crowbar. The full extent of the losses has not yet been determined. It is known that about eight dollars in money was taken from Fred Adams' establishment, and three dollars and some cigars from the fruit store.

The thefts were not discovered until yesterday morning when the proprietors went down to open up their shops, and the snowfall had obliterated all traces except the broken locks.

There has been considerable thieving of this sort in recent weeks in nearby towns, but whether the robberies Sunday night were committed by strange robbers or by local thieves is a matter of conjecture.

### KENLY WOMAN'S CLUB TO PRESENT MUSICAL COMEDY

KENLY, Jan. 10.—On Thursday evening, January 13, in the high school auditorium the Kenly Woman's Club will present "Cupid Up to Date," an entirely new musical comedy based on scientific discovery and the progressive age.

Care has been taken in the selection of the large cast and intensive practices under a skilled director are going on daily.

The unique costumes, dances and clever acting will hold the eye, and the catchy songs and music will make an equally strong appeal to the ear. Even better are the wholesome lines which reveal the whole gamut of motions experienced in everyday life. Love and art, philosophy, science, tragedy and humor all pass in review.

An evening of entertainment that cannot fail to please will be offered the people of the community and surrounding country. Tickets go on sale Tuesday.

### CONGRESSMAN IS GUEST OF PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Congressman E. W. Pou was entertained by President Coolidge at breakfast last Thursday morning. This is rather complimentary to a Democratic Congressman and shows the esteem in which Mr. Pou is held in Washington.

### SIX MULES KILLED

Saturday night six mules belonging to the road force working on highway 22 were killed by an Atlantic Coast Line train. The mules in some way escaped from their stables and got on the railroad track.

### WILL TRY OUT FIRE SIREN

According to information received from the fire chief, B. L. Jones, there will be a try-out of the new fire siren this afternoon between four and six o'clock. This announcement is made in order that the town may not be unduly alarmed when the siren goes off.

### Former Residents Return

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ellis, who have been living in the country near here, have moved to the city and are occupying a residence on Seventh street.

### Hello, Visitor!

Have you found on your automobile a yellow tag with this greeting: "Hello, visitor?" Mayor Narron was busy Saturday afternoon tagging all the out-of-town cars with a welcome from Smithfield. No doubt many motorists when they saw the tag on their car thought they had a notice from the police department, but it proved to be something quite different. The little tag carries this message: "Smithfield welcomes you and hopes you will return often. This card entitles you to park your car as long as you please in Smithfield. Never mind the time limit. This will not exempt you from arrest for parking in safety zones, near fire hydrants, or near alley. Free information at city clerk's office or mayor's office. (Signed) Smithfield Board of Commissioners."

## Building & Loan Closes Good Year

**Board of Directors Re-elect Officers After Hearing Splendid Report In Annual Stockholders Meeting**

With forty persons, fifteen more than a quorum, present, the stockholders of the Building and Loan Association held their annual meeting yesterday morning in the commissioners room in the courthouse. The year which closed on December 31, has been marked by growth and progress along all lines, as evidenced by the report of the secretary and treasurer, J. H. Abell, which received the commendation of all present.

A dozen or more homes have been built through the association during the past year, seventeen loans in all having been made. Mr. Abell's report showed that the number of shares sold during the year was 2302, which together with 2112 shares in force at the beginning of 1926 total more than 4,000 shares. A new feature was added by the association last year when paid-up shares were offered for sale. At the end of the year just closed these shares amounted to \$18,100.

Mortgage loans, seventeen in number, aggregating a little over \$36,000 were negotiated during the year, and loans of \$4,310 were made on the stock of the association. The sum of \$13,486 was paid out for matured stock, and, in addition, stock has matured on other mortgages for \$2,400 were held. Interest on this matured stock totaled \$2,914. The secretary stated that the income of the association is more than \$5,000 per month. He called especial attention to the manner in which colored stockholders have paid up their installments. On January 1 only ten dollars of past-due installments were on the books.

The secretary-treasurer expressed his appreciation.

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### TEA ROOM CHANGES HANDS

Ye Olde Smithfield Tea Room, which has been operated here for the past several months by Mrs. John O. Ellington and Miss Mildred Young, has been purchased by Mrs. H. B. Herndon and Miss Ruth Wilson. The name of the tea room will be changed to the "Coffee Cup," and a formal opening will be held on February 1. The tea room will be located at the same stand, in the hotel building on Market street, but the interior will be re-decorated. Attractive lighting effects will be installed, and furnishings carrying out a blue and gray color scheme will be provided.

### TEA ROOM CHANGES HANDS

Mrs. Herndon, who is an efficient dietitian, will have active charge of the Coffee Cup, which will be open from eight in the morning until eight in the evening. In addition to the three regular meals, afternoon tea will be a feature. Miss Ruth Wilson will be business manager. Watch for the advertisement of this new firm which will give definite announcement concerning the opening and other details of the Coffee Cup.

## Name Important House Committee

**Legislature Received Gov. McLean's Budget Message; Eight Bills Introduced In House**

RALEIGH, Jan. 7.—Reception of Governor McLean's budget message and announcement of the three most important house committees high-lighted sessions of the general assembly today.

Both branches met for a few minutes' devotion to routine business before assembling in joint session to hear the governor's fiscal recommendations for the ensuing biennium. Adjournment until tomorrow came shortly after the bodies had reconvened in their respective chambers.

The meetings tomorrow are due to be little more than formalities. Many members obtained leave for the week end, and the capital saw an exodus of lawmakers tonight. The assembly does not convene next week until 8 o'clock Monday night.

The governor's recommended appropriations totaling \$14,686,105 for the first year of the biennium, and \$15,124,059. These recommendations were about \$2,000,000 less than amounts requested, but represented an increase over the last two years.

No new sources for revenue were brought out, but increases from six different sources were proposed.

A major part of framing house destinies was vested by Speaker Fountain today in Representatives Turlington, Iredell; Graham, Orange, and Connor, Wilson, by naming them the respective chairmen to support the measure providing finance and education. Full personnel of the committees was announced.

Both Connor and Townsend, the defeated candidates for the speakership, were represented on all three committees.

The committees follow: Appropriation—Turlington, chairman; Graham, of Orange; Connor, Townsend, Nash, Black, Brewer, of Wake; Price, Giles, McLean, of Beaufort; Dunn, Bullard, Wood, Brawley, Smith, of Rockingham; Gol d, Rogers, Folger, Younce, Rhodes, Ward, Dutton, Macon, Makepeace, Flanigan, Morgan, Tatam, Butler, Wilson, of Pasquotank; Kerr, Woodward, Moss, of Rutherford; Everett, of Durham; Creekmore, Marshall, Brown.

Finance—Graham, of Orange, chairman; Townsend, Bridger, Murphy, Martin, of Davidson; Connor, Winston, Hargett, Squires, Stanley, Cox, of Forsythe; Gibbs, Hart, Macon, Wright, McDevitt, Boyd, Coffey, Graham, of Sampson; Turlington, Parker, Gold, Makepeace, Austin, Harris, Oliver, Mathews, Moss, of Nash; Ward, Moser, Everett, of Martin; McLean, of Beaufort; Smith, of Wake; Norwood, Jenkins, Bell, of Chatham.

Committee of Education—Connor, chairman; Miss, of Nash; Ward, Harris, Cox, of Alleghany; McLean, of Beaufort; Gold, Parker, Folger, Pool, of Hoke; Black, Austin, Nash, Falls, Winston, Jones, Privott, Graham, of Sampson; Giles, Eure, McDevitt, Helms, Bost, Kerr, McBrady, Whitaker, Leggett, Watkins, of Brunswick; Makepeace, Satterwhite, Smith, of Wake; Rouse, Townsend, Price, Miss McLean, of Mecklenburg; Rideout, Gwaltney, Wetmur, Parnell.

The house produced eight bills, six from Wilson, of Transylvania, but all were of a local nature. The senate brought forward only three measures, but one touched on question of land standing. It was presented by Senator Womble, Forsyth, in the form of a resolution requesting the North Carolina delegation in Congress to work for the passage of a third federal court district in the state.

It was passed and the clerk instructed to send copies to all North Carolina members of the lower house of Congress.—Associated Press.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beasley left Sunday for South Mills and Norfolk to spend a few days with friends.

### Coolidge Appointee



Cyrus E. Woods who has been appointed to the Interstate Commerce Commission by Pres. Coolidge in place of F. I. Cox of New Jersey; whose term expired. A fight in the senate is expected to

## Local Quint Wins Over Farmville

**Smithfield High Defeats Visiting Team to Tune of 22 to 12**

By TOM LASSITER

Coach McGregor's purple and gold quintet copped the second game on the local's schedule here Saturday night by winning a hard fought contest from Farmville High to the tune of 22 to 12. The game was one of the fastest ever witnessed here. Farmville began the scoring with a foul goal and a moment later caged a nice clean shot from the court. Smithfield soon overcame the lead and the two teams began a fierce battle. The score at the end of the first quarter stood 6 to 5 with the visitors leading. The battle was continued in the second period and the half ended in an 8-8 deadlock.

Smithfield broke loose late in the third period and continued to run wild in the first period. The Farmville High exhibited a beautiful passing game, which was a decided feature of the contest. For Smithfield, Uzzle, who was recently added to the local squad, showed up exceptionally well at times. While the remaining members of the team played good ball.

The local band, which has recently been organized into a high school band, was present and pepped up the occasion.

Score by period:

Smithfield (22)	Farmville (12)
5	6
3	2
6	3
8	1

### Another Tea Room For Smithfield.

The eating public of Smithfield will be interested in the announcement that Mrs. A. S. Johnston will open at an early date a tea room, gift shop, and woman's exchange. Mrs. Johnston has leased the apartments known as the Woodall house on the corner of Johnson and Third streets where the new business will be conducted. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will move their family there at once and by the middle of the month the tea room is expected to be in operation. A few regular boarders will be kept and the tea room will be open all day. Sunday dinners will also be served.

The woman's exchange is a new wrinkle for Smithfield, but already need for such a thing has been felt.

Mrs. Johnston, besides serving meals, will cater to parties and banquets.

The proprietress has not decided upon a name for the tea room, and she is offering a pound box of homemade candy for a name. She will be glad to have suggestions at once.

### Oyster Supper Friday Night.

An oyster supper will be given at the Farmers warehouse on Market street Friday night from six until eight o'clock for the benefit of the new Free Will Baptist church. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

## V. W. Lewis Talks To Poultry Ass'n

**Discusses Marketing; February Meeting Will Be Held With Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ives**

V. W. Lewis, state marketing specialist, of Raleigh, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Johnston County Poultry Association held at the courthouse Saturday afternoon. The poultry association is young, having been organized a little more than a month ago, and has not a large membership, but practically a hundred per cent of the membership was here Saturday to hear Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Lewis gave some very helpful suggestions as he outlined the work for the association. He talked briefly concerning things that are necessary in order to produce poultry for market, dwelling upon the proper feeding, proper housing, and sanitation. He suggested that members conduct a hen-laying contest in order that they might test for themselves what it takes to produce eggs for the market. He advocated the keeping of records and stressed the importance of pure-bred utility birds. It requires 28 million birds to replace breeding stock each year. In order to provide eggs for incubators in North Carolina the demand for eggs is great, but one of main requisites for filling this demand is blood-testing. It means too great a loss if a large per cent of chickens hatch from untested eggs of white diarrhea which is usually the case where the chickens are not tested.

Mr. Lewis spoke also of marketing, urging that the local markets be provided first but when the price drops too low to be profitable he advocated shipping to northern markets.

Mr. S. P. Honeycutt, president of the association, presided over the meeting. Before adjournment an announcement was made about the poultry short course to be put on by the North Carolina College, Raleigh, commencing at 10 a. m., Monday, January 17, and extending to noon Saturday, January 22. In the next issue of the Herald a detailed announcement of the short course will be given.

The next meeting of the association on Friday, February 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ives near town. Not only members of the association, but others interested in poultry work are invited to attend. Those attending are asked to carry lunch and be there by the noon hour.

CHANGE OF STATEMENT  
We have been asked to change the statement made in the Recorder's Court proceedings published in Tuesday's paper in regard to a case in which the state took a nol pro's with leave. The item indicated that Mrs. J. W. Moore had disposed of mortgaged property, whereas Mrs. Moore was charged with disposing of property which had been levied upon for taxes.

### FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hill had a their guests at their home in the Sanders Chapel section, the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Hill, with their families. A delicious four-course dinner was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Whitley and daughter, Miss Elva Mae, and son, Jesse; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Powell and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Whitley and children; Miss Elsie Gardner and Miss Curran.

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