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## Mysterious Man Is Found On Streets

**Asboro Elks Authorize Hospital Attention, But Man Who Proves To Be H. M. Sadler of Washington Dies.**

The mystery surrounding a well-dressed man found in a semi-conscious condition on the streets of this city on Friday, February 25, was solved in time to provide hospital attention but not in time to prevent his going to his last long sleep which happened early last Sunday morning at the Johnston County Hospital.

On the afternoon of Friday, February 25, the man, who was a complete stranger to all who passed him by, was discovered sitting in front of the hotel acting queerly. He was seen trying to smoke two cigarettes at one time. The general opinion was that he was intoxicated and the chief of police was notified to take him in charge. Chief Cable took him to jail where he remained until Saturday morning. Saturday morning his condition was unchanged and the county physician was called. A search of the man's person was made, but nothing was found to reveal his identity. Finally, however, the man remembered his name which he gave as H. M. Sadler.

It developed that he had arrived in Smithfield on the Goldsboro bus. Upon his person were found \$20.00 in money, a handbag, a gold watch, a knife, a check for a handbag and an Elks pin. A local member of the Elks organization telephoned to the Goldsboro Elks, but the man was unknown there. Instructions were given to give the man the best of attention at the expense of the Elks' organization, and he was removed to the Johnston County Hospital. He appeared to be about 30 years old.

With the baggage check as a clue, Chief Cable located the man's handbag in the bus station in Raleigh, and it was then found that his home was in Washington, N. C. Washington was communicated with and his wife was soon at his bedside. It seems Mr. Sadler had left Washington about four months ago and had since been working in Winston-Salem. Just why and how he left that city and why he was in Smithfield will remain a mystery, though he had probably topped himself after becoming ill.

The body was taken to Washington Sunday for interment.

**Shoe Department Now Open.**  
The shoe department of the American Dollar store opened this morning. It is located in the rear of the store and a complete line of the best styles for men, women and children are in stock. This shoe department is well arranged and is one of the prettiest in town. Mr. Sylvan Bane is the manager of this department.

**Waltz Written On Cuff.**  
Johann Strauss, the "waltz king," wrote his famous "Blue Danube" on a pair of detachable cuffs and then threw them into the wash. They were rescued by his mother and his music publishers made a fortune from the composition. Strauss wrote so many compositions that he could not recognize all of them.

**AUNT ROXIE SAYS—**  
By Mc—



"Ef mi ole man wuz a solgier hit wood be dangus ter stan' twixt him an' kiver."

**COMMISSIONERS WILL DECIDE HIGHWAY MATTER ON MONDAY**

The Henderson-Clinton highway matter was not disposed of at the meeting last Monday of the county board of commissioners but will likely be taken up at the adjourned meeting to be held next Monday March 14. The question of rescinding previous action taken came up in an open hearing in the court room; and after listening to the discussion, the commissioners, through County Attorney Paul D. Grady, announced that due consideration would be given the matter. The contract entered into by the commissioners and the State Highway Commission was read in the meeting, and as soon as practicable this contract will be published in these columns.

## Criminal Term Superior Court

**Five Murder Cases Are on Calendar; Other Cases That Are of General Interest Are Included In the Sixty-Six Set For Next Week**

A criminal term of Superior court will convene here next Monday which is scheduled for one week. Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, who has just held a two weeks' civil term here, will preside. The calendar carries sixty-six cases, and all cases on docket not calendared are subject to be called for trial by the solicitor upon notice.

Five murder cases are on the calendar, four called Monday, as follows: State vs. M. C. Blue; State vs. James Rogers; State vs. George Ferrell and Taft Boykin; and State vs. C. S. Pulley. The case of State vs. Robert Separk, Evelyn Britt, and R. H. Stephenson, charged with the murder of "Mighty" Forsythe near Clayton, is set for Wednesday. These same persons will be called to answer the charge of violating the prohibition laws.

The trial of Harry Baucom, who has been confined in the hospital here for several weeks with injuries sustained in a fracas at Wilson's Mills, is set for Monday. Baucom is charged with resisting an officer. He is still in the hospital but is expected to be able to stand trial.

The cases of W. T. Adams, charged with embezzlement, and of J. A. Keen, neglect of official duty, are scheduled for Tuesday.

Other cases around which considerable interest has centered are five indictments in connection with the failure of the Princeton bank some time ago, the defendants in these cases being George F. Woodard and his daughter, Miss Lena Woodard.

The calendar in detail will be found on page three of this issue.

## Husband and Wife



My husband, who is stout, wears short sleeved shirts on warm days and looks like a "kuptie."—Ruth.

WHAT DOES YOUR HUSBAND DO?

## Couple Freeze To Death In Snow

**Bodies of Traveling Man and Pinehurst Hotel Waitress Found Near Aberdeen By Small Boy.**

ABERDEEN, March 8.—The bodies of a man and a woman were found in a cotton field near here today. The couple, it is believed from facts learned about them, had perished in the snow of a week ago tonight. They were identified as J. E. Rushway, traveling representative of a safety razor concern, and Miss Helen Higgins, a waitress in the Berkshire hotel at Pinehurst.

Mr. Rushway and Miss Higgins left Aberdeen last Tuesday night about 10 o'clock in an automobile. It is believed that the car became stalled and that the couple starting back to Aberdeen got lost in the snow, became exhausted from their vain efforts to reach a place of shelter and froze to death. The man was lying on his back and the woman with her head resting on his chest.

**TAKE WRONG ROAD.**

Just before reaching Aberdeen coming from Pinehurst, the road forks to the right in the direction of Rockingham, the left hand fork leading to Aberdeen. The bodies were found in a cotton field about 15 yards from the Rockingham road indicating that the couple had taken the wrong road and then lost that in the blinding snow which was falling. The bodies were found a distance of about 300 yards from where the car was found.

The boy who found the bodies, the discovery being made at 3 o'clock this afternoon reported it to the police at Aberdeen and they had the corpses taken to an undertaking establishment here. Friends of the couple are trying to locate their families and get instructions as to what to do with the bodies. Miss Higgins was from Sargentville, Maine. Mr. Rushway was employed by the American Safety Razor company, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Acquaintances said they were persons of good character and expressed keen regret at their death.

**SAYS COUPLE DIED FROM EXPOSURE**

ABERDEEN, March 10.—A coroner's jury late Wednesday found that the couple whose bodies were found frozen near here died from exposure, exhaustion and freezing.

Dr. A. H. McLeod, of Aberdeen, was in charge of the jury which investigated accidental disclosure by a small boy of the bodies about a mile from here.

The two, J. E. Rushway, traveling for a safety razor concern of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Helen Higgins, of Sargentville, Me., and lately a waitress in the Pinehurst hotel, became lost in the snowstorm of a week ago and, losing their way, became exhausted from the exposure and froze to death, the jury decided. The couple had decided to walk back to Aberdeen when they left an automobile party.

**JURY LIST CRIMINAL TERM SUPERIOR COURT**

R. G. Gower, Wilson's Mills; Randall Lassiter, Elevation; Willie L. Barbour, Elevation; W. L. Bass, Beulah; Lonnie A. Lassiter, Ingrams; C. F. Broadwell, Selma; J. A. Creech, Oneals; J. E. Hobbs, Ingrams; D. I. Ivey, Pleasant Grove; P. H. Etheridge, Beulah; J. Chester Barbour, Elevation; J. J. Pleasant, Pleasant Grove; Clyde Hatcher, Micro; G. R. Whitley, Oneals; R. G. Narron, Selma; Clem Creech, Oneals; R. W. Smith, Bentonville; S. A. Lassiter, Elevation; J. F. Sneed, Ingrams; J. W. Boykin, Wilders; C. L. Whitley, Smithfield; J. L. Sorrell, Banner; W. Gaston Lee Ingrams; H. G. Johnson, Smithfield; Vance Hales, Beulah; J. C. Hayes, Bentonville; A. E. Penny, Elevation; W. P. Wiggs, Pine Level; J. V. Marshall, Meadow; W. J. Jernigan, Banner; Andrew Brewer, Boon Hill; J. L. George, Ingrams; J. H. Johnson, Beulah; Dewey Norris, Ingrams; J. R. Lee, Elevation; J. H. Fowler, Wilders.

**COUNTY HOME RETURNS THANKS.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hinton, superintendents of the county home, and the inmates wish to express their sincere thanks to the ladies of the missionary society of the Baptist church at Smithfield for the interesting program and nice bags of fruit given the inmates on February 28. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A certain man had three children, Mary Mae Burst, Henry Wood Burst, and Charles Will Burst. At the last report all were hale and hearty.

## Local High Reaches Tourney Semi-Finals

After fighting its way through three victories the Smithfield high school basketball team went down in defeat before Roanoke Rapids high in the semi-finals of Class B at the State College tournament Wednesday morning. The score was 27 to 17. This victory gave the Roanoke Rapids team the right to play Dunn high for the Class B championship Wednesday night.

The first game in which the local tilters participated in the tournament was on Monday night with Lumberton high, champions of Class B in 1926. Smithfield completely walked away with this game, the score being 17 to 3. The next game was with West Durham

## Senior Girls Are Guests B.&P. Club

**Mrs. Woosley and Miss Georgia Keen Are Chief Speakers at Banquet Honoring Girls of Graduating Class**

Mrs. O. V. Woosley, of Lexington, and Miss Georgia Keene, of New Bern, members of the faculty of the Sunday School Training School being held here this week, were the principal speakers at the March dinner meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club held Tuesday evening, special guests on this occasion being the twenty-three girls of the senior class of the high school.

Mrs. A. S. Johnston served the banquet at her home on Third and Johnston streets. The rooms thrown open for the occasion, were quite attractive with decorations of shamrocks and other things suggestive of St. Patrick's Day. The place cards were shamrocks and the tiny diploma-like rolls containing the menu were tied with green.

The program was opened by singing an appropriate invocation, after which fruit cocktail was served. The president of the club, Mrs. Clifford Beasley, then extended a cordial welcome to the honor guests, to which Miss Addie Barbour of the senior class gracefully responded.

The business of the club was then taken up, after which the second course was served, and then the program was turned over to Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, chairman of the education committee, who acted as toastmistress. Miss Mary E. Wells, in a thoroughly original manner, toasted the senior class, Miss Marie Anderson Stevens making a response in rhyme.

Most pleasing numbers on the program were the Irish readings with musical accompaniment given by Mrs. Jesse Coates who wore a charming Irish costume.

Following these selections, the toastmistress introduced Mrs. Woosley who, in a striking manner, left a worth while thought in the minds of the high school girls, interspersing her remarks with wit and humor. Miss Georgia Keene was then called upon, who told a story particularly fitting for the occasion.

After the dessert course, the club members sang a toast to their guests, and a most delightful occasion came to a close. Forty or more were present.

**CONFEDERATE VETERAN RECALLS BATTLE**

Rev. Robt. L. Strickland, of Bentonville, one of the few remaining Confederate veterans of Johnston county, was in the city Monday. Mr. Strickland said he read with interest Mrs. John Anderson's article in the Herald about the battle of Bentonville, and he can corroborate every word of it. Mr. Strickland joined the army when he was seventeen years old. His regiment was in the battle of Bentonville, but at the time he was not with his regiment. At Goldsboro, he had been taken ill with smallpox and sent to Salisbury. He was on his way back from Salisbury when the fight took place in Johnston county.

Tuesday afternoon. The score of this contest was 32 to 14. Tuesday night Smithfield defeated Oxford high 23 to 8, thereby reaching the semi-finals. The other two Johnston county teams which entered the tournament were eliminated in the first round. Benson was beaten by Mebane 30 to 6, while Dunn high conquered the Princeton tilters 20 to 13.

The Smithfield team has had an unusually good record this season. Out of twenty games played it has been downed but five times. The local five has piled up a total of 545 points to 318 for their opponents.

## Senior Girls Are Capture Two Distilling Plants

**CAPTURE TWO LARGE STILLS**  
Last Tuesday Deputy Sheriff R. D. Marler, of Bentonville, assisted by Messrs. A. B. Hood, J. R. Hood, I. V. Hudson, and Linnie Hudson, captured an eighty-gallon whiskey still and complete outfit in Bentonville township. The still was running when the officers found it and three men, Alton Hayes, Rupert Herring and Joe Tart were arrested. All gave bond for their appearance in recorder's court here. Four barrels of beer were destroyed at this place.

On the same day these officers captured a seventy-five gallon still and outfit at another location in Bentonville township. Six gallons of whiskey were seized here and two men, C. A. Hayes and Willie Parker, were arrested. They also gave bond.

## Church and Sunday School

**Freewill Baptist Church**  
Sunday school morning 9:30 C. J. Thomas, superintendent. The revival meeting will start Sunday night at 7:30. It will be conducted by Rev. S. H. Styron and the pastor, Rev. H. R. Faircloth, will also help. Everybody is invited to attend.

There will be no prayer meeting next Wednesday evening on account of the revival meeting.

**Baptist Church.**

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Morning worship and sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. Intermediate B. Y. P. U. at 6:15 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Cordial invitation to all services.

**Presbyterian Services.**

Smithfield Sunday morning, sermon by pastor, Oakland Sunday night, 7 o'clock. Christian Endeavor and sermon. Public cordiality invited.

**Centenary Methodist Church**

Sunday school at 9:30. T. C. Young, superintendent. Preaching at 11 and 7:30 by the pastor. The subject for the morning: "The Voice of God." Subject for the evening: "Salt."  
Epworth League at 7:30 Monday.

There will be no prayer meeting Wednesday night on account of the revival at the Freewill Baptist church.

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## Regular Meeting Co. Commissioner

**Board Takes Steps To Facilitate Transaction of Business In Future; County Council To Fit Up Room.**

Members of the County Council of home demonstration work of Johnston county will hail with delight the announcement that the county commissioners at their regular meeting held here Monday, authorized the farmers room in the courthouse to be equipped for demonstration purposes under the direction of Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home demonstration agent, the cost not to exceed \$300.

Other business transacted Monday include the following items: Ordered that the board adopt the following policy to cover all claims filed for deprecation committee by dogs: "All claimants for sheep, fowl, etc., killed by dogs shall be required to file their claim in writing and support the same with a written affidavit setting out whose dog or dogs killed said stock before said claim can be taken up by this board."

Ordered that the welfare officer secure a complete list of outside paupers who are now on the county payroll and investigate the merits of each case as soon as practicable and report the same to this board to the end that the county may reduce the outside pauper payroll.

Ordered that F. F. Siler, Selma, be released of poll tax for 1926, it appearing to the board that he is 68 years old.

Ordered that L. O. Morris, Beulah township, be released of \$350.00 valuation of household and kitchen furniture listed through error for 1926 taxes.

Ordered that the welfare officer investigate the condition of Venie Eason (widow of W. S. Eason, Selma, route 1) and report to this board at the next regular meeting.

Ordered that the welfare officer, Pine Level township, be released of \$1,500.00 solvent credit valuation listed through error for 1926 taxes.

In order to expedite the matter of handling tax adjustments before the board, it was ordered that the following policy in this matter be adopted: "All claimants for adjustment must first take the matter up with the county attorney and the county auditor, which officers after investigation shall present to this board a written report with recommendations of these officers as to what disposition in their judgment should be made of the matter."

Ordered that the board of education be authorized to borrow sufficient money to pay Clayton, Smithfield, and Benson special chartered schools at this time up to 80 per cent of the budgets of the respective schools for the school year 1926-'27, it being understood that the payments already made said schools from the 1926 taxes are included in the 80 per cent.

At the request of the board, J. B. O'Neal appeared before it in the matter of damages done by a mad dog. After investigation the board decided to release Mr. O'Neal from further responsibility in the matter.

Ordered that the county adopt the policy of charging a privilege tax on piano and talking machine dealers and salesmen of one-half the amount charged by the state for said privilege, and further that these dealers and salesmen who have already been charged more than this be released accordingly.

Mr. W. N. Lee of Ingrams township presented a claim for sheep killed by dogs. His claim shows 12 sheep killed which he valued at \$5.00 each. Ordered that the same be held for further consideration pursuant to the policy adopted by the board in these matters.

The board adjourned for the noon recess to re-convene in the court room at two o'clock for the purpose of discussion of the Henderson case.

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## Big Earthquake In Japan Takes Toll

**ORGAN RECITAL TO BE GIVEN TUESDAY NIGHT**

The organ recital scheduled to have been given at the Methodist church last Friday night under the auspices of the Business and Professional Women's club, but which was postponed on account of the snow, will be given next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The program, which was published several issues ago, will be rendered. The public is invited to hear the recital which will be given by local talent. An opportunity for a freewill offering to complete the hospital furnishings fund, will be given.

## Poultry Meeting Is Well Attended

There having been no rural mail delivery for four days following the big snowfall of last week, a report of the meeting of the Johnston County Poultry Association held on Tuesday, March 1, did not reach this office until Wednesday of this week. The meeting was held with Mr. W. T. Woodard, who lives near Pine Level, and according to the secretary, Mrs. Alice Eason, although the wind was sharp and the snow falling, it was well attended. This was the fourth meeting of the association, and the attendance has grown every meeting, there being thirty-five present on March 1 to offer suggestions for the betterment of the work and to discuss poultry problems.

A picnic dinner was served at noon, after which a demonstration of Mr. Woodard's mammoth Buckeye 2,300 egg capacity incubator was held. On the day of the meeting about 500 baby chicks were taken out.

Following the demonstration Mr. S. P. Honeycutt, the president, called the meeting to order. America was sung; the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary; new members were received, and the report on the meeting with W. V. Lewis, State Marketing specialist, at Smithfield, was given by Mr. J. E. Bailey. A general discussion of plans for building brooder houses and the care of baby chicks took place. Ordering feed through the association in order to cut expenses was also discussed.

A usual feature of these poultry meetings is for each member to give reports on how his hens are laying. The reports on this occasion were all good, but the best was given by Mr. W. T. Woodard, of Princeton. Mr. Woodard keeps accurate records and his report for February is as follows:

Chickens	Eggs
Barred Rocks	124 1,621
White Leghorns	90 1,427

Two hundred fifty-nine dozen eggs were sold for \$129.50. The cost of the feed was \$35.44. Profit for February was \$94.06. Mr. Woodard used home-grown feed as well as commercial feed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting with Mrs. D. J. Wellons of Holt Lake about the first of April, the exact date of the meeting to be announced through the papers by the president. The meeting then adjourned and the poultry yards of Mr. Woodard were inspected.

**Easily Arranged.**  
Grocer (to daughter)—Dear, I am happy to announce that young Thompson has asked for your hand.

Daughter—But Papa, I don't want to leave mamma.

"Don't let that bother you. You can take her with you."—The Progressive Grocer.

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**Thousands Are Dead and 75,000 Are Driven From Their Homes; Grave Dug In Snow-Covered Ground.**

TOKYO, March 9.—Thousands of refugees in central Japan, shivering, hungry, and in sore need of medical aid, tonight were struggling to bring order out of the chaos created Monday night by the earthquake which already is known to have taken a toll of more than 2000 lives.

The home office this afternoon stated its last advices showed that 2275 persons were killed and 3441 injured.

Information received by Tokyo newspapers, however, indicated that the dead in the entire earthquake region would number more than 3,000, while one newspaper estimated that the toll would amount to 5,000, with from 50,000 to 75,000 homeless.

The correspondent for The Tokyo Asahi Shimbun, who traveled through the stricken area, reported from Miyazu that the scenes in Mineyama, where more than 1,000 persons were killed, and Amino, were heartrending. Refugees, he said, were exposed to snow and rain, while only a small amount of relief was available.

Many relatives of victims of the quake spent the day in digging in the ruins of devastated villages seeking the bodies of fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. Funeral pyres were built and bodies cremated. Other inhabitants of the towns worked with police and soldiers in extricating bodies and giving aid to the injured.

Shallow graves were dug in the snow-covered ground, even small children assisting in the burial rites. Bits of half-burned sticks, raked from the debris, were used as incense sticks for the offering of prayers before burial. Japanese and Christian preachers and priests were everywhere aiding and comforting widows and orphans.

The newspaper correspondents generally reported that the lack of medical supplies and food was the greatest hardship for the refugees. Injured men and women along the broken roads asked every passerby if he were a doctor so great was their need for medical attendance. Doctors and Red Cross nurses were coming into the region rapidly today, and it was expected they soon would be able to ameliorate the situation.

The roads throughout the region were reported literally lined with the bodies of victims.

The Tango region, which suffered most severely, was described by an correspondent as the seat of misery of central Japan. Hundreds of survivors were finding scant shelter from a downpour of cold rain which has been falling since last night. Many of the refugees were forced to sleep on the snow-covered ground, soaked to the skin and in constant danger of further shocks.—Associated Press.

**Shocking.**  
Mayor Moffitt of this city has under consideration the closing of the Snow Lumber Company, on account of their having too much undressed lumber.—Greensboro News.

**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 decipher 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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Gladys Johnson, recognized her name last issue.

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