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## Restraining Order Proves Surprise

**Calls a Halt on Letting of Contract For New Municipal Building By Town Board of Commissioners**

A restraining order taken out by R. C. Gillett threw a monkey wrench into the machinery already set in motion by the town board of commissioners for letting the contract for a new municipal building here Wednesday. The town board had advertised for bids on the contract in out of town publications, and scarcely any Smithfield citizens knew that the contract was to be let so soon. Wednesday had been set as the day for opening the bids, and seven teen bidders were present at a meeting called in the city clerk's office Wednesday. Several of the bids had been opened when T. E. Talton, deputy sheriff, presented the restraining orders to the mayor. The town attorney advised the continuance of opening the bids, although the contract could not be awarded. The three lowest bids on the construction and the four lowest on heating and plumbing were filed until Judge Harris shall have passed on the legality of the injunction at Jonesboro on April 4.

The bids which were filed for future reference are as follows: On the construction of building, Jewell Riddle company, \$47,250; Jones Brothers and company, \$44,590; J. N. Bryan and Son, \$46,964.

On heating J. L. Powers, \$2,000; Charles W. Christian, \$3,164. Plumbing, J. L. Powers, \$1,735. Heating and plumbing, B. W. Sugg, \$4,000.

The proposed building as seen from the above bids would cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The plans call for offices for town officials, a guardhouse, and a moving picture theatre, from the rental of the latter it is the intention of the board to finance the proposition without cost to the taxpayers. Bonds would be issued and the rents used to pay the interest and provide a sinking fund.

## BISHOP'S CRUSADE BEGINS MARCH 28TH

The Bishop's Crusade (evangelistic services) will begin at St. Paul's Episcopal church here on March 28 and continue until April 3. Services will be held every night conducted by Rev. William A. Lillycrop, of Hamlet. The public is cordially invited.

## A CARD OF THANKS

To those who have been with us in our bereavement and by kind words and kindly acts have tried to lessen our sorrow, we extend our sincere thanks.

Family of J. A. WOODALL.

## Baptist Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Paul Brown will read a paper on "Will a Man Rob God?" Matters of business are to be discussed, and every member is earnestly urged to be present.

## Old Staff.

"I was out riding with Harid last night. He got lost and had to stop 'til he regained his bearings." "Don't they have funny excuses?"

## AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me—



"Days mennie a hard walk made huntin' a soft job."

## Such a Difference



"Ain't life wonderful?" smilingly spined Babe Ruth (above) as he signed the \$210,000 contract for three years of baseball. "Not so good," mumbled the same Mr. Ruth (below) as he scribbled his "George Herman" on his income tax report before starting south for the training season.

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## All Kenly School Bans Bad English

**"Good English Week" Culminates In a Play Consisting Of a Court Scene With Bad English As Defendant**

KENLY, Mar. 16.—"Good English Week" was observed throughout the grades in the Kenly school last week. Quite a number of posters bearing such slogans as "Let the light of Good English guide your way"; "Chase 'ain't' and have a clean vocabulary"; "Talk, don't jabber"; "Enlarge your vocabulary"; and "We belong to the home of good English" were in evidence in the halls and rooms serving to remind every one of the problem at hand. Many of the grades had question boxes in which errors which had been observed and corrected were placed. Others found that tagging created interest and effort.

In Miss Debbie Bailey's second grade, the three pupils observing and correcting the most errors were given badges. The following were the winners: Rebecca Fulghum, 58; Kathleen Barnes, 49; Wildon Evans, 42. (The figures indicate the errors corrected). In a similar contest in Miss Elizabeth Brooks's sixth grade, Mozelle Stanchil was the winner. In Miss Hanna Pearlstone's seventh grade particularly good work was done in the poster line. In this grade, too, a play emphasizing the importance of good English written by Hazel Phillips, and a poem showing the value of correctly spoken and written English composed by Percell Barnes showed that much thought had been given the subject.

At chapel exercises on Wednesday morning, Rev. W. T. Evans in his usual forceful style made a timely talk on the topic. During the course of his remarks he stressed as an aid to correct English the advantage of having at hand and using constantly the dictionary.

A very fitting climax to the observance of the week was a play given in chapel on Tuesday morning of this week by the junior class in which the importance of making war on bad English was emphasized. The play consisted of a court scene in which the case of Kenly high school vs. Bad English came up. The plaintiff set forth to prove that bad English was guilty of certain charges brought against him and urged the court to issue an order expelling the de-

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## Erect Dwelling In A Week's Time

**Home of R. V. Brown Is Burned and Neighbors Cut Logs and Build House Within a Week**

Mrs. W. F. Brown writes from Selma, route 2 that the recent fire loss sustained by R. V. Brown, has indeed proved the brotherly love of that entire community, neighboring communities, and towns, for which Mr. Brown and his family are profoundly thankful.

On last Friday night, the dwelling of Mr. Brown was completely destroyed by fire, but his neighbors have come to his rescue and if nothing unforeseen occurs, he will move into a new residence today, built in just one week's time.

A citizen of Smithfield who was driving one day this week along the highway on which the new house is located, became attracted by a large crowd of workmen busy building a house. He stopped to inquire why there were so many on the job and found that the neighbors of Mr. Brown had gone into the woods, cut down trees, hauled them to a sawmill, had cut the lumber and on that day had the erection of a four room house well under way. It is said that as many as fifty at a time have been on the job.

Mr. Brown is a good citizen and his friends realize his worth, showing their esteem by rendering definite service in a time of need.

## Baptist To Hold Mission School

**Dr. John W. Lowe, Missionary to China to Speak Here Nights During Week of April 17th to 24th**

April 17-24 will be a week of unusual interest to the Baptists of Johnston county. The interest will center in the visit of Dr. John W. Lowe, one of the outstanding missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, who has spent many years in China, and who as a speaker never fails to stir the hearts of his hearers. He will spend the week named in Johnston county, speaking twice a day. During the week he will speak each night at the Smithfield Baptist church, which has planned a school of Missions to continue during the week and possibly into the following week. The executive committee of the Johnston association, learning of the coming of Dr. Lowe, arranged for a series of all-day rallies over the county at central points, with Dr. Lowe as the principal speaker. Besides him, Miss Gertrude Mattison, W. M. U. field worker in the Johnston association will be a leading speaker. Other speakers will be announced later. The rallies will likely be held at Clayton, Kenly, Pine Level, Four Oaks, and possibly another point or two, the daily program in the Smithfield church being the central attraction. All churches in the county are invited to send representatives to the training school in Smithfield during the week, and to as many of the rallies as possible. A leading attraction in the night sessions will be the stereopticon pictures brought by Dr. Lowe from China.

Freewill Baptist Revival. Interest grows with each service of the revival meetings now in progress at the Freewill Baptist church. The spacious new church was practically filled on Wednesday evening, the third day of the revival. Rev. S. H. Styron, of Pine Level, who is doing the preaching, is an able minister, and at each service presents the truth in a plain and forceful manner. The singing is under the direction of Mr. C. J. Thomas, is live and evangelistic and adds a great deal to each meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend every service.

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## CONFEDERATE VETS WILL TAKE NOTICE

All Confederate veterans in Johnston county who wish to attend the reunion to be held in Tampa, Fla., beginning April 5th are requested to make application to the register of deeds for free transportation. These applications must be in by April 1.

## Forsythe Case Is Put Off For Term

**Illness of Solicitor Causes Other Cases To Be Continued; James Rogers Colored, Acquitted In Murder Trial**

A docket of sixty-six cases listed on the calendar for the March term of criminal Superior court, at the close of the fourth day, found less than a dozen cases called to trial. Solicitor Clawson Williams was taken too ill to be in court Wednesday, and a number of the cases around which centered considerable interest was continued until the next term of court. Among these were the cases in which Robert Separk, Evelyn Britt and R. H. Stephenson are charged with both murder and violation of the prohibition laws. The murder charge is generally referred to as the "Forsythe" case. Also the trial of Geo. Ferrell, and Taft Boykin, charged with the murder of Alfred Richardson, a Wilder township negro, in which quite a number of witnesses had been summoned was continued for the term.

Superior court resumed its deliberations here Tuesday morning at ten o'clock taking up the case, State vs. William Whitaker, a colored man of Clayton, charged with assault, where it left off Monday afternoon. Several more witnesses were examined and F. H. Brooks, attorney for the defendant, and Solicitor Williams argued the case before the jury. After being out some little time the jury brought a verdict of guilty. A plea for mercy was made in consideration of the fact that the defendant had never been in any trouble before and was as a rule a well-behaved citizen, and Judge Harris pronounced a sentence of only six months on the roads.

The next case to be tried was that of the State vs. Worth McLeod, a young negro charged with breaking into a store in the Archer Lodge section some time last December and getting money, cigarettes and tobacco. Two young Flowers brothers, who operated the store, were the prosecuting witnesses. The defendant who denied the charge, had no lawyer nor any witnesses and the court gave him the privilege of questioning the witnesses put up by the State. In the evidence it was brought out that he had been convicted of a serious crime before this charge. The jury had had the case only a brief time when it brought in a verdict of guilty. He was sentenced to fifteen months on the road.

The State vs. Zeb Jones, of Clayton, charged with assault upon his wife, was begun and several witnesses put on the stand before the court adjourned at one o'clock for lunch. At 2:30 the court reassembled and the case was called and a non-suit was allowed. Various cases were then called, one after another being either continued until the next term of court or set aside for another date. Finally two murder cases—the state vs. M. C. Blue and the state vs. James Rogers, both defendants being negroes of Kenly charged with the murder of Ella May Blue—were tried together. By a few minutes of five o'clock the evidence was all in, but argument of the case was waived until Wednesday morning at 9:30 when the court was called to resume its work.

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## SMITHFIELD SELECTS QUEENS FOR EXPOSITION

Smithfield will be represented by two queens, a junior and a senior queen, at the East Carolina Exposition to be held in Rocky Mount April 4-8. Miss Ruby Woodall, who holds a position with the Farmers Bank & Trust company, has been selected as Smithfield's senior queen, while Miss Nell Morgan Broadhurst has been chosen as the junior queen. The introduction and voting on junior queens will take place on Wednesday afternoon of exposition week. There will be cash prizes of twenty-five dollars, fifteen dollars, and ten dollars for each of the winners. The first introduction of representatives in the queens' contest will be on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. A diamond ring is the award for the winner in the senior queens' contest.

## House In Flames Before Discovered

Tuesday afternoon about sunset, Mr. J. Ruffin Barbour, who lives on the farm of Mr. W. S. Smith in Elevation township, lost his home and practically everything in it by fire which apparently originated near the chimney between the ceiling and top of the house. The family was eating supper when one of the children went into the front part of the house for something and came back screaming. The family rushed out of the kitchen to find the ceiling falling through in the front bedroom. Remembering that the baby was asleep in that room, Mr. Barbour rushed to the door but was knocked down by the smoke and flames. Groping his way to the cradle he found it on fire. The baby was lying on the bed and he managed to get to him but falling debris again knocked him down. Finally seizing the baby and wrapping a quilt about him, Mr. Barbour succeeded in getting out of the room. One side of the baby's face was blistered and Mr. Barbour's hair was singed, but they escaped serious injury.

By that time neighbors began to arrive, but the house being practically in flames before the fire was discovered, nearly all the furnishings were lost. One mattress, a sheet and quilt, two chairs, a small stand of lard, and some flour were saved. All the wearing apparel of the family was lost. There are nine children in the family.

There was some insurance on the house. A new porch had just been built, it having been finished the day of the fire. None of the outbuildings were burned.

Mr. Barbour has spent all his life in the Smith school section, where his upright living and his fearless stand for right principles are recognized by all in his community. His neighbors immediately went to his rescue and have given him clothing for his family and furniture and other necessary things for keeping his house, besides cash donations. He expects to move into a nearby house today.

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## HOW MANY WOULD BE SO HONEST?

An unusual circumstance was brought to light at the meeting of the county board of commissioners at their special meeting held here Monday. Several months ago Walter Manuel, a colored man of this city, applied to Mrs. Thurston, county welfare officer, for help in burying some of his relatives who had died. It seems that the relative had died several days before and was still out of the ground because no one had let him have the funds to defray the expenses of the burial. The matter was presented to the county commissioners and the county furnished the coffin. Recently Walter Manuel came into the possession of some property. Whether much or little it is not known, but the surprising thing is that on last Monday he went before the county board and paid \$12.50, the price the county places on pauper coffins.

## Sale Of Austin's Stock Of Goods

**Entire Lot of Merchandise Brings \$33,070—Ira A. Watson & Co., Highest Bidders**

A sale which created quite a bit of interest took place here Tuesday when the merchandise belonging to Austin's, Inc., and the Austin Stephenson company was sold at public auction under bankruptcy proceedings. Bidders were here from the larger towns in this state and from Atlanta, Ga., Knoxville, Tenn., Philadelphia, Baltimore and other large cities. The sale began at 11 o'clock and continued until two in the afternoon. Sealed bids had been received prior to the sale, but were rejected.

The goods in the various departments of the store were first sold separately. I. Bloomberg, of Philadelphia, buying the shoe department for a consideration of \$5,100; S. Friedman, of Danville, bidding in the groceries at \$7,200; H. G. Gray, the men's clothing for \$7,600; W. J. Huntley, the dry goods for \$4,550; Heath and Hamilton, of Monroe, the wagons for \$300; and J. E. Woodall, the ready to wear and millinery for \$2,625. These sales totaled \$27,375.

The entire contents of the store were then put up and sold as a whole. The highest bid, \$33,070, was made by Ira C. Watson and company, of Knoxville, Tenn., and the required money was deposited, the sale being subject to the confirmation of the court.

The Ira C. Watson company is the owner of several chain stores. It is not known whether the local store will be opened and the merchandise sold here or whether the goods will be moved to some other town for disposal. It has been rumored, however, that the merchandise will be sold here.

Among the items not included in the merchandise purchased by Ira A. Watson and company were two mules and a Corbett truck. Stevens and Ogburn bid in the truck while P. A. Holland and Kirby Rose bought the mules.

## South Carolinian Here.

Mr. Joe P. Fisher, of Spartanburg, S. C., was in the city Monday. While in the city Mr. Fisher stated that he wanted to keep up with the doing of Johnston county and Smithfield and the only way to do this successfully was through the Herald. We're glad to enlist Mr. Fisher as one of our many readers.

## M. E. Missionary Society.

The devotional meeting of the Methodist missionary society will be held Monday afternoon at the church at three o'clock. After the program which will be led by Mrs. J. A. Wellons, an "apron social" will be held in the basement. Members are asked to bring their social service reports.

## Revival At The Methodist Church

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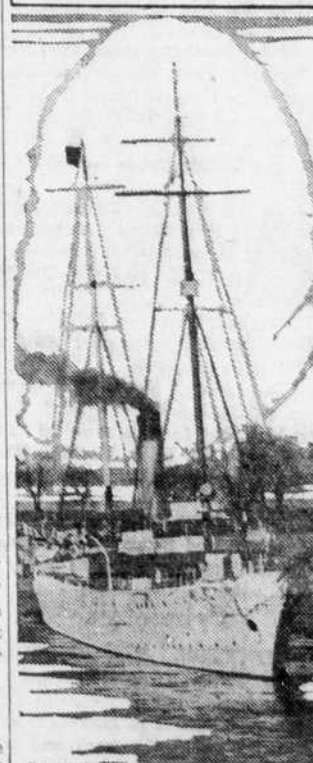
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