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## Man His Deputy Sheriff With Axe

John O. Ellington In Hospital and Perdo Lucas Is In Jail

Deputy Sheriff John O. Ellington is in the Johnston County Hospital and Perdo Lucas, of near Roseboro, Sampson county, is in the Johnston county jail as the result of an encounter which took place Saturday morning near the Frost place near this city.

Early Saturday morning, James W. Bell, a colored man living near the Frost place, had his suspicions aroused concerning strangers who had parked nearby with two bales of cotton on a Ford truck. He reported his suspicions, and Deputy Sheriff Ellington accompanied by Bernice Jones went to the scene to make investigations. Upon arrival, the officer announced his purpose, and Lucas proceeded to run. Lucas picked up an axe, and when pursued by the officers, threw it at them. The axe failed to hit Mr. Ellington on the head but went over his head, striking him on the hip. The force of the blow caused temporary paralysis, and he was unable to walk. He was taken to the Johnston County Hospital, where he is now improving and expects to be out in a few days.

When Lucas threw the axe, Bernice Jones and a colored man, who was also along, made for him and arrested him. He was brought to Smithfield and placed in jail.

The cotton which Lucas had on the truck is thought to belong to F. A. Smith of Sampson county.

## Cotton Farmers Must Cut Costs

President Georgia State Agricultural Colleges Urges Maximum Yield From Acreage Planted

NEW YORK, Mar. 26.—Dr. Andrew M. Soule, President of the Georgia State College of Agriculture, sees 1927 as a crucial year for cotton growers of the southeastern states. In spite of the unusually heavy production of last season and the large carry-over surplus, he observes that "the intention to plant cotton does not seem to have been greatly minimized."

With a repetition of last year's situation in prospect, Dr. Soule points out that it becomes imperative for southeastern cotton farmers to use the best agricultural methods if they are to raise cotton at a profit. They must cut down the cost of each pound of lint by getting the maximum yield from the acreage planted to cotton. "Approximately a bale to the acre" is the goal he sets.

The cotton situation as it applies to state east of the Mississippi was analyzed recently by the head of the Georgia Agricultural College in a radio talk over Station WSB, Atlanta. His recommendations to cotton farmers include:

Selection and planting of only those varieties of cotton which will staple an inch or better.

**COMMUNITY PRODUCTION.**

"Whenever five to ten thousand or more bales of cotton of uniform type and strain can be grown in a given locality, its reputation as a producing center will be quickly enhanced and certainly the output can be sold to much better advantage on that account," Dr. Soule said.

The use of only the best soils and exercise of the greatest care in their production.

Wise and efficient use of commercial plant food.

Dr. Soule has made a careful study of the results obtained by practical farmers in the "More and Better Cotton Per Acre Contest" held in Georgia last year. These show unmistakably that farmers who did not stint their land on plant food made the biggest net profit. In fact, as the expenditure for fertilizer per acre increased, the profits increased in almost direct ratio. Contestants were classified by Dr. Soule, according to rate of production and the results are shown in the following tabulated form:

Yield Lint Per Acre Pounds	Fer. Cost Per Acre	Net Prof. Per Acre
200-300	.....\$4.89	\$8.00
300-400	.....\$6.07	\$12.00
400-500	.....\$6.98	\$20.00
500-600	.....\$7.50	\$30.00
600-700	.....\$7.41	\$40.00
700-800	.....\$8.12	\$50.00
800 and more	.....\$8.12	\$70.00

The figures show, Dr. Soule comments, "that fertilizers bear a definite and fundamental relationship to the output of cotton."

Several hundred farmers entered the contest but only 83 completed their record books in an acceptable manner. Their work was under the closest surveillance.

"Forty-four of the contestants or approximately 50 per cent used inorganic nitrogen as a side-dressing," Dr. Soule commented in the course of his radio talk. "Forty two of those reporting used nitrate of soda for this purpose and two sulphate of ammonia. Eleven used stable manure in association with the high-grade fertilizers mentioned above. Practically all of the contestants agreed that the use of quickly available carriers of nitrogen as side-applications to cotton accounted in large measure for the heavy yield of quality-lint obtained. These findings are quite in harmony with the recommendations of our Southern Experiment Stations and research workers. It is gratifying, therefore, to find them so well substantiated by the practical farmer."

**Two Nuts.**

Speed Demon: Well, Kid, I hit 60 in the oil boiler last night.

His Weemin: Goodness, were any of them hurt badly?

## Electric Chairs Waits?



Above: Mrs. Ruth Snyder. Below: Henry Judd Gray, both confessed murderers, within 48 hours after body of former's husband was found with head crushed in the most brutal murder of the year in New York. Illicit love, whiskey and a \$25,000 life insurance is the sordid tale. Gray is married and father of child, 7. Mrs. Snyder has a daughter, 9. A woman has not been electrocuted in New York for years.

## Johnstonian Hurt On Western Ranch

Walter Moore Noble Receives Cut Over Eye While Roping Wild Steer

Dr. R. J. Noble, of Selma, has received a letter from his son, Mr. Walter Moore Noble, who lives in California, in which he tells of an injury he received in an accident while trying to rope a wild steer recently. An account of the accident was published in the Brandywine (Calif.) News, and Mr. Noble wrote to assure his father that he was not seriously hurt. He writes in part as follows:

"I was not seriously hurt. It was nothing but a cut over my right eye. We had a wild steer that had lost one eye and we wanted to separate him from the herd. We got him out of the herd and I went after him to rope him. When he saw me coming he jumped a fence and then three more fences and did not stop until he was a mile and a half away. I was right after him, and in a wet field at that. While I got near him he started off again. I ran up and threw the rope. Just as I threw the rope my horse stumbled but got on her fetes and the steer made a lunge at her. When the horse stumbled one of her front shoes came loose and when the steer came at her the shoe threw her. By the time she got on her four feet the steer was nearly on us, so I went off on the opposite side, stuck my feet in the mud and fell flat on my back. The steer hooked the horse on the left front leg and raised her clear of the ground, and her front hoof, the one she had lost the shoe from, hit me over the right eye. When the horse got on all four feet she doubled up like a jack knife and let the steer have both hind fetes, and he left."

"The other fellow that was with me came up and took my rope and caught the steer and tied him to a tree. Then we went to the house and everyone was very much excited except myself. It was nearly dinner time and they wanted me to miss my dinner and go in town and have it sewed up. Dorothy was almost ready to divorce me when I wanted to cut first. She said I always thought of my stomach first. It was quite a cut but has not bothered me a bit."

## ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC TO BE HELD AT WILSON

The orthopaedic clinic held each month in the offices of the county health department in the courthouse and sponsored by the Lion's club of Wilson will meet again on Friday of next week, April 1.

## Bad Train Wreck Recalls Fight Below Four Oaks

Derailed of Twenty Freight Cars Blocks Traffic For 15 Hours; Another Slight Wreck Yesterday

One of the worst freight train wrecks ever to occur in this section took place Sunday morning about three o'clock when twenty cars of a ninety-two car north-bound train were derailed on the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line about three miles below Four Oaks. No one was injured in the wreck, but both tracks were torn up for a considerable distance, and wreckage lined the tracks, blocking traffic for something like fifteen hours. It was 5:30 Sunday afternoon before trains were able to pass this way. Passenger trains detoured by way of Wilmington. Two wrecking crews worked continuously all day to clear the wreckage.

The derailed cars were loaded with crossties, lumber and meats. One car of meat was said to have been turned upside down, but the meat was intact. Many of the cars were smashed beyond repair. A broken wheel is said to have caused the derailment.

Quite a number in this section visited the wreck during Sunday. Yesterday morning another slight wreck took place within several hundred yards of the scene of Sunday's wreck. One car of a freight train was derailed. It took only a short time, however, to get the car back on the track, and little delay was caused in the schedule of the trains.

## SELMA TIES LOCALS IN OPENING GAME FRIDAY

Selma tied the locals in the first game of the season Friday afternoon on the local diamond. The locals gained a lead in the first inning and kept it until the eighth when Selma overcame a one-point lead and forged ahead. Smithfield scored two in its half of the eighth, putting the score 8 to 7 in Smithfield's favor. Selma scored in the ninth and put the score at an 8 to 8 deadlock.

The features were the hitting of Stephenson and Uzzle, each getting three. The latter got a triple and two doubles out of three trips at the bat. R. Parrish stretched a two-bagger into a home run due to errors.

Morgan pitched good ball until the eighth. Uzzle relieved him in the ninth. Woodard suffered a hurt finger. This may keep him out of the game for the rest of the season.

Score by innings:  
Selma ..... 0 0 2 0 3 0 2 1  
Smithfield ..... 2 0 3 0 1 0 2 0

**His Opinion.**

Landlady: How do you like your room as a whole?"  
Lodger: "As a hole it's all right but as a room it's rotten!"

**Let's Go.**

Joan: "A kiss speaks volumes, they say."  
Jack: "Don't you think it would be fun to start a library?"

**How Smart Are You?**

**Test 'O Ten**

**What Is Your Average?**

What was your average last week in The Herald's Test-'O-Ten contest? Can you better it this week with this new set of ten interesting questions? This information testing is fast becoming the liveliest and most popular of pastimes in Smithfield. It's in the air, and anybody who isn't following this feature is missing out on a lot of good fun. Start now, and enjoy the thrill of matching your knowledge against the knowledge of others.

**TEST 'O TEN QUESTIONS**

1. How many oceans are there? What are they?
2. Who was the first woman to swim the English Channel?
3. Who said, "To the victors belong the spoils?"
4. What is the Latin phrase for "Whither Goest Thou?"
5. Who is the president of the United States Steel Corporation? Who is Chairman?
6. Who wrote "So Big?" In

## Discoverers of Nevada's New Gold Field

Adventure and Discovery

Upper: Frank Horton, Jr. (center) and Leonard Traynor (right), the two Nevada youths who discovered Nevada's newest gold field, now named Weepah, their mine assaying \$78,000 to the ton. In the upper picture with the boys is Frank Horton, Sr., an old-time around boys' mine as thirteen sacks of gold, valued at \$13,000, were being brought out.

## M. E. Pastor Talks On Ways Of Death

Rev. D. E. Earnhardt Discusses Capital Punishment, Suicide, and Death By the Hand of God

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy," could not be said in connection with capital punishment, declared Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the Methodist church here, in a sermon delivered Sunday evening upon the subject: "Death by order of the state, by suicide, and by the hand of God." From twenty-one crimes punishable by death in Old Testament times, the number has now been reduced to four in North Carolina. The minister takes this as a sign that the world is approaching the Christian ideal. He showed from Old Testament Scripture that capital punishment was sanctioned before Christ gave to the world a new rule of living—the New Testament ideal is in keeping with the beatitude regarding mercy. The old law required an eye for an eye, but the new commandment is to love our enemies.

After making it clear that capital punishment is not in accord with the Christian ideal, Mr. Earnhardt was equally positive in his idea about suicide. He cited instances of suicide in the Scriptures, showing that in each case of the deliberate taking of one's own life, the persons had not lived good lives. "A Christian," he said, "will not commit suicide unless deterred."

"What kind of death, then, do we want?" asked the preacher, and answered it in a single sentence—the death of a Christian who comes to the end of his days having lived an unselfish life.

A large congregation was present to hear the sermon, the topic of which had been announced previously.

## NO JUNIOR MEETING TO BE HELD TONIGHT

On account of the Oxford Organizing singing class at the local school auditorium tonight, there will be no regular meeting of Smithfield Council, Jr. O. U. A. M. Members will please take notice and be present the following Thursday night when several candidates will be initiated.

**Ain't It the Truth?**

Naturalist: Something should be done to conserve our wild life.  
Notam: I think the colleges have had too much attention already.

## Poultry Expert At Next Meeting

C. F. Parrish, of State College, To Discuss Feeding and Care of Baby Chicks; Other Phases of Home Demonstration Work



By MINNIE LEE GARRISON (County Home Agent)

The meeting of the Johnston County Poultry Association next Friday will be featured by a talk by C. F. Parrish, assistant in Poultry Extension, State College, Raleigh. Mr. Parrish will discuss the feeding, care, and management of baby chicks. He will also have something to say concerning the building of proper chicken houses, and the management of a farm flock in general.

The association meets Friday at noon with Mrs. D. J. Wellons near Holt Lake. Those attending are asked to carry lunch and the business meeting will be held immediately after lunch. The members are requested to take their egg records for the month, and those who were not present at the last meeting may take their February records.

The poultry work is a very promising feature of the county home demonstration work at present, but is by no means all in which there is interest. Other phases of club work are making a splendid showing, and the county agent appreciates the cooperation that makes the work go forward.

## Legislative Act Amends Charter

Two measures touching Smithfield particularly were introduced in the recent legislature, one of them being tabled and the other becoming effective. The measure which met defeat was the bill intended to increase the incorporate limits of the town. The bill amending the charter of the town of Smithfield in regard to discounting and penalizing taxes according to when they are paid, had smooth sailing and is now in full force.

The provisions of this act are as follows:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"That Section 28 of the Charter of said town as contained in Chapter 219 of the Private Laws of North Carolina Session 1911 be amended as follows, provided, however, that the Board of Commissioners of the town of Smithfield shall have the right to give discount of one per cent on all taxes paid on or before December 1st, of each and every year, and a discount of two per cent on all taxes paid on or before November 1st; provided further, that said Board of Commissioners shall have the right to pass an ordinance imposing a penalty of two per cent on all taxes not paid on or before February 1st, and a penalty of four per cent on all taxes not paid on or before March 1st, and a penalty of five per cent on all taxes not paid on or before April 1st, and a penalty of six per cent on all taxes not paid on or before May 1st.

"This amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

## THIRTEEN JOIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The revival which has been in progress at the Freewill Baptist church for the past two weeks closed Sunday night after a successful meeting. Eight were added to the membership by baptism and five by letter. The baptismal service was held at Neuse river Sunday afternoon.

The meeting has been characterized by splendid sermons and good attendance. The pastor, Rev. H. R. Faircloth, was assisted by Rev. S. H. Styrone, of Pine Level, who did the preaching. The singing was led by Mr. C. J. Thomas, and special music was rendered by the choir at each service.

## AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Mc—

"Dry summer is followed by wet congressmen."

## BISHOP'S CRUSADE NOW IN PROGRESS

Special Music To Be Rendered By Raleigh Choir One Night This Week.

Rev. Wm. A. Lillycrop, of Hamlet, who is assisting the rector, Rev. Sidney Matthew, in a Bishop's Crusade at the Episcopal church here, arrived in the city yesterday and preached his first sermon last night. Plans have been perfected for instructive and enjoyable services, which will be held every night at 7:30.

The choir from St. Saviour's church, Raleigh, will be present one night this week to give special music. Definite announcement in regard to this will be made at an early date.

The public is cordially invited to all services.

## FIRE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT

Sunday evening just before time for church services the fire sire sounded the alarm and the fire department was called into service. It was soon found that a small blaze was burning on top of the Presbyterian church near the stove flue. The fire had evidently started and it was extinguished with one dash of water from the hose.

The Christian Endeavor Society was holding its regular Sunday night service, and the young folks did not know about the fire until others began to arrive on the scene. Church services were held as usual.

## Chicken and Oyster Supper, Kenly

The senior class of Kenly high school will serve a chicken and oyster supper in the vacant store next to Kirby's drug store Friday night. The town orchestra will furnish music during the evening. Meet your friends there. The proceeds will go for class expense.

## 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.

Trent Hunter recognized his name last issue.

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