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Defer Hearing On Municipal Project

Will Be Held In Smithfield Next Wednesday Afternoon at Three O'clock Before Judge W. C. Harris.

Quite a delegation from this city went to Kenansville Wednesday to be present at the hearing before Judge W. C. Harris, who is holding court there this week, of the restraining order case in regard to the erection of a municipal building and moving picture house.

Judge Harris was in the midst of a long case, and when it was indicated by the counsel for the city that it might take an hour or more to present the contentions in the matter, he refused to go into the case at that time. He set, however, next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, in the Johnston county courthouse, as the time and place for giving due consideration to the case.

The hearing was scheduled for last Monday, April 14, but by consent of all the counsel, the day was deferred to Wednesday, which time was again changed by the judge.

Those lawyers appearing for the city are Abell & Shepard and Wellons & Wellons. The lawyer for the opposition is L. G. Stevens.

Among those who went to Kenansville Wednesday were: E. S. Abell, N. C. Shepard, J. A. Wellons, J. D. Underwood, G. E. Thornton, W. M. Gaskin, L. G. Stevens, Carlton Stephenson, J. E. Gregory, Jesse Coats, W. L. Fuller, W. F. Grimes, K. L. Rose, J. A. Narron, R. C. Gillett, R. P. Hilding and Dixon Wallace.

INTEREST IN METHODIST REVIVAL INCREASES

The revival which began at the Methodist church Sunday is characterized by large crowds, good singing, and good sermons. The pastor, Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, is doing the preaching and the sermons Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights dealt with the home. Last night the first of a group of sermons on the community, was preached.

The singing is being directed by Ira W. Medlin, two pianos, and the pipe organ adding volume to the music.

The revival program for the coming week will have as a general theme: "Saving the Individual."

Sunday morning: "Our Greatest Problem and its Solution."

Sunday night: "Hope."

Monday night: "Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart."

Tuesday night: "Writing With the Point of a Diamond."

Wednesday: "A Drink That Satisfies."

Thursday night: "How to Get Religion."

Friday night: "Repent and Be Baptized."

The hour for the evening service has been changed from 7:30 to 7:45.

To Attend Dental Meeting.

Dr. J. W. Whitehead will leave Monday for Greensboro where he will attend a state meeting of the Dental Association. He expects to be out of town Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Without a doubt, the bob is passing. A nifty one just passed our window.

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. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Donnie Ward recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer:
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Champion At Three Intelligence



Shirley McNeal, 3, of Hershey Ave., recites Lincoln's Gettysburg address, sings popular songs, knows the alphabet, adds, subtracts and does many other unusual intelligence feats. The former known record for Lincoln's address was by a child of five.

Clayton Loses A Good Citizen

C. M. Thomas Passes Away After Lingering Illness; Funeral Held Wednesday Afternoon.

The funeral of Charles M. Thomas, who died at his home in Clayton Tuesday after a lingering illness, was held Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock in the Clayton Baptist church, a large crowd being present to pay a last tribute of respect to one of Clayton's most useful citizens. Dr. Ira E. D. Andrews, pastor of the deceased, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Marvin Self, pastor of the Methodist church.

Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery, and a profusion of lovely flowers covered the mound. The active pallbearers were E. B. Crow, of Raleigh, J. D. Wall, Ross Duncan, B. F. Hassell, John T. Talton, C. W. Carter, Dr. W. J. Payne, and Dr. B. A. Hocutt.

Honorary pallbearers were C. L. Barnes, W. P. Creech, R. H. Gower, G. T. Smith, D. H. Williams, Q. B. Hocutt, S. E. Barbour, J. D. Smith, D. L. Barbour, H. A. Allen, C. W. Horne, J. M. Turley, J. R. Williams, H. B. Poole, J. W. Massey, D. J. Thurston, C. P. Allen, E. B. McCullers, W. A. Barnes and C. W. Pender.

Mr. Thomas who was in his 68th year, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Shoe Thomas, to whom he was married in 1897, his two daughters, Miss Eugenia Thomas, of Greenville; Miss Lella Shore Thomas, now in school at Greensboro; his two sons, J. Lea Thomas, of Greensboro, and Moran Thomas Jr., of Clayton, his brother, Walter L. Thomas, of Milton, and two sisters, Mrs. W. S. Dixon, of Mebane, and Mrs. M. H. Moore, of Weaverville.

Mr. Thomas was closely associated with the business and social life of Clayton and held many places of honor and trust. He has served as cashier and director of the banking company, director of Clayton Telephone Company, member of school board, deacon of the Baptist church, alderman and mayor of the town.

When the Clayton Banking Company was organized in 1899 Mr. Thomas was elected cashier, and he continued to hold the place until January, 1918. Under his management the bank made much progress.

Mr. Thomas was a man who read a great deal, and a man of unusual information and good judgment. He was one of the best posted and most practical farmers in the entire section, and his advice on agricultural matters was sought by many.

Benson Missionary Society.

Benson, April 7.—The Woman's Missionary Society met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. F. L. Perkins, Mrs. W. M. Smith being a joint hostess. Mrs. T. Lucas and Mrs. W. T. Martin were in charge of the program. The hostess served assorted sandwiches and hot tea.

Revival Closes Selma Church

Rev. D. M. Sharpe Conducts Meeting At Methodist Church; Fourteen Are Added To Membership.

SELMA, April 7.—Rev. D. M. Sharpe close a very successful revival in Edgerton Memorial Methodist church Sunday evening, April 3. Mr. D. L. Maness, of Concord, evangelistic singer and a former Methodist orphanage boy, had charge of the music which was a feature of the meeting. Rev. Mr. Sharpe used no sensational methods in his services, but preached the fundamental truths of the gospel and then made earnest appeals. Fourteen were received into the church and the membership and community seemed to get a broader vision of life and service. During this meeting a business men's prayer service was held each morning at 9:30 in some office or store. At three o'clock p. m. cottage prayer meetings were held in four sections of town by the ladies and at 12:30 Rev. Mr. Sharpe conducted a short service at the Selma Cotton Mill, with an average attendance of 150.

Lovely flowers were kept in the church during the meeting by members and interested friends of the church. A fine spirit of cooperation was manifested by other churches.

A group of Selma young people with Miss Ruth Phillips as chaperone gave a weiner roast at Holt Lake Tuesday evening complimentary to Misses Mary Evelyn Parker and Eunice Temple, who are at home from N. C. W., for the spring holidays. A fire was built about sunset and the young folks gathered around to roast weiners, toast marshmallows and enjoy the sandwiches, iced drinks and other good eats incident to such an occasion. Those going on the outing were: Misses Ruth Phillips, Mary Evelyn Parker, Eunice Temple, Rose Worley, Mabel Barnes, Georgiana Ashworth, Mabel Oliver, Mary Parker, Messrs. F. Wilson, Oscar Creech, Ralph Woodard, Norman Raiford, W. B. Oliver, Jr., and Gordon Ausley.

Elizabeth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wilson of this city, was brought home from Rex hospital in Raleigh Sunday, where she has been in a critical condition for three weeks. She has been in a state of coma the entire time, following an attack of measles. There is very little change in her condition except that she takes a little more nourishment now.

Mr. Van Talton is building an up to date brick and cement bungalow front porch to his home. After the work and painting are completed the home will be greatly improved.

The town commissioners have ordered an election to be held on Tuesday, May 3 for the election of a mayor and town commissioners for the ensuing two years. Mr. W. L. Martin was appointed registrar and Mr. M. B. Rains and Mr. J. L. Benton as judges of the election. The registration books will be at Mr. Martin's place of business for those to register who are not already on the book.

Messrs. W. L. Martin, Isaac Martin, Jake Martin and Leland Gurley went to Florence, S. C., Sunday.

Mrs. Garland Edgerton is still on the sick list. Her friends trust that she will soon be well again. The friends and relatives of Mrs. Lester Aycock will regret to learn that her condition is very unfavorable. She is now at the Johnston county hospital.

Prof. M. P. Young and all the students of the high school made a trip to Kinston Tuesday in connection with certain study and investigations now before the high school students.

Mr. John W. Massey, of Clayton, was a visitor in town Sunday. "Cupid Up To Date" was presented at the school auditorium on Tuesday night to an audience of three hundred. Everybody seemed to be pleased with the show, and many of those who went were of the opinion that there were going to be some real saucy characters in the show. The fact is the girls were more modestly dressed in this show than they are when they walk the streets. The characters were comical only. The young lady, Miss Alexander, who came here from Atlanta to coach this play, is an artist in her line, and she is Cupid Up To Date, to perfection.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday, April 11, at 8:30 p. m. with Miss Ruth Jones. All members and those interested in the auxiliary are requested to be present.

Royal Ambassadors To Meet.

The Junior Royal Ambassadors of the Baptist church will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The leader asks that every member be present.

Singing School Comes To Close

Seven Classes Take Part In The Day's Program; Large Crowd Attends.

PRINCETON, April 7.—The closing exercises of the singing school which has been conducted here by Mr. C. B. Thomas were held in the school auditorium, commencing Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and concluded at 4:30 p. m. with an intermission for dinner. There were seven singing classes taking part in the day's program, viz: Tees Chapel, led by Mr. Gardner Alford; Johnson Union, by Mr. R. E. Thoams; Branch Chapel, by Mr. Monroe Phillips; Phillips' Home Choir, by Mr. N. G. Phillips; Rains Cross Roads, by Mr. Bud Williams; Princeton, Senior and Junior, by Mr. C. B. Thomas. Rev. W. M. Ferrell, pastor of the Freewill Baptist church, gave the big audience a 15-minute talk at the afternoon service. Mr. W. G. Boykin was master of ceremonies and announced each choir as it was its turn to sing. All the singing was good and it is a well known fact that it takes a lot of practice to prepare them for such an occasion as this. There were seven hundred fifty persons in the auditorium at one time at the afternoon service, while some were coming in and others going out all the time. Announcement was made that an effort would be made to have this assembly of all the neighboring singing schools about this time next year, Providence permitting. Everybody is given a hearty invitation to attend any or all the services at the church on Sunday.

Mr. Sidney Fall's sawmill came near being burned one night last week. It is supposed that the shavings around the planing machine caught fire from a hot bearing and about 12 o'clock at night fishermen passing by saw the fire and, although the mill was saved, all the belts and planing machine were ruined.

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New County Road Board Organizes

Approves Previous Action of County Commissioners To Re-lend \$500,000 To State Highway Commission For Road Across County.

Among the first acts of Johnston county's new road commission which held its initial session here Monday and Tuesday, was to approve the action taken previously by the board of county commissioners to re-lend to the State Highway Commission \$500,000 for the construction of the Clinton-Henderson highway passing through Johnston county. A contract was entered into between the county board and the State Highway Commission providing for repayment of the loan out of Johnston county's future allocations from the state. A restraining order is now holding the matter up until April 18, at which time there will be a hearing.

The new county road commission composed of W. N. Holt, of Smithfield; C. P. Harper, of Selma; L. Gilbert, of Benson; Swade Barbour, of Clayton, and Dr. J. C. Grady, of Kenly, was sworn in Monday morning by H. V. Rose, clerk of the court, and the board proceeded to organize. W. N. Holt was made chairman, Dr. J. C. Grady, vice-chairman; C. P. Harper, secretary. No attorney was elected by the board, it not being necessary to employ a special attorney, but the county attorney, Paul D. Grady, will be consulted as need arises.

The selection of district supervisors was disposed of the following men having been chosen: District number one composed of Smithfield, Ingrams and Bentonville townships, C. H. Johnson; District number two composed of Banner, Elevation, Meadow and Pleasant Grove townships, J. B. Smith; District number three composed of Clayton, Cleveland and Wilson's Mills townships, O. G. Smith; District number four composed of Selma, Micro, Wilders and Pine Level townships, O. A. McMillan; District number five composed of Beulah, Boon Hill and O'Neals townships, Will Rackley.

The majority of these men have been employed on road work in the county, and they will receive a salary of \$125 per month, the same compensation as heretofore, their duties being to have charge of the maintenance of roads in their district. They will work in cooperation with the commissioner from their district.

The election of a county engineer or supervisor, who will have oversight of the entire county road program, was deferred until the next meeting of the board which will be on Monday, April 25. Several applications were presented at the meeting this week, but the board is taking plenty of time in the selection of the man who will have the most responsible job of the road building program.

The supervisors were present at the session Tuesday, and gave an inventory of all road equipment in the county. This was desired in order that the road machinery may be distributed in the various districts.

The new board had barely got organized before delegations began to make their appearance. A delegation from Goldsboro was before the board asking that Johnston county join with the governing bodies of Wayne and Harnett counties in petitioning the State Highway Commission to take over as a State Highway the road from Goldsboro via Newton Grove to Dunn a part of which passes through Johnston county. The Johnston board turned the proposition down.

Another delegation, a group from Clinton, presented the proposition that Johnston county ask the State Highway Commission to take over, construct and maintain a road from Smithfield to the Sampson county line through Bentonville. This proposition, too, was voted down because of the previous action taken by the Johnston county commissioners in regard to the Henderson-Clinton highway, which if it goes into ef-

T. E. Talton New Traffic Officer

County Commissioners Appoint Taxlisters and Assessors For 1927 Re-valuation; No Action Yet On Carnivals.

The two day session of the county board of commissioners held here this week was featured by the appointment of tax listers for the various townships, the appointment of tax assessors for the township, and the selection of T. E. Talton, as traffic officer as recommended by the Grand Jury of the last Superior court.

The taxlist takers who will receive \$3.00 per day compensation are as follows:

Smithfield, W. D. Avera; Wilson's Mills, J. W. Tomlinson; Bentonville, W. H. Upchurch; Selma, R. H. Siler; Pine Level, Alex. Wiggins; Beulah, Albert Hooks; Micro, J. R. Atkinson; Wilders, R. A. Nowell; Pleasant Grove, Claude Stephenson; Ingrams, N. H. Barbour; Elevation, W. L. Massengill; Boon Hill, C. H. Holt; Cleveland, J. E. Jones; Clayton, O. N. Gullett; Oneals, J. William Oneal; Meadow, T. L. Hudson; Banner, C. R. Weeks.

The following were appointed as township assessors for the revaluation of 1927, who will also receive \$3.00 per day and expenses:

Smithfield, John A. Johnson and J. W. Stephenson; Banner, L. P. Denning and Preston Woodall; Meadow, J. Primo Johnson and D. J. Wood; Selma, W. W. Hare and W. B. Roberts; Clayton, C. P. Ellis and D. J. Yelvington; Wilders, J. T. Barnes and Robert Barbour; Oneals, P. B. Chamblee and Harvey Parker; Wilson's Mills, Clyde Youngblood and J. N. Lassiter; Micro, M. Hinnant and J. A. Peele; Beulah, W. G. Rose and W. J. Massey; Bentonville, Seth Lassiter and LaFayette Langston; Elevation, A. C. Johnson and Emmett Jones; Ingrams, John W. Sanders and Joe Ward; Cleveland, F. M. Weeks and John Myatt; Pleasant Grove, Willie Lee and E. A. Holland. These assessors will meet the county board of commissioners on April 20, to get instruction concerning the assessing of real and personal property.

Among the tax adjustments made by the board this week were these:

Ordered that Miss Rebecca Poole be refunded for \$17.76, 1926 tax paid twice.

Ordered that Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale be paid tax on \$4000 on account of error 1926.

Ordered that Solomon E. Creech be released of \$375 tax valuation in Selma township listed there by error.

The board during Friday's session filled the vacancy in the constabulary of Boon Hill township occasioned by the death of Floyd J. Langley, Chas. E. Edwards was appointed as his successor.

An order was also passed authorizing the Board of Education to borrow \$30,000 in order to finish paying for the six months school term.

H. A. Watson, present auditor, was appointed as county accountant.

The matter of not allowing carnivals in the county which was presented by a delegation from Clayton, Wilson's Mills, Kenly and Smithfield, was not disposed of at this week's session, but will come up for later consideration.

CHOIR PRACTICE TONIGHT

A choir practice for the Easter music at the Baptist church will be held tonight at 7:30 promptly at the home of Mrs. M. A. Wallace. Everyone interested in the music is asked to attend this choir practice.

fact, will take care of this road as well as one extending to the Wake line.

Before the commission adjourned, a motion was carried authorizing the employment of A. M. Pullen and company, public accountants, to audit the reports of the various road boards in the county as they are presented to the new commission, and to set up a complete system of bookkeeping.

Miss Smithfield



Miss Ruby Woodall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Woodall of the Sanders Chapel section, is Smithfield's queen at the East Carolina Exposition at Rocky Mount this week. She holds a position in this city with the Farmers Bank and Trust company. Miss Woodall attended the exposition Monday when all the queens were first presented, and returned to Rocky Mount yesterday when they were presented again. Tonight the contest will end and the coronation ceremony will take place.

Train Kills Man At Station Here

Leslie Davis of Kinston Driving a Truck Is Hit By Train No. 80; Dies An Hour Later.

A tragic accident took place at the station here Wednesday afternoon at 1:40 o'clock, when Train No. 80 hit a bottling truck, driven by Leslie Edgar Davis, of Kinston, injuring Mr. Davis so severely that he died about an hour later.

A negro, Joseph Smith, was on the truck when Mr. Davis started to drive on the A. C. L. track at the crossing south of the station, but seeing the train, he jumped and escaped any injury. Mr. Davis failed to see the train.

Dr. Orr was called to the scene, and the injured man was taken to the Johnston County Hospital where at 2:45 o'clock he passed away. An undertaker from Kinston took the body to Kinston Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Davis, who was 30 years old, was married. Relatives from Kinston came to Smithfield as soon as the sad affair was known.

INDIAN-BOY UNDER CARE OF WELFARE OFFICER

Leslie Sanderson, a twelve-year-old Cherokee Indian boy of Robeson county, is spending several days under the care of Mrs. D. J. Thurston, county welfare officer, until his father instructs what to do with him. The little fellow, who speaks broken English, left his grandfather's home near Lumberton, a few days ago and was on his way to find his father, who, he says, is in Newport News, Va. He walked and got rides as far as Four Oaks, where some one took enough interest in him to bring him to the welfare officer. His father has been communicated with, who no doubt will send for him in a short time. The boy's father is a white man, but his mother is a full-blood Indian. The little boy had been given to his paternal grandfather. He did not leave home because of any ill treatment, but because he just wanted to go to his father. He wears good clothes and says he attends an Indian school.

Baptist Church.

Sunday school 9:30. The pastor will preach an important sermon to the church at 11, and asks for a full attendance of the members. Evangelistic service 7:30. Inter-mediate B. Y. P. U. 8:45.

Cotton Meeting To Be Held Here

Cotton Specialists Will Make Speeches; Demonstration In Cotton At Warehouse.

Wednesday, April 13, will be a big day for Johnston county farmers at Smithfield, according to an announcement being sent out this week by Messrs. J. W. Stephenson and J. P. Parker, prominent Johnston county farmers. All cotton growers of Johnston county are invited to attend a meeting which will be held in the courthouse at 2:30 in the afternoon, to take part in the discussion of three subjects which are of much importance to the cotton growers who hope to make any money from their cotton crop. The discussions will be led by Dr. R. Y. Winters, Director of North Carolina Experiment Stations, and Dr. B. W. Kilgore, President of the American Cotton Growers Exchange and of the N. C. Cotton Growers Association, and Earl Betts, government licensed cotton grader.

Dr. Winters will show the farmers the value in dollars and cents of growing the better types of cotton.

Dr. Kilgore, who is well known in Johnston county will discuss "The Farmers' Largest Problem and National Legislation." Efficient marketing is recognized as the cotton growers' biggest problem and Dr. Kilgore is well qualified to discuss this subject. Farm Legislation has been one of the chief subjects in the public mind for months. Dr. Kilgore perhaps, has played a more prominent part in the fight for National Legislation to help cotton farmers than any other man in the South, and he is better qualified to discuss this subject than any other person.

Immediately following the meeting in the courthouse the farmers will go to the Farmers' Cotton warehouse where a demonstration will be given by Mr. Betts, of how cotton is sampled and graded by government licensed graders. The farmers will have an opportunity to see for themselves the difference between grades and staples.

BURLARS ENTER FOUR OAKS STORE

FOUR OAKS, April 7.—During the early morning hours today Mr. W. R. Keen's store was entered and several articles of clothing were taken from it. The entrance was made through a transom over the back door. It was thought a ladder was placed up to the transom and entrance was made by breaking the glass.

Several pairs of shoes, some clothing and neckties were taken by the robber or robbers. The exit was made through the back door, which was left unlocked. No direct clue has been found to identify the thieves. However, they were tracked from the back door down a back alley. Here it seems they made their getaway on a car.

A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kindness shown during the long illness and death of my husband. I also want to thank the American Legion for their services rendered. May God bless every one.

MRS. W. L. BARDEN.

A woman's mission on earth is to convince some man that he ought to get married.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me—

"Up nawth dey turns clamity howlin' ova ter de deaf and dum."

