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SMITHFIELD NEEDS:
A Modern Hotel.
Chamber of Commerce.

JOHNSTON COUNTY NEEDS:
Equal Opportunity for Every School Child.
Better Marketing System.
More Food and Feed Crops.

R. F. D. Carriers' Head



Carl H. Howard, of St. Paul, N. C., President of the National R. F. D. Carriers' Association, has been driving Route No. 3 in Robeson County for 24 years and has never been "reported" to the Department. There are 33,000 members in his association which meets his year at Oklahoma City in August.

Highway Meeting Held At Selma

Henderson-Clinton Highway Association Pass Resolutions In Interest of Road Between The Two Cities

The Henderson-Clinton Highway Association met in Selma Friday night, representing the counties of Sampson, Johnston, Wake and Franklin. The meeting was held in the interest of a good road connecting Henderson and Clinton which would pass through the counties named above, and after a number of optimistic talks by various members of the association, the following resolutions were adopted and ordered sent to the State Highway Commission and to members of the road governing bodies of the several counties involved:

"Whereas, the State Highway Commission at a recent meeting passed a resolution agreeing to take over for construction and maintenance as part of the State system of the highways a road across the counties of Wake, Johnston and Sampson from Route 90 at Sampson toward Newton Grove and Clinton, or some point on Route 60, subject to the outcome of the injunction proceedings now pending; and,

"Whereas, it is desirable that the Highway Commission shall keep in mind and have before them the original and present purpose of this organization of building a through road leading from Henderson to Clinton;

"Therefore, the Highway Commission is memorialized to so lay out and construct the road across the counties of Wake, Johnston and Sampson as to fit into and connect with a road to be later constructed across Wake, Franklin and Vance counties leading north from and by Zebulon, Bunn, Louisburg and on to Henderson."

Dr. A. H. Fleming, of Louisburg, president of the association, presided over the meeting and M. S. Davis, also of Louisburg, acted as secretary.

Among those who made talks were L. L. Massey, of Zebulon; Dr. Fleming, of Louisburg; T. C. Young, J. A. Wellons and F. H. Brooks, of this city. The meeting was held in the Kiwanis hall.

WILLIS STEVENS WINS ORATORICAL CONTEST

Willis Stevens is winning fame for himself and for the Smithfield school as a public speaker. His latest achievement in this line is that he was the winner in the district oratorical contest held in Raleigh Thursday night. This contest is a part of a national contest. Each student wrote and delivered an address on some phase of the United States Constitution. Mr. Stevens' subject was "John Marshall, the Vitalizer of the Constitution." He now enters the state contest at Winston-Salem.

Mr. Stevens, a few months ago, represented the school here in a declamation contest at Duke University, winning out in the preliminaries, but meeting defeat in the finals. He was adjudged the best actor in the dramatic contest here participated in by Smithfield, Fayetteville, and New Bern. He has received his training under Mrs. Alfred R. Wilson, teacher of expression in this school. His is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Stevens.

RENEW your subscription

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.

Leon Stevens, jr., recognized his name last issue.
Today's Tantalizer:
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Co. Club Women To Boost Cotton

May 16th The Day Set For Exhibits of Cotton Dresses and For Cotton Social. Attractive Prizes

Johnston county joins the counties and towns that have put on programs boosting the consumption of cotton goods. Clayton has already had a successful double reception, one for young folks and one for older ones, at which cotton garments and household articles were featured, and now the County Council of Home Demonstration work cooperating with clubs of Smithfield, is planning a similar event. Plans got underway at the meeting of the county council held in the courthouse here Saturday afternoon.

After listening to Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the Methodist church, discuss the "back to cotton" movement for a brief time, a committee was appointed to work out the details of the occasion. This committee is as follows: Mrs. O. L. Boyett, of the Carter-Massey club; Miss Nellie Hill and Mrs. H. P. Creech, of the Pomona-Creech club; Mrs. A. J. Whitley, Jr., of the Pisgah club; Miss Matilda Johnson, of the Meadow club; and Mrs. R. C. Gillett, Mrs. H. L. Skinner and Miss Ruth Jones, of Smithfield. This committee will meet next Saturday.

The date for the cotton affair was set at the council meeting Saturday, Friday, May 6, having been selected. Tentative plans provide for exhibits in the afternoon followed by a social evening. Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home demonstration agent, who is lending every possible aid to the movement, has already secured about a dozen prizes from various manufacturers in and out of the county and local merchants, and a good many more prizes are expected to be announced soon. Those who have already offered prizes include three from Geo. F. Brietz, of Selma cotton mills; one from Cannon Manufacturing company, of Kannapolis, the biggest towel mill in the world; from the Durham hosiery mill, from a Burlington hosiery mill, from the Remington-Robe company, from Hudson-Beik, Huntley's, American Dollar Store, and Charles Davis. Any local firms wishing to help this movement by giving prizes should communicate with Miss Garrison.

The meeting of the county council Saturday afternoon was of a special significance, because for the first time the newly-equipped room was used. Recently the county commissioners appropriate a small amount for fitting up a demonstration room, and Saturday a new oil stove, kitchen cabinet, porcelain top tables, and other kitchen conveniences were in place. The room has been treated to a new coat of paint and the ladies have an ideal place for holding their demonstration meetings. On display Saturday were a number of rag rugs and pine needle articles. The program was characterized by reports from the different clubs, by several songs including the Johnston county garden song, and by serving light refreshments.

REV. A. M. MITCHELL GOES TO GEORGIA
SELMA, April 18.—Rev. A. M. Mitchell left Selma early Thursday morning to enter a new field of work in Camilla, Ga. He made the trip on his car and expected to reach his destination Friday evening. Rev. Mr. Mitchell has labored faithfully in Selma for two years and will be sorely missed by his congregation as well as the town at large. A union service was recently held in the Selma Baptist church for him and a substantial purse presented by friends from the several denominations.

All Right, Ma!
"What's the delay?" asked mother, coming to the front door.
"Pa says one of his cylinders is missing."
"Well, you children get to work and hunt for it, or we'll never get off."—Watchman Examiner.

Sugar daddies could be useful, that is, if they would do a little spanking.

Thief Enters Sundry Shoppe Saturday Night

Some time between midnight and day Saturday night someone entered the Sundry Shoppe and took three or four dollars in change from the cash register. Nothing else has been missed from the store. Apparently the thief made his entrance through the transom over the back door.

Negro Child Is Killed By Train

Wanders From Home Near Railroad And Is Killed While Family Looks For It

Coroner J. H. Kirkman was called between Four Oaks and Benson yesterday morning about ten o'clock to hold an inquest over a child which had apparently been killed by a train. The three-year-old child, of Dollie Lee, colored, who lives near the railroad, was missed some time during the morning and according to reports members of the family were looking for it when it became known that the train had killed the child. There was evidence that the child was knocked about a hundred feet after the train hit it. One hand and a foot were cut off and a hole knocked in the back of its head. There was no need for a coroner's jury, the evidence being conclusive that the child met death by a train. It is not known what train struck the child.

C. E. YOUNGER IS NEW SCOUTMASTER AT SELMA
SELMA, April 18.—Scout Executive W. W. Rivers of Goldsboro was in the city Friday evening to assist and instruct the new scoutmaster, Mr. C. E. Younger, who was appointed leader to succeed Rev. A. M. Mitchell who was called to a new pastorate in South Georgia. An enthusiastic meeting was held and plans made for the Selma scouts to join other Johnston county scouts at Holt Lake next week end for a two-days' outing.

FOUR OAKS GIRLS LOSE TO VIRGINIA BASKETEERS

FOUR OAKS, April 18.—The girls' basketball team closed its season last Saturday afternoon when its members played the local team from Molok, Va., on the local court. From the outset much rivalry and competition were shown by both teams. Toward the end of the game the locals lost out and the Virginia team won, the score being 14-7. The visitors were accompanied here by Miss Garland Stoneham, their teacher, and two young men who drove the cars on which they made the trip through the country.

On Saturday evening the local team honored these visitors with a Japanese party at the teachers' parlor and reception rooms which were thrown en suite made a lovely setting for the occasion. After the arrival of the guests several mirth-provoking games and contests, suggestive of Japan, were greatly enjoyed. Later delicious refreshments were served by Misses Brietz, Hancock and Olive. Japanese fans were given as favors.

How Smart Are You?

"Test O' Ten" is the call of the hour—it's everybody's favorite game. This week the test is very general in nature, and the questions are those which everybody should know. Will your average be 100 per cent? If there are any questions which you cannot answer this is an opportunity to acquire new facts—if you know all of the answers, it is an opportunity to show your friends how smart you are. Either makes the game worthwhile.

1. What was the name of General Lee's horse?
2. Who is manager of the New York Giants?
3. Who is known as "Il Duce"?
4. May a man who is not a lawyer defend himself in court?
5. How many men make up a Grand Jury?
6. What is the shape of Italy?
7. Which city has the greatest population in the world?
8. What is the slang expression for an English shilling?
9. Who was the author of "Pilgrim's Progress"?
10. What is an aviary?

(Answers found on page 3)

Mississippi Flood Situation Serious

Break In Levee at McClelland Endangers the Lives of 250 Persons; Fears of Other Breaks Three Missionaries, Mr.

Memphis, Tenn., April 17.—Flood fighters held their own today against the rampaging Mississippi, but with another waterway—the White—smashing the barrier which protected the town of McClelland, Ark., a hundred thousand or more fertile acres in Woodruff county, Ar., were added to the inundated areas.

Battering its way through the earthen embankment, the racing White river flood tonight had marooned 250 fleeing flood victims on Peach Orchard bluff, two miles from McClelland, without food, water or shelter, with their rescue during the next 24 hours problematical because of the swift current which precludes reaching the water-encircled bluff by boat. Late today the flood was sweeping inland, backed by a current estimated at from 15 to 30 miles an hour.

Distress signals, wig-wagged to the nearest dry spot over a two mile stretch of water, told of the plight of the marooned band and appealed for rescue.

Meanwhile, reports from along the main waterway—the Mississippi—brought optimistic statements from the office of the United States engineers here, but with the heaviest pressure still to come and weather department warnings to prepare for approximately the highest stages of record along the central and lower reaches of the stream.

Predictions issued by the weather Bureau today forecast a stage of close to 46 feet at Memphis by April 23. The record stage, 46.6, was reached in 1913, when the peak of the most destructive flood in history swept through the central Mississippi Valley. Other predicted stages, based on water now in sight, included approximately 56 feet at Helena, Ark., by April 21 and at the mouth of the St. Francis, which empties into the Mississippi near Helena, 57.5 to 58. Cairo reported a stage of 56 feet today, a rise of .3; at Memphis the gauge registered 43.9 feet a rise of .4 and Vicksburg, 53.8, a rise of .5.

Weather reports today showed only light rainfall in the Ohio, Cumberland and Tennessee river valleys and an absence of rain, but cloudy weather along the Mississippi as far north as Hannibal, Mo.

The Reelfoot levee which crosses the Kentucky-Tennessee border, Wolf Island, about 25 miles south of Cairo, and the levees about Laconia Landing and Knowlton, Ark., were regarded tonight as the weakest points in Memphis river district. A quarter boat was sent late today to Wolf Island to house an army of workers combating the flood at that point; another reinforced army of flood fighters were reported making headway in their battle along Reelfoot and all available men have been put to the task of strengthening the earth works about Laconia Landing and Knowlton—rated as below the standard grade in height—against the coming of the flood crest.

Local Jewelry Firm Purchase Oxford Store

Messrs. T. C. Jordan and Thomas Jordan have recently bought out the Oxford Jewelry Company, and are opening up the store for business in that city. Mr. Thomas Jordan has charge of this new store. He completed a course in watchmaking, engraving, and stone setting at a school of horology in Lancaster, Pa., a few weeks ago.

Civic Bodies Are Behind Campaign

Clean Up Week Is Expected To Spruce Up Smithfield; Cash Prizes Offered

It looks now, as if Smithfield is to have one of the most complete clean-up campaigns it has had in years. It always takes more than a mayor's proclamation and the announcement that the town wagon will be available to haul off trash, to make such a campaign successful, and this year other inducements are being introduced that will likely create considerable interest.

The American Legion took the lead in the movement and offered ten dollars in prizes, first, second, and third for the cleanest backyards after the campaign. The Lions club, one of the city's newest organizations, soon fell in with the idea and now ten dollars more will be given in prizes. This amount makes it possible to offer three prizes to white residents, and three prizes to colored residents.

In addition, the Woman's club and the Kiwanis club are pledging their co-operation, and the Boy Scouts have offered to do their part. Certain vacant lots will be in charge of the Scouts, according to our information, and it is certain that the Scouts will do a big part toward making Smithfield clean and attractive when such vacant spots shall be attended to.

The campaign is to continue through next week after which time the prizes will be awarded. Smithfield is so located that many more visitors see our town than ever before, and civic pride should inspire every citizen, white or black, man, woman, and child, to contribute toward having a neat, clean city. The campaign should not only be waged this week and next but all the time.

NAME MISS RAND CLERK AT PRISON

Appointment of Miss Josephine Rand, assistant chief clerk at the State's Prison since 1919, as chief clerk to succeed Major Hugh A. Love, who died early Tuesday morning, was announced yesterday at the State Prison. She is the first woman ever to hold the position of chief clerk at the prison.

Announcement of Miss Rand's appointment came subsequent to a meeting Tuesday at Caledonia Prison Farm of the board of directors of the prison. The directors were in session at the prison when word was received of the death of Major Love. The directors named Miss Rand to the post by unanimous vote.

Delay in announcing the appointment of Miss Rand was caused by the fact that Major Love was not buried until Thursday, it was said.

George Ross Pou, prison superintendent, is still in Western North Carolina where he went late Wednesday to attend Major Love's funeral. It was said at the prison that Mr. Pou would return to Raleigh on Monday.

Miss Rand, a native of Johnston county, assumed charge of the duties of the assistant clerk late in 1919. Superintendent Pou, also a native of Johnston county, went with the prison in 1921 as chief clerk, but was promoted to the post of superintendent during the same year when Superintendent E. F. McCullough died.

Perfect Attendance School Contest



Girls beat boys and Kentucky leads in the National contest for the best school attendance. Caroline Grubbs, 16, of Junction City, Ky. (top) now tops the list with 10 years, 7 months and 15 days without being absent or tardy. Lila V. Phillips (center), 15, of Elrod, S. D., with 9 years and 8 months, is second; and Mary Ferenczi, 14, of Linden, N. J., 7 years, 7 months, is third. Is there a boy or girl in this county with a better record than Caroline Grubbs? If so, send us your picture.



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Receive Twenty In M. E. Church

"The revival is not closing but is just starting," declared Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the Methodist church at the service Sunday night, as he read out the names of six persons who had moved their membership to Centenary Methodist church here. At the morning service fourteen young people of all whom, with one exception, were boys, joined the church upon a profession of faith, making the total number received twenty.

For two weeks, services have been held each night conducted by the pastor, and the services Sunday were the culmination of this special campaign. The minister, however, means that the revival shall continue throughout the year. The meetings have been well attended, and a splendid spirit of cooperation has been shown by the different congregations of the town. I. W. Medlin conducted the singing. During the two weeks, money has been raised, not for any revival expense, but for financing the church bulletin and for the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. This is an unusual departure from the regular custom, but seems to have met with general approval.

Sunday's services were in keeping with the Easter season, the pastor delivering a splendid discourse at the morning hour on "Immortality." A male quartette composed of Paul Eason, Theron Johnson, I. W. Medlin and Marvin Woodall sang an appropriate offertory.

The evening sermon was on "Harvest-Home." The male quartette sang again, and William Puckett, of Duke University, sang a beautiful solo.

RENEW to The Herald.

EARLY BIRDS

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Phone 10 for rates.

Mrs. J. U. Oliver Dies In Selma

Passes Away at the Age of Seventy Years Following Stroke of Paralysis

SELMA, April 18.—Funeral services were held at the Selma Baptist church for Mrs. Peattie Oliver, widow of Mr. J. U. Oliver Friday afternoon at 3:30. The services were conducted by her pastor, Dr. R. L. Shirley, of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. D. M. Sharpe, of the Methodist church and Rev. J. H. Worley, of the Free Will Baptist church. A selected chorus sang "Near The Cross," and "God Will Take Care Of You." Mr. H. B. Smith, of Annapolis, Md., evangelistic singer, sang "We Will Understand It Better By and Bye." The pallbearers were: Messrs. M. R. Wall, W. T. Woodard, E. V. Deans, H. E. Earp, J. D. Massey and L. C. Richardson. A great profusion of lovely flowers bore mute testimony to the love and esteem in which the deceased was held. Those assisting with the flowers were, Mesdames W. W. Hare, J. D. Massey, Norman Screws, R. D. Blackburn, Roy Sexton and Misses Rose Worley and Ruth Phillips.

Mrs. Oliver was stricken with paralysis six weeks ago at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Diehl, in Selma. While she was conscious at times she was never able to speak again and passed quietly away Thursday evening, April 14. Her going was after a life of useful service. She had been a widow for a long while, and the responsibility of bringing up her children fell upon her shoulders, but no finer example of devotion, patience and cheerfulness could be found. She was a blessing and an inspiration to all who met her.

She joined the Missionary Baptist church a number of years ago and was a faithful attendant as long as her health permitted. She was in her 70th year.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Diehl, of Selma, and three sons, Messrs. R. P. and J. U. Oliver, of Selma, and Dr. A. S. Oliver, of Benson; one brother, Mr. J. T. Barnes, of Kenly, and three sisters, Mrs. Frances Cox, of Washington, N. C., Mrs. Jane Aycock, of Micro, and Mrs. J. W. Bailey, of Kenly, besides several grandchildren and numerous other relatives. Interment was made in the Oliver cemetery near Pine Level.

Among those from out of town here to attend the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Aycock, of Dunn; Mrs. Ina Aycock, of Smithfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey, of Kenly; Miss Faye Barnes, of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Barnes and son, of Rock Ridge; Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Knight, of Middlesex; Rev. J. E. Blalock, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver, Mrs. P. B. Johnson, Mr. Walter Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Miss Vallie Hill, Mrs. Ezra Parker, Mr. J. R. Burgess, Dr. W. T. Martin, Mr. Wade H. Royall, and Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Honeycutt, of Benson; Mrs. Frances Cox and son, Mr. F. B. Cox, from Washington, N. C.

Motist (on country road).
"Want a ride, mister?"
Puggy Pedestrian: "No thanks, I'm walking to reduce."
Motist: "No town of that name hereabouts. Aintchu on the wrong road?"—Watchman Examiner.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS



"De climate down Sou' am better dan social leak quality up Naphth."