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## Seventh Grade Pupils Increase

**Forty-two Completed Seventh Grade in 1920—Over 600 Took Examinations Here On May 21st**

If the increase in the number of boys and girls in Johnston county taking the seventh grade examinations is any indication, the efficiency of the Johnston county schools has made great strides in the past seven years. In 1920 there were in Johnston county 42 children who passed the seventh grade examinations. A few days ago, to be exact, May 21, 613 white boys and girls came to Smithfield to take the seventh grade examinations and 435 of them made a passing mark, this being seventy-one per cent. The number of pupils prepared for high school in Johnston county has increased each year, and information from the county superintendent's office is to the effect that the difficulty of these examinations has also increased as the standard of the schools has been raised. One hundred seventy-five made an average above eighty per cent, which is forty per cent of the total. Twenty-seven made an average above ninety per cent.

Last year there were 518 children who applied for seventh grade examinations, of which 239 or forty-six per cent attended school for eight months. This year of the 615 children who came for the examination, seventy-seven per cent were enrolled in the long term schools.

Of the 139 children coming this year out of the six months schools 54 passed the examination. This was an average of 39 per cent.

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## 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.

Miss Ethel Stephenson recognized her name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: tnerhjsnoonhn

## Beecher's Slave Child



Mrs. James Hunt, 76, now wife of Washington colored lawyer, who 67 years ago was sold by Henry Ward Beecher from the pulpit of his New York church, impress the congregation of the evils of slavery. She told of her experiences from the same pulpit last week.

## Donnell Wharton Is Valedictorian

**Will Graduate From Davidson College This Week; Recognized As Leader of the Davidson Student Body**

(Special to The Herald.)

DAVIDSON, May 30.—L. D. Wharton, Jr., of Smithfield, who ranks as one of the most prominent leaders of the Davidson College student body, will be among the ninety-odd seniors who will graduate from the Presbyterian institution tomorrow morning at the conclusion of the ninety-first commencement.

His leadership on the Davidson campus has been of a diversified nature, as shown by his election to five honorary fraternities, which were Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership); Sigma Upsilon (literary); Alpha Phi Epsilon (forensic); Omega Phi Alpha (philosophy and psychology); and Delta Pi Kappa (journalistic). In addition he was a member of Delta Theta Chi Social fraternity, and is one of two members in The Link, a secret organization.

Wharton's career culminated this year in the recent publication of Quips and Cranks, the Davidson yearbook, which has readily been

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## Injunctions Just Put Off Tax Sale

**Administration of Fiscal Affairs Beginning July 1st Not Affected; Letter to County Commissioners**

RALEIGH, May 28.—Administration of the fiscal affairs of the counties is not affected by the injunctions brought in a few counties prohibiting the advertisement and sale of land for taxes; the only effect these injunctions can have is to postpone for a few months the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for the year 1926, but the administration of fiscal affairs beginning July 1 will not be affected by these injunctions, according to a letter on this subject sent to the members of the board of county commissioners in the various counties by Charles M. Johnson, Executive Secretary of the County Government Advisory Commission.

Mr. Johnson has discussed this matter carefully with Dr. E. C. Brooks, chairman of the commission and with the Attorney General. The opinion, therefore, represents the deliberate judgment of these officials on the effects of the injunction.

The statement also calls the attention of the county commissioners to their responsibility under the new legislation in the matter of making a settlement for all uncollected taxes, including taxes derived from the sale of land, before the tax books are turned over to the sheriff in October.

If the books are turned over to the sheriff on the first of October before settlement for the taxes of the previous year is made, the county commissioners are reminded that under the Act they are personally liable for the amount of taxes due by the sheriff.

The letter is as follows: "In a few counties injunctions have been brought up by tax payers to prohibit the advertisement and sale of land for taxes for this year. The question has arisen as to the effect that these injunctions may have on the County Government Acts, beginning with July 1, when we go into the next fiscal year.

"After studying the Acts carefully and discussing the matter with the Attorney General and the Chairman of the County Government Advisory Commission, it

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## Aged Man Goes To His Reward

**B. D. Daughtry Passes Away At His Home In the Sanders Chapel Section**

An esteemed citizen of Sanders Chapel section, Mr. B. D. Daughtry, passed away at his home early Friday morning about six o'clock at the ripe old age of seventy-nine years. He had been in bad health for three or four years, having suffered a light stroke of paralysis about three years ago. However, he was confined to his bed only about two weeks before his death.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at the home of the deceased conducted by Rev. E. D. Dodd, of Four Oaks, assisted by Rev. J. H. Worley, of Selma. Interment was made at the Peterson graveyard. The pall bearers were: James Hamilton, R. S. Fleming, J. Raeford Creech, C. W. Creech, D. Hooper Sanders, and P. A. Holland.

The deceased was a native of Johnston county and lived here practically all his life. He was thrice married. He is survived by his widow, four sons and three daughters as follows: J. W. Daughtry, of this city; J. A. Daughtry, of Goldsboro; G. D. and Ralph Daughtry, of the Sanders Chapel section; Mrs. Arthur Oliver, of Goldsboro; Mrs. Gary Pike, of Pine Level; Mrs. Millard Hamilton, of the Yelvington Grove section. He also leaves three brothers and one sister. He was a brother of Mr. Jesse Daughtry, county jailor.

**LINDBERGH ACCEPTS COOLIDGE INVITATION**  
DETROIT, May 27.—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh announced tonight that her son, Captain Charles Lindbergh, trans-Atlantic flier, has accepted President Coolidge's invitation to return home on a warship and would sail for home on or about June 15. He so informed her by cable, she said.—Associated Press.

**A FAMILY REUNION**  
There will be a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Spicy E. Barefoot's in Meadow township about two miles northeast from Peacock Cross Roads, on Sunday, June 5, to celebrate her 75th birthday. All relatives and friends are invited to attend this reunion and bring well-filled baskets, and enjoy the day together. There will also be religious services during the day.

## R. B. HOUSE TO DELIVER ADDRESS

A telegram from Albert M. Coates to Supt. N. C. Shuford announces the fact that he is unable to be present and deliver the commencement address here on Monday evening, June 6. However, Mr. R. B. House of the State University, has been secured to deliver the address, and Mr. Coates states that he is a very fine speaker.

The commencement sermon will be preached next Sunday evening at the school auditorium by Dr. T. W. Lingie of Davidson College. A special musical program under the direction of Miss Frances White is being prepared for this occasion.

## Princeton Finals Begin This Week

**Rev. S. L. Morgan Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon Next Sunday Night; Graduating Exercises Friday Night**

Princeton, May 30.—The commencement program of the Princeton school begins Friday evening, June 3, at eight o'clock, when a music recital and entertainment will be given in the school auditorium by the grammar grades.

Saturday at ten thirty, a play entitled "A Trip to Storyland," will be presented by the primary grades.

On Sunday evening at eight o'clock, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church at Smithfield.

The class day exercises will be given Monday evening at eight o'clock Zero Woodall, who has made the highest average will be the class valedictorian. Teressa Holt is eulogist, making second highest average.

On Tuesday night, at eight o'clock, the graduating exercises will take place. At this time, Morgan F. Vinning director of the lecture bureau, Extension division of the University of North Carolina, will make the commencement address. These exercises are well worth attending and a cordial invitation is extended to the public.

An immigrant was just stepping off the boat to the dock when he saw a half-dollar lying at his feet, and started to pick it up. Suddenly, he straightened again. "No!" he ejaculated. "This is the land of opportunity. I'll wait till I find them thicker."—American Legion Weekly.

## Heavy Docket In Recorder's Court

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Devoted to the Disposition of Criminal Cases**

Recorder's court was in session three days last week. The cases disposed of were as follows:

Rufus Allen, who was convicted of giving a worthless check, was discharged on the payment of cost.

Bythan B. Allen was in court for violating the prohibition laws. He was found guilty of possession and was sentenced to the county roads for 30 days. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost. He was not found guilty as to sale and transportation.

A. Fulton Jones was convicted of violating the prohibition law. He was sentenced to the roads for 60 days and taxed with the cost. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and cost, and on condition that he does not violate the prohibition law again in the next two years.

Bill Arr Barbour was also found guilty of violating the prohibition law. He received a twelve-month road sentence and was taxed with the cost. He appealed to Superior court.

In the case against John Gattis, charged with operating a car without proper license and proper title, judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost and on condition that the defendant secure the proper title and license plates in ten days.

Howard Rose was found guilty of larceny. He was given 90 days on the roads and required to pay the cost.

For possession of intoxicating liquor, J. H. Ingram was fined \$17 and taxed with the cost.

Joe Hall received a 60 day road sentence for operating a car while intoxicated. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$100 fine and cost.

Leon Benson, who was found guilty of possession of whiskey, received a 60 day road sentence and was taxed with the cost. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and the cost on condition that the defendant does not violate the prohibition law again in the next two years.

Newton Hill was found guilty of disposing of crop without paying rent. A 60 day road sentence

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## Leads School Contest—12 Years, 9 Days



Letha Ezma Ferguson, 18, of Wayne, W. Va., claims the national title with a school record of 12 years and 9 days without ever being absent or tardy. She graduates this Spring. This is the best record to date. Is there a boy or girl in this territory with a better record?

## Large Audience Enjoys Musicales

**Varied Program Presented by Music Pupils of Miss Murphy Hall and Miss Agnes Johnson**

The annual music recital of the Smithfield graded school was held Friday evening, May 27, in the school auditorium. The music teachers, Miss Agnes Hope Johnson and Miss Murphy Hall had prepared a joint program which reflected credit upon both pupils and instructors. The program which was heard by a large crowd was varied with violin selections and choruses. The first number was a chorus which rendered "Come Where the Bluebells Ring" and "Springtime." This was followed by piano solos, "Prelude" and "The Frog's Carnival" by Lillian Calais and Dorothy Hooks. Rose Radford, Julia Mae Peterson and Elizabeth Thornton then rendered a trio, after which Anna Elizabeth Lee played "Yellow Roses," and Jeannette Bane played "Twilight Idyl." A duet, "Over Hill and Dale," was played by Minnie McGreggor and Elizabeth Coates. "Narcissus" was rendered by Edith Henry, and Mary Elizabeth Wellons and Jeannette Bane played together "Young Hunter's March." After a piano solo, "Idyllia," by Gladys Johnson, Violet Jordan, Maxine Talton and Minnie McGreggor rendered a

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## Co. Poultry Ass'n Hears Speakers

**New "Hen, Hog and Cow" Man Secured To Serve Three Counties Present**

Speech making by a number of visitors featured the regular monthly meeting of the Johnston County Poultry Association held Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon P. Honeycutt near Benson, perhaps the best poultry section of the county. Mr. Honeycutt is president of the association, and upon his invitation, E. G. Moore, the new farm demonstration agent who comes to Benson on June 1 to promote the hen, hog and cow program in Johnston, Harnett and Sampson counties, was present. He talked briefly concerning the program which he hopes to put over in the three counties which he will serve and urged the folks to call upon him for any help that he may give.

Dr. A. S. Oliver of Benson was at the meeting and President Honeycutt called upon him to introduce the speakers. After extending a cordial welcome to the members of the association, he introduced N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bartlett told of securing Mr. Moore to work especially with a livestock and diversified farming program for this section, through the efforts of his organization, and bespoke the cooperation of all concerned.

Eugene Lee, secretary of the chamber of commerce of Dunn, Mr. Britt, of the Dunn Dispatch, Mr. Anthony, head of the Harnett county Farm Life school, Mr. Howard, proprietor of a big chicken farm in Harnett, and W. C. Kanoy, Dunn, route 5, another poultry raiser, were among those who

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## AUNT ROXIE SAYS—



"Long tungs her dun a hull lot more damage dan shawt stiles."

## Seventh Grade Pupils of the County Schools Who Took the Examinations Here Recently

