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Kiwanians Plan To Boost Market

Booster Trips, Individual Advertising, Press Publicity Will Be Employed.

The noonday heat of a July sun Thursday did not deter the members of the local Kiwanis club from gathering around the festive board laid in the Woman's club room, and enjoying the repast prepared by Mrs. A. S. Johnston. The Smithfield tobacco market loomed biggest in the discussions which followed the eats, and if the plans presented by the advertising committee which were adopted by the club, are carried to completion, the tobacco growers of Johnston county will hear further from this meeting. Booster trips for four days preceding the opening of the market will again be undertaken, and personal invitations, together with unanswerable arguments will combine to induce Johnston county tobacco growers to sell their product in Johnston.

The merchants, business firms, lawyers, doctors and all will be asked to join in the move to advertise the local market in some individual manner, which, with concentrated advertising, is calculated to bring better results.

There will also be an effort to keep before the public through the press the advantages of the Smithfield market.

Before the meeting adjourned, a letter was read from the chairman of the State U. D. C. Bentonville battleground committee, asking for cooperation in putting on a patriotic celebration this fall when the marker, given by the U. D. C. and the State Historical Commission, shall be unveiled. The matter was referred to the committee on public affairs.

Planning to Mark Battleground.

Mrs. John H. Anderson, chairman of the Bentonville Battleground committee, has written a letter to friends in Smithfield that marked progress is now being made toward the marking of the highway which is to run near by the monument on the old Goldsboro and Fayetteville road. There will be a marker, according to Mrs. Anderson's letter, a boulder taken from the rockbeds of upper Johnston county. It will be crowned with a brass plate with suitable engravings. The boulder will be ready by September 1st, and sometimes thereafter on the commission of which Mrs. Anderson is the head, hopes to have a public celebration, which will include a large gathering, public speaking, and a picnic dinner. The county commissioners have already signified their willingness to co-operate with the commission in the moving of the boulder to the battleground. An enjoyable and profitable day could and should be arranged for the occasion.

Program By Sunday School.

Selma, July 27.—Mrs. M. R. Wall, chairman of the Missionary program committee, gave a very interesting program during the Sunday school hour at Edgerton Memorial church Sunday morning. Little Miss Edna Eason told a missionary story; Mrs. John Q. A. Jeffries sang, "We've a Story to Tell," and Miss Edna Earl O'Neal gave a reading, "The Greatest Sacrifice." The entire Sunday school assembled to enjoy the program.

"The President no longer exercises with dumbbells," says a Washington dispatch. How can he, with Congress not in session?

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.

Bill Holland recognized his name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: snliolcthreepse

Leads Women's Party



Mrs. C. W. Smith, of New York, elected Chairman of the National Women's Party at the Colorado Springs Convention. She has always fought for women's rights.

Steam Laundry To Open Again

Kenneth Parrish and Leon Westbrook Purchase Equipment; Will Open About Aug. 8.

The steam laundry which was closed some weeks ago and sold recently under mortgage, has been purchased by Kenneth Parrish and Leon G. Westbrook, and is scheduled to open on or about August 8th.

The laundry will be operated at the same location on Johnson street, and the same lines of work done by the former proprietors will be continued. Clothes will be handled in any way to suit the customer, damp wash method, rough dried, or finished laundry. A pressing club and dry cleaning department will also be conducted.

Two laundry wagons will cover the territory each week visiting Clayton, Selma, Pine Level, Four Oaks, Pringerton and Benson. This establishment employs over a dozen persons, besides the proprietors who will give their full time to the business. C. P. Day, an experienced laundry man, who was with the laundry before it closed down, will again have charge of the washing department.

Freewill Baptist Church.

Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:30, C. J. Thomas, superintendent. There will be no services Sunday evening on account of the union service at the Methodist church. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Freewill Baptist League Thursday at 8 p. m.

On Wednesday, August 3, the Freewill Baptist Orphanage of Middlesex will give a concert at the church for the benefit of the orphanage. Everybody is invited to attend these meetings.

Arrest John William Hughes.

John William Hughes, age 64 years, who lives on the Goldsboro road, was arrested Monday night about ten o'clock charged with the sale of intoxicating liquor. Officers made the arrest at his home where they found a guano sack full of funnels, jugs and jars, and about a five-gallon keg of liquor that had not been opened. He was brought here and placed in jail. Officers making the raid were: W. W. Stewart, J. O. Ellington, T. E. Talton.

Dr. Corbett Gets License.

Dr. Clarence Lee Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Corbett of Selma, applied to the clerk of superior court here last Monday for a license to practice medicine in Johnston county. Dr. Corbett recently passed the State Board examination and is now in Atlanta doing interne work. It is not yet definitely known where he will locate.

Big Beet.

If anyone can beat the beet brought to the Herald office this week, to use a slang expression, he will be some beet raiser. Mr. Jesse G. Barbour, of Wilson's Mills township, grew the beet which tips the scales at eleven pounds.

Union Service Sunday Night

Rev. W. C. Cumming, Returned Missionary From China Will Speak At Methodist Church.

"What Has Happened in China" will be the subject of the discourse which Rev. W. C. Cumming, who has recently returned from the war area in China, will deliver at a union service to be held in the Methodist church here Sunday evening. It is the custom for the churches of Smithfield to unite on fifth Sunday nights in a union service, and the congregations are fortunate at this time to have the opportunity of hearing a most interesting speaker discuss conditions in China. Mr. Cummings was formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, but for several years has been serving as missionary for the Southern Presbyterian church.

Rev. Mr. Cumming will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. His subject will be: "A Survey of China from the Viewpoint of Christian Missions."

NEEDLEMAN SUES

MOB FOR \$100,000

Spotlight of Publicity Is Again Focused Pitilessly on Mar-County's Most Brutal Crime.

Starting suit in the federal courts for \$100,000 as the result of his mutilation at the hands of a Martin county mob, Joseph H. Needleman, of Philadelphia, has again focused the spotlight of public attention on the grisly affair which resulted in the conviction of 28 mob members—convictions which in the opinion of many marked the breaking of the backbone of the "lynch law" in North Carolina.

Papers in Needleman's suit were received Wednesday at the office of United States Marshal R. W. Ward here. They were filed Tuesday in the U. S. District Court at Washington, N. C.

THIRTY-TWO DEFENDANTS.

Thirty-two persons are named as defendants in the suit. Defendants include in addition to the convicted mob members, several of whom are now serving long terms in the State's Prison, Sheriff H. T. Robertson, of Martin county, whom Needleman alleges aided and abetted in the mutilation by "counseling, advising and witnessing" the unspeakable operation.

NEEDLEMAN MARRIED.

Renewal of interest in the Needleman case brought to light the fact that the victim has married since his recovery from his misfortune, according to reliable sources of information here.

TWO YEARS AGO.

Needleman's mutilation took place a few days after his arrest on a charge of criminally assaulting Ethel Griffin, a Williamston girl. This charge was later dropped.

In the small hours of Sunday, March 29, at 2:30 a. m., exact, masked men came to his Williamston jail cell, clipped the locks and bolts, tore down the jail doors and seized him, he maintains, adding in his petition that he recognized Dennis Griffin, F. W. Sparrow sr., F. Welfred Sparrow jr., and Claro Heath. He was driven out of town a mile and a half. Sparrow sr. asked if he wished to be killed or mutilated, the petition recites, and the Philadelphia traveling salesman told them to do as they pleased, whereupon "occurred one of the most shocking and bloodstirring crimes in the history of the State." He was refused a lift to town, he recites, but later was rushed to a Washington, N. C., hospital and recovered within eight or nine weeks.

STERN JUSTICE.

The State was aghast when details of the horrible crime became known. Rewards were offered for the guilty parties and widespread arrests followed as members of the mob hurried to turn State's evidence.

Vigorously prosecuted by Solicitor Don Gillam at a special term of court, the mob members were found guilty and ringleaders were sentenced to long terms in the State's Prison by Judge N. A. Spclair.

SMITHFIELD POST OFFICE SEEKS LARGER QUARTERS

Post Office Inspector Submits Plans And Specifications To Postmaster Stancil

Postoffice Inspector W. J. Dixon, of Richmond, Va., was in the city for a few hours last Saturday in connection with a plan to secure larger quarters and better equipment for the Smithfield postoffice. While here Mr. Dixon discussed the matter with Mayor Underwood and Postmaster Stancil and other officials and left at the postoffice a supply of blanks to be used in submitting proposals, a sample of the form of lease now to be used, a drawing of a safe that would be acceptable, building requirements and a list of firms who make and handle standard postoffice equipments.

Since returning to Richmond, Dixon has mailed to Postmaster Stancil a copy of the specifications for a complete outfit of new equipment. All these papers may be seen at the postoffice by anyone interested.

A notice has been posted in the lobby of the postoffice asking for proposals to be submitted up to and including August 23, 1927, for the leasing of about 2100 square feet of floor space for either five or ten years and furnishing all necessary equipment including heat, light, water, etc. The present lease will expire at December 31, 1927 and the new quarters must be ready by that time.

Inspector Dixon expressed the hope that some one might become sufficiently interested in the matter to construct a suitable building and equip it every way suitable for an up to date postoffice.

Commends Negro Church Wedding Popular Couple

State Department Think Work of Negro Farm Demonstration Agent Fruitful; Gardens Are Stressed.

C. R. Hudson, who is in charge of the Negro Farm Demonstration work in the state, was in Johnston county a few days ago inspecting the work of local Agent McKay McNeill, and upon his return to Raleigh made the following report concerning it: He states that he found the work in a very fine condition and found the negro farmers very much interested in getting the better methods which the extension service has to offer them. In going from farm to farm he found soybeans growing on a number of them that had not grown them before. These beans will be used as a hay crop or for grazing off by hogs. He also found a number of farmers growing sudan grass for hay and for pasturage. Corn and cotton crops that were in the demonstration work were much better than the average of those that did not have the benefit of the work.

One of the most valuable features of the work he found to be that of the garden. Local Agent McNeill has a garden contest on in the county. Mr. Hudson visited, inspected and judged 21 of the gardens. His average score for them was 92 per cent. The average number of vegetables found per garden was 18. The score on cultivation was 88; that on fertilization, 77; size of garden, 98; location, 90.

The gardens averaged almost exactly one-fourth of an acre. This was found to produce more vegetables than the average family can consume, so quite a number of the gardeners have been selling vegetables. Many of them will can, and in other ways preserve vegetables for winter use. A number of the gardeners were asked as to the value of their garden. While the answers varied naturally, yet it was ascertained that the gardens on an average were worth more than \$100.00 each, that is, over \$400.00 per acre. Thus it will be seen that the garden is the most important and most valuable part of the farm, hence the attention given it.

The next to enter was the maid of honor, Miss Eva Johnson of Smithfield, cousin of the bride. Her frock was ecru all over with lace with pink trimming over pink foundation. She wore black slippers and pink hose. She also carried an arm bouquet of premier roses showered with pink and silver maline.

Little Graham Penny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Penny of Angier, entered next bearing the ring in the heart of a lily. He was dressed in black and white satin suit, Lord Fauntleroy style.

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The bride entered to the strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin. Traumerel by Schumann was softly rendered during the ceremony. The first to enter were the ushers, Messrs. Howard Neighbors, brother of the groom and Glenn Johnson, brother of the bride.

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Recorder's Court Has Full Docket

A Number of Criminal Cases Disposed of Here Tuesday and Wednesday of This Week.

Quite a number of cases were disposed of in Recorder's court here this week. The criminal cases tried were as follows:

James Draughon and William Draughon were charged with violation of the prohibition law and operating a car without proper license tag. Both defendants were found guilty of possession. William Draughon was convicted of transportation and operating a car without proper license tags. James Draughon was fined \$25 and taxed with one-half the cost, as to possession. William Draughon was fined \$25 and one-half the cost as to possession, and \$25 as to transportation. The judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost as to the charge of operating car without proper license tags.

Leo Warren was convicted of assault with deadly weapon. He was sentenced to the county roads for a period of 60 days. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost, on condition that the defend-

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JOHNSTON FARMER FILES BANKRUPTCY PETITION

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in local Federal court Tuesday afternoon by C. H. Johnson, Johnston county farmer. He listed assets of \$720 against liabilities of \$7,600.67.

One of the unsecured claims, amounting to \$3,124.12, was held by Ashley Horne & Sons, Clayton, recently adjudged bankrupt.

ALFRED G. ADAMS PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME

Mr. Alfred G. Adams died at his home in Bentonville township on July 27. He had been in poor health for several months, but death came unexpectedly and his friends throughout the county will be shocked to learn of his passing.

Mr. Adams was a son of Mr. Billie Adams, who lives near this city. He was about forty years of age. He was a member of Pauline Baptist church and a member of the Masonic Lodge at Mill Creek. He was a loyal member of the Republican party but in politics, as in religion, there was a marked sincerity that lifted him above petty party lines, and many of his best personal friends differed with him politically.

Mr. Adams is survived by a wife and several small children.

Tea Room To Change Hands.

The Coffee Cup which has been operated here for the past several months by Miss Ruth Wilson and Miss Virginia Wilson will change hands on August 1. Mrs. Nellie Bass will take charge on that date and operate it under the same name and at the same location in the hotel building.

SAMPSON COUNTY OIL WELL IS PRODUCING

GOLDSBORO, July 24.—Oil in sufficient quantities to indicate that there would be production of from 25 to 100 barrels a day is pouring from the hole drilled to a depth of 600 feet in Sampson county, according to a long distance phone message received in Goldsboro on Saturday night from Paul Rardin of Clinton.

Mr. Rardin stated that excitement in that place runs high and that every store, bank and business building has bottled samples and glasses of crude oil on exhibition. The drills encountered the oil at a depth of 600 feet after having cut through hard rock for more than 100 feet. A chemical test has been made by a local chemist who pronounced the oil genuine crude with a paraffine base similar to Pennsylvania oil.

Experienced oil men who have been convinced for several years that there is oil in Sampson county are confident that a continuation of the drilling will add materially to the oil already found. It was said.

HIGHWAY NUMBER 22 NEARING COMPLETION

The report is now that highway 22 to the Wilson county line will probably be completed by next Wednesday night. The grading in Wilson county is practically completed.

Golfing Wonder



Bobby Jones, Atlanta, Ga., today is the acknowledged golfing wonder of the age. His 285 for 72 holes, 6 better than ever scored in British open title play, won the crown and highest honors.

Indorses Live Stock Program

Lions Club of Lillington Goes On Record Favoring Program of Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

Kinston, July 28.—The Lions Club of Lillington, Harnett County, went on record Tuesday night at a meeting held out on the banks of the River, as endorsing the program of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce now being put on in Harnett, Sampson and Johnston counties through the Branch Office at Benson, and accepted Lillington's quota of the financial budget. President J. R. Baggett made a very interesting opening address, giving his entire approval of the good work now being done by the sectional organization. Mr. Baggett said that he had been keeping up with the progress that the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce had made during the past five years and that he was convinced that it had done and is doing now a wonderful work for Eastern North Carolina.

E. G. Moore, Manager of the Branch Office was introduced, who spoke briefly of the program that the office has on foot to bring into these three counties, Johnston, Harnett and Sampson, more dairy cows, more hogs and more poultry.

Secretary Newell G. Bartlett of the sectional organization was presented and spoke for twenty minutes on the aims, purposes and accomplishments of the organization. The Secretary showed conclusively that the organization had played quite an important part in creating a spirit of progressiveness in the section during the past five years. "We selected Johnston, Harnett and Sampson counties for this particular office, primarily to show that a live stock program can be put into effect successfully in the largest cotton growing counties in the section." The Secretary said, "Johnston county is the largest cotton producing county in the state and Harnett and Sampson are not far behind." Our aim is to import into these three counties within 18 months at least 1,000 new dairy cows, he continued. "The net earnings of the farmers of Eastern North Carolina are not in proportion to the gross earnings, which accounts for the increase of mortgages being recorded in practically every county in the section." The Secretary said. In his opinion this is due to the fact that the program is not well balanced and more goes out than in which necessarily creates a deficit.

At the close of the meeting the Lions Club unanimously accepted the quota for Lillington and pledged the Lions Club to back the program to the limit. Mr. Anthony, teacher of Vocational Education in the Lillington High School, made a short speech.

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Forecast Big Crop In Texas

Farm Conditions Generally Good In Adopted County of C. P. Johnson, Native Johnstonian.

T. R. Hood, president of the First and Citizens National Bank, is in receipt of a newspaper clipping from C. P. Johnson, a native Johnstonian now living in Paris, Texas, which tells of the cotton outlook. Paris is located in Lamar county which produces about the same amount of cotton yearly as Johnston. It is herewith reproduced for the benefit of the Herald readers:

"With the anticipated production this fall of one of the most profitable cotton crops in the history of Lamar and adjoining counties, with a season of marked success in virtually all lines of agriculture and livestock, this section will have spanned a twelvemonth of the widest extremes from adverse to bumper crop conditions believable. Aside from the fact that favorable crop and market conditions forecast, at this time, prosperity of a character as extremely good this year as it was depressing last, the most significant factor in the present outlook is that the bumper cotton crop is due to be considerably earlier than usual.

"Lamar county is likely to have a cotton crop double that of last year if continued rains do not fall during the next two or three weeks."

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Presbyterian Services.

Sunday morning eleven o'clock sermon by Rev. W. C. Cumming, union service Methodist church Sunday night, Rev. W. C. Cumming preaching. Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

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