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Smithfield Boys Are Making Good

B. F. and R. A. Wellons, Formerly of This City, Erect Unique Building in Charlotte

People of Smithfield and Johnston county will be interested in an achievement of two former citizens, B. F. and R. A. Wellons, who are now located in Charlotte. B. F. Wellons is the son of the late J. W. Wellons and Mrs. Wellons, and R. A. Wellons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wellons of this city. Both of these young men grew up in Smithfield and became members of the legal profession. They have adopted Charlotte as their home, and in addition to carrying on an extensive law practice, they have invested in something distinctly new in North Carolina—bachelor apartments.

Last Sunday's Charlotte Observer carried the following write-up of this enterprise:

In these days of rapid fire construction in Charlotte, it is really a task to find something new to build, something that no one has built before.

When this something new fills a long filled need and gives the city something that has been needed, and badly for some time it is the more unusual.

B. F. Wellons and R. A. Wellons, in constructing an apartment house, exclusively for bachelors, have given to Charlotte a type of building which is admitted by everyone to be a boon to a vast number in the city who wish to secure the comforts of such a place and yet do not wish to pay the price demanded by hotels for similar accommodations.

The Wellons, cousins they are, are not to be considered a new power rising in the construction world who will furnish keen opposition to those who wish to make the city a municipality of apartment dwellers.

They are lawyers and, judging from the air of activity around their offices in the Wilder building, are directors of an extensive legal practice.

One-half of the firm is a bachelor. The other half was until recently when he fell by the wayside and joined the Benedict club.

As bachelors the two men underwent whatever discomforts are to be found in living in hotels, rooming houses of varying degrees of comfort and regular apartments.

For many years they talked of what a boon it would have been if they could find an apartment house exclusively for bachelors. They both enjoyed the comfort and convenience of hotels. They both knew the advantage of clubs.

Why not start an apartment house exclusively for bachelors which would combine the advantages of hotel life and the pleasures of a club? This was the question which they discussed frequently. Such a place, they argued, would be a fine thing for the owner and would furnish unusually nice apartments at reasonable price.

The plans went through in spite of the fact that the elder member of the firm departed the fraternity of bachelorhood.

The result is the three-story, steel brick and concrete, 48-apartment building at 308 North Church street, three blocks from the square.

When the two men get to talking about their apartment building

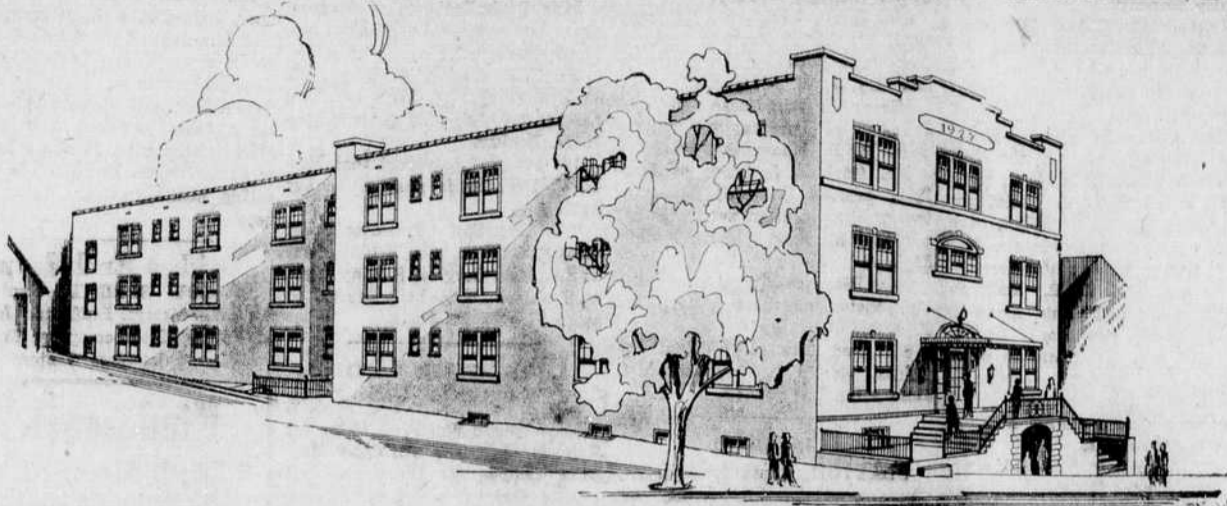
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Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one depicts 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) Marjorie Johnston recognized her name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: ralpeshernoe

HERE'S HOW NEW APARTMENTS LOOK



The bachelor apartments erected by B. F. and R. A. Wellons in Charlotte. It is the first building of its kind in North Carolina. It is three stories high, and is constructed of steel, brick and concrete. The building contains forty-eight apartments.

PROGRAM IS COMPLETE FOR BENTONVILLE CELEBRATION

Lowden's Manager



Fred Starck, formerly of Ohio, who has been made pre-convention manager by former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Present School Budget To Board

Amount This Year Exceeds Last Year's Budget by Only About \$6,000; Short Term Notes Total \$800,000

The first Monday in September was the date set for the county board of commissioners to consider the county budgets including the general fund, the budget of the road board and budget of the board of education. The meeting was not held on the first Monday, however, on account of Labor day, but on Wednesday every member of the board was present to take up this important matter.

The morning was spent in regular routine affairs, but at two o'clock in the afternoon the board of education met jointly with the board of commissioners and took under consideration the school budget. This budget was presented by County Superintendent H. B. Marrow, but no action was taken regarding it, a later date in September having been set for final disposal of this the biggest business of the county—that of providing

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FIRST COTTON BRINGS 25C ON LOCAL MARKET

The first three bales of new cotton sold on the streets of Smithfield this season were purchased by W. M. Sanders & Son at 25c a pound. John L. Myatt, of Cleveland township, brought two bales Tuesday. They were ginned by W. M. Sanders & Son at the gin plant here. One weighed 470 pounds and the other 485 pounds.

The third bale was brought here Wednesday by H. H. Coates, of Four Oaks. It was ginned at the Sanders plant in Four Oaks and weighed 427 pounds.

Smithfield Folks Asked To Meet at Court House and Escort Governor McLean To Battleground

The program has been arranged for the memorial celebration at the Bentonville battleground next Thursday, September 15. Mrs. J. H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, state chairman of the battleground committee, was in the city Monday conferring with Mrs. W. M. Sanders, vice-chairman of the committee, and Geo. E. Thornton, county chairman of arrangements. Practically everything has been arranged for the event. There will be plenty of free parking space at the battleground, and the Boy Scouts of Goldsboro, Benson and Smithfield will have charge of the parking. Routes leading to Bentonville have been plainly marked. Persons coming by way of Goldsboro need not come by Smithfield, but may take a shorter route direct from Goldsboro to the battleground. This route lies by the colored asylum. Those coming from Fayetteville may turn off route 22 at Benson, or they may come within half a mile of Holt Lake and turn off. Signs have been placed at these points.

Persons coming from Raleigh and sections beyond will come by Smithfield. The governor is expected to be in Smithfield by 9:30 o'clock and Smithfield people are asked to meet at the courthouse by that hour to serve as an escort to the battleground. Any others in the state from toward Wilson or Raleigh who wish to serve as escort may be at the courthouse by 9:30.

The day will be featured by a basket picnic. Hundreds are expected to attend. The Herald is in receipt of a letter from as far west as Lenoir asking for information concerning the celebration. The speakers and old soldiers will be guests for dinner of the Bentonville home demonstration club.

The program for the day will be presided over by Mrs. Walter F. Woodard, of Wilson, president of the North Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which organization is taking an active part in the placing of the memorial marker on the battleground.

The 120th Infantry band of Raleigh led by Lieut. S. A. Braxton will play patriotic airs as the crowd assembles, and will also play the first number on the program, which will be the singing of America. The remainder of the program is as follows:

Presentation of Memorial Tablet to State of North Carolina by Mrs. John H. Anderson, chairman, Battle of Bentonville Committee, N. C. Division, U. D. C.

Unveiling of Memorial, by Daniel Harvey Hill, 4th, Charlotte; James Van Wycke Webb, Raleigh; Edgar Bain, Jr., and Alexander McClean, Goldsboro; Charles Broadfoot, 3rd and Bettie London Wooten, Fayetteville; William Joslin, Raleigh.

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1 Person Hurt In Auto Wreck

Cadillac of C. L. Sanders Is Badly Damaged; J. D. Williams In Jail

An automobile wreck occurred about a mile west of here near the farm of J. W. Stephenson Tuesday night between eight and nine o'clock when the Cadillac automobile driven by C. L. Sanders of Cleveland township collided with the Ford car driven by J. D. Williams. It is reported that Williams was drunk and was at the time of the accident on the wrong side of the road. Mr. Sanders was accompanied by Mrs. H. V. Faulkner, Jr., and they were returning from Moore county.

Mr. Williams was injured somewhat, receiving cuts about the head, cheeks and hands, which required several stitches to be taken. Medical aid was given and wounds were dressed at Johnston county Hospital. He was afterwards taken to the county jail to await trial. Mr. Sanders was slightly bruised, while his automobile was damaged considerably. Mrs. Faulkner was unhurt. Williams' Ford was a total wreck.

FATHER OF H. G. GRAY PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME

Friends of the family here and throughout the county will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Henry Gray, which occurred here at the home of his son, Mr. H. G. Gray, Tuesday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock after a lingering illness. Mr. Gray formerly lived in Kinston but came here four months ago to make his home with his son. He has been in very feeble health for several months. Mr. Gray was seventy-eight years of age.

He is survived by his son, Mr. H. G. Gray, and three daughters: Mrs. B. B. Sugg of Greenville, Mrs. W. C. Coughenour and Miss Mary Gray of Salisbury, all of whom were at his bedside when the end came. A sister, Mrs. A. J. Kilpatrick, of Raleigh, also survives.

A short service was conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon by Rev. S. L. Morgan, of the Baptist church, and the funeral services were concluded in Kinston by Rev. A. C. Corey, of the Christian church, pastor of the deceased. The large floral offering was unusually beautiful. Interment took place in the cemetery at Kinston.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral. The bereaved ones have many friends who sympathize with them in their loss.

CHOIR PRACTICE TONIGHT

Choir practice will be held at the Baptist church this evening at 7:45 o'clock. This is the first practice held since the summer vacation, and all who are interested in helping with the church music are urged to attend.

Presbyterian Services.

Smithfield Sunday 11 a. m. Sermon by pastor, Oakland church on Sunday night at 7:30. Song service and sermon. Public cordially invited.

Big Enrollment For Opening Day

Local School Plans Good Football Season With H. L. Blankenship As Coach

The Smithfield schools opened here Wednesday with a very large enrollment, which totaled approximately seven hundred and fifty students. The high school alone enrolled one hundred seventy-five while there were sixty-four little tots who entered school for the first time.

Wednesday, Thursday and today were set apart for registration of students and the arranging of classes. The formal opening of school will not be until Monday morning, at which time fitting exercises will be conducted in the auditorium, when ministers of the town and others will probably make talks. Citizens here are invited to be present for the opening.

Among the new members of the faculty here this year is Coach H. L. Blankenship of Erwin, Tennessee, who has charge of the athletics in the school. Coach Blankenship hails from Tusculum College at Greenville, Tennessee, and is a four-letter man from that school in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He also made Tennessee Collegiate All-State football team in 1926. Besides this, Mr. Blankenship won a silver loving cup offered by his alma mater for the best all round athlete for a period of four years at Tusculum. Last season he coached at Tellico Plains High School Tennessee and teams under his coaching proved very successful, scoring defeats over some of the largest schools in the state. Football practice began here Wednesday afternoon with about thirty candidates out for local grid team. Light workouts were followed this week, but according to Coach Blankenship the boys will be given stiff training beginning next week. With some fifteen letter men back this year and a good number of men with some previous experience out for practice, Smithfield High is expected to have a real football eleven in the course of several weeks. No games have been scheduled so far, but teams wishing games with the locals are asked to communicate with Coach Blankenship. The following boys were out for practice this week: Norton, Woodard, Fuller, W. Ragsdale, R. Parrish, E. Parrish Creech, Morgan, H. Johnson, Avera, Adams, Hodges, Hontycutt, N. Stancil, J. Stancil, C. Creech, Hunter, A. Stallings, Wellons, Ward, Jordan, E. Johnson, Whitehurst, J. Stallings, C. Ragsdale, Peedin, D. Ward.

Chautauqua Dates.

Mrs. Thel Hooks has received information to the effect that the Chautauqua dates this year will be November 21, 22 and 23. For several years Smithfield has enjoyed a three-day Chautauqua in the fall. These entertainments which are held at the school house are always of a high order and this year's program will be no exception. The program in detail will be published at a later date.

Richard Oneal Slain In Oneals

In An Altercation, R. L. Wall Strikes Blow That Results In Oneal's Death

An untimely accident which resulted in the death of W. Richard O'Neal occurred near Atkinson's mill Wednesday afternoon, the slayer of Mr. O'Neal being R. L. Wall, both of O'Neals township. The very unfortunate affair which resulted in Mr. O'Neal's death, came about when O'Neal who was driving a Ford touring car ran into a truck on which Mr. Wall was riding along with a number of convict road hands. There seems to have been no damage done in the collision of the two cars, but angry words followed quick and fast, and blows were soon passed between the two men, O'Neal using his fist and Wall using a heavy automobile jack. Two blows with the jack in Wall's hands were sufficient to knock O'Neal down under the truck, from which he was taken in an unconscious condition. The truck moved quickly away and it is reported that Wall was not conscious of the fact that his blows had been fatal until some two hours afterwards when he was arrested by Sheriff Turley and Deputy Sheriffs John O. Ellington and T. E. Talton.

O'Neal is a prominent farmer and is survived by a widow and five small children. Mr. Wall is also a man of a family. As boys they grew up together and there seemed to be a warm attachment between them, and the tragedy comes as a thing altogether unexpected. Mr. Wall is a man unoffensive in the community and just a week ago connected himself with the Baptist church at Antioch. It is reported that Mr. O'Neal had been drinking.

Immediately after the killing the matter was reported to Sheriff Turley, and he together with his deputies and Coroner J. H. Kirkman proceeded to the scene of the killing and to the home of Mr. Wall who resides near Corinth-Holders. The arrest was made in Mr. Wall's home. He submitted to the officers with willingness. He was lodged in jail here at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday night, and he immediately employed Abel & Shepard as counsel. The coroner was unable to hold his inquest and this matter was deferred until ten o'clock this morning. A jury composed of J. Brewer, Robert Batten, J. R. Hare, B. A. Henry, Jim Dickson, and W. H. Creech has been summoned to hold the inquest. At the inquest it will be determined whether the defendant will be allowed bail or not.

The funeral of the slain man was held at Antioch Baptist church on yesterday afternoon, the religious services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Creech. Mr. O'Neal was a member of the Masonic fraternity with his membership at Little River lodge No. 620 A. F. and A. M.; and the funeral rites of the order were held in connection with the funeral. The funeral was directed by C. A. Bailey, Selma undertaker.

At the funeral more than a thousand relatives and friends gathered to witness the sad scenes of his final passing. Much sympathy is felt throughout the community for both the family of Mr. O'Neal and that of his slayer, Mr. Wall, and a great deal of speculation is being done as to why and how such a tragedy could take place on so slight a provocation.

METHODISTS TO ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

The Methodist Sunday school has plans underway to greet the teachers of the graded school here in an entertainment to be given next Friday evening. Invitations will go out the first of next week.

AVIATION GAME OF DEATH TO DEATH

The score now is: Pacific 7. Atlantic 7. Sir John Carling at bat; Royal Windsor to follow. Umpire: Fate. —Goldsboro News.

RECORD OPENING TOBACCO SALE ON SMITHFIELD MARKET

Red Head Queen



Miss Ardyth Gragg ambled into town from her father's truck farm near Tulsa, Okla., and walked off with the beauty crown for Farmer's Week at Oklahoma A. and M. College.

Trustees Enters Suits In Court

Raleigh Bank Makes Effort To Close Accounts As Trustee In Bankruptcy For Local Firms

Several suits have already been started in the Superior court, the Recorder's court, and courts of justices of the peace against parties who have made no effort to close their accounts with the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company, trustee in bankruptcy for the Austin-Stephenson Company and L. G. Stevens Company, two of the largest companies in Johnston county who have furnished supplies for farmers in the county. Eight suits came up before a justice of the peace last Saturday, seven of the eight suits ending in judgment for the trustee or by payment in cash, leaving only one case open. The trustee is making a desperate effort to bring these bankruptcies to a close by Christmas. The Raleigh bank has had Sam Massey and Layton McGugan of Smithfield and Geo. W. Springle of Raleigh in the field since the early spring meeting with the farmers who are interested in the bankruptcy matters in order to get security to their accounts which were due last fall. These gentlemen have found the majority of those called upon ready to respond to the request of the trustee in bankruptcy to furnish security to their accounts until the fall.

The trustee has been lenient with those who were willing to secure their account and those who promised to pay in the fall, but in cases where the people would make no effort to pay or secure the account the trustee will make no concession, but will take steps within a short time to close the matters as they think best.

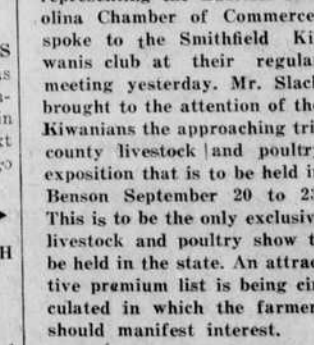
These field men advise that the crop outlook this year seems to be fair. Almost everyone has good tobacco, corn and cotton, except in some sections where the boll weevil is doing serious damage. It is thought that cotton planted early on sandy land will not suffer from the weevil as much as cotton planted on damp soil where the plant grows until killed by frost.

SPOKE AT KIWANIS LUNCHEON YESTERDAY

Mr. J. B. Slack, of Benson, representing the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, spoke at the Smithfield Kiwanis club at their regular meeting yesterday. Mr. Slack brought to the attention of the Kiwanians the approaching tri-county livestock and poultry exposition that is to be held in Benson September 20 to 23. This is to be the only exclusive livestock and poultry show to be held in the state. An attractive premium list is being circulated in which the farmers should manifest interest.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me—



"Doctor sads fokes harts iz envery man a living, only the persistent collector gets it."

Two Two Warehouses Filled To Overflowing; Prices Compare Favorably With Other Eastern Carolina Markets

The Smithfield bright leaf tobacco market opened with a bang here Tuesday morning, marking probably the biggest opening day during the history of the local market, which was instituted twenty-nine years ago. The sales on the floors of the two warehouses here totaled approximately a half million pounds. Practically every nook, crevice and cranial of both warehouses were crowded with tobacco.

All day Monday and all during the night wagons, trucks and various other forms of vehicles poured into the city with loads of the golden weed and by seven o'clock Tuesday morning parking space within the business district was completely filled and hundreds of cars were parked in the residential sections of town. Hundreds of people were here for the opening sales and the main streets of Smithfield reminded one of the midway at a Johnston county fair. Both warehouses were crowded with farmers, business men and others who were interested in the sales.

Sales began at nine o'clock instead of at ten as usual in order to handle the tobacco that overflowed both warehouses. The Banner warehouse drew first sale, sales lasting at that house until after three in the afternoon. Immediately, auctioneering began at the Central warehouse and continued until five o'clock. At the close of the day thousands of pounds were left over to be sold on Wednesday.

Prices of the local market for the opening day varied from a few dollars per hundred to \$50 and \$60 a hundred, averaging between 20 and 22 cents per pound. Common and medium grades sold at fair prices while the better grades did not bring so satisfactory a price. The better grades seemed to be too wet. Early during the sales here the farmers seemed to be somewhat disappointed in the price tobacco was bringing on the local market, but by noon their outlook had changed after hearing reports from other Eastern Carolina markets. In comparison with prices received at other places, the Smithfield market ranked with the best, there being several markets with the average prices several cents below the average here. Although some were disappointed in the price received here few tags have been turned and piles of tobacco taken from floors for future sale.

Tobacco specialists are wondering if the heavy receipts may not tend to reduce the price. On the other hand, it is pointed out that the demand for bright leaf tobacco owing to the increased use of cigarettes, will more than offset the increased production.

The opening of the tobacco market here marks the revival of business in this section. With cotton selling around 25 cents and tobacco predicted to rise in price the outlook for the season is encouraging.

Sells Stock of Goods.

Rev. D. C. Johnson who lives near the county home has sold his stock of merchandise to Herman Johnson who lives in the same section.

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