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## Fire Prevention Week Oct. 9-15

Mayor Underwood Issues  
Proclamation Asking Cooper-  
ation of Town Officials  
and Citizens

Mayor J. D. Underwood has issued the following proclamation regarding Fire Prevention Week, calling upon all the citizens of Smithfield to cooperate in conserving the life and property of the town:

"October 9th to 15th, inclusive, has been designated as Fire Prevention Week throughout the United States, and I call upon the citizenship of our City to cooperate in this great work of conserving life and property by ridding their premises of all useless and worthless inflammable material during this week.

"In order to make the work thorough, the city will remove all such material, free of cost, if it is placed on the street on the days already scheduled for the removal of garbage in your respective wards and streets.

"Carefully compiled figures show that in 1926, \$19,750.00 worth of property was destroyed by fire in our city. Our firemen answered 56 calls. There were 286 human beings burned to death in North Carolina in 1926.

"I, therefore, set aside the week of October 9th to 15th as Fire Prevention Week in accordance with the proclamation of our president and our governor and to that end I ask your cooperation with our State Insurance Department and our city officials to see to it that all schools, churches, theatres, hospitals, public buildings, factories, stores and hotels be inspected to see that every safeguard against fire is provided, and that exit facilities are sufficient, in case of fire.

"I therefore, issue this proclamation and do set aside and designate October 9th to 15th, as Fire Prevention Week in the city of Smithfield, and do urge our people to observe it in obedience to our National and State laws.

"Done at our City of Smithfield, this 23 day of September, 1927.  
J. D. UNDERWOOD, Mayor.  
By the Mayor,  
W. L. FULLER, City Clerk."

## TUNNEY-DEMPESEY, RICKARD WILLING TO THIRD BATTLE

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Jack Dempsey has emerged from his second championship beating riding a new idol of popular favor which, if he elects to ride it out, may jerry him to a greater ring earning power than he ever knew before.

Definite talk of another "battle of the century" has been subdued and unofficial; but talk there has been, almost from the moment at Soldier Field Thursday night when Gene Tunney's arm was raised to mark his second victory over Dempsey.

Tex Rickard, a shrewd diagnostician of public opinion, has shown signs of acutal enthusiasm over a third Tunney-Dempsey fight, and Tunney has indicated his willingness to meet Dempsey or anyone else the public may think is a match for him.

Dempsey's first reaction after the Soldier Field fight was that it marked the end of his career. A day's seclusion and rest, with its inevitable retrospection, made him less certain. Today his attitude as reflected by his close associates, seemed to be that Jack Dempsey might go back to the war trail again—and with a vengeance.

## 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.

Martha Rose Sanders recognized her name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: imaseonffseje

## Ohio Smile Girl



Miss Thelma Jones, 19, of near Palmyra, Ohio, a farm girl with a most engaging smile, went down to the state college at Kent, O., to study to become a teacher. Right away she won the "Smile Girl" contest.

## Two Weeks Civil Term Court Here

Judge Grady May Appoint  
Referee To Dispose of Cases  
That Have Accumulated

The regular two weeks' civil term of Superior court began here yesterday morning at ten o'clock the presiding judge being Judge Henry A. Grady of Clinton, who finished a one week special criminal term here on September 17.

Four jury cases, divorce suits, featured yesterday's calendar. Three divorces absolute were granted as follows: Lillie Ennis vs. L. R. Ennis; Carson Adams vs. Annie Adams; Dessie May Potter vs. G. Floyd Potter. Legal separation was granted in the case Addie O. Parker vs. Joseph E. Parker.

It was found by canvassing the motion docket that several hundred cases, some of which are three or four years old, were pending in the Superior court on appeals from justice's courts and the Recorder's court. Judge Grady ordered the clerk to prepare and submit to him a list of all these cases, and if such a course is found advisable, he will order the appointment of a referee to come to Smithfield and hear all of these cases until they are fully disposed of. Judge Grady's suggestion in the matter met the unanimous approval of the local bar.

UNCLE SAM GETS OVER  
\$500,000 FROM FIGHT

Washington, Sept. 22.—Uncle Sam's share of the gate at the Tunney-Dempsey fight tonight, government tax experts figure, will be more than half a million dollars.

They base their calculations on \$3,000,000, but say they won't be able to make accurate computations until they know the exact amount and the exemptions from federal tax that Tunney, Dempsey and Rickard will claim.

## COUNTY POULTRY MEETING FRIDAY

S. P. Honeycutt, president of the County Poultry association, announces the regular monthly meeting of the association for next Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the farmers' room of the courthouse. V. W. Lewis, marketing specialist of State College, Mr. Howard of the Howard Poultry Farm near Dunn, and Mr. Draper, will be on the program. President Honeycutt urges a full attendance as this is an important meeting.

## Give Him 100.

"Now, sir," said the professor of medicine, "tell me to what class of maladies insomnia belongs?" "Why—er," replied the medical student, "it's a contagious disease." "I never heard it so described. Where did you learn this?" "From experience. Whenever my neighbor's dog can't sleep, I'm just as wakeful as he is."

When a woman flatters her husband it usually means that his pocketbook is going to be flattered, too.

Not all bedtime stories are broadcasted.

## Club Sponsors Lyceum Course

First Number Will Be Given  
on Oct. 18 In Court House;  
Evelyn Burt Concert Party

The Business and Professional Women's club of this city is bringing to Smithfield this year a four-number Lyceum course from the Piedmont Bureau of Asheville. While Smithfield for the past year or two has supported a Chautauqua, the Business and Professional Women's club is bringing the Lyceum course to further encourage good, wholesome, enjoyable, educational entertainments. There will be no conflict between these two entertainment features. The first Lyceum number will come in October, and the succeeding numbers in December, January and February or March. The Chautauqua is scheduled for some time in November.

The local club hopes to make the course self-supporting and a season ticket sale will be put on before the first number which will be presented on Tuesday, October 18. This entertainment will be given in the Johnston county courthouse, and will be presented by the Evelyn Burt Concert Party of New York. The company includes only three performers, but they do the work of six people. Only artists of wide experience can accomplish such a feat.

The program is a feast of musical and dramatic entertainment and artistry. Among the groups will be found Spanish, (now so popular), Dutch and Chinese, each given in gorgeous costumes. Violin and piano, together with soprano and baritone voices and dramatic playlets round out a thoroughly delightful and inspiring program of rare musical and dramatic entertainment.

The other numbers are: The Banta Duo, the Allpress All-Star Company, and the Shields Trio. The Banta Duo filled fifty engagements for the Piedmont Bureau during 1925 without one adverse criticism. Edythe Banta has a beautiful mezzo-soprano voice whose tones are pure and natural. Some of the old fashioned songs she presents in charming costumes. Among her offerings is "I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls" from the "Bohemian Girl," in which opera she appeared while on tour with the Boston Opera Company. Harold Banta is not unknown to the South and Piedmont audiences, having sung leading parts with the Tooley Opera Company. A baritone voice of wide range that is not soon forgotten. Pianoliques and impersonations, cartoon sketches true to life, go to round out one of the most artistic and popular programs of the season.

The Shields Trio is really the three Shields sisters. The program consists of dramatic sketches, monologues, songs and period impersonations. Ivine is a singer. Clarity of enunciation and charm of personality captivate her audiences. She is also a pianist of ability. Laurene is a dramatic reader. Power and personality are the fascinating high-lights in her work. She appeals to young and old as she draws from a rich repertoire of both humorous and dramatic selections. She is also an excellent singer. Hattie-Bell, cellist, possesses splendid technique and lovely tone. She plays with equal skill the old favorites and the works of the masters.

The Allpress All Star organization was founded by Thomas Allpress, master violinist, composer and arranger of compositions. Mr. Allpress still heads the organization, which has had many years of most successful experiences on the platform concert. The program includes new and original settings of the standard overtures, elaborate compositions on the old melodies, such as "The Last Rose of Summer," "Comin' Thro' the Rye" and "The Soul of the Violin." Novelty music with contrasting effects, rhapsodies and reveries and popular ballads make up a wonderful program.

The News and Critic Laconia, prints this regarding a roadside notice posted in New Hampshire: "By order of the selectmen, cows grazing by the roadside or riding bicycles on the sidewalks is hereby forbidden."—Norway (Maine) Advertiser.

## Dry Democrat



Edwin T. Meredith, former Secretary of Agriculture, seemingly has been thrust into the shoes vacated by Wm. G. McAdoo, as dry leader and Democratic presidential candidate. He says Democratic Dry Progressives must hold a conference soon to pick a leader to oppose the Al Smith faction.

## Princeton School Opens October 5

M. F. Young Will Be Principal  
Again This Year;  
Twenty Teachers

PRINCETON, Sept. 23.—Wednesday, October 5, has been set as the opening day for the Princeton graded school. M. F. Young, who has been with this school for the past several years, will be principal again this year, and the following corps of efficient teachers nineteen in all, will assist him in making this the most successful year in the history of the school:

First grade: Miss Elgie Woodard, Kenly; Miss Clyda Woodard, Kenly.

Second grade: Miss Altemise Boyd, Rocky Mount, Miss Madeline Trear, Farmville, Va.

Third grade: Miss Hattie Hanks, Manning, S. C.; Miss Emma Cox, Cullowhee.

Fourth grade: Miss Ora McCormack, Rowland; Miss Homiselle McCorkle, Salisbury.

Fifth grade: Miss Margaret Roberson, Robersonville; Miss Mary E. Slaughter, Kenly.

Sixth grade: Miss Estell Lee, McIntyre, Ga.; Miss Leila Neely, Rock Hill, S. C.

Seventh grade: Miss Elizabeth Carawan, Goldsboro; Miss Annie Jones, Homestead, Pa.

Eighth grade: Miss Constance Harrrellson, Temple, Texas.

Ninth grade: Miss Inez Holloway, Durham.

Tenth grade: Mr. Gilbert Boyette, Kenly.

Eleventh grade: Miss Ina Walker, McCormick, S. C.

Music: Miss Bessie Tomlinson, Wilson.

Principal: M. F. Young, Princeton.

## MAGISTRATE ADOPTS BOY RATHER THAN CONVICT

DANVILLE, Va., Sept. 23.—Hoge Vernon, Caswell county magistrate, found a novel way of disposing of a case brought to his attention this week. A 16-year-old boy was accused of drunkenness. The evidence showed that the boy was an orphan and had small opportunities. Instead of convicting him the magistrate adopted him and took him home on the agreement that the youth should obey him as a son.

## CIGARETTE MOTHERS WILL LOSE BABIES

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Sixty per cent of all babies born of cigarette-smoking mothers die before they reach the age of two, due primarily to nicotine poisoning, Dr. Charles L. Barber, of Lansing, Mich., told the annual convention of the American Association for Medical Physical Research.

"A baby born of a cigarette-smoking mother is sick," he declared. "It is poisoned and may die within two weeks of birth. The post mortem shows degeneration of the liver, heart and other organs."

A dentist says that he had an absent-minded motorist in his chair the other day. "Will you take gas?" he asked.

"Year," replied the absent-minded patient, "and you better look at the oil, too."—Boston Transcript.

## Call To Arms Democratic Drys

Withdrawal of McAdoo From  
Race For Presidential Nom-  
ination in 128 Stirs Up Ac-  
tion

Written Specially for The Herald  
By ROBERT FULLER  
(Through Autocaster Service)

Withdrawal of William Gibbs McAdoo from the Democratic race for the 1928 presidential nomination has stirred up action amongst the progressive dries of that party.

Edwin T. Meredith, Des Moines, Iowa, publisher, and former secretary of agriculture in the Wilson administration, has sounded the call to arms.

In some quarters Meredith's call has been interpreted as an announcement that he is in the field for the nomination against Governor Al Smith. That he is ready to assume the anti-Smith leadership laid down by McAdoo.

Mr. Meredith will not admit that he is a candidate but he does insist that it is important that a conference of the progressive dries be held at once. It developed that a formal call for such conference may be issued at once, the meeting to be held in Chicago and an effort made to array a battle front which will keep the nomination from going to Governor Smith "by default," as put by Mr. Meredith.

It is said a formal call for the conference may be issued by George Milton, Chattanooga, Tenn., publisher, who for eight years has promoted the McAdoo campaigns. It is understood that Mr. Meredith all along has been considered the McAdoo preference, after himself.

Mr. Meredith believes the principal issue in 1928 will be farm relief and prohibition, with a plank calling for the strict enforcement of the Volstead act in the Democratic national platform.

"What do you consider should be the principal issue in the 1928 campaign?" Mr. Meredith was asked.

"Agriculture," he replied. "There must be a solution of the farm problem. It is the most important problem in the country. It is not, of course, a partisan question, but, as the present Republican Administration seems unlikely to furnish a satisfactory solution, I believe the Democratic party should try to do so."

Mr. Meredith said that the question of Governor Smith's religion did not enter into the opposition to his nomination in Iowa and adjoining states. "Governor Smith is opposed not because he is a Catholic but because he is wet," he said. "Senator Walsh is a Catholic and a dry. His nomination would be entirely satisfactory to the majority of the dry progressive wing of the Democratic party."

Depreciating talk of his own candidacy, Mr. Meredith named Newton D. Baker of Ohio, former Secretary of War; Senator Joe T. Robinson, of Arkansas; Thomas J. Walsh of Montana; Representative Cordell Hull of Tennessee and Daniel C. Roper of Texas as among those whom the dry progressive wing of the Democratic party would support.

He declared the members of the group would not support Governor Smith, Senator Jim Reed of Missouri or Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, for the nomination.

## TUNNEY WAS DOWN FOR 14 SECONDS FIGHT FILM SHOTS

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Moving pictures of the Dempsey-Tunney fight showed that Tunney was down in the seventh round for fourteen seconds, official of the Chicago Film Laboratory Company, which developed the pictures made by the Goodart Company of New York, announced.

For part of the period, however, the pictures showed Dempsey standing over the champion, or in his own corner before he was waved to a far corner by the referee. The pictures showed Tunney went down after a right to the jaw. Slow motion pictures of the contest, officials said, revealed no low blows by either contestant.

## Baptist Campaign Gets Under Way

Associate Chairman For  
Johnston Association  
Announces Schedule of Meet-  
ings Beginning Oct. 3

The Baptist Centennial Campaign, a movement inaugurated for the purpose of freeing from debt the educational institutions of the Baptists of North Carolina, will get under way in Johnston county the first week in October. The campaign was formally launched in the first district on Sept. 15, when 655 men and women from nine associations met at Meredith College in Raleigh. At this meeting, the chairman and key-woman of each association was presented. Those from the Johnston association are Dwight Barbour and Mrs. B. A. Hocutt, of Clayton.

The associate chairman, Mrs. Hocutt, announces the schedule of meetings which will be held in Johnston county under the direction of the Woman's Missionary Union of the State and Association as follows: Kenly, Monday, October 3, at 2 p. m.; Clayton, October 4, at 2 p. m.; Benson, Wednesday, October 5, at 2 p. m.; Selma, Thursday, October 6, at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Hocutt urges every woman young and old to attend one of these meetings in the church of their district if possible, if not, the one most convenient. The meetings will last about an hour and a half. Mrs. Hocutt says, "Do not depend upon the other woman from your church going. Go yourself and carry others."

There will be a speaker from W. M. U. headquarters to speak at each point. Also Miss Gertrude Mattison will be present.

The centennial campaign committee in the Johnston association is composed of the following: Rev. L. E. D. Andrews, Mrs. J. M. Beaty, W. H. Britt, Judge F. H. Brooks, A. J. Broughton, H. E. Earp, W. S. Earp, R. H. Gower, N. M. Gurley, Rev. R. F. Hall, Mrs. B. A. Hocutt, Rev. J. E. Kirk, Mrs. N. B. Lewis, Rev. S. S. McGregor, Rev. S. L. Morgan, Mrs. W. J. Sanders, Alonzo Parrish, Elliott S. Poole, Rev. R. L. Shirley, Dr. J. H. Stanley, J. T. Talton, Mrs. Geo. D. Vick, L. C. Yeargan, Jesse Wall.

## MRS. SMITH ACCEPTS HER BABY DAUGHTER

Finally Reconciled To Child Being  
a Girl Instead of a Boy  
As First Believed.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Gurgling and cooing her way into a mother's heart, the tiny bundle of humanity who has been the center of Cleveland's "baby tangle" for the past month was named "Georgia" today after she had been warmly accepted by Mrs. Sam Smith.

"She is a little angel and I will keep her," Mrs. Smith said as her month old baby girl chinkled up her little nose and smiled while her mother cuddled her close to her breast.

Torn by doubt that the baby girl she nursed was not the child born to her August 22, but one substituted by hospital officials for the "boy" to whom she believed she had given birth, Mrs. Smith at first failed to respond to the baby's gurgling, cooing and smiling. Hot disappointed tears splashed on the baby's cheeks at the mother's breast as her heart was torn by doubt.

Habeas corpus action, instituted by the child's father to recover his child, "George Smith," was dismissed yesterday in common pleas court after Judge Carl V. Weygant was convinced Mrs. Smith had the right child. Doubt still lurked in her mind after the hand of justice had done its part in solving the tangle, but today she was happy.

## Wrong, But Right.

Teacher: "Why was Solomon the wisest man in the world?"  
Boy: "Because he had so many wives to advise him."  
Teacher: (a strong-minded female) "That's not the answer in the book, but you may go to the head of the class."—Epworth Era.

## Facing East for Hop



Ruth Elder, Lakeland, Fla., prize winning beauty, now in New York with her airplane "American Girl," insists she will fly the Atlantic to Paris yet this year, piloted by George Haldeman.

## Board Suggests Full Time Nurse

Report of Health Officer For  
First Eight Months of the  
Year Is Commended

At a special meeting of the county board of health held in the county health office the county board of health made recommendations to the county board of commissioners that a full time nurse be employed in Johnston county to the end that the health work of the county may be more adequately done. The splendid type of work done by the county health department, and the bigness of the task warranted this recommendation. The report of Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, speaks for itself as to what is being accomplished. At the meeting Friday Dr. Massey read a report of the health work including activities from January 1, 1927 through August 31 which was commended by the board of health. His report is as follows:

"Epidemiological investigations, 51; contagious diseases quarantined and placarded, 327, of which 34 were typhoid fever; vaccinations, complete, against typhoid fever, 7,295; diphtheria, 746; smallpox, 730.

"Tubercular Control: Examinations by clinician in clinic, 181, positive cases registered, 24, homes visited and instructed 29, admitted to institution 4.

"Venereal diseases: Cases reported 35, treatments to indigents, 146. "Visits to jail, 88, convict camps, 48, county home 56, prisoners examined and treated 240, specimens (water and blood) sent to State Laboratory 134, pus examined for Gonococci 42, complete urine analysis 28.

"Urban privies constructed or repaired by special agent from the State Board of Health, 66.

"Visits and instructions to schools 54, children examined for ordinary defects of teeth, tonsils, eyes, etc., with attention called to same 1713. Children completing course in Good Health Habit formation 600.

"Special examinations: For marriage 80, children for industry 27, teachers certificated 17, by court order 7, children for admission to institutions 10, for lunacy 21, post-mortems 3.

"Conferences: individual and in a group, 939.

"Car miles driven, 7,800."

Present at the meeting Friday were: Dr. A. H. Rose, Dr. J. B. Person of Selma, H. B. Marrow and J. D. Underwood. In the absence of C. A. Fitzgerald, chairman, J. D. Underwood, recently elected mayor of Smithfield, an ex-officio member of the county board of health, was elected chairman of the meeting. In a general discussion it was the sense of the board that a quarterly meeting should be held.

## Down For Ten.

Him: "You look like a sensible girl, let's get married."  
Her: "Nothing doing. I'm just as sensible as I look."

## Much Ginning Done In Texas

Goodly Proportion of Cotton  
Crop Has Been Picked and  
Much of It Sold

T. R. Hood has received a newspaper clipping from C. P. Johnson, of Paris, Texas, giving the present condition of the cotton crop in Texas. The report states that a goodly proportion of the Texas crop has already been ginned, and that prospects for a top crop are dim. The article is as follows:

"With a goodly proportion of the cotton of Texas picked and most of it sold, the week shows but little change in that part of the crop still in the fields. In many sections the prospect of a top crop is becoming exceedingly dim, and much of the cotton still to be picked has been badly damaged by insect pests, correspondents of The Dallas News report. In most sections the crop is far earlier than usual. Some farmers are holding for a better price.

"Poor conditions are the burden of the reports from the eastern counties in most cases. A yield smaller even than was expected several weeks ago is now predicted in some localities, and damage by pests continues. Fifty per cent less cotton than was raised last year is the estimate in a number of cases. Some showers have fallen, but as a rule the weather has been hot and dry.

"In Northeast Texas conditions are much the same, though in some cases they appear to be slightly better. The bolls are opening quickly under good weather conditions. Some districts report a normal yield, but these are the exception.

"In the north-central counties also the crop is moving quickly. Fair conditions are reported in some counties and good in one or two. Others are not reporting favorably. The northern counties generally say they will have a crop—particularly short in some instances—with much insect damage. Northwestern Texas conditions are better and in some localities are good, but in others reports are unfavorable. The central west counties vary considerably in their reports. Farmers in some districts say they will make no crop at all while others will do exceptionally well. The south-central counties are not doing as well. In the Panhandle little change is shown from last week.

"Southern Texas and the Gulf Coast regions have practically finished picking, and the result is a short crop at good prices. Western Texas has had good weather and results in most cases promise well."

## TAXABLE PROPERTY IN STATE VALUED \$2,794,931,063

RALEIGH, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Assessed valuation of taxable land and property in North Carolina has been fixed at \$2,794,931,069 according to figures compiled today by the State Board of Assessment.

This represents an increase of almost forty-nine million dollars over the assessed valuation of the previous year, and is the greatest valuation ever placed on property in North Carolina for taxation purposes with the exception of the year 1920 when post-war prosperity and the late revaluation shot the assessed value of Tar Heel property to above the three billion dollar mark.

## AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Mc—



"Wimmin kaint stan' but ons joke at a time mo specially when dats bout all dey husban' iz."