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## Final Corner's Hearing Held

### Coroner After Six Different Hearings Files Report in Connection With The Death of J. M. Royal.

Coroner J. H. Kirkman filed his report in court Friday which covers six different hearings by him and his jury in the inquest held in connection with the death of J. M. Royal, a farmer of Banner township, who was killed at his home during the late hours of the night of October 21, 1927.

At the first sitting of the coroner's inquest, there was sufficient evidence implicating Claude Barber, a white man living near the home of the slain man, to warrant his commitment to jail, and no bail has been allowed. Golden Parker, a white man residing in Benson, was also implicated and committed to jail, but was later released on a \$3,500 bond, which was given by his father, Dr. George E. Parker. In filing his final report here Friday Coroner Kirkman demanded his re-arrest for a stronger bond. Parker was released on a \$5,000 bond which was signed by his brother, Alfred Parker, of Benson.

In addition to what evidence has been adduced from the testimony of various witnesses, the coroner is now having expert fingerprint tests made and also laboratory tests made of some blood smudges which were found on and about Barber's car on the day following the murder of Royal.

The final hearing by the coroner, which was held in Benson last Thursday night at the town hall, was unexpected. Some new witnesses were examined at the public hearing, and immediately thereafter a private hearing before the jury was held in the mayor's office.

The jury after due consideration of all testimony to be procured found that J. M. Royal came to his death at his home in front of his garage in Banner township on the morning of October 21, 1927 by gun shot in the hands of Claude Barber and the jury recommended that said Barber be held without bond for an investigation by the grand jury at the next term of Superior court.

The jury also find after due consideration from all evidence to be procured that Golden Parker to be an accessory to the fact and to have taken an active part in the crime committed and recommend that his bond be materially increased.

When the calendar for the December term of the Johnston Superior court was set here on December 1, this case was not ready for the trial docket, and it will be the March term before the case will be set for trial.

### FIDDLERS CONVENTION

There will be a fiddler's convention, box supper and other numbers of importance given at the Holly Grove school house Friday night, December 16. All persons who are in the habit of making music of any kind are invited to come and bring your instrument and take part in the game and work for a prize.

The general public is invited to attend and enjoy the music. Admission 25 cents.

You can't convince a self-made man that he gave himself the worst of it.

## 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.

Ronald Fuller recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: jesabekseamml

### Serious Business



Former Champ Jack Dempsey as most serious when he appeared in court to defend a suit filed by his former manager Jack Leams for one-third of a million claiming breach of contract.

## Tobacco Market Closes On Dec. 16

### Will Not Open After Christmas This Year; More Tobacco Already Sold Than Last Year.

The Smithfield tobacco market is nearing the close of one of the best seasons in its history. On Friday, December 16, the market will close for the season, practically all of the tobacco in this section having already been marketed.

Figures at this time are not available as to the number of pounds sold on the Smithfield market, but they total a good bit more than for last year. Both warehouses, the Central and the Banner, consider the tobacco business good here this fall.

While the sales are now light, the weed is reported to be selling at a good price.

Heretofore, the market has reopened after Christmas for a short while, but this year when it closes on the 16th for the Christmas holidays, the season is over.

### NUTS ARE PACKED WITH RICH FOOD

RALEIGH, Dec. 1.—Nuts which are produced in rather large abundance in North Carolina are excellent as food material although the food is somewhat concentrated and not too many of the meats should be consumed at any one time.

"Nuts, like cheese, is the last word in concentrated nourishment," says Miss Maude E. Wallace, assistant state home demonstration agent at State College. "While children may crave candies and sweets, the rich fine flavor of the nut, eaten plain or improved with salt, should prove most alluring. But not too much of this food must be eaten at any one time and it must be well masticated or there may be digestive troubles," Miss Wallace continued.

There are several kinds of nuts found in North Carolina. Peanuts are abundant and there are good quantities of pecans, black walnuts, chestnuts and hickory nuts. The peanut is high in nutritive value, states Miss Wallace, containing 30 per cent of fat or oil. The pecan contains over 33 per cent of vegetable oil and the walnut about 15 per cent.

Each of these nuts contain much of the body building protein. The peanut ranks highest with the black walnut second. But there is another claim for food value that these materials have aside from the fat and protein. All nuts have a high content of lime and iron which is essential in the formation of blood, teeth and bone. The pecan, chestnut and walnut are noted for their iron content while the almond leads in lime.

Now that time for the harvest of nuts has arrived, Miss Wallace states they should be gathered and used in various dishes. Nut bread, peanut loaf and sautéed nuts are three excellent dishes. The product may be used in many other ways to add interest and flavor as well as nutritive value to the meal.

Nuts with a salad of fruits and vegetables are appetizing or they may be served with fruit and raisins as dessert. They may also be used as a side dish or put into bread, cakes and sandwiches where

### C. W. CARTER APPEALS IN MAYORALTY CASE

CLAYTON, Dec. 3.—C. W. Carter today announced that he had taken an appeal to the Supreme court in connection with the reversal of his claims to the mayoralty of the city. In the election last May Mr. Carter received one more vote than his opponent, Dr. F. G. Gower. Dr. Gower claimed that the election was illegal on the ground that several of the Carter votes were cast by persons not entitled to vote. He took the case to court, lost, appealed, got a new trial and won. Now Mr. Carter appeals.

## 99 School Truck Drivers Here Sat.

### Held Meeting in Interest of Safety of Children and Economical Upkeep of Trucks.

Ninety-nine of the 119 truck drivers of the Johnston county schools were here Saturday afternoon to attend the meeting called by the county superintendent of schools, H. B. Marrow, in the interest of taking care of the trucks and of making it safe for the children to ride on the trucks. The rain was incessant and the large crowd present was evidence of the interest these drivers are taking in their job.

Rules and regulations regarding the trucks have been printed and a copy put up in each truck, and one of the first things to be discussed Saturday was these rules and regulations. A splendid spirit of cooperation was shown in the meeting and it was unanimously agreed to keep the cost of the upkeep of the trucks at the lowest figure possible, and to make it as safe as possible for the children who are transported.

T. E. Talton, traffic officer of Johnston county, made a very impressive talk to the truck drivers, assuring them that they can count on him to help to enforce the laws that affect the operation of school trucks. He asked the drivers to take the license number of automobiles that pass a school truck as children are getting on or off, and report to him. He also stated that if he caught a school truck running at a rate beyond 25 miles per hour, he would take action.

Avery Williams and O. W. Hedrick, county mechanics, made talks concerning the care of the trucks, and Harry Keller, of the Corinth-Holders school told how he handled the trucks on the school grounds. The truck drivers also entered into the discussions, and altogether, the meeting was a very profitable one.

### GOLDSBORO MAY GET PINELAND COLLEGE

GOLDSBORO, Dec. 3.—If Goldsboro will donate a site of 10 to 30 acres for a junior college and a building to cost not less than one hundred thousand dollars, the Pineland Junior College at Salemburg, Sampson county, will be moved to Goldsboro, it was revealed at the chamber of commerce today.

If the above requirements are met the present college plant, appraised at \$192,000, would be deeded to the Goldsboro college and an endowment of \$100,000 transferred to the trustees of the new school. The management is willing to move from Salemburg to Goldsboro because of the more central location here. Moving the college to Goldsboro would increase the enrollment of the institution to 500, it is thought.

## New Post Office Now Seems Sure

### Some Dissatisfaction Over Proposed Site Between the Present Location and a Young Motor Company; Effort to Re-open Matter.

Smithfield has long needed a new postoffice building, and the prospects seem to be materializing now even though there is some dissatisfaction with the location that has been chosen. A company known as the Smithfield Building Company has been formed and it is the intention of the company to erect between the present postoffice site and the Young Motor Company on Market street a building the lower floor of which has been leased to the government for a postoffice.

The officers of the new firm are as follows: president, W. Ransom Sanders; vice-president, Harry D. Sherwood, of Washington, D. C.; secretary-treasurer, W. M. Sanders. The company has not yet been incorporated but it will probably be incorporated at an early date, unless present plans are disrupted.

When it became known that the government would entertain a proposition to move the postoffice into a new building, it is understood that several propositions were submitted to postoffice officials. The one that met with favor, however, was that of the Smithfield Building Company. This company has leased to the government the first floor space, 23 feet 6 inches by 98 feet 6 inches, for a period of ten years beginning January 1, 1928, or as soon thereafter as the building can be made ready, for a consideration of \$1,000 per year, including heat, light and water. Postmaster J. C. Stanclil states that the new quarters will be equipped with the latest fixtures. Everything will be standardized and will be conveniently arranged for serving the public.

The dissatisfaction that has arisen over the location is based on the fact that some of the business firms feel that any location further west than the present location would be a mistake. Naturally the town will not grow beyond the river, and for this reason, a good many would prefer that the postoffice be more centrally located. There is a movement on foot to reopen the matter with a view to securing a location nearer the center of the business section.

Tom Tarheel says he has put a stop to shooting birds on his place and he is having less trouble from insects now than ever before.

## Dr. Frank Crane Says

### HUMAN FACTOR WEALTH OF NATION

People who pile up billion-dollar fortunes in the steel business, in banking, in automobiles and otherwise are supposed to be the greatest adders to the wealth of the country.

Some years ago, however, John Ruskin wrote about "The Veins of Wealth" in an article in which he held that the true wealth of the nation consisted not in the yellow veins of gold running through the earth, but in the blue veins of human blood.

In other words, men were worth more to a country than natural resources.

Had the Pilgrim fathers, who landed on the bleak shores of New England some years ago landed in Manila, the Philippines would by this time have been as prosperous as Massachusetts. Take all the Philippines and transfer them to New England, and in their stead put New Englanders in the Philippine Islands, in a short time New England would be devastated and the Philippines prosperous.

It is men who make the country. With this in view we consider Senora Esperidonia Chavez, 59 years of age, of Los Angeles, rocking the cradle of her one hun-

## Mrs. Sanders Is Made Chairman

### Heads State U. D. C. Bentonville Committee; Lay Plans For Improving Ground.

Mrs. W. M. Sanders, who has been vice-chairman of the Bentonville committee of the State U. D. C. has recently been appointed chairman, and she is already making plans in regard to the Bentonville battleground, which if they materialize will mean a great deal to that section of Johnston county.

In the meantime, work is going forward toward beautifying the spot where the marker was erected last fall. Miss Georgia Pilling, state landscape gardener, has visited the place and has submitted plans for the planting of shrubs, which will be done at the proper time. The local community is taking considerable interest in the effort to make the place attractive, and time will see their efforts rewarded.

Mrs. Sanders is the logical chairman of the Bentonville committee, for she has always shown a deep interest in the place looking after it even before the State U. D. C. took the matter up.

Mrs. Sanders is also interested in preserving the history not only of Johnston county but also of North Carolina, particularly that part during the War Between the States. Two years ago she offered a prize for the best paper on the Battle of Bentonville written by a Johnston county citizen. Last year she offered a prize of ten dollars for the best paper on the Battle of Bentonville written by persons in the State outside of the county. This was won by an Asheville citizen. This year she is offering a similar prize, this time the subject being "Activities of Wheeler's Cavalry." Papers must be ready by the 1928 meeting of the State U. D. C.

### Brogdon

SMITHFIELD, Route 2, Dec. 2.—Miss Rachel Hazelton spent the Thanksgiving week end at Durham and Chapel Hill.

Miss Laurie Currie spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. G. A. Martin in Smithfield.

Miss Susie Cannon and Miss Kate Huggins spent the Thanksgiving holidays at Hertford at the former's home.

The Brogdon faculty held its regular teachers meeting Tuesday afternoon immediately after school.

Mrs. David Creech and little son, Al, of Tampa, Fla., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gardner.

## Four Inches Of Rainfall Here

### Cold Winds Accompany Rains In This Section; Snow and Sleet In West.

December was ushered in by bad weather which was general throughout North Carolina. In the western part of the state a cold rain turned into snow and sleet, while in the eastern portion biting winds added to the disagreeableness of the driving rains. More than four inches of rain fell in Smithfield from Thursday afternoon through Sunday night.

The rainfall during the four days was as follows: Thursday, .21; Friday, .71; Saturday, .16; Sunday, 2.80; yesterday morning, .17.

### HEAVY SLEETS BREAK WIRES AT GREENSBORO

GREENSBORO, Dec. 4.—Greensboro and other cities in this section of the state generally had a costly and uncomfortable Sunday, what with the heavy coat of sleet and chances of a rising temperature. More than 75 telephones were put out of commission here during the day as a result of cable leaks, while no little damage was done to trees and fine shrubbery.

Automobile traffic was unusually light during the day and only one accident was reported in the city to police. This was a minor one and resulted in only slight damage to three cars at the corner of Fulton and West Lee streets.

The only near-serious accident of the day took place near Randleman late in the afternoon when a passenger bus driven by Walter York overturned after hitting a state highway commission truck. Although there were eight persons in the car, no one was seriously hurt. York reported last night that the truck was parked in the highway and bore no light. The bus was headed south.

### BUS SERVICE DISRUPTED.

Bus service between Greensboro and Winston-Salem was disrupted during the morning hours due to fallen wires and telephone poles. The same condition was reported between this city and Siler City, where high winds had apparently worked havoc with ice laden wires. Train schedules through the city were slightly offset as a result of the bad weather, some of the main line Southern passenger carriers arriving from one to two hours behind schedule. Street cars in the city operated on schedule.

### SNOW AND ICE RAPIDLY MELTING IN MOUNTAINS

BLOWING ROCK, Dec. 4.—Snow and ice which covered Watauga county for two days was rapidly melting late today but the skies look threatening and more snow is considered probable. Early today the snow was covered with a thick crust of ice. Electric power was cut off because of icicles hanging to the wires.

### WATERS OF NEUSE RIVER OUT OF BANKS AT NEW BERN

NEW BERN, Dec. 3.—For the first time in years the waters of Neuse River last night came over the banks here. There was no danger and the tide soon receded with a change of wind. Very little damage was reported.

The rainfall for the last four days has been unusually heavy, a total of 4.30 inches having fallen Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The fall today was not heavy but was almost continuous. The temperature has been rather high.

### CLINTON BUSINESS PLACES THREATENED BY FLOOD

CLINTON, Dec. 4.—Several business houses including the office and plant of the Sampson Independent, and store houses along the same street were threatened by rising waters last night. The heavy rains that continued through the entire day and until early this morning were too much for the drainage system in that section.

Members of the local fire department had to be called upon and labored until two o'clock this morning before they could get the waters pumped off the street, where it had reached a depth of

### Discovers Explosive



Edwin Mulvaney—Chattanooga, Tenn. high school boy—in "Lab" experiments discovered a new explosive—substitute for gasoline—which Federal chemists are now working on.

## Regular Meeting Commissioners

### Quite a Number of Tax Releases Ordered; Select Attorneys To Pass On School Bonds.

The County Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting here yesterday and as usual transacted quite a lot of business. Items disposed of during the day included the following:

Upon motion duly seconded, Caldwell & Raymond of New York were employed as the county bond attorneys to pass on all school bonds.

Ordered that J. C. Jones be paid \$7.00 for turkey killed by dogs belonging to Jim Gordon, Pleasant Grove township.

Ordered that J. A. Peule be paid \$35 for payment of use of bloodhounds in catching storebreakers in Micro.

A number of tax releases were ordered some of which were on land located in what is known as the Neuse "Islands." The releases are as follows:

Wayne Hardwood Company released of \$8,320, tax valuation on 1200 acres in Bentonville township.

Leonard Winslow released of \$4,500 tax valuation for 1926 and present year.

W. H. Wells refunded tax on \$265 tax valuation on personal property, Boon Hill township.

Albert Banks, of Beulah township, released of poll tax for 1927 on account of being a non-resident.

Forrest Terry released of \$50 tax valuation on personal property and poll tax for 1927 on account of being a non-resident.

J. W. Wood released of \$2500 tax valuation in Meadow township.

J. J. Deans released of \$400 tax valuation on real estate in Selma township.

Mrs. Alice More released of tax valuation on house and lot in Banner township for 1926 because she does not own the property.

Mrs. Cora F. Crocker released of \$1800 tax valuation on personal property on account of being a non-resident.

The following releases in Bentonville township were ordered because of over-valuation: Sallie Eason \$185; Joel and Henry Blackman, \$400; Atlas Lambert, \$795; J. W. Stafford, \$360; C. B. & M. A. Pennington, \$820; C. B. & M. A. Pennington, \$2,380; C. H. Johnson, \$535; L. R. Martin, \$830; I. G. Martin, \$950; Hester Williford, \$290; D. E. Adams, \$120; D. E. Adams, \$180; Mrs. John Lawhorn, \$825; M. C. Williford, \$1,100; E. H. Lawhorn, \$2,550; Miss Amy Stevens, \$1,300.

Upon motion, it was ordered that D. O. Uzzle be paid \$150 as assistant auditor.

Ordered that J. M. Adams be paid \$30.60 for summoning 51 witnesses in J. M. Royal inquest case.

about eight inches. Other streets in the town, in the residential section also, had the appearance of a canal. Sleet is reported to have fallen in portions of the county near the Wayne county line.

## Congress Meets For 70th Term

### House Expects Little Opposition In Re-electing Speaker Longworth and Other Party Officials; Important Problems.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Congress assembled today for the first session of its seventieth term. Facing a host of problems as important as any since the war are beset by internal political eruptions, the legislators approved long avenue of endeavor that will bring them to adjournment in the summer just in time for the party conventions and the following presidential campaign.

With the day to itself in preparation for receipt tomorrow of President Coolidge's message and the budget recommendations of Wednesday, Congress devoted its first day to organization of its two chambers.

A two-fold flare-up was the Senate's prospect but the house with a substantial republican majority, anticipated little difficulty in putting over its program of re-election of speaker Nicholas Longworth and other party officials over the democratic ticket headed by Finis J. Garrett, the minority leader.

Republican leaders were not optimistic in the Senate, where small group of western republican independents, because of the one-vote majority of the old guard over the democratic membership, held the whip hand in deciding where Senator Moses of New Hampshire, or Senator Pittman democrat, of Nevada, shall be president pro-tempore.

With the organization program and the fight over the seating of Senators-elect Frank L. Smith, of Illinois, and William S. Vare of Pennsylvania, in the balance, leaders of the republican and democratic parties hastened into conference with the independent prior to the session opening at noon, hopeful of smoothing the way to agreement.

Without disclosing how the will employ their votes in the opening day skirmishing, the independents have demanded of the majority party assurances that early votes will be taken on farm relief, a measure to curb the junction power of federal courts, labor disputes, and a resolution proposing investigation of the administration's policy in latin-America.

The independents, Frazier and Nye of North Dakota, and L. Follette and Blaine of Wisconsin, republicans, and the farmer-labor Senator, Shipstead, of Minnesota have received the personal assurance of Senator Curtis of Kansas the republican leader, on the points but they have insisted that the party as a whole pledge itself to prompt again.—Associated Press.

### DOG HIKES 700 MILES

Elkhorn, Wis., Dec. 2.—Fritz, shepherd dog belonging to Mrs. J. B. Williams Bay, Wis., finishing his journey home from the West by train, after hiking 700 miles from Yellowstone Park, Denver. The dog, which was four footers and exhausted by a Denver woman, was traced to Wisconsin by a license tag.

### Aunt Roxie Opines



"Hit look lak dey gwinter ma us pay berryin' spences uv backer co-whops."