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VALU OF BREVIY— THE G. O. P. CONVENTION— COLDEST SPOT ON EARTH— MARRIAGE STILL BEST—

President Coolidge, a man of few words, regrets that his message to Congress could not be shorter.

In Australia workers, unemployed, tried to force their way into the Treasury Building. The rioting was suppressed.

A monument to Theodore Roosevelt will be erected above the Culebra Cut overlooking the Panama Canal.

All his interesting talk, advising women to have nineteen children, etc., will be forgotten.

Old age is the night of life. "Work, for the night is coming when man's work is done," says the old hymn.

San Francisco is expected to get the Republican convention next year, with 23 national committee-men now pledged.

Chicago has found in Detroit a blonde beauty with long hair, and positively arranged yesterday to show a Lady Godiva at last night's Arts Ball.

Berlin scientists have created the coldest spot on earth, producing in laboratory experiments a temperature 459 degrees below zero.

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CONSIDER THIS! The Herald has the largest circulation of any newspaper published in Johnston County.

MRS. RUTH SNYDER AND JUDD GRAY DEAD

Figures On \$750,000 School Bond Issue

County Supt. Marrow Gives Summary of Advances For School Buildings

In order that the public may be informed as to what the \$750,000 bond issue under the consideration of the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting here on Monday, is all about, we have asked the county superintendent to give us figures from the official audit of the school books to show what is included in this debt that is to be funded.

New Development Two Days Session Put On Market Co. Commissioners

"Hillcrest" Was Scene Of Auction Sale Wednesday; J. L. Johnson Buys House and Two Acres

"Hillcrest," Smithfield's newest real estate development, was put on the market Wednesday when Honeycutt, Abell and Gray, selling agents, conducted an auction sale at the scene of the property south of town.

There are quite a number of lots in this development, and not all of them were sold Wednesday. Among those that were sold was the seven room house with two acres of ground which was purchased by J. Lemmie Johnson.

An interesting feature of the auction sale was the drawing of the cash prizes and also the drawing for the radio, which was the grand prize given away.

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POLICE!



Miss Helen Baker, who keeps the books ordinarily, becomes the whole police department of North Arlington, N. J., when the police force is called away at times.

Annual Meeting Of Farmers Bank

Institution Pays Good Dividend In 1927—Two New Members on Board of Directors

The condition of the Farmers Bank and Trust company of this city is somewhat evidenced by the fact that that institution paid its stockholders last year nine per cent dividends.

The chief transaction of the afternoon was the election of a board of directors for another year. Two new members were chosen these being J. E. Gregory and J. P. Rogers.

In the evening at seven o'clock the directors held a meeting and elected the following officers: president, R. C. Gillett; vice-presidents, W. T. Holland and J. E. Woodall; cashier, J. E. Peterson.

Four Oaks Suffers Fire

A disastrous fire occurred in Four Oaks Wednesday afternoon when the house in which Robert Barbour was living was completely destroyed together with the furniture.

Baptist Pastors Hold Conference

Rev. S. L. Morgan Reads Paper on Church Discipline Which Receives Favorable Comment

The monthly conference of Baptist pastors of the Johnston Association met in Smithfield January 9 with a good attendance. Two matters of importance were discussed. One was the coming celebration of the 8th anniversary of the Prohibition movement.

The other subject discussed was Church Discipline, which had been chosen as the special topic for discussion. Rev. S. L. Morgan, of Smithfield, read a brief paper introducing the discussion, which was received with favorable comment.

"Discipline comes from the Latin 'disco,' to learn. Discipline, from the same word, means a learner, one who is under discipline, one who is being taught and trained.

Discipline inheres in the very idea of order and government. Every organization must have laws or rules by which it agrees to be governed. Without them there is anarchy, chaos.

CAROLINA TEL. & TEL. CO. TAKES OVER CLAYTON LINE

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company has recently taken over the Clayton telephone system which makes that company now in control of all the lines in the county except those at Selma and Princeton.

Finally Gets Medal



Charles F. Hopkins with the Congressional Medal of Honor and a citation for distinguished gallantry under fire during the Civil War that was awarded Hopkins sixty-two years ago but which has just reached him.

Local Bank Pays Its 62nd Dividend

First and Citizens National Bank Shows Year of Growth—No Change In Officers; One New Director

The December 1927 dividend paid by the First and Citizens National Bank here represented the sixty-second dividend of that institution, according to a statement made in the annual stockholders meeting.

After hearing the annual report, directors were elected to serve the coming year as follows: Joel Alford, J. H. Abell, J. A. Smith, J. A. Peele, and R. H. Higgins.

ANOTHER NEWSPAPER FOR SMITHFIELD

J. B. Benton and Mr. Deaton, of Benson, were in the city this week making arrangements to move the Kenly Observer to this city.

W. Thompson Kirby of near Kenly wishes to notify his many friends that he expects to kill the big hog Tuesday, January 24.

At the close of the stockholders meeting, a directors meeting was called for seven-thirty that evening.

MURDERERS OF WOMAN'S HUSBAND MEET DEATH IN SING SING PRISON CHAIR

DEMOCRATS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Pursuant to a multitude of requests and demands made upon me for a meeting of the Johnston County Democratic Executive Committee for the purpose of discussing matters pertinent to the welfare of the democratic party and the coming campaign, I hereby urgently request all members of the executive committee and the various townships executive committees to meet at the courthouse in Smithfield next Monday, January 16, at 10 o'clock sharp.

J. B. BENTON, Chairman, Democratic Executive Committee of Johnston County.

Smith Is Secretary Federal Land Bank

Stockholders Meeting Held Tuesday; Directors Meet Immediately Afterwards

A stock holders meeting of the Johnston county branch of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., was held here Tuesday afternoon in the office of J. A. Smith, Field secretary for Johnston county of the North Carolina Cotton Association.

The directors met immediately upon the adjournment of the stock holders meeting, and the following officers were chosen: president, J. A. Peele; vice-president, F. A. Boyette; secretary, J. A. Smith.

MR. KIRBY TO KILL LARGE HOG TUESDAY, JAN. 24TH

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R. Hood; vice-presidents, R. P. Holding and N. B. Grantham; cashier, C. E. Gordon; assistant cashiers, Vara E. Sanders, R. W. Sanders, H. R. McCullers. The bookkeepers include James H. Davis, Joe L. Boyette and Miss Mildred Yarborough.

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 12—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray paid with their lives in the electric chair tonight for the murder of the woman's husband.

Mrs. Snyder went to the chair first, and was pronounced dead at 11:06 o'clock. Gray following immediately and he was pronounced dead at 11:14.

Mrs. Ruth Snyder went to the chair muttering Biblical quotations, and Henry Judd Gray followed her to death at 11:16, his lips moving in prayer, but making no audible sound.

Mrs. Snyder was led to the death chamber by two matrons, who stayed with her until the end.

As she walked to the electric chair she cried out: "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do."

MRS. SNYDER TOLD OF FAILURE TO SAVE HER

Sing Sing Prison Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Snyder heard tonight from her lawyers that all their efforts to save her from death in the electric chair had failed.

The lawyers, serious of face as they told of their good-bye to the client for whose life they had fought in vain in all available courts, declared that they were at the end of their resources.

"She must die; there is nothing more we can do," said Dana Wallace, as Judge Edgar F. Hazolton, his partner, told of the last conversation her counsel would have with Mrs. Snyder.

Two hours before the execution of the woman and Judd Gray, convicted with her, could be held, a crowd was assembled as near the prison as guards would permit. Only those with ample credentials, of which there were only a few, could enter the barred walls of Sing Sing.

WOMAN CALM

Joseph Lonardo, third of Mrs. Snyder's trio of lawyers, remained with her when Hazelton and Wallace left the prison. A few minutes later he, emerged from her cell to say that although she knew all was over, she was calm.

"If ever there was a true penitent," he quoted her, "it is I." Lonardo said she clung to his hand like a child while he talked to her. Her color was good, he reported, and her hand warm.

The lawyer said his client spoke of her daughter, Lorraine, and said she wanted her to grow to (Turn to page eight, please)

Aunt Roxie Opines



"Ah hopes dis purty weath' thaws sum dem frozen bank credits."