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MIGHTY CHEMISTRY— NO ATHEIST GRIP— INDUSTRIAL WAR— OUR STANDARDS—

Dr. A. B. Lamb, who teaches chemistry at Harvard, says chemists will solve "humanity's three major problems of the future, the supply of energy, of food, and prevention and cure of disease."

Progress is swift. Twenty-seven years ago chemists solemnly agreed that in chemistry the limit of knowledge had about been reached. And since 1900 more has been learned about chemistry and its possibilities, including construction of the atom and the power, locked up in it than had been learned in all the previous centuries.

The Rev. Frank W. Bible, missionary, says "Atheism is spreading in America and in the East and is literally gripping the world." He thinks the coming fight will be between Christianity and atheism, Asia becoming Christian or atheist. The first step will be a uniting of all Protestant churches.

It is difficult to understand how atheism can "grip the world." With WHAT does it grip? Atheism is mere denial and foolishness. No man can be an atheist who admits that everything of importance is beyond his comprehension, that the universe is sustained and directed by a power whose existence he feels but cannot define.

Only an idiot would really be an atheist. Only a fool or bigot would insist that others accept his particular definition of God and his right to interpret omnipotence and omniscience.

All over the world the real war is industrial war, which has no armistice and never stops. France and Germany have combined in a gigantic dye trust, good for both countries, because it will make money, and France and Germany, having interests in common, may forget about fighting.

We are developing big units here. The second and third biggest chain stores in the United States, Kresge and Kress, are planning a \$250,000,000 merger. They do a business of \$190,000,000 a year. And Julius Rosenwald, all by himself, does as much.

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CONSIDER THIS! The Herald has the largest circulation of any newspaper published in Johnston County. That's something to consider, Mr. Advertiser!

Would Expedite Newsome Trial

Bridges Announces Governor Will Intervene In Supreme Court In Appeal of Negro Who Killed Tedder Girl

A move by Governor A. W. McLean to expedite the hearing in the Supreme court of the appeal of Larry Newsome, Wayne county negro, now under death sentence, was announced Friday by Edwin B. Bridges, the Governor's Commissioner of Pardons.

Newsome had the unusual distinction of being indicted, tried, convicted and sentenced to death within three days after the murder of Beulah Tedder, a 15-year-old white girl. The crime of murder was committed on Thursday night, December 8, and on Sunday afternoon Judge Henry A. Grady pronounced judgment after suppressing threats of violence in the court room.

The Governor's intention as announced by Mr. Bridges to expedite the hearing by placing the case "at the head of the calendar" is regarded as extraordinary, as the state usually permits cases to take their regular course.

Mr. Bridges announced that the Governor would lodge his motion through Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, who stated yesterday that no direction has yet been given him by the Chief Executive.

As a practical matter the announced intention of the executive department, if the Attorney General makes the motion and it is granted by the court can at the most mean only two weeks, as the appeal would regularly be called for argument during the week of February 20, the third week that appeals will be heard during the Spring term.

Wayne county is in the Fourth District, which is heard during the same week as the third, and not even two weeks would necessarily be gained in a decision unless the extraordinary action announced by Mr. Bridges should include a request that the decision be handed down out of turn.

Ordinarily no opinions are handed down until the third week of the term, and it would be possible to hear the appeal in regular course and render a decision on the first regular opinion day of the term.

TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED IN JOHNSTON COUNTY BY YEARS 1920-26 AND INCREASE FROM 1920 TO 1926

Table with columns: Purpose of Levy, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, Per Cent Increase 1920-26, Per Cent Increase State Incr. 1920-26. Rows include Six Months School Term, District and Special Chartered Schools, Total Levies for Schools, County-wide levies other than School, Township levies other than School, City and Town other than School, Total Other Than School, Total levies all purposes.

The accompanying table throws light upon the increase of taxes which is at this time the concern of many Johnston county taxpayers. The schools is the biggest item of expense of any county. There has necessarily been an increase in school taxes of this county because of the fact teachers are raising their certificates and are demanding better salaries, and because of the school building program that has given Johnston county value received in the splendid semi-fireproof, brick structures that dot its area.

County Democrats Hold Meeting Here

Face Tax Situation With Heads Up and Expect To Find A Way Out

The Democratic executive committee of Johnston county, in pursuance with a call from the chairman, J. B. Benton, of Benson, met here yesterday with a fair representation from the various parts of the county. The meeting had been opened to any and all democrats of the county, and about a hundred were present.

The chairman stated in his opening remarks that the meeting had been called in the interest of the tax situation which, as always, is a subject of considerable comment when tax paying time arrives.

Among those speaking of the sentiment in their home communities were: John H. Watson, of Beulah; Alex Wiggs, of Pine Level; Dr. I. W. Mayerberg, of Selma; Henry Stephenson, of Wilson's Mills; E. R. Gully, of Clayton; W. H. Royall, of Banner; J. E. Gilbert, of Pleasant Grove; Harvey Marshburn, of Bentonville; C. W. Pender, of Cleveland, and C. A. Creech, of Smithfield.

Only one of these men offered a remedy for the tax problem and that was Dr. Mayerberg, who after quoting figures which he had obtained from the Commissioner of Revenue in Raleigh showing that the increase is not due entirely to the schools as many believe, suggested the managerial form of county government for Johnston.

The Guide: Look at that half-rusted castle. It might be at least eight hundred years old. Believe me, lady, they don't build such ancient castles nowadays!

Johnston Co. Bonds Sell At Good Figure

Yesterday at noon, \$65,000 worth of Johnston county highway bonds were sold at auction at the courthouse door, Well, Roth, Irving company, of Cincinnati being the successful bidder. The bonds brought \$65,000.50 at a rate of interest of 4 1/2 per cent. There were twenty-one bidders.

Mrs. Berger Buried Here Sunday Morn

The funeral service of Mrs. Florence M. Berger, who died at her home in Penns Grove, N. J., last week was held here Sunday morning at eight-thirty o'clock at Oakland cemetery, conducted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle. She was ill for about two weeks with pneumonia.

Mrs. Berger was twice married, her first husband being Mr. Jim Eldridge, a native of this city who preceded her to the grave several years ago. Her second marriage took place only about two months ago.

The pallbearers were W. L. Fuller, D. H. Jones, George Thornton, H. A. Crumpler, W. H. Lassiter, and W. M. Gaskin.

Marine Leader



Photo shows Brigadier General Logan Feland, an experienced campaigner, in command of the marines in Nicaragua a year ago, who has been ordered to take charge again.

County Health Officer Urges Vaccination

Three cases of smallpox developed in three different sections of Johnston county last week. This obviously exposed a great number of people.

A negro man with a fresh eruption came to Smithfield Saturday to have a local physician diagnose his case. As he made his way along the streets, unrecognized, perhaps, by everyone numerous contacts were made.

Quarantining smallpox, as a control measure, used to be a "time honor" procedure, but this procedure has been abandoned as ineffective by public health authorities everywhere. Today the public recognizes the fact that successful vaccination affords the only sure means of protection.

Proceedings Of Recorder's Court

One Defendant Answers Charges In Three Cases On Total of Five Counts; Is Found Guilty But Takes Appeal

One defendant in Recorder's court last week, Daniel Young, was indicted and tried in three cases, two of which carried two counts each. He was found guilty in each instance and drew a total road sentence of fourteen months. However, he took an appeal in each case to the Superior court.

State vs. Daniel Young, charged with assault with deadly weapon and trespass. The defendant was found guilty on both counts. On the charge of assault with deadly weapon, the defendant was sentenced to jail for a term of seven months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost.

State vs. Daniel Young, charged with cursing on the public highway. Defendant was found guilty and was sentenced to jail for term of thirty days to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost.

Recorder's court was in session Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, a number of other cases being disposed of during that time as follows:

State vs. G. E. Jones charged with obtaining marriage license by false representation. The defendant was found guilty and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

Wants Elderly Husband



Helena Schroder, eighteen-year-old New York girl who is looking for a husband, elderly preferred. Her mother is ill and her father is out of work, so Helena will marry the man who will give her parents a good home. She is an excellent housekeeper and a good cook.

Dr. W. J. B. Orr Now Heads Kiwanis Club

Last Thursday night the local Kiwanis club was host to the wives and sweethearts of its members. About forty were present to enjoy the program which consisted of several musical numbers by Theon Johnson and Marvin Woodall who were accompanied on the piano by Miss Ruth Brooks.

The new president of Kiwanis, Dr. W. J. B. Orr, acted as toastmaster and kept up a lively round of activities during the hour and a half of entertainment. B. J. Holleman put on a paper bag race and Adam Whitley's side won the prize, it is said, because of the ability of Norman Shepard to furnish hot air for a paper bag in two seconds.

All who attended the meeting extolled it as one of the best that Kiwanis has given. At an early meeting the new officers will be installed. They are, president, Dr. W. J. B. Orr; vice-president, Dr. J. W. Whitehead; secretary and treasurer, B. J. Holleman; district trustee, Geo. Y. Ragsdale; directors, W. M. Gaskin, J. P. Rogers, Adam Whitley, Jr., C. C. Massey and B. J. Holleman.

J. F. SPEAR PASSES AWAY AT HOME IN GREENVILLE

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Spear of Greenville heard with much sadness of the death of Mr. Spear in Greenville Sunday morning. Mr. Spear had been ill with pneumonia for two weeks. He leaves his wife and two children, Louise and Finley, Jr.

The funeral was conducted in Chapel Hill yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. W. H. Byrd, Mrs. T. W. LeMay, Mrs. A. W. Francis and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Gully attended from here.

Local Teams Lose Basketball Games

Boys Lose to Fremont and Girls to Fayetteville; Unusually Large Crowd Attends Games at Banner Warehouse

The Purple and Gold quintet and sextette of Smithfield high bowed to its opponents on the Banner warehouse court here Friday night before one of the largest crowds ever to attend a basketball contest in Smithfield. In the major event Coach Blankenship's boys aggregation went down in defeat before the strong Fremont basketball team by a 28-18 score after the local girls' team had fallen at the hands of Fayetteville's high team of the fairer sex, the final count of this latter affray being 15 to 12.

The Fremont game climaxed a week of hard preparation and training by the locals, and while the passwork of the team showed up well the ability to land goals from the floor and from the foul line was decidedly bad. On the other hand the visitors made most of their shots good.

Fremont first broke into the scoring column late in the first period by caging two foul shots and a moment later a field goal making the count 4-0 at the end of the quarter. Smithfield came back in the second quarter and, after another field goal was caged by Fremont, landed two goals in the net. It gave hope to both the local team and local cheering section. But Fremont was not content with a two-point margin and soon ran their score to eleven points. The score stood 11 to 4 when the two teams walked off the court at the half.

That long hoped for second half comeback that characterized Smithfield's play all last season failed to come until the last few minutes of the last quarter when it was too late to overcome the pace set by the Fremont osars. In this comeback, if it could be termed as one, Ed Uzzle, guard, and Ed Parrish, forward, figured. Both made several spectacular shots just before time was called.

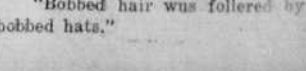
There were no outstanding stars of the game although Hooks and Captain J. Peacock played well for the visitors. The occasion was a peppy one. Smithfield's cheering section aided by the high school band backed their team to the utmost. Fremont was not lacking in support. Its cheerleaders, led by a cheerleader who had plenty of pep, yelled at the top of their voices as their wonder team rung up a victory.

The same evening, Princeton and Erwin high school boys staged a game at the armory, Princeton winning the contest by a score of 23 to 15.

A STRANGE INCIDENT

J. G. Flowers, of Kenly, was in town yesterday and told of a very strange incident that occurred near his home. He said that an acquaintance of his whose wife has been dead about three years, went to her grave last Saturday, opened the coffin, and then called his two daughters to come and see their mother. It is not known what prompted the opening of the grave.

The cute little girl these days doesn't have to bother reading long stories—she has them told to her.



"Bobbed hair was followed by bobbed hats."

Truck Kills Son Zeb Thompson Instantly

A distressing accident occurred yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock when a truck driven by Dallas Buffalo, colored, struck the four-year-old son of Zeb Thompson and killed him instantly. The accident took place in front of the child's home between Pine Level and Princeton. The child attempted to cross the road in front of the truck. The truck driver made an effort to keep from striking him by pulling to one side, but the side of the truck evidently hit the child's head.

The negro was arrested by Deputy Daniel Thomas Oliver and has been placed in jail pending a coroner's hearing. The truck belonged to the Wood Grocery company.

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.

Francis Jones recognized her name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: neeabrbk

HAS READ EVERY COPY OF HERALD SINCE BEGUN

J. W. Hamilton, of Smithfield, route 2, says he read the first Herald published and the last. Furthermore, he has read every one between the first and last. He says he likes the stat papers but if he could not get both the state and county papers he would choose the Smithfield Herald for he wants the county news.