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## This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

MORE BATTLESHIPS—  
21 AMERICAN NATIONS—  
THE FIRST AEROPLANE—  
A GREAT BEAR FIGHTER—

The Government proposes to spend \$129,000,000 every year for twenty years on battleships of different kinds, including fast, necessary cruisers. This means a total investment of two billion, five hundred and eighty million dollars in new ships.

The country can afford it and such a programme will impress other countries.

We could also afford flying machines to protect those fighting ships, which, in modern war, without flying machine protection, would be as helpless as sheep among wolves, without shepherds or sheep dogs.

One hundred and four delegates, representing twenty-one nations of North and South America, including the United States, are gathered in a great conference hall in Havana. These twenty-one nations are the greatest power for peace in the world, also the greatest power for war. They stick together.

Canada, without relinquishment of loyalty to the British Empire, should be a leader in that conference. Canada's interests are in these American continents, their independence and their future.

El Imparcial and other newspapers in Spain are displeased with President Coolidge's warm reception in Cuba, naturally because this country took Cuba from Spain and gave the beautiful island to the Cuban people. El Imparcial says this country has reserved rights in Cuba. It has reserved only one, preservation of Cuban independence. He not only made Cuba in the right "to intervene for the dependent but guarantee that she shall remain so."

The original Wright brothers' air machine, first plane that ever carried a human being through the air under human control, is boxed up for shipment to England. It ought to stay here in the Smithsonian Institution.

The Smithsonian Institution should have Lindbergh's trans-Atlantic plane also, and the Government should pay Lindbergh enough for it to make him independent for life. If Lindbergh got \$1,000,000 for that machine, he would get less than one per cent of what this country owes him. The Spirit of St. Louis, despite all Lindbergh's good care, must be getting old and worn, and a brand new machine, best and safest the world can produce, should take its place.

Human beings as a whole, like individuals, do only ONE thing really well. The work of the human race today is scientific and industrial, making new discoveries in science, applying them to man's material welfare. Today scientific workers are like builders installing plumbing, heating and other conveniences in a big building; later

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## Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston county, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to the Herald office, we will present him with a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Ed Turnage recognized his name last issue.  
Today's Tantalizer:  
auroedryom

## Robbers Enter Four Oaks Bank And Get About \$1000 In Silver

### Use Acetylene Torch on Vault Door But Fail In Attempt To Blow Open Safe

Robbers entered the Bank of Four Oaks early yesterday morning, blew open the vault and carried off loot in the amount of about a thousand dollars, making a complete getaway before the people of Four Oaks were astir.

G. T. Hobbs, assistant cashier, went down to the bank about seven-thirty o'clock and found that the front door had been prised open. He notified Bert Lassiter, the cashier, and further investigation showed that what appeared to be professional thieves had used an acetylene torch on the combination of the vault door, and had gained entrance. The same means were used in an effort to break open the safe which was in the vault but they proved futile and the contents of the safe were intact. The acetylene tank was left in the bank.

All of the valuables of the bank were in the safe except some silver money, some nickels and pennies, which were in the vault. All of the silver and nickels were taken; \$95 in pennies were left. Whether the pennies were too bulky or whether the thieves were frightened away before their job was completed is not known. The money stolen included \$57 in silver dollars; \$207 in half dollars; \$170.25 in quarters; \$230 in dimes, and \$275 in nickels. The bank's loss is fully covered by insurance.

Besides taking the amount of money, the thieves rifled about half of the safety deposit boxes, but it is not known at this time what has been missed from these. W. H. Barbour has missed a hundred dollar Liberty bond. It appears that deeds and papers that could not be turned into money were not disturbed. All of those who rented safety deposit boxes had not, yesterday afternoon, been through their boxes to see if anything has been taken.

That the deed was committed not long before day, is the impression of those who went into the bank first yesterday. The safe itself was warm from the torch which had been used in the effort to open it. The bank building was even warm. On the highway about 400 yards west of Four Oaks were found yesterday morning signs of a big automobile and also the track of what might have been the acetylene tank when it was lifted from the automobile. A dog at a house nearby this spot is reported to have done considerable barking in the early morning hours.

### Recovering From Auto Accident.

William Crickmore of Rocky Mount is in the Johnston County Hospital recovering from an automobile accident which took place last Tuesday. Some of his teeth were knocked loose, and his face was badly bruised. He sustained no broken bones.

### In City Yesterday.

Delma Hardee, of Elevation township, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

## Smithfield High's Luck Changes; Cop Three Straight Games

Smithfield's luck seems to be going good now.

Last Friday night the home town boys and girls journeyed over to Benson for a doubleheader. The Purple and Gold waded triumphantly in both games.

The girls came in for plenty of glory in a gory combat. The game was fast and furious and there were many upsets during the whole affair. The girls' passing and shooting was at the highest peak it has reached this season. Young and Holland were in tip-top form, Young looping the ball in the basket for eight points.

Holland topped...

## Hickman Repudiates Former Confession; Denies Guilt In Death of Marion Parker

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28. (AP).—The kidnapping and killing of Marion Parker was disclaimed today by William Edward Hickman, whose counsel declared that the youth had repudiated his confession to the police.

Jerome K. Walsh, defense attorney, said Hickman does not admit the slaying of the schoolgirl but refused to elaborate on the sudden change in the attitude of the accused youth, who heretofore had been ever ready to confess his guilt to officers, newspaper reporters and others.

The repudiation of the confession obtained by the police was made to Dr. A. L. Skoog of Kansas City, chief of the staff of defense alienists, who visited Hickman in his cell.

Along with the latest turn in the case, Walsh revealed plans for continuing the fight for Hickman's life should he meet with defeat in the accused killer's insanity trial.

Walsh said that if the jury in the present hearing found Hickman was sane at the time of the crime, an arrest of judgment would be asked, coupled with a demand for another trial on the plea that the defendant now is insane. In this connection Walsh pointed out that an insane man could not be

## Catches Hand In Cotton Mill Machine

H. R. Radford, an employe of the Smithfield cotton mill, had the misfortune to get his right hand caught in some machinery of the mill last Friday and sustained such serious injury that it was necessary to amputate the hand. It was about forty minutes before his hand could be freed from the machinery. He is undergoing treatment at the Johnston County Hospital and is getting along nicely.

## Musical Comedy Meadow School

BENSON, Route 2, Jan. 30.—Rehearsals of "The Flapper Grandmother," musical comedy to be given at Meadow high school on Friday night, February 3, are well under way and everyone is delighted with the progress that is being made under the direction of the coach, Miss Elizabeth Hogwood. The cast of characters is as follows:

Andrew Spriggins, who believes in nothing modern, A. G. Glenn.  
Mat Spriggins, his wife, who wants to be up-to-date, Annie Lou Ellis.  
Lena Spriggins, the wild child of Andrew and Mat, Thelma Creech.  
Belindy Spriggins, the old-fashioned child of Andrew and Mat, Vera Joy McCabe.  
Maggie Pepper, the flapper grandmother, Elizabeth Webster.  
Dr. Joy, village doctor, in love with grandma, Gardner Lee.  
Dick Tate, a motor cep, Fred Lee.  
Jimmy Swift, auto salesman, Lynn Adams.  
Bobby Smith, a sweet, sissy boy, Elmon Wood.  
Count Seekum Rich, Englishman, who followed grandma from Europe, Woodrow Blackman.  
Rastus Jones, a gentleman of color, Alton Lawhon.

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## Suffering With Peculiar Malady

Boy Holmes who lives near Four Oaks was in the city yesterday and told us of the death of Azell Massengill which took place at the home of the deceased on Four Oaks, route 4, Friday after a ten day illness with a malady the diagnosis of which baffled physicians. It was some affection of the brain and it was reported at one time that the man was suffering with hydrophobia. This idea, however, was dissipated by the doctors, but the disease is still a puzzle. Last week Mrs. Massengill became afflicted with apparently the same trouble. She was reported yesterday to be somewhat improved.

### OPEN OFFICES FOR LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS

DURHAM, Jan. 30.—Durham, together with nine other cities of the state will maintain an office for the convenience of the automobile public in securing license tags, according to information received from R. A. Daughton, Commissioner of Revenue of North Carolina. This office is being operated through the cooperation of the Carolina Motor Club with the revenue department and thousands of automobile license plates have been handled here. The other cities where all the year round offices will be maintained are Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Goldsboro, Statesville, Winston-Salem, Rocky Mount, Elizabeth City and Wilmington. Thousands of dollars have been received by the state revenue department through the offices conducted throughout the state since the automobile license for 1928 became due.

### COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

In order to further promote the cause of agriculture in Johnston county I am here requesting that every farmer interested attend a call meeting at Smithfield at the courthouse at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, February 4, to perfect a County Board of Agriculture.

A. M. JOHNSON.

### KILLS 3650 POUNDS OF MEAT

Mr. Texas Helm living on the farm of J. R. Atkinson in the northern part of Micro township, has just finished killing hogs. Mr. Helm made two killings the hogs ranging in age from eight to twenty-four months, and in weight from 140 pounds to 725 pounds. He killed a total of 3650 pounds of nice meat. In addition to raising this meat, he made a hundred barrels of corn. Mr. Helm is a man who believes in hog and hominy.

## Interesting Address On Near East Relief

### Lex W. Klutz, State Director Tells of Great Work Being Done for the Orphans

The regular fifth Sunday night union service, which was held at the Methodist church Sunday evening, was featured by a most interesting and impressive address on Near East Relief, given by Lex W. Klutz, state director of Near East Relief.

Using slides and motion pictures, Mr. Klutz illustrated the work being done for the thousands of orphans in this foreign land by the generous people of America and other countries. He said that many often wonder why there are so many orphans in the Near East, and he explained that, by stating that many of the men were killed in the recent war; others were sent to outposts where there were few provisions and they died from starvation; two million people had been driven out of Armenia, and many of the mothers on the long marches had denied themselves food and starved to death in order that their children might have enough nourishment to live until they could reach a place of safety, and many of the parents had been put to death because they would not renounce the Christian religion.

Mr. Klutz said that it would require two more years to finish the work of caring for the orphans until they could provide for themselves. In the orphanages the children are given medical attention, are sent to school, and are given industrial training. One million children, however, will soon be forced to leave the orphanages and go to refugee camps, where conditions are horrible, unless more finances can be obtained soon. The speaker said that the children are deeply grateful for the help received from America, and that they are continually praying for the Americans whose generosity has saved them from starvation and death.

At the close of the service an offering was taken which will be used for Near East Relief work.

### AMPUTATE LEG OF

### H. K. PARKER THURSDAY

H. K. and Junius Parker who were recently wounded in a shooting affray near Four Oaks and were taken to the Johnston County Hospital for treatment are reported now to be improving. It was reported last week that H. K. Parker was in quite a serious condition and perhaps not expected to live. It was necessary on Thursday to amputate one of his legs, and he is now said to be on the road to recovery.

### REPORTS TURKEY BROODS IN JANUARY

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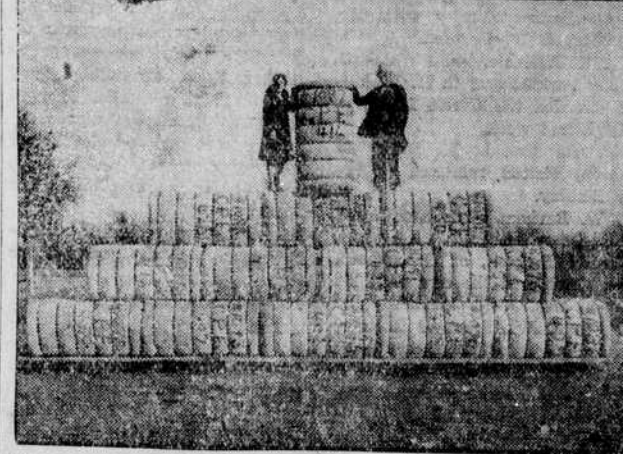
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The score for the girls' game was 20 and 11, and for the boys' game, 24 and 13.

## JOHNSTON COUNTY FARMER Plans Under Way For Exposition



Thirteen bales of cotton produced on 6.4 acres by C. P. Ellis, of Clayton.

## Accident Fatal To Colored Boy

### Gun Discharged and Inflicts Wound; Dies Within 24 Hours

Blair Bogen, a fifteen-year-old colored boy who lived with Roscoe Williams on Don Peterson's place, was accidentally shot last Friday and died Saturday afternoon in the Johnston County Hospital. The boy had been placed in Williams' home by Mrs. D. J. Thurston, county public welfare superintendent, some time ago, there being no relatives who could give him a home. Friday morning, Williams assigned him some work to do and then went off to work himself. In the afternoon, about the time school was out, the boy took the gun and was presumably going hunting. He wanted to cross a ditch and gave the gun to one of the colored school children who was passing along the road, to hold until he had got across. As the gun was handed to him, the lead discharged and passed through his abdomen. He lay there in the ditch for about two hours before medical aid could reach him, but as soon as help came he was carried to the Johnston County Hospital. His wounds were so severe that nothing could be done and he died Saturday afternoon. The boy told before he died how the whole affair happened, and no blame was attached to any one.

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## C. P. Ellis Produces 13 Bales of Cotton on 6.4 Acres; Gives Figures on Cost of Growing, Harvesting and On Sales

RALEIGH, Jan. 30.—C. P. Ellis, of Clayton, produced last season thirteen bales or 5,542 pounds of lint cotton on six and four-tenths acres. This, according to J. M. Gray of State College, is the largest yield on this acreage grown in the State in 1927. This is a yield of 866 pounds of lint cotton per acre and is 629 pounds over the state's average yield for the year, according to Frank Parker, State Statistician.

Mr. Ellis Thursday outlined what he considered the major contributing factors to his success. He said, "I believe in planting cotton early and I believe in using good seed. I used Coker's Cleveland Number 5; the length of staple in this cotton "pulled" one and one-sixteenth inches.

"I attribute the heavy yield to early planting of good seed and the liberal side dressing with nitrate of soda," Mr. Ellis stated. "It takes a fertilizer that works fast to get ahead of the boll weevil, but it is my experience that soda turns the trick."

"I have heard a lot of talk about the Texas farmers putting us North Carolina farmers out of the cotton business, so I decided to keep an accurate record and see for myself what there was to it," Mr. Ellis said.

"When I planted my cotton I fertilized each acre with 500 pounds of acid phosphate, 100 pounds of nitrate of soda and 75 pounds of muriate of potash. We used a dropper type of planter and left two to three stalks in a hill. The hills were twenty-four inches

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### H. W. TART IS DEAD.

E. W. Freeman and T. L. Hudson of Meadow township were in the city yesterday. Mr. Hudson while here qualified as executor of the estate of H. W. Tart who passed away on January 21. Mr. Tart was stricken with paralysis and died six hours later. He was 74 years of age, and had lived all of his life in Meadow township. He leaves a wife and several daughters. A more extended account of Mr. Tart's death will appear in a later issue.

### RECEIVE TWO CARLOADS PONTIACS

Britton-Hill Motor company, local Pontiac automobile dealers, announce the arrival of two car loads of cars this week. These cars are now on display at their showrooms.

### Aunt Roxie Opines

By Mc—

### Three-Months-Old Baby Chokes To Death On Rubber Pacifier

CHESTER, Jan. 26.—The three-months-old baby of Mrs. Estelle Edmunds in the Shelton community choked to death today on a pacifier at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walling, according to information reaching Chester tonight. It seems that Mrs. Edmunds left three of her older children in the room and the baby on the bed, and was out of the room only a few minutes. When she returned, it was dead. At first she was greatly puzzled not knowing what caused the death, but neighbors were summoned and the baby's mouth opened and the rubber pacifier could be seen lodged in the windpipe.

### Brogdon Negro Badly Burned

A negro, Taylor Parker by name, of the Brogdon section, was brought to the Johnston County Hospital yesterday suffering intensely from burns about his chest and back, which may prove very serious. It is thought that the negro went to sleep with a cigarette in his mouth and his clothes ignited. His clothing was burned off.

## Smithfield Is To Take Part in the Industrial Pageant To Be Staged On the Opening Day at Goldsboro

Preparations are already underway for the Eastern Carolina Exposition which will be held this year in our neighboring city of Goldsboro. The opening day is April 9, which, by the way, is Easter Monday.

One of the features of the exposition this year is a pageant which will be given on the opening day, and yesterday, N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, were in Smithfield arranging some of the details of this pageant. This entertainment will not be of an historical nature, but will deal with the industrial development of the past few years and will suggest what the future holds for this section of North Carolina. Twenty or more towns of Eastern Carolina will take part in the pageant, each having been assigned a certain episode.

Yesterday a committee from the Business and Professional Woman's club met with Mr. Bartlett and Mrs. Winston and agreed to become responsible for Smithfield's part in the pageant. It is especially fitting that the county seat of the biggest cotton county in the state should be given an episode that deals with cotton. The presentation will be left to the local club which bespeaks the cooperation of the entire town. It will be of interest to know that a moving picture of the pageant will be made, which will later be shown at the local picture show.

Mr. Bartlett and Mrs. Winston went from her to Benson where they met with a committee of ladies there last night in the interest of the part Benson will take in the pageant.

### Child Is Knocked Down By Automobile

J. H. Parker of O'Neals township was in town yesterday and told us of an automobile accident that happened about two miles this side of Micro yesterday afternoon. Mr. Parker stated that a Buick automobile was turned over in a ditch near the front of Mr. Dennis Batten's house, and upon inquiry he found that a child had run across the road and the driver of the car had gone into the ditch to keep from running over it. The child which was a grandchild of Mr. Batten, was knocked down by the car but was not thought to be seriously hurt. Mr. Parker stated that the school truck was stopped in front of Mr. Batten's house but he did not know whether the child had just got off the truck or had been in yard.

The automobile was said to belong to a Syrian from Wilson. The occupants of the car were unhurt.

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