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This Week



ASQUITH, BRITISH STATESMAN—

TRADE RAT AND MAN— LINDBERGH "LUCK"—

HODGE, Calif., Feb. 20.—Herbert Asquith, called in his old age Lord Oxford and Asquith; now dead in England, represented in his life and work Britain's best type of statesman. Well educated, with high ideals, free from mean personal ambition, devoted entirely to his country's welfare, Asquith was one of a long line of able men that have built and maintained the British nation. Britain will mourn his death, and honor him as he deserves. Fortunate is that nation served by so many men of ability, and unselfish devotion.

On the Mojave desert, where this is written, the "trade rat," queer little man-like creature, collects all sorts of things useless to him. He brings odds and ends into your shack, taking other odds and ends away, hence his name.

Have you considered the collecting habits of your fellow man? The most powerful, at this moment, collect surplus millions of dollars, and think money in bank makes them great. It only makes them nervous.

Old rulers collected dwarfs, half idiots, strange animals, and "jesters," often wiser than they. One of the richest Rothschilds collected all known varieties of fleas, including the one that bites the arctic fox. That was not time wasted. Fleas carry the plague, science wants to know them.

Frederick the Great's father collected the tallest men he could find for his Potsdam regiment. Frederick collected victories, to flatter one kind of vanity, and collected great men like Voltaire, about him, to flatter his intellectual vanity. Thousands of Americans collect "antiques," thus promoting an active modern industry—only the few choose with knowledge.

Like all human passions, however, collecting is necessary. The beaver and ant, unlike the trade rat, collect usefully. Some men collect knowledge, statistics, others fine works of art that inspire later generations to good work.

Even the collectors of dollars are useful, building up vast industrial and commercial units, creating a foundation for future higher civilization. They build in the dark, not understanding their work, like the tiny coral-building creatures that laid foundations for the beautiful South Sea Islands.

One of our admirals, supposed to have called Lindbergh's achievements "ninety five per cent luck," says he was misunderstood. Lindbergh's "luck" was like that of Captain Paul Jones and General Grant—a mixture of perseverance and brilliant courage.

There is reason to believe, unfortunately, that some of our navy men, very comfortable on big battleships and afraid to fly, belittle real flying systematically, and discourage government aviation. For

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 deciphers 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.

"Wrong Font" Radford recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: ms.tris.mojhr.erarg

I KILLED WHEN GAS TANK EXPLODES

Announces Candidacy!



Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover, who has stirred up the Republican Presidential situation by announcing his candidacy for the presidency. Hoover's declaration makes five in the field for Republican nomination.

Legion Membership Drive Is Launched

A Concerted Effort Will Be Made to Enroll Johnston County's Quota of 250 New Members

In response to a state-wide call for additional members of the American Legion which is now in progress, the Pou-Parrish Post, No. 132, launched its drive here on Monday night, February 20.

Activities for this membership drive got under way at a banquet given by Chas. H. Grady to the membership committeemen in the Smithfield hotel. In the absence of D. Carlton Stephenson, post commander, the meeting was directed by vice-commander, L. W. Barnes and C. H. Grady.

Mr. Grady announced that Johnston county's quota in this drive is 250 new members. The present membership of the post is now about 240. There are about 1100 men in the county who are eligible for membership, and it is from this 1100 that the post declares to recruit its quota of 250 members.

Joining the American Legion, as stated by Mr. Grady, is a very simple matter. It merely consists of paying membership dues of \$3.00.

Dr. G. S. Coleman was present and announced that he had recently changed his membership from a post in Raleigh to take membership with the Pou-Parrish post. He wants to see the post grow and he suggested that all eligible members be called upon by draft and if called upon in the right way he thought the former service men would honor it.

The following members of the membership campaign were present: Will Rackley, W. H. Creech, Bernice Jones, Dan Jones, Henry Talton, C. H. Grady, L. W. Barnes, A. J. Holliday, G. A. Allen, R. F. Smith, Butler Oliver, J. B. Lodor, and H. V. Rose. The general plan adopted was that a card be mailed to those who are eligible for membership, which will specify the name, address and organization of the former service man and will request the attachment of \$3.00 and the return of it to Mr. D. Carlton Stephenson, Smithfield, N. C.

The Pou-Parrish post is making the most earnest and vigorous effort in its history to secure the 250 quota, and its membership committee went on record at this banquet as pledging its utmost effort to reach every eligible man in the county.

Heart Attack Fatal To William B. Hood

SOUTHPORT, Feb. 21.—William B. Hood, 69, died here today of heart failure. He had been ill for several weeks. He was a brother of the late H. W. and Edward Hood, of this city, and Robert C. Hood, of Greensboro. He was born in Johnston county, lived in Baltimore for a time and later in Southport. One sister, Mrs. Mattie McIntosh, Philadelphia, survives him.

Jury Finds Mrs. Gatlin Not Guilty Of Murder

MR. MASSENGILL PLOWS UP OLD INDIAN PIPE

Mr. W. V. Massengill, of Four Oaks, route 4, was in the city yesterday. He brought with him an Indian peace pipe which he plowed up in his field Wednesday. The pipe is a crude piece of stone made in the shape of a carpenter's square. The diamond-shaped carvings on the sides of the pipe resembles the work of a child. It weighs two or three pounds.

The pipe is on exhibition at The Herald office.

Only Few Cases In Recorder's Court

Owing to Session of Superior Court, These Were Tried in Commissioners Room

Owing to the civil term of Superior court which is in session in the courtroom here this week, Recorder's court was held in the commissioners room. The few criminal cases disposed of Tuesday were as follows:

Lon Hill, charged with assault, was found guilty and fined \$10. He was also taxed with the cost.

Albert Poole was convicted of abandonment and non-support. He was sentenced to twelve months on the roads of Johnston county, but this sentence was suspended upon condition that the defendant pay into court the sum of \$15 per month for the use and benefit of his wife and for the faithful performance of the payment of said amount the defendant is to give a good and sufficient bond in the amount of \$300 to continue over a period of two years. This bond and the payment of the above sum are not to be affected by the defendant's again living with his wife or upon any other condition during the period of two years. The defendant gave notice of appeal.

J. T. Lockman was fined \$50 and required to pay cost for carrying concealed weapon. He was also required to give bond in the sum of \$200 to keep the peace and pay the cost of the action.

Joe Cox and Malcolm Noles were found guilty of larceny. Cox is to pay \$50 fine and half the cost. Prayer for judgment will be continued upon the payment of half the cost as to Noles.

Walter Jones received a twelve months road sentence and was taxed with the cost. The sentence is to be suspended on condition that he is of good behavior for a period of two years and that he does not violate the prohibition law for a period of two years.

Wm. M. Byrd was sent to the roads for six months and taxed with the cost for assault.

The state took a nol pros with leave in the case against Jim King, charged with burglary, and against Millard Neal, charged with fraud.

Mrs. Emma Poole was convicted of violating the prohibition law. Prayer for judgment is to be continued upon the payment of the cost and upon the condition that the defendant go and live in the home of her father, W. M. Smith, and permit him to control her children as his own and also be controlled herself by him.

David Woodall was found guilty of violating the prohibition law. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Scotch Always Comes High "I hear your son's at college." "Yep." "How's he doing?" "Pretty good, I guess. He's taking three courses. I've just paid out \$10 for Latin, \$10 for Greek and \$100 for Scotch."

Verdict Returned On Wednesday Night After Deliberation of More Than Three Hours

WENTWORTH, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin was found not guilty of the murder of her father, Smith T. Petty, here tonight by a jury in the Rockingham county Superior court.

Instructed that it can find murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, or not guilty; but not manslaughter, the jury trying Alma Petty Gatlin for the murder of her father, Smith T. Petty, took the case at 6:32 this evening and reported at 9:35 p. m. to the judge who was in Reidsville that a verdict had been reached. At 10:12 p. m. Judge MacRae had reached the courtroom here and the jury report was received.

Mrs. Gatlin who has remained in jail five months and who told the jury her mother killed the father in contradiction to the story she admitted having told the Rev. Thomas F. Pardue, threw herself into the arms of her husband, Eugene Gatlin, and wept as the portent of the verdict dawned upon her.

Sitting beside the young woman when she arose to face the jury was her sister, Miss Thelma Petty, and at her right her 15 year old

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To Organize Sunday Schools Of Johnston

Conventions to be Held in Boon Hill, Meadow and Wilders; Four Other Townships to Be Organized

In an effort to stimulate more interest in and to create a desire for better Sunday schools, the president of the Johnston County Sunday School Association is making an effort to get all of the seventeen townships organized as units of the North Carolina Sunday School Association during the convention year which ends March 31. Sunday school conventions have already been held in ten of these townships during recent months at which times the townships were organized. Miss Flora Davis, associate superintendent of the state association at Raleigh was present at practically all of these conventions and made excellent addresses, offering practical suggestions to Sunday school workers.

Conventions are scheduled to be held in three other townships as follows: Boon Hill township at Princeton at 11 o'clock on the first Sunday in March; Meadow township at Trinity Baptist church at 11 o'clock in the morning on the third Sunday in March; Wilders township at White Oak church at 7 o'clock on the third Sunday night of March.

Miss Davis has been secured to speak at two of these meetings. Let everyone who is within reach make an effort to attend, to hear her and other speakers and to put into practice the most excellent suggestions which will be offered.

With the perfection of these organizations there remain only four other townships to be organized—Clayton, Banner, Bentonville and Ingrams. These are making plans for conventions in the near future.

The North Carolina Sunday School Association is a cooperative effort of Sunday school workers of the evangelical denominations to extend and improve Sunday school work in North Carolina. It is the only organization in the state which aims to help all departments

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Valton Hodge Killed Instantly

Carbide Tank On Which He Was Working Explodes; 1 Other Injured

A tragic accident occurred near Bethany church Wednesday morning about eight o'clock when a carbide tank exploded, instantly killing Valton Hodge, a fifteen-year-old boy, and slightly injuring Yates Creech, aged 22, son of Mrs. Allie Creech.

According to information received here, the light plant was charged last week but failed to give a bright light, and Mr. Creech assisted by young Hodge was working at the carbide tank when it exploded. A piece of the tank struck the boy in the forehead above his eyes, taking off the entire top of his head. Death was instantaneous. Mr. Creech was slightly burned and one eye was painfully hurt, but his injuries were not considered serious.

The Hodge boy's father died several years ago and his mother had married again. He was living at the home of Mrs. Allie Creech and attending Glendale high school. He was in the ninth grade.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at one o'clock at Bethany Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Stancil. Interment took place in the cemetery at the church.

The deceased is survived by his mother, one brother and three sisters.

Slain Man's Widow Identifies Hickman

"The Fox" Appears Unperturbed As Mrs. Toms Tells Court How He and Hunt Killed Drug Gist

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—William E. Hickman and his youthful pal in crime, Welby Hunt, were identified at their murder trial today by Mrs. C. Ivy Toms as the robbers who entered the Toms drug store here a year ago Christmas eve and fled after a spray of bullets brought death to the proprietor.

The 20-year-old Hickman, who is under death sentence for the killing of Marian Parker, did not seem perturbed as the widow, her eyes filled with tears and her voice shaking with emotion testified in low tones.

Less than two weeks ago he had faced Perry M. Parker, father of Marian, in the same court room and heard himself branded as a slayer.

In Masks. Mrs. Toms told how the boys, their faces covered with Santa Claus masks, forced her husband back of a prescription counter at the point of their revolvers. Unknown to the would-be robbers, a patrolman had preceded them in the store and was behind a counter when Toms was being held up.

The officer reached for his gun and Hunt, the witness said, cried out to Hickman "get his gun." Hickman, however, began firing while Hunt covered her with his weapon.

During the firing, Mrs. Toms said, her husband slumped to the floor fatally wounded. She did not know which of the youths fired the fatal shot.

Defense and state attorneys today agreed to accept certain parts of testimony introduced during Hickman's recent sanity trial in the Parker case.

Presbyterian Services. Oakland Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, sermon by pastor. Smithfield Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school and Bible classes at 10 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

Lindy Home Again



Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, just after he landed at Lambert-St. Louis Field, after completing his non-stop flight from Havana and completing his "Good Will" tour. Colonel Lindbergh has covered 40,000 miles in the plane he affectionately calls "We,"—or "The Spirit of St. Louis."

ALLEGED SLAYER OF WILLIE COX CAUGHT IN WHITEVILLE

Wade Hampton, negro, alleged slayer of Willie Cox, also colored, who was stabbed to death near Tighman's logging camp Saturday night, was apprehended by Columbus county officers Sunday night, according to reports received here.

The negro was held in Whiteville until Tuesday when Sheriff J. M. Turley went to Whiteville and brought him to Smithfield. He is held in the Johnston county jail without bond awaiting trial in

Superior court. He will probably be tried in the March criminal term which will convene here on March 12.

It is said that Cox and Hampton attended a party Saturday night and while there they quarrelled, Hampton is reported to have followed Cox when he departed for his home and overtook him on the way. Cox was stabbed to death. There were no eye-witnesses to the scene.

Miss Helen Estabrook Gives Demonstration

Shows County Club Women How To Refinish Furniture—Seven Clubs Represented

The second meeting of the school of home furnishing was held here Tuesday when Miss Helen N. Estabrook, of State College, Raleigh, specialist in house furnishing, met with representatives from the various home demonstration clubs of the county. The meeting was held in the farmers' room of the courthouse.

The subject under discussion was refinishing furniture, and Miss Estabrook gave demonstrations in removing old finish and in the kinds of finish suitable for different types of wood. Transparent and opaque finishes were explained and demonstrated.

The first meeting of the school of home furnishing was held several weeks ago when the arrangement of furniture and floor finishing were studied.

The following clubs were represented at the meeting Tuesday: Pisgah, Four Oaks, Selma, Pomona, Creech, Corbett-Hatcher and Holly Grove.

U. N. C. BOYS HERE FOR THE WEEK END

Through an invitation extended by Mr. Marvin Woodall, an alumnus of the State University, six university boys, members of the Y. M. C. A. will arrive in the city today to spend the week end. Among the number will be singers and speakers who will give a brief program at a number of places while in this community. This morning they will be at the Smithfield high school. Some time today they will visit the Kenly high school. This evening they will be at the social to be given by the Young People-Adult Department of the Methodist Sunday school. Sunday morning they will be at the various Sunday schools of the town and on Sunday afternoon they will conduct the program at a mass meeting of young people.

The young men have a large repertoire of songs, and they are also capable speakers and Smithfield is fortunate to have the opportunity of hearing them.

Dr. DeLoach Talks About Fertilizers

Stresses Use of High Grade Fertilizers In an Address Before the Kiwanis Club Wednesday

The Smithfield Kiwanis club gave a fish fry on Wednesday night to which a number of guests were invited, chief among them being several of the county's leading farmers. The fish fry was a great feast and was much enjoyed by all present. The spread was given in the Sanders cottage home at the lake.

The regular weekly program of entertainment was under the direction of Dr. W. J. B. Orr, who, assisted by President Geo. Y. Ragsdale, presided over the events of the evening.

The chief feature of the evening was an address directed to the farmers by Dr. DeLoach, director of the Armour Research Foundation. Dr. DeLoach was introduced by Mr. G. T. Cunningham, of Wilmington, who in his speech of introduction referred to the wonderful activities of the Kiwanis club in Johnston county, citing that Smithfield's sister club at Benson had recently won first prize in an international contest in a scheme of varied activities by the club.

Dr. DeLoach prefaced his speech by expressing his pleasure in again being with the Smithfield Kiwanis club, and stated that he pleasantly recalled a visit he made here under the same auspices about one year ago. He has heartily received and throughout his address of an hour his audience was very attentive.

Although Dr. DeLoach is connected with one of the biggest concerns in the country, that of the Armour Fertilizer works, he himself is a real dirt farmer on his own account, having last year planted 400 acres to cotton from which he harvested 400 bales of cotton. His farm lies in Bullock county, Georgia.

The speaker was cautious throughout his speech not to dictate anything that the farmers of Johnston county should do or should not do. He based what he had to say on scientific tests that

Selma Drug Store Burns

Mrs. Mary Hocutt Passes After Short Illness; Other Selma News

SELMA, Feb. 23.—The Selma fire company was called out Sunday night about twelve o'clock to Luther O'Neal's drug store in the vicinity of the Selma cotton mills. The fire was of undetermined origin and although the fire company did valiant work the building and contents were totally destroyed. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Mrs. E. G. Rose Dead.

The sudden passing of Mrs. Mary Hocutt Rose, which occurred at her home here Thursday night, came as a shock to her relatives and friends. Mrs. Rose had been in her usual health until she was stricken with paralysis about five o'clock Thursday afternoon, February 16, and lived only a few hours.

She was born in Johnston county February 29, 1869 and died on February 16, 1928. She was twice married, her first husband, J. T. Corbett, preceding her to the grave a number of years ago. Eleven children were born to this union, five of whom survive. In 1912 she was married to Edwin G. Rose, who died several years ago.

She was a member of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church. Her funeral was conducted from the home Saturday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. D. M. Sharpe, and interment made in the city cemetery. The floral designs were profuse and beautiful, attesting the love and esteem in which she was held.

Among those from out of town here for the funeral were her three surviving brothers: Rev. J. A. Hocutt, Nashville; C. B. Hocutt, Lumberton; A. T. Hocutt, Chinquapin; and two nephews, E. W. Hocutt, Zebulon, and W. L. Hocutt, Chinquapin. Other relatives attending were: Mrs. Charles Pittman, Zebulon; Mrs. Taylor, Rocky Mount; Miss Mabel Rose, Raleigh; Miss Eula Mae Rose, Goldsboro; Floyd Rose, Kinston; Mrs. J. G. Carter and Mrs. Lucinda McCray, Greensboro, and Mrs. Sallie Poole, of Raleigh.

Sam Turner Dead.

On Wednesday, February 15, Sam Turner passed away at Rex Hospital in Raleigh following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Turner was overseer in the weaving department of the Selma cotton mills, and leaves a widow and one child, Sam, Jr., five years old. The body was taken to his old home in South Carolina for interment. A number of relatives and friends accompanied the remains.

Fremont Choral Club Coming.

The Fremont Choral Club will give an entertainment on Friday evening, February 24 at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium for the benefit of the Woman's club. A high grade of entertainment is promised and a delightful evening assured.

Entertains Circle.

Circle No. 2 of the Methodist Missionary Society met with Mrs.

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Aunt Roxie Opines

By Me—



"We luv noosepapers because uv de bad things dey don' say about us."