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Tell Your Friends

If they don't read the Herald they won't see all the Johnston County happenings.

Miss Ruth Brooks Is Beauty Queen

Chosen By Popular Vote At Indoor Circus; Little Miss Leah Myatt Selected As Junior Queen

Smithfield's representative in the Senior Queen's Beauty contest to be a feature of the opening day of the East Carolina Exposition at Goldsboro the week of April 9-14 was chosen by popular vote at the indoor circus Friday evening in the person of Miss Ruth Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks. The selection was made from six of Smithfield's prettiest girls any one of whom would grace a beauty contest anywhere, these young ladies being, besides Miss Brooks, Misses Arah Hooks, Sarah Turlington, Mary Ellington, Elizabeth Creech and Pauline Broadhurst.

The voting took place at the indoor circus given at the Ford show room by the Business and Professional Woman's club which organization had been delegated by Secretary N. G. Bartlett to name Smithfield's queens. The competition at first seemed about even but toward the close of the evening the contest was between Miss Arah Hooks and Miss Ruth Brooks, both of these nominees proving to be quite popular. A pleasing part of the beauty contest was when Mrs. N. L. Perkins presented to the large audience each of the young ladies who had been nominated. Seldom have those present seen a bevy of such attractive young women, and the crowd expressed its approval in enthusiastic applause.

On this same occasion, little Miss Leah Myatt, daughter of Mr. James Myatt, was chosen as junior queen. The nominees in the junior queen contest were Leah Myatt, Elizabeth Scher, Jane Hood, Annie Blanche Morgan, Mary Noble and Marcia Stevens. Little Miss Elizabeth Scher received the second highest number of votes.

Aside from the voting for the beauty queens, the indoor circus provided plenty of amusement for the large crowd which attended. At five o'clock in the afternoon, a street parade gave the public an inkling of what was in store. The local brass band led the procession, twelve or fifteen floats following including decorated cars in which the beauty queens rode. A number of stuffed wild animals reposed in cages placed on trucks; several clowns were on bicycles; and a team of billy goats followed a van placarded to resemble the animal vans in a real circus. Altogether the parade was a distinct success as evidenced by the comments of spectators as the procession passed along the main streets of the town.

The evening performance was featured by the usual circus stunts with the exception of a regular ring show. The Midnight Ramblers furnished music. The "little boy" was there with the red balloons. The "squeedunk" vendor displayed her wares, peanuts, popcorn, candy, red lemonade and hot dogs helped to furnish a circus atmosphere.

A number of side shows—clever "sells"—and fortune tellers provided an element of fun when the crowd was not busy voting for their choice of the beauty queens. The circus spirit pervaded the entire occasion and everybody who went seemed to enjoy it.

Seed for planting 1,600 acres of tobacco was cleaned and treated by growers of Davidson county at a series of meetings recently held.

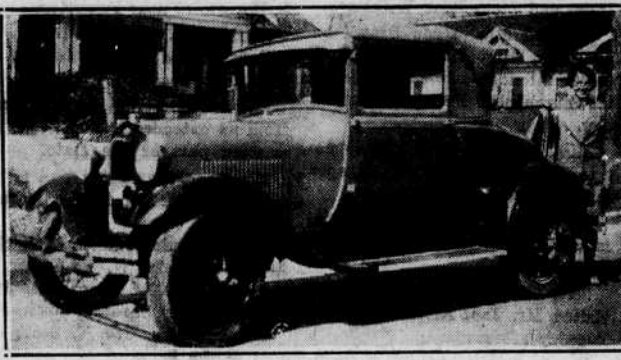
Tantalizer

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.

(Miss) Elva Maie Whitley recognized her name.

Today's Tantalizer: naisenken

First Ford Delivered in Smithfield



MISS RUTH WILSON, bookkeeper for the Young Motor Co., is the proud possessor of the first new Ford to be delivered in this city. Orders are being filled according to the time when they were placed and Miss Wilson was the first to give an order, a sport model coupe. This happened to be the first type of any kind of Ford delivered here. The picture was taken after the car had been driven 1000 miles.

Selma Kiwanians Talking Trucking

Planning To Ship Irish Potatoes and Beans From Selma—Marketing Similar to Poultry Car

SELMA, Mar. 12.—A special drive is being put on by the local Kiwanis club to encourage the planters to raise more Irish potatoes and beans and not so much cotton and tobacco. The result of this drive was manifested in the interest which was taken at a luncheon given by the Kiwanis club to a number of leading farmers in this section last Thursday evening. At this meeting Mr. Matthews of State College was present and gave a very interesting talk on the methods of planting and marketing potatoes and beans. Mr. Matthews said that the soil through this section was better for trucking than the territory farther east of here around Mount Olive and Wilmington.

The Bureau of Markets with headquarters in Raleigh, together with the Selma Kiwanis club will establish a market in Selma this spring for Irish potatoes. Any number of potatoes will be bought and the market price paid at the car door. To assure the planter the proper price for his potatoes a grader will be at the car door to grade the potatoes.

This is one of the few things the local Kiwanis club is sponsoring to help the farmers of Johnston county. A poultry market has been established here permanently and the next shipment of poultry will be made Saturday, March 17.

SMALL FIRE AT CHAS. DAVIS' RESIDENCE

Saturday afternoon the fire siren called the fire company to the home of Mr. Charles Davis where it was found that some of the shingles on top of the house were burning. It is thought that they caught from sparks from the stove flue. Only a little damage was done to the building.

COURT AGAIN TO PROBE DEATH PRINCETON WOMAN

There is no possibility that the Miss Calvert who committed suicide in her Richmond apartment, was the woman to whom Mrs. Snipes was talking in a cafe as told by H. C. Robinson," said Attorney J. J. Hatch who will leave today for Richmond to again assist in the prosecution of J. W. Faison, ex-Sunday school superintendent and country club manager, for the alleged murder of Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, of Princeton. The case will be called in Richmond Monday and at this trial a special venire will be brought from Chesterfield county to hear the evidence. The first hearing of the case resulted in a mistrial.

"Miss Calvert," said Mr. Hatch, "was only slightly known to Mrs. Snipes." The witness Robinson had testified he heard Mrs. Snipes tell a woman companion that she would kill herself if Faison abandoned her and returned to his wife and children. Richmond dispatches had indicated that there was a probability that this friend was the same Miss Calvert who later ended her own life.

"For one thing," continued the local attorney, "the Miss Bessie Wright who said she heard a man cry out 'My God, I have killed Elsie,' is not the same Miss Bessie Wright who was a native of Johnston county and later lived in Goldsboro. The Miss Wright who testified in the first case was born not many miles from Richmond." The state of Virginia accuses Faison of having slain Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, a native of Princeton and daughter of Toke Holt, in her bachelor girl apartment. Faison declares that the girl committed suicide when he told her he intended to break off the intimacies existing between them and to return to his wife and children.—Goldsboro News, March 11.

Judge Charges The Grand Jury

Calls For a Check Up On Magistrates; Parlia Hudson Made Foreman of Grand Jury

Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, who is holding this week's term of criminal Superior court here instead of Judge Nunn who was scheduled for this week, paid his respects to some Johnston county magistrates whom he accidentally found had overstepped his jurisdiction. This justice of the peace, said Judge Grady, had disposed of a case in which the defendant was charged with a felony and which was punishable by ten years in the state prison, by finding him guilty and imposing a fine of \$1.00. As a matter of fact, Judge Grady pointed out to the grand jury which body he was charging, magistrates have jurisdiction only in cases of misdemeanors where the penalty is not more than \$50 or 30 days imprisonment. The judge called upon the grand jury to "make sure that the magistrates of Johnston county are not exceeding their rights. Such a situation, however, he stated, is not peculiar to Johnston county. It is found all over North Carolina where he has gone.

The judge, in his charge, further cautioned deputies and constables to do their full duty in enforcing the law. Some such officials seem to think that they are not empowered to make arrests unless they have a warrant. This is not the case. Wherever they see the law violated, it is their duty to make arrests whether they have a warrant or not.

The automobile, said the judge, has come to stay. It is a necessary nuisance. Since it has come to stay, laws must keep up with the times. In this connection, he called attention to the fact that it is a misdemeanor for persons to lend license plates.

In referring to the liquor traffic, the judge's comment produced a laugh. He was speaking about the various prohibition laws, and about pre-Volstead liquor. He recalled that Col. Abell in a case last week had told of reading in the newspapers of the frog that had been found in a corner stone in some state and after thirty years imprisonment was still alive like that story he nailed as a lie. Much of the pre-Volstead liquor Judge Grady thinks is like the frog in the corner stone.

Instructions as to handling bills of indictment, the procedure in presenting these bills to the court and other pertinent information were included in the judge's charge.

Mr. Parlia Hudson of Benson was made foreman of the grand jury yesterday, and Mr. J. M. Adams was the officer assigned to the body. Others on the grand jury besides Mr. Hudson are: D. H. Stephenson and Page Proctor of Wilson's Mills; B. F. Nichols, of Micro; J. C. Casper, Walter J. Barnes and R. S. Boykin, of Kenly; H. L. Lee, Joseph Lee, C. V. Lassiter, and D. H. Sanders of Four Oaks; Loomis Vinson, S. W. Booker, A. T. Canaday, of Clayton; Nady Ennis, of Benson; C. L. Richardson, of Selma; C. A. Lassiter and J. Robert Barbour, of Smithfield.

Luck's With That Man
It sometimes happens that a man is kept from buying mining stock because he hasn't got the ready cash.

Can You Chop Wood?

SELMA, Mar. 10.—Peter McLaren, world champion wood-chopper and five years with the circus of Ringling Bros., will be in Selma at 3:30 Thursday, March 15. The demonstration will be held on the vacant lot next to The Hardware Store, Inc. To anyone who can chop through a log in twice the time it takes Mr. McLaren a fifty-dollar prize will be given. The contest is open to anyone.

Johnston's Champion Marrying Magistrate

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D. T. LUNCEFORD

Col. E. S. Abell Gets Pleasant Surprise

Bar Association Presents Its Dean With Box of Cigars On His 71st Birthday

A pleasant surprise came to Col. E. S. Abell, dean of the Johnston county bar, yesterday when, just after court convened for the afternoon session, Hon. Paul D. Grady, by permission of Judge Grady, called a meeting of the Johnston County Bar Association, and Mr. F. H. Brooks presented resolutions felicitating Col. Abell upon his 71st birthday. After Mr. Brooks had moved the adoption of the resolutions, Mr. J. D. Parker made appropriate remarks, and then a box of cigars was tendered Col. Abell from his brethren of the bar.

The resolutions which were adopted read as follows: "It having been suggested that about four o'clock in the morning seventy-one years ago there was a man child born unto that distinguished lawyer of his day, Hon. J. H. Abell, christened Ed. S. Abell, who waxed strong and grew unto manhood and following in the footsteps of his distinguished father, took up the practice of law as his life work;

"And whereas, Col. Ed. S. Abell for high on to a half a century has engaged in that honorable profession in the county of his nativity, enjoying a lucrative practice and the esteem and confidence of his brethren of the Bar, the members of the Judiciary and his fellow-countrymen;

"And whereas, Col. Abell appears to have completely recovered from a recent attack, and apparently stands forth in the vigor of young manhood, as evidenced by his strong, masterful speech in the Barber-Parker murder trial on Saturday last;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that we extend to our venerable brother at the bar our sincere and heartfelt felicitations upon his reaching his 71st milestone on the journey of life, and pray God's richest blessings on his remaining days and years with us, hoping that his latter years may be his most pleasant and profitable; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Col. Abell, and a copy spread upon the minutes of this court."

A CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank the good people who visited and spoke words of comfort and encouragement to our aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peedin, in the death of their son and our brother, Richard, May the Lord bless each and every one.
MRS. EVERETT & BROTHERS & SISTER OF DECEASED.
Every married woman thinks that all her husband's bachelor friends envy him.

Claude Barber and Golden Parker Acquitted By Jury

PRINCETON DEFEATS FOUR OAKS TOSSERS AND WINS TITLE COUNTY CHAMPS

The Princeton high school basketball team won the Johnston County Tournament here Saturday night by defeating Four Oaks 28 to 11. The Princeton five reached the finals by its victory Saturday morning over Meadow. In the first round play Clayton forfeited to Princeton, Four Oaks worked its way to finals by victories over Wilson's Mills and Corinth-Holders.

The Princeton five were presented with a silver cup offered to the tournament winner by the First and Citizens National Bank of Smithfield. In the girls' championship, Four Oaks ousted Wilson's Mills 30 to 17 in the first round and Saturday night defeated Corinth-Holders 31 to 23 for the championship. A new basketball was presented

Verdict Is Rendered Sunday Morning At Nine O'Clock After Four Day Trial For Murder of Joel M. Royal

Sunday morning as a number of folks were turning their thoughts and footsteps toward the Sunday schools of the town, a considerable crowd was gathered at the courthouse to hear the jury's verdict in the case of Claude Barber and Golden Parker who, for four days had been on trial for the murder of J. M. Royal at his home near Benson on the morning of October 22. At a few minutes past nine o'clock, the jury filed in and spoke the words that gave the defendants a new lease on life. The verdict of "Not Guilty" was barely rendered before relatives of both men were grasping the hands of the jurors and expressing their gratitude for the decision. The wife and mother of Claude Barber had been by Barber's side throughout the trial and it was a touching scene to see the tears of joy trickling down the cheeks of that mother, Golden Parker's wife and his father, Dr. Parker, were as equally relieved from the tenseness of the past weeks and days.

The jury was given the case Saturday night about nine-thirty o'clock with instructions to discuss the case or retire for the night, as they wished. Members of the jury stated that the majority of them were ready to render a verdict of acquittal in a short time after they left the court room, but it was not until eight o'clock Sunday morning that the jury was unanimous. Those serving on the jury were J. Barber Parrish, Lee Coates, K. C. Woodard, John M. Avera, A. K. Lassiter, J. M. Leggett, N. C. Stephenson, E. D. Martin, M. C. Strickland, J. V. Tomlinson, Calvin C. Johnson and G. J. Creech.

This case, which has had an unusual interest especially among the people in and around Benson, was begun Wednesday morning. By four o'clock Friday afternoon, the evidence was all in, and the lawyers began their speeches. N. C. Shepard for the defense, was the first to address the jury. He was followed by J. D. Parker, also for the defense, but darkness caused the court to adjourn before his plea was finished and he resumed his speech the first thing Saturday morning. E. J. Wellons, who was assisting Solicitor Williams, was the next to speak, and he was followed by C. C. Canaday, E. S. Abell, and James Raynor, all for the defense. Solicitor Williams closed the argument about six o'clock Saturday afternoon, and at seven-thirty the court assembled again to hear the judge's charge.

The courthouse was filled as Judge Grady delivered his charge to the jury, which was a logical presentation of the contentions of both the state and the defense. In the main, the contentions of the state were that Joe Royal who had been to Benson on the night of October 21, and who left there at a late hour and went to his home near Benson, was killed by someone

Essay Contest Has Attractive Prizes

Essays on the Subject: Co-operative Marketing As It Affects the Cotton Farmer To Be Written In Schools

Something different in the way of an essay contest has been devised by Mr. John A. Smith, field representative of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association for Johnston county. The association is putting on a contest in which winners from each county will compete for prizes in the state and then winners from the various states will compete for the national essay championship, these prizes to be awarded by the American Cotton Growers Exchange. It is the county contest that Mr. Smith has planned.

Mr. Smith has secured prizes from Smithfield business firms to be given in the county. In each school where there are as many as five contestants, the winner will receive a standard fountain pen. It is the purpose for these essays to be read at a public meeting held at the school house, and those who in each school will then come to Smithfield where it will be decided who have the best essays in the county. Three cash prizes will be given from the number competing here. The first prize will be \$25 in cash, the second will be \$15 in cash, and the third will be \$10 in cash.

The winners in the county contest will go to Raleigh to compete again, the expense of these to be paid. The successful contestant at the capital city will be given a trip to Memphis, Tenn.

The subject of the essay is: "Co-operative Marketing as It Affects the Cotton Farmer." The essays must be written on or before April 20 in the presence of the teacher in the school where the contest is held or the county home agent. Any boy or girl not over twenty-one years of age, who has not had more than a high school education, or who is a member of one

Army Offers Free Vacation To Boys

Month's Training in Camp at Fort Bragg; Number of Johnston County Boys Attended Last Year

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 12.—Opportunity for a month's vacation with all expenses paid exists for Johnston county boys, between the ages of 17 and 24, who will be the first to apply for admission to the Citizens' Military Training Camp to be conducted by the United States Government at Fort Bragg, N. C., June 17—July 16, this summer.

The camp will be conducted under auspices of the United States Regular Army. Its training will stress American citizenship, self-reliance, initiative, team work, good fellowship, and how to work hard and effectively. Many parents would pay more than \$100 for such training of a month for their boys.

The boys attending will be organized into military companies and drilled as soldiers. The mornings will be devoted to the military training, calisthenics, and instruction in hygiene and citizenship.

The afternoons will generally be devoted to athletics sports, including baseball, swimming, wrestling, boxing and track events. The boys will be entertained during the evening until "Tattoo" by motion pictures, musical concerts, and other forms of amusement.

No obligation for future service in the United States army will rest upon the boys and young men attending the camp. All expenses—including transportation to and from camp, uniforms, food, lodging, and instruction, will be provided by the Government free of all cost.

The only requirements for admission to the camp are that the applicant be physically fit, of good moral character, and able to speak and write the English language. The poor boy is welcomed equally with the rich. In fact, the equality of all American citizens regardless

FINDS 23 GALLONS WHISKEY IN AUTOMOBILE LEFT IN YARD

J. B. Coates Notifies Officers When He Discovers Quantity of Liquor in Strange Car Left In His Yard

About eight o'clock Sunday morning Mr. J. B. Coates, who lives near Wilson's Mills, called C. R. Cable, chief of police of Smithfield, to his home to take charge of a Dodge roadster which had been parked during the night in his yard and which was found to contain forty-six half-gallon jars of whiskey. Mr. Coates states that about two o'clock Sunday morning some one hailed at his door and asked permission for Willie Jones to leave his car there for a while. Mr. Coates without getting out of bed gave his permission, and was surprised next morning to find the car with contraband whiskey.

When Chief Cable arrived it was discussed whether or not he should remain and arrest the owner of the car when he came for it, but it was finally decided that the car had been abandoned for good, and so the Dodge was brought to Smithfield.

However, just after Chief Cable had left, the party calling himself Willie Jones arrived near the Coates home to get the whiskey car and sent a negro for it. When told that the chief of police of Smithfield had it in charge, the alleged "Willie Jones" lost no time in winging his flight. The car is thought to belong to a negro in Raleigh.

Aunt Roxie Opines



"I think Gump ort ter be president, and Hambone heeze advice president."