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## Governor Smith Delivers His Acceptance Speech

### Proposes Constitutional Changes Permitting Sale of Whiskey Where Plan Is Approved

Reiterating once more opposition to features of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act, Governor Alfred E. Smith has accepted the nomination for the presidency of the United States at the hands of the Democratic party.

The acceptance ceremonies were held at Albany, N. Y., but a steady pour of rain from early morning Wednesday until the time set for the event in the evening, prevented the original plans from being carried out. Scarcely two thousand of the veritable army of people who had traveled hundreds of miles to be present at the Albany ceremony, were able to get into the assembly chamber of the New York State Capitol to hear the speeches.

Senator Key Pittman of Nevada made the notification speech, and Governor Smith responded in an address that took an hour to deliver, covering the chief issues of the campaign.

The public has perhaps manifested greater interest in the attitude of the presidential candidates upon the matters of prohibition and farm relief, and therefore we are giving extracts concerning these issues from Governor Smith's speech:

### MISS FLORA SMITH SPEAKS AT CIRCLE MEETING

Members of Circle No. 3 of the Methodist Missionary Society were entertained Monday evening at the home of Mrs. C. B. Williamson, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. L. T. Royall being hostesses. Mrs. A. M. Noble, leader of the circle, conducted a brief business session in which it was reported that \$91 was in the treasury of the circle. Reports of visits made to the sick and strangers and of needy cases assisted were given, after which the topic, "Ways of Helping the Needy," was discussed. Mrs. E. W. Glass talked on the topic, after which Miss Flora Smith, who has just completed a course in training at George Washington Hospital, was introduced and made a talk concerning her work. Miss Smith is a local young woman who became interested in welfare work some years ago. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church and other friends made it possible for her to take a course in nursing. She has already accepted a position at Samaritan where she will have charge of the infirmary. Her new duties begin September 1. Miss Smith in the course of her remarks expressed her appreciation for the support given her by the local organization.

Among those present at the circle meeting Monday afternoon were Mrs. J. R. Walton and Miss Eliza Powell, of Cullowhee. Mrs. Walton formerly lived in this city and was at one time president of the Missionary Society. Refreshments were served during a social hour that followed the program.

### 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.

Wilmer Johnson recognized his name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: lejr.snsstevee

### Accepts Presidential Nomination



GOV. ALFRED E. SMITH

## BELIEVE NEGRO WAS POISONED TO DEATH

### Young Selma Negro is Dead and Negress Is In County Jail On Suspicion

Geneva Benjamin, a young negress of Winston-Salem, is in the Johnston county jail held without bond on suspicion that she is connected with the death of Waymond Smith, 21-year-old negro man of Selma. Smith died almost suddenly at his home in Selma on Tuesday morning.

According to evidence brought out at the inquest by Coroner J. H. Kirkman, the negro woman was on a visit in Selma and on Monday evening she had sent for Smith, who was said to be a former sweetheart, to come to see her. Their love affair had been broken up and some time ago Smith married another girl. After having visited the negro woman and after he had reached his home he was taken violently ill. Dr. J. B. Person was sent for but the man died before the physician arrived. Poisoning was suspected and the Benjamin woman was immediately arrested.

A coroner's inquest was held, the following men having been impaneled as a jury: H. E. Earp, M. J. Cameron, W. W. Hare, W. L. Eaton, W. W. Stewart and Dr. R. J. Noble. Fourteen witnesses were examined.

### JUNIOR OF SMITHFIELD INVITED TO HOPEWELL

All Juniors of Smithfield Council No. 102 are invited to be present at Hopewell Freewill Baptist church Sunday, August 26, at the yearly meeting of the church. At this time a revival meeting will begin. Dinner will be served to the Juniors.

**A Family Reunion.** There will be a family reunion at the H. W. Tart old homestead on Sunday, September 2. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and bring well filled baskets. At 11 o'clock there will be preaching by Rev. D. C. Johnson.

MRS. E. W. FREEMAN.

### SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 10

Some time ago announcement was made that the Smithfield, Selma and Clayton schools will open on Sept. 10. The headline read Sept. 15, but the date in the article was correct. Monday, September 10 will be the opening date of the schools in the three towns named.

## Proceedings Of Recorder's Court

### Poole Land Case Decided In Favor of Mr. Poole; Other Cases Tried Tuesday and Wednesday

The case of Mrs. Ada Victorine Carver and George Brown, charged with forcible trespass on the lands of A. V. Poole and Miss Victoria Poole in Clayton township, was tried in Tuesday's Recorder's court, and the defendants were found guilty and a thirty day jail sentence imposed. The jail sentence however was suspended upon condition that the defendants keep off the lands in question during the next two years. They were taxed with the cost in the case of \$98.47 which they were unable to pay. However, three of their attorneys who were from Raleigh, gave bond for their appearance here next Tuesday at which time the amount will be paid. Neither of the defendants went on the stand, but a man by the name of Bunch, tenant on the Poole land, was a witness for the defendants. It appears that Bunch has been promised 30 acres of land and his sons ten acres each if the defendants shall recover the land to which they are laying claim.

Other cases to come up Tuesday and Wednesday are as follows: State vs. Nathan Townsend, colored, charged with reckless driving, with operating car without proper license plates, and without proper brakes. Defendant guilty on all counts, and sentenced to go to jail for a term of 60 days and assigned to work the roads of Johnston county and pay the cost. The jail sentence is to be suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and the costs.

John W. Pearce was found guilty of possession and transportation of opium and transportation of opium. He is now worth about \$2.50.

## Theft Near Four Oaks

### Thieves Take Tires and Also Wheels From New Pontiac Coach Belonging to Mr. Haskett

FOUR OAKS, Aug. 23.—What seems to have been a rather bold act of stealing took place near here early last Saturday morning at approximately one o'clock when Mr. Haskett, a highway employee, who lives just in front of Mr. C. H. Grady's home on the Smithfield highway, had his new Pontiac coach which was under Mr. Grady's barn shelter, supposedly for safekeeping, robbed of wheels and tires.

Mr. Haskett and his wife heard an old Ford car stop just beyond their home on a deep fill about one o'clock but never paid any further attention to it. The thieves made their way to this barn shelter and removed the spare tire, cover and wheel, and the left rear wheel and tire. They went on their way uncaught and without any clue except their tracks under the shelter. From the tracks they were men who wore perhaps a number seven and a number nine shoe.

No suspicions were aroused concerning the stealing until about 8 o'clock Saturday morning when Albert Wilson and Christine Grady found that the tires and wheels had been removed. Mr. Haskett, who was at work was notified as were local officers who are working to locate the thieves. From all evidence it certainly appears that the stealing was done by persons in or near town who knew Mr. Haskett had recently purchased a new car and kept it at Mr. Grady's barn shelter.

### HERALD RETURNS THANKS FOR WATERMELONS

The Herald wishes to return thanks to Mr. Geo. W. Hicks of Cleveland township, Johnston county's champion watermelon grower, for two fine melons which he brought us this week. The larger of the two tipped the scales at 72 pounds, while the other weighed 66. The melons were cut during the week at the Herald office and a number of friends had the opportunity to sample these luscious melons. It was the unanimous comment that the melons were as fine as they had ever eaten and perhaps finer.

### Death of Miss Helen McCall.

In the death of Miss Helen McCall, which took place Monday, August 20, at her home on Selma, route 1, the community in which she had spent 69 years lost a fine Christian character. Miss McCall lived with a maiden sister near the home of a brother, Mr. J. H. McCall. She had been in bad health for about two months, but was critically ill for only about a week before her death.

The deceased was a member of the Johnston Chapel Methodist church and was an excellent Christian worker. Funeral services were held at the church on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. W. E. Glass, assisted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle. Interment was made in the family burying ground not far distant.

### Another Old Piece of Money.

Mr. O. H. Barefoot was in the city Wednesday and showed us several pieces of very old money. He had in his possession a penny which was made in 1633. It was worn considerably and it took a magnifying glass to decipher the inscriptions. On one side there was the imprint of an eagle. On the other side was the usual garland with "One Cent" in the center. He also had a three-cent silver piece made in 1853. It is about two-thirds the size of a dime. It has the Roman figures "III" in the center of what appears to be a monogram "C". On the opposite side was a six-point star. He also had a quarter made in 1853, that he stated is now worth about \$2.50.

## HERALD'S CONSTRUCTIVE EDITION TO TELL THE STORY ABOUT BUILDING JOHNSTON

The dinosaur is dead, and with him also passed the mammoth and the mastodon and thousands of other "big game," animals of pre-historic ages. The mounted skeletons of these kings of the jungle are all that is left of science to study and to speculate over as to the habits and possible causes of extinction of these land monsters.

But the world is still possessed by "big game," men and women of super-intelligence, industry and thrift. It was these faculties which enabled the human race to adjust itself to its environment, conquer untoward circumstances and avoid the paths to oblivion which the "big game" animals followed.

The "Opportunities in Johnston County" edition which the Smithfield Herald will issue next Friday, August 31, is a worthwhile effort to assemble and present, in attractive form, the throbbing, pulsating story of the lives and activities of the men who go to make up the affairs of Johnston county. What is being done in education, banking, manufacturing, dairying, poultry, agricultural development and other fields of endeavor will be graphically told and illustrated in a manner worthy of Johnston county.

Let us revitalize our faith in every foot of Johnston county and pledge anew allegiance to the traditions and inherent possibilities of a splendid people, confronted by greater opportunities.

## GOOD ROAD DELEGATION FROM FIVE STATES MEET

### T. C. Young Named Vice-President of Organization To Boost Highways of the Southeast

Fursuant to a call issued by Wade Stackhouse, chairman of the Coastal Commission of South Carolina; Jenkins M. Robertson, chairman Mid-Coastal Highway of South Carolina; T. C. Young, chairman of the Carolinas-Florida Short Route Association; E. E. Goodwyn, chairman of the Coastal Highway of Virginia, and Harvey Granger, chairman of the Board of the Atlantic Coastal Highway Commission from towns and cities located on these several routes, met at Florence, S. C., Thursday, August 9, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of discussing ways and means of advertising this territory.

Dr. Wade Stackhouse called the meeting to order and was elected permanent chairman; T. C. Young was elected vice-chairman. In view of the possibility that further developments might require a full time secretary, it was decided to elect a temporary secretary and C. C. Chadbourne of Fayetteville, N. C., was elected after the following named persons had asked that their names be withdrawn from the list of nominees, Coleman C. Martin of Charleston, S. C.; C. B. Whilden of Marion, Louis T. Moore of Wilmington, and Jack Gardiner of Brunswick. A set of resolutions was introduced by Mr. Neils Christensen of Beaufort who made an address setting forth the desirability of adequately advertising the section of the south traversed by the roads whose proponents had signed the call for the meeting and whose representatives were present at the meeting. Mr. Morris Fass of Dillon moved that the resolutions be discussed and acted upon paragraph by paragraph. This motion prevailed. The discussion centered on the first paragraph descriptive of the territory. After considerable discussion participated in by Messrs. Wilkins, Young, Walker, Martin, Stoney, Coffin, McKoy, Meeks, Fass, Cantwell, Whilden and others, it became apparent that there was a marked unanimity of sentiment against the naming of any roads at all, the prevailing idea being a desire to avoid directing sentiment that would be unduly favorable to any road or prejudicial to any road but rather to give publicity to a section and advertise by maps showing all the roads. C. C. Martin of Charleston introduced a resolution describing the territory as follows: "All that territory east of the capitol of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina and the coastal plain of Georgia and Florida inclusive of the capitol." The resolution was passed and the full set of resolutions as finally adopted is as follows:

### Judge Brooks Finds One Does Not Have To Go to Alps or Venice To See Beauty

By F. H. BROOKS

Well, here we are in Smithfield again after traveling 10,951 miles in our own Chrysler, into twenty-two states, the Republic of Mexico, and the District of Columbia. We burned 532 gallons of gasoline, 193 quarts of oil, and had nine punctures, thus averaging 100 miles on approximately 5.32 gallons of gasoline, 193 quarts of oil, and less than one puncture to every 1,000 miles. We were gone eight weeks to the day, having left Smithfield on Wednesday morning, June 20, and returned Tuesday night, August 14. We left within 100 miles of the Atlantic Ocean, dipped down into the Gulf of Mexico on the South, crossed to the Pacific Ocean at the lower end of California on the West, followed the Pacific Coast from San Diego, Cal., to Crescent City, Cal., and then crossed the northern portion of the United States to the great Lake Michigan at Chicago.

Our eyes have been opened in amazement as we have driven these ten thousand miles over the United States. "Uncle Sam" rules over a great empire surely! We didn't realize that there was so much of this country and so many people, or so many beautiful places to see. We had thought of the Alps and Italy, Venice and the foreign countries of the earth as the places to go to see the beautiful, the wonderful in Nature, but lo! here in America we have all that one's heart could desire in the way of the beautiful, wonderful in Nature. TURN TO PAGE 6, PLEASE

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## Boosts Good Roads



T. C. YOUNG of this city who was elected vice-president of the Good Roads meeting recently held in Florence, S. C.

## Wonderful Nature Here In America

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## Minister Returns Thru New England

Lake Champlain Country Picturesque; Boston Rich in Historical and Literary Interest

By REV. S. L. MORGAN

As a preacher who has used up all the thirty minutes, which perhaps most people are yet willing to allow him for his sermon, feels it impossible to conclude without a minute for a serious application, so I feel it impossible to conclude this series of articles without giving one or two largely as an appeal to a worthy patriotism. Prominently New England makes such an appeal. Almost every foot of its soil has been made sacred by the heroic struggles of those who laid here the foundation of most that is good and great in our nation's life. Our polyglot population contains millions of foreigners who know little and care less for the sacred principles that lay back of those struggles, and their influence becomes ever greater. Particularly our younger generation needs sorely to be reminded of those principles, "lest they forget," and lest our nation drift from its moorings.

We came south fifty miles from Montreal to Lake Champlain, the natural gateway to New England. Nearing the lake we came to a simple sign on the roadside announcing that there Canada ended and the United States began, and we felt a delightful thrill as we crossed the invisible line between the two countries. At Rouses Point near the lake we were stopped by the custom officer. It seemed little more than red tape. We were required to report at two offices—at one of which we exchanged our Canadian money for that of the U. S. The officer showed no interest in looking at our baggage. He asked only what we had bought in Canada, and if we had any liquor. A word and a smile from me seemed entirely sufficient. If I had had ten gallons in my car, I suppose I could have got by. But no doubt experience has given him much knowledge of character. We were allowed if we chose, to bring across the line free of tariff \$100.00 worth of goods for our own use. Our high tariff makes a suit of clothes about 50 per cent higher here than in Canada.

I can only refer to the exquisite beauty of Lake Champlain. It is 115 miles long by from one to 13 miles wide. It forms about half the western border of Vermont. Westward one sees the lofty Adirondacks in New York, and eastward the beautiful Green Mountains in Vermont. Of the three ways southward we chose the one down the heart of the lake. Crossing by ferry from Chazy Landing a mile and a half, we drove from island to island a distance of 25 miles, reaching again the mainland near Burlington, the metropolis of Vermont. This island drive is a dream-land of beauty.

But the main interest of this wonderful lake is historical. Discovered by Champlain in 1609, and flowing north through the Richelieu river into the St. Lawrence, it was the natural highway along which for nearly two centuries the French and British, with their Indian allies struggled for the mastery. At Fort Ticonderoga, where Lake George flows into

## Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



"I don't think Al Smith will kill prohibition for de Republicans hez done done it."