



Big Fire In The Business District

American Dollar Store's Stock Merchandise and Building Owned By E. P. Lore Burned Saturday Night

A fire loss variously estimated at between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars was sustained here Saturday night when the store occupied by the American Dollar Store was destroyed. The store closed at ten o'clock, and twenty-five or thirty minutes later when the fire alarm was turned in the fire was well under way. The fire which originated in the second story of the building, proved to be quite stubborn and it was about one o'clock before it was finally subdued.

The heroic work of the local fire company and the Selma company which came to help fight the flames, prevented the fire from spreading to any other building, though at times it looked as if the Capitol cafe, next door, might catch. There was some water damage to the Capitol cafe, but with this exception, the wreckage was confined to the one building. Located in the center of the business district, it might have been a more disastrous fire, but for the efficient fire-fighting apparatus of both Smithfield and Selma and their firemen.

The stock of goods, including considerable Christmas merchandise, of the American Dollar store, was a total loss, and nothing remains of the building except the brick walls. The building belonged to Mr. E. P. Lore, whose loss is partly covered with insurance in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Sol Bane, proprietor of the American Dollar store had \$3,500 insurance, and the proprietor of a shoe department had his stock of shoes insured for \$1,000.

ABDALLA-VINSON STORE HERE TO BE DISCONTINUED

After a six-months' stay in Smithfield the Abdalla-Vinson store company will discontinue its store here and its proprietor, Tom Abdalla, will devote his time and energy to the Selma store which operates under the same firm name. In the early fall, Mr. Abdalla leased the store belonging to Mr. J. D. Spiers on the corner of Market and Third streets, and he says he has done good business. Not being able to conduct the two stores conveniently, the lease of the Spiers building has been disposed of, and Nassiff Bros., of Wagram will take charge by the first of the year. It is not known at this time what kind of merchandise the new firm will carry.

METHODIST LADIES SERVING A TURKEY DINNER

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church will serve a turkey dinner in the church dining room today (Tuesday) from twelve until two o'clock. The usual annual bazaar will not be held. A liberal patronage will be appreciated.

DR. HOOKS IMPROVES AFTER SECOND OPERATION

Friends of Dr. Thel Hooks will be glad to learn that he is improving again after a second operation on his foot. He was taken back to the Johnston County Hospital Friday evening and a toe was amputated.

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.

(Miss) Neta Ennis deciphered her name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: caudsoehlmv

Engaged to Joie Ray



Pretty and shapely Alice Eldridge, famous Boston swimmer, has become engaged to Joie Ray, famous marathon runner.

Local Unit Cotton Association Meets

T. B. Webster Addresses the Members on "Trend of the Market; Other Talks Made by Messrs Curry and Slack"

The regular monthly meeting of the Johnston county members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association was held in the courthouse Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. A. J. Whitley, Jr., chairman of the local organization, presided over the meeting. Mr. F. B. Webster, of the Raleigh office, was introduced and he made a most interesting talk on the "trend of the market." Each of the fifty or more members present received information from Mr. Webster that will help him in marketing his cotton.

Mr. Currie, of the Government Experiment Station in Edgecombe county, made a brief talk concerning the kind of seed to plant, spacing and fertilizers. It is significant that only through the association, or from the government test farms, can the best information along this line be obtained in North Carolina.

Mr. J. B. Slack, county agent for Johnston, Sampson and Harnett counties was present and spoke briefly on the value of raising livestock. He announced that on Tuesday evening (this evening) Mr. W. W. Shay, swine specialist of State College, would deliver a public address in the Benson school auditorium.

The next meeting of the local organization of the cotton association will be held on Friday, January 11. Fertilizers will be the special topic for this meeting.

Mr. Stallings Loses Mule

Mr. B. E. Stallings, of Smithfield, route 2, had the misfortune to have a \$300 mule die yesterday. The mule was taken sick Sunday.

REV. D. C. JOHNSON PREACH AT WILSON'S MILLS

Rev. D. C. Johnson, pastor of St. Mary's Grove Freewill church, will preach Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Baptist church in Wilson's Mills. The public is cordially invited.

SPARK PLUG RAMBLERS TO BROADCAST AT WPTF

The Spark Plug Ramblers of this city, led by 'Cub' Watson, will broadcast over Station WPTF in Raleigh tonight between six and eight o'clock. The program will consist of a number of negro spirituals and melodies.

BOX PARTY

There will be a box party at Rehobeth school Friday night, December 14. Everybody is invited.

LILY B. DAUCHTRY, MARY G. HOLLAND, Teachers.

Negro Is Caught With The Goods

Constable Talton On Way To Answer Call In Selma Comes On Thief With Auto Tire and Small Change

T. E. Talton, constable for Smithfield township with county-wide jurisdiction, was called to Selma early Sunday morning about three o'clock, and incidentally killed two birds with one stone, making two arrests. The call to Selma proved to have been issued by Vick Brown, who gave a fictitious name and the result was that Brown himself was placed under arrest. Before Constable Talton reached Selma, however, he came upon another offender of the law, who is now in jail in default of bond awaiting trial in Superior court. As the officer neared the overhead bridge near Selma he met a negro with an automobile tire around his neck and with bulging pockets. The negro presented a suspicious looking figure and Constable Talton turned back to investigate. The negro proved to be James Thomas of Smithfield. In his pockets were found several inner tubes. Forty pennies and a dime also fell out, and the officer suggested that he robbed a cash register. The negro, caught with the goods, confessed to having broken open the filling station of the Selma Motor company, located in front of the Selma Baptist church. A preliminary hearing was given him before R. W. Etheridge, Selma magistrate. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to Superior court under a \$500 bond.

MRS. W. R. SNEAD PASSES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

The death of Mrs. W. R. Snead occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ransom Massengill in Bentonsville township Saturday night about nine-thirty o'clock, after a lingering illness. The deceased, who was 59 years of age, leaves a husband and seven children, as follows: Mrs. Massengill, Mrs. Willis Stuart, Walter Snead and Hubert Snead, of Bentonsville; Mrs. Pryor Dark and Howard Snead, of Sanford; and Wayland Snead of this city.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at Antioch Methodist church and interment was made in the church cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Chas. Johnson, pastor of Stuart's Chapel Freewill church. Mrs. Snead was a member of the Freewill church at New Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Snead lived in this city for a number of years, but a few months ago on account of bad health, they went to live with their daughter.

Those from this city who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keen, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wellons, Mrs. Neva A. Royall who is a sister of the deceased, Miss Bettie Lee Sanders and Mr. Zo LeMay.

IN MEMORIAM

On Monday, November 7, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Deans and took from them their darling baby, David Lee. He was born on December 19, 1927, making his stay on earth ten months and twelve days. It was hard to give him up but God knew best. He was sick for only a short while with pneumonia. All was done for him that could be done by doctor, friends and relatives. He leaves to mourn his loss a heart-broken father and mother and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pittman of near Pine Level on Thursday afternoon by Rev. Johnnie Wellons of Micro. The little body was laid to rest in the Oliver cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers in the presence of many sorrowing relatives and friends.

Never will your memory fade. Gone but not forgotten. Loving hearts will always linger. "Round the new made grave where you are laid.

Written by a heart-broken aunt. OMEGA PITTMAN. Princeton, N. C.

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ED HUGH LEE, JR. INSTANTLY KILLED AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Employe of Debnam Buick Co., Victim of Auto Accident Five Miles West of Town

Ed Hugh Lee, Jr., employe of Debnam Buick company of this city, was instantly killed early Friday morning on highway number 10 about five miles west of town when an automobile which he was steering collided with a heavy truck parked on the road. Mr. Lee was alone in a disabled car being towed toward Smithfield by another automobile. He, with his wife, had been in Raleigh Thursday and motor trouble developed on his return trip. He had made an early start Friday morning to bring the disabled car back to this city for repairs. The accident occurred shortly before day when the two machines approached the parked truck around a curve. The driver of the front car swerved suddenly out of the way of the big truck, but Mr. Lee had no time to change the course of his car and his automobile plowed into

the rear of the truck. The impact of the car against the truck was so great that Mr. Lee's body was wedged between the front seat and the hood. It was some time before the body could be extricated.

Mr. Lee was the son of Mr. Ed Hugh Lee, city tax collector of Raleigh. He was only 24 years of age. He was recently married to Miss Mildred Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Richardson of Wendell. Besides his widow, Mr. Lee leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hugh Lee of Raleigh; his grandmother, Mrs. Ophelia Lee, of Wendell; a sister, Mrs. Earl Betts, of Greensboro; and a brother, Mr. Walter Lee, of Raleigh. Funeral services were held Saturday morning at eleven o'clock from the home of his parents on East Edenton street.

Kenly Man Hurt By Automobile

Henry Watkins Brought To Hospital After Automobile Accident — Other Kenly News

KENLY, Dec. 10.—Thursday afternoon Henry Watkins, a white man who lives in town on number 22 highway, was knocked down by a passing automobile and is in the Johnston County Hospital in a serious condition. As Mr. Watkins stepped from behind a wagon he was struck by a car driven by Jesse Brantly, of near Selma. The accident was said to be unavoidable. Mr. Watkins was taken to Dr. J. C. Grady's office and given medical assistance, then rushed to the hospital by Mr. Brantly.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pierce announce the birth of a son, William Robert, on Monday, November 26, at their home here. Mrs. Pierce before her marriage was Miss Gladys Holland of Nahunta.

Attending the football game in Chapel Hill from here were: Miss Frances Woodhouse, Mr. Solon R. Cannon, Miss Nelda Anderson, Misses Elouise and Elsie Grady, Miss Lois Culler, Miss Eleanor Hatcher and Mrs. L. E. Hooks.

Miss Frances Godwin is at home from Louisville until after Christmas. The college will be closed until after the holidays on account of the main building being partly destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning, December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sasser and little Willie Gray, of Wilson, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hill Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Hank R. Simmons and two daughters, of Goldsboro, spent Saturday with Mrs. Simmons's father, Mr. R. A. Hales.

Miss Nettie Harris and Miss McWhorter spent the week end in Macon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Pulley, Mrs. L. C. Wilkinson and daughter, Mrs. W. R. Winders, spent Saturday morning in Goldsboro.

Miss Mary Lee Hooks, who teaches in the Micro school, spent the week end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hooks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton have returned from Atlanta, Ga., where they spent several days with relatives.

Mr. J. E. Jones and Miss Annie Aycock spent Tuesday in Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hollowell and Miss Eulalia Darden went to Selma Tuesday night to see 'King of Kings.'

Mr. Clarence Rae of Windsor was the guest of Mr. J. W. Darden Sunday.

Miss Peggy Sherrod, of Raleigh, was the guest of Miss Mildred Darden last Sunday.

Mrs. J. Fletcher Hill spent last

Cotton Goes Down After Crop Report

Government Estimates of 14,373,000 Bales About 300,000 More Than Expected

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Cotton prices broke nearly \$3 per bale, and recovered only slightly on the New York cotton exchange today when the government's final crop estimate placed the yield at 14,373,000 bales, or about 300,000 bales more than the trade had expected.

Average of trade estimates had placed the yield at 14,100,000 bales, while in some quarters a report of 14,200,000 was expected, with indications of heavy liquidation if the actual figures approximated that total. The decline apparently was precipitated by selling orders from the south and unloading by houses with Wall street connections.—Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The

department of agriculture today forecast the 1928 cotton crop at 14,373,000 equivalent 500 pound bales in its final estimates of the season.

The census bureau at the same time reported total ginnings of the 1928 crop prior to December 1 at 12,561,618.

Production in 1927 was 12,955,000 bales; in 1926 it was 17,977,000 and in 1925 a total of 16,104,000 bales was grown.

The department in announcing the estimate said that "the final total ginnings for the season will depend on whether the various influences, affecting the harvesting of the portion of the crop still in the field, will be more or less favorable than usual."

The acreage for harvest was reported as 45,326,000 acres and the per cent of abandonment since July 1, was given as 3.4 per cent and the indicated yield per acre of lint cotton was placed at 151.8 pounds. The department said that on July 1, the acreage in cultivation was 46,943,000 acres.

The total yield of lint cotton per acre on the area for harvest of 151.8 pounds compared with 151.8 pounds in 1927 and 155.8 for the five year average 1922-1926, and with 156.3 pounds for the ten year average.—Associated Press.

TOBACCO MARKET CLOSING DECEMBER 19

The Smithfield tobacco market will close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday, December 19. This market has sold this year around five and a half million pounds of tobacco, or about a million and a quarter more than was sold here last season. Tobacco, according to local warehousemen, is still selling well.

J. O. Herring Passes Away In Durham

Funeral Held Saturday In Raleigh; Deceased Came Here Five Years Ago and Established Lumber Business

The death of Mr. J. O. Herring, of this city, occurred Friday morning in Durham where he had gone to receive treatment for cancer of the stomach. Mr. Herring had been sick for several months, and his death was not unexpected.

The funeral service was conducted from the home of his sisters in Raleigh Saturday morning by Rev. F. S. Love, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. Those attending the funeral from here were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gillett, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gordon, Mr. G. E. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Burdon Jones, Miss Nell Wellons, Messrs. Guy Lee, Chas. Grady and Marvin Woodall.

Mr. Herring came to Smithfield from Sampson county about five years ago and established the Herring Lumber company and was one of the progressive business men of this city. He was a member of the Kiwanis club.

About two years ago he was married to Miss Lucy Herring, of Clinton, who survives him. He also leaves five sisters and two brothers.

THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE

It is refreshing to note that a memorandum from the Student Council has been addressed to the university authorities at Yale formulating a series of reforms upholding the proposition that a college is primarily a place for study, and only incidentally for social and athletic recreation.

This will be refreshing to a number of fathers who are digging in to pay the expenses of their sons at school and heretofore have been worried because those sons seem to be more interested in sports and in social advantages than in intellectual improvement.

Of course every healthy boy is interested in athletics and is anxious to form proper social connections. But the general impression prevails among fathers that boys ought to go to school to improve themselves from the chin up and not from the chin down.

It has been too often the case that boys have attached a social stigma to those who get class marks higher than C. Those who go in for study have been characterized as "sharks" or "grinds." Reference to one's studies in social life has been looked upon with disdain and the only thing to be boasted is a place on the football team or the rowing crew.

Of course a boy is a healthy animal and he doesn't care to be subjected to intellectual snobbery but at the same time, this New Haven memorandum asserts, a college finds its reason for being and its prestige in the achievements of the intellectual minority among students.

It has been generally presumed that the youth of the country is somewhat wild and is out for a good time only. Those who emphasize the things that are intellectual in any group of people must necessarily be in the minority, but it is refreshing to see that this minority has been coming in to better repute during the last fifteen years. There are probably quite as many serious-minded youths in the country as there ever were. Youth is not at all out for a wastrel life. There still remain quite a number of the elect. And on the whole the prospect for a better world in the future is very bright.

This memorandum suggests that after the first two years the men who are assiduous in their studies are to be separated from those who are going in for a good time and barely enough study to get by. The honor men's instructors should be largely tutorial and they should have the best men on the faculty.

It is needless to say this proposal of the undergraduates has the entire sympathy of the faculty.

First National Of Benson Is Closed

Several Causes Contribute To Action Taken Saturday — Attorney's Opinion That Depositor's Loss Will Be Small



Miss Clara Jacobo, former factory girl, soon to make her debut at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, shown singing and playing the piano while the pet dog listens.

The First National Bank of Benson closed its doors Saturday. A gradual withdrawal of deposits over a period of about sixty days is said to have been a factor in the closing of the bank, people having become disturbed since the bank failure some time ago in Dunn. The immediate cause of the closing was when notice was received Saturday that the Federal Reserve Bank had refused to extend further credit. The bank in prosperous times not so far distant, erected a handsome building that cost around \$170,000, since which time values have deflated and this also figured in the shutting down of the bank.

Mr. M. T. Britt, the president of the bank, is said to be perhaps the heaviest loser, a big block of the stock belonging to him. Mr. L. L. Levinson, attorney for the bank, who was in the city yesterday, is of the opinion that depositors will get from 75 to 85 per cent of their deposits. Most of the notes held by the bank, he said, are collectible and that in a short time.

Mr. Levinson also stated that the other Benson bank, the Citizens Bank and Trust company is in good shape and is expecting no trouble.

December Term Superior Court

Ausley Pilkington Case Set For This Morning Will Probably Keep Court Busy For Two Days

The December term of the Superior court of Johnston county opened here Monday morning at 10 o'clock and will continue for two weeks. Judge Frank A. Daniels of Goldsboro, was presiding, and Clawson L. Williams was here to prosecute the jockey. Court opened promptly at 10 o'clock and the business proceeded immediately. Clifford Austin of Clayton was named foreman of the grand jury, and J. J. Batten of Smithfield was named officer to the body.

There are more than 100 cases set for trial during the two weeks, and it is not generally thought that all of the cases can be tried. The trial of the case, State v. Ausley Pilkington, in which the State charges the defendant with the murder of Everett Eason during the latter part of August, was set for Monday, but several minor cases came in for attention and his case was continued until this morning. This is one of the most important cases on the docket and it will probably consume fully two days before a verdict can be reached. Pilkington has been in jail since the coroner's inquest in default of \$2,500 bond which was fixed by the coroner at the time of the inquest.

No new matters were opened during the morning session Monday, nothing claiming the attention of the court except several old cases that have been continued from term to term for various reasons.

The following out-of-town lawyers are here attending the session of the court: Oliver Rand, of Wilson; J. C. Clifford, J. E. Young, Charles Guy and H. L. Godwin, of Dunn; W. H. Massey, of Princeton; James Raynor, of Benson, and L. L. Ray, of Selma.

HONOR ROLL FOR THE PRINCETON SCHOOL

The following pupils of the Princeton school were neither absent nor tardy during the first month of school and averaged above 90 on all subjects:

Second Grade: Ertle Hewett, Marie Fitzgerald, Ruth Arline Holt, Carl Adams, Rudolph Hinant, Rudolph Denning Francis Williamson, Permon Edwards.

Third Grade: Bertha Braswell, Ruby Lee Langley, Norman Tart, Myde Woodard, Irene Worley, Thelma Barden, Grace Ayeock.

Fourth Grade: Robert G. Watson, Cleo Rains, Mattie Louise Edwards, Inez Brewer, Loraine Woodard.

Fifth Grade: Julia Holt, Edna Earle Kirby, Margaret Sasser, Eleanor Young, Earl Capps.

Sixth Grade: Annie Louise Suggs, Grace Radford.

"Jack told me he could live on my kisses forever."

"Are you going to let him?"

"Not till I find out what I'm going to live on!"

NEGRO FREED AFTER CORONER'S INQUEST

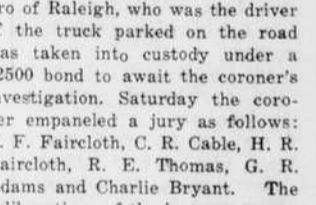
Following the automobile accident Friday morning which resulted in the death of Mr. Ed Hugh Lee of this city, Erben Pooler, negro of Raleigh, who was the driver of the truck parked on the road was taken into custody under a \$2500 bond to await the coroner's investigation. Saturday the coroner empaneled a jury as follows: F. F. Faircloth, C. R. Cable, H. R. Faircloth, R. E. Thomas, G. R. Adams and Charlie Bryant. The deliberations of the jury were completed yesterday, and the negro was freed. After examining ten witnesses, the jury found no violation of the law, but the death of the young man was found to have been caused by carelessness and negligence.

The truck was owned by the Caviness Produce company and this company was represented by Attorney J. A. Narron of this city. John W. Hinsdale, Jr., of Raleigh, represented the prosecution.

HOME H. P. BARNES, NEAR ARCHER LODGE, DESTROYED

Mr. Hunter P. Barnes, who lives near Archer Lodge, lost his home by a fire Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock, according to reports received here. Everything was burned except a few articles of furniture which were saved after the fire was discovered. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Me



"Ef dis is what de 'Publikins calls prawsperity dey sont us, I'd like to see de fokes who rally got it."

"P. S. I don't think big feet is as much a disgrace as de big hade."