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## Series Of Cotton Thefts In County

### Six Men Now In Jail Awaiting Hearing In Recorder's Court; Total of Thirteen Bales Has Been Stolen

A series of cotton thefts in Johnston county since January 1 have been causing the officers to use some of the tactics of Scotland Yard and the result is that six men are now behind prison bars awaiting a hearing before Judge Ezra Parker in Recorder's court next Tuesday.

All told, thirteen bales of cotton have been reported to Sheriff Fitzgerald as having been stolen. The first instance was when on February 4, Josiah Edwards of O'Neals township lost three bales. Cotton buyers and warehouses in adjacent counties were notified to be on the lookout, and on Feb. 10 a cotton sale in Erwin appeared suspicious and the Harrell county deputy sheriff arrested four men. This was, however, the same day that D. D. Jones, of Clayton township, missed two bales of cotton, and it may have been Mr. Jones' cotton which was sold in Erwin. The men arrested were Z. D. Oliver and two sons, Clarence and Leslie Oliver, and Herman Pendergraft of Selma township. Since then, two more have been placed in jail.

Among others in the county to lose cotton was Thelma recently in Mrs. Grienwald, of Selma township, who has two bales missing.

## HIGH SCHOOL OBSERVES BETTER SPEECH WEEK

Next week, February 24--March 2 will be observed nationally as "Better Speech Week" and the local high school under the supervision of Miss Constance Harrelson, teacher of English, will fall in with the national observance. There will be a poster contest in which some of the artistically inclined will take part, and on Tuesday morning the chapel period in high school will be devoted to "Better English."

County Superintendent H. B. Marrow will make a talk on the "Use of Good English," and the high school pupils will present several original stunts featuring the subject. The posters, which will be on display, will be judged by a committee from the Woman's club and the B. & P. W. Club, who are cooperating in the observance of Better Speech Week.

Any interested citizen will be cordially welcomed at the chapel program Tuesday which begins at 9:35.

## Baptist Church.

Sunday school at 9:45, E. H. Brooks superintendent. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In the morning the subject will be: "The Spirit-Filled Church--How to Create a Holy Atmosphere." At night the pastor will discuss, "Our Coming Revival." Wednesday at 7:15, p. m., prayer service, with a study of "Work for the Individual." A cordial invitation to all the services.

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

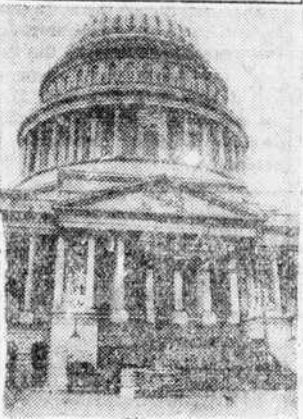
There will be services at St. Paul's Episcopal church next Sunday night at 7:30. Rev. Duncan Thomas, the new rector of the Erwin and Smithfield churches, will conduct this service. The public is cordially invited.

## Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Miss Hattie Hanks deciphered her name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER  
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## Inaugural Stand



The partially completed inaugural stand in front of the Capitol where Herbert C. Hoover will take the oath of office as the thirty-first president of the United States.

## World Will Hear Herbert Hoover

### Broadcast of Inauguration Ceremonies To Be On An Unprecedented Scale; Will Be Heard Around Globe on March 4th

The voice of Herbert Hoover, delivering his inaugural address March 4, will be heard around the globe.

A detailed description of the proceedings including an eye-witness story of the inaugural parade four million long will be heard by fifty million listeners in the United States, and millions of others in foreign countries.

"Recently we have had a striking demonstration of international broadcasting," says M. H. Aylesworth of the National Broadcasting Company. "A speech by the President of the United States, heard all over this country, was followed, within a few seconds, by a program coming to us from England."

"American programs are heard with regularity in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and South America. We have arrived at the point where radio communication to the masses of other nations is an accomplished fact."

"Frequently British programs are heard here with almost the clarity of a local station. These programs are received here in the late afternoon, although they are produced in England five hours later in the evening--London time."

"On March 4, the next President and Vice President of the United States will be inducted into office. A detailed description of the proceedings will be sent to virtually every nation in the civilized world, and the voice of our chief executive will be heard around the earth, through re-broadcasts by powerful foreign stations."

"As a part of the inaugural ceremonies there will be a parade, four miles long, in which representatives will participate. Every state in the Union will have a delegation among the 20,000 persons who will participate."

"The radio audience in the United States and abroad, will hear descriptions of the parts that their representatives have in the celebration. They will hear the bands, the bugles and the five drum corps as they pass the reviewing stand in which will be seated the newly inaugurated President and his official party."

"All the color and enthusiasm of this quadrennial American ceremony will be brought to the world; all the solemnity of the occasion when a new President grasps his hand on the Bible and takes the oath of office."

"The world will hear the voice of America, and we believe that the world will be more closely cemented to us through such broadcasts international as these."

## Presbyterian Services.

Oakland Sunday 11 o'clock. Community at three o'clock. Smithfield at 7:30. Public cordially invited.

## Two Weeks Civil Superior Court

### Judge Midyette is Presiding; About 60 Cases Set For Trial This Term; Two Consume Most of Week

A two weeks' term of the Superior court of Johnston county opened here on Monday the 18th. Hon. Garland E. Midyette, of Jacksonville, is presiding and the term is for the trial of civil actions only.

About sixty cases have been set for trial at this term but many of them have been continued for one cause or another and at the pace that is now in progress several others will not be reached at all. When court closed here yesterday it was learned that Wednesday's calendar had not been reached.

Several cases of minor importance have been settled by agreement but two cases together have been brought to take up practically all the rest of the week. The first one of these was the case: J. W. Rankin vs. Mrs. Gertrude Stewe, et als. This is a case that grew out of some disagreement between the legatees under the will of the late Polle Gardner and Mr. Rankin, an attorney of Martin, Tennessee, and has been pending a trial on the docket of this county since 1925. The trial of this case took the good part of two days and after a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, there was an agreed judgment allowing the plaintiff \$500.

The case of Jesse House vs. Dr. M. Himmant got under way on Wednesday morning and continued throughout the day and Thursday. The plaintiff in this action is seeking to recover damages against the Micro physician for an alleged maladjustment of a broken arm which the doctor set for him back in 1925. A large number of witnesses have testified for both the plaintiff and for the defendant, and the court has been forced to plod wearily along through a maze and mist of conflicting evidence. Mr. House is represented in his prosecution by Messrs. Wellons and Wellons of Smithfield and Messrs. McMillan and Carter of Raleigh; and the defendant is represented by Messrs. Abell and Shepard of Smithfield. The greater part of yesterday was devoted to argument of counsel, and as we go to press no verdict has been rendered.

At the close of court Wednesday an uncontested divorce action was terminated. This was the case: Ora Hill vs. Willie Hill. The plaintiff sought relief on statutory grounds of infidelity, and the jury promptly answered in her favor.

The calendar has been canvassed and it is apparent that most of the cases set on next week's calendar will be for trial. Whether the calendar can be finished up or not will depend upon the time required for the trial of each individual case as it comes up for a hearing.

This is Judge Midyette's first term in Johnston county. He is said to be proving a very good and popular jurist among the lawyers and litigants here, as he spares no pains to give every case the fullest development of all the contentions of both sides to the cases.

## SUNDRY SHOPPE IS NOW RUN BY TOM STALLINGS

The Sundry Shoppe, which carries a line of sundry merchandise, as its name implies, changed hands this week when Mr. Tom Stallings purchased the business from Mr. D. Carlton Stephenson. Mr. Stephenson accepted a position some time ago with the Majestic Radio company, since which time he has not actively managed the business. Mr. Stallings for several years has been with the Crech Drug company. He is a native Johnston county man who came here several years ago from the Sanders Chapel section.

The Sundry Shoppe, located on Market street across from the courthouse, enjoys a good patronage, and continued success is predicted under the new management.

## FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE TO WAREHOUSE CONTENTS

Fire of undetermined origin did extensive damage to contents of a storage warehouse used by the Smithfield Tobacco Company here Friday night. A large quantity of scrap tobacco on the floor of the large tin building was burned. This belonged to the Glass-Staples Tobacco Company. The building, however, was only slightly damaged, due to the prompt response and excellent work of the Smithfield fire department.

## Mrs. Patterson Dies At Age 68

### Succumbs To Heart Trouble; Funeral Held at the Home Wednesday Afternoon

A sad death occurred here Tuesday morning when Mrs. Lucretia Ellen Patterson passed away after an acute illness of one week with heart trouble. About January 1 Mrs. Patterson suffered a heart attack and had been feeble since that time, but her condition was not critical until Tuesday, a week ago.

Two sons, L. G. Patterson and O. H. Patterson, and a daughter, Mrs. G. W. Hicks, all of whom live here, were at her bedside when the end came. The husband of the deceased preceded her to the grave eight years ago.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the home on Oakland Heights. Rev. J. D. Bundy, assisted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle and Rev. S. L. Morgan, conducted the service. Interment was made in Oakland cemetery. The pallbearers were: H. L. Skinner, W. J. Huntley, E. S. Edmondson, J. L. Woody, D. H. Creech, R. E. Smith, H. N. Morgan and R. G. Sanders.

Mrs. Patterson was 68 years of age. She was a member of the Methodist Protestant church holding her membership in Granville county where she lived before coming to Smithfield.

Among those from out of town who were here to attend the funeral were the two brothers of the deceased, Messrs. J. B. and Ois Ellis, of Granville county, Mrs. J. B. Ellis and son and daughter, Julius and Ruth, Zeb Patterson, C. H. Breedlove and Mr. Cottrell of Oxford; Mrs. John Patterson and two daughters, of Raleigh; Mrs. G. C. Patterson and daughter, Mrs. Utley, of Youngsville; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Markham, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Will Clayborn, of Henderson.

## DEATH LITTLE FRANCES ORR AYCOCK WEDNESDAY

Frances Orr, the little two-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Aycock, died Wednesday about eleven o'clock after an illness of about two months. The child had taken treatment in the Johnston County Hospital but had been at her home in Princeton for some time when a recurring stomach attack a few days ago hastened the end.

The funeral service was held yesterday morning at eleven o'clock in the Princeton Methodist church. Rev. J. D. Stott, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle of this city conducted the service.

A large crowd of relatives and friends were present evidencing their sympathy for the bereaved parents. A lovely floral offering covered the little mound.

Among those from this city who attended the funeral yesterday were Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Massey, Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, Rev. D. H. Tuttle and Miss Lucile Johnson.

## Centenary Methodist Church

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., T. C. Young, superintendent. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Morning subject: "God's Kingdom and Will." Evening subject: "The Three Crosses." A mission study rally Sunday at three p. m.

All members are urged to attend all these services. Strangers and all other visitors are cordially invited.

## BOY IS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT, NEAR MIDDLESEX

MIDDLESEX, Route 1, Feb. 21.—Luther Atkinson, young thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Atkinson, shot himself late Saturday afternoon. His father was away from home when the accident happened. The boy was taken to the Johnston County Hospital early Sunday morning where he seems to be holding his own. It is said that part of his brains oozed out at the time of the shooting.

## Dedication New Progress Church

### First Brick Church in Boon Hill Is Built By Presbyterians; Dr. E. E. Gillespie Preached Sermon

Progress Presbyterian church, the first brick church to be built in Boon Hill township, was dedicated last Sunday with three ministers taking part in the dedication. Three services were held in the church and a sumptuous dinner was served to the scores of the people present by the ladies of the community.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, who is Home Mission superintendent of the Synod of North Carolina. Rev. J. H. Gruver presided at the dedication exercises and introduced Dr. Gillespie, who preached an eloquent sermon on the text: "Ye who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness." After the sermon a number of letters were read from former pastors who had worked in the Progress field, and Rev. Chester Alexander, the present pastor, made the dedicatory prayer. All three services were well attended and a day of fine worship and good fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

The post had a second meeting in the courthouse on Wednesday night, February 20. The state commanders, Messrs. Cherry and John Stedman, were present at this assembly, and several matters of importance to the former service men were taken up and discussed. State Commander Cherry made a strong and urgent appeal to the post for their sponsorship of relief of disabled veterans who are now in the government hospitals without government compensation. The Veteran's Bureau, he pointed out, will hospitalize any former service man with an honorable discharge no matter when or what may be his trouble or its origin; but it is only cases that originated in the army or were aggravated thereby that will receive government disability compensation. He made it clear that many of the boys who are now in the hospital are there simply for treatment only, and that in many such cases they were undergoing hardships and privations that were a discredit to every well and able-bodied ex-service man in the state. Commander Cherry believes that the Pou-Parrish post can create a civic interest in this class of disabled veterans, and his appeal in their behalf was very forceful.

The post will meet again next Wednesday night at eight o'clock in the court room. The purpose of this meeting is to appeal again to the veterans for re-instatement of membership and for a more perfect organization. This post under the commandship of D. Carlton Stephenson has been one of the most active posts in the entire state, and the newly-elected officers and members desire to see the post again take its place with the best organized and best service units of the entire organization.

## NEW INDUSTRY AT WILSON'S MILLS

The Powell & Wilson Chemical Industries have recently located at Wilson's Mills for the manufacture of Kiln-Wud, a patented chemical product for the purpose of starting fires. This new product takes the place of lightwood and kerosene oil, does not flare up but burns slowly with about an eight or ten inch blaze.

The promoters of this product have been working on the formula for approximately four years and it has only recently been perfected and patented by Powell & Wilson, D. E. Powell, of Asheville, and E. R. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, are the owners. Machines for the manufacture of this product were designed by Harry Wilson, of Wilson's Mills. They are now being made and will be in operation within the next ten days.

Mr. Harry Wilson was in the Herald office this week and gave a demonstration of Kiln-Wud.

## Pou-Parrish Post Elects Officers

### H. V. Rose Is Commander; State Commander Cherry Makes Appeal For Sponsorship Relief Disabled Vets

The Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion met in the courthouse in Smithfield on Friday night, February 15, and elected a new outfit of officers for the year 1929. The post after pulling a big and glorious Armistice day celebration in Selma on November 12 kind of went into winter quarters, and little since that time has been undertaken or done by the post. But the ties which bound the boys together in '17 and '18 still have their hold upon them, and so it was arranged that an election of officers and a rally of membership should again be staged. The following officers were elected: H. V. Rose, commander; Charles F. Fulgum, vice commander; Luby F. Royall, adjutant; Ira C. Whitley, finance officer; and Roy R. Johnson, chaplain. Present at the meeting on Friday night was John Stedman, of Raleigh, who is the district adjutant, and George Ross Pou, also of Raleigh. At this meeting about thirty members were re-instated, and Comrade Pou made a speech before the post in which he urged the boys to build up the post to its former strength and standing. He stated that as soon as it recruited as many as 125 paid-up members that he would feed the boys again with a fish fry at Holt's Lake or some other appropriate location.

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## BILLIE DOVE ON SCREEN IN BIG DRAMATIC STORY

Billie Dove, popular First National star, comes to the screen of the Sanders theatre once more in "The Night Watch," her latest starring production. This highly dramatic story will open its local engagement on Monday and runs on through Tuesday, and promises to be one of the most popular pictures in which Miss Dove has appeared as a star.

Alexander Korda, who directed her in "The Yellow Lily" and "The Golden Bride," also directed this production.

Donald Reed and Paul Lukas play opposite Miss Dove, with a strong cast cast in support.

## The Kaiser At 70



Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany as he looks today. He celebrated his 70th birthday at Doorn House, in Doorn, Holland, quietly as a lone exile.

## Varied Activities Corbett-Hatcher

### One of Johnston's Best Schools Stresses Health and Character Building Among Pupils

The Corbett-Hatcher school in O'Neals township is doing a splendid work in the community which it serves. The faculty is teaching more than that laid down in textbooks. The pupils are learning lessons that will be put into use long after algebra and Latin will be forgotten. The following school news item which speak for themselves have been furnished the Herald:

One topic which has received much attention in our school this year is the health of the pupils. We have been trying to raise a sufficient amount of money to buy a pair of scales for the school, so as to determine how many of the pupils are normal in weight. Effort will then be put forth to get the pupils up to the standard. Several members of the Woman's club and other friends of the school have helped in this by each contributing a hen. The money received from the sale of the poultry is to be used in buying the scales. We hope to finish raising the amount needed for the purchase of the scales from the play, "Not a Man in the House," to be given Wednesday evening, February 20.

A definite step toward health improvement was recently taken by introducing the hot lunch system at school. The Woman's club helped in this by contributing some money for equipment and some of the patrons made some nice tables for the lunch room. The lunches are managed by the girls of the grammar grades; two are appointed each week for this. They prepare the food, serve, and keep account of the daily receipts and expenditures. Sausages, hot chocolate, sandwiches, and fruits are always available. The pupils are encouraged to further supplement their lunch by bringing milk from home each day.

The second and third grades in their health work have secured material from the Proctor and Gamble company in which they go on a crusade of cleanliness to the "Castle of Ivorydale." Each pupil in the crusade is represented by a knight on horseback. The knights are moved nearer the castle each day by observing rules of health such as washing their hands, neck and ears each morning; washing their hands before each meal; brushing the teeth at least twice a day; and taking a complete bath at least once a week. Much interest and enthusiasm have been shown in the crusade.

The teachers have taken much interest in the character development of the pupils. Early in the school year, all met and after discussing the topic, made a list of habits that they, as a group, were going to endeavor in various ways to promote. Carrying out this idea further, the grammar grade pupils are receiving each month in addition to the regular curriculum grades, a grade on such points of character and honesty, helpfulness, politeness and cleanliness. They are allowed to estimate their own grades on honesty, and this plan is proving to be much more effective than

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## J.G. Rose Stricken With Apoplexy

### Dies Tuesday Morning At His Home Near Selma; Selma P. T. A. Celebrates Founders Day

SELMA, Feb. 21.—Mr. J. G. Rose, prosperous farmer living near Selma was stricken with apoplexy about eight o'clock Monday evening and died about three o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Rose, who was forty years of age, had been in his usual health. He is said to have spent Monday afternoon pruning his orchard and after a hearty supper, went out to milk the cows. When he did not return to the house after a reasonable length of time, his wife went to look for him and found that he had been stricken with apoplexy.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Arthur Creech of Wake Forest, and Rev. D. E. Waddell of Selma, were held Wednesday afternoon from the home and interment made in the Kirby family burying ground.

Mr. Rose is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Annie Kirby, daughter of Mr. Chas. F. Kirby, and one little son. He leaves also an aged mother, one sister, and two brothers.

## Celebrates Founders Day

The Founders' Day program given Monday evening in the basement of the Selma school building by the Parent-Teacher Association was a splendid success and with a record-breaking attendance approximately 200 being present.

The president, Mrs. G. M. Norwood, gave a short but interesting history of the founding of the P. T. A. 32 years ago. A beautiful birthday cake bearing 32 candles was the center of attraction, while Mrs. Norwood lighted four candles explaining in the meantime the purpose of the organization. Twenty-six little girls dressed in white, each representing a letter in the alphabet, took part in a program as the remainder of the candles were lighted.

Mrs. W. J. Crain sang a solo accompanied by E. V. Deans, Jr., at the piano. Several poppy songs, led by Mrs. H. Bueck, were sung by those in the audience. Mrs. D. P. Waddell had charge of the entertainment, during which time the high school seniors impersonated several members of the faculty in a very clever manner, provoking much laughter.

A grand march was played by Miss Mildred Perkins, and a cakewalk was participated in by more than one hundred persons, the winners being Miss Myrtle Smith and Miss Hazel Capps, members of the faculty. The lovely birthday cake was presented to them.

At the close of the evening, coffee and pound cake were served.

## Annual Dinner At Giersch's

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Brieze entertained at a very delightful six o'clock dinner at Giersch's hotel in Raleigh Saturday evening, February 16. Their guests were the Smithfield and teachers from the Selma Mill Chapel Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Brieze make this an annual event which is anticipated with pleasure by their fortunate guests. Covers were laid for twenty and a delicious three-course dinner was served in the private dining room.

Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church was among the guests and made a splendid talk. Mr. Geo. F. Brieze, superintendent of the Mill Sunday school, in characteristic manner made a few brief, but impressive remarks. Praises for the gentlemen were tiny baskets, the handles of which contained mints, tiny baskets filled with mints were given the ladies.

Dr. Atkinson at High School. Dr. and Mrs. Wade H. Atkinson and Dr. Ellison of Washington, D. C. were in Selma Monday enroute to Florida. While here, Dr. Atkinson discussed with representatives of Johnston county the possibility of putting on a tonsil-adenoid clinic for the whole county, which will complement the

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