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For Smithfield

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R. A. Doughton Highway Ch'm.

A. J. Maxwell Is Revenue Commissioner and I. M. Bailey Corporation Commissioner; Nat Townsend Executive Assistant

RALEIGH, March 28.—A week of relaxation after the strenuous days of the legislative session was filled with speculation as to the results of the work of the solons. However, the entire week was not given over to speculation for there were some definite developments. After the legislature adjourned, Rufe A. Doughton assumed the post of chief highway commissioner. Allen Maxwell went into the revenue commissionership and I. M. Bailey became a corporation commissioner.

Destructive Fire In Bentonville

Mrs. Dock Thornton Loses Barn and Stables, Two Mules, Ford Car and Other Things In Blaze Monday

A destructive fire occurred in Bentonville township early Monday morning about two o'clock, when the barn and stables belonging to Mrs. Dock Thornton went up in flames. Two mules, which were in the stables were burned to death. Also a Ford automobile, a wagon, and a lot of farming implements were destroyed. A quantity of feed stuff including forty or fifty barrels of corn was burned.

The burned buildings were located across the road from the dwelling of Mrs. Thornton, and it is not known how the fire originated. The family did not awaken until aroused by a neighbor, Mr. George Weeks, who lives about two miles away. Mr. Weeks had heard an explosion and investigation revealed the fire. The explosion is thought to have been an old bomb shell, a relic of the battle of Bentonville which was near the burning building. Even this explosion, however, did not awaken Mrs. Thornton's family.

PLANT MILLET, AS EMERGENCY HAY CROP

RALEIGH, March 28.—The shortage of hay caused by the unfavorable season last fall is sending many farmers to feed stores who haven't been there in years.

"We find that our oat and barley crops came through the winter with little damage and that spring seeding of oats has been large," says S. J. Kirby, pasture specialist at State College. "However, the feed requirements on many farms will be expensive between now and oat harvest unless some emergency crop can be grown. Barnyard millet, Billion dollar grass or Japanese millet, as the crop is variously known, will make a good emergency hay crop. A number of farmers in Edgecombe county have tried it and find it valuable."

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.

DEATH MR. EDWIN SMITH OCCURS TUESDAY, RAEFORD

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Farquhar Smith were called to Raeford Tuesday afternoon on account of the death of Mr. Edwin Smith, brother of Mrs. Young and Mr. Smith. The deceased died of a heart attack shortly after noon Tuesday as he was preparing to leave on a trip to the eastern part of the state. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at Bethel church near Raeford and interment was made in the church cemetery. Rev. A. R. McQueen, Presbyterian minister of Dunn, conducted the service.

Mr. Smith was regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in the state. He was a graduate of the State University. Since 1914, he has practiced his profession in Raeford where he had built up a large practice. He is survived by his second wife and five children.

Joe Mahler Tells Of Alabama Flood

Was At Brewton, Ala., When Waters Swept Town; Fifteen Drowned at Brewton

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mahler have received an interesting letter from their son, Joe Mahler, who writes of the flood in Alabama. Mr. Mahler was with a show at Brewton, Ala., when the flood waters swept the town, and he tells of the disaster in the following letter:

"I don't know when I will be able to get this off, but I will write a few lines anyway. This makes five letters I have written but I couldn't mail them, so I tore them up. Reports are that an airplane will be here tomorrow to get all mail, so maybe I will get this off."

"Well, folks, I guess you have heard of floods. This is the worst I have ever been through! It started a week ago Monday in Brewton. We showed Monday night, but it was raining the worst I have ever seen. When I started home after the show water was banking up in the streets. I went to bed, not dreaming that it was a flood. They waked me about three o'clock in the morning and the water was already in the rooms downstairs. They had a boat and took everybody about a mile down the country to a high hill, and that is where I have been up until today. Water was thirty feet deep in some places. It came up over every bit of the business district, judging to be twelve feet deep in the main street. We could not get any food all day Tuesday and Wednesday—nothing except a few canned goods that the country people had. They got first aid out, and airplanes have been coming from everywhere. They fly over us here and drop provisions, blankets, clothes, etc., so we are getting along o. k. They have put up a Western Union and telephone out here, and that is how I wired you."

The whole show outfit was lost. I guess it floated down the river. We are going to look for it as soon as the water goes down. Today is the ninth day the town has been under water. There are no trains and none of the roads can be traveled. The loss here is estimated at three million dollars, business alone. Fifteen people, mostly negroes, were drowned. Two bodies were washed up from the cemetery and floated down to the station. Elba, ten miles from here, was totally destroyed and Pollard, about five miles from here, was also destroyed. Every house in the town twenty thousand people out here on this hill now, and airplanes are dropping on the average of two tons of food per hour. There are twenty-three planes flying over us now. I saw ten from Fort Bragg, N. C., yesterday. They can't land because the ground is too wet."

More Old Coins.

Mr. E. L. Holly, of Four Oaks, route 1, was in town Tuesday and showed several old coins. One was an English coin in the inscription "W. S. Hancock and W. H. English" and a rooster on one side, and an English half-penny dated 1912. He also showed an Italian ten centesimi made in 1866. Among the other coins he had were a five-cent piece of United States money dated 1829, a five-cent piece dated 1840, a one-cent piece dated 1863, and a three-cent piece with the date worn off.

Yesterday Mr. T. B. Tyner, of Four Oaks, route 4, brought some French and British money to this office. One was a French coin valued at about two francs and another was a British coin worth about two cents. He showed two large pennies with the date worn off and a two-cent piece dated 1896. A thin half-dime has been in his possession for twenty-seven years.

April or May with about 25 to 30 pounds of seed per acre. Sudan grass is a relative of Johnson grass but is not a pest. It is killed by the first autumn frost. It is usually seeded in late

TO SING AT EXPOSITION



Johnny Marvin, famous Victor recording artist who will sing at the Eastern Carolina, Farmville, N. C., April 8-13.

MAN IS SHOT WHILE ROBBING GAS TANK

PRINCETON, March 28.—Wednesday morning at two o'clock some unknown man was shot while he was stealing gas from the county tank which is located in front of S. G. Fall's hardware store. For several weeks some person has been breaking the lock on this tank and stealing from 20 to 40 gallons of gas each trip. There were two men in the car and they have been coming in different cars, usually getting here about two o'clock in the morning. They were headed toward Smithfield after the shooting. For the past month or more the tank has been watched every night in an effort to catch the thief. The load of shot from a shot-gun evidently hit this man on his left side. The man at the wheel never stopped the engine of the car, and the man gave one scream when shot, but managed to get into the car. These two men were said to have gone to another gas tank here in town before they came to this one. This tank was much easier to get into. These same thieves have robbed this tank at least on two other occasions—on Sunday mornings—just after daylight.

Favor Employment County Farm Agent

J. W. Stephenson Leads Discussion at Kiwanis Luncheon; Club Thinks Farm Agent Would Pay

The question of employing a farm agent for Johnston county to begin work in July was fully discussed in a spirited meeting of the Kiwanis club yesterday. Mr. J. W. Stephenson, a successful farmer of unquestioned integrity, guest of the club, led the discussion. He pointed out that the life of this community rests with the farming interest; that when the farmers fail or succeed, so do the rest of us; that farming in the sense of raising cotton and tobacco is incomplete, and that more attention should be devoted to the raising of livestock. Cows, hogs, and chickens particularly should be included in every farmer's program. He pointed to the shipment of six car loads of chickens to northern markets during the past year, as a fine example of a business that will supplement the farming industry, and the recent shipment of a car load of hogs to a Richmond market, all of which brought money to the home people. This business should be developed on a bigger scale, declared the speaker, as he strongly enjoined the members of the club to encourage the farmers to organize their efforts along the lines of raising more livestock.

Business of financing a farm agent was discussed at some length, and it was ascertained that the Federal Government pays half of the amount necessary to carry on this work in a county. The manner of procuring a farm agent for the county met with the hearty approval of the club. Appreciation was expressed on the part of the club for what J. B. Slack, of Benson, has done in aiding the farmers in the shipment of car lots of chickens and hogs during the past year, it being the sense of the club that without the expert guidance of stock could not have been put Mr. Slack this marketing of live-over. It also presents the idea to an agricultural community that it does not necessarily need to rely altogether upon the business of raising farm produce for a livelihood; that the production of livestock in this community

Judge T. D. Bryson Speaks Wednesday

Galaxy of Fine Speakers To Be Here During Methodist Conference Wide S. S. Meeting Next Week

DURHAM, March 28.—Judge T. D. Bryson, of the Duke Law School, will address the Methodist Conference-wide Sunday school conference at Smithfield Wednesday, April 3. His subject will be "The Task of the Church School: Christianizing the Commonwealth," and will be discussed on the morning of the second day of the two day conference of Sunday school leaders, who will gather from the approximately 700 Sunday schools of the North Carolina conference. The conference is being promoted by the Sunday School Board of which Professor H. E. Spence, Durham, is chairman, and L. L. Gobbel, with headquarters in Durham, executive secretary.

Other speakers of the conference, the general theme of which will be "Thy Kingdom Come," include Dr. Fennell P. Turner, superintendent of missionary education of the General Sunday school Board, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Dr. Frank S. Hickman, of the Duke School of Religion; Miss Lucy Foreman, of the department of leadership training, General Sunday School Board; Rev. E. L. Hillman, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Church, Greensville; Miss Jennie Milton, specialist in Vacation church school work of the General Board; Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Smithfield; Professor H. E. Spence, chairman of the conference Sunday school board; L. L. Gobbel, conference superintendent; Miss Georgie Keene, conference elementary superintendent; Rev. J. O. Long, conference extension secretary; Professor B. G. Childs, of Duke University; Dr. Harry M. North, presiding elder of the Wilmington district; Rev. F. S. Love, pastor of Edenton Street church, Raleigh; Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of Memorial church, Durham; Mrs. John William Smith, of Durham, and others.

Local Committee Handle Loan Fund

Mr. R. E. Smith Will Be In Rear Farmers Bank and Trust Co., Until April 29 To Assist With Application

The Farmers Seed and Loan Fund, which is a part of the \$6,000,000 fund recently appropriated by Congress to help farmers in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama in purchasing seed and fertilizer, is now available for Johnston county farmers. A local committee has been formed to pass on these loans. The committee includes R. C. Gillett of this city, B. B. Adams of Four Oaks, and R. L. Pittman of Kenly. Mr. R. E. Smith of this city, is secretary to the committee and he may be found until after April 20 at the rear of the Farmers Bank and Trust company. Application blanks may be secured from Mr. Smith.

Easter Cantata By Music Club

Congregations of Town Will Join in Union Service To Hear Aeolian Music Club Present Easter Program at Methodist Church

"Victory" is the title of the Easter cantata to be given next Sunday evening, March 31 by the Aeolian Music club of this city at the Methodist church. According to the custom on fifth Sunday evenings, there will be a union service of all the churches of the town at this time.

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MR. W. H. FLOWERS "GIVES OUT" ANOTHER

The arithmetic problem recently propounded by Mr. W. H. Flowers has proved so interesting that it has almost become an "Ask Me Another" game. Quite a number of persons have worked on his problem who did not formally report to the Herald.

The Herald asked Mr. Flowers to "give out" another, which he consented to do. Shampen your pencil and your wits and try Mr. Flowers' second problem:

"A farmer had three sons and he wanted to give them the value of a bale of cotton that sold for \$60 in the ratio one-half, one-third, one-fourth. What part of \$60 did each one get?"

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The following program will begin at seven-thirty o'clock: Scripture Lesson and Prayer, Rev. Chester Alexander.

Part 1: "From Gethsemane to Calvary" (Opening chorus by the choir and soprano solo by Mrs. Layton McGuggan).

Part 2: "Not What I Will," (Tenor solo by Mr. Marvin Woodall).

Part 3: "Out of the Night of Darkness," (Chorus by the choir and bass solo by Mr. A. M. Calais).

Part 4: "O Morn of Joy," (Soprano and Alto duet by Mrs. Lucy H. Coletrane and Miss Lucile Johnson).

Part 5: "Angels Rolled the Stone Away," (Bass solo by Mr. Theron Johnson and choir).

Part 6: "Life Eternal," (Soprano, Alto and Tenor trio by Messdames J. W. Ives, D. C. Stephenson and Mr. Marvin Woodall).

Part 7: "The Song of Victory," (Bass Solo by Mr. Theron Johnson and choir).

Part 8: "There's No Night in Heaven," (Quartet by Messdames Guy C. Lee, L. V. Henderson and Messrs. Marvin Woodall and Theron Johnson).

Part 9: "In the Splendor of His Glory," (Chorus by the choir).

Part 10: "His Love Divine," (Contralto solo by Mrs. W. J. B. Orr).

Part 11: "Christ Hath Arisen," (Finale by the choir).

Benediction: Rev. S. L. Morgan.

LISTEN FOLKS

You remember "Ramona," well, you can't afford to miss "Revenge" at Sanders theatre Monday and Tuesday, April 1 and 2, because Dolores Del Rio, the star of Ramona is at her best and she is sure to please you Miss Neta Ennis so dont forget our Easter Special Monday and Tuesday—Dolores Del Rio in "Revenge."

Centenary Methodist Church.

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and reception of new members. Subject: "Easter Lessons." At 7:30 p. m. Easter Cantata by the music club of the different church choirs. Epworth League meeting at 7:30 p. m. Monday.

The first session of the Annual Sunday School Conference begins at 10 a. m. Tuesday to continue through to adjournment Wednesday afternoon.

The public generally is invited to all these services.

Week's free ticket appears for someone in Sanders theatre reader.