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## Mrs. Smith Dies At Advanced Age

Funeral At Oakland Church Saturday of Mrs. Celestia Smith Who Passed Away in Franklin County at Ripe Age of 94

The funeral of Mrs. Celestia Green Smith, who died at her home near Louisburg Friday morning, was held Saturday afternoon at Oakland Presbyterian church in Cleveland township and interment was made in the Oakland cemetery. A large concourse of relatives and friends were present to pay a tribute to this splendid woman whose days on earth numbered ninety-four years and six months. She was the last member of the Oscar Green family of Franklin county.

In 1861 the deceased was married to Mr. David T. Smith of Johnston county. For more than forty years they lived in this county and reared to manhood and womanhood eight children as follows: O. G. Smith, of Clayton; G. B. Smith, Smithfield, route 1, Mrs. Rufus Sanders, Wilson; Paul G. Smith, Marvin G. Smith, Mrs. T. H. Cherry, and Miss Penelope Smith, all of Katesville. About 25 years ago, after her husband's death, Mrs. Smith moved to Raleigh and thence to Franklin county where she lived until her death.

Mrs. Smith had been a member of the Methodist church since 1851, a total of seventy-eight years. Almost a century of Christian service was rounded out, and to her surviving family she leaves a priceless heritage of a long and beautiful life well spent, rich in the treasures that have gone into the building of a mansion in the Father's house.

The funeral Saturday afternoon was conducted by a former pastor, Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, of New Bern, assisted by Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor at Louisburg, Rev. K. I. Duvall, pastor of Kittrell circuit, and Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of Oakland Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Wilson paid a beautiful tribute to the life of the deceased, closing his remarks with the poem, "In His Keeping." The music was rendered by members of the Clayton Methodist and Baptist choirs. A solo was sung by Mrs. Charlie Gullett. "The Christian's Goodnight" was among the selections rendered by the choir. The beautiful floral offerings were carried by the grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-nieces of the deceased. The pall bearers were grandsons of the deceased as follows: Carl and Frank Smith, John Cherry, Carl Pridgen, Macon and Rufus Sanders, John and Hunter Ellington.

Among those from Smithfield who attended the funeral were the following: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mrs. W. R. Long, Mrs. C. B. Williamson, Mrs. L. L. Turner, Mrs. M. B. Strickland, Misses Bettie Lee Sanders, Annie Myatt, Mary Louise Turner, Elizabeth Young, and Emily Davis Smith, Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Sr., Mrs. T. C. Young, Mrs. Farquhar Smith and Rev. Chester Alexander.

Shoo! "Did you miss that train, sir?" asked the porter. "No! I didn't like the looks of it, so I chased it out of the station."—Open Road.

"Yassar, dat car ob mine—she sho am fast. She eud trable a mile a minute if it warn't fo' one thing." "What's dat, brudder?" "The distance am too long fo' de shortness ob de time."

## 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.

Earl Bradley deciphered his name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER elueltnoSlalay

## Large Quantity Meat Stolen At Four Oaks

Between 600 and 700 Pounds Taken From A. C. Byrd; Clothes Were Also Taken

FOUR OAKS, April 29.—Mr. A. C. Byrd, who lives near Four Oaks, had the misfortune Sunday night of having between six and seven hundred pounds of meat stolen from him.

A new spring coat, dress and scarf belonging to Mrs. Byrd were also taken. The visitor made his entrance through a window. The identity of the thief is unknown.

Mrs. Adams Entertains. Mrs. Carson Adams entertained at a delightful dinner on Saturday evening in honor of her birthday. A delicious menu in four courses was served. Mrs. Adams' guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., of Williamston, Mrs. Bettie Adams, Miss Audrey Moore and Mr. Thomas Adams.

Missionary Society Meets. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mattie Barbour. In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Sanders presided over the meeting. The subject for study was "Faithful to the Trust." A very interesting program under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Myers was given.

During the social hour the hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Gladys Barbour, served a salad course and sweet course.

## JOHN A. WALLACE IN DEBATE CAMPBELL COL.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wallace went to Buie's Creek Friday night to attend a debate at Campbell College between the freshmen of Wake Forest College and the freshmen of Campbell College. Mr. John Arthur Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, was one to represent Wake Forest and he made a good showing in the debate although the side upheld by Campbell College won. The young men debated whether the water-power of the United States should be owned by the government or by corporations and individuals. Mr. Wallace graduated from the local school last spring with high honors. He was the winner of the Edwin Smith Pen medal which is given to the student making highest average during the four years of high school, and his friends are glad to see him taking a high stand in the activities of his class at Wake Forest College.

## AMERICAN BEAUTIES ARE MUCH ADMIRER

The Herald is again the recipient of a lovely bouquet of roses. This time the rose garden of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Setzer furnished the blooms, which are exquisite "American Beauties." Practically every visitor to our office stops to enjoy and comment upon this bit of nature's handiwork. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Setzer for their thoughtfulness of the Herald force.

## LOCAL BOYS WILL BROADCAST FROM WPTF

During the Duke University hour which is broadcast from station WPTF each Tuesday evening, music by some group from that institution forms a part of the program. This evening Jelly Lefftwick and the University club orchestra will broadcast. Two members of this or any other post-local boys—William Lassiter, who plays trumpet, and Tom Lassiter, who plays trombone. The program will be from nine to ten o'clock.

## VICTOR HUGO FILM AT VICTORY THEATRE

"The Man Who Laughs," a Victor Hugo novel, will be presented at the Victory theatre here on May 2 and 3. This is the third Hugo novel to be screened, the two previous to this being "Hunchback of Notre Dame" and "Les Miserables." Its lavish settings and tense dramatic situations go to make up a fascinating and spectacular picture.

## Conference Of Co. School Heads

Closes After Five Day Session In Raleigh; Findings of Conference Reported At Last Session

The school for county superintendents of schools and members of the county boards of education authorized by the 1929 school law came to a close in Raleigh Friday after a very profitable five day session. Members of the Equalization Board also attended the school in part, and a clearer understanding of the problems which confront all of these school agencies was arrived. It is said that the "commencement exercises" were almost in the nature of a love fest.

Each day of the school was featured by some specific angle of school work including transportation, competitive buying, comparative costs, county-wide organization, and uniform accounting. On the last day, findings of the various discussions which were submitted to the board were reported.

## Second Week Of Poultry Sales Superior Court

Holt Lake Case Settled Out of Court; Leroy Ward vs. Town of Kenly, a Non-Suit; Lawyers and Jurors Kept Busy

The second week of the April term of the Johnston county Superior court opened here Monday morning, the first week having closed at the end of the day last Thursday. A jury was impaneled last Thursday for the trial of the case, Holt Lake, Inc., vs. Dixou Wallace; and the plan of the court was to begin the trial of the case with the opening of court here on Monday of this week. But during the interim from the first to the second of the term, the parties and their attorneys got together and settled their differences, and this case went off the docket without a trial. This saved considerable time as this case would have taken some two days for trial.

One case was disposed of before the noon recess on Monday. Leroy Ward vs. the Town of Kenly. The plaintiff in this action was seeking to recover for injuries sustained by a falling pole which inflicted a severe wound on his head, but when his evidence was fully before the court, the defendant moved for a non-suit and was sustained.

Judge G. E. Midyette, of Jacksonville, is presiding at this term, and the work that he is getting off the badly crowded docket indicates that he is keeping the lawyers and the jurors busy.

## Easy Job.

Harris: And your brother, who was trying so hard to get a government job, what is he doing now?

Brown: Nothing. He got the job.

"When you talk about there being a better country than the United States, says a Western farmer, every potato winks its eye, every cabbage shakes its head, every beet turns red in the face, every onion gets stronger, every oat field is shocked, rye strokes its beard, corn sticks up its ears, and every foot of ground kicks." So reports the Sunshine Magazine, and what we wish to know is why with such allies as these any tears of pity should be shed for the Western farmer, or why Congress should sweat blood over the farm problem?—N. C. Christian Advocate.

## Latchkey Fiend.

Mrs. Meyers: "What is your husband's average income?" Mrs. Byers: "Oh, about one a m."—Muskegee (Okla.) Daily Phoenix.

Publicity Experts. A California orchard owner suggests a debate on "Did Adam or Newton do the most for the apple?"—Pointer.

## CLINIC RESTRICTED TO UNDER-PRIVILEGED

There appears to be a general impression over the county that much free tonsil removal work is soon to begin. The question has been under consideration by county organizations and agencies for some months, and a conclusion has been reached that such a proposed clinic apply strictly to children of the under-privileged type, children of widows, and of the poor, in short, to children whose parents are financially unable to have it done otherwise.

A local specialist in this line, Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, has removed diseased tonsils and adenoids, and corrected defects of vision in a great number of children during the past several years in cooperation with physicians, and the Health and Welfare agencies of the county without financial remuneration.

Custodians of orphan children, and widows with children, and children of the poor are advised to apply to the health or welfare departments where their children may receive this corrective work at a minimum cost.

## C. C. MASSEY, M. D.

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## Benson Democrats Nominate Mayor

Two Cars of Hogs Shipped to Northern Markets; Dr. E. A. Branch Speaks to Benson Organizations

BENSON, April 29.—In the Democratic town convention held Monday night, J. W. Parrish was nominated as mayor for the second term. The commissioners nominated were: I. O. Farmer, J. D. Surles, I. B. McLamb and Parula Hudson.

Two cars of hogs were shipped from Benson to northern markets in one day recently. This is the largest shipment to leave Johnston county. Sixteen farmers participated in the shipment which consisted of 140 hogs.

Dr. E. A. Branch of Raleigh, was the after-dinner speaker at the Kiwanis luncheon Tuesday evening at the North State hotel. Kiwanian C. C. Canaday had charge of the program. Dr. Branch was in Johnston county Tuesday and Wednesday in the interest of oral hygiene. He spoke to the student body of the Benson school on Tuesday and at Meadow high school on Wednesday morning.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held in the school auditorium Tuesday at three-thirty. The meeting was presided over by the retiring president, Mrs. W. T. Martin. Reports from the various committees showed the association had been very active during the year, and had accomplished all the objectives. The new president, Mrs. B. H. Houston, was installed and presented the program for the afternoon. The third A grade, Miss Velma Talton, teacher.

## ROAD BOARD AUDIT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR ROAD SYSTEM FROM JULY 1, 1928 TO MARCH 31, 1929; FLOODS NECESSITATE EXCEEDING OF BUDGET BUT TAX COLLECTIONS NOT COMPLETED

After the three new members of the Johnston County Highway Commission had taken the oath of office on April 1, one of the first acts of the board was to authorize an audit of the books from July 1, 1928 to March 31, 1929. A. M. Pullen & company, reliable public accountants, were secured to make the audit, and last week they completed and submitted a report to C. A. Johnston, chairman of the board.

The audit shows a splendid road program of which Johnston county has a right to be proud. The county has been divided into five districts with a member of the board in charge of each district.

## Movement On For Co. Farm Agent

More Than \$800 Has Been Raised Locally For This Purpose; Will Ask County Commissioners For Appropriation Monday

About twenty prominent farmers, business and professional men of the county met here last Friday night and discussed ways and means of securing a full time farm demonstration agent for Johnston county. Reports from several committees were called for and it was found that more than \$800 had been pledged for this work by prominent farmers and citizens of several towns in the county including Benson, Four Oaks, Selma, Kenly and Smithfield. A committee from the Rotary club of Clayton also has the matter under consideration, and committees were named from those present at the meeting Friday night which will visit prominent citizens of Pine Level, Wilson's Mills and Princeton in the interest of the matter.

## CORRECTION MADE IN CHURCH NOTICE

In giving a report of the revival services conducted by Rev. H. H. Goff in Pine Level, the Herald stated that the services were held at the Pine Level Freewill Baptist church. This was an error. Rev. Mr. Goff was preaching at the Pentecostal Holiness church. This correction, which we are glad to make, was requested by Rev. S. H. Styron, Dan U. Oliver, W. V. Jones, J. R. Oliver and T. P. Oliver.

## MR. PRICE'S CLOVER ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Mr. A. J. Price, who lives on Selma, route 2, was in town Saturday Mr. Price has just cut a field of crimson clover, which he says has attracted considerable attention in his section of the county. He had an acre which was in full blossom when he had it mowed last week, to use for feed. Mr. Price is one of Johnston county's farmers who does not have to haul "store bought" hay cut from town. He had another acre in crimson clover which he plowed under to increase the fertility of his land.

It is necessary to inoculate the soil to raise crimson clover, and Mr. Price states that now folks are after some of his dirt.

"Flower Hill," the mecca for the beauty loving in that part of the county, has nothing on his clover field, according to Mr. Price. The waving mass of crimson blooms was a sight at which people passing by stopped to look.

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