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## "Ike" Barfield Dies Co. Home

Old Time Negro 90 or a 100 Years Old Passes Suddenly — Widely Known For His Weather Predictions

"Ike" Barfield, colored, known practically all over Johnston county as a most unusual character, died Wednesday at the county home where he had been for fifteen years or more. "Ike's" age is not known exactly. Some say he is around a hundred years old, while others would fix his age at about 90. At any rate he was a very old negro, who seemed hale and hearty up to the time of his death. For the past six months his vitality had somewhat waned, but on Tuesday evening he ate his supper as usual. The next morning he was found dead in bed.

"Ike" was an old-time slave negro belonging to the Barfield family of Cumberland county. When a boy he sustained a blow on the head from a hoe or rake and ever after he was a half-wit. Herein lay his uniqueness. His injury caused him to remember things which happened before his hurt, but afterwards his mind developed in rather a peculiar way. He was constantly talking of "Miss Lena," his mistress in slave times, and other persons whom he had known then, but he seemed to have lost the faculty of remembering names of persons with whom he came in contact afterwards. His knack of foretelling weather conditions was made much of by every one, even the children delighting to ask "Uncle Ike" when it was going to rain. He rarely ever failed in his prophecies, and he was pretty accurate in telling the time when the moon would change.

At the county home, "Ike" had a one-room cottage all to himself and he was obsessed with the idea that the cottage was his own property. He would tell anyone that he had the deed to the house, and would permit no one to go inside.

Another peculiarity of "Ike" was the fact that he would wear no shoes. No matter how cold the weather he wore no covering on his feet. So injured to the weather had his skin become, that it resembled the thickness of an elephant's skin.

For years before "Ike" was carried to the county home he lived near Smithfield towards Sanders Chapel. Our earliest recollection of him is of an old, old negro who walked in a peculiar manner and always with a tow sack slung over his shoulder. Usually he muttered to himself as he walked along.

The old man was the soul was addressed by any one, off his hat came with a sweep of the hand, and his "yes ma'am's" and "no ma'am's" were conspicuous in his speech. Though only a half-wit, he was never known to commit any crime. He seemed thoroughly honest and was able to tend a small piece of ground for his living until fifteen or more years ago when it was not considered safe for him to live alone and he was taken to the county home. He was even able to do his bit after being taken there.

"Dear Buddy: The Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday night of this week in Four Oaks at eight o'clock. All World War veterans are invited to attend whether members or not.  
Your Buddy,  
"LUBY F. ROYALL, Adj."

## 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 Luella Stanley recognized her name last issue.  
TODAY'S TANTALIZER  
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## Millard Johnson



A senior in the Micro high school, who won third place in the declamation contest held at Wake Forest College recently. He was presented with a bronze medal. The subject of his declamation was "America's Mission," by William Jennings Bryan. There were about forty in the contest and Charlotte won first place and Durham second. Mr. Johnson is planning to attend Wake Forest College next year.

## National Music Week May 5-11

Clayton Will Observe Occasion With Fitting Musical Programs; Committees Appointed by Woman's Club

Clayton is to observe National Music Week which is May 5 to 11. The Woman's club is sponsoring this movement, and a member of the club has furnished the Herald with the following committees which have been appointed to provide a thorough observance of the occasion:

Clayton schools: B. F. Hassel, Miss Florence Winstead.  
Churches: Mrs. Warren McCullers, Mrs. C. M. Thomas.  
Sunday School: Mrs. B. M. Robertson, Mrs. C. H. Beddingfield.  
Stores: Mrs. Rudolph Barnes.  
Homes: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Penn.

Radio: Mrs. John T. Talton.  
Local activities will get under way at a union service to be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening, May 5. During the week all clubs meeting will use all-American music on their programs.

All of Clayton's organizations will cooperate to make Music Week a permanent stimulus to cultural and educational advancement clubs, schools and churches will fall in line. Stores, factories and institutions will play their part in the week's festival. Above all, music in the home is to be intensified during this period. Organization that major in music and others that use it only incidentally will combine to make of Music Week a real summing up of the town's musical and civic life. Each will contribute in its own way to the joint effort to impress upon the public what music can do as a comfort, a stimulus, a nerve-steadying force and a companion to man in his work and play, in his home and in his community.

## BOY SCOUT SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Boy Scout service will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock. The scouts will attend in a body, and the sermon by the pastor, Rev. Chester Alexander, will be appropriate to the occasion. Scouts will act as ushers and pass the collection plates. The public is cordially invited to this service.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the town election will be held on Tuesday the 7 day of May, 1929. The polls will be open at the city clerk's office on said day from sunrise to wit: 5:22 a. m. to sunset at 7:00 p. m. The city clerk's office is situated on Market street in the town of Smithfield, N. C. This May the 3, 1929.  
J. D. UNDERWOOD, Mayor.

## Busy Week In Superior Court

Court Allows Damages in the Sum of \$3675 in the Case Joe M. Johnson vs. J. W. Poole

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were busy days in the civil term of Superior court in session here the second week. A great deal of work was disposed of in one way or another. There has been an unusually large number of jury cases tried to which little or no contest was made, and some three or four of the more complicated have been referred. A jury in the case of Joe M. Johnson vs. J. W. Poole, was impaneled Monday afternoon and the trial was completed Tuesday. The action was brought by the plaintiff for injuries sustained in an automobile accident in October, 1927, on Highway No. 22, south of Smithfield near Neuse River bridge.

The evidence disclosed that the defendant received very serious injuries and was rendered unconscious for a period of some three or four days immediately after the collision. Two issues of damages were submitted in the case which the jury answered as to damages done to the person of the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,450. Mr. Johnson's car was practically demolished and the jury awarded him damages in the sum of \$225 for this damage.

The plaintiff was represented by Abell and Shepard, and the defendant was represented by Chas. H. Grady.

The injuries which the plaintiff in this action sustained brought him for the third time in his life to a point where his friends and medical advisors entertained little hope for his recovery. When a boy, a companion accidentally fired a rifle directly in front of him and the bullet went clear through his body in close proximity to his heart. Later he sustained a blow on the head at some lively stables which also rendered him unconscious for some little time. The automobile wreck out of which this case comes, was the third instance for despairing of his life. It was believed by those who took him out of the wreckage that he would not live long enough to reach the hospital.

## Micro Junior-Senior Banquet.

Micro, May 2.—The Juniors and Seniors of the Micro high school held their annual junior-senior banquet in a hall of the school building Friday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated with wisteria and rosebuds, carrying out a color note of pink and lavender.

The dinner was served in four courses, during which toasts were given as follows: To the senior class, Ila Mae Fitzgerald; response, Millard Johnson; to faculty, Eula Mae Shines, to which Miss Jo Purcell responded; toast to the school was given by Miss Lecta Batten. Mr. Earl Fitzgerald acted as toastmaster and rendered his part of the program in his usual style with a sprinkle of humor which never fails to create outbursts of laughter.

Prof. Tuttle was asked to make a speech and his advice "To Climb" was an inspiration to both classes. Miss Evelyn Hinnant, who had furnished appropriate music during the entire dinner, came forth and sang very sweetly a farewell song to the seniors. Immediately after this those present retired to the teachers where they were joined by the grade teachers in a very enjoyable reception. The banquet was sponsored by Miss Mamie Ruth Williams.

## CONGRESSMAN ABERNETHY TO BROADCAST MAY 4

Chas. L. Abernethy, congressman from the third district of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation extended by the National Farm News to address the farmers of America over the radio tomorrow evening, May 4 at eight o'clock. The speech will be broadcast from Station WJSV, Washington, D. C.

## Branch Of Local Bank To Open 9th

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Ready To Open In Dunn May 9th; J. C. Graham Will Be Cashier

The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of this city will open for business in Dunn on May 9th. Several weeks ago the First and Citizens National Bank relinquished its charter as a national bank and changed its name as styled above, in order to be able to enlarge the scope of its activities, the first step in this direction being the organization of a branch bank in Dunn.

Mr. J. C. Graham, who has been with the Bank of Harnett, as cashier of its Coats branch, has been selected for the new Dunn institution. Also his brother, Mr. E. B. Graham, who is now with the Commercial Bank, Dunn, has been selected as an officer for the Dunn branch. Mr. J. C. Graham has had more than ten years' banking experience in Harnett county, and Mr. E. B. Graham has had more than five years' experience with the Commercial Bank of Dunn.

## Local Kiwanis Changes Made With Benson In Local Firm

Rev. Chester Alexander Makes Address; Fun Feature In Form of Mock Radio Program

By C. C. MASSEY, M. D.

Tuesday evening Smithfield Kiwanians had the pleasure of entertaining the Benson club at Benson. The entertainment, which in every particular was extraordinarily good, took the form of a mock radio program, featuring music, both vocal and instrumental, jokes emerged from certain members to a high place, inspirational comments, and spurts of literary color were outstanding, yet, no part of the program was more timely than the mock tobacco sale put on by a veteran auctioneer with a team of buyers representing R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, American Tobacco company, the Imperial Tobacco company, and other large companies.

In the midst of congenial play, the club were reminded of the basic reason for Kiwanis success, which is the emphasis the organization places upon the human and spiritual, rather than the material values of life. On this occasion there was no reference to the material values of life. At this time Chester Alexander, president of the Smithfield club, briefly addressed the audience on what he considered a high privilege, namely: "Fellowship with Consequent Friendship," and insisted that Kiwanis affords means for friendship of a fine type.

Theron Burts and N. C. Shuford jointly share the credit for the program which could not have succeeded without the assistance of Misses Ruth Brooks and Constance Harrelson, and Marvin Woodall. Kiwanian Burts, program director and radio announcer, received hearty applause as the program went over.

The Smithfield club enjoyed the warm reception by the Benson club. Indications of an enduring friendship between the two were prominent.

## Presbyterian Services.

Smithfield Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sermon by Pastor. Sunday night, 7:45. Special sermon with Boy Scouts. Bible classes at 10 a. m. Public cordially invited.

Mr. Warrick G. Debnam, son of Mr. L. D. Debnam, has accepted a position with the Smithfield Motor company, local dealers for Hudson-Essex automobiles. Mr. Debnam has been for the past few months with a firm in Goldsboro.



T. R. HOOD, President First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

The bank building in Dunn has been leased by the First Citizens Bank and Trust company, and it is now being painted and put in good condition for the opening on Thursday, May 9th.

Mr. W. W. Jordan, who since 1904 has been connected with the hardware business in this city known as the Jordan-Edmundson Hardware company, has severed his connection with that firm, having sold his interest to Mr. E. S. Edmundson. Mr. Jordan will open a business of his own on June 1 in the store formerly occupied by Austin and Hamilton next door to the Jordan-Edmundson Hardware company. Mr. Jordan states that it is not his intention to open a regular hardware business, but certain lines will be conducted. He will specialize in picture framing of all kinds, will carry electrical supplies, sporting goods, and a selected line of shelf hardware. He will conduct a repairing department for locks and fitting keys.

## B. GODWIN CELEBRATES HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

TINE LEVEL, May 1.—On Sunday, April 28, the children and grandchildren of Mr. B. Godwin, together with a few close friends, met at the home of Mr. Godwin to celebrate his 70th birthday. Everything was in readiness to give him an unusually good day. Despite the inclement weather the day was most enjoyable. Mr. Godwin's home being large and very roomy, the rain caused no inconvenience.

A bountiful dinner or feast was spread at the noon hour, and it consisted of barbecue, chicken, cream, cake and all things that go to make up a good dinner.

Among the number present were eight children: Mr. C. I. Godwin and family, of Raleigh; W. B. Godwin and family, of Selma; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Austin; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Godwin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rae, all of Pine Level. There were nineteen grandchildren present. Those from out of town to help enjoy the celebration were: Mrs. N. B. Bagley, of Micro; Mrs. N. B. Hales, of Raleigh; Mr. Alf Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Fate Austin, of Clayton; Messrs. Fred Fletcher and H. C. Hinson, of Raleigh.

All declared they had enjoyed a most pleasant day and a day long to be remembered. They departed wishing for Mr. Godwin many more happy birthdays. Mr. Godwin was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

In Swain county, livestock farmers have spent over \$2,000 for seeds used in planting permanent pastures this spring.

## Johnstonians Visit Hatchery

W. D. Avera Tells of Trip Through Eastern Carolina and Fish at Hampton's Hatchery

By W. D. AVERA

On Tuesday, the 23rd day of April, Mr. W. W. Stewart and I went with Mr. Tom E. Talton to Roper on business. After getting out of the best county in the state we went and came through mighty fine farming sections. We saw great fields of tobacco being set in Wilson and Edgecombe, and further east lots of spuds of Irish potatoes. We saw much cotton which was either planted or ready to plant in a few days. In these sections they grow vegetables—thousands of them—and haul them on trucks to Norfolk, Richmond, Petersburg, and Hopewell.

We passed through large cities and towns not so big—Lucama and Wilson where they claim they sell more leaf tobacco than any city in the world. Leaving there on the hard road we passed through Pinetops, Conetoe, Bethel and Parmelee, and by Robersonville and Everette to Williamston. At Williamston we saw the fair grounds where they have good horse-racing and fine baseball. The roads this far had been very fine indeed, and where the hard surface ended the sand clay was almost as good. We saw all kinds of farm lands with varied crops, and also had the pleasure of seeing lots of fine hogs and fine cattle. A trip like this makes you think more about what you yourself have and how you can better your own farm and the looks of it.

We never saw any farm that had such an attractive sight as what we saw on our way to Smithfield the morning of the same day. Every day we pass J. W. Stephenson's Riverside Farm, one of the show places—and the annual clover field with the red heads glistening in the sunshine and 75 sheep and lambs waist-deep in this pretty green-red field is a picture that the Country Gentleman should be glad to print and pay a nice price for the privilege.

But to get back to my trip. At Plymouth we asked for a fishery—we wanted to go fishing—and were told to go to Hampton's Fishery. There we journeyed two and a half miles over very rough and scary places, but it was worth the trip for there we had an eye-full of looking at fish—loads of fish. The catch that we saw them make netted eight or ten thousand herrings, one large roe shad, one small rockfish, one red horse, a ten or fifteen-pound carp, and a bushel of perch of various kinds. They caught that day approximately 200,000 herring. This Mr. Hampton is a fine fellow. He was at State College with Governor O. Max Gardner and my friend, W. N. Holt, and he has made good. The factory down below Plymouth on the Roanoke River is the receiver of all the fish caught up at the fishery. They load them by machinery onto the barge or flat boat and a motor boat pulls them down to the factory where all of this herring is accounted for except the blood. This was news to me, but true all the same. They use the scales. Did you know that? They manufacture imitation pearls out of them and sell to the ladies for adornment. The roe they can, and we are all fond of nice fresh fish roe. The heads and offal are put into fish scrap for fertilizer and what is left—nice fat headless, scaleless herring—is packed in barrels and kegs in brine and sold as salt herring. They are mighty good. At the fishery where they were caught I was told that the price was 80 cents per hundred for herring; 25 cents for roe shad; and 20 cents for rockfish. There is nothing any better than shad and rockfish.

We were told of the excitement they had the day before we were there. They caught a sturgeon more than nine feet long and it weighed nearly 200 pounds. We TURN TO PAGE 5, PLEASE

## MISS WILLIE HUNTER TO SPEAK TO 4-H CLUBS

In a recent issue, announcement was made that Mrs. Estelle Smith, district chairman of home demonstration work, would be in Smithfield tomorrow, May 4, to attend the Achievement Day exercises of the 4-H club girls of Johnston county. Yesterday Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home demonstration agent, received a message from Mrs. Smith stating that it would be impossible for her to be present. In her stead Miss Willie Hunter, clothing specialist of State College Extension Department, will be here and will make a talk on the "School Girl's Wardrobe."

Plans are about complete for the Achievement Day program which will begin at ten o'clock in the morning in the court room. Several hundred club girls are expected to be in attendance.

## Few Criminal Cases In Court

Recorder's Court Has Light Docket; Number of Cases Not Reported Last Week

Only a few criminal cases were tried in Recorder's court here this week, the following being disposed of:

Millard Hill was found guilty of cursing on the public highway. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Chester Beasley and Roy McLamb were convicted of possession of still and of manufacturing. Beasley was fined \$50. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost as to Roy McLamb.

Percy Ingram was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of whiskey.

Howard Otis, Willie Layton and Jarvis or John Bell were found guilty of the larceny of chickens. Each was sent to the roads for 18 months and taxed with one-third of the cost. On another count charging larceny of chickens prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of one-third of the cost each.

Willie Layton, John Bell, Howard Otis and Fred Layton were convicted of the larceny of chickens. Fred Layton was sent to the roads for 18 months and taxed with one-third the cost. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of one-fourth the cost as to John Bell, Howard Otis and Willie Layton.

The following cases were tried last week but were not reported in Friday's issue:

Joe Davis was found guilty of disturbing public worship. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost in the case against Joe Davis and Argo Bunn, convicted of disturbing public worship.

Albert Johnson and Reuben Price were convicted of disturbing public worship. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of half the cost each.

Albert Johnson was found guilty of assault. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Clarence Hill was found guilty of disturbing public worship. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

J. J. Arnold was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for violation of the prohibition laws. William Brinkley was convicted of abandonment and non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Otho Evans, Wilbert Haywood, Otho High, and McCoy Mangum were found guilty of possession and transportation. Each was fined \$12.50 and taxed with one-fourth the cost.

Douglas Ford was sent to the county roads for a term of 30 days and taxed with the costs for resisting officer. He was given another 30-day road sentence for being drunk and disorderly.

## News Patients Local Hospital

Little Herman Peedin Hurt in Auto Accident Is Improving; Mr. D. J. Wellons Undergoes Operation

Mr. D. J. Wellons underwent an operation Monday and is getting along nicely. He was in the hospital for treatment several days before the operation.

Mr. Dalton Porter, of Benson underwent an operation for appendicitis Tuesday.

Mrs. Julia Strickland, of Smithfield, RFD, who underwent a serious operation about three weeks ago, is getting along nicely. Miss Blanche Byrd, of Four Oaks, route 4, underwent an operation Tuesday for appendicitis. She is now improving.

Little Lucile Peacock, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Peacock, of Peacock's Cross Roads, entered the hospital Wednesday for treatment.

Delma Deans, 17-year-old son of J. L. Deans of Selma, route 1, who has been in the hospital for treatment for a complication of diseases, is now up.

Little Herman Peedin, 1-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Peedin of Selma, who was recently hurt in an automobile accident, is improving rapidly and will leave the hospital in a few days.

Mr. Valmore Parrish, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, left for his home at Angier yesterday.

Mrs. S. A. Duncan, of Benson, who has been quite sick, is now improving.

Miss Doris Hooks, of Kenly, underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday of last week and is rapidly improving.

Miss Vira Hodges, of Dunn, was operated on Sunday night for appendicitis.

Mrs. W. M. Gaskin, who recently underwent an operation, is improving and will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

Mrs. D. D. Atkinson, of Kenly, who is in the hospital for treatment, continues quite ill.

Mr. A. P. Baker, of Smithfield, who is in the hospital for treatment, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Etta Whitley, who has been in the hospital for treatment for three weeks, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. N. L. Aycock, of Zebulon, is in the hospital for treatment, having entered Monday.

Gordon Cullville, of Erwin, nine-years-old, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. Raymond Ivey, of Dunn, underwent an operation recently and is getting along nicely.

## A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and every one that lent us a helping hand or aided us in any way during the serious illness of our sister-in-law, Mrs. Starling Coates, who was taken sick at our home with pneumonia on April 16. She is slowly improving. We especially wish to thank Dr. Stanley and Rev. A. L. Brown of Four Oaks. May the richest blessings and tender mercies of our heavenly Father rest and abide with everyone.  
MRS. HUBERT COATES.

## Aunt Roxie Opines



"Ef de movin' picture fokes needs a reel hant dey mou't try mi' ole man."