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**Do You Know Of A Vacant Lot**  
in Smithfield that need Beautifying? Enter it in the Yard and Garden Contest, Then Beautify!

**Smithfield wants a hotel**  
—But it also wants to establish a Livestock Station Yard.

## Wreck Puts 2 In Local Hospital

**Uncovers Rumrunning and Officers Empty 54 Gallons of Whiskey in Gutter**

Two persons are in the Johnston County Hospital, a third is injured, and 54 gallons of booze were poured in the gutter as the result of an automobile collision which occurred Saturday night on highway 10 near Selma, about the spot where a strawberry truck collided with a vegetable truck a week before.

Howard L. Johnson, of McCullers, and John Hughes, of Smithfield, route, are the two men in the hospital, and J. E. Allen, of Smithfield, route 2, is the other injured person. Johnson's left arm was crushed, and other injuries sustained. Hughes suffered abrasions and lacerations. Allen was bruised and shaken up, but was not hurt seriously enough to remain in the hospital.

The accident happened at eleven o'clock Saturday night when the Chrysler car driven by Johnson and headed west collided with the Chevrolet in which Hughes and Allen were riding, and which was headed east. The Chrysler was found to contain nine cases of whiskey. Officers estimated that there were 54 gallons of whiskey packed in half-gallon fruit jars.

Chief J. H. Griffin of Selma, was the first officer to reach the scene, but in a short time Deputies E. A. Johnson and W. T. Davis arrived. The Chevrolet was almost a complete wreck and the Chrysler was considerably damaged. The cars were found about 200 feet apart. Howard L. Johnson told the officers that there was a man in the car with him but his name was not learned due to the condition of the injured man.

## MUSIC RECITAL PLEASURES LARGE AUDIENCE FRIDAY

The music recital given Friday evening by the pupils of Mrs. Chester Alexander was enjoyed by a large crowd. The stage was unusually attractive on this occasion. A profusion of pink Dorothy Perkins roses in vases, baskets, and standards against a background of pine formed a garden scene and made a beautiful setting for the youthful performers. The pupils acquitted themselves well, showing that they had been well trained. The program closed with the chorus, "Garden of Roses," by Ritter.

## COUNTY ESSAY CONTEST HERE NEXT SATURDAY

Next Saturday the essay contest in Johnston county conducted by the North Carolina Cotton Association will terminate in the courthouse here, the exercises beginning at 10:30 o'clock. Every high school pupil in the county is urged to enter the contest, and J. A. Smith, field representative announces that every boy and girl entering the county contest will be given a prize. Attractive prizes have been arranged for the winners and the school having the largest percentage of parents present will be given ten dollars. It is hoped that the courthouse will be filled on this big day. All parents are invited.

**Answer This One.**  
Small Boy: "Dad, what are the holes in the board for?"  
Dad: "Those are knot holes."  
Small Boy after due consideration: "Well, if they are not holes, what are they?"

**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 Annie Laurie Keen deciphered her name.  
TODAY'S TANTALIZER  
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## J. A. Smith Raises Hogs For Market

**Nine Duroc-Jersey Shoats Nets \$62.23 Cash; Other Advantages in Hog Raising**



J. A. Smith, Johnston county field representative of the North Carolina Cotton Association, has recently experimented with a few hogs on the side, and he makes a creditable report on the result. He began with nine Duroc Jersey shoats which weighed a total of 612 pounds. At the end of 78 days he sold them in a carlot shipment on the Richmond market. During this period the hogs gained from 612 pounds to 1850, a total gain of 1238 pounds. They sold at \$10.86 or \$212.75 for the nine hogs. Figuring fishmeal at \$15.94, Red Dog at \$2.50, and 71 bushels of corn at \$1.25 per bushel, or \$88.75, a total cost of \$107.19, together with the initial value of pigs, freight, commission, etc., all amounting to \$185.46, left a profit of \$27.29. This does not take into account the fertilizer, or plant food value, which remains on the farm, this amounting to \$20.23. Deducting the cost of the tankage, \$18.44, from \$212.75 left \$134.48, or a return of \$1.63 per bushel for the corn. Figuring the cost of corn at 75 cents per bushel, or \$88.75, a total cost of \$62.23.

More farmers are beginning to realize that, to take it on an average, corn sells better in pork than as grain. On account of unfavorable seasons and a poor crop last year, corn has sold well this year, but usually there is very little demand for it on local markets, and it makes better returns when fed to hogs or chickens. Since carlot shipments have been made possible by J. B. Slack, tri-county agent, and others in the county who are interested in diversified farming, a profitable market has been found for these farm products.

## MR. OAKLEY CONDUCTS CHESTERFIELD CONTEST

Mr. Cledith Oakley, representative of Liggett & Myers Tobacco company, who recently came to this city from Durham, has been conducting a cigarette-guessing contest at various local business firms during the past ten days. A large glass jar has been filled with Chesterfield and prizes have been offered to the ones who came nearest to guessing the number in the jar. A guess goes with each package purchased. Six hundred Chesterfields will be given as first prize; 400 as second prize, and 200 as third prize. The contest opened Saturday, May 11, with a display at the store of Peedin and Peterson. On Monday, May 13, the display was moved to the Sundry Shoppe; on Saturday, May 18 at Hood Bros., yesterday at Creech's; and today at the Smithfield Fruit Store. Tomorrow the guessing will be conducted at the Smithfield Mercantile Store, and on next Saturday at the Home Cash Grocery. The contest will close next Saturday.

## Frank Wimbley Dies Of Alcohol Poison

**Placed in Benson Jail Late Saturday Night in Drunken State and Later Found Dead; Two Inquests**

Frank Wimbley, a white man of Meadow township, was found dead in his cell in the Benson jail early Sunday morning, where he had been placed by officers a few hours previous, in a highly intoxicated state. The conclusion of the inquests held over the body was that he came to his death from alcohol poison.

Late Saturday night, Deputies Hannibal Godwin and L. D. Parker arrested Wimbley upon a charge of drunkenness. He was placed in the Benson jail in quite a limp condition. Several hours later, officers visited the jail and found the man dead. The coroner, Dr. Parker of Benson, held an inquest and the decision was that death was caused by poison alcohol. Later, a bruised place on the dead man's head caused some in his community to question the cause of his death, and yesterday a second inquest was held. Upon this occasion, Dr. Parker called in Dr. Duncan, a physician of Benson, and the head of the dead man was operated on to determine if there were any fracture of the skull. There was no sign of fracture, and the second inquest concurred with that of the one held Sunday in determining the cause of death as alcoholic poison.

Wimbley was 45 years of age, and was unmarried. He was buried yesterday afternoon.

## MAGISTRATE'S COURT IS KEPT BUSY

With the assistance of the county sheriff, A. J. Fitzgerald, and his deputies, Mr. J. H. Kirkman, justice of the peace, has had a busy time of late trying meat stealers, transporters and purchasers of stolen goods. Every night last week one or the other was tried, and out of the eight cases tried, six convictions were found and two acquittals. The two negroes who were acquitted were Luther Davis and John Shields. In these cases some of the most prominent colored people of the town were implicated. Much of the meat and other stolen goods were identified by the owners.

In addition to these cases, Lennie Cox and wife were tried and convicted of false pretense and forgery having secured a suit of clothes from one of the blind inmates of the county home.

## ALBERT STRICKLAND IS ARRESTED AFTER WRECK

Upon charges of driving a car under the influence of liquor and of possession, Albert Strickland of near Smithfield was arrested Saturday night by W. L. Suten, night policeman, after he had run into another man's car on Oakland Heights. He was placed in jail to await trial. In the wreck which occurred on Oakland Heights, Strickland sustained a cut on the back of his head which was treated at the hospital before he was taken to jail. Deputy E. A. Johnson assisted in the arrest, and took the license number on Strickland's car. Communication later with the license bureau in Raleigh revealed the fact that it was a stolen license the theft of which had been reported to Raleigh some time ago by Sam Henry Casey, of Goldsboro, route 4. This offense made the third charge for which Strickland will have to stand trial.

Cherokee fruit growers say that cold winds and frosts have caused most of the young apples to drop from the trees.

The Sunday school superintendent was greeted with a disconcerting shout of laughter. Why? Because he opened the church school with: Sing hymn number 184, ring Hemlock 3!—Ex.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Sasser and little daughter, Gean, spent the week end with relatives in New Bern.

## CHAS. H. GRADY MAKES BIG SPLASH IN HOLT LAKE

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. Chas. H. Grady, an attorney of this city while fishing for perch in Holt's Lake had the good fortune to hang a large chub. As Mr. Grady was fishing with light tackle, the chub wasted no time in breaking his rod in several places but failed to extricate himself from the hook. Mr. Grady succeeded in grasping the line and after several minutes of fast work managed to tire the fish sufficiently to lead him up near the boat where he planned to lift him into the boat by hand. Just as Mr. Grady reached for his prize, the chub must have decided that it was "now or never" and made one last lunge for freedom. Mr. Grady

was evidently just as determined as the fish, and in his excitement, lunged in after him, but to no avail. The fish had soon departed for parts unknown taking with him hook, line and sinker, and Mr. Grady was soon clawing much of the paint from the side of his boat in trying to regain its comfort. Mr. N. L. Perkins, a local insurance agent and tobacconist, who happened to be fishing nearby, states that the occurrence frightened him almost out of his wits as at the time there was a fleet of aeroplanes passing over and when Mr. Grady's 250 pounds hit the water he was sure that one of the pilots had lost control of his plane and landed squarely in the middle of the lake.

## To Load 14th Car Federal Prisoner Poultry At Selma Makes His Escape

**Since Jan. 1, 100,000 Pounds of Poultry Have Netted Johnston County Farmers \$24,000**

SELMA, May 20.—The fourteenth poultry car of this season will be loaded at the Southern Railway freight station in Selma next Saturday, May 25. Prices on colored hens have advanced from 27 cents per pound to 28 cents per pound, and prices on other poultry are the same as they were when the last car was loaded. Since January 1, 1925, 100,000 pounds of poultry has been shipped from here which netted the farmers of Johnston \$24,000. The local Kiwanis club, J. B. Slack, county agent, and Miss Minnie Lee Garrison are largely responsible for establishing such a tremendous poultry market in this county.

Cash prices which will be paid for poultry next Saturday, May 25, are as follows: colored hens, 28 cents per pound; Leghorn hens, 26 cents per pound; colored broilers, 1 1/2 pounds and up, 35 cents per pound; Leghorn broilers, 1 1/2 pounds and up, 25 cents per pound; Barback broilers, 25 cents per pound; guineas, 35 cents each.

## HILL FAVORS ZEBULON-WAKE FOREST ROAD

RALEIGH, May 20.—If Wake county completes the road it has started to build from Zebulon to Wake Forest, John Sprunt Hill, highway commissioner from this district, will ask the commission to add it to the state system for maintenance, he stated last night. Following a controversy between advocates of a road from Spring Hope to Wake Forest and the Zebulon-Wake Forest road, Mr. Hill put himself on record as favoring the Zebulon-Wake Forest route, and has recommended it for addition to the state system when it is completed.

The road is 16.6 miles in length, and Wake county road forces have been working on it for some time. At the request of the county several years ago, the highway commission borrowed from the county over a million dollars for hardsurfacing roads in Wake county, and is repaying the county from state road funds accruing to the county.

Hence it will be some time before Wake county gets out of the red, or in other words, before the county's allocation of state funds catches up with expenditures by the commission in the county.

With this in mind county commissioners started work on the road, and it is understood will complete the route. W. L. Wiggs, county commissioner from the Zebulon district, announced at the highway hearing that he could only speak for himself, but if assurance were given that the road would be added to the state system, he saw no reason why the county should not complete work on it.

The State Highway Commission will meet again this month, on May 30, to consider the addition of roads to the state system, this

## F. P. Spruill Meets With Co. Boards

**Member of Equalizing Board Explains Basis of County's Participation in Fund; Levy Must Cover Cost of Six Months School**

Friday afternoon, Mr. F. P. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, a member of the State Equalizing Board, met with the county board of education and with the county board of commissioners at the courthouse here in regard to putting into practice the new school law. Mr. Spruill explained to these boards the basis on which Johnston county will participate in the equalization fund.

Mr. Spruill explained that in the event that the amount of the estimated May budget for current expenses in any county exceeds the amount that would be produced by a levy of 30 cents on the equalized valuation, which the new school law provides, the county commissioners must of necessity levy in addition to the 30 cent rate a rate sufficient to cover certain items.

These items include among others the cost of transportation of pupils above \$8.00 per pupil. As a matter of fact Johnston county will not require an extra levy for transportation, being one of the three counties that transports pupils below eight dollars per pupil.

Also, after the county board of education makes up the May budget allowing teachers according to the number of pupils in the schools as provided in the new school law, at the state salary schedule the county commissioners must provide sufficient revenue to meet the cost of the number of teachers so allowed.

The state allows ten per cent of the salary budget for current expenses such as salaries of special teachers above that paid by the state. Supervisors, agricultural teachers, home economics teachers and public school music teachers not included in the number allowed by the state, are included among these special teachers, which if approved in a budget must be taken care of in an additional levy, as well as all supplements to teachers salaries.

After Mr. Spruill had told the boards how the amount each county would receive from the equalizing board for each county was arrived at, other business was transacted. The Cleveland school election was canvassed, and an election called in Princeton.

Due to the death of the mother of Mr. J. T. Edgerton, chairman of the board of commissioners, Mr. Edgerton was not present, and Mr. J. T. Creech, of Selma, was acting chairman at this meeting.

## FUNERAL MRS. HARRIS HELD HERE FRIDAY

The funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Mae Harris who died in Atlanta of injuries she received in an automobile wreck, were conducted at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon from the residence of her brother, Norman C. Shepard. Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the services.

A quartet sang the favorite songs of Mrs. Harris, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Asleep in Jesus" at the residence and "Abide With Me" at the grave. Members of the Johnston county bar and county officials were honorary pallbearers and the active pallbearers were Paul Grady, Hunter Ellington, E. A. Orymes, Robert Nulchill, Lindy Tremain, William Phillips, Lehman Barnes and George Y. Ragsdale.

## MISS LASSITER TO GRADUATE AT MEREDITH

Friends here of Miss Mattie Lassiter have received the following invitation:  
"The class of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, Meredith College, requests the honor of your presence at the commencement exercises May twenty-fifth to twenty-eighth, Raleigh, North Carolina."

## Alumni President



John L. Becton of Wilmington, will preside at the annual alumni meeting at North Carolina State College at Raleigh on Monday, June 3. Mr. Becton is serving his second term as alumni president.

## Eleven Vacancies In County's Quota

**Citizens Military Training Camp Offers Courses To Young Men From 17 to 2 Years of Age**

Applications for enrollment in the Citizens' Military Training camp will be accepted until May 28. There are only eleven vacancies left to be filled in Johnston county's quota. The Citizens' Military Training camp offers four courses and is open for young men from seventeen to twenty-one years of age.

The Citizens' Military Training camps are conducted by the War Department under the National Defense Act, the Government paying the expenses of those attending, consisting of transportation to and from camps, uniforms, food and medical attention. The object is to bring together young men of high type from all sections of the country on a common basis of equality and under the most favorable conditions of outdoor life.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Herald office or from A. M. Noble, county chairman.

## HIGH SCHOOL BOY WINS TRIP OFFERED

**GOLDSBORO, Route 1, May 20.**—Old Rosewood High school is still on the map!

In a contest put on by the Pictorial Review company this spring in the high schools of the state, Mr. Elbert Grantham, a junior of Rosewood high school, won a three-day free trip to Washington, D. C. Mr. Grantham was the only high school student in North Carolina to win the trip.

Days and weeks he knocked at the doors of his friends in Wayne and Johnston county; and with his unflinching courage and his determination to win, he at last secured the seventy subscriptions to the Pictorial Review magazine, which were necessary in order to take the trip.

Mr. Grantham left Goldsboro for Washington Wednesday night, April 24, and returned Saturday night, April 27, spending two entire days visiting the great capital city and other points of interest near there. Some of the places he visited were: the Library of Congress, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Pan-American Building, Capitol, White House, Monument to Daughters of Revolution, Smithsonian Institute, and other places of interest. He also visited Mount Vernon and the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

The trip was indeed beneficial as well as educational, and Mr. Grantham wishes to thank everyone who helped to make this trip possible for him. He is indebted very much to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Coperland, of Baltimore, Md., who were his guides while in Washington for helping to make his trip a great success.

## Aged Woman Goes To Her Reward

**Mrs. Celia Edgerton Dies At Age of 78; Mother of J. T. Edgerton, Chm'n County Board of Commissioners**

KENLY, May 20.—Mrs. Celia Edgerton, mother of our townsman, Mr. W. H. Edgerton and Mr. J. T. Edgerton who is chairman of the county board of commissioners, died Thursday afternoon at her home near Princeton after an illness of several months. Mrs. Edgerton who was seventy-eight years of age was the widow of the late Joe Edgerton, who preceded her to the grave thirteen years ago. The funeral was held at the home Friday afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. W. G. Farrar, pastor of the Clinton Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Mr. Milligan, pastor of the Nahunta Friends church. Interment was made in the Nahunta cemetery. The pallbearers were: Gilbert Holland, J. Stuckey, Edward Mitchell, Sam Holloman, John Henry Mitchell and Clarence Edgerton. The deceased is survived by six children as follows: J. T. and W. H. Edgerton, of Kenly; N. H. and J. A. Edgerton, of Rocky Mount; George Edgerton and Miss Martha Edgerton, of near Princeton. Eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

## Mrs. Rackley Entertains

Mrs. W. H. Rackley entertained at a Sunday school party at her home on Maxwellton Heights last Thursday evening, May 16. A floral love story was enjoyed and the prize, a corsage of sweet peas was awarded to Miss Lois Culler. A very spirited automobile contest was also enjoyed. Mrs. A. J. Broughton being the winner. In this, was presented a prize. In the Sunday school contest, Miss Bessie Lawrence was winner. This hostess assisted by Miss Nelda Anderson, served strawberry ice cream and wafers. Those present were Miss Eleanor Hatcher, Mrs. and Mrs. F. A. White, Miss Lois Culler, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Broughton, Mr. Lester Watson, Miss Ruth Jones, Miss Frances Woodhouse, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones, Miss Pattie Plummer Macon, Miss Bessie Lawrence, Mrs. J. T. Nixon, Miss Emily Grantham, Mr. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mrs. J. A. Hodge, Miss Nelda Solon Cotton, Miss Inez Watson, Rackley.

## In Automobile Accident

Rev. and Mrs. C. Logan Landrum left Tuesday morning on motor for Kentucky to visit relatives. They were accompanied by their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Landrum, who have been attending college in Richmond, Va. News has been received here of a serious automobile accident they were in on the trip. Rev. and Mrs. Landrum were not injured but Mr. Landrum suffered a broken leg and Mrs. Landrum a fractured shoulder.

## Mr. Etheridge Ill.

The condition of Mr. W. H. Etheridge, who was paralyzed during the night Wednesday night is no better.

## Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Simmons were the guests of relatives in Norfolk Va., for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. White spent Sunday in Richmond, Va.

## Aunt Roxie Opines By Me

"Dey has made de counter so dry twell farmers has ter put dey seed cawn cobs in de creek ter make dey cawn sprout."

