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## Splendid Address By Dr. Rondthaler

President Salem College Talks To Selma Graduates About Service; Recital Last Friday

SELMA, May 27.—The baccalaureate sermon was delivered on Sunday morning, May 26 at 11 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The following program was carried out and greatly enjoyed by a large audience:

Processional, The Morning Light is Breaking.  
Hymn, Holy, Holy, Holy.  
Prayer, Rev. W. J. Crain.  
Violin Duet, Face to Face, Johnson, by Miss Hazel Copps and Prof. H. Bueck.  
Scripture Lesson, Rev. D. M. Sharpe.  
Anthem, Blessed Saviour, Of fenback, by Glee Club.  
Sermon, by Dr. Howard G. Rondthaler, President of Salem College.  
Recessional, Publish Glad Tidings.

Dr. Rondthaler used as his text Luke 22:27—"I am among you as he that serveth." From these eight words he built a wonderful message in language so beautifully direct and simple that even children in the audience comprehended and caught the vision. Coupled with his magnetic personality and commanding presence, his sermon made a profound impression. While in Selma he was the guest of Mr. Geo. F. Briets, a former school mate and old friend.

**Music Recital Pleases.**  
On Friday evening of last week, pupils from Miss Mildred Perkins' music school were presented in a recital in the Selma high school auditorium. The stage was a bower of beauty with baskets of pink Dorothy Perkins roses and vases of madonna lilies. The program was well received and showed splendid interpretation and musical ability. Those taking part on the program were:

Eunice Parker, Twilight Reverie, T. J. Guy.  
Louise Flowe, Evening Song, Hazel G. Kinsella.  
Eva Mae Scott, Silver Chimes, Curt Goldman.  
Bertie Earp and Flossie Parker, In a Rose Garden, Montague Ewing.  
Dorothy Diehl, Melody of Love, H. Englemann, Op. 60.  
Irene Jones, Dance of the Nymphs, Otto Fisher, Op. 229.  
Mary L. Willetts, Song to Evening Star, R. Wagner.

Flossie Parker and Eunice Parker, Shooting Stars, Walter Rolfe.  
Elsie Earp, Showcous On the Water, August Lousley.  
Margaret Smith, Matching On, H. Kincella.  
Margaret Kirby, The Little Drum Major, H. Englemann, Op. 3.

Dorothy Diehl and Mary L. Willetts, Serenade, Schubert.  
Bertie Earp, When Lights Are Low, H. Englemann.  
Eleanor Ennis, Little Blonde Waltz, L. V. Holcombe, Op. 6.  
Creola Creech, Old Fashion Nonsense, Vernon Evilla.  
Hazel Driver, Sabin Mazurka, Carl Bohm.  
Eunice Parker and Eva May Scott, Moon Dawn, Royal Fernal.  
Flossie Parker, Second Me Valse, Aug. Durand.  
Jeannette Flowe, Boys of the Nation, Adam Geibel.  
Elsie and Bertie Earp, Rosy Lingers, Paul Wachs.

The place was unostentatious that year, and the farmer gathered his crop in peace.—The Churchman.

## 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.  
**TODAY'S TANTALIZER**  
Tom Creech recognized his name last issue.  
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## LOADING POULTRY AT SELMA



Fourteenth shipment brings total paid to Johnston County farmers since Jan. 1st to more than \$25,000.

## Poultry Shipments Pleasant Grove Are Over \$25,000 Citizen Is Dead

Fourteenth Shipment Loaded at Selma Saturday; Selma Kiwanis Club Sponsors Movement

The fourteenth shipment of poultry in car load lots since January 1, was made from Selma Saturday, bringing the totals to more than 100,000 pounds which have netted the farmers of Johnston county a little more than \$25,000. About 4,000 pounds were loaded Saturday bringing \$1013.

The largest single shipment was made February 23, when 14,218 pounds were loaded which brought \$3,300.61.

The idea of helping the farmer to dispose of his surplus poultry was originated by the Selma Kiwanis club, and the fine success of this season's shipping will mean that the poultry cars will be operated again next year. The Kiwanis club gives due credit to J. B. Slack, tri-county farm agent, and to Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home demonstration agent, who have cooperated to make the shipments helpful to the farmer.

In order to encourage the raising of poultry, a poultry association was organized in Selma early in the year with George M. Norwood as president, D. M. Sharpe, secretary and C. L. Richardson, treasurer. Since that time 104 settings of eggs or about 1,500 eggs have been placed with about fifty boys, between the ages of 12 and 18, all over the county, at a cost to the association of \$93.87. Eggs, or the equivalent in cash or chickens will be returned to the association.

**BLUE GRASS PLAYERS PLEASE LARGE CROWD AT SANDERS THEATRE**  
Captivating their audience from the beginning, the Blue Grass Players from Kentucky, last evening opened a week's engagement here at the Sanders theatre, by presenting a musical revue of the high spots of the leading plays of '29. A capacity house greeted them.

The cast is composed of the Sullivans, the Whittakers, Goulds, Laverne and Virginia Sullivan, all who form no small part in the excellent production rendered. Perhaps Eddie Gould as the blackface and Whittaker playing his Horner piano drew the biggest hand. Or it might have been Eddie's wife with her serpentine dancing or Whittaker's with her song hits. And perhaps it might have been Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan with their clog dancing and clever dialogue. And LaVerne and Virginia Sullivan came in for a big portion of the applause with their musical and dancing skits. All in all, it is a good show and offers a variety of entertainment better in every way than Smithfield people have had the opportunity of seeing at the local theatres in many years.

"Southern Girl," a comedy-drama, with scenes laid around the Kentucky Derby, will be presented tonight, interspersed with singing and dancing sketches and novelty acts. And from last night's performance, we feel that the Blue Grass Players will tonight again live up to their reputation by giving their audience a real show.

J. Lloyd Stephenson Dies Suddenly; Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon in Presence of Large Crowd

Pleasant Grove township has lost one of its leading citizens in the death of Mr. J. Lloyd Stephenson which occurred at his home just after midnight Friday night. Mr. Stephenson had been in his usual health and worked all day Friday on his farm. About midnight his heavy breathing awakened his wife and in a very few minutes he was dead. A physician was called and he stated that the death was due to apoplexy. The deceased was sixty-one years old.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home, after which interment was made at Rehobeth Primitive Baptist church. The service was conducted by Elder Xure Lee, assisted by Elder Floyd Adams, of Angier. A very large crowd was present to pay a last tribute of respect to a man who had been a leader in his community. The pall bearers included the sons-in-law of the deceased. A profusion of lovely flowers was borne to the grave by nieces of Mr. Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Tunie Carroll and by eight children as follows: Mrs. Bessie Denning, who lives near Princeton; Mrs. Maude Hayes, who lives near Coats; Mrs. Elgie Smith, of Angier; Mrs. Mabel Stephenson, of Pleasant Grove township; Misses Irene and Mildred Stephenson, and Dwight and James Wright Stephenson, also of Pleasant Grove township. Misses Irene and Mildred Stephenson were in the Johnston County Hospital when their father died, having undergone an operation for appendicitis last week.

Among those from Smithfield who attended the funeral was Mrs. Mattie Stephenson, a sister-in-law of the deceased. Mr. Carroll Stephenson, and Mr. T. C. Ogburn.

**GRAHAM SMITH WINS IN CIGARETTE CONTEST**  
The cigarette guessing contest put on by Mr. Clodith Oakley, Eggert & Myers Tobacco company, came to a close Saturday, and Mr. Graham Smith of this city was found to be the winner of 600 Chesterfields. Some time ago Mr. Oakley filled a large glass jar with Chesterfields and guesses were given with each purchase of cigarettes during a given time Saturday W. M. Gaskin was called upon to count the cigarettes in the jar and to declare the winner of the three prizes. The count revealed that there were 1,107 cigarettes in the jar. Mr. Smith's guess was 1,110.

Four persons tied for the second prize, Dr. A. H. Rose, G. A. Allen, Theron Johnson and W. B. Godwin of Selma, all guessing 1,111. Each of these was given 400 cigarettes. There was also a tie for the third prize, E. S. Bandy, of Four Oaks, and John McCall both guessing 1,110. They were awarded 200 cigarettes each.

**Coble's Studio Moved.**  
Mr. A. H. Coble, proprietor of Coble's Studio, has moved into new quarters. He is now located on the second floor of the Davis building, the entrance being on Third street.

## Four Oaks School Princeton School Finals Began Sun. Wins First Place

Baccalaureate Sermon Preached by Rev. W. M. Baker — Dr. Chas. E. Brewer To Deliver Literary Address

FOUR OAKS, May 27.—Commencement at Four Oaks high school began Sunday morning with the baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. W. M. Baker, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Mount Olive. Mr. Baker brought a fine and inspiring message to the seniors and congregation, his subject being based on the text: "Old men shall dream dreams, and young men shall see visions." He gave several fine illustrations of visions that have been realized by young men.

Commencement exercises continue during the week when on Wednesday evening Mrs. Broadus Jones will give her music recital. Her class has been doing fine work, and the recital will be a treat for all lovers of music. Immediately after the recital, the seventh grade graduates will have their exercises, at which time certificates of promotion into the high school will be given.

On Thursday evening at eight o'clock the senior class will give its class day program. Instead of the usual cut and dried class day exercises, this class is giving something different and original.

On Friday evening the graduating exercises will take place. At this time Dr. Chas. E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, will deliver the literary address. Dr. Brewer is recognized as one of the leading speakers and educators of the state, and his address is looked forward to with pleasure by the community. After his address the seniors will receive their diplomas.

**FREE TRANSPORTATION TO REUNION FOR VETERANS**  
The county commissioners at a special meeting held here last week passed an order authorizing the payment of transportation expenses of all old Confederate veterans of Johnston county who wish to attend the reunion at Charlotte next week. In addition, the old soldiers will be given five dollars extra for spending money on the trip. A guide will be provided to accompany the veterans who wish to go to Charlotte. Detailed information may be gained at the office of the register of deeds.

The number of Confederate veterans has dwindled in recent years, until only nine, according to the clerk of the court, are now living. These are Ransom Batten of Micro, A. J. Ellis of Clayton, D. F. Adams of Four Oaks, Jacob Langdon of Four Oaks route 4, Rev. Robt. Strickland of Bensonville, J. R. Benson of Benson route, Jas. Gilbert of Benson, Cotton Besdole of Selma, and Sam Strickland, State Hospital, Raleigh.

**NEGRO ARRESTED HERE WITH STOLEN GOODS**  
Theodore Vinson, colored, of Wilson's Mills, was arrested here yesterday morning when it was found that he had about \$25 or \$30 worth of silk underwear in his automobile. J. J. Batten and F. C. Fitzgerald were coming to Smithfield yesterday morning from Selma when they overtook Vinson who was driving a Hudson coach. They suspected something wrong in connection with the car and pursued it until it ran against a post near the depot. The negro then jumped out of the car and ran, but the officers overtook him. Another negro who was with him made his escape.

**Three-Legged Chicken.**  
Mr. G. G. Beatty, of Wilson's Mills, was in town Saturday and told of a three-legged chicken which appeared in his brood of young chicks recently taken off by Mrs. Beatty. The chicken at that time was three days old and was reported to be thrifty. The extra leg was in front, and the chicken is said to walk on all three at once.

Miss Katie Lee Hamilton Wins First Prize In Coop Essay Contest; Clyde Pleasant of Benson, Second; Kenneth Smith, of Smithfield, Third

Saturday marked the close of the essay contest in Johnston county sponsored by the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, in which Miss Katie Lee Hamilton of the Princeton high school was the winner. Miss Hamilton for the second time has taken off county honors, and it is predicted that she will stand well in the state finals. The subject of the essays was "Cooperative Organizing, Standardizing and Merchandising."

Seven schools sent representatives here Saturday and the contest was close. Mr. Clyde Pleasant, of the Benson high school, was awarded second place in the contest, and Mr. Kenneth Smith of the Smithfield school won third place. First prize was \$15 in gold; second prize, ten dollars; and third prize, five dollars. Others contesting for the prizes were Mr. Robert O'Neal, of Corinth-Holders; Mr. Woodrow Blackman, of Meadow; Miss Gladys Batten, of Micro; and Miss Julia Barbour, of Wilson's Mills. These were all presented with fountain pens, each having been a winner in his or her school. The awards were announced by Mr. M. G. Mann, field director of the N. C. Cotton Growers' Association.

A prize of ten dollars was given to the school which had the most parents present at the exercises Saturday, and Princeton received this award. Princeton will have a good showing in the state for the number of essays written. Of the 123 high school pupils in the Princeton school, 109 wrote essays. This is a percentage of 88.6.

The meeting Saturday was presided over by John A. Smith, field representative for Johnston county. After prayer was offered by Rev. S. S. McGregor, he called on Mr. J. A. Narron, city attorney, who extended to those present a cordial welcome to the town. Then Mr. J. W. Stephenson, director from this district of the N. C. Cotton Growers Association, greeted those present. Mr. Stephenson stated that all great accomplishments are attained through an education program, and the essay contest is in keeping with the education program of the association.

After Mr. Stephenson's talk, County Superintendent H. B. Marrow took charge of the program allowing the contestants to draw for places.

**HOLT LAKE NOW LURING LARGE CROWDS DAILY**  
Since the hot weather has come in earnest, there are large crowds to be seen at the lake every day, enjoying the boating, bathing and fishing.

The management has spent considerable time and money on improvements and is now prepared to take care of the public in large numbers. The bath houses have been greatly enlarged; the beach has been sanded over a larger space and they can now accommodate from five hundred to seven hundred bathers at one time. There have been twenty-five fishing boats added and they are building more every day. In addition there are several large motor boats for excursion purposes. The picnic and parking space is unlimited. There are also number of cottages for rent by the week or month. All in all, it is an ideal place for an outing and Johnston county people have a right to be justly proud of their finest watering place.

**To Preach Ike Barfield's Funeral.**  
Rev. Monroe Thompson, of Micro, colored, will preach Ike Barfield's funeral at the county home on Sunday, June 2, at two o'clock p. m.

## Where Lindy and Anne May Live



View of the "Honeymoon Cottage" at North Haven, Maine, where Col. Charles Lindbergh and Miss Anne Morrow, his intended bride, may live after their marriage.

## Early Tobacco Opening Desired

Resolutions Adopted at Meeting in Greenville Asking For Opening August 20

At a mass meeting held last week at Greenville further steps were taken to arrange for an earlier opening of the tobacco market in eastern Carolina, when resolutions were presented by a committee and which were adopted. The committee was composed of H. V. Stator, T. E. Hooker, Guy Elliott and N. G. Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett is secretary of the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and his organization has been interested for some time in securing an earlier opening of the market in this section.

The resolutions adopted are as follows:

Whereas, it is evident that the bright leaf tobacco of eastern North Carolina will be ready for the markets on or before August 20, this year, and

Whereas, it will mean quite a saving to the tobacco growers of Eastern North Carolina if arrangements can be made to sell their tobacco, beginning August 20, on the auction floors of eastern North Carolina, and

Whereas, indications are that the tobacco will be ready for market in Georgia and South Carolina in time for the eastern Carolina tobacco markets to be opened on August 20.

Be it resolved, that this meeting go on record as favoring the opening of the tobacco markets of eastern North Carolina on August 20, this year, and that the Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce, Inc., be instructed to act in behalf of the tobacco growers, merchants and other interested parties in eastern North Carolina in presenting this matter to the United States Tobacco Association which will meet in Old Point Comfort June 26-27-28, this year.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the tobacco companies buying tobacco on the eastern Carolina markets, to the members of the Sales Committee of the United States Tobacco Association, and to the banks in the territory covered by the bright leaf tobacco and that copies be furnished the press.

**SELMA BOY WINNER IN DECLAMATION CONTEST**  
SELMA, May 25.—Willie Sellers of Selma, route 2, who is a freshman at Wingate College, was awarded a medal Saturday, May 18, as winner in the declamation contest. Students from all parts of the county participated in this contest, and the people of Johnston county are proud that one of their boys was so fortunate as to win the prize. Mr. Sellers was graduated from Micro high school last year and has worked his way through Wingate the past term.

**Barbour's Chapel Cemetery.**  
Those that can and will be requested to meet at Barbour's Chapel church on Friday before the 1 Sunday in June to clean out the cemetery. It has been enlarged and we need a large crowd there to help do the work. Plan to come and bring hoes, rakes and all necessary tools to do the work. J Q BAKER

## School Election Held In County

Election In Glendale District Carries; Corinth-Holders Election Is Lost; Latter Will Be Six Months School

Two school elections held in Johnston county last week resulted in one being carried and in one being lost. The election called in the Glendale district for the purpose of completing the consolidation program in that section carried, and the Price district is now a part of Glendale. The number who registered was 396. A total of 217 votes was cast for the consolidation, and 143 against. The number of votes required to carry the election was 199. Mr. J. D. Stancel was the registrar and Messrs. J. L. Boyette and Luby Batten were the judges of the election.

The other election, which was lost by a small margin was in the Corinth-Holders district, and the proposition voted on was whether or not the special rate should be increased from 25 cents to not exceeding 50 cents on the hundred dollars valuation. For three years, Corinth-Holders has been an accredited high school, a surplus in the treasury of that district having made it possible to operate an eight months term with a 25 cent rate. Next year, it is the understanding of this publication, that only a six months school will be operated in that district, which means that a high school cannot be maintained and the district, therefore, will not participate in the Tax Reducing fund appropriated by the last legislature.

In the recent election, there were 559 registered voters, 274 voting for the proposition, and 242 against. The number of votes required to carry the election was 280. Mr. L. T. Davis was registrar, and Messrs. B. W. Hinnant and D. E. Narron were judges of the election.

**OFFICERS CONFISCATE TWO BIG STILLS**  
Federal Officer J. J. Batten, Deputies Hannibal Godwin and F. C. Fitzgerald together with Wayne county deputies captured two stills last Friday near Seven Springs in Wayne county, one of which was a 125 or 150 gallon capacity. The other was about a 40 gallon still. Twenty-five barrels of mash and three gallons of whiskey were destroyed. No arrests were made.

**PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL FINALS TO START**  
The announcement of the Princeton high school finals is as follows:  
Sunday morning, May 26, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the school auditorium at eleven o'clock by Rev. S. H. Styrone of Pine Level.  
Wednesday evening, May 29, at eight o'clock the senior class day exercises will be given.  
Friday morning, May 31, beginning at nine o'clock, the exercises for the primary and grammar grades will be given. At this time all the certificates will be awarded.  
Friday evening, May 31 at eight o'clock, the commencement address will be delivered by W. T. Bost of Raleigh.

## Annual Report Welfare Officer

Activities of Mrs. Thurston Are Varied and Many Besides Poor Relief and School Attendance

That the life of a county superintendent of public welfare is a busy one is clearly evidenced in the annual report which Mrs. D. J. Thurston, superintendent of public welfare of Johnston county, will make before the county board of education at its next meeting. The welfare superintendent makes her monthly report to the county commissioners, but at the end of the fiscal year a report of the year's activities is made to the county board of education.

The activities of the county superintendent of public welfare include relief for the poor, juvenile court cases, school attendance, mother's aid and child labor besides numberless other miscellaneous items that come under the jurisdiction of this office. Since June 1, 1928, Mrs. Thurston has visited 289 destitute families. She has placed forty-one in the county home, has collected and distributed 672 garments, has supplied provisions in 39 emergency cases, has supplied coal and wood in five cases, and has investigated and presented the names of 79 applicants for the outside pauper list. She also attended to the granting of 30 coffee stamps to paupers.

Mrs. Thurston's work with juvenile delinquents has resulted in the placing of 107 in homes and 47 in training schools and institutions. Others have been reprimanded and warned. Mrs. Thurston has handled 89 official juvenile court cases and 176 unofficial cases.

In addition to caring for the poor and juvenile delinquents the enforcement of the compulsory school law is in the hands of the county welfare officer. In the performance of this duty during the past year Mrs. Thurston made 99 visits to schools, sent out 694 notices to parents and visited a great many, and conducted 42 prosecutions. There are 57 white and 27 colored schools now in operation in Johnston county. Mrs. Thurston states that consolidation has meant a great deal in increasing attendance.

A law passed in North Carolina several years ago permits mothers left with children to keep their homes together by means of an appropriation. Johnston county has eleven families belonging to the mother's aid circle and there are 62 children in this group. The county welfare officer has the supervision of these families and constructive relief work has been done with these families.

In the enforcement of the Child Labor law, Mrs. Thurston has certified 107 for work in mills and business houses, and has made 29 inspections.

In addition to the work outlined above Mrs. Thurston during the past year has made 650 visits not recorded elsewhere, has prosecuted 102 adults in criminal courts, has written 98 warning letters, and 4,021 other letters. She has prosecuted a number of bastardy cases and has collected (Turn to page four)

## Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—

"In de room instid of helpin' de farmer, dey put a tax on pen-derticus."

