

Welcome to Smithfield, Mr. Tobacco Farmer

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OUR SLOGAN:  
"Sell Johnston County  
Tobacco In Johnston"

Smithfield wants a hotel  
—But it also wants to es-  
tablish a Livestock Sta-  
tion Yard.

## Sales Here Beyond Million And Half

### Fourth As Much To- bacco Already Sold As Total Sales Last Season; Prices Im- proved Here Monday

Nine tobacco sales brought the total number of pounds sold on the Smithfield market to a million and a half. September 3, the market opened and last Friday saw the record reached. Practically a fourth of the total amount sold during the entire season last year has already been sold.

Good sales featured the market here yesterday. There was not such a big break, but the prices were considerably better. Tobacco sold as high as \$60 per hundred, and a good many farmers averaged over \$30. Common tobacco is still showing up on this market but a greater percentage of good grades is in evidence. Farmers who sold here yesterday were in a much better frame of mind over the increase in prices.

The averages since the opening in Eastern North Carolina have been far too low, and business men and farmers throughout this section have been greatly disturbed over the situation. The Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce which most of the tobacco towns including Smithfield supports, called a meeting of merchants and bankers in Kingston last Friday night and passed resolutions designed to help conditions. The text of the resolutions is as follows:

"Whereas, the low prices now being paid for the 1929 crop of Eastern Carolina Bright Leaf Tobacco, if no improvement is had, will seriously affect the economic life of Eastern Carolina, in that the growers will not by any means be able to pay for the expenses incurred in growing this crop;

And whereas, this will make it difficult for the merchants and banks to finance a normal crop in 1930;

And whereas, in the opinion of these merchants and bankers, representing 50,000 acres of bright tobacco, or about one-sixth of all of the bright tobacco of Eastern Carolina this season, these prices now being paid will result in actual hardships to the growers of this section;

And whereas, in view of the fact that in many sections there is a greatly decreased yield and a steadily increasing consumption of tobacco throughout the world, there is not now any more tobacco than is needed;

Be it resolved, first, that the tobacco companies now buying Eastern Carolina tobacco be urged to pay more for this crop than indications suggest at this time; second,

That the tobacco growers be urged not to rush the markets too fast at this time, thereby giving the companies time to handle their purchases without glut at the factories; third,

That every tobacco grower begin now to make plans to get more livestock, more food and feed crops on his farm for another year, fourth,

That unless within the immediate future there is an improvement in the prices now being paid for bright tobacco, a committee be appointed by the Eastern Carolina chamber of commerce to go to Washington and lay the matter before Congress with the suggestion that some relief be made available at once that will affect this crop; fifth,

That the tobacco growers be urged not to sell any more tobacco that does not bring as much as two cents per pound.

**Mrs. Clifton's Father Dies**  
Mrs. Ila F. Clifton and children were called to Angier on Thursday on account of the death of Mrs. Clifton's father Mr. C. K. Pleasant. They returned home Sunday. They have the sympathy of friends here in their bereavement.

### HAVE PLAN TO HELP TOBACCO GROWERS

KINSTON, Sept. 12.—Details of a new plan to help the tobacco growers of the county have been given Representative C. L. Abernethy, of the Third District, and J. C. Stone, of the Federal Farm Board, by the originators here. The plan has not been divulged. Abernethy is said to have declared he will make it the basis for a bill in Congress.

Under the plan methods of taxing tobacco would be changed. The government might be a nominal loser under it and the manufacturers would lose slightly while growers would benefit materially. The originators, whose names are being withheld pending announcement of the details claim it might mean the "return of 50-cent tobacco."

### \$774 Subscribed For Extra Term

### Patrons of Corinth-Holders School Raise Money to Keep High School and 7th Grade Eight Months

Patrons of the Corinth-Holders school are much encouraged over the response to the call for funds to operate the seventh grade and the high school two months beyond the constitutional six months term in that district. Twelve hundred dollars is the amount required to provide the extra term, and \$744 in cash was raised Friday evening when around fifty patrons met at the school house to express in a tangible way their desire for this educational advantage for their boys and girls.

The finance committee composed of Albert Whitley, B. W. Hixson, and Walter K. Eason, was in town Saturday and stated that unless something unforeseen happened, there would be no trouble in raising the balance of the sum needed. This committee selected at a recent mass meeting of citizens, has charge of raising and handling the money needed.

The amount raised Friday night leaves a balance needed of \$153, which must be in hand by September 20. Because of this fact the committee is calling another meeting for Friday night when it is hoped that those present last Friday night as well as those parents who were not present, will be on hand. This meeting will be held at the school house at 7:30 o'clock.

The subscription school is said to be meeting with little opposition, although a school election held in the spring was lost. Some of those who opposed the election are falling in line with the move. Just how many children will benefit from the extra term is not known at this time. Last year the enrollment in the high school and seventh grade totaled 147.

### Baptist Church.

Regular Sunday morning worship at eleven o'clock and evening service at 7:30 at the Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. S. L. Morgan, having returned after conducting a revival near Rocky Mount will preach both morning and evening.

### 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.  
Emma Woody deciphered her name last issue.  
TODAY'S TANTALIZER  
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## American Legion Elects Officers

### Charles Parks of Smithfield, Chosen Commander; Plans Made Armistice Day

The legionnaires of Johnston county met in the courthouse on Friday night, September 13, and elected a corps of officers for the ensuing year. Charles Parks, of Smithfield, was made commander and Allen W. Johnson, of Four Oaks, was made vice commander. Dr. J. W. Whitehead was elected adjutant and other officers elected were as follows: W. M. Gaskin, finance officer; Ira C. Whitley, chaplain; H. V. Rose, service officer; and Waylon Jones, sergeant-at-arms.

There was a great deal of interest taken in this meeting, and the new year for the American Legion in Johnston county now promises to be a good one. Smokes and sandwiches and coffee were served, the compliments of the retiring commander of the post, and several matters of business were disposed of during the evening.

The most important matter discussed after the election and installation of officers was plans for the armistice dinner on November 11. Following the custom of rotation from town to town, it happens that Four Oaks this year is the town which will have the reunion and barbecue dinner. It was estimated that about a thousand former service men, including veterans of both the Spanish-American and Civil War, as well as those who participated in the World War, would attend the Four Oaks reunion; and the post will call upon the several mayors of the towns of the county and others who are interested in putting over this annual dinner for the veterans to take a hand in raising the necessary funds for the dinner.

### HEAR WOMAN EVANGELIST IN RALEIGH SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks, Mrs. C. I. Pierce and Mrs. J. A. Wellons were in Raleigh Sunday and heard Mrs. Victoria Booth Demarest, granddaughter of the late William Booth, who together with her husband is conducting an evangelistic campaign at Edenton Street Methodist church. Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, Mrs. Demarest will speak to women and girls at the Raleigh city auditorium on the subject: "Woman and Love." Next Sunday afternoon she will deliver a message at the same place which she received in a dream.

### BILLIE DOVE APPEARS AT SANDERS THEATRE

Billie Dove, the beautiful First National star who has advanced so rapidly in popularity during the past two years, scores another cinematic triumph at the Sanders theatre this week in her latest stellar vehicle "Careers." Again a foreign locale is provided for this talented actress, the action taking place in Indo-China, among the natural beauties of the Orient.

The story deals with the ambitious wife of a young magistrate, who seeks to obtain his advance in the diplomatic service by interceding with his superior officers. The startling events that follow this determination make up a plot that is novel and thoroughly interesting throughout.

Antonio Moreno, who was seen opposite Miss Dove in "Adoration," her former stellar vehicle, is again the leading man in "Careers." He plays the husband in a thoroughly artistic manner. Others of the large cast who deserve special mention for their work are Noah Berry, as the governor; Carmel Myers, Thelma Todd, Robert Frazer, Robert Schable, Robert T. Haines, Holmes Herbert and Sojin.

Mrs. A. H. Rose, Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Park, of this city and Mrs. W. R. Sanders and Mrs. Alfred Williams, of Raleigh, are spending this week in New York City. The trip was made by automobile.

### GEO. R. ROSS TO ADDRESS FARMERS AT PRINCETON

Through the efforts of J. B. Slack, county farm agent, and J. A. Smith, county field representative of the Cotton Association, George R. Ross of Raleigh, formerly chief of the Division of Markets, has been secured to address farmers at Princeton Thursday night concerning the government grading of tobacco.

This government grading is provided on the Smithfield market, the only market in North Carolina offering this service. In order that the farmers around Princeton may understand better government grading, the meeting has been arranged for Thursday evening. The meeting will be held at the school house at eight o'clock. The public is invited to attend, particularly farmers and business men.

## Two Escape From County Jail Here

### Allowed To Sleep Outside Cells, Will Wiggs and C. H. Cook Find Way to Freedom

No clue has yet been found as to the whereabouts of Will Wiggs and C. H. Cook, white men who escaped from the Johnston county jail here in the early morning hours of Friday. The jail is located on top of the courthouse and during the hot weather, prisoners are said to have been allowed to sleep near windows outside of the cells. The two men who made their getaway took advantage of the liberty accorded them and mounted the cells which put them in close touch with an overhead wall. Through this wall a hole was made with some sort of metallic tool, and thus a foothold on the roof of the jail was gained. By means of a rope made from sheets and bed sacks they descended from the top of the building to the ground.

Will Wiggs was in jail awaiting trial for an assault at the December term of Superior court upon Baldy Bensley and Jasper Beasley, white men of Pleasant Grove township. Bail for him had been fixed at \$10,000 which he had not been able to give. Cook was tried here on Tuesday of last week in the Recorder's court and given a short road sentence from which he had appealed to the superior court but had not given bond. Sheriff Fitzgerald and several of his deputies have been in search of the escaped men but no trace of them has been found.

There were other men in the same compartment from which the escape was made but they made no effort to free themselves and each one of them has refrained from making any comment as to the time Wiggs and his companion left the jail.

### NO CHANGE IN TEXT BOOKS THIS YEAR

RALEIGH, Sept. 16.—No change will be made in the text books used in the public schools of the state during the school year 1929-31, as a result of the action of the State Textbook Commission at a meeting held in Raleigh last week.

The commission, in notifying the State Board of Education of its decision to make no change, stated that "it was the sense of all members present that they would prefer not to make any report on suggested changes now in use in the elementary schools of the state for the year 1929." The State Board of Education at a meeting held on September 10, approved the action of the textbook commission and passed a resolution commending the members for their attitude in this matter.

The action of the textbook body means, of course, that since they will make no report this fall, no adoption will be made in December of this year, and consequently there will be no change in textbooks the following school year, 1930-1931.

Messrs. Norman Grantham and Winfield Lyon left yesterday for Chapel Hill where they will enter the State University.

## \$18,000 Fire Here Sunday

### Prize House Filled With Tobacco Goes Up In Flames; Some Insurance

A fire that is still smouldering as the Herald goes to press, was discovered early Sunday morning about two o'clock in a prize house located on Fifth street. This large two-story building was filled with tobacco, some of it good grades, some of it lugs, and the loss is estimated at approximately \$18,000. The building and its contents are practically destroyed though the loss is partly covered by insurance.

The losers are: W. H. Austin, Patterson, and J. H. Harrison, who had tobacco stored in it. Others, whose names were not learned, are said to have had tobacco stored in the prize house. The blaze was discovered by Elmer Woodard, colored, who was coming downtown from the depot about two o'clock Sunday morning. Fire was said to be pouring from the windows when he first saw it. The city fire department was soon working to extinguish it, and by 4:30 o'clock it was well under control. The great piles of tobacco continued to smoulder throughout Sunday and yesterday, and at intervals, the fire company poured water on the burning debris.

### SAYS FARMERS MUST SELL CO-OPERATIVELY

ROCKY MOUNT, Sept. 8.—The only method by which the tobacco farmer in eastern Carolina can hope to compete with the tobacco manufacturer is through co-operative marketing, Joseph Daniels, of Raleigh, told farmers at the seventh annual field day at the Upper Coastal Plains test farm on Cokey road, several miles from the city.

"There are only two ways for the tobacco farmer to secure better prices for his produce," Mr. Daniels said. "One is to quit raising tobacco, which means to cut off his nose to spite his face; and the other is to form a co-operative organization embracing all the growers of bright tobacco, borrow money from Uncle Sam, agree on a price that is just and refuse to sell it until those who need it are willing to pay a fair price for it. This is no easy road to fair prices but is the only way to get aid from the new federal farm board, which will deal only with co-operatives," Mr. Daniels pointed out.

### REVIVAL BEGINS AT STEVENS CHAPEL

A revival began at Stevens Chapel Methodist church Sunday with Rev. E. C. Kolb, of Sumter, S. C., doing the preaching. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Stott, is leading the singing, and on Sunday morning he preached at eleven o'clock. Rev. Mr. Kolb not having arrived, Mr. Kolb preached Sunday night. Through this week he will preach twice each day. The evening service will begin at 7:45 o'clock, and the day service will be held at 7:30 in the afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Kolb is characterized by those who have heard him as a splendid young preacher. He supplied during the summer at the First Baptist church in Wilmington.

The entire community is invited to attend these revival services.

### MISS WELLS ENTERTAINS.

The Wednesday Afternoon Bridge club was entertained last week with Miss Margaret Wellons as delightful hostess. The rooms in which five tables were arranged were charming in their decorations, autumn flowers being used in profusion. Mrs. W. G. Glass made top score and was awarded an attractive desk set.

After the cards were laid aside banana salad, ice cream and cake were served.

## School Opening Here Yesterday

### Nearly 700 Pupils Gather on Opening Day; New De- partments Include Vocal and Expression Studio

Yesterday morning 675 boys and girls of the Smithfield school district gathered up their books and wended their way once more to the school house. A happy throng gathered in the chapel of the grammar grade building for the opening exercises at nine o'clock. There was no formal opening featured by a lot of speech-making, but a simple devotional service marked the opening of the 1929-30 term. Supt. N. C. Shuford, back again for his fifth year, conducted the opening service. Rev. S. S. McGregor, pastor of Pisgah Baptist church led in prayer. Mrs. Chas. G. Guley, of Clayton, sang a solo, "Sweet and Low." Supt. Shuford made an appropriate talk extending a cordial welcome to the new pupils who were entering school here for the first time. A number of parents was present for the opening.

The Smithfield school is to have several new departments this year, and some of the teachers of these departments were introduced to the school. Mrs. Chas. G. Guley, well known for her musical activities in Clayton, will open a vocal studio here which will be located in the grammar grade building.

Miss Miriam Bundy, who completed a commercial course at Salem College in Winston-Salem will have charge of the commercial department this year, and twenty-four pupils enrolled in this department yesterday. Miss Bundy is the daughter of Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the Methodist church here.

Miss Nan McCullers, who has had an art studio for the past two years, will have her art classes again and in addition will teach expression. She wishes pupils in the rimy grades. Miss Vivian Burton, one of the grammar grade teachers, will have a class in expression for older pupils.

The music department this year will be taught by Mrs. Chester Alexander and Miss Ethel Gaitley. Mrs. Alexander is well known, having taught here for several years. She is a graduate of Flora Macdonald College. Miss Gaitley, who is from Maxton, has studied in Raleigh, at the Southern Conservatory in Durham, and at Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore.

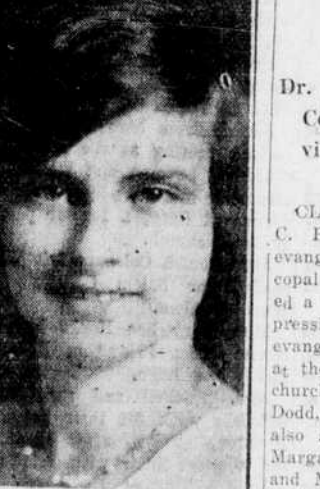
Athletics promise to be interesting this year, according to Coach Blankenship, and football practice began yesterday afternoon. About thirty are going out for football.

The teachers, with the exception of Miss Gaitley who will arrive this week, were present for the opening yesterday. The out of town teachers are located for the present in the following homes. Misses Louise Williams and Gertrude Taylor will be with Mrs. Harvey Boney at the Johnston apartment house; Miss Eunice McKay, with Mrs. L. E. Watson, Sr., Misses Florence Boyett, Ruth Poindexter and Clyda Woodard, with Mrs. Kirby Rose; Miss Maude Creech and Miss Sue Bryan, with Mrs. Everett S. Stevens; Misses Marie Tyson and Vivian Burton, with Mrs. F. H. Brooks; Mrs. E. A. Joyner, with Miss Annie Myatt; Miss Hattie Hanks, with Miss Mattie Sanders; Misses Ethel Sprinkle and Nell Joyner, with Mrs. Glenn Grier; Mr. H. L. Blankenship, with W. H. Austin.

### NEW STORE HAS A SPLENDID OPENING

Mr. O. H. Ray, manager of the Manufactures Outlet Store, was delighted with the opening of his store here Saturday, and is much gratified at the welcome extended him by the people of Smithfield and Johnston county. In spite of the rainy weather throngs visited the store and the sales exceeded expectations. This new store is located in the building formerly occupied by Vara L. and Alma C. Smith.

### Makes Record



Miss Louise Biggs has gone to Greenville where she will enter E. C. T. C. Miss Biggs has the distinction of having a perfect attendance record during the eleven years she has attended school. She graduated from the high school here last spring.

## County Medical Society Meets

### Dr. Thel Hooks and Dr. A. S. Root of Raleigh Speakers at Meeting Held Friday at Holt's Pond

Holt's Pond, pleasantly and picturesquely situated, near Princeton, afforded a delightful setting for an open air meeting of the Johnston County Medical Society, Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Dr. Thel Hooks of this city, presented an interesting discussion on the subject, "Diabetes." Dr. A. S. Root, Pediatrician, of Raleigh, gave a discussion on the "Emergencies of the Newly-Born." Much general discussion followed the speakers.

After more than an hour had been given to scientific discussions, a delicious barbecue and Brunswick stew, with the usual accessories, were enjoyed by those in attendance.

Visitors consisted of Dr. A. S. Root, baby specialist of Raleigh, Dr. G. A. Woodard, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Goldsboro, and Dr. J. N. Johnson, dentist, also of Goldsboro. The county medical society is composed of the physicians and dentists of the county.

Drs. R. S. Stevnes, F. M. Aycock and B. L. Aycock, of Princeton, were hosts on this occasion.

### SALISBURY YOUTH IS CRUSHED BY CANNON

SALISBURY, Sept. 12.—A German cannon, captured by the French during the world war, and given by that government to the city of Salisbury, added another victim to its list of casualties when its 1,200-pound barrel tilted under the weight of Taylor Chandler, 17-year-old Salisbury boy, and crushed the life out of him. The youth, in a playful mood, caught around the cannon which is parked on the courthouse lawn and wrapped his legs around the barrel swinging under it. Other young folks have done this often but Taylor's weight was sufficient to trip the gun and the rear went into the air, the muzzle shot downward and caught the boy beneath it, crushing his chest in such a manner as to cause death in a short while.

Young Chandler is a son of Mrs. Emma S. Chandler and the late C. W. Chandler and lived with his mother, one brother and one sister at 428 North Main street.

Coroner Brown and Sheriff Lyly investigated the accident and pronounced it purely an accident brought on by the youth himself. The funeral services took place from Chandler's Grove Methodist church, Montgomery county, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Jones spent Sunday in Harrellsville.

## Clayton Church Closes Revival

### Dr. John C. Patty of Atlanta Concludes Evangelistic Ser- vices at Horne Memorial

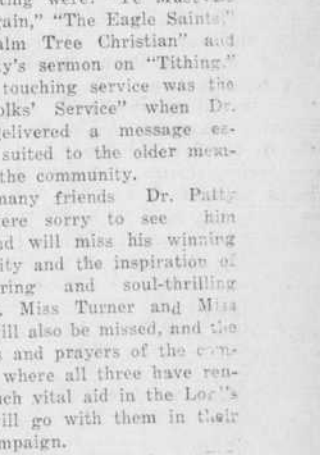
CLAYTON, Sept. 14.—Dr. John C. Patty, of Atlanta, general evangelist of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has concluded a series of thoughtful and impressive sermons delivered in the evangelistic campaign conducted at the Horne Memorial Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. David Dodd, assisted, and Dr. Patty was also aided in his work by Miss Margaret Turner, of Statesville, and Miss Clara Henly, of Charlotte. Miss Turner, a graduate of the Mooly Bible College of Chicago, gave inspirational talks of the Bible every evening from 7 to eight o'clock, while Miss Henly, a graduate of Columbia Bible School, Columbia, S. C., instructed the young people from 7 to 7:50 each evening and also directed the singing for Dr. Patty's services. Miss Henly possesses a sweet clear soprano voice and her solo work was a beautiful feature of the morning and evening services. Her rendition of the "City Four Square" was, in the opinion of a number of her admirers, comparable to that of Marion Talley, who sang the famous hymn in Raleigh a few years ago.

Dr. Patty in his 20 or more sermons delivered before members of Horne Memorial church and many members of the Clayton Baptist church, was original in methods and approach, arresting and powerful in his attack on factors undermining the life and usefulness of church members, thus reducing the spiritual life of the church to a minimum. Dishonesty in business, card playing, drinking and cheating the Lord of the reverence and financial offerings due him are, according to Dr. Patty, the chief defects of Methodism, especially in Clayton. The most largely attended service was Dr. Patty's "Second Coming of Jesus," a subject to which he has devoted much time and thought for the past 25 years. Many who were privileged to hear this sermon state that they had never heard such a clear and simple elucidation of the subject before. Other sermons that especially interested those in constant attendance at the meeting were: "Ye Must Be Born Again," "The Eagle Sings," "The Palm Tree Christian" and Dr. Patty's sermon on "Tithing." A very touching service was the "Old Folks' Service" when Dr. Patty delivered a message especially suited to the older members of the community.

The many friends Dr. Patty made were sorry to see him leave and will miss his winning personality and the inspiration of his stirring and soul-thrilling message. Miss Turner and Miss Henly will also be missed, and the thoughts and prayers of the community, where all three have rendered such vital aid in the Lord's work, will go with them in their next campaign.

Mrs. S. L. Morgan was called to Red Springs last Thursday on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Robeson. Mrs. Robeson is better and Mrs. Morgan has returned home.

### Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



"Dat government bracker iz a wonderful aid—bring backer to Smithfield and don't be afraid!"