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Big Parade Will Open Benson Fair

D. W. Parrish Is Chief Marshal; Extensive Preparations Made For Exhibits of Livestock, Feeds and Seeds

Mr. D. W. Parrish, chief marshal of the Livestock Exposition to be held at Benson next week, was in the city yesterday and stated that Benson was expecting to put on the biggest parade next Tuesday that has yet been had at any Johnston county fair. Mr. Parrish is desirous of securing every automobile possible to help in this monster parade. He requests that all automobiles meet on the school grounds promptly at 9:45. He prefers that the automobiles be decorated but if not he wants them anyway.

Mr. Parrish believes that Governor Gardner will be at Benson to open the fair. The governor has signified a desire to be present to the secretary, J. B. Benton.

Extensive preparations have been made for taking care of a large number of exhibits. Besides the regular exhibit of Jersey cows and other types in the vicinity of Benson, Secretary Benton states that a herd of Herefords will be on hand from the famous Shelton farms near Tarboro, and also a herd of Guernseys from Bennettsville, S. C. A good showing of hogs and poultry is expected to be entered. Another feature will be an exhibit of feeds and seeds.

Besides the livestock show itself, the fair management has arranged for a number of free acts in addition to the Krause United Shows, for which admission will be charged. A fireworks display will be given every night.

MRS. BETTIE B. M'KINNE IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

LOUISBURG, Sept. 25.—Mrs. Bettie Brothers McKinne, widow of the late David E. McKinne, of Princeton, died today. She was the daughter of Francis Ashbury and Charlotte Whitehurst Brothers and was born at Elizabeth City. She was 75 years of age. Early in life she became the wife of F. B. McKinne, of Princeton, prominent in business circles, who held important public positions. She was a member of the Methodist church. Since the death of her husband in 1913 Mrs. McKinne had made her home with her children, Frank B. McKinne, of Goldsboro, David F. and Malcolm McKinne, of Louisburg, and the late Mrs. Edgar L. Hart, of Wilmington. The funeral will be held at the Methodist church at Princeton at 10:30 a. m. Thursday and the interment will take place at noon Thursday in Willow Dale Cemetery, Goldsboro.

Centenary Methodist Church

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. T. C. Young superintendent. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "God Still Lives." Evening subject: "The Blight of Carelessness."

Midweek prayer service 7:30 p. m., each Wednesday, services limited to 45 minutes. Public cordially invited to all these services.

Revival Begins Progress

Rev. J. Alston Boyd of Townsville is assisting Rev. Chester Alexander in a meeting at Progress Presbyterian church in Boone Hill township. The first service was held last night at 7:30. The meeting will continue for ten days.

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.

Joe Royall recognized his name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER jakaedmas

CAT LIVES TO BE 18 OR 20 YEARS OF AGE

Mr. W. O. Hayes, who lives near Four Oaks, was in the city Tuesday and gave our office a call. While here Mr. Hayes told of a cat that lived to be eighteen or twenty years old and that died of old age one day this week. Mr. Hayes stated that when his son was eight or ten years of age the boy's aunt gave him a little tabby kitten. The kitten developed from a pet into a useful house cat that took his toll from the mice and rats to be found around the place. For eighteen or twenty years he was a good 'mouser' and just one week before he 'gave up the ghost' he caught two rats. Mr. Hayes stated that the entire family felt a sense of loss when this faithful cat died.

Town Tax Rate Is Five Cents Lower

Smithfield Board of Aldermen Fixes Rate at \$1.55; Operating Surplus Responsible For Cut

Members of the town board met in special session last week and fixed the tax rate for the city of Smithfield at \$1.55 on every hundred dollars worth of property, or five cents lower than it was last year.

The official audit of the city books showed an operating surplus for the year ending April 30, 1929 of \$14,986.85, which made it possible for the city fathers to reduce the tax rate. The net worth of the town's permanent improvements inventoried \$332,116.75. The city management is cutting down each year the debt service, the indebtedness being reduced in the sum of \$20,000 last year. As the indebtedness is being paid off, the operating expense of the town remains about the same, another factor that enables the board of aldermen to fix a lower tax rate.

The taxpayers will welcome this announcement of a five-cent reduction in the tax rate, especially since the rate for general administration of the county has gone up five cents.

Those administering the affairs of city government are to be commended for their business policy, which lies in the direction of lowered taxes. Those responsible for the town management are: mayor, J. D. Underwood; city clerk, W. L. Fuller; aldermen, R. P. Hollingsworth, W. H. Lassiter, W. F. Grimes, W. D. Hood, H. L. Skinner, W. T. Holland and W. G. Glass.

HOME DEMONSTRATION SPECIALIST IN COUNTY

Two home demonstration specialists were present at the meeting of the Pisgah club Tuesday. Miss Rokhar of Washington, D. C., specialist in household management, and Miss Helen N. Estabrook of State College, added interest to the program which had been planned. These specialists were in the county in the interest of the house furnishing booth which will be arranged at the State Fair by Johnston county club women and their agent, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison. The booth to be arranged by the Johnston county women will show a living room with homemade and refurnished furnishings. The Pisgah club will be responsible for a combination radio and magazine stand. The Cleveland club is making a padded arm chair, using a barrel foundation. The Selma club is renovating a Morris chair. The Carter-Massey club is to provide draperies and lamp shades. Pillows for the couch and accessories will be furnished by the Pomona-Creech club.

Miss Garrison, together with three other county agents, has been detailed to have charge of the house furnishing booths at the state fair.

Presbyterian Services

Smithfield Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. No night service. Sunday school and Bible classes at 10 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

Warns Against Gin Cut Cotton

U. B. Blalock States In Telegram to J. B. Slack Many Farmers Losing From \$5 to \$25 per Bale

Mr. J. B. Slack, county farm agent for Johnston county, received a telegram yesterday morning from U. B. Blalock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, asking him to give wide publicity to the seriousness of gin cut losses due to cotton being ginned too wet and too green. He stated that cotton coming through the classing department of the association is showing an unusually heavy percentage of gin cuts. "Ginners," he said, "eventually are not giving out consideration to increased production in better staple lengths by reducing their speed. The loss of gin cut cotton runs from five to twenty-five dollars per bale, all of which can be avoided by proper ginning methods. Our Carolina staples are showing up well this year and all extra staple lengths should command good premiums if properly ginned."

Mr. Slack in commenting upon the situation said: "With the low prices farmers are getting for tobacco and with heavy loss in cotton due to boll weevil, we need to make every pound of these products bring just as much as possible. Five to twenty-five dollars per bale might mean the making or breaking of many farmers in Johnston county."

C. L. Sanders Dies With Heart Attack

Funeral Will Be Held This Afternoon at Residence In Cleveland Township; Prominent Farmer

Citizens of Smithfield were shocked yesterday when they learned of the death of Mr. Claude L. Sanders, which occurred at his home in the Elizabeth section early yesterday morning about three o'clock. Mr. Sanders had an attack of acute indigestion Tuesday night but was not considered seriously ill. Early yesterday morning he suffered a heart attack and died in a short time.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at three o'clock at his residence, after which interment will be made in the family burying ground.

Mr. Sanders who was fifty-nine years of age, was the youngest son of the late W. H. and Lucinda Sanders. He is survived by one brother, Robert A. Sanders of the Elizabeth section, and one sister, Mrs. A. M. Sanders of this city. He leaves several nieces and nephews, including Mr. Edwin Sanders, a student at V. P. L. Blackburg, Va., who had made his home with the deceased for the past ten years. Mr. Sanders never married.

Mr. Sanders was the largest landowner in Cleveland township and one of the largest farmers and was a leading citizen in his community. He was a member of Elizabeth Methodist church and, in point of service, was the oldest member of the board of stewards.

Baptist Church

Sunday school 9:45. The pastor will preach at 11, subject: "The Challenge of the Cross to Sacrifice." At 7:30 Rev. W. D. Bosstick, of Wake Forest, Chinese missionary, will preach. He is one of the ablest missionaries in the denomination, and a large congregation should hear him. Monday at 7:30 he will give the closing address of the school of missions at which time the Senior B. Y. P. U. will be reorganized. Meeting especially for young people. Cordial invitation to the pub-

ANNOUNCE DIVIDEND FOR BANK AT BENSON

DUNN, Sept. 26.—The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized that a second dividend of 10 per cent be paid to depositors in the defunct First National Bank of Benson, according to announcement by C. H. Dixon, receiver. Checks for the dividend will be ready for distribution within the next ten days or two weeks.

Superior Court Began Wednesday

School Matter Will Not Be Heard Before Next Tuesday; Case Started Wednesday Not Yet Finished

Superior court did not get under way Wednesday morning as was scheduled, but at 2:30 in the afternoon, Judge F. A. Daniel, who had been detained in Clinton, was present and convened court, which sits for the trial of civil cases.

The first case called for trial was J. H. Eason, administrator, vs. Dr. J. H. Griffin, deceased of Clayton. In this case which had been pending for four or five years, the plaintiff, J. H. Eason, charged the defendant with malpractice in the last illness of his wife, Nellie Babour Eason. The defendant, Dr. Griffin, since the suit was instituted, died, but Mr. Eason is suing his estate for the sum of \$25,000.

The case got under way late Wednesday afternoon after a jury had been selected and impaneled. It required until yesterday afternoon to hear the evidence in the trial, and about four o'clock the lawyers began their speeches before the jury. Counsel for the plaintiff include S. W. Eason of Raleigh, and J. A. Wellens, while Abell and Shepard are appearing for the defendant. Two of the lawyers spoke yesterday afternoon and the remaining two will make their speeches this morning.

After the trial of the case began Wednesday, one of the jurors, J. E. Allen, became ill and was excused by the court. By agreement of the parties and sanction of the court, the case went forward with the remaining eleven jurors.

It was expected that the case which has to do with the county school budget for the six months term would be heard yesterday, but the Eason-Griffin trial was not completed and as the school matter is to consume some little time, the latter was postponed until next week. Tuesday is the day set for this hearing. Judge Clayton Moore, of Williamston, is scheduled to preside over the second week of court.

PINEY GROVE

EINE LEVEL, Route 1, Sept. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Telfair Atkinson, of Lucauca, visited Mrs. Ellen Atkinson Sunday. Miss Estelle Pittman spent Saturday night with Miss Hulah Pittman. Mr. J. F. Pittman visited his parents in Micro Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pittman and Mr. C. C. Johnson went to Wilson Saturday shopping.

EASON VOCAL UNION AT YELVINGTON'S GROVE

The Eason Vocal Union which meets somewhere in Johnston county every fifth Sunday, is scheduled to meet with the church at Yelvington's Grove, two miles east of Smithfield, next Sunday. The meeting will be called to order at ten o'clock. Several choirs and a lot of good singing are expected. All classes are cordially invited. S. P. HONEYCUTT, President. C. B. THOMAS, Secretary.

Dr. Mike Bradshaw Preaches In Selma

Delivers Splendid Sermon At Quarterly Conference At Methodist Church; List Of Selma Teachers

SELMA, Sept. 26.—Dr. Mike Bradshaw, presiding elder for the Raleigh district, held the fourth quarterly conference at Edgerton Memorial Methodist church Sunday evening and preached a splendid sermon using as his text Matt. 26:40, "And he cometh unto the disciples and findeth them asleep. What! could ye not watch with me one hour?" Watch and work are the key words to most of Christ's parables, said Dr. Bradshaw. Add to these the third word, "pray," and you have an armament sufficient to meet the battles of life. The saddest days of all time is when the churches of God fall into lethargy and stupidity. Nothing happens! There is plenty going on around us all the time to keep us wide awake and busy. The present turbulent era is one of the most important in the history of the churches. There must be a rebirth of governments, nations and individuals. Our task today is the courage and the fidelity of our forefathers who with our splendid equipment revolutionized the world. Material things shut out our vision of spiritual values. The desire for gold will smother the very soul out of Christianity. Strike a good, hard, honest blow at the spirit of intolerance which is abroad in the land today. John Wesley's motto was, "We think and we let think." We have no time for controversies. The tendency is to build walls against everything and everybody who does not think as we do rather than fight against the forces of evil. Christ is the first, last and crowning need of every man, woman and child. Without him everything is chaos, confusion and spiritual death. Our home altars are left unguarded while the fires are kept burning in the pleasure resorts and places of amusement, taking our boys and girls away from the things of God.

List of Selma Teachers

The following are the names of the teachers in Selma high and elementary schools and where they are located in Selma: High School: Mrs. H. Bueck at home on North Raeford street; Miss Bolick and Miss Ernestine Shippe, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Poole; H. Bueck, at home on North Raeford street; Mrs. R. D. Blackburn, at home on North Summer street; Miss Ethel Conn, at home of Mrs. J. Peedin. Elementary School. First Grade: Misses Dorothy Adams and Annie Laurie Smith at Mrs. C. A. Jacob's, and Miss Marguerite Winn at Mrs. J. Peedin's. Second Grade: Mrs. W. D. Perkins at home on North Pollock street, and Miss Roberta Spiers at E. V. Deans'. Third Grade: Mrs. C. A. Bailey at home on North Pollock street, and Miss Mary Martin at Dr. Johnson's. Miss Frances Ebbs, at Brick Hotel, has a section in both the second and third grades. Fourth Grade: Misses Mary N. Clement and Lucile Robertson at Mrs. McMillan's. Miss Dorothy Lee at Mrs. W. H. Poole's has sections in both the fourth and fifth grades. Fifth Grade: Miss Isabella Blacklock at F. M. Waters' and Miss Charlotte Nixon at E. V. Deans'. Sixth Grade: Miss Margaret Harrison at Miss Blanche Mitchner's, and Miss Edith P. Harris at Mrs. Korngay's on Massey street. Ungraded room: Miss A. Spivey at Mrs. J. Peedin's. Seventh Grade: Miss Elizabeth Whitaker at Mrs. Bernice L. Talton's, and Miss Annabelle Jones at Mrs. H. McMillan's. Mr. Mose Winston Godwin left last week for Chicago where he has accepted a position with Marshall Fields and company.

Notable Speakers Here This Week

Prominent Ministers Make Interesting Addresses At School of Missions Being Held at Baptist Church

By REV. S. L. MORGAN
The school of missions began in the Baptist church here last Sunday with two addresses by Dr. W. L. Poteat of Wake Forest, has continued with good attendance and interest. Besides Mrs. M. L. Braun of Chapel Hill, Chinese missionary, who is a leading member of the faculty during the week, strong addresses were made Monday and Tuesday nights by Rev. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, Raleigh, who spoke on Consolation, and by Rev. E. McNeill Poteat, who lately came from China to the pastorate of Pullen Memorial Baptist church in Raleigh. Tonight Rev. M. L. Braun of Chapel Hill, will show stereopticon pictures. (Turn to page three)

Accidental Shot Injures 2 Persons

Mrs. Hunter Hamilton of Elizabeth Section Is Shot in Knee; Young Sister-in-Law Loses Sight of One Eye

A painful accident took place in the Elizabeth section Monday afternoon when a gun accidentally discharged which injured two persons. Mrs. Hunter Hamilton, of the kitchen door talking to his wife when he placed his loaded gun on the doorstep against the house in order to hand her something from his pocket. The gun slipped and the hammer struck the doorstep. The load of shot entered one knee of Mrs. Hamilton, shooting away a part of the bone. One shot glanced and struck the little sister of Mr. Hamilton who was also in the kitchen, the ball entering one eye and lodging in the back of her head.

Mrs. Hamilton was rushed to the Johnston County Hospital where her wound was dressed and where she is now resting as comfortably as could be expected. The little girl was taken to the office of Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, an X-ray revealed the bullet in the back of her head. The sight in the injured eye is destroyed but she passed a very comfortable night and is apparently recovering nicely.

BENSON, Route 2, Sept. 26.—Miss Mabel W. Johnson has returned to her school in Toano, Va.

Mr. Pias B. Johnson has returned home after a visit to Jamesville. He was accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Holiday.

Rev. Mr. Baine filled his regular appointment at Beulah Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Flowers and children spent the week end in Wilmington the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sanderson.

Miss Minnie Lee Garrison will meet with us on Wednesday, October 2 at the club room and we hope to have a large number present.

Mr. Joel G. Hudson passed away at his home this afternoon after drinking acid. It was a shock to the community.

SPECIAL PROGRAM AT M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Little Misses Florine and Ruby Braxton of Whiteville, aged two and four, will be on the opening worship program of the Young People-Adult department of the Methodist Sunday school Sunday morning. Sunday school opens at 9:30. These little girls broadcasted from WPTF about two months ago. Members of the department are asked to be on time.

CHILD DIES AFTER EATING ASPIRIN TABLETS

MICRO, Sept. 26.—The 21-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tom Creech of near Micro died at the Johnston County Hospital at Smithfield last Thursday as a result of eating a number of aspirin tablets Wednesday. It is not known just how many tablets the child ate but the bottle when now contained fifty and Mrs. Creech said that not more than ten of the tablets had been used and when the child was found it had already eaten the contents of the bottle, which must have been at least forty tablets. The child was brought to Dr. M. Hinnant in this city about two hours after it ate the tablets. Thursday it began having fits and was brought back to the doctor but they rushed it to the hospital where death resulted about three hours later.

Cancer Clinic To Be Held Oct. 7th

County-Wide Clinic Is In Line With Nation-Wide Program For Prevention and Treatment of Cancer

A committee from the Johnston County Medical Society is bending its efforts along with similar medical organizations to call to the attention of the public the seriousness of the problem of cancer. In cooperation with the American Medical Society for the Control of Cancer and the North Carolina Society for the Control of Cancer, the Johnston County Medical Society through a special committee will conduct a county-wide clinic open for anyone for a free examination beginning Monday, October 7. The place of the clinic will be announced at a later date.

This clinic will be in line with a nation-wide program to interest the public generally in the best means of prevention and treatment of all forms of cancer.

Since the beginning of the history of medicine, cancer has caused a large number of deaths each year. Judging by the figures at hand the death rate from cancer during the last few years has shown an increase. As a cause of death, cancer ranks ahead of all infectious diseases, except tuberculosis. In 1924 it caused the death of 103,000 persons in the United States of America. Cancer of the skin is permitted to develop in plain sight of the victim for months and even years, to the extent that 3000 persons die annually of this disease in the United States. In Johnston county it has killed an average of 20 people per year for the last five years.

People will continue to suffer this distressing toll until they look at the problem squarely and adopt a rational attitude toward it. Cancer can be prevented if proper steps are taken in time. Therefore, it has been classed as one of the most important of modern public health problems.

Shower For Princeton Bride

Princeton, Route 2, Sept. 24.—Mrs. A. L. Worley was hostess Saturday evening at her home in compliment to her sister, Mrs. A. H. Hinton, a recent bride, formerly Miss Louise Edwards. The crowd began to gather about eight o'clock and after all had arrived, several piano selections were played by Miss Annie Louise Sugg. Soon Mrs. Hinton was called to the living room door and found the old colored wash woman there with a little red wagon loaded with many useful gifts for the bride. The affair was quite a surprise to the honoree. The hostess served tea and cake. About forty were present on this delightful occasion.

Three pure bred Jersey bulls from high producing dams were purchased by Chatham county

Tobacco Meeting To Boost Prices

Conference Will Be Held In Washington, D. C., Oct. 1; North Carolina Delegation Expects Relief

The North Carolina delegation which went to Washington City in the interest of higher prices for the present tobacco crop conferred Tuesday in the office of Senator Simmons, and it was decided to hold a general conference in Washington on next Tuesday, October 1, at ten o'clock. At this meeting it is expected that representatives of the growers, of the manufacturing and buying interests, as well as members of congress representing the southeastern states, will participate.

In addition to the senators present at the conference Tuesday Representatives Pou, Hammar, Doughton, Clark and Abernethy were there. It seemed to be a foregone conclusion that the selling and buying season this year has progressed too far to permit of relief measures by congress or the Farm Board, but the idea was expressed that pitiless publicity and moral suasion may be factors in obtaining higher prices even this season. Some believe that the agitation for higher prices has already had a good effect. A Washington dispatch makes the following comment in regard to the meeting to be held on October 1 and also concerning the conference held last Tuesday:

When the manufacturing and buying concerns are notified of the meeting to be held in this city it will be something more than an invitation; the gentlemen will respectfully be requested to attend. The spokesman of one buying corporation who claims that his company has been paying fair prices for their limited purchases throughout the season, was told today that if the tobacco companies went through the season as they have started, paying abnormally low prices, the companies might expect to reap the whirlwind of popular disapprobation, such as once visited upon the railroads a few years ago when it was impossible for the carriers to get a favorable verdict from a jury in a damage suit.

The buying companies, the representative in question was warned, are certain to reap a harvest of ill will if, in the exercise of their giant strength, they take this year's crop of tobacco at prices which take little account of the needs of the growers and as little account of all constructions of justice.

Trend Downward

When the season opened prices approximated fairness in Georgia, such prices started on the downgrade in South Carolina and rapidly reached a point which could only mean disaster and distress for the growers in North Carolina. No good and valid economic reason has thus far been brought forward by the buying interests for the slump in prices. If there has been over-production this year, or if there are abnormal stocks on hand in the warehouse, it is noted by the friends of the farmers that the companies are nevertheless buying the tobacco and it is therefore assumed that they want and need it.

Some growers of tobacco, the owners of sound minds, and rich soil, have written to their representatives in Congress that conditions that now obtain in the tobacco growing sections of the state, must lead, at worst, to insurrection or, at best, to socialism, because the people understand fully that the rich tobacco companies are steadily growing richer while the producers are growing poorer. A statement from American company officials to their stockholders has revealed the fact that a man investing less than \$15,000 in American company stock 10 years ago has realized an increased increment of \$11,000 a year, while the growers of tobacco have had to worry along without the return to PAGE THREE