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Burial Yesterday J. Gaston Crocker

Died at Home of Daughter in Warsaw Sunday; Member Prominent Family of Pine Level Township

The burial of Mr. J. Gaston Crocker, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Gaylor, in Warsaw Sunday morning at five o'clock took place yesterday afternoon at his old home place in Pine Level township. Mr. Crocker had been living with his daughter at Pine Level and when she moved to Warsaw a little more than a year ago he continued to make his home with her. The funeral was held in Warsaw after which the body was brought to Pine Level township for burial. The deceased who was about 78 years of age was a member of a prominent family of Pine Level township and was the last of his immediate family. For years he was a member of the Pine Level township Democratic executive committee, and he was recognized as a Democratic leader in that section of the county. The deceased leaves two sons and two daughters as follows: Edward Crocker, of Pine Level; Howard Crocker, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Annie Wellons, of Micro; and Mrs. Fred Gaylor, of Warsaw. He also leaves a number of grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. T. C. YOUNG ARE LEAVING SMITHFIELD

Friends here will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Young are leaving Smithfield to make their home in Pickens, S. C., where Mr. Young goes to take charge of the Ford agency. Mr. Young left last week to assume his new duties. Mrs. Young, and sons, Corbin and Shy Young, are leaving today. A son, Mr. Thad Young at Oak Ridge, a daughter, Miss Daisy, at N. C. C. W., a daughter, Miss Carrie, who is teaching at Contentnea, and a daughter, Miss Elizabeth, who is teaching at Princeton will not go to Pickens until their schools close.

Mr. and Mrs. Young moved to Smithfield from Dunn about 12 years ago and they have made warm friends here who regret to lose them from their midst. Mr. Young has been identified with various business interests besides being connected with the Young Motor company. He is a good roads booster and is president of the Carolina-Florida Short Route. He has been an active member of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, being one of its directors. In addition to business connections, he has rendered other service in his community. He was a steward in the Methodist church and was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school until his departure last week. He has taken a splendid interest in the Boy Scout movement and was a member of the executive committee of the Tuscarora Council.

Mrs. Young has also been active in church work and in club work and will be greatly missed. She was the recipient of several social honors prior to her leaving. Last evening the Sans Souci club and her circle in the missionary society joined in a farewell social evening in her honor.

Hints For the Home.

A Special Luncheon: Cream of celery soup-Lamb chops, Au gratin potatoes, Tuna fish salad, muffins, strawberry shortcake, iced coffee.

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. William Oliver deciphered his name last issue. TODAY'S TANTALIZER miktjoehgram

Cuban Ambassador



Harry F. Guggenheim of New York is the new Ambassador to Cuba, succeeding Col. Noble Brandon Judah of Chicago.

Locals Win Over Raleigh Eleven

Score 7-6; Raleigh Sport Editor Claims a Tie; Locals Go to Goldsboro Thursday

Smithfield opened her grid season here last Thursday by defeating the aggregation from Raleigh 7-6. The local boys fought their way to victory on the football field but according to the sport editor of the Raleigh high school, it was a tie. The team and coach of Raleigh left Smithfield realizing that they had been in a football game and that they had lost. Here is how it happened. In the third quarter an attempted punt by Parrish was blocked, Captain Bailey caught the ball and ran for a touchdown. Captain Bailey's try for extra point was wide by several feet. Smithfield was fighting hard and just before the fourth quarter ended, Raleigh held the ball deep in her own territory, fourth down and thirty-five yards to go. Captain Bailey attempted to punt. The punt was blocked by Norton and Fuller, Fuller falling upon the ball behind Raleigh's goal line for touchdown. Parrish kicked the goal making the score 7 and 6.

There were no fist-fights as was reported by the sport editor of the Raleigh team; neither did this young gentleman referee, umpire, or officiate in any capacity, nor did he have the right to interpret the signals of the referee and umpire.

The Raleigh team was composed of gentlemen. The coach was a gentleman. The local boys will journey to Goldsboro Thursday where they will attempt to defeat the strong Goldsboro team.

Champ Clerk's Cow.

In a speech delivered in New York City many years ago, Champ Clark explained the effect of protection on the farmer in a very unique way. He said that the depression of the farming industry was largely due to the fact that protection mitigated against the rural sections in the interest of the cities. He explained his position by giving a picture of a cow with her head in the farmer's barn eating the products of the farmer's toil but giving her milk in the city and for the city. He advocated turning the cow around, at least for a spell that she might do her eating in the city and permit the farmer to feast on the milk and butter and cream for a while. But protectionists are too smart to turn that cow around. It is much easier to fool and placate the farmer with the cow's head in his barn eating his stuff, than it would be to grapple with the problems that would arise in the city as a result of changing the location of the trough. While Holly and family, of Meadow; Mr. Congress is in session, the cow is discussed with much feeling and noise, and many resolutions are induced to change her position. But when Congress adjourns and all the bills are signed, we always find the cow eating out of the same trough and giving her milk to the same crowd. Southern Agriculturist.

Should Select Cotton Seed Now

avid R. Coker Urges Careful Selection of Seed For Next Year's Planting

RALEIGH, Oct. 7.—"It is not time to plant cotton now but it is time to prepare our seed for next year's planting," says U. B. Blalock, General Manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, in an article that will be published in the October 10 issue of the "Cotton Grower."

"There is probably no better authority on cotton seed for planting purposes than Mr. David R. Coker of Hartsville, S. C. We quote from a letter just received from him as follows:

"Seed from the damp cotton that is now being picked contains an excess amount of moisture and cannot be used for planting purposes next spring unless they are very carefully handled. If the seed cotton heats before ginned, of course the seed are ruined; but there is some excess moisture in the seed and heating has not taken place, they can be saved by sacking in small bags and setting on end one bag in a place. The bags should be shifted every day or two until the seed are thoroughly dry. All seed intended for planting purposes should be carefully examined immediately after ginning and should not be stored in bulk unless they are perfectly dry and will rattle when shaken. Planting seed should be carefully examined before planting and if there is any doubt of their soundness, germination tests should be made. The losses from planting seed of low germination have been very great during the past year and this is a loss which is easily avoided by proper attention to the handling of the seed cotton, the storage of the seed, and re-examination before planting."

"Cotton growing in the Eastern belt has gotten to be an industry which yields no profits to any except those who carry out every scientific precaution to insure success. Sound, well bred seed adapted to the section, proper methods of preparation, fertilization and culture, narrow rows and thick stands in the row, proper ginning of the seed cotton, good banding and baling and, last but not least, scientific marketing of the product, are essential to the most profitable production."

"We were the distributors last spring of several thousand bushels of high priced pedigree seed to our members and to other cotton producers in this state," said Mr. Blalock, "and we are urging them to give due consideration to the above warning and asking them to take the necessary precautions to insure the soundness of their next year's supply of planting seed. There should be several thousand bushels of extra seed for distribution to other cotton growers, but a producer of seed for sale has no right to dispose of his seed for planting purposes unless he has taken the proper precautions to insure soundness and germination."

Surprise Birthday Dinner.

Four Oaks, Route, Oct. 4.—On September 29 the birthday of Mr. F. M. Holly was celebrated by his children, grandchildren and many friends. He was 73 years of age. A table was spread with nice things to eat beneath a large oak tree in the yard. There were 55 who ate dinner. All the children were present. They are Mr. and Mrs. John Holly and family, of Ingram township, Mr. and Mrs. Matt F. Holly, of Durham; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ryals and daughter, of the Durham; Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Holly and family, of Meadow; Mr. Congress is in session, the cow is discussed with much feeling and noise, and many resolutions are induced to change her position. But when Congress adjourns and all the bills are signed, we always find the cow eating out of the same trough and giving her milk to the same crowd. Southern Agriculturist.

U. N. C. LIBRARY IS TO BE DEDICATED

Invitations are being sent out to the dedication of the new library of the University of North Carolina, which will take place Saturday, October 19. An appropriate program has been arranged which will be featured by speeches by notable men. The dedication address will be delivered by Andrew Keogh, president of the American Library Association. The dedication ceremonies mark the beginning of a four-day southern conference on education to be held at the university.

NEUSE RIVER WAS AT HIGHEST FLOOD STAGE

Neuse River last week reached its highest flood stage when on October 3 it measured 26.8 feet. In 1918, the river rose to a height of 26.5 feet. According to the files of the Herald, in a flood of 1908, the Neuse measured 25 feet, it being a foot higher at that time than during the high water of 1887. When the concrete highway was built, the embankment at the Neuse bridge was raised, and since then until the recent flood, traffic had not been stopped at the bridge here on account of high water. The use of boats last week looked like an old time flood.

SEVEN DIVORCES OFFERED FOR HIT AND RUN DRIVER

Mr. M. B. Andrews, of Goldsboro, district manager for the Carolina Motor club, was in the city Monday. Mr. Andrews stated that the Carolina Motor club is offering a reward of \$25 for the capture and conviction of the hit and run driver who struck and killed Harvey Starling, 36-year-old Wayne county farmer early Saturday morning. The accident occurred on highway No. 10 about three miles east of the Johnston county line. Starling was a native of Johnston county and the remains were brought to his old home near Four Oaks for burial. Mr. Starling had picked cotton all day Friday, leaving the field about 6:45 in the afternoon. He was alone and had been gone only a few minutes when relatives and friends who had been working with him in the field heard a crash on the highway. They rushed to the scene to find Starling lying unconscious by the highway. He had apparently been hit by a passing truck. Mr. Andrews who made the announcement concerning the reward may be communicated with at Goldsboro, Box 385.

TO ASSIST MR. BRYAN IN CONCERT AT CLAYTON

CLAYTON, Oct. 3.—The Musician's club of Clayton is pleased to present Mr. Norvell Bryan, local pianist, in concert in the Clayton high school auditorium on Tuesday the eighth of October, at eight o'clock in the evening. Mr. Bryan is a young pianist of unusual talent, possessing splendid tone quality and great brilliancy in his playing. He has for the past year been accompanied for the Raleigh Male Chorus who will assist in this concert. Clayton is indeed fortunate in securing this organization which has sung to packed houses all over North Carolina. Directing the chorus is Mr. W. H. Jones, head of the music of St. Mary's school, organist and choir master at Christ Church, Raleigh, also director of the St. Cecilia club, one of the state's best women's choruses.

Luther Stallings vs. Neil Barnes and Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland. Judgment in favor of the defendants, dismissing the action and taxing the plaintiff with cost.

There were eight divorce suits in the term of court just closed in seven of which divorces were granted. The parties involved were: Lula Turlington vs. Ben F. Turlington; Willie Lee vs. Ella Mae P. Lee; Willie Birdsell, colored, vs. Lillie Birdsell, colored; Albert Smith, colored, vs. Julia Smith, colored; Ruth Wood vs. Walter Wood; Louretta S. McGee vs. Frank McGee; Flora Stallings vs. Joseph Stallings. In the case of Rhoda Lawrence vs. Lennie Lawrence, a mistrial was ordered.

ANSWERS TO "EVANGELINE" QUIZ IN LAST ISSUE

A—Gaspereau. N.—The Ohio. S.—The broad and swift Mississippi. W.—The prairies of fair Opelousas. E.—The bayou of Plaquemine. R.—The lakes of the Atchafalaya. T.—St. Maurice. U.—St. Martin. Q.—The Ozarks. L.—The Black Robe Chief of the Mission. 1.—The Saginaw. Z.—Philadelphia. (Note that the key letters of the answers read when in proper rotation: ANSWER TO QUIZ.)

SUSTAINS LOSS DURING FLOOD

Mr. Addison Lee, of Four Oaks, route 2, was in town Thursday. Mr. Lee sustained considerable loss in the flood waters which covered a big portion of his farm. He had forty or fifty head of hogs which were in danger.

Superior Court State And Nation Has Adjourned News Paragraphs

Seven Divorces Granted; Restraining Order Regarding Tax Collections Dissolved

Superior court which had been in session for a week and a half adjourned Friday afternoon. Besides the education case which was the major case of the week, numerous other cases were disposed of. The first part of the week was taken up with the case, Roger A. Smith, Jr., versus H. N. Wilson, et al, which resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The plaintiff gave notice of appeal to Superior court in open court. Other cases disposed of after the education case was completed Thursday afternoon include the following:

H. M. Beasley vs. H. M. Fillyaw. This was an action on certain promissory notes. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, and the plaintiff recovered judgment according to tenor of verdict. A second case involving the same persons was before the same jury which answered the issue in favor of the plaintiff.

Preston Woodall vs. James E. Wilson. Judgment dismissed appeal from Recorder's court it having been appealed from Recorder's court on June 21, 1921, and docketed in Superior court on August 5, 1929, and taxed the defendant, J. E. Wilson with the cost.

T. A. Batten vs. G. A. Pittman and G. R. Pittman. Judgment confirmed the report of referee, and judgment in favor of the plaintiffs vs. defendants and A. V. Driver, their bondsman in the sum of \$455.35 with interest thereon from Nov. 12, 1923 to be discharged upon payment of \$388.21 with interest from Nov. 12, 1926 and the cost including \$35 for referee allowance.

C. A. Corbett vs. J. T. Edgerton, et al, county commissioners, and W. F. Grimes, tax collector. Judgment dissolved restraining order heretofore rendered herein and directs D. W. Parker, present tax collector, to proceed to collect taxes as provided by law.

W. Allen Massengill, administrator of Charles F. Lawhon vs. John R. Holmes, et al, judgment confirmed judgment of H. V. Rose as of June 24, 1929. It is further ordered that the sheriff put John Holmes out of possession and W. Allen Massengill in possession of the lands. The defendants except and gives notice of appeal to Supreme court. Notice waived. Appeal bond \$50.

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Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of England Is Distinguished Visitor; Victims of Marion Riot Buried

One of the most distinguished visitors to the United States in recent years is Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain who arrived in New York last week for a short stay in this country and a conference with President Hoover. He is accompanied by his daughter, Miss Isabel. They went to Washington Friday after a welcome celebration in New York. The president and the prime minister, the spokesmen of the two leading world powers, met in the famous Blue Room of the White House. It is said to be the second time they have met. When MacDonald was here two years ago Mr. Hoover, then secretary of commerce, was invited to a dinner. The purpose of MacDonald's visit to this country is to promote the cause of world peace.

A second jury was selected Thursday in Mecklenburg Superior court for the trial of Communist leaders and Gastonia mill workers charged with the murder of Chief of Police O. F. Aderhold of Gastonia on June 7. Since the last trial which ended in a mistrial on September 9 when one of the jurors became insane, the charge has been reduced from first degree to second degree murder and nine of the sixteen defendants have been dismissed. The examination of witnesses began Friday and for the most part the testimony was a repetition of that presented at the first trial.

The four men who were killed at Marion last Wednesday in a fight between the sheriff's forces and textile strikers at the Marion mill gates were buried Friday. A "mass funeral" was held and it was estimated that a thousand people filed past the four coffins which had been placed end to end for the service. Much emotion was shown by relatives of the deceased men and impassioned speeches were made by union organizers. James Roberts, aged 18, the fifth victim of this riot died Friday morning in the Marion hospital. He was buried Saturday.

A naval limitation conference to be held in London next January was announced from President Hoover's summer camp in Virginia Sunday. The announcement was made after a conference between the president and Ramsay MacDonald, prime minister of England. Invitations to the conference will be sent out from London and will include the Washington, Tokyo, Paris and Rome governments. The way for the conference has been paved by the general agreement for naval parity reached by the United States and Great Britain during the conversations there between the prime minister and Ambassador Dawes.

ORPHANAGE CLASS AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Singing Class from the Methodist Orphanage was at the Methodist church here Sunday night, and a large crowd enjoyed the splendid program which was rendered. It was a sacred concert, and the readings and songs were sermons in themselves. Before the program began, Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the orphanage, made a brief statement concerning the institution which is caring for nearly 300 orphan children. Mr. Barnes, who was pastor of the church here for four years prior to his going to the orphanage, is always cordially received when he returns, and the annual concerts by the orphanage class are looked forward to each year. Mrs. Reeves was in charge of the class Sunday night. Two children from Johnston county were on the program, one, Geraldine Smith, having gone to the orphanage from this city.

TO CLEAN BANNER CHAPEL CEMETERY

Saturday morning before the second Sunday in October has been set for cleaning up the cemetery at Banner's Chapel. We hope that all who have lots there will try to come and help clean up the cemetery. We always try to clean it up about the middle of October and then it is nice all the winter. By cleaning up the cemetery is the best way to show our love for the dead and their last resting place. ELDER W. Y. MOORE, Pastor

"Torch Slayer"



Earle Peacock, alleged "torch slayer" who is now on trial at White Plains, N. Y., charged with the murder of his wife Dorothy.

Teacher's Meeting Held Saturday

More Than 200 Teachers of the Eight Months Schools Here For Meeting; Schools Opened Yesterday

More than two hundred teachers of the eight months schools were assembled here Saturday in the first teachers' meeting of the new school year. The eight months schools of the county opened yesterday, and the meeting Saturday was in preparation of the opening.

After the teachers had gathered in the court room, Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the Methodist church, led in prayer. Supt. H. B. Marrow, then, made a brief talk in which he stressed the importance of the schools turning out good citizens. The teachers have it in their power to interpret the happenings of the day and they should strive to develop a worthy citizenship in addition to teaching less material.

In the absence of a member of State College extension faculty, Mr. E. M. Waters, superintendent of the Selma school, presented available extension courses which will be offered this year by that institution.

Mrs. Harvey Boney, principal of the Smithfield school, spoke briefly concerning the North Carolina Teachers' Association, urging membership in that organization.

Miss Mary E. Wells, rural supervisor, then took charge of the meeting and details of the opening were discussed. These present then divided into groups. Miss Annie Nicholas meeting with the grammar grade teachers, and Miss Wells with the primary teachers.

Miss Marciana Cobb Garsden, of Goldsboro, was present in the primary groups. She represented the publishers of the new reading books to be used in the first three grades, and explained their use and the teachers manual.

The teachers of the Smithfield and Selma negro schools met at the Johnston County Training school Saturday afternoon. These schools opened yesterday.

NEXT SUNDAY RALLY DAY AT M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Next Sunday will be rally day at the Methodist Sunday school here. The various classes are working for a large attendance, and the tag system is being used to advertise the occasion. Sunday school will open at the usual hour, 9:30, and after a brief devotional period, classes will meet as usual. The closing exercises which will begin promptly at 10:10, will be featured by a talk by Prof. C. B. Childs of Duke University. Special music is being arranged.

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Warehouses Were Full Yesterday

Big Tobacco Break Well Taken Care of; Not Much Change As To Price

Close to 300,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on the Smithfield market here yesterday. The last pile was auctioned off about five-thirty in the afternoon, and the floors were ready this morning for another big offering of the golden weed. There was not much change as to prices yesterday. Some claimed better prices on better grades; some thought the poorer tobacco was selling better; some farmers were pretty well satisfied while others were not feeling so good. The Smithfield market is holding its own with the other markets of Eastern North Carolina, and government graded tobacco continues to sell somewhat above the average. While the prices here are as good as anywhere, the prices all over the state are not what they ought to be.

John A. Livingston, Washington correspondent for the Raleigh News and Observer, writes as follows concerning tobacco prices in North Carolina.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Tobacco everywhere outside of North Carolina sells for higher prices than last year. For instance, Maryland with four and one-half million pounds sold at an average of 29 cents during August. That was 19 cents above the Maryland average last year and six cents more than the 1927 average.

The Maryland prices averaged 28 cents for July and June. The prices during the spring were not materially higher than last year. The Maryland tobacco growers spread out their marketing season over a period of months. It is a different kind of cigarette tobacco from that grown in North Carolina, being used in Mezzola, and the boost in prices this year has started a real estate boom in the Maryland tobacco section.

A corporation with headquarters in Washington is buying Maryland tobacco lands as a gold mine. It offers one-fourth of an acre for \$150, which includes an equity in barns, a voice in cooperative assembly and expenses for one year's operations. It is backed by tobacco experts or at least by men acquainted with tobacco.

It advertises that one-fourth of an acre will grow 300 pounds of tobacco, which is twice the normal yield in North Carolina, for which an average price of 35 cents would yield a return of \$90. It figures that it will take 4000 for expenses, so that 30 per cent would be paid for dividends.

North Carolina tobacco farmers, who have been sunk by bankrupt (Turn to page four)

RALLY DAY OBSERVED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rally Day exercises at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning were featured by a pageant, the theme of which was "What manner of child shall this be?" The pageant portrayed the influence the home, the state and the church have over the child, and the responsibility of these institutions for the training of the children. Those taking part in the pageant were Misses Lucie McLemore, Mildred Edmundson, Patsy Smith and Ruth Ross. Reddick Whitehurst, and the children of the primary department. The music for the pageant was played by Miss Margaret Edmundson. A recitation by Miss Ida Elizabeth Johnson and a song by little Alton Fowler were given at the beginning of the program. The pulpit was very attractive with decorations of autumn leaves, fern and goldenrod. The offering Sunday morning will be used for Sunday school extension in the south.

THIS SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEEN AWARDED THE RALLY DAY BANNER BY GRANVILLE PRESBYTERY EVERY YEAR SINCE IT WAS FIRST GIVEN FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO. IT IS PRESENTED TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THIS PRESBYTERY HAVING THE LARGEST COLLECTION ON RALLY DAY. THE LOCAL SUNDAY SCHOOL HOPES TO KEEP THE BANNER AGAIN THIS YEAR.