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## New Selma Well Proves to Be a Gusher



Above is a photo of water pouring through a four-inch pipe from Selma's new well at the rate of 350 gallons a minute. At this rate of pumping the well maintained a constant level of 57 feet from the top for 24 hours. The well is 300 feet deep and was drilled near the Church of God, on Wendell Road by the Heater Well Co., of Raleigh. R. O. Heater, president of the company was present when the well came in and declared it the second best well in the rock section of North Carolina.

## Small World



Last Friday the editor, his wife and son motored to Beaufort. At The Beaufort News office they met a woman newspaper salesman. She sells 250 copies of every edition. But the surprise came when she stated that she had relatives in Selma and at one time lived here. Above, Sallie Stanfil of Beaufort.

## Micro Student Writes On Election Upset

The following article appeared in a recent edition of "Microscope," a miniature newspaper published at the Micro High School. The author is Miss Frances Jean Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Davis of Micro.

### POLITICAL UPSET IN

#### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Traditionally Democratic North Carolina remained in the fold on election day, beating down decisively the vote efforts of Dixiecrat bolters to split the party. However, at 10:30 p. m., Tuesday, Truman was leading in 23 states with 294 electoral votes; Dewey in 20 states with 191. Needed to win 266 electoral votes.

Optimism and enthusiasm were extremely high at Democratic headquarters in the Hotel Biltmore and at Republican headquarters in the Hotel Roosevelt, while the sleepy eyed reporters counted and revealed the popular and electoral votes.

President Truman, in an astounding upset of preballoting predictions, Wednesday won the Presidency. He acknowledged Dewey's congratulations and good wishes, your fine sportsmanship is deeply appreciated. We jointly owe congratulations to the American people who have once again shown the world the vitality of our free institution". President Truman will have a Democratic Senate and House to work with him. He promised to dedicate himself "to the cause of the world"; "prosperity and happiness at home and to serve the American People to the best of his ability."

## 1948 Tags Good for the Month of January

Drivers with 1948 license plates have until January 31 to get in line with the times.

Action of the last legislature gives motorists through the first month of the year to obtain new plates, the State Highway Patrol pointed out this week. Many motorists have been under the impression that the 1948 auto licenses expired with the last day of December, the Patrol said.

On the first day of February, however, all cars on the road must have 1949 licenses, as there will be no extension granted, the Patrol added:

## An Entreaty

By MRS. CARL K. PARRISH

Whate'er of pain

Or grief

Or disappointment came

In the year that's past—

'Tis gone—forever gone.

Blot—forever gone.

Blot out all memories;

Start anew.

Love stronger,

Work harder,

Forgive better,

Look higher

Till the blue sky

Kisses your cheek,

And God's angels whisper,

"You've lived nobly,

You've overcome,

You've won!"

## New Year's Eve Party Is Well Attended Here

The New Year's Eve party planned for teen-agers and held at the American Legion building on Webb street Friday was well attended.

There were 101 teen-agers in attendance and 29 parents. The event started at 8 o'clock and continued until mid-night. The guests were registered at the entrance by Mrs. Ethel B. Scarborough. Refreshments consisted of fruit punch and cookies.

The young folk danced and enjoyed the following games: Monopoly, dart throwing, bingo, carom and table top tennis.

## Pfc. Charles McVickers With Air Force—Japan

Pfc. Charles T. McVickers of Selma, serving with the Fifth Air Force in Japan has been assigned to the 610th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, 527th Aircraft Control and Warning group, located on the Island of Kyushu. Previously assigned to the post exchanged at Itazuke Air Force Base. He is now with the Intelligence Department.

Pfc. McVickers arrived in Japan December 1, 1947 and returns to the Zone of Interior sometime in April, 1950 to complete a successful tour in the United States Air Force.

## Senior Club to Meet

The Senior Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 12, at 3 o'clock in the Woman's Club building.

Mrs. Bernadette W. Hoyle of Smithfield will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Tobacco Allotment

Any producer wishing to apply for a new grower's tobacco allotment must do so prior to February 1, 1949. The producer must come into the county office and fill out the prescribed form and sign it prior to February 1, 1949.

I would rather be right than be president.—Henry Clay.



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# Chairman Talmage Corbett Gives Kiwanis Club Report On Hospital

Kiwanian Talmage Corbett, chairman of the Hospital Committee, gave the Selma Kiwanis Club a full report Thursday night, when the organization met in regular session at the Woman's Club.

In the absence of President E. N. Booker, Vice President L. O. Davis presided over the meeting. Invocation was by Howard Gaskill. The attendance prize was given by Dr. Will H. Lassiter and was won by Walter Warren. Talmage Corbett introduced Charlie Britton as his guest. Bernard DuBose introduced his son-in-law, Owen W. Regan, Jr.

Kiwanian DuBose, chairman of the Boy Scout committee, reported that \$190 had been collected during the Scout drive for funds. He stated that was \$200 under the set quota.

The menu: Roast pork, potato salad, string beans, Harvard beets, corn bread, biscuit, coffee, Jell-O, with whipped cream and wafers. Those serving were Mrs. Carl Worley, Mrs. N. V. Smith and Mrs. Jack Honrine.

There will be an installation of officers when the club meets Thursday night of this week.

Kiwanian Talmage Corbett, the program chairman Thursday night spoke as follows: "A request was made by members of the Kiwanis Club, for a report from the Hospital Committee as to its efforts to obtain the hospital for Selma. Being appointed chairman of this committee by the Kiwanis president, it falls to my lot to make this report.

"The Johnstonian-Sun editor was asked by a Hospital Trustee 'not to publish anything about the hospital' and therefore you have not been informed as to just what our committee has done in its efforts to get the hospital located on the Blackman site. Evidently the Smithfield Herald was not asked to do the same or were working for Smithfield to head-line its offers. In almost every instance Selma had already been offered that were later made by Smithfield.

"About the first of September a committee was appointed by the Kiwanis Club to make an effort to get the hospital located in Selma. The first thing done was to recommend a man to serve as a member of the Hospital Trustees. It was learned that Carl Worley had been asked to serve as Chairman of the Hospital Board of Trustees.

"At a meeting I was told that Selma could get the Hospital located here by meeting requirements.

"First Offer the Blackman site.

"2nd Furnish 6 inch water mains and 8 inch sewer lines to the site.

"3rd Ten acres of land was needed.

"4th Be sure land is available.

"5th Get an easement to cross land between city limits and Blackman site with a street and water and sewer lines.

"6th Start work at once on sewage disposal plant.

"7th Employ an engineer to advise on extension of water and sewer lines.

"8th Make plans to pay for Blackman site.

"A number of meetings were called with Town Board and the various hospital committees to discuss and meet the problems arising from demands made.

"An engineer employed by Selma recommended the drilling of a new well and the use of booster pumps to supply the required pressure to the Hospital. This well has now been drilled and can furnish 350 gallons per minute.

"At a meeting of the Hospital Board of Trustees soon after their appointment, various sites were offered by Smithfield and Selma. Smithfield offered sites south and west of Smithfield. One site was offered at a price to the county of \$20,000 and another by Smithfield at \$75,000 an acre. The Blackman site was offered to the county without any strings attached. This is the offer made by Selma:

**SELMA'S OFFER** October 19th, 1948.

"To Johnston Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees:

"A group of interested citizens of Selma and Johnston County is here-

by submitting a site that is available for the location of the Johnston Memorial Hospital. The tract of land contains approximately 14 acres and is located just south of Selma City limits on the west side of Highway 301. This site is an ideal location; for its centrally located position in Johnston County; for its easy and convenient accessibility to all towns and communities in the County; for its nearness to the junction of the A. C. L. Railroad and the Southern Railway; for its nearness to the Johnston County Airport; for the excellent bus service on Highway 301 to all towns in the County and to all parts of the State. The Citizens of Selma will provide adequate living

accommodations for the Hospital Personnel and will cooperate in every way with the operation and Personnel of the Hospital.

"Mayor, Town of Selma

"R. H. Griffin, President, Selma Chamber of Commerce.

"Edwin N. Booker, President, of Selma Kiwanis Club.

"G. A. Earp, President, Selma Lions Club.

"Frank M. Hood, Commander of Selma American Legion.

"W. S. Brannan Commander, Selma V. F. W.

"Mrs. W. L. Norton, President of Selma Woman's Club.

"This letter was presented to the Hospital Board of Trustees on the following day:

**CHAIRMAN'S LETTER** October 20, 1948

"To Board of Trustees: Johnston Memorial Hospital.

"Gentlemen:

"A group of interested Citizens of Selma and Community believe that a site selected by a representative committee from Selma, is an ideal location for the erection and the establishment of the Johnston Memorial Hospital. This site location and its advantages to Johnston County as a whole is submitted to the Board in a separate letter, site being known as the N. G. Blackman Farm.

"In the interest of the people of Johnston County and a desire to see the Hospital located where it may best serve the people of Johnston County, the Citizens of Selma offer the following:

"We do hereby offer to purchase the desired number of acres from the above mentioned site up to ten acres and give FREE without cost and convey to the Johnston Memorial Hospital, Board of Trustees this property for the erection of a Hospital.

"T. B. Corbett, Chairman,

"Selma Hospital Committee

"After an inspection by the engineer employed by Selma this letter was given to the Hospital Board of Trustees:

**TOWN OF SELMA LETTER** November, 1948

"To the Board of Trustees

Johnston Memorial Hospital

"Gentlemen:

"The Town of Selma has secured the services of an Engineer to advise on the extension of water and sewer lines to the proposed hospital site on the N. G. Blackman farm.

"This is to advise that the Town of Selma is prepared to begin extension of the required water and sewer lines to the Blackman property at once. The cost of extension from city limits to the Blackman property is guaranteed by public Subscription.

Mayor

Commissioners

Chairman Hospital

Committee of Selma

"Letters from Mrs. N. G. Blackman and Mrs. Effie Brown were mailed to the Hospital Trustees and were as follows:

**MRS. BLACKMAN'S LETTER** Selma, N. C.

October 18, 1948

"To: Board of Trustees,

Johnston Memorial Hospital

"The undersigned agrees to sell and convey the property listed below to the Johnston Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. Said property to be used for the establishment of Johnston Memorial Hospital.

"Land is located two tenths of a mile south of Selma, N. C. City limits on the west side of U. S. Highway 301, beginning at the property of Charlie Britton and extending south along 301 Highway for about 650 feet and to a depth west of approximately 1,000 feet. It is further agreed that the Johnston Memorial Hospital Trustees will buy at least 10 acres beginning at the Britton line or may buy the entire tract described above.

"Signed Mrs. N. G. Blackman.

**MRS. BROWN'S LETTER**

"To Whom It May Concern:

"I the undersigned Mrs. Effie Brown does hereby grant the Town of Selma the following privilege:

"To extend Sumner street south and to cross my land with the street and with a water main, and sewer lines. Said land owned by me located just south of Selma City limits on the west side of Highway 301.

"Signed Mrs. J. F. Brown.

"This letter dated November 15th, was also mailed to the Trustees: Johnston Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees

"Gentlemen:

"We are happy to advise that the Committee proposing the N. G. Blackman property for the Hospital site, is prepared to deliver a deed to the County immediately upon a notice that this site has been selected.

"Selma Hospital Committee

"Talmage Corbett, Chairman.

"This is the report made by Mr. Richard H. Moore the Engineer employed by the Town of Selma and a copy sent to the Board of Trustees of the Hospital.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** December 3, 1948

"Mr. R. A. Howell,

Mayor of the Town of Selma,

Selma, North Carolina.

"Re: Water and Sewer Facilities

"Dear Mr. Howell:

"In accordance with the request of the Town Board of Commissioners, we have made an inspection of the town's existing water and sewer facilities to check on their adequacy for present needs.

"We find that Selma has a population of approximately 2,500 people, of which 1,600 are served with water and sewer facilities. These 1,600 people would require approximately 80 gallons per capita per day, which would equal a normal water consumption of 128,000 g.p.d. for the town.

"The water facilities now consist of a supply of two wells, one at 125 g.p.m. and one at 1000 g.p.m. The 125 g.p.m. well is now pumped through an iron removal system consisting of four 8-foot diameter filters equipped with in-the-head aeration and chemical feeders for adding alkali to neutralize the acidity of the water.

"The water is pumped direct from the filters into the distribution system which has a 75,000 gallon elevated tank floating on the line. The 100 g.p.m. well is used for a stand-by and is not connected into the filtration system.

"The filters as now installed have a combined filter area of 2000 square feet which should adequately handle one gallon per square foot per minute, or 200 g.p.m. capacity, which equals 288,000 g.p.d. The capacity of the well now being filtered is 180,000 g.p.d. and we would, therefore, recommend that the town either drill a new well to bring the water supply up to the 288,000 gallon capacity or connect the stand-by well into this system. Of these two alternatives, we would recommend that a new well be drilled within the area of the filter plant and connected therein. This would give the town a filtered water supply of more than double the present required capacity, which we think would be a safe margin.

"Should the demand on the town reach the point that the 288,000 gallons would not be sufficient capacity, then the filter plant could be modified by adding an outside aerator, pre-chlorination and a settling basin, with double pumping; which addition would be reasonable in cost, and in connection with the existing filters, the capacity of the plant could be built up to 600,000 g.p.d. This capacity would serve the town, in our opinion, for a period of at least twenty years.

"In connection with the sewerage disposal system, we find that you have a contact or disinfection chamber through which the sewage flows and in which you may apply chlorine as a disinfecting agent. We note that the plant has been out of operation for some time with the sewage flowing direct to the effluent without any treatment whatsoever, the chlorinator has disintegrated. We have discussed this situation with Mr. Karl Hubbard of the North Carolina State Board of Health on several occasions and it is our opinion, in which he concurs, that the town could rehabilitate this disinfection chamber and install a new chlorinator which would give the town sewage treatment which would be satisfactory. We could not recommend this as giving you modern sewage disposal. However, it would be far above what you now have and would serve you satisfactorily until such time as the load became heavy enough to cause putrefaction in the stream below your effluent.

"In connection with water and sewer service to the site that you are proposing for the Johnston Memorial Hospital, this site may be serviced with water and sewer in accordance with a previous report. In this report we pointed out that the sewer service could be supplied for a ground floor or any floors above. This service is to run into your existing sewerage collection system on Highway No. 301 near the city limits. The water service could be furnished with a six-inch main to the hospital site, and if a higher pressure is required than the approximately 40 lbs. that you now have at your city limits, a booster pumping station with duplicate pumps could be installed to service the area beyond the city limits with any required pressure up to 100 lbs. per square inch.

"We trust that this will give you the desired information. If we may be of further service in securing addi-

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## Important Meeting

The Selma Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular quarterly session Monday night at the Woman's Club building.

## English Coffee Pot



Mrs. C. E. Gaddy of Micro is shown with a silver English coffee pot and tray her daughter Mrs. L. H. Mcraw of Daytona Beach gave her for Christmas. The pot was made in 1843, otherwise very little of its history is known, except that it has been owned by three generations. It has a capacity of 15 cups and has an inner lining that is partly thermosatic. Several have called at the Gaddy home to see the antique.

## Conscience Returns \$15



On Friday, November 13, 1940, while shopping in a ten-cent store in Goldsboro, Mrs. Martha Jones (above) of Route 2, Selma lost her change purse containing \$15. That was more than eight years ago. This week she received a letter with no name signed to it containing \$15. The letter which was postmarked Micro, N. C., read as follows:

"I found a purse a few years ago. I heard you lost yours. This is not mine, although I am not sure it's yours. Just the same keep it. If I did wrong for keeping it till now, forgive me, God has."

Mrs. Jones says she has forgiven the person, and would like very much for them to know it.

## White Grub Damage Reduces Seeding Output

White grub damage in the N. C. Forest Service's tree nursery at Clayton has reduced the seeding output this year by 30 per cent, according to Assist. State Forester Fred Claridge. Damage was heavy because of the exceptionally dry growing season, Claridge said. The Division expected to lift 9 million trees this winter, but recent inventory figures indicate there will be only about 6 million at this nursery.

Claridge states that orders have been heavy and that the demand will probably exceed the supply. However, there is a limited amount of loblolly and shortleaf pine, and red cedar left at the Clayton Nursery, and some white pine left at the Hendersonville Nursery in the western part of the State. Landowners still wishing to order seedlings may do so by writing to District Forester L. E. Hicks, P. O. Box 1046, Fayetteville, N. C., or to the State Forester's Office, Raleigh, N. C.

## Chief Tolley Urges Motorists Be Careful

For the past several weeks, Summers street, between Waddell and Anderson streets has been blocked off for the benefit of youngsters who received skates at Christmas.

Several motorists have run through the barricade and broke the rope setting off the block. Chief E. R. Tolley urges motorists to be more considerate.

"The child that you run over may be your child," the chief commented.