

SELMA MERCHANTS' MEETING.

Chautauqua to Be Held Soon With Patriotic Subjects Discussed. Hon. Minor Wallace to Speak in Graded School Auditorium Next Thursday Night. Personal Notes of Interest.

Selma, Feb. 6.—Mr. James Liles spent Monday in Richmond, Va., the guest of friends.

Messrs. Junius Peedin and Wilbur Perkins spent Sunday in Raleigh with relatives and friends.

Mr. Reginald Futrell, of Philadelphia, is here this week the guest of his sister.

We regret to announce the illness of Mr. W. A. Strickland, who has been confined to his room this week.

Mr. L. D. Debnam went to Fayetteville today on business.

Supt. E. H. Moser has purchased the handsome home of Mr. I. T. Wood on Anderson Street, recently vacated by Rev. J. G. Johnson, and has moved his family there.

Mrs. A. R. Hooks and children, of Dunn, are the guests of Mrs. L. D. Debnam this week.

Rev. J. G. Johnson and family, who have lived in Selma for a number of years, have moved to Smithfield. It is with sincere regret that we see these good people move from our midst, and our best wishes go with them to their new home.

Mr. W. Herbert Ray, of Salem, Mass., is in town this week representing the Sanborn Map Co., of New York. Mr. Ray is engaged in making an insurance survey of the town, which, when completed, will greatly facilitate the work of the local insurance agents.

Mrs. G. H. Morgan returned Monday from Smithfield where she had been visiting her brothers for the past few days.

Mr. J. S. Barnes, of Wilders township, was in the city today to appear before the Local Board for examination and is now ready to answer his country's call. He is the son of Representative J. W. Barnes, and has two brothers now in training in Camp Jackson.

Mr. W. L. Stencil spent Sunday afternoon shaking hands with old friends in our sister town Clayton.

Attorney E. J. Wellons, of Smithfield, was in the city today for a few hours on business.

Hon. Minor Wallace will address the people of Selma in the Graded School Auditorium on Thursday evening, February 14th, at 7:30 o'clock. The regular meeting of the Selma Merchants' Association was held at a supper in the Association's offices last Thursday night with a full attendance. Supt. E. H. Moser addressed the meeting immediately after supper on the Community Spirit and the Boosting of Our Town. Mr. Moser's address was enjoyed by the entire audience, and was an inspiration to the members to put forth more effort to make a bigger, better, broader Selma. In the business meeting that followed the address a decision was reached to secure for the town a community mule for the purpose of plowing the gardens during the coming spring and summer. The meeting expressed itself as being heartily in favor of a spirited campaign to get every vacant lot in town planted the coming summer in some kind of food or feed stuffs. Arrangements are being made to furnish free seeds for the gardens, and a community man, mule, and plow will be available to put the gardens in readiness for the seeds. The Association will in the near future arrange a meeting for all the clerks in town, and an able speaker will be secured to talk to them about their troubles and the means of stopping them.

A Radcliffe Chautauqua will be held in Selma for three days, February 15, 16 and 18th. A Wake Up America Program will be used, and the program is one that will be interesting to any patriotic American. Wake Up America, The Call of Democracy, Mobilizing American Kitchens to Help Win the War, Patriotism Expressed in Domestic Science, are some of the numbers on the program. The entertainments will be held under the direction of Dr. William Rader.

WONDERFUL RECORD MADE. Stanton Daily News. Of all the members of the Cabinet the Secretary of War have been the subjects of the most scathing criticism and ridicule, but they have gone steadily on with their duties and have filled them faithfully. Under Mr. Daniels our navy has grown to be the second in size and efficiency in the world, and no better body of men can be found in any service than the commissioned officers and enlisted men in the United States Navy. New methods of educating and training these men have been devised and put into operation, and the efficiency of the force is unequalled. So admirable is the present navy that for the first time Mr. Roosevelt has praised something not connected with his own activities. Mr. Daniels has certainly proved his fitness for his post.

The work of Mr. Baker in the War Department has been wonderful. From a force of less than 150,000 men regulars and militiamen, the United States Army has developed into a force of about a million and a half; the largest body of troops ever raised by the United States. These men have been armed, uniformed and equipped. Training camps for officers have been organized and ammunition taught their duties; munition plants have been organized and ammunition supplied in ample quantities. The food supplied the men has been sufficient in quality and of nourishing quality and there has been no "embalmed beef" scandal such as stained the record of the War Department at the outbreak of the Spanish War. Doubtless some things might have been done better; but Mr. Baker is but human and is liable to err. It is safe to say, in no other emergency have matters been handled any better, if so well. It is true that the War Department has expended great sums of money, but it has accomplished results and that is what is desired. In all of this expenditure there has been no savor of corruption, of favoritism or of nepotism. If there have been errors they have been clean errors of judgment and no man can be always free from those errors. When the heat of passion passes we feel sure that the judgment of the nation will be that it would have been very difficult to have had better men in these posts than those now filling them, and that posterity will acclaim them as it has acclaimed so many of their predecessors.

THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Clayton, N. C., Feb. 6.—Mr. Harvey Parker and sister Maggie who are in school here spent last week-end with their parents a few miles below Selma.

Mr. Paul G. Guley who is in school at Wake Forest College stopped over last Friday and spent the day and night with his sister, Mrs. J. L. Godwin, before going to Nashville to spend the week-end with his mother, Mrs. M. M. Guley.

Mrs. Harrison spent a few days this week with relatives at Greensboro.

Dr. H. H. Horne came down from New York last week and spent a few days with his parents. He was en route to Morrisville to see his uncle, Mr. Sam Horne, who is critically ill. Dr. Horne is a very distinguished man and always welcome to our town. He visited the school one morning while here.

Mr. Hale Blackwood who for a long time has held a responsible position with Mr. Y. M. Holland has resigned and last week left for Durham where he will work for Messrs. Carrington and Rogers, druggists. "Tiny," as he was best known, will be greatly missed here, but we hope for him much success. Mr. Odel Barnes has accepted the position with Mr. Holland.

Mr. Vaughn Poole returned last week from Norfolk, Va., where he has been working for some time. The Red Cross Chapter meets every Wednesday and welcomes those who will go and assist in the good work. The Juniors, those who are in school during the week, meet on Saturday afternoon from two until five o'clock. On Friday evening, February 8th, at eight o'clock, in the Clayton High School Auditorium the expression pupils of Miss Ida Wooten will render the following program: Stumped Toe Cooper Dead Pussy Cat Pearson Octavia Jeffreys. Soul of the Violin Merrill Eloise Turley. Monologue—Who's Afraid .. Cooper Octavia Jeffreys. Pantomime—Coming through the Rye; My Heart's in the Highlands. Della Austin. Pantomime—The Famine .. Hiawatha Eloise Turley. The Men that Didn't Fit in .. Service Mary Pool. Chad's Story of the Goose ... Smith Doris Jeffreys. Your Flag and My Flag Nesbit Alma Cates. Pantomime—Star Spangled Banner Class.

This entertainment is well gotten up and no doubt all those who attend will feel that their money is well spent. Attend the entertainment, spend an evening of enjoyment, cheer up the class and teacher. By so doing you are helping a most worthy cause—The Red Cross. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Provost Marshal General Crowder Monday announced that the movement of the last increments of men selected in the first draft will begin on February 23 and continue for a period of five days. This will complete the operation on the first draft as all states will have furnished their full quotas. The movement will bring the strength of the national army up to the 685,000 men contemplated in the first draft. Camp Lee will receive 3,000 of the selectmen. West Virginia will send 1,520 men to Camp Meade instead of to Camp Lee.

SKILLED WORKMEN WANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

In order to build ships to transport our troops, and supplies for our troops and Allies, the Government has entered into the ship-building business upon a large scale, and is in need of thousands of skilled workmen. The Government needs one hundred and twenty-five different lines of Mechanics and Laborers. I give, just a few, to wit: Auto mechanic, Blacksmith, Boiler maker, Draughtsmen (mechanical) Drillers, Engineers, Electricians, Firemen, Machinists, Plumbers, Pipe Cutters, Stage Builders, etc.

Any one desiring to enter the Government service, helping to build the ships, may see me and register for this service. The Government pays good wages and has provided comfortable quarters for all workmen. Those who are too old to go to war can "do their bit" in this work as much so as the man who shoulders a gun and goes to the trenches. Gen. Pershing says, "Make a bridge of ships to France," thus meaning: to build sufficient ships to make a real bridge across the ocean. We practically need this, in order to transport our soldiers and supplies quickly enough to end this war in 1918. See me right away, if you desire to enlist in this service.

F. H. BROOKS, Chairman, County Council of Defence. Smithfield, N. C., Feb. 7, 1918.

MASSEY'S CHAPEL NEWS.

Mrs. Sarah Jones is visiting at the home of Mr. J. L. Gurley at Selma this week.

Mr. Tom Braswell, of near Royal School visited Mr. W. B. Braswell Sunday and carried him a nice bird dog.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Charlie Crocker and Mr. C. R. Braswell are out again after a severe case of mumps.

Mr. Johnnie Wiggs has returned to camp Sevier, S. C., after spending a few days with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Barden visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riley, of Fremont, Saturday night and Sunday.

We are sorry to note that Mr. Will Starling's baby has pneumonia.

Messrs. Coin Tart and father, J. C. Tart, James French, and Rayford Oliver were in Goldsboro Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Wiggs made a business trip to Pine Level Tuesday. W. X. J.

MICRO ITEMS.

Mr. J. D. Gardner, who has been in the milling business here, has moved back to Angier.

We are glad to say that Master Major Jones, who has been sick with pneumonia, is improving.

The merchants of Micro like the heatless Mondays that it gives them a chance to cut and haul wood for the rest of the week.

Miss Mary Kornegay has been spending a while with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Fitzgerald.

Miss Lucile Owens is visiting her sister Mrs. S. C. Batten.

Miss Mary Sellers is spending a short while in Micro.

Mr. R. D. Davis spent part of last week at Camp Jackson with his son, Mr. Luther Davis.

Mr. W. N. Barden's children are improving after a few days sickness with pneumonia.

Messrs. Neuelle Stencil and Clinton Creech spent Sunday afternoon in Micro.

Dr. B. L. Aycock has been visiting his mother, Mrs. B. L. Aycock. Reporter.

BLACK-WHITLEY.

One of Selma's Daughters Becomes the Bride of Clinton Druggist.

Selma, Feb. 6.—Last Monday evening at the home of the bride on Railroad street, Miss Gladys Whitley was quietly married to Mr. William Fleming Black, of Clinton, N. C. Rev. C. K. Proctor, pastor of the bride, performed the ceremony in his usual solemn and impressive manner.

The marriage was quite informal, only the immediate members of the family being present to witness the ceremony. The bride was handsomely attired in a going-away suit of midnight blue, with hat, gloves, and shoes to match, while the groom was clothed in conventional black.

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Whitley, of Selma, and the groom is a prominent young druggist, of Clinton, N. C. Immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple left on the 8:40 A. M. train for Richmond, Washington, New York and other points north, on their honeymoon. They will be at home after February 15th, Clinton, N. C.

BOX PARTIES.

Short notices of box parties will be published at a nominal price of 25 cents each. Stamps or coin should be sent with notice.

o—o Carter's School.

There will be a box party at Carter's School House on Friday night, February 15. Everybody invited. E. H. Moser to deliver an address. Teacher.

o—o Oak Grove School.

There will be a box party at Oak Grove (Hopewell) School on Saturday night, February 16th. A prize will be given to the married lady whose box brings the highest price, also to the smallest girl who brings a box, and to the smallest boy who buys a box. There will be an observation booth and other amusements. Everybody invited. Teacher.

o—o Box Party.

Everybody is invited to come to Poplar Spring School House, Friday night, February 15th, at 7:30 o'clock and enjoy the evening with us. We will have an old time Spelling Bee, country against school and other amusements, followed by box party. Proceeds from sale of boxes to go to school.—Teachers. Banner Township.

A Call for a War Savings Institute.

The one supreme task that confronts this Nation is the Winning of the War. To this end the Government is calling on the people of North Carolina to invest forty-eight million dollars in Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates. To the timid this task is a terror—to the heroic it is a challenge.

If the people of North Carolina respond to this call it will mean two things: First, that we have done, not our bit, but our best. Second, the habits of thrift necessary to save forty-eight million dollars and the working capital thereby created will insure the financial independence of our people.

To accomplish this gigantic task plans systematic and comprehensive must be laid. To this end and at the request of Col. F. H. Fries, State Director of the National War Savings Committee, I hereby call a War Savings Institute to be held in the City of Raleigh on the 12th and 13th days of February, 1918. Trained experts will conduct the Institute, and on Tuesday night, the 12th, speakers of international reputation will address the public.

All people interested in the work are cordially invited, but I nominate and appoint the following delegates: 1. Every county superintendent of public instruction. 2. Every superintendent of town and city schools. 3. Every farm demonstration agent. 4. Every home demonstration agent. 5. One physician from each county in the State to be named by the State Board of Health. 6. Every county chairman of a political party in the State.

I earnestly urge the boards of county commissioners, to pay the actual expenses of the Farm and Home Demonstration Agents and the physician. I earnestly urge the county and city boards of education to pay the actual expenses of their representatives. It would be impossible for these boards to spend money that will yield larger returns to the public. Let it be borne in mind that this meeting is not to be a celebration, but, as its name implies, it is to be a school, and all who attend will be thoroughly taught just what they are expected to do and just how to do it. T. W. BICKETT, Governor.

Basket Ball.

This the 31st day of January, 1918.

A very exciting game of basket ball was played between Pomona and Hopewell, on the Hopewell grounds, Friday, February 1. The score was 10 to 10.

The line up: Pomona—D. Talton, R. F., J. Talton, L. F., J. Hamilton, C., R. Hill, R. G., J. Talton, L. G. Hopewell—R. Adams, R. F., R. Laughter, L. F., R. Baker, C., C. Johnson, R. G., "Jack" Wallace, L. G. Field goals: Pomona—John Talton 2, Jasper Hamilton 1. Hopewell—Roby Baker 4, C. Johnson 1. Fouls—Talton 2, Talton 2. Mr. Dewey Stallings Referee. R. B. G.

"If all the women in America should stop doing the things they are doing and making the sacrifices they are making we should have to withdraw from the war."—Secretary of War Baker.

Free! Free!! Free!!! A \$46 50 Suit of Tailor Made Clothes to be given away Free at our TAILORING OPENING Today and Saturday You don't have to buy a Suit to get a chance. All we want you to do is to put your name in the box and on Saturday night at 8 o'clock our representative, Mr. Joe Epstein, will present the suit to the one holding the lucky number. Don't fail to see Joe at Cotter-Underwood Co. Smithfield, N. C.

IF YOU WANT CEMENT SEE THE Smithfield Hardware Company.

BUSINESS LOCALS. WAGONS, WAGONS & HARNESS. Call on Selma Supply Co.

A FEW LITTLE DUTCH SULKY Plows that we can save you money on. Austin-Stephenson Company.

TWO CAR LOADS BUGGIES JUST unloaded. Cotter-Underwood Company, Smithfield, N. C.

TOBACCO BED CANVASS ON hand now. Austin-Stephenson Company.

ANOTHER SUPPLY OF "TEN Nights in a Barroom," just received at Herald Office. Price 5 cents. By mail 8 cents.

TOBACCO BED CANVASS ON hand now. Austin-Stephenson Company.

CHOICE SOY BEAN SEED FOR sale. Large yellow Mammoth. See Walter V. Blackman (Near Hood's Grove) Bentonville, N. C., Route No. 2.

CAR LOAD OF BEST MULES EVER brought to Smithfield. W. R. Long.

TOBACCO BED CANVASS ON hand now. Austin-Stephenson Company.

SEE US FOR POULTRY NETTING and goose fence. Cotter Hardware Company.

JUST RECEIVED A CAR LOAD OF good Mattresses. Austin-Stephenson Company.

BUY YOUR ACID AND COTTON seed meal from the Cotter-Underwood Company, Smithfield. Full supply now on hand.

IF YOU WANT A NICE SPRING suit of tailor made clothes see Joe Epstein at the Cotter-Underwood Company today and Saturday and give your order.

IF YOU WANT CEMENT SEE THE Smithfield Hardware Company.

JUST RECEIVED BIG LOT CANVAS cloth for tobacco beds. Cotter-Underwood Company.

FOR THE BEST FURNITURE SEE Austin-Stephenson Company.

WE SELL THE NEW WAY AIR Cooled Gasoline Engine. Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield.

SEE JOE EPSTIN AT COTTER-UNDERWOOD COMPANY today or Saturday with his fine line of tailor made clothing. Get that suit made now.

ONE CAR AMERICAN FENCE JUST received. We have any height. Cotter Hardware Company.

PLOWS AND PLOW CASTING. Disc and Section Harrows, International Harvester Co., and Acme makers. Roberts-Atkinson Company, Selma, N. C.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CAR of Murate of Potash. Come quick if you want any. Cotter-Underwood Company.

TWO CAR LOADS OF ASPHALT roofing just received. Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield, N. C.

WE HAVE ON HAND A FEW GOOD mules and horses for sale. Cotter-Underwood Company.

FERTILIZER FOR ALL CROPS Now on hand. Get our prices. Roberts-Atkinson Co., Selma, N. C.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SMITHFIELD, N. C. Take notice that the assessment for the asphalt pavement, granolithic side walks and curb and gutter as contained in the assessment roll confirmed by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Smithfield, at a special meeting held on January 15th, 1918, are now due and payable to the Mayor, H. L. Skinner, or his special clerk, J. N. Cobb, who has charge of collection of these assessments, and any assessment may be paid to the said H. L. Skinner, through his clerk, J. N. Cobb, at any time before March 7, 1918, without any interest. In the event said assessment be not paid within said time the same shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent annually from the date of confirmation of the assessment roll, January 18, 1918. The whole assessment may be paid, or one-tenth (1-10) of the same may be paid and the remainder paid in nine (9) equal installments annually, with six per cent interest from January 18, 1918. If any assessment or installment is not paid when due, it shall be subject to the same penalties as are now prescribed for unpaid taxes, in addition to the interest herein provided for. By order of the Board of Commissioners of the town of Smithfield, this February 7, 1918. H. L. SKINNER, Mayor.

NOTICE. The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Wade Watson, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 8th day of February, 1919, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 7th day of February, 1918. NELSON WATSON, Administrator. Wellons and Wellons, Atty.