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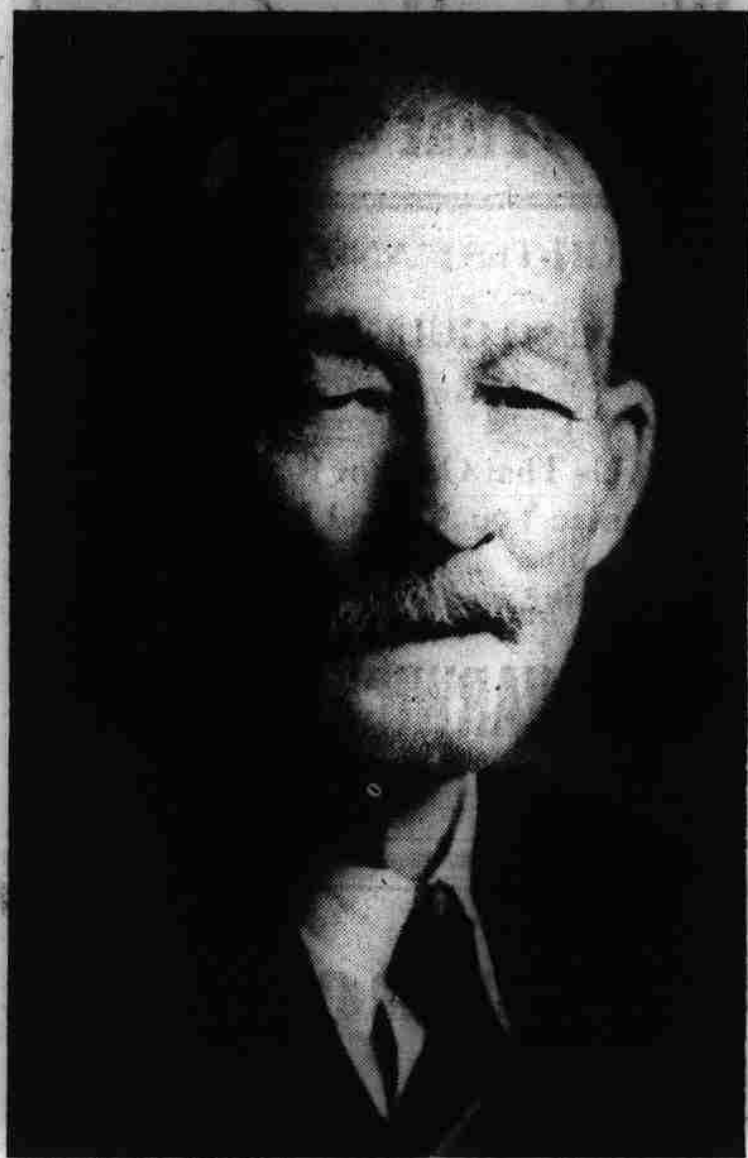
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T. M. BENOY

Prominent Citizen Dies After Lingered Illness

T. M. Benoy Dies On His 77th Birthday — Had Been Ill For About Five Months — Was A Prominent Figure In Business, Civic and Religious Life of Selma For Many Years — Funeral Held Saturday.

T. M. Benoy died at his home here Thursday evening about 6 o'clock, following an illness of about five months, during which time he was twice taken to a hospital, once to Duke at Durham and later to the Johnston County Hospital at Smithfield. But for the past several weeks he had been at home where he spent his last days. He died on his 77th birthday.

Funeral services were held at the Selma Presbyterian church, of which he was founder, Saturday morning at eleven o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. K. Kirkpatrick, of Maxton, a former pastor of the deceased, assisted by the Rev. Howard F. Newman of Richmond, Va., who is the present supply pastor of the church. The body lay in state at the church Saturday morning from 9 o'clock until time for the services.

Born in Fayetteville, the son of Alexander and Virginia Loudon Benoy he was married in 1896 to Miss Margaret Clapp of near Greensboro, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Clapp, and near relative of Dr. Jacob Clapp, for many years president of Catawba College.

Mr. Benoy moved to Selma 34 years ago, where he took an active part in the business, civic and religious life of the town. He was chairman of the Selma School Board during the erection of the large school building which was burned prior to the erection of the present school building. He was engaged in the lumber business here for many years and was regarded as an authority on lumber and other building materials. He also was engaged in farming for several years. He was among the first members of the Selma Kiwanis club, and served awhile as Town Clerk before his final retirement from the business life of the town.

While Mr. Benoy was interested in all activities that stood for the betterment of the town, he put his church above all else. He was responsible for the organization of the Selma Presbyterian church and donated a considerable part of the lumber that went into the erection of a church building here. The last work that he ever did was to secure material and help put wire screens over the doors and windows of the church last summer.

Surviving are his wife and two daughters, Mrs. H. T. Godwin of Four Oaks, and Mrs. John Lacy Deans of Dunn, Route 5.

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A TRIBUTE TO T. M. BENOY

By MRS. R. A. ASHWORTH

On December the tenth, as the hour was striking six and the twilight shadows were lengthening, in calm serenity the soul of our dear friend and neighbor was embarking for a "richer" life beyond the unseen shore. This was his natal day as well as his "coronation."

The dear wife "Maggie", sat by in resignation to God's will, for together they had walked the journey, not apart but as one, for nearly half a century, and though feeble, she, "Maggie", could sing her Master's praises for strength to administer to his every want during his last illness. Now that he has gone into another room and closed the door, that same sweet communion abides.

Mr. and Mrs. Benoy came to Selma 34 years ago, not only to build a home, but to take their places in the community. They were the founders of the Selma Presbyterian Church, and to those familiar with the history of our town at this time realize our indebtedness to this fine couple.

Mrs. Benoy not only had a place to fill in her church, but in the Woman's club, and at a time when she was most needed, for she was an efficient worker; and only her recent illness has deprived her of being an active member. However, she still maintains an interest in all civic projects, and often remarks "There is no place like Selma to me."

From the home and the church, Mr. Benoy turned his thoughts and energy to the school, and soon a large amount of money had been made available for the erection of a new building, at which time there was nothing creditable. When all had been made ready for the erection of a suitable edifice, Mr. Benoy was made chairman of the new school board, with the responsibility of handling the funds. He gladly assumed this added duty, for the calculating and handling of building materials were along his own line of business. From early manhood he had been in the lumber business. A forest of trees he knew intimately.

A walk in his garden was a privilege and a joy, for seldom did a neighbor enter without being given a nice supply of his fresh vegetables and the addition of a friendly flower. His choicest blooms were presented to "Maggie", and always a fresh flower greeted her many visitors. The order of planting in straight rows was ever mindful of his life of integrity and straight-forwardness. "A man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,"—a gentleman. He lived daily near nature and nature's God—a workman in God's vineyard "who needeth not be ashamed." He was a daily witness through the evangel of his life, "Not only with our lips, but in our lives." "By giving up ourselves to Thy service and walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness."

Home, Church and School—these were to him the bulwark of a Christian community, and in them and for them he "gave himself." His jewels were the two daughters, and the pride of the sunset glow of life became his two grandsons and a granddaughter. As husband, father, grandfather, officer in the church, friend and neighbor he bore the true marks. We extend our deep sympathies, and feel, too, with his dear ones that Heaven is nearer because our dear friend and neighbor has gone to take his place with that "innumerable company." The life given us is short, but "the memory of a life well spent is eternal."

The Annual Christmas Program At School Here

The 1942 Christmas season will be heralded in by a program of song and story at the Selma school on Friday morning at 10:15, and again at 11:30. The program will consist of a carol service by the high school chorus and a choir from the elementary grades, and a Nativity play entitled, "Unto Us A Son Is Given."

CHARACTERS

The characters in the play are: Reader—Janet Everitt. Mary—Mary Louise Jeffreys. Joseph—Freddie Strickland. The Three Shepherds—Braxton Parrish, Charles Woodall, and Buddy Morris.

The Three Wise Men—Clifton Johnson, Bill Black, Harry Oliver. The Angel—Neil Johnson.

An Angel choir, which will be heard during the pageant, is made up of the following children: Shirley Ann Crabtree, Doris Jeannette, Gracie McDuffie, Bobby Garner, Bob Broadwell, Lillie Faye Poole, Peggy Joyce Bell, Kenneth Driver, Gertrude Carter, Rose Marie Hall, Donald Tucker, Ora Jean Roberts, Billy Price, Aleasie Parker, Jack Raines, Betty Jo Stancil, Mozelle Johnson, Marjorie Barnes, Bobby Watson, Lois Jones and Kerney Driver.

The Carol service will be opened with a procession by the two choirs singing Adeste Fidelis. Special numbers on this part of the program will be:

"O Holy Night"—With Billy Creech as soloist.

"Carol of The Shepherds"—by the high school Glee Club.

"Beneath A Southern Sky"—Sextet, sung by Jane Armitage, Betty Jo McMillan, Kathleen Starling, L. A. Grant, Mary Louise Jeffreys and Bill Stallings.

"Under The Stars"—by elementary choir.

Members of the elementary choir are: Faydeen Edwards, J. C. Wilkins, Bobbie Jean Ray, Oscar Hinton, Thelma Carter, Jean Massey, Leland Barden, Myrtle Nichols, Kathleen Edwards, Ava Davis, Dixie Lane, Levin Brock, Lena Hodges, Al Brown, Junior Smith, Billy Creech, Dorothy Parrish, Carlton Acres, Lillie Mae Edwards, Ruby Mae Barnes and Emma Ruth Griffin.

Those in the high school chorus taking part are: Dorothy Anderson, Hilda Gray Braswell, Lois Braswell, Betty Brisco, Dorothy Lee Brown, Helen Bryant, Grady Belle Collier, Virgie Mae Hudson, Mary Louise Jeffreys, Dorothy Jones, Betty Joe Knott, Delma Maidon, Evelyn Poole, Edith Sellers, Kathleen Starling, Ruth Wiggins, Jane Armitage, Betty Jo McMillan, Jean Phillips, Elton Barber, Bill Black, Bobby Ellis, L. A. Grant, Gordon Howell, Clifton Johnson, Bill Stallings.

The program will be directed by Miss Blue and Miss Massey.

CHRISTMAS CABLES ARE NOT EXPENSIVE

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—Did you know that love and kisses, Christmas greetings, happy birthdays, birth announcements and requests for money may now be sent, via cablegram, overseas, for the small amount of around 60 cents? Well, they can, according to Captain Robert H. McCormack, Chief of Postal Section, headquarters, Fourth Service Command. And, conversely, they may be sent this way from "over there."

Of course other messages may be sent also, just so they are brief, and the fixed text is adhered to. Naturally, the cablegrams must be submitted through the proper channels, and must be properly addressed, out-going messages showing full name, Army serial number, APO cable address and the routing word. This type message will consist of not more than three of the fixed authorized texts. Thus, for \$1.20 you could cable: "Hearing your voice on the wireless gave me a wonderful thrill. Glad and proud to hear of your decoration. Everybody 'willed. Many thanks for parcel."

These EFM cables, except for the Christmas greetings, are discontinued until after December 27. You may send the Christmas messages, however at any time through December 25, and after the 27th any of the messages or combinations.

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Johnston County Court Proceedings

The following cases have been disposed of in Johnston County recorder's court during the past two weeks:

Lloyd Strickland, 45, farmer, was charged with threatening his wife. The court allowed a nol pros with leave on payment of cost.

Lloyd Smith, 35, colored farmer, was convicted of drunken driving. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$50 and cost. His driving license was ordered revoked for 12 months.

Ed Warren, 70, laborer, was found guilty of having in his possession 1-2 pint of non-tax paid liquor and carrying an open knife in his pocket. He was sent to jail for 60 days to be worked under the sheriff.

Ollie Mae Rose, 30, of Wilson, pleaded guilty of drunken driving. She was given 60 days in jail suspended on payment of \$50 fine and cost. Her driving license was revoked for 12 months.

Walter Cavanaugh, 45, was acquitted on a charge of possession of eight pints of non tax paid liquor for sale.

Joe Talton, 59, pleaded guilty to drunken driving. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$50 and cost. His license was revoked for one year. On a charge of assault with knife, Talton was convicted and prayer for judgment was continued on payment of cost.

Kermit Wilkins, 28, was convicted of drunken driving. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$50 and cost. The defendant is restrained from driving for 12 months. In the case of John Goodwin and Sara Williams, charged with fornication and adultery, prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

Roy Johnson, 33, farmer, pleaded guilty to charges of drunken driving and assault. Prayer for judgment was continued for two weeks.

Kin Parker, 63, farmer, was convicted of possession of a still. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$25 and cost.

James Price, 32, truck driver of Wilson's Mills, was found guilty of drunken driving. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$50 and cost. Defendant is restrained from driving an automobile in North Carolina in the next 12 months.

Jim Holt, convicted of violation of alcoholic laws, was given six months on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of \$100 and cost and on condition defendant does not violate any law for two years.

Eleven defendants were in court on charges of violating the unemployment compensation law. Specifically they were charged with making false statements regarding their employment or unemployment to obtain increased benefits under the compensation law of North Carolina. In each case, prayer for judgment was continued on payment of cost. The 11 defendants were: Troy Norris, 44; Lonnie Holder, 35, colored; Addie D. Radford, 60; Charles M. Hobbs, 40, colored; Euerenia M. Perry, 35, colored; Lillie M. Middleton, 40, colored; Lou M. Everitt, 38, colored; Lottie Bizzell, 34, colored; Florence A. Sanders, 30, colored; Viola S. Bronson, 38, colored; Fannie S. William, 30, colored. One defendant, Otella M. Dixon, was found not guilty of violating the unemployment compensation law.

Daniel Baker, 45, farmer, was found not guilty of larceny.

Albert Sanders, 17, colored, drew 60 days on the roads for larceny.

Ernest Smith, 40, colored laborer, was charged with assault with deadly weapon and drew ninety days on the roads. He gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed at \$200.

Clara Carter, 41, was found guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. A 30-day jail sentence was ordered suspended for two years upon payment of cost and on condition that the defendant remain on good behavior for two years.

William Carter, 44, was convicted of resisting and hindering an officer in discharge of duty. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of \$25 and cost.

Joe Hopkins and Magdalene Capps were in court on a charge of fornication and adultery and were found guilty. They were given four months in jail, sentence suspended on condition that defendants stay away from each other for period of four months. Magdalene Capps gave notice of appeal.

Presbyterians Present Candlelight Program

A Candlelight Christmas program was presented at the Selma Presbyterian church on last Sunday evening. The Rev. H. F. Newman, who was in charge of this special service, made a very impressive talk on the Birth of Christ. He also preached at the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning.

Sixteen Young People from Fairview Church were present for the Candlelight Service Sunday night. They were accompanied by Miss Mamie Bailey.

Cotton Growers Again Approve Quota Plan

Kiwanis Members Hold Inter-Club Meeting

Selma Kiwanians went to Smithfield on last Thursday night where they joined the Smithfield club in an annual inter-club meeting, held in the Smithfield Woman's club.

H. H. Lowry of the Selma club was in charge of the program, and had arranged for an extensive musical program by some of the soldiers from the Goldboro camp, but just before time for the program to begin he was notified by telegraph that the soldiers were being retained in camp and would not be allowed to leave. This was a stunning blow for Kiwanian Lowry and the other members of his club, but he soon found a way out. After making a statement to the Smithfield club as to what had happened, Mr. Lowry called on the Rev. D. M. Clemmons of the Selma club who, although without previous notice, entertained the meeting for the allotted time by telling several jokes, and then finally winding up his talk with some very timely remarks about the effects of the war on our people.

He reminded his hearers that the people of this country are in revolt, and that the Kiwanis clubs of the country can do much to help keep the morale of our people on an even keel. He emphasized the importance of every Kiwanian doing his part to make Kiwanis a balance wheel in helping to stabilize public opinion and sober thinking in these days of supreme test.

Solicitor Godwin Given New Leave of Absence

Solicitor William I. Godwin prosecutor for Johnston County Recorder's Court, who was given a leave of absence last summer, was granted an extended leave of nine months by the board of county commissioners recently.

Godwin, a government flight instructor at State College, was given the extended leave with the understanding that he may take over the solicitor's duties sooner if he desires.

The board of county commissioners voted to keep Paul D. Grady, Jr., as acting solicitor, for three months longer, and appointed G. A. Martin, Smithfield attorney, acting solicitor for the six months following March 1, 1943, unless Godwin returns to that office at a sooner date.

The commissioners voted to rename J. R. Pool as county attorney. Harvey Johnson was retained as county home superintendent. Johnson was named superintendent last summer to complete the term of W. J. Alford, resigned.

R. P. Holding was reelected chairman of the board of county commissioners and C. L. Denning was named as vice-chairman.

Selma Section Visited By Heavy Snowfall

Following a morning of light rain and comparatively mild temperature, a cold wave blew into this area Wednesday just before noon which soon turned rain drops into snow flakes, and throughout the entire afternoon this area was enveloped in a howling blizzard, such as had not been witnessed in this section in a long time.

Although the ground was wet and sticky from the rain, the snow came down in such abundance that it was not long before the landscape became a sea of white. While there is no way of telling just how much snow fell during the afternoon, it would be a safe guess to say that at least six inches or more fell, because in many places the depth of the blanket of snow reached that figure.

FIGHT FOR VICTORY

I saw our Flag a-waving high, With banners floating in the sky; Armistice Day we celebrate November the 11th is the date. Our boys are fighting for our land, To keep it free from Hitler's hands.

Fight on, Marines, and Soldiers true, That we may save our red, white and blue. Buy War Bonds and Stamps for liberty; Give scrap and rubber for victory.

—Geraldine Strickland, Clayton School.

Ginning Report Shows Gain Over Last Year

There were 31,306 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston County from the crop of 1942 prior to December 1st, as compared with 23,124 bales ginned for the crop of 1941.

Although The Percentage Vote For Control Fell Slightly Below Last Year A Safe Margin Was Given The Control Program In Johnston County.

Practically 90 per cent of the Johnston county cotton growers who participated in Saturday's referendum approved the marketing quota plan for 1943, according to figures released Monday by the AAA office in Smithfield.

With 39 of 41 communities reporting, the total vote in Johnston was 3,094 for quotas and 360 against. Returns from North and South Clayton were not in Monday, according to The Smithfield Herald's account.

On the basis of the vote in the 33 communities reported in The Herald last Tuesday, the percentage of favorable vote stood at 89.6, which represents a drop from the result of a year ago. The favorable percentage in 1941 was 92.2, with 3,891 approving quotas and 326 opposing. This year's voting was a little lighter than that of last December.

Unofficial returns reported by the state office showed that Johnston county polled the biggest vote of any county in the state in Saturday's referendum. Seventy-two of 80 cotton counties reported their approval of the quota plan. Only Sampson, with 1,241 approving and 1,039 opposing, failed to give control by a two-thirds majority, according to early returns which did not include the result in seven counties.

The 73 counties reporting voted as follows: 62,089 for quotas and 5,099 against.

THE COUNTY VOTE		
Community	Yes	No.
East Banner	30	14
North Banner	17	36
North Clayton	47	15
East Bentonville	82	3
West Bentonville	67	8
South Beulah	95	13
North Beulah	131	4
North Boone Hill	163	5
North Boone Hill	119	9
West Boone Hill	86	0
North Clayton	No Report	
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Cleveland	125	13
North Elevation	79	29
East Ingrams	37	5
North Ingrams	102	10
West Ingrams	53	16
East Meadow	64	5
North Meadow	38	12
South Meadow	29	23
North Micro	99	1
South Micro	40	1
East O'Neals	87	4
North O'Neals	128	4
South O'Neals	91	5
West O'Neals	76	2
E. Pleasant Grove	35	48
N. Pleasant Grove	47	12
W. Pleasant Grove	47	10
N. Pine Level	102	6
S. Pine Level	127	4
East Selma	122	2
West Selma	68	0
East Smithfield	124	4
North Smithfield	110	10
West Smithfield	63	6
East Wilders	104	3
West Wilders	120	2
Wilson's Mills	70	4
TOTAL	3094	360

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

"Now is the time to put on long drawers," said B. F. PROCTOR, of Proctor's Store, today—guess the snow had something to do with it—MRS. HERBERT WARD snatched the championship honors in bowling from GERTRUDE STRAUGHAN a few nights ago, when she defeated the former champion by eight points—her hubby, HERBERT, also won the championship among the men, bowling 209 points—CAPT. S. M. PARKER, of the Southern Railway, and DAVID S. BALL, superintendent of the Lizzie Mills, went down in defeat by the Johnstonian-Sun staff, M. L. STANCIL and H. H. LOWRY, the latter winning two out of three games played, although winning in games, the former gentlemen won in points—look around your premises and get all those discarded toys and send to this office—there are numbers of kiddies that would appreciate those toys this Christmas—we understand that one lady in Selma said a few days ago that there were a number of such toys in her home—don't overlook this, as it is important—let's see that ALL the little tots get something for Christmas—the storm blew down Old Santa at Dr. Booker's home a few nights ago, but the DOCTOR came to his rescue and he is now perched on his original stand and smiling as big as ever.