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Selma Schools Close Monday, May 17th

Rev. Charles Lee Gillespie, pastor of the Baptist church in Smithfield, will be the speaker for the senior graduation exercises to be held May seventeenth in the school auditorium.

Lt. Gordon Whitaker Jr. Is Reported As Missing

The War Department has informed Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Whitaker of Goldsboro, N. C., that their only son, Lieutenant Gordon Whitaker, Jr., is missing in action in the war zone.

Navy Recruiting Officer Addresses Kiwanis Club

Program Chairman W. T. Woodard Sr., introduced J. W. Stallings, Specialist First Class, Navy Recruiting Officer, who addressed the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening.

Poppies To Be Worn For Soldiers of 2 Wars

Poppies in tribute to America's battle dead of two wars will be worn in Selma on Saturday, May 29, said Mrs. W. L. Etheridge, president of the Selma Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Johnston School Board Holds Busy Session

Repairs On School Buildings To Be Curtailed During War—Sale of Corbett-Hatcher School Site Approved—School Teachers To Get New Contracts.

The Johnston County Board of Education, in session on May 10, 1943 received the report of the meeting of the committeemen of the County recommending that this Board request a nine-months school term for each school within the County for the school year 1943-44.

WHEREAS, the wisdom and justice of the recent General Assembly of North Carolina in providing a nine-months school term for all of the children of the State each day becomes more and more apparent; and WHEREAS, this statesmanshiplike achievement did not come about without the efforts and leadership of the friends of the cause of public education throughout the entire State; and

WHEREAS, Hon. J. B. Melville Broughton, Governor of North Carolina; Hon. Josephus Daniels, North Carolina's most distinguished private citizen and Ambassador at Large; Hon. J. B. Benton, Senator from the Eighth District; Representatives R. T. Fulghum and Lawrence H. Wallace of Johnston County; and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, of the SMITHFIELD HERALD, have each especially and in the face of strong and determined opposition exhibited an unselfish courage, a rare intelligence in all of their efforts in behalf of the cause of public education during the campaign for the adoption of the nine-months term;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of Johnston County that the appreciation of all the people of the County be expressed to Mr. Broughton, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Benton, Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Lassiter for their superb leadership and courageous statesmanship in so ably advocating and achieving a nine-months school term for all the children of North Carolina.

It was ordered that the Superintendent on behalf of this Board request the Clerk of the Superior Court to confirm the public sale of the Corbett-Hatcher School site according to the bid of \$2525 received at the resale of said property on April 28.

A delegation from the Corbett-Hatcher District, with Mr. A. M. Noble as spokesman, requested the Board to allow certain school property exempted from the sale to remain with the building in as much as it was planned to make a community center out of the same.

The Board indicated that it would be glad to further consider this matter when it is evident that such property will remain the property of the community and not of any private individual and suggested that the delegation appear before this Board again when these matters can be cleared up.

It was ordered by the Board that on account of the high cost of labor and the scarcity of materials and in order that this Board may further cooperate with the war effort that no repairs be made to any school building, or school plants, except where such repairs are absolutely necessary to the continued operation of the plant or to protect buildings and plants from deterioration by weather.

It was further ordered by the Board that all teachers employed under the order of October 19, 1942, be notified by the Superintendent of the termination of their contract, and further that all of those recommended by their principals as teachers for the year 1943-44 be sent new contracts for the coming year in which the above provisions are carried out.

Mrs. Clyde Spencer spent the week end with relatives in Goldsboro.

SELMA MERCHANT HELD UP AT POINT OF GUN AND ROBBED OF MORE THAN \$200

Corbett-Hatcher School Deeded To Community

The people of the Corbett-Hatcher section were given a pleasant surprise Wednesday night when news leaked out that Mrs. Wade H. Atkinson had purchased the Corbett-Hatcher school building from the County Board of Education, and that it will be used as a community building as a memorial to the late Dr. Atkinson, who was one of the community's greatest friends.

It was known that the building had been sold but no one had been able to find out who the buyer was, not even Superintendent H. B. Marrow. The secret did not get out until Wednesday night when Mrs. Atkinson, who was visiting in the home of Mr. Jesse W. Bailey, revealed that she had purchased the building and was giving it to the community in honor of her late husband.

Town Officials Are Inducted Into Office

The newly elected mayor and board of commissioners of the Town of Selma took the oath of office on Friday night of last week, which was administered by W. L. Etheridge, local Justice of the Peace.

- H. B. Pearce — Chief of Police
Charlie Straughn — Assistant Chief of Police
D. J. Jones — Policeman
M. R. Wall — Town Clerk
Mrs. Aaron Lassiter — Tax Collector
J. V. Chamblee — Superintendent of Water and Lights
E. V. Deans — Street Commissioner
K. B. Jones — Street Superintendent
R. E. Suber — Water and Light Commissioner
R. H. Griffin — Commissioner of Buildings and Grounds
J. C. Avery — Finance Commissioner, and Mayor Protem.

Free Cigarettes To Uncle Sam's Soldiers

The Selma Kiwanis club is sponsoring a campaign to give our boys in the armed forces overseas some free cigarettes. The manufacturer has agreed to furnish the cigarettes at 5c per package and pay all shipping costs direct to the boys overseas.

On each package of cigarettes sent overseas that is purchased by these funds will be printed: "Good Luck from the Selma Kiwanis Club and the citizens of Selma, North Carolina."

HONORED



MRS. I. W. MASSEY

Selma Woman Given Surprise Birthday Party

One of the loveliest parties of the season was that given by Mrs. Troy C. Henry in honor of her mother, Mrs. I. W. Massey, on her seventy-sixth birthday anniversary.

The rooms were decorated throughout with fresh spring flowers. The guests assembled in the living room, while Mrs. Massey was being engaged in conversation in her room with two neighbors, Mrs. J. D. Massey and Mrs. Norman Screws; and was much surprised when she heard singing outside her door as the guests entered singing "Happy Birthday."

Two granddaughters, Misses Joan and Sue Massey, then entered bearing a large tray of gifts for the honoree, who took great pleasure in opening and displaying them.

Refreshments, consisting of an iced fruit drink and cookies were then enjoyed by Mesdames W. B. Johnson, H. E. Earp, W. L. Norton, J. D. Jeffreys, Norman Screws, C. P. Worley, G. A. Earp, Anna Burke, M. R. Wall, J. C. Diehl, B. A. Henry, Hattie McMillan, S. R. Lee, S. P. Wood, J. D. Massey, Leon Brown and Misses Anna Belle Jones, Roberta Spiers, Edith Pride Harris, Dora O'Neal, Joan and Sue Massey, Emma Jean Henry, and Mrs. E. E. Mad-dray of Portsmouth, Va.

Vacation Church School At Methodist Church

The Annual Daily Vacation Church School of the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church will begin Monday, May 17, and will continue for two weeks. The departments and teachers are as follows:

- Beginners—Ages 4-5. Text used, "Our Happy Homes." Teachers, Mrs. W. L. Norton, Mrs. E. L. Green, Mrs. Raymond Peedin.
Primaries—Ages 6-7-8. Text used, "Bible Homes and Homes Today." Teachers, Mrs. Wilbur Perkins, Mrs. W. T. Woodard, Jr., Mrs. Ben Brantley.
Juniors—Ages 9-10-11. Text used, "The Land Where Jesus Lived." Teachers, Mrs. John Jeffreys, Mrs. H. V. Payne, Mrs. Harry Everitt.
Intermediates—Ages 12 and above. Text used, "Boys and Girls Learning About Alcohol." Teachers, G. W. Blount, C. W. Judy. Mr. Judy, a Duke Student, will assist, beginning the second week.

Registration will be held Monday morning, May 17, at 10:30 o'clock, just after dismissal from the public schools. Children and parents will please take note of this, and come promptly for registration. Certificates will be awarded for full attendance.

Hours of the school each day will be 9:00-11:00 A. M.

Middlesex Negro Has Four Sons In Service

Everett Scarborough, Negro farmer of Middlesex, Route 1, was in the office of The Johnstonian-Sun a few days ago, and told us that he had four sons in the armed services of Uncle Sam, and that the fifth one left last Thursday for Fort Bragg to take a physical examination.

Patrolman Bobbitt Gives Hair-raising Account of Race With Bandit Car Through Benson

Two white men, apparently 25 to 30 years of age entered the grocery store of Mrs. C. L. Raines here on Highway 301 about 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and at the point of a gun held up L. G. Dickerson, who was clerking in the store alone at the time, robbing him of his pocketbook containing about \$200 and emptying the cash drawer.

The robbers escaped in a green Desoto car bearing North Carolina license plate 659-801.

Upon entering the store they called for soft drinks. After getting the drinks and turning around to deliver them to the two men, Dickerson said he found a gun drawn on him, with the demand that he "poke 'em up."

Chief Bradley Pearce who was immediately notified of the robbery called the office of Highway Patrol in Raleigh, giving them the number of the license plate on the car the robbers were driving. This put things to moving in earnest and Highway Patrolman H. C. Bobbitt of Smithfield got busy.

The patrol radio station in Raleigh began broadcasting the robbery and this put other highway patrolmen on guard throughout eastern North Carolina, as well as police officers in various towns throughout the area.

Highway Patrolman Bobbitt told Mayor B. A. Henry that he first got on the trail of the robbers in the vicinity of Benson and that when they reached Benson he was in hot pursuit, with both cars going at break-neck speed all through the streets of Benson, literally tearing up the town. After chasing them nearly all over Benson, the robbers took a dirt road out of Benson toward Coats.

Patrolman Bobbitt said his car was equipped with a sending and receiving set, and after leaving Benson he gave his car all it would do at around 70 miles an hour and that the bandits kept just a few hundred yards ahead of him, making so much dust that he could not see their car more than half the time.

All the time he was driving he was broadcasting his activities, giving the vicinity in which he was operating and direction they were going. This race kept up until they were past the town of Erwin, several miles west of Benson, but it was hard to gain much ground on the bandits car.

Still they went, crossing the Cape Fear River and on to near Linden, Harnett county, where he was met by other highway patrolmen, who helped surround the robbers and taking them into custody.

The robbers were driving a car that had already been reported stolen in Raleigh earlier in the day Tuesday. The owner of the stolen car was W. A. Badie of Youngsville.

In the car with the robbers was found a pistol and a sawed-off shotgun. They carried several shotgun shells but no cartridges for their pistol.

A search revealed that they had in their possession about \$240 when captured.

A telephone call to the Johnston county sheriff's office Wednesday night revealed that the names of the robbers are James McLamb, originally from the vicinity of Benson, and David Stevens, whose home had not been ascertained.

The Highway Patrol Department in Raleigh commended the quick action on the part of Chief Bradley Pearce of Selma in getting the news to them in such short order, and said this played an important part in apprehending the robbers so quickly.

New Meat Prices Effective May 17th

Specific dollars and cents prices for retail cuts of beef, veal, lamb and mutton, postponed for further review last month, will become effective on Monday, May 17.

Originally scheduled to go into effect on April 15, the prices established at that time were withheld for further consideration in the light of the president's "hold the line" order. The revised schedule is expected to show prices lower by from one to three cents than those set in the original pricing order.