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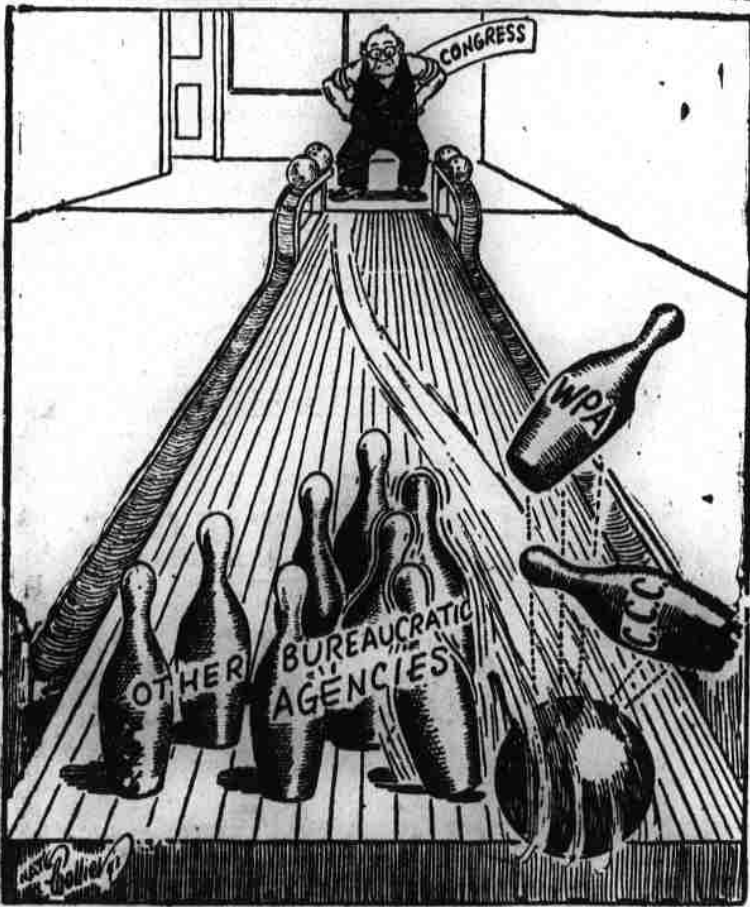
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WILL HE TRY FOR THE SPARE?



Two Killed When Train Leaves Rails

Passenger Train No. 22, due in Selma from Greensboro at 10:52 Saturday night, was derailed as it approached the Union Station in Raleigh, killing the engineer, J. C. Adams, and the colored fireman, Charles Fairley, both of Greensboro, and injuring several passengers. The derailment occurred just after the engine passed the control towers at Boylan Heights.

As the engine left the rails it veered to the right and smashed into the concrete piling of the Boylan Heights viaduct, shearing two pillars from beneath the structure. The engine's cab was thrown free from the rest of the train after the crash, and the cab folded up, imprisoning Engineer Adams. The express car and the mail-and-baggage cars turned over, and one day coach with Negro passengers turned partially over. The other coaches did not leave the track.

The fireman, scalded and his left leg severed, was found outside the cab.

Railway officials said that, on account of his age, Engineer Adams might have had a heart attack, thereby losing control of the train.

Mrs. S. M. Parker, 2nd daughter, Miss Dorothy Parker of Greensboro, were passengers on the train en route to Selma to spend the week end with their husband and father, Mr. S. M. Parker, general foreman of the Southern's yards here. Neither of them was injured. Mrs. Parker called her husband at the Merchants Hotel here over long distance informing him of the derailment. He left immediately for Raleigh and brought his wife and daughter to Selma.

Sgt. Jay Batten, who is home on a furlough from his headquarters in South America, was also a passenger on the derailed train, but Jay says he escaped without injury.

Letters Of Appreciation From Our Subscribers

The Johnstonian-Sun gets many letters of appreciation from Uncle Sam's boys in the armed forces and others who are getting the Sun. The following are quotations from a few received recently:

From Capt. J. C. Thorne, somewhere in the Pacific: "For the past few weeks I have been receiving a copy of your paper and wish to thank someone for this favor, as I thoroughly enjoy reading it."

From Opl. Edward E. Stancil, somewhere in the Pacific: "I wish I could tell you where I am at now, but as I can't say anything about that, I can only say that I have experienced something that I never did before, and the men I am with are really swell fellows. Just keep the Johnstonian-Sun coming for it means a lot to me."

From Mrs. T. R. Jennette, Richmond, Va.: "I enjoy your paper very much and do not want to miss a single issue. The news column means a lot to me. My former home was in Micro."

The War Food Administration has announced an increase of 1 cent a bushel in the national average of wheat less rates for the 1943 crop. The new rate is \$1.33 per bushel.

Husband Selma Woman Killed In Airplane Crash

Lt. William H. Garlington, 28, was killed Saturday when an Army bomber crashed near Smyrna, Tenn., while on a training flight. The body was brought to Raleigh, his former home, Monday night. Funeral services were held from the First Presbyterian church in that city Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, after which the body was brought to Smithfield and interred in Sunset Memorial Park.

Lieutenant Garlington was the husband of the former Miss Ruby Sasser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sasser, of Selma. They were residing in Murphreesboro, Tenn., when the accident occurred.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. M. O. Sommers, pastor of the Raleigh Presbyterian church. Pallbearers were A. G. Stevens, Dr. D. C. Pressley, W. W. Hinnant, H. D. Upchurch, M. V. Sandford, J. C. Brantley and M. D. McCrary.

Surviving besides his wife, are his mother, Mrs. Manolia Garlington of Richmond, Va., formerly of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. W. G. Chester of Raleigh, and Mrs. Russell Sorrell of Columbus, Ga., and a brother, Corporal Sloan C. Garlington of U. S. Army.

Lt. Bradley B. Sasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sasser of Selma, and a sister of the deceased husband's wife, was the official military escort and assisted at the rites.

Johnston Youths Held On Charge Of Larceny

Four Pleasant Grove Township boys were bound over to Superior Court under \$400 bonds after being given preliminary hearings in Recorder's Court last week on house-breaking and larceny charges.

The defendants are J. L. Adams, 18; Carson Adams, 18; Hayden Adams, 16; and Waylon Adams, 18, all charged with entering the store of C. M. Dupree in Pleasant Grove Township and stealing a quantity of cigarettes and gasoline coupons worth 534 gallons. The youths are said to be wanted in Harnett County on similar charges.

According to evidence presented at the hearing, Dupree had been missing cigarettes and ration stamps, and trapped the young men by secreting himself with two other men in his store Saturday night after closing time and waiting until the thieves, who had obtained a key, entered.

Policeman Red Jones Gets Man In A Hurry

Less than fifteen minutes from the time Policeman "Red" Jones received a message from the superintendent of the prison camp near Goldsboro, informing him that one of the prisoners had escaped, Red had the escapee in the city lockup. About fifteen minutes later the same policeman nabbed a deserter from one of Uncle Sam's Army camps and put him in Selma's bastille. Good work, Red.

Wheat Crop To Be Better Than Average

Raleigh, July 10 — Although the cold weather of April and May cut back the wheat crop "rather extensively" throughout the State, the crop this year should be larger than the 10-year (1932-1941) average, J. J. Morgan, with the State Department of Agriculture, reports.

North Carolina ordinarily produces approximately five and one-half million bushels of wheat. This year's yield will run over six million. Last year's harvest was 8,014,000 bushels. There are around 5,500 combines now used in the wheat harvest in this State each year, and Morgan said that "there is insufficient competent labor to operate these machines."

But Horgan pointed out that the wheat harvest is now in "full swing" throughout the big wheat-producing areas of the State. In many sections, he explained, threshing machines are in use, and in some of the mountain counties the cradle is still employed in cutting the grain.

Indications point to a yield of 14 bushels to the acre for 1943 as compared with the 10-year average of 11.8 bushels.

"It is virtually impossible at this time to get a clear picture of the wheat situation. The late freezes cut back the stalk, but the stands are apparently good. We have received some reports to the effect that the heads of the wheat are not as good as we had anticipated," said Morgan.

Nearly half North Carolina's annual wheat crop comes from the northern and central counties of the piedmont section.

In 1940 Ireddell county led in total wheat production with 372,780 bushels, but in 1941 Union County went into first place with 371,320 bushels to Ireddell's 365,920.

Farmers To Vote On Tobacco Quotas July 24

Washington, July 12. — The War Food Administration announced today that farmers will vote on flue-cured tobacco marketing quotas for the 1944 crop, or for the three-year period 1944-46 in a referendum to be held July 24.

This date is in accordance with recommendations of flue-cured tobacco farmers, warehousemen, businessmen, farm organization leaders and other farm leaders from the flue-cured tobacco areas.

The announcement follows the signing by the President on July 7 of a joint resolution providing for the proclamation of quotas for the 1944-45 marketing year. Marketing quotas now in effect were voted three years ago.

National marketing quotas and state and farm acreage allotments will be the same as for 1943, with similar provisions for adjustment as have prevailed in the past, it was explained.

Tobacco producers will vote by secret ballot and polling places will be designated in local communities by AAA county committeemen. Local farmers will be in charge of community polling places.

Any farmer is eligible to vote who, as an owner, tenant, or share-cropper, is entitled to a share of the proceeds of the 1943 flue-cured tobacco crop. Before quotas become effective they must be approved by a two-thirds majority of all eligible farmers voting.

Navy Is Still Calling For The 17-Year-Olds

Navy Recruiting Officer J. W. Stallings will be in Selma on Tuesday, July 20, and in Smithfield on Wednesday, July 21. All 17-year-olds are urged to see him at the postoffice at one of these places. Navy trade schools are open to 17 year olds. They can learn a skilled trade, such as aviation, radio, or aviation electrician in the Navy. Many women are needed in the Waves. Opportunities in the Waves are many.

Farmers May File For Their Fall Crops

Farmers desiring certification of fall crops should file their applications. These fall crops include cotton, corn, soybeans, peanuts, cowpeas and velvet beans. Application blanks for certification can be secured either from the County Agent's Office or from the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, State College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Lieut. Bradley Sasser returned to his post Wednesday, having been called home on account of the death of his brother-in-law, Lieut. William H. Garlington, who was killed in a plane crash near Smyrna, Tenn. last Saturday.

County Tax Rate To Be Lower This Year

A county tax rate of \$1.25 tentatively adopted for 1943-44 when the board of commissioners met May 26, received final approval last week as the commissioners passed the budget resolution calling for appropriations totaling \$544,046.55 for all funds of the county government.

The new tax rate is 13 cents below the \$1.38 rate for the fiscal year just closed and is 38 cents under the figure adopted ten years ago when a larger indebtedness and inability of depression-struck taxpayers to meet their obligations necessitated a rate of \$1.63.

Breakdown Of Appropriations
The budget resolution appropriated \$199,144.50 for the general fund; \$131,913.13 for county debt service; and \$212,988.92 for schools, most of which will go to meet school debt obligations.

The total appropriation of \$544,046.55 is \$21,590.16 less than the total appropriation for the past year which amounted to \$565,636.71. There is virtually no change in the amount allocated for general fund purposes and for county debt service and the decline in the budget shows up in the school fund.

School Levy Slashed
A substantial drop in school debt service requirements for 1943-44 and the contemplated greater use of school sinking fund resources were important factors in lowering the school levy from 62 to 50 cents.

The levy for county debt service was reduced from 36 to 35 cents, the cut being made feasible by a relatively large cash balance in this fund.

The general fund levy of 40 cents in effect last year was left unchanged.

Valuation Up
Other factors which tended to make the 13-cent reduction in tax rate a safe policy were the \$3,000,000 increase in the valuation of taxable properties in the county and record-breaking tax collections during the year just completed. Tax Collector G. E. Ford's report to the commissioners showed that approximately 87 per cent of the 1942 levy had been collected when the year closed on June 30.

A total of \$348,987.50 of the 1943-44 total appropriation of \$544,046.55, it is estimated, will be met through current tax collections. Revenue from back taxes, according to the estimate, will amount to a total of \$46,395.78 by next June 30. To help meet school obligations, \$25,000 will be taken from the school sinking fund during the new year. The rest of the revenue needed to balance the appropriations will come from such sources as fees, fines, tax penalties, license taxes, intangible tax, rents on foreclosed property, poll tax, dog tax and cash balances.

Jury Allocation Raised
The appropriations finally adopted Tuesday were almost unchanged from the figures in the budget tentatively approved on May 26. There was a \$1,500 increase in the allocation for courts and juries to take care of an increase in the pay of jurors voted by the commissioners. The sheriff was allowed an additional \$100 to take care of extra telephone costs which will result from the fact that the Red Cross home service secretary is quartered in the sheriff's office.

An interesting sidelight on the county budget is the fact that general fund budgeted expenditures during the year just ended fell more than \$20,000 under the appropriations. In view of this saving, a total of \$21,217.73 was taken from the general fund and placed in the sinking fund as re-payment on a loan from the latter fund several years ago.

Tomato Crop This Year Much Larger

Raleigh, July 12 — Indications are that North Carolina truckers and Victory Gardeners will harvest over 180,000 bushels of tomatoes within the next two months as compared with 120,000 bushels last season, the State Crop Reporting Service said recently. The 10-year average is 107,000 bushels.

The acreage this year is up 500 acres over 1942's 1,500 acres and indications point to a yield of 90 bushels to the acre as against 80 to the acre last year.

Selma Chicken Joins The Scrap Brigade

Some time ago Mrs. J. H. Talton of Selma, bought a young chicken for home consumption, and when she dressed the fowl she found the following in the chicken's craw:

A piece of spark plug one and a quarter inches long which measured half an inch in diameter, a light bulb one inch long and half an inch in diameter; also a brass bulb holder half an inch long and three-eighths of an inch in diameter.

Pioneer Veterans To Meet In Smithfield

Social Security Office At Smithfield Suspended

Itinerant stations of the Social Security Board have been reduced from four to one in the five counties served by the Raleigh office. Itinerant stations are central locations where employers, employees, and the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance claimants can meet representatives of the Board on certain days of the week.

Mr. Ingle, manager of the Raleigh office of the Social Security Board, explained that the need for conserving gasoline and the necessity of saving Government funds for war purposes made advisable the discontinuance of these stations. He said that the amount of travel of field representatives has been reduced more than fifty per cent as compared with a year ago.

Mr. Ingle advised that as the itinerant station held in the post office in Smithfield was one of those which has been eliminated, any persons residing in Johnston county who need information or service should visit the Raleigh office. In case they are unable to visit his office they should write to the Raleigh office of the Social Security Board so that a representative could make arrangements to contact them. It is especially important that residents of this area who wish to file benefit claims write or get in touch with the Raleigh office as soon as possible because delay in filing a claim sometimes means a loss in benefits to the claimant.

Plans Being Made For Poultry School

Raleigh, July 12 — L. J. Fourie, senior bacteriologist with the State Department of Agriculture, expects "at least 100 people" to attend the poultry school to be given jointly by the department and the State College Extension Service on August 2-6.

The school will be open to all hatcheries participating in the new Pullorum-eradication program being sponsored by the State Department of Agriculture.

"A permit to do official selecting and testing work will be given after the candidate has proved his or her ability to do proper flock selecting and testing in the field. The candidate must be at least 21 years old to receive the permit. However, any who wishes may attend the school," said Fourie.

Participating in yesterday's discussion of plans for the school were R. S. Dearstyne, T. T. Brown, and C. F. Parrish, of State College, and Fourie.

"We find that the hatcheries are cooperating with us to the limit in this new testing program we are getting under way," declared Fourie.

Revival Closes At Corinth M. E. Church

A revival meeting which has been in progress at Corinth Methodist church, eight miles south of Selma, on Highway 301, for the past week, closed Sunday night. The Rev. George W. Blount, pastor of the Selma Methodist church, assisted the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Greene, in the services. Several united with the church as a result of the meeting. On next Sunday evening the Rev. Mr. Blount will preach at the chapel in the Selma Cotton Mill section. He filled the pulpit there on last Sunday night and was greeted with a splendid congregation.

New Radio Shop Is Opened In Selma

Norman Creech and Clem Gray, well-known Selma young men, have opened a radio repair shop in the building next to the Selma Barber Shop. They are prepared to do all kinds of radio repairing. They have several new and second-hand radios on hand they are offering at reasonable prices. Read their ad elsewhere in this paper.

New Law Firm Is Formed In Smithfield

Announcement has been that a new law firm has been formed in Smithfield and Benson, the partners of which are L. L. Levinson of Benson and James R. Pool of Smithfield. They will maintain offices in Smithfield and Benson.

Veterans of World War I from several Atlantic Seaboard states, members of the 56th Pioneer Infantry who fought in the Argonne and later served with the Army of Occupation in Germany, will gather in Smithfield on the week end of August 7-8 for their 12th reunion.

This will mark the third reunion of the regiment in Smithfield. The ex-soldiers met here in 1939 and again last year when by unanimous vote they accepted an invitation to return here for their 1943 convention. Other reunions have been held in Tyrone, Pa., and Monroe, N. C.

The 56th Pioneer Infantry was composed of 3,600 officers and men, approximately 1,900 of which are registered members of the reunion association. Most of the members live in the Carolinas, Pennsylvania and Maine.

William H. Wilson of Sanford, Maine, is president of the association and Jonas R. Smith of Philadelphia is acting secretary. W. M. Gaskin of Smithfield, who preceded Wilson as president and who presided at last year's reunion, is in charge of local arrangements for this year's meeting.

The 1943 reunion program will include an address by Albert Coates, a native of Smithfield who has received national recognition as creator and director of the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina.

The 56th Pioneer Infantry trained at Camp Wadsworth, S. C., and went overseas during the summer of 1918. Upon its arrival in France, the regiment immediately into the thick of the fighting in the Argonne sector. Following the armistice, the unit was stationed in Germany until the summer of 1919 when it returned to the United States.

Members of the 56th Pioneer Infantry who expect to attend the 1943 reunion may make reservations by writing W. M. Gaskin, Smithfield, N. C.

Avoid All Unnecessary Travel By Train

A portrait of a patriot is painted in words by Ernest E. Norris, President of the Southern Railway System, in his request to the public to forego all unnecessary train travel this summer.

"He wears overalls . . . a business suit . . . sports clothes. He lives in a cottage on Main Street . . . a mansion on top of the hill . . . a farmhouse," Mr. Norris explains. "His eyes are blue . . . gray . . . brown. His age is 30 . . . 40 . . . 70 . . . or somewhere in between."

"He and his family are buying War Bonds . . . cultivating a Victory Garden . . . giving time to Civilian Defense . . . blood to the Red Cross. They're conserving the rubber in their automobile tires . . . stretching their gasoline ration to the limit."

"And this wartime summer neither he nor any member of his family will make a single unnecessary trip by train . . . to the seashore . . . to the mountains . . . or just to travel around this grand country of ours."

"They all know that the railroads have their hands full taking care of vital military traffic, members of the armed forces on furlough, civilians traveling on essential war business, and those who have to travel for some necessary reason."

"So, they figure — correctly and patriotically — that, by not traveling on a train this summer unless it is absolutely necessary, they can make another real contribution to the war effort; help speed Victory and the return of Peace; strike another blow for freedom."

Kiwanians Asked To Make Impromptu Talks

Program Chairman C. E. Kornegay pulled a fast one on some of his Kiwanis colleagues at the regular weekly meeting of the Selma club on last Thursday evening, when he announced that Kiwanians D. M. Clemmons, Raleigh Griffin, M. R. Wall, David S. Ball and the Rev. Howard F. Newman would each make a three-minute talk, in which they were asked to tell about themselves in order that the club members be made better acquainted with each other. Kiwanian Clemmons was the first man called, and gave a very good account of himself. He was followed by Raleigh Griffin, who gave a good sketch of his life. Rev. Mr. Newman was next on the program and gave a fine introduction of himself to the club. By this time the closing hour had arrived, and the other two speakers were told they would be called on later. The attendance prize, given by W. T. Woodard, Sr., went to David S. Ball.