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Walter Godwin Has Automobile Stolen

Arthur Howell and John L. Radford, Two Selma Boys, Under Arrest, Charged with the Crime

Last Saturday night sometime about 10:00 o'clock, Mr. Walter Godwin discovered that his new Pontiac automobile had been stolen. He had parked his car on the street near the Branch Banking & Trust Company. As soon as the theft was discovered, the police department was notified and Chief Howell began working on the matter for a clue as to the guilty party or parties, and within a few hours he had his clue. The car was found a few miles from Selma on the Archer Lodge Road in a badly wrecked condition. Arthur Howell and John L. Radford, two Selma boys, were under suspicion and Chief Howell telephoned to Deputy Sheriff E. A. Johnson at Smithfield and informed him of the theft, whereupon Deputy Johnson brought with him Deputy L. D. Parker and these two Smithfield Deputies accompanied Chief Howell and Policeman J. L. Gurley on a search for these two boys. Arthur Howell is a son of Mrs. Caroline Howell who lives in the Selma Mill section, and going to her home they found Arthur in bed. They arrested him and then went to the home of Matthew Radford, father of John L. Radford, and found John also in bed. The clothes which both of these young men had worn were wet and muddy which strengthened the suspicion of the officers. This was about 3:30 Sunday morning. Both of the boys were lodged in jail.

The preliminary hearing was held before Mayor Hare on last Monday afternoon and Radford plead guilty for Howell, waived examination, not guilty, and W. P. Aycock, attorney and the two defendants were bound over to court under a \$300 bond each.

It developed that the reason the boys' clothes were wet, they thought perhaps blood hounds might be put on their trails and they waded Neuse river for some distance to avoid being run down by the dogs. Radford has just completed a sentence on the chain gang in Cleveland County for stealing.

Another case coming before Mayor Hare Monday afternoon was that of Wm. Scott, charged with reckless driving on the streets of Selma. He was fined \$5.00 and the cost.

GETS CALL TO GO TO ST. LOUIS CHURCH

Evangelist John W. Ham, who is now conducting a series of Revival services at the Selma Baptist Church, showed us a letter he had recently received from the Executive Committee of the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis in which they solicited his services during the month of August this year.

This church is said to have the largest membership and gives more money to various religious causes than any other church between these two points.

Mr. Ham came to Selma from the First Baptist Church of New York City where he spent about a month in the evangelistic work. He has a definite program already mapped out for many weeks ahead. From here he will go to York, Ala., where he begins a two-weeks meeting on Monday, July 14th, and if he can make some adjustments in other pending dates, he will probably go to St. Louis from York, Ala.

LIGHTNING STRIKES MULES

Two fine mules belonging to Mr. Charley Adams were struck by lightning during the storm Tuesday afternoon and instantly killed. At the time they were struck the mules were in the barn, where they sought shelter from the storm. No one was near at the time and no other damage was done by the bolt. The mules were exceptionally fine animals and the loss to their owner is considerable.—Clayton News.

NOTICE!

If there is anything that the taxpayers do not understand regarding their taxes, paving assessments etc., we would be glad you would call at the mayor's office Monday night and get what information the town has that we may all understand just what it is our duty to do. We will meet indefinitely every Monday night until such things are adjusted.

W. W. HARE, Mayor.

Some Important Changes in The Town Officialdom

T. M. Benoy Resigns as City Clerk—Succeeded by M. R. Wall—C. A. Jacobs Succeeds N. G. Blackman As Member of Board.

Beginning with the first of July the town of Selma is experiencing some important changes in the official family of the town.

Some time ago, Mr. T. M. Benoy, who has served the town as town clerk for the past four years, and Mrs. W. L. Etheredge, his assistant for the same period of time, both gave notice of their resignation to become effective July 1, 1930.

Mr. Benoy and Mrs. Etheredge have both been very efficient and courteous employees of the town and their resignation is to be regretted by many of the town's leading citizens whom they have served over this long period of time.

Mr. M. R. Wall has accepted the appointment as town clerk to succeed Mr. Benoy. Mr. Wall is eminently qualified to fill the office in the same efficient manner as his predecessor Mr. Benoy, he having been book-keeper for the Eastern Manufacturing Co., of Selma, for some time prior to coming to the town Clerk's office.

Mr. N. G. Blackman has tendered his resignation as a member of the town Board of Aldermen and has been succeeded by Mr. C. A. Jacobs.

Owing to a cut in the salary of the office, Mr. Wall has not made arrangements for an assistant as yet and it is his purpose to work in harmony with the town's economy program and try to run the office on the reduced salary without clerical assistance.

BLIND 30 YEARS, SIGHT SUDDENLY RETURNS

A news story coming out of Chicago tells of a man whose sight suddenly returned last week after thirty years of blindness. About 30 years ago he was married and soon thereafter lost his vision. His wife continued true to him while he spent thousands of dollars trying to bring back his lost sight. One day last week while she was sitting and reading to him he began to raise his eyes and move his head about and called to his wife to tell her that he believed he could see just a little bit. She immediately arose and as he began to point to objects on the wall she faintly with astonishment and joy. It is said that he did not recognize his wife who had watched over him through all these years of darkness, and that when he looked in the mirror he did not recognize his own face. Imagine a man whose vision went away 30 years ago being made to see again! The last time he saw woman she was wearing bustles and wasp waists; men were wearing mustaches and side whiskers and other long beard; the horse-drawn vehicle was the popular mode of travel—the automobile was unknown; and there were many other things in the way of old-time dirt roads, etc. Except from the fact that he had heard of these many modern inventions and improvements, it is almost like one coming back from the grave.

JULIUS AND TALMAGE CORBETT PURCHASE HODGES SERVICE STA.

Messrs. Julius and Talmage Corbett, popular young men of Selma, have purchased the Hodges Service Station located at the forks of Route 22 and 23, one mile north of this city, and took charge of same Monday morning. For the past year Mr. Julius Corbett has been shipping clerk for the Eastern Manufacturing Company, while his brother, Talmage, held a position with the E. V. Woodard Drug store, both resigning their positions last week to take charge of the service station. The Corbett boys are well known in Johnston County and their many friends wish them success in their new venture. Read their advertisement in this issue of the Johnstonian-Sun.

AT THE FAIRVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preaching next Sunday Evening at the usual hour 8:00 P. M. Everybody is welcome.

John E. Fowler Dies After Long Illness

Was Former Congressman and One Of the Leading Lawyers of Sampson County.

Clinton, July 4.—John E. Fowler, 64, former congressman from this district, one of the leading lawyers of Sampson county during his active days, and generally recognized as a political power in his home county, died at his home here this morning.

The deceased had been suffering for some time with heart trouble and the infirmities of age. He retired from active business life three or four years ago, completely surrendering his extensive law practice in order that he might carry out the instructions of his physician.

Mr. Fowler was elected congressman from this district in 1896, on a populist ticket. Prior to that time, in 1895, he represented Sampson county in the general assembly. Politically he has never, since the populist days, been what might be considered orthodox. His sympathies were always with the masses, the "one gallus" fellows.

At the fall of the populist party he allied in Sampson county, and his ability as a politician and leader of the masses has contributed much toward keeping what was once North Carolina's strongest Democratic county in the Republican column.

He was a picturesque character, possessed of a brilliant mind, and independent in thought and action.

As a barrister, he enjoyed a large clientele, and in the prime of his life there were few lawyers in this part of the state who could hold their own against him before a jury. He enjoyed a fight, and just a few months ago, although physically unable to assume active leadership, he was the main instigator of the movement in Sampson county for reforms in taxation, a movement which was later allied with the efforts of the North Carolina tax relief association.

In 1928, although his sympathies had been largely with the Republican party, he demonstrated his independence by turning to Alfred E. Smith, the Democratic nominee, because, he said, "Al Smith was the only one in the race whose sympathy is with the people."

Mr. Fowler was never married. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. R. E. Herring, of Clinton, and Mrs. R. E. West, of Salemburg, one half-brother, M. B. Fowler, of Clinton, and several nieces and nephews, also one sister-in-law, Mrs. George Fowler and his step-mother, Mrs. Minnie Fowler, both of Clinton. Funeral services will be held here Sunday afternoon. Complete arrangements have not been announced.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE-MEN GETTING BUSY

Smithfield, July 8.—Mr. J. D. Perkins, of Roxboro, who is one of the proprietors of the New Peoples Tobacco warehouse here, arrived in the city this morning and for several days he will ride over the county looking at the crops and assisting Messrs. N. L. Perkins and L. G. Patterson the other members of the firm in covering Johnston and adjoining counties with their advertising campaign. Johnston County is considered fortunate in having this experienced and popular warehouseman cast his lot with us.

Mr. Perkins has operated a warehouse in Roxboro for about thirty years, and for a number of years has also operated one in Lumberton. He is not only a warehouseman, but is also a large and successful tobacco farmer.

He has lately sold his warehouse business in Roxboro, but will continue to operate his warehouse in Lumberton; and after the opening of the Smithfield market will divide his time between Smithfield and Lumberton until the close of the Lumberton market, after which time he will give his undivided attention to the New Peoples warehouse in Smithfield.

With three big warehouses here going in full blast, it seems that there should be no good reason for Johnston County people selling any tobacco outside of their home county.

Mrs. P. H. Sellers has returned from a trip to several western states. She joined Mr. and Mrs. Henry Medlin and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Turner of Raleigh and the party made the trip by auto through Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and to Springfield, Ill.

Evangelist Ham Has A Few More Great Messages For Us

Don't Fail to Hear His Message to "Men Only" at 3:00 O'clock Sunday Afternoon

Seldom have the people of Selma and community been privileged to hear such strong gospel messages as those being delivered at the Selma Baptist Church by Evangelist John W. Ham. The meeting began on Sunday, June 29th, and with each service this visiting preacher brings an able message, each one of which is full of Gospel truths and rich in Spiritual thought.

Some of the subjects yet to be used are as follows:

Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock: "Set Thine House in Order." Friday Night: "Short Beds and Narrow Quilts." Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock: "Jesus, the Wonderful." Sunday night: "Eight Blockades on the Road to Hell."

For "Men Only"

Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, the Evangelist has a message for "Men Only," the age limit to include all those males between 12 and 112 years. He will show from the standpoint of prophecy that Satan is a Mathematician and works his program with fidelity and accuracy, and he will also show that there is coming a revival of the Roman Empire. He will deal with Mussolini as the outstanding character of Europe today, who claims that he is a man of destiny, and that he will bring about the formation of the United States of Southern Europe. He will show where the next war will be staged. He believes that the nations are now preparing for that war.

His subject for this hour will be "The Devil's Arithmetic."

It is very important that the MEN attend this service.

The services have been well attended at the evening hour from the beginning of the meeting, and the morning services have increased in attendance and interest with each service, so much so that on Tuesday morning of this week each business house in Selma voluntarily agreed to close for one hour from 9:30 to 10:30 in order to give the people an opportunity to hear the morning messages. This shows a splendid spirit on the part of the business men of the town, and we feel that no better donation to the Lord's cause could be made by our people at this time than to stop the wheels of industry for one busy hour in order to help somebody in a spiritual way.

With so many people complaining about the shortage of money and depressed business conditions, there could be no time more fitting in which to look to the Lord for the proper restoration of those good old days which always accompany a "God fearing and God serving people."

DR. C. P. HARPER GOES ON A VACATION

Dr. C. P. Harper, manager of the Selma Drug Company, is spending ten days in New York City and other points in the north on his annual vacation. In New York he will spend a few days with Dr. Mayerberg and family, residents of Selma. Dr. Mayerberg is taking special work in one of the leading hospitals in that city and his family is spending the summer with him. From New York Dr. Harper will go to Pennsylvania to spend a few days with friends. Cards from him to friends here state that he is having a great time in the north.

ONE PROBABLE REASON FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

George Hobson of Dunn Route 2, announced to a group of friends Sunday that he was going to begin work on the railroad Monday morning. He said that he had never had any trouble finding work, adding, "of course it's hard work, but that's the kind I've always been used to." In the last statement lies the crux of much of the so-called "unemployment situation." Many of the unemployed are not willing to take any kind of work they can get. They are looking for kid glove jobs. These are scarce as the supply has always exceeded the demand. There is no doubt that if there were more men with the spirit exhibited by Mr. Hobson there would be fewer unemployed.—Dunn Dispatch.

Roscoe Butler Dies Of Appendicitis Attack

Prominent Young Attorney, of Clinton Was Buried Monday

Roscoe Butler, a prominent Clinton lawyer, died at Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville Friday morning at 1 o'clock. He had an acute attack of appendicitis and was rushed to the hospital on Tuesday. The appendix was ruptured and his case was soon pronounced hopeless. He was 35 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler, of Honeycutt's township, Sampson county. He was educated at Dell High School, Buie's Creek and Wake Forest College. After taking his A. B. degree at Wake Forest, he returned and took the course law. For ten years he has practiced his profession in Sampson and surrounding counties. In politics, he was Republican and took an active interest in the affairs of his party. Four years ago, he was the nominee of his party for Congress from this district. He was also an active Mason, a member of the local lodge. He was one of the leading members of Clinton Baptist church, taking an active interest in all of its work. He was a World War veteran, having entered the service when this country first entered the World War. He was for a year after the war was over. He was one of the leading lawyers of this county and was county attorney at the time of his death. He was unmarried. Surviving are his father and mother, three brothers, Luther Arthur and Aman, and two sisters, Mrs. Duffy Honeycutt and Miss Lavenia Butler.

The funeral will be conducted from Corinth Baptist church Sunday by his pastor, Rev. T. H. King and the interment will be in the home cemetery.—Dunn Dispatch.

Severe Hail Storm Hits Wayne County

Crops Are Ruined, Barns Blown Down, Ice Stones Collect In Ditches

Goldboro, July 9.—A terrific hail and wind storm passed in a narrow strip through Wayne county about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from towards the Seven Springs section with the worst part of it at County Welfare Officer R. H. Edward's farm, four miles southeast of Goldboro and spending itself by the time it reached the city.

Tobacco and cotton were stripped and ruined, barns were blown down on farms of Messrs. Edwards and Hobbs. At Mrs. Carrie Harrell's farm, hundreds of watermelons were chopped into bits. Hailstones as large as the end of a man's thumb were piled up in ditches and corners for several hours afterwards. Home window panes were broken out, tremendous shade trees badly broken, cherry and apple trees broken off near the ground, dozens of chickens killed under a collapsed barn, a large scuppernon grape vine laid on the ground, tomatoes chopped into chow and the cabbage shredded into slaw in the fields. The butter bean vines had no beans or leaves left on them. Almost the entire crop of peaches and apples is lying on the ground; what fruit is left on the trees is so badly bruised that it is considered ruined.

"And," said the welfare officer, "I was sitting in my office in Goldboro congratulating myself that it had rained and turned a little cooler."

S. B. Newell, farmer, living one mile beyond Mr. Edwards, reported hail up to the top of his high quarter shoes in his front yard. A number of people from Goldboro visited the stricken area brought back buckets of hailstones to the city.

A. K. Robinson, Wayne farm agent, estimated that the storm covered a strip about two miles wide and four miles long and only in the Daniel's Chapel community. In the Grantham community a good rain was reported which was accompanied by a little hail but no damage was done. At Seven Springs and the Bragden school community a good rain was reported and no hail.

Dr. Edwin Booker spent Sunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. E. N. Booker, in Cleveland township. Mr. Billie Blackman has accepted a position in the E. V. Woodard drug store.

Prof. Bueck Accepts The Principalship Of Cullowhee School

Has Been Teacher of History in Selma High School for Seven Years—Also Coached Competitive Athletics.

Prof. Hieronymous Bueck, teacher of History in the Selma High School, was recently honored with an appointment to Principalship of Cullowhee Graded School, Cullowhee, N. C. This school is used as a practice school for students of western Carolina Teacher's College at Cullowhee. Mr. Bueck has been here seven years, and aside from his class-room work has coached competitive athletics for several years, stressing clean sportsmanship. Last year, he introduced an Extra-Curricula program approved by H. F. Miller, President of the North Carolina Athletic Association. This program provided one hour each day for intra-mural athletics, club work, music and chapel programs, 1-4 credit being allowed for this work.

The resignation of Mr. Bueck means a double loss to the Selma school and community, as Mrs. Bueck automatically resigns. She came here eight years ago as head of the Domestic Science Department and under her capable supervision, one of the best equipped lunch rooms in this section is in operation during the entire school year. She has qualities of leadership possessed by few, a rare combination of charming personality and brilliant intellect is found in Mrs. Bueck whose high ideals and 8 years of service are woven in the annuals of Selma High School and the community at large. Her work in Dramatics in the school and town has met with the warm approval and distinctive praise which was so richly merited. In civic, social and educational circles this couple will be sorely missed and while scores of friends and interested patrons are reluctant to give them up, they rejoice with them in this splendid promotion.

They will move to Cullowhee about August first.

Duncan Does Not See Democratic Harmony

Republican Chairman Says There Was "No Real Harmony" At the Raleigh Convention.

Continued reports to the effect that the Democratic state convention in Raleigh last Thursday was quite harmonious brought yesterday from Senator James S. Duncan, chairman of the Republican state executive committee, a statement in which he declared that "there was no real harmony in that gathering." Continuing, Chairman Duncan said:

"It was a Smith-Raskob-Bailey convention, and of course was harmonious in the sense that practically all those who differed with them had been slaughtered in the primary. The convention afforded impressive evidence that those who placed principle above party are no longer to have a voice in the affairs of the Democratic party."

"The Democratic platform must be a disappointment to those who were expecting to find it a document of forward looking character and who had hoped that it would be in line with the views of the people. The platform viewed with pride the record of the Democratic party in the state, but failed to mention national affairs except to abuse the national Republican administration. They were strangely silent as to Al Smith, Democratic presidential candidate, whom they sent through North Carolina in 1928, but whom they were unwilling to risk in speech-making. The inability of the rank and file of Democrats in North Carolina to harmonize their views with those of the Smith-Raskob element is increasingly apparent."

"On the other hand, the Republican state platform is a great constructive document and what we say in the platform is so unequivocal that our candidates do not have to get out of their own."

"The Republicans in North Carolina were never in finer spirit than now, and I am confident that we will win great victories all along the line next November."—Greensboro Daily News, July 8th.

Mr. Irvin Johnson, of Rocky Mount, has returned home after spending a few days in the city with relatives.