

Colored School Building Totally Destroyed by Fire

School Has An Enrollment of More Than Five Hundred Pupils—Is One of the Two State Accredited Negro Schools in the County—\$9,000 Insurance Carried—Loss Is Around \$20,000—School to Resume Work in Few Days.

Fire of an undetermined origin broke out in the Selma colored school building last Sunday morning shortly after midnight. During the day Saturday some of the Federal Aid workers had cleaned the building and had kept the room heated during the day. It is not known whether the blaze started from fire left in the building or some one decided to spend the night there in order to keep warm. There does seem to be some indication, however, that the fire was of an incendiary origin.

The building was a large wooden structure, which together with the fixtures, is estimated to have been worth about \$20,000, with \$8,000 insurance on the building and \$1,000 on the furnishing.

Both the Selma and Smithfield Fire Departments were called into service and kept water flowing through the burning building for a considerable time, but the flames had gotten such headway before the fire fighters arrived that it seemed almost impossible to check them until the structure was burned to the ground. In this building were twelve large class rooms and a spacious auditorium, being the largest wooden school building in use in Johnston county at the time of its destruction, and had been in use about 20 years. Only a part of the library, some science equipment and a few desks were saved.

According to H. B. Marrow, county superintendent of schools, Johnston county has paid out \$72,800 in insurance premiums on school buildings during the past ten years, but prior to this fire, the fire loss on school buildings in that time amounted to only \$5,250.

The Selma negro school, which is one of the two state accredited negro high schools in the county, has an enrollment of 505 pupils. W. J. McLean is the principal.

Sunday afternoon, members of the county board of education, the Selma board, and prominent negro citizens of Selma held a meeting to arrange for continuing the school. The four negro churches of Selma generously offered their buildings free of any rent and the offer was accepted. The school authorities are now making the necessary preparations and the school will reopen the latter part of the week.

Self-Government Asked By Indians

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 3.—The Indians of the six nations in New York today announced they were asking President-Elect Roosevelt to give the Redmen self-government. They petitioned Mr. Roosevelt to name Joseph W. Latimer, Brooklyn attorney, as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Cumberland county tobacco growers will try out the new plan of covering their plant beds with grain straw this season. Several demonstration beds have been arranged.

Seen Along The MAIN DRAG

(BY H. H. L.)

CAPT. WADDELL will be greatly missed from the Maindrag. He always had a smile and kind word for every one he chanced to meet.

HUNTER PRICE taking rolls to TOM COLONIS. LINWOOD RICHARDSON talking Kiwanis. He has his whole soul in it and is making the Club a fine president. IRA MEDLIN motoring by. CHARLES SCALES going to postoffice for his Charlotte Observer. Things picking up on the Maindrag. Two new stores, one a clothing and the other a grocery. The managers are clever gentlemen and they are receiving a cordial welcome to our town. BOYD COOKE taking home a radio set. Says he wants to keep up with the doings of the Legislature.

NEWS OF STATE TOLD IN BRIEF

Lonnie Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smith, of Hertford R. D. 2, and a fifth grade pupil in the city school, was instantly killed by his automobile that struck him as he stepped from the rear of a school bus.

William T. Shore, Charlotte attorney, filed his answer in Forsyth county Superior court to the suit brought against him recently by his aunt, Mrs. Laura Webb Bohannon, who asked judgment of \$142,000.

A silk throwing plant for the purpose of producing silk to be used in the manufacture of ladies' full fashioned hose will be started in High Point soon.

The two-year-old daughter of Taylor King, who lives nine miles from Mt. Airy on the Fancy Gap highway, was killed instantly by a hit and run driver.

Ex-Sheriff McMillan, of Alleghany county, died recently at his home in Sparta after a brief illness. He served six years as register of deeds, four years on the school board and two terms as sheriff. He was 50 years old.

Miss Louis Clifton, 18-year-old Greenville girl, died in a Wilson hospital Friday night from injuries sustained when she was struck by a truck. She was employed as a bookkeeper. Truck driver was arrested and placed under \$2,000 bond.

The Page Trust company of Aberdeen was helped up by three men Friday afternoon who escaped with \$400. Frances Pleasant, assistant cashier, was alone at the time.

One man is dead and three persons are held in the Columbus county jail in connection with the alleged slaying of Lehman Waddell young farmer, Sunday. Calvin Hayes 35-year-old farmer, and Lizzie and Mattie Calder are held.

Three persons were injured, one of them seriously, and two automobiles were wrecked in an accident near Oxford late Friday. Miss Cella Robinowitz, of New York, sustained a badly lacerated tongue and bruises and cuts about the body. Her brother, Sam, driver of the car, was severely shaken up.

Horace Blue, negro, was shot to death in Raleigh Monday in dispute of a pair of gloves. Walter G. Moore, another negro, who did the killing, is being held without bond pending a hearing of the case.

Mrs. Mattie Fulghum, of Fremont, died a few days ago. She is survived by her husband, John Fulghum, and one son, Eurill Fulghum, and one brother, Richard Edmundson. She was highly esteemed in her community.

William Cameron, prominent Wayne county farmer, died Sunday at his home near Adamsville, two miles east of Goldsboro, after a year's illness of cancer. He was a member of the Methodist church. Interment took place Monday at Seven Springs.

The Board of Agriculture in Catawba county is cooperating with the farm demonstration agent by designating the kinds of extension work which will be more useful to farmers of the county.

E. M. Currin of Harnett county produced 1200 bushels of wheat last season to supply his tenants with flour and also has enough home cured meat and home-collared sorghum to carry them through the year.

Farmers of Lincoln county are planting an increased acreage to spring oats due to unfavorable conditions for sowing small grain last fall.

Eighty-five percent of the \$8,662.50 loaned to 226 farmers in Alexander county from the government seed loan fund has been repaid.

Carey To Be Lincoln Day Dinner Speaker

North Carolina Republicans Will Hear Wyoming Senator At Greensboro Saturday, February 11.

North Carolina Republicans will this year stage their Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday night February 11, the eve of the natal day of the martyred President which this year comes on Sunday, February 12. The dinner will be held at a hall in the King Cotton hotel, Greensboro, and Attorney Worth D. Henderson, of Greensboro, is again chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Chairman James S. Duncan, and Secretary W. H. Foster, of the State Republican Executive Committee made a trip to Washington a few days ago and secured Senator Robert D. Carey, of Wyoming, to deliver the principal address at the dinner.

Senator Carey was the first native son of Wyoming to receive as Governor of his state, 1919-1923 and entered the Senate in December, 1930, having been elected for a six-year term. He is said to be a polished speaker and his coming is looked forward to by host of Republicans who will be in attendance at the dinner.

In addition to Chairman Henderson other members of the committee on arrangements are W. H. Foster, Greensboro; A. L. Butler, Linton; L. L. Wall, Winston-Salem; Larry R. Stanley, Greensboro; Chas. Paper Jonas, Lenoir; Mrs. Eugene Hester, Reidsville; Mrs. H. S. Williams, Concord, and Mrs. Thomas B. Rollins, Asheville. Reservations of those planning to be in attendance at the dinner will be made with Mr. Henderson.

At The Carolina

"Ten Nights In A Barroom," a picture that has been shown to thousands throughout the country, will be shown Friday night at the Carolina. Saturday, Bill Cody in "Law of the North," will be shown. Patronize your home theatre, which is always comfortable and the sound of the best.



CAPT. C. B. WADDELL

Capt. Chas. B. Waddell Dies At Home In Selma

Proceedings County Recorder's Court

Wednesday, February 1.

State vs Wm. Stencil, colored farmer, aged 34. Violation prohibition law. Guilty possession and transportation complete whisky still. Defendant sentenced to 90 days on roads. Court orders confiscation of two mules and one wagon and harness being used in transportation of said still outfit and mules, wagon and harness to be sold, to proceeds to go to county for benefit of school fund as provided by law. From judgment confiscation of mules, wagon and harness, defendant appeals. Bond fixed at \$600.00 for property.

State vs Rassie Blackman, white farmer, aged 33. Plea of guilty possession whisky for purpose of sale. Defendant given 90 days on roads.

State vs Grover Hinton, white laborer, aged 49. Violation prohibition law. Plea of guilty possession complete whisky still and possession whisky. Defendant given 4 months on roads.

State vs Howard Hinnant, white laborer, aged 20. Assault and distributing and interfering with religious worship. Guilty. Twelve months road sentence to be suspended upon payment of cost and on condition that defendant does not drink, possess, transport whisky, or in any way violate the prohibition law during next two years.

State vs Worth Tart, white laborer, aged 19; Bernice, white laborer, aged 21; Jack Martin, white laborer, aged 23; Dred Floors, white laborer, aged 27; Willie Turner, white laborer, aged 24. Assault. All defendants guilty. Continue prayer for judgment as to each defendant upon payment of 1-5 cent each.

State vs S. R. Parker, white farmer, aged 51. Assault deadly weapon on wife. Guilty. Defendant given 12 months on roads.

State vs J. H. Boyette, white farmer, aged 25. Disposition of crops before payink rents. Nol pros with leave. Prosecuting witness to pay cost county would be liable for.

State vs Wilton Parrish, white laborer, aged 33. Violation prohibition law. Guilty possession, whisky for purpose of sale. Defendant given 4 months on roads. Appeal Bond \$200.

State vs W. C. Sasser, white merchant and farmer, aged 46. Defendant charged with larceny of potatoes value less than \$20.00 After hearing evidence court renders verdict of trespass. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost. Notice of appeal.

State vs George McCullers, colored laborer, aged 20. Larceny of chickens, value less than \$20.00 Guilty. Defendant given 12 months on roads. Notice of appeal.

State vs Wilton Parrish, white farmer, aged 33. Assault deadly weapon. Guilty. Defendant given 6 months on roads, sentence to begin at expiration of 4 month sentence in above case. Notice of appeal. \$300. Bond.

Tuesday, February 7.

State vs R. B. Sasser, white merchant, aged 33. Violation highway laws. Guilty of operating truck and trailer without proper brakes. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs Willie Jones, colored laborer. Carrying concealed weapon. Plea of guilty.

State vs Luby Mitchell and Waverly V. Pierce. Violating hunting laws. Removed to Justice's Court.

State vs Lucy Hinnant and Robert Hinnant, white. Violation prohibition law and maintaining and operating house for purpose of prostitution and assignation. Both guilty possession whisky for purpose of sale and maintaining and operating house for purpose of prostitution and assignation. Open.

State vs J. F. Snead and Tommie Creech. Assault with car and violation of highway laws. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs Herman Davis, white laborer, aged 28. Temporary larceny of Ford car. Guilty. Sixty day road sentence to be suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs Garland Horton, white laborer. Violation prohibition law. Guilty possession whisky for purpose of sale. Defendant given 4 months on roads. Appeal. \$200.00 bond.

One of Selma's Oldest and Best Beloved Citizens Succumbs to An Attack of Pneumonia—Funeral Conducted Wednesday Morning by Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald.

The people of Selma and community received a distinct shock Tuesday when the news reached them of the death of Capt. C. B. Waddell at his home here about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, following ten days serious illness with pneumonia.

The deceased was one of Selma's oldest and best beloved citizens, having spent almost his entire life here. He was born in Warrenton, N. C., and was 74 years of age. He was twice married, the first time to Miss Annie Lee Ellis from near Smithfield. Five children were born to this union as follows: Mrs. E. S. Ford, of Louisville; J. B. Waddell, of Durham; Maurice Waddell, of Wilmington and Ellis Waddell, of Raleigh. The second marriage was to Miss Ida Raines, of Selma, who passed away two years ago. One daughter, Mrs. B. J. Horner, of Indianapolis, Ind., was born to this union, who also survives. Besides the six children, one sister, Mrs. J. A. Spiers, of Richmond, Va., is left to witness the sad departure of their beloved father and brother.

Capt. Waddell was sedate in his manners and carried his form upright like a soldier in his teens. He was polite in his ways and was scrupulously cautious with his words, which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. In a conversation with him a few weeks ago he told us that he held no ill will against any one and that if he had an enemy in this world he was not aware of it.

The funeral was conducted from the home here Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, by Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald of Louisville, a former pastor of the Edgerton Memorial church, of which the deceased was a member. The Scripture reading was by Rev. L. T. Singleton, pastor of the local Methodist church, and prayer was offered by Rev. D. F. Waddell, pastor of the local Presbyterian church. Mr. Fitzgerald said that in his few remarks he wanted to merely emphasize the loss of a friend. He said that it had been his pleasure to know Capt. Waddell for a number of years and that in his passing he felt that he and the people of Selma had lost a real friend. Reviewing several incidents of the past he made it plain that he felt keenly the loss which has come to him and to the people of this town and community in the death of this beloved citizen.

Following the funeral service the remains were laid to rest in the family plot in the city cemetery here, the pallbearers being his four sons and his two grandsons. The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful, bespeaking in a small way of the love and great esteem in which the deceased was held by his friends and loved ones.

The following poem appeared in The Johnstorian-Sun last spring:

MY CAPTAIN

He's straight as any poplar tree,
And frolics all the day;
He's come to mean the world to me
In every little way.

He rises with the early dawn,
About the break of day;
He labors on his rustic lawn,
To drive his cares away.

But every now and then he slips
Cavorting down the street;
And kisses all the lovely lips
He chances there to meet.

He's always gay and spry and pithy,
And hates the smallest lie—
Like him who foiled in Village Smithy,
He looks you in the eye.

Someday he'll go to be at home
In Heaven's stately charms—
The golden paved streets he'll roam,
With angels in his arms.

—C. G. J.

FLU EPIDEMIC KEEPS KING AT SANDRINGHAM

Sandringham, Eng., Feb. 3.—King George has postponed his return to London on the advice of his physicians not to risk contracting influenza, an epidemic of which is prevalent. It was said the King is in excellent health.

Selma Boy Welterweight Champ of the Carolinas

"Snake Driver, Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Driver, Brings Home the Bacon—Charlotte Observer Praises Young Boxer—Al Massey Great Help to the Snake In The Golden Gloves Tournament Held in Charlotte.

(By BILL SPIVEY)

Snake Driver, the local Leatherpusher, came home from Charlotte the other day with the proverbial bacon in the form of a beautiful trophy and watch-charm, proclaiming him as the new Welterweight Champion of the two Carolinas. Just another of the local boys who went out on his own and made good. So good in fact that they wanted him to stay up there in Mecklenburg county to make money for them. Snake gave the fight fans plenty for their money in the five fights in which he appeared during his short sojourn in the metropolis of the Old North State. He had to be good to win some of these fights. Some of the boys who swapped punches with our boy were plenty good—while they could last, which wasn't even long enough for Snake to get warmed up.

The Charlotte Observer of Jan. 29 says,

"Allison (Snake) Driver, the sensational Selma welterweight, won the championship in his division by outpointing Jack Jackson of Kannapolis in a close bout in which many in the crowd disagreed with the verdict of the judge. If Driver showed any superiority it was with that sweeping left hook, and the fact that his blows were the most effective. At the end Jackson was a pretty exhausted fighter while Driver seemed to be in fairly sound condition.

Own Style.

Jackson elected to use Driver's own style in battling the Selma lad. He crouched low and swung low, after Driver's own method of attack and in the first round he gave Driver the surprise of his life when he gained points by this strategy. Later he straightened up and used a "cock-and-shoot" attack, keeping his right hand cocked most of the time and throwing it, chiefly at Driver's head.

Kiwanis Club Puts On Interesting Debate

The members of the Kiwanis club enjoyed a very interesting debate at their regular weekly meeting on Thursday night. The query was, "Resolved, That \$2,000,000 Be Taken From the Highway Fund and Placed to the School Fund." The affirmative was represented by C. A. Jacobs and C. W. Scales and the negative by C. P. Harper and M. R. Wall. After the debate ended a secret ballot was taken, the negative winning by only one majority. Rev. L. T. Singleton was in charge of the meeting. Kiwanian Harper informed the club that Mr. Clarence Poe, who had been invited to speak at the Farmers meeting to be held on Thursday night would be unable to attend on account of a previous engagement, but another speaker would be secured for this occasion. It is planned to invite some thirty or more farmers from all section of Johnston county.

HALF AND HALF

Clayton, Feb. 8.—Clayton and Benson high school basketball teams divided a doubleheader at Benson. Miss Ellen made nine points to lead the Clayton girls to a 14-13 victory. Woodall made 15 points to show the way in the Benson boy's 36-13 victory.

Several times he landed with so much force that he jarred Driver, but many of the times the Selma boy seemed to ride the blows with a duck.

Jackson's bet weapon throughout was his right, while Driver depended on that poison left. Jackson kept out of the way of it most of the time until the third round when he seemed to have tired and lost some of his fire. It was obvious that he had shot most of the works in his first flurries during which he had the best of the milling.

It was a close, fiery and sensational scrap, another tough one for the boy who has caught it tough throughout the tournament. Fed to the lions, he had tough going from his first round match to the finals but he always managed to get through. Jim Huntley, Charlie Stokes and Al Mann all gave him gristling fights and in at least two of the instances the decisions were disputed although he seemed to gain enough points with his sweeping attack to carry him ahead.

The decision last night was by no means popular as Jackson's friends thought he showed enough stuff in the first two bouts to get the decision. Driver weighed 143, Jackson 144.

Snake very modestly declines to accept all the glory that is rightfully his. He has had so much to say about Al Massey since his return to the fair city that we feel that we really should say a word or two in regard to Al Massey who was a big help to Snake throughout his stay in Charlotte. In fact, Al was the one who was responsible for Snake entering the Tournament. He coached Snake in all his fights and took good care of the youngster. I know that Snake appreciated this and in behalf of this paper and all the people of Selma, I wish to thank Al Massey and to wish him the greatest of luck.

Planting of lespedeza in Rutherford county increased from 140 acres in 1929 to 1,400 acres in 1932, according to facts gathered by the county farm agent.