

## Baby Is Left On W. L. Stanfield's Porch

Child Is Found On Porch of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stanfield of Selma Early Sunday Morning—Suspicious Couple With Large Car Register At Local Hotel During Early Morning Hours.

About the most frequent question as friends greeted each other in the town of Selma last Sunday morning was, "Have you heard about the baby?" This was naturally a curiosity greeting to those who had not heard the latest big piece of news of its kind that has been pulled off here in many a day. The uninformed friend then naturally was led to inquire, "What baby?" With this introduction, the informant had the way cleared for breaking the startling news, which detained Sunday school and church goes as they listened to the tale of the "mystery child". In one Sunday school in town the superintendent was led to remind his pupils that it was time for Sunday school and that they could talk about the baby later.

The story goes something like this: When Mr. W. L. Stanfield of Selma, opened the front door to his home on last Sunday morning he was greeted by a bright blue-eyed baby boy lying in a basket on his front porch kicking and smiling as he approached to take a look at its contents. It is needless to imagine that this was a startling find and one which would be calculated to unnerve most any of us upon first sight. The baby, which is judged to be some five or six months old, is an exceedingly likeable and good-natured chap, with blue eyes and blonde complexion and seems reluctant to cry about the new surroundings in which he finds himself. He was well groomed and from all appearances must have been cared for in some maternity home.

Immediately after the find, Mr. and Mrs. Stanfield got in communication with Miss Margaret Etheredge local welfare worker, who advised them that the baby could be taken to the county Baby Haven in Smithfield operated by Mrs. E. F. Crump; and acting upon this information, Mrs. Stanfield carried the child to Smithfield Sunday morning. But as the hours passed and after Mr. and Mrs. Stanfield had had time to meditate over the matter the memory of the find and of those glaring blue eyes and that heart-touching smile lingered with them until they finally decided during the afternoon Sunday to go and get the baby and keep him on probation for awhile, with a possibility that they may keep him permanently, as they have no children of their own.

Mr. Stanfield is a tobacco buyer by trade. A big Packard automobile was seen to drive near the Stanfield home about four o'clock Sunday morning. A man was seen to get out of the car and deposit a package on the front porch. Those who saw it never dreamed that the package could be a baby. About the same hour a Packard automobile drove up at the Brick Hotel and a man and woman got out and registered. They put their names down, but did not register any residence. The woman was said to be an attractive young woman, a blonde, with a sad, pale countenance. The man accompanying her was dark. Shortly after eight o'clock the two left in the Packard, which bore a Miami, Fla., license.

### SELMA BOYS BROADCAST OVER STATION WPTF

Master Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Denning, celebrated his 12th birthday Wednesday by broadcasting over radio station WPTF in Raleigh. Charles was on the program for a piano solo, but the management was so impressed with the boy's playing that he was asked to play three numbers instead of one. He has been invited to play again some time in August.

Master Gordon Whitaker, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Whitaker, recently sang over WPTF in Raleigh. Gordon possesses a splendid voice for a child and his many friends enjoyed his singing. These young musicians recently entertained the local Kiwanis Club with their singing and playing.

Mr. R. L. Ray, Sr., R. L. Ray, Jr., and Melvin Honeycutt are on a business trip to Washington, D. C.

### NOTICE BY THE EDITOR

On account of a heavy run of advertising this week, we are compelled to leave out a number of our news and social articles. These will be published in next week's paper.

### Seek Damages In Fatal Accident

Civil actions have been instituted in Johnston Superior Court, for damages for the killing of B. E. Batten, and the serious injuries sustained by his son, Sanders Batten, when struck by a truck early last Friday morning was one week ago, driven by a young man, Bard Gale, of Paltaka, Fla.

An inquest will be held at the court house on Wednesday, July 26 and it is expected by that time the conditions of Sanders Batten will be such that he can attend the hearing conducted by Coroner James H. Kirkman.

We understand that the complaints in these actions have not yet been filed, and owing to the serious nature of the injuries sustained, the plaintiffs were allowed thirty days in which to determine the nature of the injuries and to properly prepare these pleadings.

### KENLY AND SMITHFIELD WIN IN JOHNSTON LOOP

JOHNSTON COUNTY LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.
Clayton	13	2	.867
Kenly	10	6	.625
Selma	8	7	.533
Pine Level	6	10	.375
Princeton	6	10	.375
Smithfield	4	12	.250

Kenly, July 19.—Kenly edged a 2-1 decision over Pine Level here today in a contest featured by fine hurling of E. Pittman for the locals and Edwards for the visitors.

Kenly put over a run in the 8th to break a tie and produce the winning margin. Pittman held the visitors to five hits. The locals got eight hits off Edwards. Barnes with three hits in four tries led Kenly. Strickland headed the visitors' hitting. Evans caught for Kenly; White for Pine Level.

### SMITHFIELD WINS

Smithfield, July 19.—Smithfield defeated Princeton here today 9-6, although out-hit by the visitors, 12 to 10. Johnson and Woodard formed the winning battery; Author and Brewer pitched and Neil caught for Princeton.

Smith led Princeton's hitting and Gurley featured afield. Watson and Register topped Smithfield's attack.

### SELMA RAINED OUT.

Just about the time for calling the game here Wednesday scheduled Selma-Clayton, a heavy shower began falling thereby nullifying another game in the Johnston County League.

### Rev. Mr. Tuttle Selma Visitor.

Rev. Robt. G. Tuttle, former pastor of the First Methodist church of Newton, N. C., was a guest of Mr. H. H. Lowry Tuesday. Mr. Tuttle was en route home after a visit to his son, Prof. Robert Tuttle, at Kitty Hawk, N. C., and his brother, Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Smithfield.

### Revival At Little Creek Church

A series of meetings will begin at Little Creek Holiness church, on the first Monday night in August. Rev. Mr. Howard, of Goldsboro, will conduct the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

### ALLEN REUNION.

The friends and relatives of M. J. Allen are cordially invited to attend a birthday celebration in his honor on Friday, July 28, 1933. This reunion will be held at the home of his son, R. G. Allen, on Clayton Route One. All are asked to bring well-filled baskets and spend the day.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Elmond Brach of Selma announce the birth of a five-pound boy, Robert Charles, on Monday, July 17, 1933.

### AMERICAN LEGION PUTS HUGH M. AUSTIN AT HEAD OF POU-PARRISH POST

In a Meeting of the Pou-Parrish Post Last Friday Night Three Selma Men Are Honored With Official Titles—Post Favors Dr. Whitehead As State Commander.

At a meeting of the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion held in Smithfield on last Friday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hugh M. Austin, Commander; B. A. Henry, Lewis Keen and M. P. Young, vice-commanders; J. H. Wiggs, Adjutant; W. M. Gaskin, Finance officer; I. W. Medlin, Chaplain; H. V. Rose, Service officer; E. G. Hobbs, Guardianship officer; W. L. Etheredge, Historian; H. L. Johnson, Director of Athletics; Dr. C. C. Massey, Chief Medical officer; Nathan Womack, Americanism officer; E. G. Jones, Registrar of



HUGH M. AUSTIN

graves; Adam Whitley, Employment officer; Dr. J. W. Whitehead, Membership officer; E. G. Hobbs, Publicity officer.

During the past three years the post has gone forward under the commandship of Dr. J. W. Whitehead, whose retirement from this position is regretted by all local Legion members and others throughout the county. At this meeting the post went on record as favoring Dr. Whitehead for State Commander for the ensuing year.

While the post regrets the loss it sustains in the retirement of Dr. Whitehead, it is exceedingly proud to be able to usher in a new leader of character and business standing in the person of Mr. Hugh M. Austin, who is no stranger to the people of Smithfield and Johnston county, as he has been an active post worker for the past ten years, and fills a leading role in the business life of Smithfield, being one of the town's leading merchants.

A representative from the Smithfield Kiwanis Club presented a communication dealing with the completion of State Highway No. 210, leading from Smithfield through Ellevation and Pleasant Grove Townships to Angier, which was read before the post, which went on record as favoring this project by calling on the federal aid to supplement local funds for this purpose.

### Shower For Abandoned Baby

The little blue-eyed baby boy which was found on the porch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stanfield, Sunday morning, seems to have fallen into good hands. Two sisters of Mrs. Stanfield, Mrs. C. C. Driver and Mrs. C. L. Richardson arranged for a shower Tuesday afternoon and a large number of ladies contributed articles to the little layette. The clothing found in the basket with the baby was clean and dainty, but meager.

### Relief Canning For Selma School

If you have any vegetables that you will contribute please put them in the barrel at Etheredge & O'Neal Store each Tuesday morning.

These vegetables will be canned and used for the undernourished school children during the coming school term.

Those who have a large surplus and will furnish help to prepare the vegetables for canning may have one-half the cans put up or if they do not furnish help they may have one-third of the cans put up.

The Relief Chairman will also buy vegetables at a reasonable price for this purpose.

Mr. Melvin Honeycutt, of Linden, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ray, Jr.

### Women & Liquor

The liquor traffic—legitimate or illegitimate—is bad enough at all times and under the best regulations. But when unscrupulous women take a hand in dealing it out, it then shows up at its possible worst.

The sheriff and his deputies have long had a certain community of the county under observation. Rumors have been rife of a woman who operates a grog shop in this community. A time or so she has been haled into court on charges of violating the prohibition laws. She has pleaded well her femininity against the rigors of the law, and judgments against her have been mild or suspended.

But Sunday she had a good day and h—l broke loose in her community. The sheriff tells of one young fellow caught with a coca cola bottleful of the stuff, and he admitted he got his liquor from this particular woman. This was not so bad, but it was enough to result in having the youth placed under bond for his appearance here today.

Another sale by this woman bootlegger did not take such a mild turn. A posse of four went down to the woman's house and got liquor and got drunk. The four were all young men ranging from 16 years to about 21 years. The first act of their debauchery took them to a neighbor's house. The head of the family was gone, and the young rascals in desperado style captured the home. They forced themselves into the house and after smashing up some of the household furniture, they ran the woman and her daughter away from home. They next entered the lands and tenements of another neighbor and let them off with a good sound cussing and with bursting a lot of watermelons and destroying some roasting ear corn. They next appeared at the home of a widow where more cursing and swearing and threats of violence were uttered.

Meantime the sheriff and his deputies came along. When the drunks were called to halt, they again engaged in swearing and one of them staged a fight with one of the deputies. They all wound up under arrest and they are in court here today to give an account of just how the woman's liquor has affected them.

What about women in the liquor traffic anyway? Are they in the game on their own account, or are they merely a cat's paw for some male member of the species who is adroit enough to put the woman in the forefront, and leave her to the lighter penalties of the law which the courts are wont to mete out to women as against men?

In this case, the woman at the last term of the Superior Court, got a 12-months suspended sentence, and if the new charges are substantiated, it looks like a long drought is ahead for her.—Editorial in Smithfield Herald, July 18th.

### Helping Hand Class Sends Box To Alaska

The Helping Hand Sunday School Class of the Mill Chapel are sending a nice, large box to Quinhagak, Alaska this week in order to have it reach its destination by Christmas. This class was so impressed by a talk recently made before the Sunday School by Miss Mamie Thomas of Winston-Salem, a retired Missionary, who served in Alaska for a number of years, that they volunteered to send this box containing many things which will be greatly appreciated by the Eskimos at the Mission Post.

Mr. Brietz, organizer and Supt of the Mill Chapel Sunday School and Mrs. Brietz, who is teacher of the Helping Hand Class are both consecrated Christian workers and deeply imbued with the Missionary spirit. Miss Thomas was their guest during her stay in Selma, when she spoke at the Fellowship meeting which was recently held at Edgerton Memorial Methodist church and before several organizations and other churches.

Miss Daisy E. Ray, of Burlington, has returned home, after visiting the family of her brother, Robert L. Ray, Sr.

Mr. E. M. Gordy, proprietor of the Brick Hotel, spent the week-end with relatives in Norfolk, Va. He returned Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Gordy, who has been spending several weeks there.

## Old Folks Day Set For Friday, July 28

### Bank Robbed Today

At 10:30 today four men, traveling in a small sedan, bearing a N. C. license, entered the Bank at Battleboro, eight miles north of Rocky Mount, and commanded the cashier to lie on his stomach while they proceeded to scoop up all the cash in sight, amounting to about \$5,000. The robbers, whose identity was unknown, made their escape.

### Mr. C. A. Jacobs Talks To Kiwanians

Charles A. Jacobs, local agent for the Southern Railway company, was the chief speaker at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis club last Thursday night. Mr. Jacobs spoke on the Recovery Program as outlined by the present administration. He stressed the matter of inflation and textile industry. The speaker also stressed the importance of wages keeping pace with commodity prices in order to bring about a healthy economic condition. He also called attention to the fact that the time would soon come when the local mill villages would be abolished, which would tend to bring about better social conditions between mill employes and employes of other lines of industry.

Rev. W. J. Crain, pastor of the local Baptist church, was in charge of the program.

Mrs. W. B. Johnson, accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Call, rendered two vocal numbers. Mrs. Johnson possesses a wonderful voice and her singing was greatly enjoyed.

### Wiley Watson Killed, Car Stalls On Track

Wiley Watson, 50, was killed with in a few hundred yards of his home at Kenly, 10 miles from Selma when a northbound Atlantic Coast Line passenger train struck his automobile. His car stalled on the track at a crossing 400 yards from his home. Friends thought that he delayed too long in making an effort to leap from the car as the train rushed upon him. The automobile was carried down the track for many feet and demolished. Mr. Watson was mangled badly. He must have been familiar with the time of the passing of the train since he lived near by. Officers had no way of learning what caused the automobile to stall.

### To Clean Oliver-Wiggs Cemetery

All the people who have relatives and loved ones buried in the Oliver and Wiggs cemetery in eastern Pine Level township are requested to meet there Wednesday morning, July 26th at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of cleaning and beautifying said cemetery. Please bring tools to work with.

HERMAN A. OLIVER.

### Roland Baker 19, Takes His Own Life

On Wednesday night, July 12th, Roland Baker, age 19 years, is said to have killed himself by shooting a load of shot into his body just above his heart. The sad affair took place at the home of his mother, Mrs. Bud Baker, about one mile from Four Oaks. About nine o'clock that morning he is said to have gone into his bedroom, and later a shot was heard. Occupants of the home upon going into his room found that he had taken a 12-gauge shotgun and fired a load of shot into his body while sitting on his bed, causing instant death. Rumor is that the tragic affair grew out of a love affair.

### FRESH BREAD AND ROLLS DAILY

After Friday, July 21, we will make a 6 and 8 cent Loaf of Bread daily. Fresh Rolls every day.

SELMA BAKERY

Herman A. Oliver, of near Princeton, advertising committee for the Old Folks Day, which will be held again at the old Massey school house near Princeton the last Friday in July, which will be on July 28:

Listen, old folks, young folks, and children, too, the last Friday in July is Old Folks Day again. Now don't forget to be on hand. Come with your working and play clothes on, let's join hands and 'young up' ourselves by putting on some good old-fashioned games and stunts. There will be an old-fashioned spelling contest, whistling contest, joking, singing, Jom Crow races, jumping greasy poles, climbing conte t, cake walking, round town, bull pen, rope jumping, fiddling, banjo picking and breath-harping contests. Everybody come prepared to take part in the many contests and win some of the various prizes.

Rev. James P. Smith and Mayor Everett S. Stevens of Smithfield, are invited to be on hand and make talks during the day; also the gentleman from near Four Oaks, G. W. Adams, who reads the poem, "Fifty Years Ago," is especially invited to be present again this year and read that favorite poem which we all like so well. Mrs. Addie Futrell of Pine Level, is the president and will have charge of delivering the prizes. Our old friends, Emmitt Cole and John W. Wiggs will have the ground in readiness. Mrs. John K. Sanders is arrangement committee. On the executive committee are P. A. Holland and John I. Barnes. They will see that the program is carried out from the very start to the finish. Josiah Staniel, Forest Pittman and Mrs. R. L. Barden will be on hand to look after the music and singing. Members of the ball game and stunt committee are: W. Herman Creech and J. W. Wiggs. Mrs. John K. Sanders is to act as reporter.

Due to the fact that the spelling match was rained out last year, Herman A. Oliver who won out in the spelling contest two years ago will give out the words to be spelled this year. The words to be spelled will be taken from the latter part of Part One and the first part of Part Two in the Harrington spelling book. No proper names or proper nouns will be given out to be spelled. Now review up on your spelling and don't fail to take a chance for the valuable prize which will be given to the winner in that contest.

Everybody bring a basket of dinner and remember the fun will start at 10:30 o'clock sharp. Those on the committee are asked to be there promptly at 10 o'clock and get their program outlined for the day.

"Now let's go, all ye old folks, Come on, middle-aged and young, For I'm sure it'll be no joke, To be among that cheerful throng"

### SMITHFIELD MAN MAKES THREE ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE

Smithfield, July 18.—Felix Woody, young white man of Smithfield was unsuccessful in his two attempts to commit suicide here Sunday night. Woody made the two first attempts on his life while at the home of his father, J. L. Woody. He first took a shotgun into his room and after this was taken from him he went into the bathroom and used the blade of a safety razor with which he cut a deep and serious gash in his throat which bled profusely. He was rushed to a physician immediately who took five stitches in the young man's throat. Woody, who appears to have become somewhat calm following his narrow escape from death, requested Policeman E. A. Johnson to loan him a knife, stating that he desired to manure his nails. When his request was denied, Woody again ran amuck and dashed away from those who were assisting him from the physician's office to an automobile. He threw himself into the path of an oncoming automobile in his third attempt at suicide. He was rescued by Officer Johnson who carried Woody home as soon as he was subdued. Young Woody was reported calm and rested on Monday and is expected to recover.

Mr. Freckles Talton returned yesterday from Baltimore where he took a truck load of watermelons and cantaloupes.