



## Thousands Attend Armistice Day Exercises

Thousands Throng Selma's Streets While Intensive Program Is In Progress, Consisting of Parade, Brass Band, Addresses, Foot Ball Game and Other Activities—Silas Lucas Make Key Note Address.

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A crowd estimated at around eight thousand people from all parts of Johnston county gathered in Selma Saturday to celebrate Armistice Day. The program began at 10:30 with a parade, which formed on Massey street, traversing Pollock, Railroad and Laeford streets. The parade was led by the Wendell band, followed by the National Guard; Boy Scouts of Smithfield, Kenly, Clayton, Micro, and Selma; Red Cross nurses, and veterans. A reviewing stand had been erected on the public square where the speaking took place. At eleven o'clock at the sounding of taps, a moment of silence as a tribute to the fallen heroes was observed. Then followed the singing of "America," the invocation by Rev. D. F. Waddell, a selection by the Selma quartette, and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by the Wendell band.

The introductory remarks were made by C. P. Harper, who was followed by the address of welcome by Mayor William I. Godwin of Selma. Mayor Godwin turned the key of the town over to Commander Hugh Austin, of the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion. After a brief talk by Commander Austin, Dr. J. W. Whitehead and F. H. Brooks were called on for a few words.

Just before the introduction of the speaker, E. G. Hobbs introduced Alexander Jackson Ellis, of Clayton, a Civil War veteran who was seated on the platform. Mr. Ellis, who at the age of 87 is hale and hearty, responded with a few remarks. He told his hearers that he never missed the opportunity of attending an occasion of this kind. He served his country under that great general, Robert E. Lee.

Mr. Hobbs then asked James Driver, 16-year-old high school boy, to come to the front for recognition. This young man had erected the amplifier that was used on the platform. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Driver.

Mr. Hobbs introduced the principal speaker of the day, Hon. Silas Lucas of Wilson. The full text of Mr. Lucas' address follows:

"This assemblage vividly recalls that memorable morning fifteen years ago, when the cathedral chimes of the Old World and the church bells of America joined in that pervading paeon of peace:

"This ended! let the joyful sound Ring out through all the nations round.

"This ended! let the anthem rise And swell the chorus to the skies."

"When that unprecedented carnival of death and destruction subsided into the silence of reason, the aura of romance and adventure gave way to grim reality and the prosaic problems of readjustment. Strong men who had been decorated for gallantry, and bereaved loved ones who courageously carried on throughout that upheaval, were overwhelmed with the realization of the terrible toll it had taken and the perplexities in its wake.

"The attention of sagacious students of world conditions was released from the vortex of patriotic fervor and directed to a survey of the nations whose manpower had been decimated and whose resources were depleted. They lamented the engulfing wave of emotionalism, hysteria and moral laxity. They also anticipated the era of extravagance, predicated upon a boom of artificial prosperity, which was to languish into the throes of world reconstruction—the excesses of those trying days process. In the light of the years that have passed:

"Time is a beneficent purifying agent as the chaff which the wind driveth away. But the cardinal virtues attending America's participation in that catastrophic conflict will forever inspire the homage of our people.

"We will ever cherish recollections of those who gave the last full measure of devotion, the boys who have since joined those Immortal Legions, and their comrades who continue in the pursuits of peace with the spirit they so nobly exemplified on the fields of battle.

"The crowning glory of that dramatic era was the flower of American womanhood. Those who kept

the home fires burning, inspired and ministered unto our fighting men, and whose tender solicitude for the assailed has never waned are our pride and our glory. The sacrificial loyalty of those handmaidens of democracy is a bulwark never failing in the hour of trial.

"Memorial Day is dedicated to the memory of Our Glorious Dead, while this is pre-eminently a festive celebration. This hour however, is peculiarly sacred in that it has been designated as a period when the Nation pauses to pay tribute to those gallant spirits of our own generation.

"As we reaffirm our faith in the cause they glorified, pious peasants strew garlands of grateful remembrance along the rows of white crosses that memorialize those who exploit, consecrate the stored fields of Flanders. Our thoughts also turn to the beloved pilgrims who recently stood with solemn pride and melt in prayer at those verdant shrines.

"The radiant record of those brave boys speaks with an eloquence that mortal tongue can but feebly interpret.

"The earnest of hell and ghastly death they broke through every foe. The wings of love and the arm of faith

Did bear them conquerors through." "In this significant moment we come to keep our trust with those martyrs to the cause of enlightened self-government. Their scattered monuments and unmarked graves enwine the hearts of liberty-loving spirits.

"The March of Democracy, traversing those tortuous trails from the coastal Colonies unto the conquest of a Continent, is an enduring epic. Those whose valor we commemorate today carried on, even unto storming the distant ramparts of autocracy, proving to the world that the salt of free institutions has not lost its savor. Their reverend dust is an hostage to eternity for the attainment of those ideals, humanity's faith in which they so nobly defended.

"In the reverie of this day the stately shades of those Dauntless Doughboys again pass in review. The valiant vanguard sounds off with the faint echoes of 'The Stars and Stripes Forever.' Trooping to the tune of their stirring songs come steadfast soldiers, sturdy sailors, fearless flyers and stalwart, shock-troops of the sea, pre-empting the pagantry and pathos attending the advancing Allies.

"With the lengthening shadows of this Armistice Day that colorful caravan will wind its way in the gentle flow of memories, as those fair flags form a phantom rainbow, an Arch of Triumph, across the portals of eventide.

"You reverently attended the last rites for your fallen comrades on the Western Front and, following the benediction, double-timed it away to the cadence of a spirited march. Those colorful Knights of the Road that we call Showfolk generously contribute to their stricken fellows and pay their fitting tributes of respect; but their traditional maxim is 'The Show Must Go On!' Likewise, 'On With the Show' is the keynote for the further festivities of the day, as you enjoy the comradeship that ever exists among those who served together under the beneficent folds of our National Emblem.

"Throughout this annual revival of 'The Spirit of 1917,' and as we go hence, may we ever cherish the sentiments of that beloved hymn of praise and invocation:

"How beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose firm, impassioned stress, A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness.

America! America! God mend thine every flaw. Confirm thy soul in self-control; Thy liberty, in law."

Following the speech of Mr. Lucas, a colored quartette from Smithfield rendered several selections.

One of the most enjoyable features of the day's celebration was the band concert by the Wendell band, which took place at 1:30. A football game between the Stantonburg Civilian Conservation Corps and the Selma All Stars was another headliner of the afternoon program.

At 12:30 more than a thousand veterans and guests were served dinner in the Rough and Ready building just at the rear of the Municipal Hall.

## Smithfield Defeats Selma By Score 27-7

The Smithfield High School football team swept to a 27-7 victory over Selma High in a game that was harder fought than the score indicates. The locals outweighed in both backfield and line held the visitors to a lone touchdown and extra point until the fourth quarter. At the beginning of the fourth period a pass Cuthrell to Woodard and a beautiful place kick by Lane which would have been good for a field goal from the thirty yard line tied the score. It was then that Smithfield took to the air and in the final ten minutes scored three touchdowns. Most of the ground gained by either team was in the nature of passes. Driver of Selma and Davis of Smithfield were the only players of either team that could consistently gain from a running attack. The pass work of Davis, Hooks, Gardner and Lassiter for Smithfield and that of Cuthrell, Jones, Lane and Woodard of Selma were outstanding. Davis was probably the most outstanding player of the day.

## Fight On Beer Bill Not Likely to Occur

Charlotte, Nov. 15.—The Observer says Cale K. Burgess, of Raleigh, who managed the campaign of the United Dry Forces in the recent successful fight against state repeal of the 18th amendment, told it tonight "we are not anticipating any fight upon beer."

Burgess, one of a committee of dry leaders to make plans for a state-wide conference of dries at which a permanent policy for that group will be formed, told the paper from Raleigh: "We are fighting alcoholic beverages. We are not going off chasing rabbits. Although we are not in position to approve the beer bill, it is not anticipated that there will be a fight upon it by the dry forces."

## CHANGING CHANNEL OF THE RIO GRANDE

The exchange of ratifications of the convention between the United States and Mexico for the rectification of the Rio Grande River was perfected November 10th by the Secretary of State and the Mexican Charge d'Affaires.

The rectification plan, it was explained by the Department of State in announcing the exchange, included the construction of flood-retention dam with a reservoir capacity of 100,000 acre-feet at Caballo, New Mexico, and the control of the flood flow through the El Paso-Juarez Valley by means of a shortened channel between the eastern outskirts of Corioba Island at El Paso down the river to the head of Box Canyon. This proposed straightening of the channel would decrease the length of the river in this section from 155 miles to about 85 miles and confine the channel between two parallel levees.

By these means the annual flood menace to El Paso and Ciudad Juarez and the lands in the valley of both the United States and Mexico would be eliminated.

## CARD OF THANKS.

The Chairman of the Armistice Day Committee wishes to thank the various committees for their whole-hearted co-operation in assisting with the Armistice Day celebration. We desire also to thank those who loaned equipment as well as for the financial support given.

R. A. JONES,  
Chairman of Committee.

## HEPHZIBAH NEWS.

Miss Ruth Creech spent Sunday with Miss Doreth Sumerlin. Miss Ruby Braswell spent the week end with Miss Thelma Pittman.

Miss Bessie Woodard is spending a few days with her brother, Mr. Albert Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Creech spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brown of the Braswell section.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Creech and family of Yelvington Grove, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gid Creech.

Miss Esther Braswell spent Friday night with Miss Lois Pittman. Miss Zilphia Lane of Yelvington Grove, is spending some time with relatives around here.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Woodard and family spent Sunday with his son, Mr. Albert Woodard.

Mr. Wilbert Capps of Apex, spent a short while in our community last Sunday.

## Rather Quick Action In Our Courts

Smithfield, Nov. 15.—There was some speed and real service shown in a liquor case tried here yesterday afternoon. About one o'clock in the afternoon Policeman E. A. Johnson arrested Garfield Ingram, colored, who was alleged to have been a walking bootlegger. A search of Ingram's clothing revealed three pints of whiskey. He was taken to the Mayor's office and given an immediate hearing Mayor E. S. Stevens bound him over to the Recorder's Court which was then in session. Ingram was taken to the county jail where he remained only a few minutes before being arraigned into the Recorder's Court. There he was convicted and was sentenced by Judge Aycock to a term of 90 days on the public roads.

The fact that this all took place during one afternoon should be a warning to all those who are inclined to disregard the laws of our land.

## Advantage In Selling Cotton Co-Operatively

Smithfield, Nov. 14.—"Cotton producers of North Carolina evidently believe in their chance of again seeing cotton sell at price levels that will bring them something near the cost of production if not at profit for their efforts," commented J. W. Stephenson, of Smithfield, upon his return here today from a meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association in Raleigh.

Mr. Stephenson is director of the fifth cooperative district which is composed of Johnston and Wilson counties.

Explaining that his statement was based on the amount of cotton that is being delivered to the association daily, Mr. Stephenson said the management informed the directors at the meeting that already a number of the 46 state and federal licensed warehouses storing cotton for the association are filled to capacity and that within the next ten days probably several more will be filled. "It is quite possible," Mr. Stephenson added, "that the cotton association will handle as much or more of the 10-cent loan cotton than all other agencies combined on account of its organization having already been set up and ready to make loans on the day the plan was announced."

## LARGE SUM IS STOLEN FROM LENOIR - RHYNE COLLEGE

Hickory, Nov. 15.—Several hundred dollars, part of it belonging to girl students, was stolen from a safe at Lenoir-Rhyne college during the lunch hour today, college officials reported. A reward has been offered for the apprehension of the thief. The combination was worked in gaining entrance to the safe.

## ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE EASTERN SECTION FORMED

Edenton, Nov. 15.—An organization to promote the rehabilitation of the eastern North Carolina coast from Virginia to South Carolina was perfected here today at a meeting attended by approximately 250 persons.

E. W. Spires, mayor of Edenton, was elected president, and Herbert Peele, Elizabeth City publisher, was named secretary. The North Carolina Coastal Reconstruction and Improvement association was chosen as the name for the corporation.

Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, who pre-ided over the meeting, said a \$5,000,000 grant would be sought from the federal government for promotion of the section by establishment of a park on the eastern sand banks and the construction of roads to historical sites in this section.

## AMERICA FIRST; RUSSIA IS SECOND IN BROADCASTING

More than two-fifths—41 per cent of all the radio broadcasting stations in the world are located in the United States. Russia ranks second, but has only 5 per cent of all stations.

There are 1,426 broadcasting stations of record operating throughout the world, the Department of Commerce announced November 9th, in making public a revised list of foreign radio stations. Of these, 585 are located in this country.

Russia has 73 stations, Canada 63; Australia, 60; Cuba, 57; Mexico, 53; Argentina, 35; Uruguay, 33; New Zealand, 32, and Sweden, 31. Twenty countries are credited with only one station each.

## Winter Hits North With Howling Gale

### Negro Killed In Wreck Near Wilson's Mills

It is reported that a Negro named Jim Williams seriously hurt in a wreck near Wilson's Mills one night recently when they wrecked Hubert Johnson's lumber truck, but at the time of going to press to day we did not have the particular at hand.

They were Smithfield Negroes.

### ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Mr. R. J. Smith, of the local telephone company, attended a meeting of the employees association of the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Raleigh Friday night. Mr. Smith was elected vice-chairman of Local No. 5 of the Raleigh Association. Mr. W. W. White, formerly employed by the A. T. T. Company, was elected chairman.

### PROBLEM OF LIQUOR CONTROL CONSIDERED.

The elections on November 7th having made certain the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment effective December 5th next, the Government immediately took steps to deal with the problem of liquor control. It not only must provide means for preventing the shipment of liquor into dry state and the importation of contraband liquor but it must work out a taxation program that will provide needed revenue for the government while not making the price of legal liquor so prohibitive that bootleggers will be able to continue to sell their illegal wares.

To deal with this complex problem the President began on November 9th a series of conferences with those Government officials concerned with the liquor traffic. Congress, of course, will have to fix the amount of the Federal tax but the Administration will have a recommendation to make to Congress on the subject. In the meantime domestic liquors will be taxed \$1.10—the preprohibition rate—and imported liquors \$5 a gallon.

Federal control over domestic manufacture and foreign importations of liquor probably will be exercised under the Agricultural Adjustment and National Recovery Acts under administration of the AAA. These emergency laws give the Government the power to license distilleries and to regulate production. The Administration has not yet decided how much of this power it will use. Some form of licensing is needed, the President believes, to prevent wildcat operations, overproduction and overimportation. Furthermore licensing would supply the basis of a Government policy on which Congress could act.

While the President's conference has not yet reached the subject of taxation in its discussions, his advisers have set \$670,000,000 as the amount of revenue the Government should get from liquor during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, and believe a Federal tax of between \$2 and \$3 a gallon on distilled spirit and a corresponding tax on other liquors will yield that much revenue, providing State levies do not make the total tax more than \$3 a gallon—U. S. News.

### Attend Water Works Convention

Mayor William I. Godwin and R. L. Tyner spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in the city of Stateville, N. C., where they attended the Water Works Convention.

Mayor Godwin says that his purpose in attending this convention was primarily to get all information possible about water works installation because of the fact that Selma has under consideration a plan to use water from Neuse river through a filtering system.

### 15,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GREET THE PRESIDENT

Savannah, Nov. 15.—President Roosevelt will be greeted by 15,000 school children waving that many flags on his arrival here Saturday. The city has purchased 15,000 American flags for the children who will be massed on the Stadium field where the President will deliver an address.

### Snow Covers Large Sections and Temperatures Drop to and Below the Zero Mark In Many Localities. Snow Plows Put Into Use.

A howling onslaught of winter weather with 40-mile-an-hour winds in abundance put a half dozen boats in distress on the Great Lakes, piled up snowdrifts on highways, and sent temperatures tumbling toward zero Tuesday.

A frigid gale swooped down on the midwest from the Canadian Arctic. Snow reached a depth of six inches in several midwest and eastern states, and it was 14 1/4 inches deep at Atherst, Nova Scotia.

Several inches of snow covered Pennsylvania, and the total at Kane, Pa., reached 27 inches for six days. West Virginia Panhandle likewise was under snow. The sunfall in western New York approached six inches with high winds causing a near blizzard.

New York city had snow flurries with temperatures at freezing.

Other reports from the "winter zone": Michigan—two to eight inches of snow, temperature dropping sharply with prospects of 10 above at Detroit and zero at the Zoo; Ohio—Snow to a depth of six inches, 40 mile wind off Lake Erie, air traffic restricted and snow plows working in one district; Wisconsin—Snow general with temperatures falling toward zero; Minnesota and the Dakota—Light snow with temperatures ranging from four below to 15 above zero; Illinois—Temperature dropping toward zero and a new November record, light snow.

### November P. T. A. Meeting.

The Parent-Teachers' Association met Monday evening, November 13, in the school auditorium and was presided over by Mrs. C. W. Scales. Opening song, "America".

Prayer, by Mr. C. A. Jacobs.

Attendance prizes were won by Miss Hash's 9th grade and Miss Lee's 4th grade.

Banners for nextest rooms—Miss Whitaker's 7th grade and Miss Boyette's 3rd grade.

The Membership Committee reported 75 paid up members, and a total membership of 75, as against 48 of last year.

Finance Committee reported \$33.23 balance on hand.

Ways and Means Committee reported \$23.15 net proceeds for Halloween Party. Otherwise \$8.65, and a total of \$31.80.

Miss Lissie Pearce and Miss Trixie Jenkins had charge of the program. It being "Book Week", a play about books was given. Mr. Jacobs reported \$20 for school telephone.

Mrs. Margie B. Godwin introduced the speaker, Mr. H. B. Marrow, whose subject was, "Recent Laws and Machinery Act."

Dismissal—Mr. C. W. Scales.

### WILSON'S MILLS NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Wilson and children spent Sunday in Garner.

Miss Dora Dalton, of Winston-Salem, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fuquay.

Mrs. Sally Scarborough, of Rocky Mount, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. John Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jensen, of Washington, D. C., were week-end guests of Mrs. W. C. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gaskin and family, of Smithfield, were guests of Mrs. Page Proctor Sunday.

Miss Odessa Massey, of Benson, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stevens, of Ashboro, and Rev. Charlie Stevens, of Bessmer, Ala., spent Friday nite here with their sister, Mrs. W. C. Wilson.

Mr. E. P. Lore and family, of Smithfield, visited Mrs. S. L. Barbour Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parrish spent Saturday afternoon in Clayton.

Miss Wilma Youngblood, of Clayton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sally Youngblood.

Mrs. Maggie Bailey spent Monday night in Selma with Mrs. W. L. Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Uzzle, of Auburn, spent Sunday in town.

During the first four days following the receipt of cotton loan blanks in Hoke county, local banks and organizations loaned \$25,000 to farmers on their cotton at 10 cents a pound, says S. C. Oliver, the county agent.