



Smithfield High School Is Winner of Banner In Contest

Interesting Musical Program Given In Selma High School Auditorium Sunday Afternoon to Capacity House—Several Choirs Took Part In Program Besides Some Special Numbers—To Be Annual Affair.

The musical program given in the Selma High School auditorium on last Sunday afternoon was a great success from every angle. While all the school choirs on the program were not present there were enough present, including the special numbers to consume practically all the afternoon.

Rev. D. F. Waddell, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, presided over the meeting, and called Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, to the platform who read the Scripture lesson. Dr. Gillespie is head of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of North Carolina, and read for the Scripture lesson the story of the birth of the Christ Child.

Dr. C. P. Harper, local druggist, was then called to the platform and delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the Selma Kiwanis Club, because of the fact that the meeting was called at the suggestion of said club. Mr. Harper paid a beautiful tribute to music and emphasized the importance of knowing good music when we hear it. "We cannot always appreciate good music," he said, "because we know too little about it, especially some of the high class music of foreign rendition, but we may better understand it when it is rendered by our own home people."

While the singers were coming in and the program was being arranged, a splendid number was given by the J. E. Norsett Quartette.

The first number on the program was two selections by the Selma High School Band.

The next number was a solo by Jimmie Woodard of the Selma High School.

The third number was a Violin Ensemble, by Smithfield High School which almost brought the audience to its feet as they left the stage.

Following this was a song by Glendale High School.

The next number was rendered by Carters School choir.

The Cleveland High School then gave the next number by a large choir from that school.

A special number, "Under The Stars," was also rendered by the Glendale choir.

The Norsett Quartette gave another special number while the audience was waiting for the decision of the judges.

Mr. G. M. Willetts gave two special numbers on a handsaw, with piano accompaniment.

Carters Chapel Choir sang "All Hail the Power" as a special number for the audience.

The following numbers were sung in unison during the afternoon: "Joy to the World," as an opening song; "Hark Herald Angels," "Holy Night."

The chairman of the meeting appointed the following judges to decide which of the schools represented should carry away the banner: R. L. Ray, Sr., and M. L. Stancil, of Selma, and J. B. Coats, of Smithfield, who retired to one of the rear class rooms, and after some discussion as to the winner, rendered a unanimous decision in behalf of the Smithfield school, entitled the "Violin Ensemble." The personnel of this ensemble were: Trumpets: Linwood Perkins, Nathan Lasiter, Carl Pugh, Rudolph Howell, Thel Ragsdale, Gus Martin, Albert Coates, Marvin Hathaway, C. D. Hamilton; altos: Bill Hood, Hubert Woodall, Miss Virginia Sanders; clarinets: Max Johnston, Miss Mary Noble, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Ryland Gregory, Carl Creech; saxophones: Eddie Perkins, Glenn Grier, Pope Lyon, Robert McLemore; bases: Lacy Coates and Hugh Talton; baritone: Joe Grimes and James Smith; trombones: Cullen Hooks, McClellan Brady and Nait Edgerton; drums and bells: Raney Norton, Zeke Creech, Jennings Jordan and Joe Dan Talton.

Judge W. P. Aycock was then called to the platform, and after expressing his appreciation for the splendid occasion and complimenting the Selma Kiwanians for such a

worthy undertaking, held the banner aloft and made known the decision of the judges by calling for some member of the Smithfield group to step forward and receive the banner, which will remain theirs until some other school in the county wins it from them in a similar contest one year hence.

The chairman then expressed his appreciation for the wonderful success of the occasion and said that this Christmas musical festival was well worth while and that it would be repeated in a more elaborate way next year.

Rev. W. J. Crain, of the local Baptist church, then pronounced the benediction.

Much of the credit for this splendid entertainment is no doubt due to the committee on publicity and arrangements, composed of Rev. D. F. Waddell, John Jeffreys and H. H. Lowry, appointed by C. L. Richardson, President of the Selma Kiwanis Club.

C. L. Richardson and H. H. Lowry acted as ushers for the occasion. Rev. D. F. Waddell, as chairman of the committee, wishes to thank the other members of the committee and the various choirs or any others who took part in the program for their hearty cooperation in making the occasion a success.

Among Our Advertisers.

Your attention is called to the following advertisements appearing in this issue of the Johnstonian-Sun: The Hudson-Belk company, of Smithfield, are telling our readers about the many useful articles in their big store suitable for Christmas gifts.

For a new suit or overcoat, ties, socks, or anything in a man's store, Austin-Hamilton, also of Smithfield, have just what you want.

The Selma Clothing & Shoe co., of Selma, is calling your attention to some splendid values in Ready-to-Wear garments. Read their ad.

The Young Men's Shop, George Gallaway, proprietor, of Selma, has a fine display of ties put up in Christmas boxes (and they are pretty too). He also has a splendid line of shirts, socks, pajamas, gloves, etc. See his ad.

Gené Terrell, Selma's youngest grocer, is talking about his line of fresh groceries, meats, etc. Gene has only been in business a few months and his business is growing by leaps and bounds. See his ad.

See our popular Mayor, William U. Godwin, if you want to borrow money on your land.

The Lee Store (you can always find an ad from this popular store in these columns) is telling you about the bargains in dresses, hosiery, etc. Mr. Proctor is a wide-awake merchant and you can always find what you want at his store if it is dry goods. He will buy your chickens and eggs, paying you the market price.

The Branch Banking & Trust company is calling your attention to their sound banking service.

L. George is giving you a few of his bargain prices on groceries. He always gives you the price in his ad so you may have the privilege of shopping around, if you care to, before you go to see him.

M. O. Long is giving notice of his opening up a new Radio Shop in Selma.

The Chesterfield Cigarette people are giving you a display advertisement in pictures. Pictures sometimes tell more than words.

The Camel Cigarette folks nearly always have an ad in the Johnstonian-Sun calling your attention to the advantage of smoking Camels.

Smith & Cameron are emphasizing the importance of comfortable foot wear, thereby assuring you more pleasure in walking. See ad elsewhere in this paper.

Clean-M-Right extends Christmas greetings and asks you to bring your clothes early to avoid the holiday rush.

The Modern Cash Grocery invites you to come around and see Santa Claus before you buy elsewhere.

Ten Lee County farmers are making additional home orchard plantings having purchased 135 fruit trees cooperatively at a saving of \$26.25.

16 Meet Deaths In Blizzard And Flood

Blizzards, floods and zero weather left a trail of death and destruction across the nation this week.

Six persons dead, one person missing, hundreds homeless and property damage of more than a million dollars in the Pacific northwest.

Four dead at Bellefonte, Pa., after a train and an automobile crashed in a snow storm.

Three burned to death in a dance hall fire at Hampden, Me., which raged at the height of a blizzard.

Two dead from cold in Philadelphia; one in Delaware, another in Baltimore.

Snow blanketed most of the eastern seaboard, snowslides blocked transportation in northwest, and the mercury touched 24 degrees below zero in Owls Head, New York, western Wisconsin reported a temperature of 16 below; North Dakota, 14; Minnesota, 23 below.

SIGNING FINAL CONTRATS FOR TOBACCO CURTAILMENT

Signing of the final tobacco contracts has gotten off to a good start in practically every township in the county. The township committees report that the farmers are showing real interest in putting the program over in good shape. This program was designed entirely for the benefit of the farmers and is their program. It is up to the farmers to push this program and make it just as much of a success as possible. Do not wait for the local committee to put it over in your community—give them every assistance possible.

J. B. SLACK.

Enough Gold In Sea to Make Everybody Rich

Enormous Volumes of Other Metals and Minerals Also Safely Guarded by Oceans Against Exploitations by Man.

Great, almost beyond measure is the wealth of the sea.

There is gold enough, for example to give one of the two billion-old men, women, and children on earth a small fortune. Very conservatively calculated, each share would amount to approximately \$14,000, with gold valued at \$20 an ounce.

Such is the conclusion that might be drawn, as a rough approximation, from the most recent estimates of the composition of sea water contained in the 1933 Physical Tables of the Smithsonian Institution. Each kilogram of sea water contains approximately 45 millionths of a milligram of gold. But, a cubic kilometer of the ocean weighs a trillion kilograms, and therefore it may be said to contain approximately 45 million milligrams of gold.

The total ocean surface area, given in the Physical Tables from the calculation of G. W. Littlehales for the National Research Council, is about 395,500,000 square kilometers. There are great variations in depth, but a conservative average is a little under three kilometers.

The seas therefore contain at least a billion cubic kilometers of water, which would weigh at least one sextillion kilograms, a number which would be represented by the figure 1 followed by 21 zeros. This would give about a trillion five hundred billion ounces of gold when the milligrams are converted into ounces.

So there are approximately 700 ounces for each individual—which would amount to \$14,000 with gold at \$20 an ounce. Just now, of course, it would be worth considerably more.

All anybody needs to do is go and get it—which is quite a different matter. No bank vault ever protected its treasures more securely than this gold is protected for Father Neptune.

Selma Boy Is Honored

Chapel Hill, Dec. 8.—J. P. Temple, of Selma, has been elected speaker of the Philanthropic Assembly, debating society in the University, for the winter quarter.

Other officers elected include K. W. Young, Durham, speaker pro tem; J. D. Winslow, Elizabeth City, sergeant-at-arms; F. H. Fairley, Monroe, reading clerk, and R. D. Baxley, Wagram, assistant treasurer.

Elected to the ways and means committee were R. E. Smithwick, Core Point, chairman; Melvin Gillie, Draper, and Frank McGlenn, Wynnewood, Pa.

Johnston County Man Given Two-Year Term

Goldsboro, Dec. 11.—Issac Barnes, of Johnston County, was sentenced by Judge F. A. Daniels in Wayne Superior court late Saturday to serve two years in the state prison, having been found guilty earlier in the week of embezzlement of about \$500 from his ward, Eula Mae Coleman, of Wayne county. The girl was in the Oxford orphan asylum. Testimony was that he had never paid her but \$15. Barnes broke down and wept in the courtroom when the jury turned in the verdict of guilty.

A Christmas Tree.

There will be a Christmas Tree at Carters Chapel Baptist church on Friday night, December 22, 1933, beginning at six-thirty. We extend a hearty welcome to one and all. EUNICE McCALL.

Only two bushels of silage spoiled in the trench silos dug and filled in Macon county this season and this spoilage occurred at the top of one silo where the material was not packed.

Airport Network At Federal Cost

Foils Detection Of Fingerprints

Skin Grafting Is Effective, But Extremely Painful, Says Government.

The infallibility of the Government's most effective and highly developed weapon, fingerprint files for identification, has been challenged by a new subterfuge among criminals.

In a statement brought to the attention of the Department of Justice, Mal Coghlan, assistant state-attorney at Chicago, declared that criminals were having their finger tips changed by skin grafted on them.

To collect 4,000,000 fingerprints of criminals, the Department of Justice has spent years of effort and large amounts of public money. Its collection is the most complete in the world.

The new criminal use of skin grafting, however, has not destroyed their usefulness as yet. The Department points out that the grafting operation is an extremely painful one and one which no reputable doctor would perform for the simple purpose of enabling someone to avoid detection through fingerprints.

States Attorney Coghlan made his statement after an attempt to fingerprint an Illinois criminal had resulted in only smudges being registered.

Mr. A. K. Eason Talks To Selma Kiwanians

Mr. A. K. Eason, of the Atlantic Coast Line railway, was the principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Selma Kiwanis Club on last Thursday evening. Mr. Eason spoke on "Safety First." The speaker said in part: "Ninety-five thousand people are killed in the United States each year in accidents. Ten million others are injured and the monetary loss is around ten billion dollars. The story cannot be told in human terms, in terms of broken bare numbers. It must be told in human terms, in terms of crushed and bleeding bodies, in terms of ruined hopes and in terms of broken hearts. Then it becomes a drama, a tragedy, with a sequel of life-long suffering and sorrow. There is not a person here tonight who does not know of a household where there has been a child in an auto accident, or a widow and children who mourn the loss of a father, husband or wife killed in an accident."

"We suffered a heavy loss during the World War and yet two such wars might be going on and not take a greater toll from us in deaths than we lose in accidents. But even this great loss might be endured if it was the price of some great crusade, which was being fought for and won. We can still suffer and die for a great cause. However, it should be some marvelous and precious cause; there is nothing being won; we are getting nothing in return. This is only a toll we are paying for carelessness and haste.

"Accidents can be eliminated to a great extent if there is a will to do so. Here is evidence that we have won control over accidents. United States steel has reduced accidents 86 per cent; 14 deaths against 100. Dupont company have worked 350 men 7 years without an accident. Take the record of the railroads. Of the 480 millions of passengers carried last year only 40 were fatally injured. Accidental deaths among employees for the last 8 years have been reduced from 1940 to 557. Injured, from 151,960 to 17,414, a decrease of 89 per cent. The Atlantic Coast Line railway has reduced accidents 97 per cent and has won two National Safety awards for the diligent work along this line.

"Look at the conditions now existing in our own state. An average of three persons are killed on our highways each day in the year and tens of thousands injured annually. This condition goes on month after month and year after year. Where will it stop? Death is a serious matter and its causes should be treated in a serious way. We should put on our fighting armour and

2,000 Communities Invited To Have Landing Fields, Under a Civil Works Allotment.

Two thousand cities, villages and towns in the United States are invited to have aircraft landing fields—whether they need them or not—at the expense of the Federal Government. All they have to do is to furnish the unimproved ground.

This project, announced Nov. 24 by Eugene L. Vidal, Director of Aeronautics of the Department of Commerce, involves spending more than \$10,000,000 for labor and materials, of which more than \$8,000,000 will go for wages to over 50,000 persons now unemployed, says Mr. Vidal.

The work will come under an allotment of both labor and material by the Civil Works Administration.

The landing field program is a further step to stimulate private flying. It follows Mr. Vidal's recent inquiry to 34,000 licensed and student pilots and mechanics to ascertain how many would buy an airplane if a small craft should be produced and sold for about \$700.

Returns now being received by the Aeronautics Branch indicate that thousands of persons would buy airplanes if the price were within their means.

Mr. Vidal points out that other nations have encouraged private flying by granting field subsidies. The new landing field program, however, is not a subsidy but "an investment in a relatively new industry which is important to the recovery program," says Mr. Vidal.

Municipalities will provide only the unimproved land, which may either be owned or leased by the community. Cities and States will be asked to loan road building machinery necessary for the grading and leveling.

The average cost of conditioning a field should be \$5,000 with only about \$630 to be expended for material and the remainder for labor, according to Mr. Vidal. A field should consist of two landing strips up to 3,000 feet long and 300 feet wide, except in locations where terrain or other conditions limit the area to one strip. The strips will be marked for identification from the air.

"We anticipate that the larger towns and cities which as yet do not have airports will be the first to recognize the advantages of this plan," the Director said.

Each State will be entitled to have a certain number of landing fields established, the number depending upon the size and population of the State, and we hope to distribute these in such a manner that they will be of utmost service to airmen and their aircraft.

"If small villages feel that they have no need for landing fields because they see no immediate prospect of local flying activities, they nevertheless can contribute to reduction of local unemployment and also can identify their communities with a nation-wide system of airways by making landing sites available for improvement by the Federal Government."—U. S. News.

BUMPER APPLE CROP IN NORTH CAROLINA

Production of apples in North Carolina this year is almost three times as great as that of 1932, available information indicates, the commercial crop of 1933 being estimated by the United States department of agriculture as aggregating 337,000 barrel by comparison with 119,000 barrels last year.

On the other hand, the commercial apple crop in the United States is smaller this year than that of a year ago. In this country last year there were 28,645,000 barrels of commercial apples and the department of agriculture is forecasting the 1933 crop as totaling 27,571,000 barrels. Virginia last year produced, on a commercial basis,

start a crusade for the cause of safety and eliminate the state's bloody record from accidents."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Earp and Mr. James Earp were guests of the club and delighted those present with several vocal and instrumental numbers. Mr. John Jeffreys was in charge of the program.