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## The Tri-County Fair Is Now In Full Blast

Program Of Free Acts, the Best Ever Seen In This Section, Will Be Given Daily and Nightly All the Week—Funland Shows Come Highly Recommended—Many Exhibits Are On Display.

Selma's first annual Tri-County Fair got underway Tuesday night after much delay in getting the carnival company's equipment delivered by the railroad. It had been planned to open the fair on Monday night but this delay in the arrival of the carnival company postponed the opening until Tuesday night.

Tuesday was originally set for the white school children but the management has announced that all school children will be admitted free to the grounds up to 5 o'clock on Friday. This applies to both white and colored children.

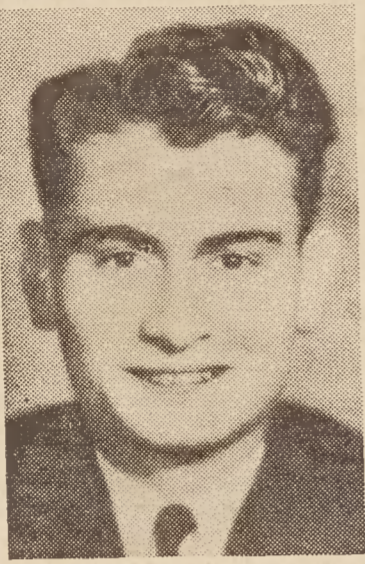
The Funland Shows, owned and operated by Col. D. L. Dedrick, are on the midway. These shows have come to the fair highly recommended as being a real, sure-enough clean carnival with no flim-flam or skin games. The report came in advance of their arrival that nobody need fear of being "robbed" on the midway at this fair. A program of free acts, the best ever seen in this immediate section will be given daily and nightly all the week. A gorgeous display of fireworks every night. The fair is being held under the sponsorship of the Neuse-Atlantic Fairs, Inc., with the local Post of the American Legion cooperating under the leadership of Post Commander C. A. Bailey, Finance Commissioner H. H. Griffin and others.

Exhibits are being taken care of under a large brand new tent. It is the purpose of the American Legion Post to make this an annual Tri-County Fair and the cooperation of the general public will be appreciated. N. G. Bartlett, Secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and also Secretary of the Neuse-Atlantic Fairs, Inc., is actively in charge of the management.

### Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

The remodeling of the DUNN FURNITURE COMPANY'S store is about completed—and those fluorescent lights are something of beauty—when you pass this store at night stop and take a look at them—TALMAGE CORBETT, the manager, is to be congratulated on the improvements just made on this large furniture store—the contractor, M. M. GURKIN, made a fine job of it—we welcome CARL GADDDY, Selma's new lawyer to the Maindrag—CARL, who recently graduated from the Wake Forest law school, has already hung out his shingle in the WIGGS building, over the DAVIS DEPARTMENT STORE—and by the way, girls, he is single—MAIL CARRIER OSCAR CREECH, in speaking of fairs, shows, etc., said today that on next Monday will mark the 51st anniversary of the appearance of the JOHN ROBINSON CIRCUS in Selma—of course OSCAR doesn't remember the occasion—"did you know that 15,000,000 Philco radios have been sold since 1928?" TALMAGE CORBETT asked us today—enough to give five each to every person in North Carolina—FLOYD C. PRICE & SON and HENRY & NORDAN are really buying the cotton these days—MR. PRICE has already invested around \$16,000 in cash for cotton—Selma is one of the best cotton markets in the state—work is progressing rapidly on the new American Legion Hut (Community Building) under the supervision of MR. W. A. HOOD—when completed this will be one of the handsomest community buildings in the state—the Tri-County Fair is in full swing—a large crowd was present Tuesday night, but small last night on account of the rain, but a big crowd is expected each night during the remainder of the week—The FUNLAND SHOWS, one of the best and cleanest carnivals to visit our town, has some splendid attractions—don't miss the crowning of the Queen Friday night—the free acts each night are worth the price of admission.



Carl E. Gaddy, Jr., son of Rev. Carl E. Gaddy, of Micro, has opened offices over Davis Department Store in Selma. Mr. Gaddy graduated from Wake Forest College law school last May and passed the North Carolina bar examination in August.

### Funland Shows Come Highly Recommended

The Carter County Herald, published in Olive Hill, Ky., has the following to say of the Funland Shows exhibiting in Selma all this week:

"Much to the surprise of our folks in Olive Hill, Ky., and this vicinity, there really is a decent, clean, no flim-flam games or gypsies carnival. We mean Col. T. L. Dedrick's Funland Shows of Carrollton, Ky. Seven big new novel riding devices, five high class shows about legitimate concessions that do not have professional players but cater to their customers only. The spice of the nightly performance of all the various attractions is the dessert of it all. Miss Bessie Hollis of Ringland-Barnum Circus fame, her free acts take place each night at 11 o'clock, and she does not use any safety nets, parachutes or wings.

Following the flag raising Thursday at 10 a. m., the entire Midway will be open to the public and Miss Hollis will perform at 2 p. m. and 11 p. m. Thursday and Friday.

The show and their people spend their money with our local business houses very liberally and we welcome this organization in our city any time.

Following their Saturday night performance, which ends the engagement in Olive Hill, under the auspices of the American Legion, this show will play six different county fairs in Kentucky.

We wish to sincerely thank C. C. Leasure and Shorty Lowe for their 100 per cent cooperation in advertising, boosting and working in the interest of this Carnival, and the American Legion and the business people and the public in order to enjoy high class, clean fun and entertainment.

Col. Dedrick, the manager, and all the people of his show, also wish to thank all the people and all the city and county officials for their hearty cooperation, excellent law and order throughout the whole week's engagement and expresses his desire and wish to bring his show 'bigger and better' back to Olive Hill again."

### Frank Cawthorne Kills Six-foot Chicken Snake

Frank Cawthorne, who has been missing young chicks and eggs for some time, decided he would watch for the thief a few nights ago. He was finally rewarded for his efforts when he saw a large chicken snake crawling toward his henhouse. His snakeship was soon disposed of and when measured was found to be six feet and two inches in length and was about the size of a man's wrist.

FOUR WHOLESOME, HIGH-class entertainments are coming to Selma during the month of October, sponsored by the Selma Kiwanis club. It's a real Festival in four acts, all for only \$1.00. See me for your season ticket right away. M. L. Stancil.

### Selma Man Is Held On Assault Charge

Champ Wilkins Bound Over To Johnston County Superior Court By Mayor Frank M. Hood Following A Hearing Here Monday Night.

Mayor Frank M. Hood had an unusual case in his court Monday night when Champ Wilkins, 28, Selma married man, was brought before him on a charge of attempting criminal assault on Miss Dessie Earp, the beautiful 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Bessie Earp and the late Arthur Earp, whose home is about seven miles north of Selma.

Miss Earp had been working at one of the local cafes until about 11 o'clock Sunday night, and had started to the Wilkins home to spend the night with Mrs. Wilkins, a half-aunt of hers by marriage, and Wilkins told her he would accompany her to his home. But instead of going the nearest way, he went down to the Selma Lumber company site. When they had gotten to the sawmill Wilkins is alleged to have grabbed her around the waist and kissed her. She said he then threatened to assault her, holding on to her wrists for about an hour and a half before she could free herself from him. She said he threatened to knock her down if she did not yield to his request but that she stubbornly refused to yield to his bidding, and finally succeeded in getting loose from him and then came up town and notified Policeman Charles Straughan, who arrested Wilkins and placed him in jail.

Miss Earp bears a good reputation, and her friends here were very much upset over the attempted assault. Mrs. Earp, mother of Miss Earp, told the court that she had reared her girls to be ladies, and that it almost broke her heart to have her treated in any such manner. It was very evident that she was deeply incensed over the treatment accorded her daughter.

Following the testimony, Mayor Hood held Wilkins under a \$200 bond to appear before the next criminal term of Superior Court of Johnston county.

### Democrats Launch Drive With Rally

A large number of Selmaites attended the Democratic rally at Holt Lake on last Friday evening. Governor-Nominate J. M. Broughton and Congressman Harold D. Cooley sounded the keynote of the campaign. Between the speeches of Broughton and Cooley the program was turned over to State Auditor George Ross Pou, who recognized state officials and other dignitaries seated on the platform. The speeches were preceded by a barbecue supper. Dan Jones, Holt Lake manager, said he served nearly 800 plates. Several hundred persons who came after supper swelled the crowd to at least 1,200.

A total of 3,709 North Carolina drivers had their licenses revoked the first six months of 1940.

### Seen Here & There

By M. L. STANCIL

#### ARTICLE THIRTEEN

The reason that I failed to hear former President Herbert Hoover's address before the Republican national convention at Philadelphia was due to the very elaborate parade put on by the city of Philadelphia. The parade was to have started at 6 o'clock in the evening, but it was delayed until 6:30. I still thought there would be plenty of time to see the parade and get to the convention auditorium in time to hear Mr. Hoover, but it was 9 o'clock when the last of the parade went by where I was located. To say the least, it was the greatest parade I have ever witnessed. I was stationed at Public Square near the depot, and long before the first end of the parade reached that part of the city a solid mass of people had assembled along the streets where the parade was scheduled to go. They stood there patiently waiting for an hour and a half for the parade to start. The crowd kept increasing until it was estimated by the police department that 750,000 people were in line to see this most spectacular demonstration. Finally the beating of drums was

### Attendance At Jubilee Grows Larger Weekly

Citizens of Surrounding Community Pour In With Long Strings of Tickets As Numbers Are Drawn From Barrel.

Judging from the crowd here last Saturday to attend the Merchants' Jubilee, interest is steadily growing in this big annual event, put on by the merchants and professional men of Selma.

Stubs from all tickets issued are kept in a large barrel mounted on the stand near the Branch Bank here, and before awarding any of the prizes the barrel is given a few whirls in order to thoroughly mix the numbers. A small child then picks one number at a time from the barrel and those holding tickets with the corresponding number are awarded prizes, ranging from \$2.00 to \$10.00.

Those awarded prizes here last Saturday were: Mrs. Ruffin Holder of Wendell, \$2.00 and \$5.00; T. C. Wall of Micro, \$5.00; R. D. Wilkins of Selma, \$2.00; Lula Hatcher of Smithfield, \$3.00; Elizabeth Johnson of Selma, \$5.00; Pete Marlow of Selma, \$5.00; James Hines of Pine Level, \$5.00, and Earl Avery of Selma, Route 1, \$10.00.

### Profit Of \$1,576 711 Noted By ABC Stores

27 Counties Report—State Gets \$662,295.17 In Taxes On Whiskey Sale.

RALEIGH, Sept. 24.—The twenty-seven counties with legal liquor stores had a profit of \$1,576,711 from ABC stores during the fiscal year ending June 30, Chairman Cutlar Moore of the State Alcoholic Beverage control board reported today.

The state got \$622,295.17 from its taxes on liquor and liquor stores, Moore said.

The net profit was up more than \$200,000 over the 1938-39 figure of \$1,352,700.72 for the counties.

Sales last fiscal year were \$7,972,393.86, an increase of more than \$1,000,000 over the \$6,932,566.09 in 1938-39.

Durham county led all in profits with \$289,631.91 and Tyrell had the least, \$4,236.52.

### Annie Hood Hughes To Be "Miss Selma"

The winner in the ticket-selling contest for Selma's Tri-County Fair, sponsored by the Selma Post of the American Legion which is now in progress here, was Miss Annie Hood Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hughes of Selma. She led the field of several young ladies, and besides winning a \$5.00 cash prize, will be crowned "Miss Selma" Friday night at 9 o'clock on the Midway, with special ceremony for the occasion.

The runner-up was Miss Elizabeth Corbett, who will be awarded \$2.50 in cash on Friday night.

## ABC Stores Restrained From Closing Oct. 1st

### WALLACE OPPOSED TO COURT ACTION

Holton Wallace, chairman of the Johnston county ABC board, said Monday morning he would recommend to his board at a meeting later Monday that able counsel be employed to fight the effort to keep the ABC stores open.

The ABC board members were made defendants in a restraining action brought by several taxpayers of the county to prevent the stores from closing on grounds that the June 29 referendum was illegally held.

The impression was abroad in some quarters Monday that the ABC board would not fight the action and as a result, the June 29 election would be automatically ruled void and the stores permitted to operate until a new election should be held.

Chairman Wallace Monday issued the following statement for publication:

"Citizens of our county have seen fit to restrain the Board of Alcoholic Control from proceeding to close the ABC stores. I want the people of the county to know that the members of the ABC board accepted the mandate of the majority of our people as expressed in the June election and that we as a board and individually are now and always have been opposed to any court action in an attempt to keep the stores open.

"I have called a meeting of our board and shall urge that we employ able counsel to fight this effort to prevent our closing on September 30, as we had expected to do."

### Republican Candidate For Governor Coming

To Address the Voters of Johnston County In the Court House In Smithfield, Saturday Night, October 5th.

The Republican campaign in Johnston county will get started off with a bang on Saturday night, October 5th, when Robert H. McNeill, G.O.P. candidate for governor will address the voters of Johnston county in the county court house in Smithfield.

Mr. McNeill is an able speaker who is well versed on all the political issues of the day, and as a proof of this fact he offered a challenge to his Democratic opponent some time ago but so far as we know Mr. Broughton has not accepted the challenge.

North Carolina has had uninterrupted rule by the Democrats for the past 40 years, and yet the Democratic politicians are going over the state lambasting the Republicans who are in no wise responsible for conditions as they prevail today or have prevailed at any other time for almost half a century, so far as state issues are concerned.

Make your plans now to hear candidate McNeill give his version of the issues from a Republican point of view. If you would like to know something more about your state government in Raleigh, elect Bob McNeill as your next Governor and he will bring a great revelation to the people of North Carolina.

### Rev. H. I. Glass At Methodist Church

The Methodists at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church will hear the Rev. H. I. Glass, the Raleigh District Superintendent at the morning worship service at 11:00 a. m. The fourth quarterly conference will be held after the worship service. The officials for the next conference year will be elected at this meeting. It is one of the most important conferences of the year. At the evening service at 7:30 p. m. there will be a public installation services for the church officials and teachers of the church for the coming year. These services are open to the public.

### GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 3,741 bales of cotton were ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1940 prior to September 16, 1940, as compared with 2,356 bales for the crop of 1939.

### Order Signed By Judge Henry A. Grady Restrains ABC Stores In Johnston County From Closing On October 1st—Order Is Returnable Friday Before Judge Leo Carr In Smithfield.

Due to an order signed by Judge Henry A. Grady at Clinton last Saturday, temporarily restraining the ABC stores in Johnston county from closing on October 1st, this matter seems to be thrown into a muddle until some ruling on the matter is taken by the courts to determine whether the order shall be made permanent, in which case another referendum might have to be held.

Petitioning for the restraining order last week were Joe E. Creech, M. C. Hooks, Cullen Creech and J. E. Woodall who were represented by Attorney Paul D. Grady.

The complaint filed with Judge Grady is reported to have alleged that the ABC referendum held on June 29, 1940, which resulted in an overwhelming majority against the continuation of the liquor stores in Johnston county, was held in direct violation to certain specific provisions of the 1937 ABC statute of the State of North Carolina. It is further alleged that the election held on June 29, 1940 cannot have any binding effect because it was called within the three-year period from the date of a previous election held on the ABC question in this county, because the referendum took place within 60 days of another election, namely, the primary on May 25.

The ABC law provides that liquor elections cannot be held oftener than once every three years, thereby raising the question as to whether the law forbids the calling of an election within the three-year limit or holding an election within such period. The previous election on the ABC stores was held on May 29, 1937, in which election the ABC stores won by a margin of 281 votes.

The ABC election which was held on June 29, 1940, was called by the Johnston County Board of Elections on May 4, 1940.

The question is not raised as to whether the referendum held on June 29 was a telling rebuke against the liquor stores, but the only question involved is a legal technicality as to the time said election was called and held.

Holton Wallace, chairman of the Johnston county ABC Board, has given out a statement that the restraining order proceedings was started against his wishes, and that he will fight for the individual wishes of the majority who voted against the ABC stores on June 29, 1940, when 7,579 voted against the stores as compared to 3,956 favoring the stores, a clear majority against the ABC stores of 3,623.

It is believed that the temporary restraining order as signed by Judge Grady was prompted by other interests than the four men who are the complainants in this action.

### Letter Of Thanks

Jackson, N. C., September 21, 1940.

Mr. R. H. Griffin Selma, N. C.

Dear Sir:

The Northampton County Chapter of the American Red Cross wishes me to express to you and your fellow citizens our grateful appreciation of your generosity and sympathy to the unfortunate people of our county during the recent flood. Won't you convey to them our gratitude for their help in our time of need?

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Eric Norfleet,  
Secretary

### Death Claims Aged Citizen On Route 1

James R. Hare, 80, died Sunday afternoon at the home of M. C. Bunn, Selma Route 1, nine miles north of Selma. Funeral services were conducted from Creech's church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

Surviving is one son, Joe Hare, of Selma Route 1.