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## Secretary Stimson To Draw First Draft No.

800,000 Young Men To Be Called Into Service — 30,000 In First Group — Units Will Be On Way To Camps Within Three Weeks After Drawing.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—At noon on October 29, Secretary of War Stimson will draw the first number in a nationwide lottery in which nearly 17,000,000 young men hold tickets—800,000 of them good for a year's service in the army.

Plans for the lottery were completed today at a conference of Dr. Clarence Dykstra, director of selective service, and President Roosevelt. At first Dykstra said that the President would draw the first number, but later it was announced that Mr. Roosevelt desired this honor to go to Stimson.

The President will attend the historic ceremony, to be held in the interdepartmental auditorium, and will make an address, to last about 10 minutes.

On Way In 3 Weeks.

Within three weeks after Stimson lifts the first blue number capsule from a big goldfish bowl, the initial contingent of 80,000 draftees will be on their way to training camps.

Men will be called to training—800,000 by next June 15—in the order in which their numbers are drawn from the bowl unless they volunteer without waiting to be called or unless they are deferred from service.

Although 4,000,000 more men are involved in the 1940 draft than in the world war lottery, the 1940 drawing is expected to take less time than did that of 1917.

Dykstra estimated it could be done in 12 hours.

The 6,500 local selective service boards throughout the country are now laying the groundwork for the lottery, shuffling the 17,000,000 registration cards signed in last Wednesday's enrollment of men 21 to 35 inclusive, and assigning serial numbers to the cards.

Start With 1.

Numbers in the lottery bowl will range from 1 to a number high enough to cover the largest number of registrants in any one local board area, with extra numbers to cover late registrations.

So far, national headquarters has not heard of a local board with more than 7,500 registrants. If any board's registration finally exceeds that number, state governors may be instructed to create additional boards to handle the extra numbers.

To illustrate how the system will work: If the first number drawn is 2,051, every registrant in the country holding that serial number on his draft board card will be the first in his area to be called to service, unless deferred. If a board in some sparsely-settled area does not have a number that high, it will ignore the first number drawn, and list the second or some subsequent number as its first order number. Serial numbers are soon to be posted outside the headquarters of local boards and will be available for inspection.

## Well Known Colored Citizen Died Wednesday

Final rites for Charles C. Lewis, 57, who succumbed Wednesday of last week to an illness of several months, were held Friday from the First Baptist church, where during the fifteen years of his residence he had served as teacher in the Sunday school, as member of the board of deacons and as financial secretary of the church.

Lewis, for many years, was a leader in educational, religious and civic affairs in Johnston and adjoining counties. He was held in high regard by both races.

Resolutions respecting the life and work of Charles Lewis were read. Departments of the church by T. A. Freeman, Mrs. Selma Smith and Mrs. Ardelia Sanders; E. R. Williams, superintendent Goldsboro district N. C. Mutual Life Insurance company, spoke for his company; G. W. Bryant for the Masonic Lodge; Willard J. McLean, superintendent of the local school, for the school.

The principal eulogy was made by the Rev. A. B. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Burial took place in Walnut Grove cemetery.

—The U. S. Army owns and operates 35,000 motor trucks, 20,000 of which have been procured in the last 12 months.

## BIG BROADWAY PLAY COMING



This uproaring comedy of love and intrigue which proved to be one of Broadway's biggest popular hits, will be seen at the Selma High school auditorium Friday night.

## Fulghum Heads Draft Board Number Two

Charles B. Fulghum, of Selma, has been named chairman of Johnston County's Selective Service Board No. 2. Troy Page, of Clayton, is secretary and Dr. Elmore Earp of O'Neals township is vice-chairman.

The board held its organization meeting a few days ago and elected Miss Doris Jeffreys clerk of the board from a long list of applicants.

The building recently vacated by the ABC store has been secured as headquarters. Names of registrants who have been given numbers were posted on the windows today, more names will be placed as soon as their numbers have been secured. Board No. 2 serves the townships of Clayton, Selma, Pine Level, Boon Hill, Micro, Wilders, O'Neals and Beulah.

Ed F. Ward has been elected chairman of Selective Service Board No. 1. Mr. Ward revealed Monday that 3,807 registrants of the nine southern Johnston county townships served by his board has been assigned numbers after a public shuffling of the registration cards. Number 1, Mr. Ward states, was assigned to Willie Lee Green, 26, of Four Oaks Route 3.

Lester Parrish, of Selma Mill, was drawn as No. 1 by C. B. Fulghum, chairman. This paper will carry complete list of all selective numbers of No. 2 in our next issue.

The National Lottery, to determine the order in which the 17,000,000 draft registrants will be classified and selected for military training, will be held next Tuesday at noon in Washington, with Secretary Stimson drawing the first number from the famed goldfish bowl used for the World War draft in 1917.

Numbers ranging from 1 to 10,000 (which represents the biggest anticipated total number of registrants in any one local area in the country) will be enclosed in capsules and placed in the fish bowl for the drawing.

## OUR HONOR ROLL

The following NEW subscribers have recently been added to our mailing list:

J. A. Smith, Smithfield; John W. Lee, Four Oaks Route 3; W. J. Welch, Selma Route 1; G. W. Anderson, Selma Route 1; J. H. Wiggs, Smithfield; Smithfield Mule Co.; Miss Gracie Radford, Likesville, Md.; C. C. Brown, Kenly Route 2; J. R. Hicks, Selma Route 1; J. G. Everitt, Four Oaks Route 3; John W. Morgan, Raleigh; Ira Garner, Selma Route 1; James Hines, Pine Level.

W. H. Holloman, Pine Level; A. R. Weaver, Smithfield Route 2; Keith Creech, Selma Route 1; S. J. Hinton, Middlesex Route 1; G. W. Corbett, Selma Route 1; C. P. Strickland, Four Oaks; W. H. Brown, Selma Route 1; A. L. Brock, Selma; Mrs. S. M. Parker, Greensboro; W. P. Wiggs, Princeton, Route 2; David McLamb, Benson Route 1; C. E. Fulghum, Rocky Mount; N. B. Lee, Smithfield; Ivan Woodruff, Fort Benning, Ga.; W. A. Hood, Selma; Dr. J. W. Whitehead, Smithfield; W. A. Parish, Selma Route 1; Q. C. Wall, Selma; W. N. Norris, Selma.

R. A. Edwards, Clayton; J. P. Hines, Selma Route 2; Percy Garner, Selma Route 1; Frank Edwards, Smithfield Route 2; Jarvis Brown, Selma Route 2; Delma Deans, Selma Route 1; Harvey Slaughter, Selma Route 2; Avery Braswell, Pine Level; Arthur Brown, Selma; Mrs. Abednego Johnson, Four Oaks Route 3; W. O. Adams, Selma; E. S. Acree, Selma; Mrs. Estelle Harrison, Selma; Mrs. Katie Radford, Selma.

E. D. Byrd, Selma; C. W. Massey, (Continued on Last Page)

## Mayor Hood Hears Stolen Car Case

Raymond Jernigan, young white man, was bound over to the December term of criminal court here this afternoon by Mayor Frank M. Hood, on the charge of theft of an automobile belonging to R. A. Stevens of Selma. The car is alleged to have been stolen on the night of August 18, and recovered the following day near Little Devine church, not far from the Neuse river. About \$300 worth of merchandise, including a typewriter, clothing, etc., was on the car when it was stolen, and this was found in the woods not far from where the car was found.

Albert Eason, white youth of Selma, has already been given a hearing and bound over to Superior court on the charge of complicity in the matter.

## NEW GROCERY AND MARKET FOR SELMA

The latest enterprise for Selma is "The People's Store & Market", with Frank Woodruff proprietor. For some time Mr. Woodruff has been operating a grocery business at the same stand, but only recently he has installed a new air-conditioned General Electric Refrigerator and will handle all kinds of fresh and salted meats as well as a general line of heavy and fancy groceries.

R. P. (Rich) Oliver, one of the oldest meat cutters in Johnston county, has been employed to look after the market department. Mr. Woodruff says that the new concern will do a strictly cash business, and for this reason they will be in position to sell as cheaply as anyone else. See his announcement elsewhere in this issue of The Johnstonian-Sun.

## Negro Shot Five Times By Stranger

Millard Smith, colored, who was shot five times on last Saturday night about 11 o'clock while standing on the sidewalk near Wall's store, is doing as well as could be expected. His physician says he will recover if no complications develop. Smith says a car displaying a Virginia license drew up near him and all at once the driver began shooting at him. Five shots were fired, all taking effect. After the shooting he drove off. None of the Negroes who witnessed the shooting knew the identity of the man.

## SELMA GIRL WINS TITLE IN CONTEST

Gainesville, Ga. — Miss Dorothy O'Neal, freshman at Brenau College and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. O'Neal of Selma, was named runner-up for the title of "Miss Brenau" in the annual Brenau Beauty contest, Saturday evening, October 19, competing against 42 other girls.

Miss O'Neal is a popular pledge of Delta Zeta, national social sorority on Brenau campus.

## ANOTHER ALBERT EASON

Albert Eason, who was arrested and bound over to Superior court on the charge of theft of an automobile, is not Albert Eason, proprietor of Eason's Place. Both Albert's live in Selma.

## Republican And Democratic Ticket For Johnston County

Under special legislative enactment, the major officers are not to be elected this year, but there are some very important places to be filled on the board of county commissioners and in the legislative body which is to meet in Raleigh next January, including two representatives in the lower house and one senator, and the Republican nominees for the places are as follows:

Clyde Stancil of Smithfield, and Alphonzo Parker of Benson, are running for the lower house in the legislature, and Walter Batten of Smithfield, for the State Senate, while M. B. Pleasant of Pleasant Grove township, and J. G. (Gid) Dixon of Benson are the Republican nominees for county commissioners.

C. L. Denning and R. M. Pleasant are the Democratic nominees for county commissioners, R. T. Fulghum and Lawrence Wallace for the lower house, and J. B. Benton for the state senate.

## Support Of Patrons And Friends Needed In School Activities

Patrons and friends of our school, the builders of Selma's future citizens, are asked to begin cooperating with the boys and girls by your interest in and presence at the Hallowe'en Carnival next Thursday night. Help the teachers put this worthwhile undertaking over in a big way. We can't do it without you—the call is urgent. Why? Books for our children to read. Read the colorful posters next week. You'll see them displayed in various places—and listen, if you don't, the Goblins will get you!

## Smithfield Bus Station Has Formal Opening

The new bus station at Smithfield was formally opened last Saturday when D. D. McAfee, Divisional Manager, of Raleigh, made the dedicatory address. His address was responded to by Mayor W. J. Huntley of Smithfield.

It was estimated that 2,000 persons visited the new station during the day Saturday, the climax to which took place Saturday night at 10:15 o'clock when tickets were taken from a box in which visitors had registered in order that they might be eligible for one of the prizes given by the management of the bus lines. Two prizes were given, one a trip to New York City, from the Carolina Coach company which went to Mrs. S. W. Lehigh; the other, a radio, given by the Greyhound Lines, went to T. A. Farmer.

During the day many souvenirs, such as keyrings, powder puffs, caps, etc., were distributed.

The new bus station has recently been built, and is situated at the rear of the Stallings Pharmacy, on Second street.

## Elijah Phillips Wins \$10.00 Prize Saturday

Although the weather was very inclement an immense crowd was in Selma on last Saturday for the Merchants' Jubilee. James Driver was on hand promptly with his public address system and the winners did not have long to wait for their cash. Another big crowd is expected to be on hand next Saturday. The program will start promptly at 3 o'clock. The following were the winners on last Saturday:

Kiler Griffin, Selma Route 1, \$2.00; R. D. Radford, Smithfield Route 2, \$3.00; Mrs. Roy Hinton, Selma Route 1, \$5.00; Mrs. Willard Whitely, Selma, \$5.00; Early Kennedy, \$5.00; Lee Curtis Lane, Selma Route 1, \$5.00; Mrs. Studie Corbett, Selma, \$5.00; Elijah Phillips, Selma Route 1, \$10.00.

## J. H. ABELL HAD STROKE LAST WEEK

J. H. Abell of Smithfield, widely known insurance and real estate man, suffered a stroke Thursday night of last week and has been in a critical condition ever since. Mr. Abell has numerous friends throughout Johnston and adjoining counties who regret to learn of his illness.

## Selma Youth Killed In Auto Accident

### SELMA FIRMS BUY LOTS OF COTTON

Mr. Floyd C. Price of the firm of Floyd C. Price & Son said Wednesday that since the opening of the season this year his firm had paid out \$50,000 for cotton.

Another firm which is buying a considerable amount of cotton in Selma this year is Henry & Nordan, but we do not have any figures available as to how much they have bought. Selma's reputation as a cotton market is widening out this year to new territory, many farmers selling here having come long distances to the Selma market.

## DON'T FAIL TO SEE "THE BIG POND"

Play To Be Given At Selma School Auditorium Friday Night At 7:30.

If you want to see a good play be sure to see "The Big Pond" at the Selma school auditorium Friday night, October 25, at 7:30.

This uproarious comedy of love and intrigue proved to be one of Broadway's biggest popular hits, had most successful New York and Chicago runs and promises equal success on this revival tour. The story concerns an American family headed by Henry Billings, a business man of the "go-getter" type. On a trip to Europe, daughter Barbara rejects her American lover for a young French nobleman. The story moves from Europe to America, action is fast and furious, comedy lines continuous, dialogue crisp and humorous throughout the play and the intriguing love story running through the plot does everlasting credit to its famous authors, Augustus Thomas and George Middleton.

## First Real Frost Came Sunday Night

Although there have been reports of light frost in this section before this season, Sunday night brought the first real frost of the season when a blanket of white covered houses and fields alike. The temperature was right down to the freezing point Monday morning. This is the first frost of the season to do much damage to vegetation, but Sunday night's frost was a real killer, blackening potato vines, cotton leaves and other vegetation such as is not frost-resisting.

The last week end brought a variety of weather throughout the United States, with snow and freezing temperatures from Virginia northward to Maine, while in the deep south it was unseasonably warm. From the extreme west also came reports of real summer weather with temperatures in the high nineties.

## Accepts Position With Floyd C. Price & Son

Wyatt Richardson, son of the late Clarence L. Richardson, has accepted a position with the firm of Floyd C. Price & Son here. Mr. Richardson's father was at one time a leading merchant of Selma and was prominent in the social, business and political life of the town for many years. Wyatt says he will welcome a visit to the Floyd Price store by his friends and business associates.

## J. A. Temple To Head Teachers In Sampson

Clinton, Oct. 21.—J. A. Temple of Garland has been elected president of the Sampson County Schoolmasters' club for the year.

Other officers are C. G. Griffin of Mingo, vice president; D. V. Carter of Clinton, county superintendent, secretary-treasurer; and B. E. Lohr of Clinton, publicity director.

ASK YOUR MERCHANTS FOR TRADE TICKETS.

## "T. V." Batten Is Killed Instantly and Edward Gurkin Escapes Serious Injury When Their Car Is Struck By Another Car—Accident Occurred Saturday Night One Mile North Of Micro — Funeral Rites Held Monday At Pleasant Plains Baptist Church.

Thomas Vick Batten, 20, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Batten, was instantly killed about midnight Saturday night and his companion, Edward Gurkin, another Selma youth, escaped serious injury when the automobile driven by Batten was struck by another car, driven by a Negro of Fremont. The Negro was placed in jail.

The accident occurred six miles north of Selma on Highway 301. Both cars were headed north. The Negro, in attempting to pass the Batten car, saw a truck approaching from the north and in trying to get back in line struck the Batten car with terrific force.

Young Gurkin, who owned the car, was thrown from the car some distance, landing in a cotton patch. Batten was injured in the chest and stomach.

For the past several years young Batten has held a position with the grocery firm of Etheridge & O'Neal.

Funeral services were conducted from Pleasant Plains church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon by the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, pastor of the First Baptist church of Selma. Burial took place in the Batten cemetery near the church.

Surviving are two brothers, Fonzer Batten of Selma, and Percy Batten of Selma, Route 1; five sisters, Mrs. Arthur Godwin, Mrs. James Lee and Misses Flonnie and Easter Batten of Kenly, Route 1, and Miss Matilda Batten of Selma, Route 1.

## Boy Scouts Have Good Summer Season

The Tuscarora Council, Boy Scouts of America, which includes four counties, Duplin, Johnston, Sampson and Wayne, had a splendid summer season says C. Harold Westin, scout executive. Through camp improvements made, the number of individual boys attending from last years 108 increased to this years 127. The total number of boy weeks was also increased from 174 to 285. The total number of Merit Badges passed up to October 1, 1940 totaled 896 compared with 657 the same time last year. The advancement program was also improved.

## Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

ELTON PRIDGEN while attending the State Fair decided he would send President Roosevelt a souvenir of the fair—a post card—on which he wrote "I am pulling for you"—ELTON, in a few days, received the following: "White House, Washington, October 18, 1940—My dear Mr. Pridgen: The President has asked me to thank you for your recent communication. The friendliness which it evidences is sincerely appreciated by him. Very sincerely yours, STEPHEN EARLY, Secretary to the President—ELTON, a Selma high school pupil, is very proud of the letter—FRANK WOODRUFF is inviting you to attend his big opening Friday night from 6:30 till 10—be on hand and get one of those prizes he is giving away—FRANK has just installed a handsome G-E refrigerator—he will carry all kinds of fresh meats—ARCHIE BROCK, who recently leased the cafe at the Union Station, is cooking his own barbecue and believe me it is goot too—he knows his business when it comes to making good barbecue—we welcome WYATT RICHARDSON to the Maindrag—WYATT has accepted a position with FLOYD C. PRICE & SON, where he invites his friends to give him a call—next time you drop in at CLEAN-M-RIGHT take a look at the interior of this building—ED CREECH, the manager, has just had a coat of paint put on the walls and ceiling of the building and what a difference—looks like a new place—how about a little paint on the inside of your place of business (as well as the outside)—doesn't cost much.