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## WOMEN WANT WAR LESS THAN DO MEN

In A Newspaper Poll Taken By The New York News, Wives, Mothers and Sweethearts Are More Than 5 Per Cent Stronger Against War Than Men.

New York, July 13.—According to a newspaper poll taken by the New York News, wives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts are more than 5 per cent stronger against war than their menfolk, a separate count of postcard votes by sexes revealed today as the New York State-wide referendum swung into the home stretch.

Bulging mail sacks containing 20,364 cards arrived at poll headquarters today and brought to 144,124 the total tallied so far. The State-wide score stands:

For war: 43,359, or 30.1 per cent.  
Against war: 100,765, or 69.9 per cent.

Evidence that women as a group are less warlike than men was provided by a double-check in two distant areas—the Fourth Assembly district in Queens and Oneida county. The women voted 81.9 per cent to 18.1 per cent against war, and the men 76.3 per cent to 23.7 per cent against war, a difference of 5.6 percentage points.

The News tallied the votes of men and women by simply separating "Johns" from "Marys" on the address half of the double postcards sent out and by clipping corners from the women's ballot cards. This explains why many women in St. Albans, Bay-side, Queens Village, Hollis and Douglaston, as well as in and around Utica, received clipped cards.

## Fort Bragg Office Is Spending \$140 a Minute

Fort Bragg, July 14.—Federal funds expended through the Fort Bragg finance office during the fiscal year ended June 30, totaled \$74,074,478.

Lieut. Col. L. W. Mattox, post office, announcing the figure today, said an average of \$140 was spent every minute.

The expenditures were for construction work at both Fort Bragg and Camp Davis, civilian observation corps work in North Carolina, and the cost of selective service boards in the state, in addition to soldiers' pay.

## Selma Scouts At Camp Tuscarora This Week

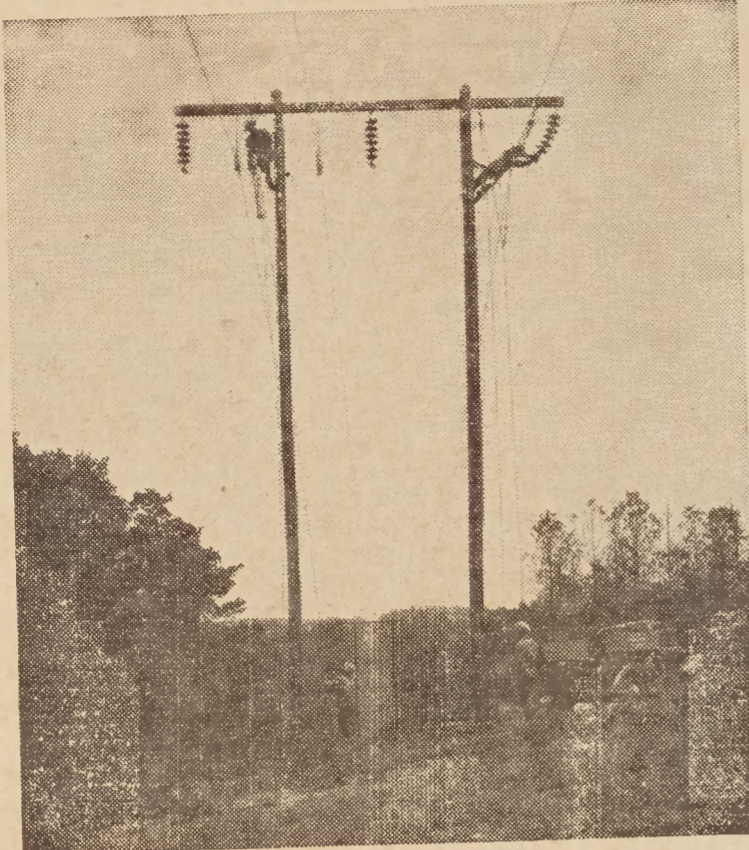
Scouts David S. Ball, Jr., L. R. Grant, Jr., and Dickey Broadwell are spending this week at Camp Tuscarora. Others Scouts from Selma are expected to go to Camp Tuscarora next week.

## Wins \$1,000 Award



Miss Ellen Singleton won a \$1,000 award from the Southern Society of New York for her accomplishment in piano. Miss Singleton is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. L. T. Singleton of Moyock. Her father was pastor of the Selma Methodist church for four years, and during that time Miss Singleton was sponsor of the Selma Kiwanis club. She studied under Mark Hoffman while attending Greensboro College. She recently has been a pupil of Harold Morris in New York City.

## POWER LINE NEARS COMPLETION



Shown above is part of the new 110,000 volt line the Carolina Power and Light Company is building from its substation between Dunn and Erwin to the Cape Fear stream generating plant in Chatham county. The line, one of five the company is building in North and South Carolina, is part of the company's program of expansion to aid in the national defense program.

## COMMISSIONERS TO REDUCE TAX RATE

Refunding of School Bonds Would Make Possible Seven Cents Reduction, Otherwise Rate Would Remain at \$1.45.

While the county commissioners are reported to have not definitely decided on the tax rate for this year, it has been determined that it will be no higher than \$1.38 as compared to \$1.45 last year, we are informed. The 7c reduction in the rate is, however, contingent upon the refinancing of \$20,000 in school bonds to become due during the year. There is some objection to this procedure, we understand, of borrowing money to meet obligations of the county thus extending the debt of the county. But should the bonds be not refinanced, the rate will stand as last year at \$1.45, it is reported.

The county budget was tentatively set at \$693,297.59 of which \$197,924.92 is for general government purposes; \$135,203.05 for interest on county bonds, except school bonds, and \$342,169.62 for schools, most of which goes for payment of currently due school bonds and interest. None of this money is applied for the operation of the county schools, as this is paid by the state. The school bonds is the aggregate of all the bonds for building the various school buildings in the county.

## Many "New" Homes Dot "Terrapin Hill"

They call Green street in Selma "Terrapin Hill", and the many new homes surely do make it look spotted. The new homes of Floyd C. Price, Jr., Carl P. Worley, Ed Creech, Hunter Price, Leon Woodruff and Joe Creech have revolutionized the scenery in that part of town; besides the repainting of Bill Nordan's home, the remodeling and repainting of the J. R. Straughan old home site by Bill That Woodard, and the painting of the home of T. M. Benoy, and the remodeling of the home where Editor M. L. Stancil lives, which was recently bought by Mr. T. M. Benoy; also the remodeling of the Richardson home by Hayden Wiggs, who has changed it into an apartment house.

## Merchants Praised For Putting Legion Games On Air

Just prior to the starting of the Selma-Wilson game here Wednesday, H. H. Lowry, of The Johnstonian-Sun, was introduced by Mr. Wannamaker, announcer for WGTM. Mr. Lowry, in a brief talk, thanked the Selma merchants and professional men for making it possible for the games played in Selma to be broadcast over Station WGTM in Wilson. He also paid a tribute, to the officials of WGTM for the splendid reception and the very fine cooperation given our business men. In his introduction of Mr. Lowry, Mr. Wannamaker said: "He is no stranger to WGTM, having been on the air many times before."

## YOUNG FARMER TAKES OWN LIFE

Willie E. Crocker Shoots Self In Heart at Home of His Aunt Without Making Any Threat Or Giving Any Cause For Act.

Willie E. Crocker, 31, one of the leading young tobacco growers in this part of Johnston county, committed suicide early Sunday morning by firing a single shot through his heart. Crocker was at the home of his aunt, Miss Emma Crocker of Selma, Route 2, when he took his life. Coroner E. N. Booker said it was a clear case of suicide.

Crocker spent Saturday afternoon in Selma, and was reported to have been in good spirits at that time by people who contacted him.

His aunt reported that when they arrived home Saturday night that she noticed a decided change in her nephew's conduct. No cause has been given for the act. Crocker was alone when he took his life.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Mildred Woodard of Princeton; his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Crocker of Selma, Route 2; three brothers, Joe N. Crocker of Selma, Route 2; John I. Crocker of Bethlehem, Pa., and James P. Crocker of Washington, D. C.; one half-brother, Newland Crocker of Selma, Route 2; two sisters, Mrs. Oscar Creech of Selma, and Mrs. Harold Peedin of Selma, Route 2.

Funeral services were conducted Monday from the graveside of the Crocker cemetery which is two miles east of Selma, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. D. M. Clemmons of the Selma Baptist church was the officiating minister.

## Daylight Saving Time May Come To Us All

Daylight saving time for North Carolina, with all clocks and watches run forward for one hour beginning August 1, became a very strong probability Wednesday as Governor J. M. Broughton called upon mayors of all cities and county commissioners to cooperate with him in complying with a request from President Roosevelt for institution of daylight saving time in order to save electrical energy needed for national defense.

The Governor communicated by telephone Wednesday with the Governors of Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee, all of whom assured him they were taking similar steps for voluntary observance of daylight saving time in their respective states. Before communicating with the other governors, Broughton sought and obtained a ruling from Attorney General Harry McMullen as to the Governor's power to order observance of daylight saving time by proclamation. The Attorney General ruled informally that there is no such power.

## Rev. L. H. Watson Ill At His Home

Rev. W. H. Watson is ill at his home here suffering from a sciatic nerve trouble in his right hip. He has been confined to his home for the past several days but is convalescing nicely and it is hoped that he will be able to be out again soon.

## RED CROSS ASKING COUNTY FOR HELP

War Relief Production Calls For Various Articles of Wearing Apparel.

Johnston County's quota for the American Red Cross calls for various and sundry articles of wearing apparel, to be used for war relief production, as follows:

- 12 Men's sweaters
- 24 Women's sweaters
- 48 Children's sweaters
- 40 Knitted suits
- 48 Bed shirts
- 17 Operating gowns
- 10 Layettes
- 20 Toddler packs
- 12 Women's cotton dresses
- 48 Girl's cotton dresses
- 40 Boy's shirts

### EXTRAS

- 24 Women's skirts
- 24 Girl's skirts
- 24 Caps or beanies
- 12 Men's Socks
- 6 Afghans
- 12 Hospital pajamas.

Mrs. Thel Hooks, Chairman  
Smithfield, N. C.

## Law For Vaccination Of Dogs To Be Rigidly Enforced

Dog owners in Johnston County who have not yet complied with the law requiring vaccination against rabies must comply by the end of this week or make themselves subject to prosecution.

Township constables are aiding in the enforcement of the law this year and they promise that prosecutions will begin next week. Dr. E. F. Boyette, county rabies inspector, will conduct a final vaccination roundup at his office in Smithfield Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

## State Will Give Mercy Plane To Britain; County Quota \$500

Johnston county is getting ready to do its part in a whirlwind, state-wide financial campaign to secure approximately \$75,000 for the purchase of an airplane ambulance for Great Britain—a gift from the citizens of North Carolina to the people of England.

The money collected in Johnston county will go into a central Old North State Fund set up to pay for the big mercy ship. During the next two weeks a committee under the leadership of Mrs. Norman Shepard of Smithfield will conduct a county-wide solicitation of funds; and every Johnstonian is urged to support the cause to the best of his ability. Members of the county advisory committee who are working with Mrs. Shepard are:

J. B. Benton, Benson; Judge F. H. Brooks, Smithfield; Dr. R. E. Earp, Selma; R. P. Holding, Smithfield; Albert Noble, Smithfield; Mrs. Hugh

M. Page, Clayton; James Pool, Smithfield; Mrs. Edw. W. Pou, Smithfield; Miss Mattie Pou, Smithfield; and H. V. Rose, Smithfield.

The Old North State Fund, headed by Governor J. Melville Broughton as honorary chairman, and Judge F. O. Bowman, prominent attorney of Chapel Hill, as state chairman, was organized in response to Great Britain's pressing needs for additional ambulance equipment. The plane selected for a gift to England is an amphibian, twin-motored Grumman fitted with special ambulance facilities accommodating four stretcher and two sitting cases, pilot, medical attendant, or co-pilot. It is this type of airplane that the British-American Ambulance Corps recommends as best suited to England's present needs.

Committee for Selma are: Wm. I. Godwin, Carl P. Worley and Dr. R. E. Earp. Mrs. Norman C. Shepard, of Smithfield, is County Chairman.

## Smithfield Attorney Dies By Own Hand

Deed Was Committed At Home of His Brother, In Meadow Township, Sunday Night About 6 O'clock — No Cause Given.

Funeral services for P. G. Lee, a well known lawyer of Smithfield, who ended his life Sunday night at 6 o'clock at the home of his brother, Jack Lee, in Meadow township, was held Monday afternoon at Rose and company's funeral home in Benson. Burial was in the family cemetery on the J. J. Rose homestead in Bensonville township.

### TAKES LIFE SUNDAY



P. G. LEE

According to Coroner E. N. Booker, of Selma, Lee made a pallet in a room at the home of his brother and killed himself with a double-barrel shot gun, blowing the top of his head off. Nobody was in the house at the time.

Lee, who was 37 years old, received his law training at the University of North Carolina and under the late Judge George P. Pell, of Raleigh. He was a candidate for the general assembly four years ago and was defeated in the primary by a small margin.

Dr. Booker and Sheriff Kirby Rose investigated the case. No reason could be determined for the suicide.

Surviving are his estranged wife; three brothers, Talmage Lee and George Lee, of the United States navy; five sisters, Mrs. L. S. Butler, Misses Annie and Charlotte Lee, of Raleigh; Miss Irma Lee, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Miss Alice Utley Lee, of Benson.

## YOUNG MAN KILLS SELF NEAR ERWIN

Filling Station Operator, Whose Home Was In Princeton, Kills Self With Pistol.

Funeral services for Elton Lee Wells, who ended his life with a .38 pistol Thursday morning, were held at the home of a relative in Princeton Friday afternoon.

The young man was working at Glover's filling station at the Cape Fear river bridge, near Erwin, at the time he sent a steel jacket bullet through his head, the bullet striking the wall of the filling station after passing through his head and dropping into a shoe box.

Friends of the boy say that he put a quarter in the "juke box" and went into the back room. Shortly they heard a loud noise, which they thought was a drink crate or a box falling. It happened that one of them had to go into the ante-room to get some change. It was then that they found him dying from the wound.

He was rushed to the Harnett County Hospital in Dunn, where he died about two hours later.

No one seemed to know any reason for the act save worry over his status as a draftee. He had sent his questionnaire back to the Dunn board but had not received his classification. He had suffered from a broken arm recently and had just taken the sling off the day before.

He was reported to have said that he didn't care whether he lived or not. Just five weeks ago he was at home in Princeton. He was reported to have been in the best of spirits at that time. Not any of his people, including his father, had seen him since.

The body was taken to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Bettie Strickland, in Princeton, where the funeral services were held. Interment took place in the Princeton cemetery.

Surviving are his father, Luther Wells, of Princeton; three brothers and three sisters.

## Roger Strickland Is Kiwanis Speaker

The speaker who was scheduled to address the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday night was unable to fill his engagement, but Program Chairman Leon Brown refused to let the club down without a program and introduced Roger Strickland as pinch hitter for the scheduled speaker. Mr. Strickland kept his audience in a roar of laughter with his humorous fish stories. He then gave way to Raleigh Griffin who came back at the speaker with a defensive blow at the speaker for certain references made to him while on a recent fishing expedition down East.

The Kiwanians enjoyed the bout from both sides, and this brought Kiwanian Brown's program to an end.

## Secretary Of Navy Frank Knox Visits Marine Base In State

Col. Frank Knox, secretary of the United States Navy, flew from Washington City to New Bern Wednesday morning in one hour and 30 minutes in a two-motored Amacosta transport plane. He was accompanied by Congressman Barden and high Marine and Navy officials.

Secretary Knox came to North Carolina on an inspection tour of the Eastern North Carolina Marine bases now under construction.

## Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

The first ball game ever broadcast from Selma was heard over Station W. G. T. M. Monday—and it came in good, according to reports from all over this section — COACH EARL FUNDERBURK's mother, who lives in Wadesboro, said she heard every play and wired her son her congratulations—EARL said: "I hope she didn't hear the broadcast Tuesday," when his proteges lost to Wilson—"If she did," continued EARL, "it would be just like her to cry"—W. G. T. M. did a fine job Monday and Wednesday—the games at Wilson are also broadcast—the merchants and professional men of Selma sponsored the broadcasts from here—that was a fine thing those men did for the Selma Juniors last night — by giving them a big barbecue chicken dinner at the American Legion hut — the boys had a great time and each one put away half a chicken — GERTRUDE STRAUGHAN, MAGGIE CHAMBLEE, FAY WHITE and MAYORESS HENRY did their part in "rooting" for the team Monday and Wednesday—GERTRUDE said she didn't eat a bite of supper Monday night and FAY said she believed she would have to call in a throat specialist—go to it, girls, that's what it takes to win a ball game — nevertheless, we have a good joke on these ladies, when the Selmites arrived in Wilson Tuesday no Coca-Colas were on sale at the stadium, so MAGGIE got in her car and went "up town" after that popular beverage, but lo, and behold, when they returned with a big box full of dopes the cold drink stand had opened up—"gosh, I'm sorry we didn't get here sooner," the operator of the stand told us—Jupiter Pluvius was exceedingly kind to us here and Wilson, just a light sprinkle, not enough to stop the game — the Editor of The Johnstonian-Sun was too busy putting a new roof on his home to go to Wilson, and we don't blame him, for we might have had another gully washer, and he would have been needed at home—he is another real faa.