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The Johnstonian-Sun is dedicated to the best interest of Johnston county and its sixty thousand people. Read the news and advertisements in its columns each week.

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## Funds Are Needed to Complete Gymnasium

Chairman Jones Makes Urgent Appeal For Funds To Complete Community Building—Committees Appointed To Solicit Funds.

Two committees, one from the American Legion and one from the Business interests of Selma, have been named to go out and make solicitations for funds to complete the new City Community Building. At present it will require about \$1500 dollars more to complete the job.

When complete, this building will house the American Legion, the Boy Scouts, and a large auditorium will be available for the general public as well as a gymnasium for all types of indoor athletics, such as basketball, Boy Scout activities, etc. The auditorium may be used for club meetings, society meetings, or for public gatherings of whatever nature may be deemed appropriate.

By working through the NYA much progress has been made on the building which is regarded as a \$20,000 project, at a cost to this community of approximately \$6,000, and is a building that Selma and community may well feel proud of.

Many of our citizens have contributed liberally to this project, but the work is at a stage right now where it has become necessary to make an appeal to the citizens of this community for additional funds in order that the work may go forward to completion. Without this help the work will have to stop. The Building committee needs \$1500 dollars to complete the project, including windows, seats, etc.

Dr. E. N. Booker, who headed the first Finance Committee to raise funds for this project, now finds it necessary to give up his work on this committee because of his enlarged practice. A new committee has been appointed, with R. A. Jones, chairman; B. A. Henry, C. W. Manning, H. H. Lowry and J. Q. Jeffreys.

A canvass will be made of the town of Selma and members of the American Legion, and this committee is asking for the hearty support of all. The building is yours and you have cause to feel proud of it, and the more you invest in it, the prouder you should be for making that investment. If not used by you, it will be used by your children or your neighbors' children who will be afforded better training and better developed physical bodies that they may become more useful citizens.

Should the committee fail to see you, make your contribution to R. H. Griffin at the Branch Banking and Trust Company of Selma.

In case a family desires to contribute a sufficient amount for a memorial to be placed in this building that can be arranged with the committee, also, such as furniture, flags, windows, doors, equipment, etc.

## Prominent Farmer Of Benson Died Tuesday

Benson—Joseph N. Norris, 71, and a well-known farmer, died at his home near here Tuesday following a stroke of paralysis which came after a long period of declining health.

Funeral services were held at Hannah's Creek Primitive Baptist church near Benson at 3 o'clock Wednesday, with Elder Xure Lee in charge.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Fruzie Norris, and the following children: Hubert Norris of Clayton; Wade Norris of Benson; Mrs. Ethel Barefoot, Mrs. Nellie Stewart and Mrs. Iva Glover, all of this section; and 18 grandchildren. He was a son of the late Henry and Catherine Norris and was born and reared in Johnston county.

## POSTMASTER EARP PAINTING HIS HOME

Among those who have resorted to the use of more paint in Selma recently, we note that Postmaster H. E. Earp is having a new coat of paint applied to his home on the corner of Massey and Waddell streets. Mr. Earp said his neighbors up the street have been doing so much building and painting that he felt that he must do something to keep up with the progress of the town.

## SELMA STARTS DRIVE FOR POTS AND PANS

Mayor B. A. Henry announced this morning that a drive had begun in Selma for the collection of aluminum ware for defense purposes. A wire pen has been arranged on the vacant lot adjoining the Branch Banking & Trust company here, and all aluminum ware should be taken there as soon as possible. Only old, used or discarded aluminum ware is wanted.

Many homes have some form of old aluminum pots and pans or other household utensils which they will be glad to contribute to this cause; and in order to make it as easy on householders as possible, Mayor Henry said the Town of Selma will give a prize of \$1 to the boy or girl who collects the greatest number of pieces of such ware for deposit in the wire pen here. If you can contribute any aluminum ware to this cause have it ready when some calls for it.

Vernon Woodruff brought a large turn of old aluminum pots and pans to the Johnstonian-Sun office early this morning to let us know he is in the game to win that \$1 bill.

## Selma Man Wins Prize At Angier Anniversary

Lawrence Fleming won the prize offered for the smallest man attending the anniversary of the founding of the town of Angier on last Tuesday.

Lawrence, who is 23 years of age, 44 inches tall and weighs 43 pounds, was given the \$2.00 prize, donated by Chief-of-Police Sam Jones, of Angier, former Selma policeman. Young Fleming is said to be the smallest man in North Carolina to register for the draft last October.

A former mayor of the town of Angier walked up to the car, handed Lawrence a dollar bill and invited him to visit his town again. Quite a number of Angier citizens interviewed the little fellow and when he left Angier he had \$5.09 in his jeans.

He was accompanied to the Harnett county town by Mayor and Mrs. B. A. Henry and daughters, Joyce Ann and Jean, Bill Mangum and H. H. Lowry.

## J. R. POOL TO HEAD COUNTY DEFENSE

James R. Pool, Smithfield attorney, has been asked by Governor J. M. Broughton to serve as Johnston county chairman of Civilian Defense. An outline of the duties assigned to the local defense unit will be sent to Mr. Pool upon his notice of acceptance of the post.

A suggestion of the type of civilian defense work of which the chairman would be in charge was included in a letter from headquarters of the North Carolina council of defense. It was pointed out that the county defense branch would be expected to cooperate in all local emergency efforts, such as drives for funds to aid in the defense program and the setting up of an aircraft warning service.

Mr. Pool, who was urged to proceed with organization of the county defense unit at once, says that during the next few days he will appoint local committees to direct the work of civilian defense in all parts of the country.

## Surprise Birthday Party For Mr. H. B. Carter

Sunday, July 20, the family of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carter met at his home on Waddell street, in Selma, for a surprise dinner, honoring Mr. Carter's 59th, and his first grandchild's 6th, birthdays.

A beautifully decorated table was placed on the lawn and in the center were two lighted birthday cakes.

After the delicious picnic lunch, gifts were presented.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude F. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Carter and children, Bobby and Loretta; Rachel, Anne, Christine, Thelma Lee, Gertrude, Herbert and Loomis Carter; also present were Aileen Bedford, of Clayton, and Robert Glen Watson, of Newport News, Va.

## SELMA MAN SAVES LIFE OF CHILD

John Thomas Hughes, Jr., Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hughes, of Selma, Saved Life of Seven-Year-Old Robert Lytton From Drowning At White Lake A Few Days Ago.

(The Bladen Journal)

The quick and skillful work of John Thomas Hughes, Jr. of Selma, Clerk in Goldston's hotel, White Lake, undoubtedly saved the life of Robert Lytton, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lytton of Elizabethtown on Monday afternoon, July 14th.

Robert and several companions were swimming in White Lake, and playing in the shallow waters, and it is thought that Robert went too far out on the pier and dived in deep water, being unable to swim out.

Joan Brantley, a visitor here in the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Lee, saw his body lying on the bottom of the lake and cried for help. An unidentified stranger lifted the child's body to the pier and John Thomas Hughes rushed to the scene and administered artificial respiration for around 45 minutes.

There were no signs of life for at least 10 minutes and the battle for life looked hopeless, but Hughes worked on, his skillful hands finally sensing a faint tremor in the child's heart and pulse. Dr. E. C. Bennett, of Elizabethtown, reached the scene quickly, and administered a heart stimulant.

Hughes is an Eagle Scout, a graduate of Wake Forest college, where he specialized in life saving, and a young man of excellent character.

The lad is recuperating as well as could be expected, but suffered considerable from shock.

Great praise for the quick and efficient work of young Hughes is heard on every hand.

## Four Oaks Woman Found Dead In Bed

Funeral services were conducted Saturday for Mrs. Arnette Baker, 64, wife of Joseph Baker, of near Four Oaks. Baker found his wife dead in bed when he awoke Friday morning. It is thought that she died around 1:00 a. m. She had been in poor health, and it is thought death resulted from heart trouble.

Services were held at Barbour's Chapel. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving besides Mr. Baker who was her second husband, are seven children by her former husband. These are Harvey, David and John Ennis and Mrs. Meta Pulley of Raleigh; Mrs. Ada Willis of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Mamie Davis of Erwin and Mrs. Nellie Baker of Four Oaks.

## WILLKIE THINKS WE WILL ENTER WAR

Los Angeles, July 23.—Wendell L. Willkie told a mass meeting for national unity tonight the United States probably would be involved in war regardless of the position it took on developing international affairs.

The real issue now, he said in a prepared address, "is whether we are going to live in the future as free men, or whether the attack of the totalitarian powers is to destroy our prospect of freedom and force us, in desperation, to undertake another form of government."

Willkie said the United States was not seeking war in establishing outlying bases but was moving to secure outposts from which its freedom could be defended.

"As the international situation develops there will doubtless be other moves we will be compelled to make," he told his listeners. "In judging these moves, let us have one, and only one, criterion. Do they or do they not help to assure free lives for us and our children and our children's children? If they do not, then we should oppose them. But if they do, then whatever our party or whatever our creed, we must give them our support."

Willkie said he believed concentration of power in the hands of the President was a great danger to democracy, "but we are not here faced merely with a domestic danger—and in the very founding of this country the principle was set forth that in times of national danger power must be temporarily concentrated in the hands of commander-in-chief."

## NO MORE BEER AND WINE ON SUNDAY

Commissioners Of Selma Pass Ordinance Prohibiting Sale of Beer and Wine On Sunday At Request of Representative Delegation of Citizens Here.

At a special meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners held Tuesday night, when a representative delegation of the citizens of Selma appeared before the board and made a strong appeal to the Town Fathers to prohibit the sale of beer and wine on the Sabbath Day, the group was assured by the board that proper consideration would be given to their request.

The board then went into executive session and passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of beer and wine on the Sabbath Day within the corporate limits of the Town of Selma, said ordinance to become effective on August 1, 1941.

The delegation represented to the board that the sale of beer and wine on the Sabbath Day was not only wrong, but that many people had abused this privilege by "tanking up" on these intoxicants on Sunday and thereby becoming quite noisy and disrespectful of the sacred rights and privileges of those who prefer to honor the Sabbath Day. It was represented to the board that no one should object to better Sabbath Day observance, or to any law which has for its aim this objective.

## TONSIL, ADENOID CLINIC NEXT WEEK

Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, of Smithfield, ear eye, nose and throat specialist, will conduct the annual tonsil-adeno clinic sponsored by the Johnston county health department next week, beginning Monday. The clinic will be held in the basement of the Smithfield school.

Eligible for the clinic are children from six years old to 12, and the clinic is for white and Negro children. Previously the ages were given from eight to 12 years, but this was incorrect.

The clinic, as has been announced, is for indigent children and applications must be made through the family doctor. A maximum charge of five dollars will be made for the operation.

## SMITHFIELD YOUTH DIED LAST WEEK

Baxter Gay Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith, died at the home of his parents in Smithfield on Monday night, July 15, following a long illness. He was 17 years of age on Sunday before his death. An invalid since birth, he had been a great sufferer all his life and for several weeks his condition had been critical.

Funeral rites were held from the home late Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. C. L. Gillespie of the Smithfield Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Boone, pastor of Centenary Methodist church. A mixed choir sang appropriate hymns. Interment followed in the Oakland Heights cemetery. The grave was banked with lovely flowers.

Surviving besides his parents is one sister, Miss Mary Smith.

## AGED SELMA MAN DIED LAST WEEK

Jesse Daughtry, 83, who made his home with one of his sons near Selma, died Wednesday afternoon, July 16, at 6 o'clock. Mr. Daughtry had been in declining health for the past several months.

Funeral services were held at Yelvington's Grove church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Worley of Selma.

Surviving are three sons, Romie Daughtry of near Selma and Zeb and Mallie Daughtry of Smithfield, R.F.D. and three daughters, Mrs. M. N. Whitley, Smithfield; Mrs. W. L. Roberts, Sanford; and Mrs. W. L. Lee, Smithfield Route 2.

## Edward Hoge Vick Given Medical License

Among the newly licensed doctors who recently passed the state Board of Examiners and were granted license to practice medicine was Edward Hoge Vick, son of Mrs. Geo. D. Vick and the late Dr. Vick, of Selma.

## Town Officials Endorse Daylight Saving Time

### SIGNS OF PROGRESS ALONG MAINDRAG

In Compliance With Request of Governor Broughton, Mayor Henry Wires Him That Town Board Are Cooperating With Daylight Saving Program.

Mayor B. A. Henry and the board of town commissioners of Selma have gone on record as favoring daylight saving time, in response to a request from Governor Broughton. The proposed institution of daylight saving time in this state is intended as a means of conserving electrical power for defense. All clocks would be advanced one hour under the new system.

Mayor Henry sent the following wire to Governor Broughton: "I am pleased to advise that the commissioners of the town of Selma, N. C., have unanimously endorsed the daylight saving plan as requested by you."

## SELMA PEOPLE VISIT MR. C. P. HARPER

Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Rev. D. M. Clemmons, Mayor B. A. Henry, E. V. Woodard, H. H. Lowry and W. E. Tyler attended the Wilson-Gaston baseball game in Wilson Wednesday. While in Wilson they visited Mr. C. P. Harper at the Carolina-General Hospital. Mr. Harper, who was injured when struck by an automobile last spring, is improving nicely and hopes to be able to return to Selma in the near future.

## Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

MR. and MRS. HERBERT CARLISLE celebrated their wedding anniversary and the birthday of MR. CARLISLE on last Saturday—we had the pleasure of partaking of a bountiful dinner at their home on that day—"we've gotten along fine all these 36 years," said MRS. CARLISLE—"of course, like all married couples, we've had a few little misunderstandings"—no couple in Selma is held in higher esteem than MR. and MRS. CARLISLE—other Selma citizens celebrating their birthday on last Saturday were MR. W. R. SMITH, of SMITH & CAMERON; THOMAS MARLOW, ED PRICE, EMORY VANN and MABEL McRAE—a letter mailed in Charleston, W. Va., and received at the Selma postoffice was addressed as follows: "Deliver this to a house on the corner of Sharpe and Railroad streets in a town 28 miles east of Raleigh, N. C., on the junction of Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railway, thanks"—the letter from COLE RAY to his mother, MRS. R. L. RAY, SR., was delivered promptly—congratulations to E. J. SASSER, street commissioner, and his corps of helpers, for cutting the weeds along the sidewalks in the town of Selma—so far, so good, but they should have removed the weeds from the pavement—JOHN N. WIGGS and W. T. WOODARD, SR., are putting in a new front to their clothing store—this will be a big improvement to their store when completed—SMITH & CAMERON are having the interior of their store painted this week—J. D. MURRAY, and WILL THOMPSON are doing the job—glad to see MR. FREEMAN, of The Herald, on the Maindrag yesterday—come again, always glad to have you—the writer visited STAR HARPER at the Carolina-General Hospital in Wilson Monday—STAR told us he was getting anxious to return to Selma—the plaster casts will be removed from his legs Friday—says he's afraid he'll have to learn to walk again—he's hoping he will soon be O. K.—it is rumored that DR. WILL H. LASISTER will at an early date tender his resignation as head of the Johnston County Health Department and return to Selma to practice his profession—this will be good news to his many friends in Selma, as the good doctor has been greatly missed since leaving our town—ERNEST V. WOODARD, JR., who was injured in an automobile accident about two weeks ago, is recuperating at his home here—ERNEST is missed from the Maindrag these days.

## Princeton Child Dies In County Hospital

Patricia Agnes Lee, four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee of Princeton died Sunday afternoon in Johnston County Hospital following an illness of colitis. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the home of the child's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Woodall, Smithfield, Route 2. Burial was in the Princeton cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, the maternal grandparents, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lee of Princeton.