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Civilian Defense Council Members Are Named

Organization Is Set Up To Operate Through Emergency—J. R. Pool, Smithfield Attorney, Heads Council—Members of Executive And Advisory Committees Have Been Named.

J. R. Pool, general chairman of the Council of Defense for Johnston county, has effected in part the organization which when completed is expected to reach into every one of the 17 townships of the county.

This council is being set up as a preparedness program to handle all matters which pertain to national defense other than military affairs. It will direct and lead such movements as the aluminum drive, sale of government defense stamps and bonds, production for defense and any other like services.

Mr. Pool announces that there will be two committees—an executive committee, and an advisory committee that will aid in the organization of the townships.

Members of the executive committee have been named as follows: Clyde L. Stancil, chairman; Mrs. B. G. Mattox, vice-chairman; Norman C. Shepard, secretary; C. G. Gulley, of Clayton, treasurer; E. A. Henry of Selma, Mrs. Brad McLamb of Benson, O. L. Boyette of Princeton, W. Yates Creech of Kenly, W. R. Peele of Clayton, and M. A. Morgan of Smithfield.

Advisory Committee
F. H. Brooks has been chosen as chairman of the advisory committee. Miss Rachel Everett is the vice-chairman. This committee, far-reaching as it will be, is necessarily large. The following other persons have been placed on this committee: R. P. Holding, W. J. Huntley, H. B. Marrow, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Mrs. Thel Hooks, W. M. Gaskin, K. L. Rose, G. W. Grier, Edmund Aycock and Miss Ruby Pearson.

Beulah—Paul D. Grady, Ennis L. Etheridge, and Mrs. Ennis L. Etheridge.

Banner—Ed Johnson, L. L. Levinson, Howard Benton.

Selma—Mrs. Wylie Wright, David Ball, H. H. Lowry, and C. P. Worley. Clayton—A. F. Arthur, Mrs. R. W. Sanders and Mrs. Hugh Page.

Cleveland—Mrs. Leon Stevens. Pine Level—Kenneth Gurley and W. B. Oliver.

Princeton—M. E. Powell and A. F. Holt, Jr.

Micro—R. C. Pearce and Noble Hinant.

Elevation—Mrs. Chester Barbour. O'Neals—James W. Earp.

Meadow—J. V. Mashburn. Wilders—S. T. Liles.

Wilson's Mills—Howard Mitchiner. Pleasant Grove—M. B. Pleasant.

Bentonville—Rev. John J. Langston.

As soon as practicable the organization of each township will be perfected, and on the organization committee in each township will be the presidents of the home demonstration clubs.

Chairman Pool urges each one of the above to accept the leaders of the Council of National Defense, but if for any real reason some cannot serve, such persons should notify the chairman at once. A permanent organization should be completed as early as possible.

BROGDEN GIRL GETS CONTRACT WITH MOVIES

Miss Ava Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gardner of the Brogden School district has landed a contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for a period of seven years. Miss Gardner is 18 years old. She left last week to begin her movie career in Hollywood, California, and that she will make good is not questioned by those who know something of her talent along this line.

Boll Weevils Are Reported Active

Growers report that boll weevils are active throughout most of the cotton fields of Johnston County, says M. A. Morgan, farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

SELMA PEOPLE IN WRECK SUNDAY

Miss Ruth Avery and Miss Annabel Flowers Still Confined To Their Rooms Suffering From Shock and Bruises.

Five Selma people were in an automobile accident on the Wilson-Farmville highway early Sunday night, while returning from Manteo where they had been to see the "Lost Colony" dramatized on Roanoke Island.

The party consisted of Misses Helen Kirby, Annie Mae Cameron, Annabel Flowers, Ruth Avery, and Mrs. Ed Creech. They were in Miss Helen Kirby's car, but Miss Cameron was doing the driving at the time of the accident, which occurred near Saratoga, about ten miles east of Wilson. They had been following another car for some distance which was traveling rather slowly, and decided to pass it so they could make a little better time. In passing the other car the left-hand wheels ran off the shoulder of the concrete and this caused Miss Cameron to lose control of the car, which is reported to have turned completely over for two or three times. Miss Helen Kirby was riding in the front seat with Miss Cameron and Mrs. Creech, Miss Flowers and Miss Avery were in the rear seat. Miss Kirby and Miss Cameron escaped with only minor injuries, and Mrs. Ed Creech was not seriously injured, although she was rather badly shaken up. Miss Ruth Avery and Miss Annabel Flowers suffered severe bruises and shock. The man in the car they had attempted to pass when the accident occurred, took the entire party to a Wilson hospital for examination and treatment. He also assisted in getting some of the party back to Selma, as well as arranging for Miss Kirby's car to be brought in.

Mrs. Ed Creech, Miss Helen Kirby and Miss Annie Mae Cameron, were released from the hospital Sunday night and returned to their homes, but Miss Ruth Avery and Miss Annabel Flowers had to remain in the hospital until Wednesday night, when they were brought to Selma in an ambulance and are still confined to their rooms here. No broken bones were located, but they are suffering from severe soreness caused by being bruised about the body and hips, especially Miss Avery, who is believed to have been most seriously hurt.

Miss Annabel Flowers and Miss Ruth Avery are stenographers in the office of Draft Board Number Two here.

Miss Avery is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Avery of Selma, and Miss Flowers is the daughter of Mr. W. H. Flowers of Elevation township.

Miss Kirby's car was almost a complete wreck, and those who have seen it are unable to see how the occupants escaped without a much more serious story to tell.

Judge C. L. Williams Recovering
Sanford, July 30.—Judge Clawson L. Williams, presiding jurist of the Fourth District, who has been ill for a number of weeks, now is recovering rapidly at his home here and expects to return to his duties on the bench within the next two weeks. Judge Williams spent some time in the hospital here but has been at home for several weeks.

Angier Woman Died Suddenly Saturday
Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. John R. Dupree, 45, of Angier, Route 1, who died suddenly at her home Saturday.

The rites were held at the Primitive Baptist church. Elder J. T. Lewis and Elder M. F. Denning, Primitive Baptist ministers, and the Rev. James Butler and the Rev. J. J. Gray officiated. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, two sons, J. T. Dupree of Wilmington, and Mickey Dupree of Angier; and five daughters, Mrs. Bernice King of Raleigh, Mrs. Dennis Turner of Wilmington, Misses Bobbie, Mabel and Bettie Lou Dupree of Angier.

Lieutenant Lassiter Writes From Iceland

Former Smithfield Business Man Says Sun Sets At Midnight and Rises At 2:00 A. M.—Most Farming On The Island Is Done By Hand—There Are No Trees In Iceland.

Mrs. Ruth Renfrow Lassiter is in receipt of a letter from her husband, Lieut. H. Aaron Lassiter, who is now in Iceland. The letter was mailed on July 22, reaching Selma seven days later.

Lieut. Lassiter was connected with the First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co. in Smithfield, when he was called into service.

In his letter to Mrs. Lassiter he says: "It is not so very cold here. We have very comfortable quarters. The sun sets at midnight and rises about two hours later. There is no snow in Iceland at this time. The snow usually starts about November and during the winter there is no light. We have six months of light and six months of darkness.

"There are no trees here. The houses are built of stone, tin and cement. The people speak their own language and some of them speak very good English. The Icelanders have cows, sheep and depend on fishing mostly for a livelihood. They do some farming, but there is no modern machinery with which to farm therefore most of it is done by hand. The country is so mountainous that farming is very difficult."

Lieutenant Lassiter has been in the Marine Corps since February. He received his training at Quantico, Va., and Marine Basic School, Philadelphia.

Selma Kiwanis Club Enjoys Spelling Bee

Program Chairman E. L. Womack put on a spelling bee at the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening. He designated H. H. Lowry to give the test words, while Miss Stella Etheridge, Kiwanis sponsor, kept tally in terms of percentages. Kiwanians David Ball and M. L. Stancil were asked to choose competing sides in the spelling, which proved to be very interesting and enjoyable throughout the half hour assigned. While there were several misspelled words by some of the members, there was no real hitch until the time was growing short, and then a word was propounded which went all the way around before being spelled correctly by David Ball. It was designated as a kind of cucumber and is spelled Gherkin. It was spelled most, every conceivable way except the right way.

David S. Ball made the highest percentage of correctly spelled words and was awarded a box of cigars as prize. These were very generously distributed by Mr. Ball to all who would join him in a friendly smoke.

Hit-Run Driver Kills Negro Pedestrian Near Princeton
Arthur Davis, 60-year-old Goldsboro Negro, was instantly killed about 12 o'clock Sunday night when struck down by an unidentified hit-and-run driver.

Davis was walking along the highway between Princeton and the line between Wayne and Johnston counties when the automobile hit him and hurled his body about 20 feet, killing him instantly.

The car went on without stopping and investigating officers so far have found no clues that would identify the person responsible for his death.

James Fulghum Tells Of Large Bomber
Mr. C. W. Fulghum of Selma, had a letter from his son, James who is working at the Norfolk, Va., Naval Air Base. James told about a large bombing plane which they have been testing out recently, as follows:

"There is not much news except a pilot got killed yesterday. The plane sure was wrecked—I saw it. They tested out a bomber here a day or two ago. It weighed 82 tons; had a cruising range of 7000 miles; a wing spread of 212 feet, and 4 motors of 16 hundred horse power each. It could travel nearly 400 miles an hour. It carries a large load of bombs, too. Quite a flying boat!"

Smithfield To Celebrate Annual Farmers Day

Congressman Harold D. Cooley and Governor Broughton To Have Part On Program When Celebration Is Staged August 6th.—Big Parade Planned.

The annual Farmers' Day celebration will be held in Smithfield this year on Wednesday, August 6th.

Among the outstanding features of the celebration this year will be an address by Governor J. M. Broughton, who will be introduced by Congressman Harold D. Cooley of the 4th Congressional district of North Carolina.

Smithfield has been getting everything in readiness for this big annual event for the past several weeks and everything now seems to be progressing nicely for one of the biggest events in the town's history.

Of most interest at this time appears to be the race for Mayor and Chief-of-Police of the Town of Smithfield for the duration of Farmers' Day, with the odds in favor of W. Elmon Lassiter for Mayor, and W. H. Stephenson for Chief-of-Police.

Organization Chairman C. E. Bingham reports that everything is running smoothly in the big-scale preparation program, which will begin at 9 o'clock on Wednesday, August 6th.

Music promises to play an important part in the day's activities, with the Henderson high school band, the 32-piece Pittman string band and the 22-piece band from Kenly taking part. The Pittman band will supply swing-your-partner rhythms for an old-fashioned street square dance in front of the courthouse, to begin at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Plans are now being worked out for a most elaborate street parade, and those who desire to enter floats are being urged to get in touch with B. G. Mattox so he can make proper assignments for same. For further information, see full program elsewhere in this paper.

Smithfield Man Dies From Heart Attack
J. W. Phillips, who operated a shoe shop in Smithfield for many years, was found dead in his shop Wednesday morning of last week. His shoe shop was in the edge of the yard near his home, and when he failed to respond to a call to go to his breakfast, his wife went to the shop and found him lying on the floor dead.

Funeral services were held at the Underwood Funeral Home Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. L. Gillespie, pastor of the Smithfield Baptist Church, and interment took place in Oakland Heights cemetery. Mr. Phillips is said to have been the very first person to join the Union Burial Association in Smithfield. He was 74 years old.

Active pallbearers were Bill Joe Austin, Walter G. Lassiter, Durwood Creech, Bill Norton, L. H. Wallace and Ralph Stevens.

Honorary pallbearers were Dewey Dupree, W. M. Gaskin, F. H. Brooks, P. A. Holland, J. A. Campbell, W. J. Huntley, W. T. Dance, A. S. Johnston, W. T. Holland, E. S. Stevens, A. R. Baroody, Carl Ennis, L. T. Royall, and M. A. Wallace, the latter from Raleigh.

Those in charge of the flowers were the beauty parlor operators of the city.

Surviving are his wife and three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Platt and Mrs. C. S. Mitchell of Fayetteville and Mrs. A. R. Ford, of Sanford, Fla.

Former Selma Man Visits Brother Here
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Creech of Memphis, Tenn., are spending this week in Selma with Mr. Creech's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Creech, and other relatives here.

Mr. Creech formerly lived in Selma and worked for the Southern Railway Company here. He moved to Memphis in 1910 and has made his home there since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Creech have two sons and one daughter, and have given all three of their children a college education. Their oldest son is advertising manager for E. L. Bruce of Memphis; their youngest son is in the army service at Camp Wheeler near Macon, Ga., and their daughter is technician at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Mr. Creech says he remembers quite a few of the older residents of Selma but that most of them he used to know are missing now.

Home Coming Day At Pleasant Plains Church, Aug. 10
Home Coming Day will be observed at Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist church the second Sunday in August, with Tommie Steel as the principal speaker for the day. There will be an all day service. Dinner will be served on the ground, picnic style. The afternoon will be devoted to singing.

Everybody is cordially invited to be with us. Especially all former pastors, members, and all singing people. Come and bring well-filled baskets.

Correction As To Effective Date Of Ordinance Prohibiting Sale Of Beer And Wines In Selma On Sunday
This is to correct the statement previously issued as to the effective date of the ordinance prohibiting the sale of beer and wines in the Town of Selma on Sunday.

The ordinance passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Selma on the 22nd day of July, 1941, which ordinance will appear elsewhere in the Johnstonian-Sun, will become effective and be in force beginning at midnight August 23, 1941, instead of August 1, 1941, as previously stated.

B. A. HENRY, Mayor.

New Teachers Named For Selma School '41-2

DAN CUPID CAN'T KEEP YOUTHS OUT

Draft Boards Tighten Strings Regarding Those Who Marry After Receiving Notice To Be Examined.

General J. Van B. Metts, state director of Selective Service, has announced a modification of the former policy of leniency toward married men which has been recommended by state headquarters. General Metts stated that a modification in this policy was made necessary by an increasingly large number of registrants who are apparently undertaking to abuse the policy of leniency in an effort to evade military service.

The new state-wide policy, which was passed on to Johnston county draft boards, is as follows:

"When a registrant acquires married status after issuance of 'Notice to Appear for Physical Examination,' it should be assumed that both parties concluded the marriage knowing that the registrant was subject to early call for service and were prepared to take the consequences, and therefore deferment in such cases would not appear to be justified. But when a registrant has indicated on his questionnaire that he is engaged, giving the date set for the wedding, or has given similar information in writing to the local board and the wedding date falls after issuance of 'Notice to Appear for Physical Examination,' his case should be considered in the same way as those who married after registration, as provided by Amendment No. 77 to Selective Service Regulations. Of course, there may be other conditions which would obviously temper the above announced modification of policy, e. g., proof that the wife was pregnant, or conclusive evidence of absolute dependence wherein the wife would suffer undue hardship if compelled to live on the registrant's income as a soldier, etc."

This modified policy, General Metts pointed out, is in line with a recent amendment to the regulations, which is as follows:

"It is not advisable to defer any such registrant if he acquired such status for the purpose of avoiding training and service, and, therefore, no registrant should be placed in Class III if he acquired such status after the day when he was required to be registered unless (1) he or his claimed dependent or dependents present to the local board written statements of the facts peculiarly within their knowledge, showing the history leading up to the circumstances under which such status was acquired, and (2) such facts show that the status of the registrant was acquired in a manner consistent with the ordinary course of human affairs and was not acquired to provide the registrant with a basis for a claim for Class III deferment."

White Schools Retain Same Number of Teachers But Nine New Faces Will Be In Faculty This Fall—One More Teacher Added To Negro School Faculty.
The allotment of teachers for the Selma Schools has been received and the Selma white schools retain their full faculty of thirty-one teachers, while the Negro school has gained one. In the white schools, thirty teachers will be in the Selma school and one in the Corbett-Hatcher school. There has been one resignation since the closing of school in May, Miss Dorothy Lee of Smithfield. Miss Lee has taught here for a number of years and the school and community will miss her valuable service in and out of school. She has accepted a position with the Guy Lee Mfg. Co., of Smithfield.

The new teachers elected by the Selma School Board are as follows:

White: Miss Naomi Wood of Wallace, fourth grade; Miss Mary Watlington of Ruffin, third grade; Miss Naomi Smith of Benson, public school music; Miss Martha Nelson of Vanceboro, fifth grade; Miss Laura Mae Williamson of Wilson, Home Economics; Miss Florence Tyler of Gates, fifth grade; Mrs. Maude Barnes of Smithfield, English and French; Mrs. H. J. McGee of Arapahoe, fourth grade; Mr. H. J. McGee of Arapahoe, History and Science.

Negro: Miss Vara L. Sugg.

Princeton Negro Dies Following Shot Wound

Albert Davis, Princeton Negro, died on the way to the Johnston County Hospital Saturday night, following a pistol shot wound in the stomach said to have been inflicted by Herbert Newkirk, of Calypson, also a Negro, a short time before in the town of Princeton. It has been alleged by Newkirk, according to reports, that Davis ran his hand into his pocket, whereupon, Newkirk drew a pistol from his pocket and shot Davis.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG
By H. H. L.

Thanks to MAYOR BARNIE HENRY for the telegram Monday telling us the result of the Gastonia-Albemarle game—"Gastonia 5, Albemarle 4," the message read—Selma's Mayor and family are touring the mountains this week—hope they find it cooler in the Land of The Sky—D A V I D FIELDS, who holds a position with a ship-building company at Portsmouth, Va., is vacationing here this week—DAVID says there were 7,000 men working for Uncle Sam at Portsmouth when he first went there—today there are more than 22,000—TALMAGE CORBETT, manager of the Dunn Furniture Company, and HUB BROWN, manager of the Economy Furniture Company, have returned from the big furniture show at High Point—these gentlemen bought new goods for their respective stores—furniture is rapidly advancing in price, they told us—the roof and windows have been finished on the new Community Building now under construction in Selma—but the floors and other interior work are held up on account of funds—when the solicitors approach you this and next week for a donation, don't turn them down—let's get this beautiful building completed before school opens this fall—MRS. RUTH RENFROW LASSITER received a letter from her husband, Lieutenant Lassiter Tuesday saying that he had arrived in Iceland—"the sun sets at midnight and rises two hours later" Lieut. Lassiter writes—"there are no trees here, the houses are built of stone, tin and cement; the land is so mountainous that farming is very difficult," he says—ROY JONES, son of MR. AND MRS. R. A. JONES, has collected and placed in the "Aluminum Pen" between the bank and DICK LEWIS' store 138 pieces of aluminum—fine, young man, keep up the good work—ROY is liable to win those cash prizes offered to the boy or girl who collects the most pieces.