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Dr. Lassiter to Resume Practice Here Sept. 1

Tenders Resignation As Head of Johnston County Health Department To Become Effective September 1—Will Resume Private Practice In Selma.

Dr. Will H. Lassiter, who was appointed County Health Officer for Johnston county and move to Smithfield a few months ago, has announced his resignation to become effective on September 1, 1941, and expects to return to Selma for the private practice of his profession about August 20. He will occupy the same office in Selma in the Person-Vick building in which he was formerly located. In announcing his resignation, Dr. Lassiter said: "My resignation is not prompted by any friction between the local county board of health or the state board of health department. I have discovered that I shall not be satisfied in public health work and I think it is to the interest of the county and myself that I resign at this time rather than have the county and state bear the expense of giving me the course of training that all health officers are required to take."

Dr. Lassiter made this unofficial announcement pending the meeting of the County Board of Health at an early date, and as yet no intimation has been made as to who will succeed him as county health officer.

Gov. Broughton Talks To Defense Council

Governor Broughton was the chief speaker at a Dutch luncheon given at the Country Club near Smithfield Wednesday at 1:15 (daylight saving time). James R. Pool, chairman of the Johnston County Council of National Defense, was toastmaster and introduced the governor.

Congressman Harold D. Cooley, who was expected to be on hand and address the Council, wired that he would be unable to attend on account of his duties at this time in the House.

Governor Broughton in his talk congratulated Johnston county on its handsome club house. He stated that he had been all over North Carolina and seen many club houses, but none would surpass the one in Johnston county.

Members of the Council from Selma attending the dinner were Carl Worley, David S. Ball and H. H. Lowry.

Among the guests present was "Uncle" Jack Ellis of Clayton, the only living Confederate Veteran in Johnston county. Mr. Ellis is 95 years old. He was introduced by Chairman Pool and got a big hand.

Johnston County Men Leave For Fort Bragg

The following Johnston county men were sent to Fort Bragg Wednesday morning by Selective Service Draft Board No. 2 in Selma, for a year's induction in the army.

Douglas Clifton Stalling, Zebulon, Route 1; Albert Festus Peedin, of Princeton; Robert Austin Strickland, Pine Level; Willie Arlon Cooper, of Kenly, Route 2; William Henry Bass, Selma, Route 2; Junie Buwen Wilkins, Jr., Clayton; Grover Cedric Boyette, Wendell, Route 1; Morgan Bugord Morrison, Princeton, Route 1; Roland Barefoot, Micro; William Joseph Barber, Kenly, Route 1; Jody Eatman, Princeton, Route 2; William Harvey Thorne, Selma, Route 1; Carl Vance Evans, Pine Level; Clarence Wallace, Princeton, Route 1; James Dempsey Braswell, Princeton; Carl Merritt, Smithfield, Route 2.

Attends Funeral Of Aunt In Roanoke Rapids, Saturday

Mr. David S. Ball was called to Roanoke Rapids Saturday morning on account of the death of Mrs. Ball's aunt, Mrs. Emma Johnson, who died suddenly at her home in that city Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Johnson, who was 70 years of age, was a sister of Mrs. H. L. Dearman, mother of Mrs. Ball. Mrs. Ball, who was visiting relatives in the western part of the state at the time, was unable to attend the funeral.

RESIGNS



DR. W. H. LASSITER

Georgia Tobacco Prices Higher Than Last Year

Valdosta, Ga.—Bright leaf tobacco prices continued strong in the Georgia-Florida auction markets Wednesday, with indications of even better price averages than the 22-26 range established in the first sales.

At Moultrie, sales supervisor C. E. Isom pointed out the average of 22.35 cents established Tuesday when 519,002 pounds sold for \$116,012.70 was a gain of almost five cents a pound over the opening day average of 17.59 in 1940.

Bulk of second day sales in Pelham were moving around 25 cents. Warehouseman J. D. Rogers said, a little better than the opening average of 23, set on 251,094 pounds sold for \$57,695.17.

Robert Herring said so much leaf was on hand at Tifton for opening day that it would take two and a half days to sell it all. There the price range equalled the 23.26 of yesterday, when 698,856 pounds sold for \$162,575.98.

At Nashville, sales supervisor Frank Park, Jr., reported a range up to 36 cents, with most second day baskets going around 27 cents. At Baxley warehouseman Barnes reported the bulk of sales around 26, with the top there Wednesday at 37 cents.

Basing their statement on early trends, Department of Agriculture marketing specialists reported this year's opening prices were much higher for all grades compared with last year.

E. D. Booker, specialist, stationed at Adel, Ga., said prices ranged from \$1 to \$41 per 100 pounds. On early sales, he added, leaf grades were \$4.75 to \$9 a hundred higher than last year, cutters, \$7 to \$9 higher, and lugs and primings, \$2 to \$8.50. A large volume of leaf, Booker said, sold in the \$15 to \$28 range.

THREE PERSONS HURT IN WRECK AT BENSON

Three people were injured in an automobile accident which occurred in Benson Saturday afternoon.

The accident took place when an automobile ran into the car driven by Sergeant Bennie Franklin of Fort Jackson, S. C., who with his family were en route to Raleigh to spend the week end with relatives of Mrs. Franklin. Accompanying them to Smithfield was Corporal Ralph Allen of Fort Jackson, who was going to visit his mother, Mrs. Emma Allen.

Corporal Allen was thrown from the car and knocked unconscious. He had a bad cut on his right ear and a burst eardrum. After receiving first aid treatment at a doctor's office in Smithfield, however, he was removed to the home of his mother, Mrs. Emma Allen, where he was later reported as much improved.

Mrs. Franklin received cuts about the head and internal injuries, and her four-year-old daughter suffered a broken thigh. Another child, a baby, escaped unhurt. Sergeant Franklin received only slight injuries.

Sergeant Franklin was driving a new automobile which he bought on Thursday before. It was a complete wreck.

Johnston County Wheat Crop The Biggest Ever

May Now Have Edge On State of California Which Stood At Top of List Among States of the Union With 52 Bushels Per Acre At One Time.

BY M. L. STANCIL

When we studied geography some 45 or 50 years ago, we remember reading about California being the champion wheat producing state in the Union as for the greatest number of bushels grown to an acre of land, with a record high of 52 bushels on some of the acreage of that state. In those days if a farmer realized 10 or 15 bushels of wheat to the acre in North Carolina he thought he was doing pretty well.

But if some of the reports going the rounds are true (and we have no reason to doubt them) there are farmers in Johnston county who, in this good year of 1941, have exceeded the previous high record in California.

We were down at Four Oaks a few days ago and visited the new flour mill which was about ready to open for business. The manager of this mill told us that some farmers in that vicinity had told him they had harvested some wheat this year that produced around 60 bushels per acre. This seems hard to believe, but it must be true.

We were talking to Mr. G. A. Earp of the Brookhill Farms not long ago and he told us that they had harvested over 1,000 bushels of wheat from 30 acres of land. He said that when that old combine machine went into operation in their wheat field the wheat poured from it so fast that it took three or four strong Negro men to load the sacks of wheat on a truck and haul it to the storage room as fast as the machine delivered it to them.

Mrs. J. S. Stancil of the Rains Cross Roads section told us some time ago that she had three acres in wheat this year and had realized over 100 bushels of wheat from the three acres.

On our bus trip through Indiana last summer we road with a man who had just returned from North Carolina, and he told us that he had seen some as fine wheat crops in Piedmont North Carolina as he had ever seen anywhere, and he said he was one of Indiana's real dirt farmers.

We hear much of the great "Bread Basket of the West", but if the farmers of North Carolina were to put their time and attention to the production of wheat like they do to the production of cotton and tobacco, it would not be long until we would hear about the "Bread Basket of the East."

Two Boys Drown While Swimming

Rocky Mount, Aug. 4.—Water tragedies claimed the lives of two youths in this section during the week-end, one drowning in Tar River in Nash County and the other in Town Creek in Edgecombe County.

The first occurred at 1:30 Sunday afternoon in Town Creek, near Old Sparta, when William Junior Edmondson of Old Sparta, drowned while playing in the water with some youthful companions. It was reported that he was unable to swim.

The second water tragedy took place about 2:30 Sunday afternoon in Cooper's Township, Nash County, when William Nathaniel Carpenter, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carpenter, dived into a swimming hole near Vaughn's Chapel on Tar River, came up crying for help, according to several companions, and then disappeared. The body was recovered late Sunday afternoon.

Grandson Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Oliver Dies In Hospital

Milton Moore, twelve-year-old son of Mrs. Cliff Holloway, of Clarksville, Va., died Wednesday night at 9 o'clock in Duke Hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

Surviving are his mother, his twin sister, Margaret, and another sister, Mary Sue, of the Masonic Orphanage, Oxford, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Oliver, of Selma.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Orphanage in Oxford where the boy had been in training for several years, conducted by the Rev. B. F. Proctor, superintendent of the Orphanage. Burial will take place in the family cemetery near Reidsville.

Motorists of State To Pay More Taxes On Gas

Tax Bill Jumps More Than Four Million Dollars—North Carolina Ranks Seventh Among States In Amount of Increase.

Higher taxation of motor fuel by the federal government, plus greater use of motor trucks and passenger cars, brought a \$4,300,000.00 increase in the gasoline tax bill of North Carolina highway users during the first six months of 1941 as compared with the first half of last year, S. Gilmer Sparger, Secretary, North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, of Raleigh, said today.

"This big increase in the amount of federal and state taxes on motor fuel of 1941 results not only from the extra 50 per cent federal tax on gasoline for defense purposes, which became effective on July 1, 1940, but also because of the greater use of motor trucks and passenger cars in national defense activities," said Mr. Sparger. "Throughout this and other states trucks are carrying materials which directly or indirectly are important to our national defense. Such greater activity of trucks is pushing up materially the revenue from motor fuel. Extensive use of passenger cars in connection with national defense activities, especially in getting workers to and from their jobs, also is an important factor in the higher gasoline tax collections. Some construction workers from Wilmington now employed at Camp Davis are daily making the 52-mile round-trip by automobile, while hundreds of men employed at the shipyards are living in trailers and using their cars to get them to their jobs. New Bern, thirty miles from Camp Davis, and Jacksonville, fifteen miles away, are both contributing their quota of workers to the construction of that Army Camp.

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Hit-and-Run Driver Kills Smithfield Man

The dead body of Hilliary Waller was found on the Selma-Smithfield highway about 7:15 o'clock Sunday morning, who is believed to have been struck and instantly killed by a hit-and-run driver several hours before his body was found. His body was lying eight or ten feet off the main highway with a hole in the back of his head; also his right leg badly fractured and his left hip crushed. It is believed he was struck by a machine going at a rapid rate of speed, and there seems to be no clue as to who the guilty person is.

The deceased was a World War veteran, who lived on the Buffalo road near Smithfield. He was 43 years of age and leaves a wife and six children.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Underwood Funeral Home in Smithfield, conducted by the Rev. C. L. Gillespie of the Smithfield Baptist church. Interment was in the Oakland Heights cemetery at Smithfield.

Two-Year-Old Child Dies Strange Malady

James Carlton Norris, two years of age, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Norris of Selma, died Friday after an illness of only a few hours.

The child apparently was stricken with the same mysterious malady that had claimed the lives of three other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Norris in recent years. The disease has never been diagnosed.

Funeral services were held on Saturday at 5 o'clock, daylight time, at Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian church with the Rev. L. E. Godwin in charge.

Surviving are his grandfather, Larkin Batten of Selma, Route 1, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Norris of Selma.

Kiwanis Club Now Meets On D. S. T.

The hour of the meeting of the Selma Kiwanis Club is now 7 o'clock daylight saving time.

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"Farmers Day" Draws Thousands to Smithfield

Tobacco Prices Pegged By Agricultural Dept.

Average Price Not To Go Lower Than 19.6 Cents A Pound For 1941 Crop, Which Exceeds the 1940 Average.

The United States Agricultural Department announced Monday, just on the eve of the opening of the tobacco markets in Georgia, that due to its stabilization program, prices for the 1941 tobacco crop had been set at an average of not less than 19.6 cents a pound for this year's crop.

This is 3.2 cents a pound above the average price paid for the 1940 crop.

The purchases will be made through export companies in the same manner in which purchases were made from the 1939 and 1940 crops. The Commodity Credit Corporation will furnish the money for such purchases, with the export companies taking an option to buy the tobacco not later than July 1, 1943, at prices equaling costs of tobacco to the corporation, plus all charges, including interest. The corporation will retain the right, however, to cancel purchase options.

Producers who wish to obtain loans will be required to have their tobacco graded, properly packed in hogsheads and placed in storage. Loans will be payable on demand not later than July 1, 1943.

To maintain prices at the desired minimum, the government will purchase some tobacco for diversion into export markets and make loans to growers on some at rates equal to 85 per cent of parity.

The program will permit the diversion of 225,000,000 pounds from market channels through the government purchase and loan operations.

Officials said they expected the market prices to be such that few growers would seek loans.

Commenting on the price stabilization program, J. B. Hutson, president of the corporation, said that although some improvement in domestic demand and exports was expected, the flue-cured tobacco situation was "still less favorable than before the beginning of the war" because large quantities were being carried over from previous crop years.

"While flue-cured tobacco is being shipped to Great Britain under the lease-lend program," Hutson said, "shipping difficulties will hamper trade generally, and total exports will doubtless remain low as long as the war continues. In view of these circumstances, the loan and purchase program has been adopted to acquire and hold in storage part of the 1941 production until conditions improve."

CRIMINAL COURT TO CONVENE MONDAY

The August term of Johnston county criminal court is scheduled to convene on Monday, August 11, with the Hon. John J. Burney of Wilmington, presiding.

Among the outstanding cases on the calendar for the week is that of John Herbert Newkirk, young Negro of Calypso, who is charged with the murder of Albert Davis, colored, of Princeton. Also scheduled for trial is Snooks Miller, Johnston county Negro, who is charged with raping Mary Sanders, an old colored inmate of the county home.

Other cases to be tried will be of a miscellaneous nature, such as larceny, reckless and drunken driving, assault, etc.

Mussolini's Son Killed When Bomber Crashes

Rome — Captain Bruo Mussolini, 23, who abided by his father's admonition to "live dangerously," was killed Thursday in the crash of a long range bomber he was testing as commander of a detachment that was to use the plane.

He died at 10 a. m., near Pisa, and four hours afterward the Rome radio announced his "glorious death at a post of combat."

Keep an eye on your label and renew before expiration.

Governor Broughton Speaks At Smithfield's Annual Farmers Day Celebration—Mile Long Parade Featured Morning Program—Many Prizes Are Awarded.

By MRS. FLOYD LEACH

Smithfield, Aug. 6.—"There never was a war in which farmers did not play a large part," declared Governor J. M. Broughton as he addressed the throng of visitors in Smithfield Wednesday at the Farmers' Day celebration.

The program began around 9:30 with the induction into office of rural policemen and commissioners for the day. After each officer was presented a key to the city, W. H. Stevenson, chief of police pro-tem, made an announcement over the loud speaker that Smithfield men would be given until 10:30 to don overalls, after which time they were subject to arrest if found in "city" attire. One man, Jim Wiggs, was later "arrested" for this offense.

A parade, containing three bands, the Henderson High School band, the Kenly community band and the Wendell School band; many floats; 4-H Club members; Boy Scouts, representatives of various firms, reaching nearly a mile, featured the morning program prior to the Governor's address.

Governor Broughton, who was introduced by R. P. Holding, president of the First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company and chairman of the board of county commissioners for years, spoke on the farm program of North Carolina, stressing the important part farmers have in the defense program, the help the government is now giving and will give farmers, and benefits to be derived from letting the world know the excellence of our productions.

The speaker paid high tribute to President Roosevelt and added, "Whatever my leader says is necessary for national defense, I'm willing to do."

Paul Fletcher, livestock specialist (Continued on Last Page)

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

The Farmall Tractor exhibit put on by FLOYD C. PRICE & SON at Smithfield on Farmers Day attracted more attention than any other exhibit—FLOYD C. PRICE, JR., and BLAKE (FARMALL) PRICE spent practically the entire day there demonstrating this popular tractor to hundreds of Johnston County farmers—MAYOR HENRY and family are back from an outing spent in the mountains of Western North Carolina—the Mayor says they had a great time—JOHN GEORGE and BERNARD LEE also spent several days touring the mountains last week—they spent one night at Mt. Airy, our home town—COLE RAY looks good in that Greyhound uniform—COLE is driving one of the big Greyhound buses—his run is between Raleigh and Goldsboro—the aluminum collected in Selma was taken to Smithfield Monday and dumped in the pen in front of the courthouse—Selma sent as much as any other town in the county—MASTER ROY JONES, son of MR. and MRS. R. A. JONES, won the prize offered to the boy or girl collecting the greatest number of pieces—ROY turned in 208 pieces—we haven't heard of any youngster in the county collecting more pieces than ROY, so we will just call him the champion aluminum collector of Johnston county—DAVID BALL, RALEIGH GRIFFIN and the writer went over to RALEIGH'S farm a few miles from town Monday—he has some fine tobacco and corn—not all bankers are good farmers—WALTER PRICE becomes a Benedict tomorrow (Friday)—for he is getting married in the chapel at Duke University—WALTER is one of Selma's most popular young men and we extend in advance our best wishes—PRESIDENT OSCAR CREECH says we are to have better games in the future in the Eastern Carolina League—new players have been secured for the various clubs taking place of those leaving for military training—keep your eyes on the Cards.