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## Air Raid Drill Monday Night Complete Here

The people of Selma complied exceedingly well on their first Air Raid Drill and Blackout Monday night. The Air Raid Blackout was transmitted from the District Warden's Office in Goldsboro, N. C., to the counties of Johnston, Wilson, Duplin, Sampson, Wayne, and part of Nash, at approximately 8:30 p. m., on the night of January 12, 1942. The Alarm was given in Selma by the blowing of the Fire Siren ten short blasts, and the flashing of lights three times at two second intervals.

Within two minutes after the warning had been sounded 95 percent of the Town and surrounding territory was in total darkness. The first report received at Central Control was from the Selma Mills. They reported the Mill Village 100 percent blacked out. Next reports began to come in from each of the seven other zones reporting 100 percent blacked out; the last report was received at 8:33 p. m.

In the business district of Selma directly after the alarm, the downtown district was in darkness with two exceptions. A small light was showing from the front windows of the Telephone Building, and an electric clock and sign at Langley's jewelry store were still lighted. Mr. Langley had failed to turn these out upon closing and it was necessary to have him return to the store and turn them off.

Several residential lights were seen by watchers and wardens and efforts were made to get in contact with these parties and have the lights turned out. In some cases, probably the people were not at home, but during these trying times lights should be turned out, unless you can readily put them out when a warning goes off. Lights were reported seen at Mrs. J. B. Person's, Mr. A. T. Faust's, Mrs. R. C. Mozingo's, Mr. Johnny Betts', Mr. Hill Taylor's, Mr. Eugene Parker's, Carolyn Court, Selma Graded School, and the new Community Building.

In most cases lights were turned out upon request. It is our belief that we all realize the seriousness of these warnings, and desire to cooperate. The Authorities of the Air Raid Protection are well pleased with our first Practice Drill. The all-clear signal was received at 8:50 p. m.

For information of the public, there is a Town Ordinance, that a person failing to turn his or her lights out upon the request of Wardens or Watchers, a Fifty Dollar fine and 30 days on the roads may be imposed. R. A. JONES, Chief Air Raid Warden.

## CLEO KIRKS DIES FOLLOWING BURNS

Fatally Burned Saturday Afternoon At Her Home Near Selma When Her Clothing Became Ignited by Heater.

Cleo Kirks, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirks, who live on Smithfield, Route 2, about two miles west of Selma, died at Johnston County Hospital Sunday morning from burns sustained at her home Saturday afternoon when her clothing caught fire from a heater. Practically all her clothes were severely burned about the head and body. She was a member of the eighth grade in the Smithfield school. She was taken to the hospital Saturday afternoon but died early Sunday morning.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon, and burial took place in Oakland Heights Cemetery at Smithfield.

Surviving, besides her parents, are one brother, Wilbur Kirks of the U. S. Navy; two sisters, Mrs. M. O. Worley, and Miss Helen Kirks, of Smithfield, Route 2.

## Power Will Be Off Short Time Sunday

The Carolina Power and Light Co., advises all users of power in Selma, that they will pull the switch for a short time Sunday afternoon. Current will be off from 2 to 2:30.

More than 6,000 feet of tile was laid by farmers of Greene County during the year just closed, reports J. W. Grant, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

## COTTON MARKET

The following is today's cotton market report as furnished by the firm of Floyd C. Price & Son of Selma, N. C.:

Strict Middling	19 3-4c
Middling	19 1-4 to 19 1-2c
Strict Low Bright	19c
Strict Low Dark	18 3-4c

## NEW MAIL CARRIER ON SELMA ROUTE 2

Roy Driver Succeeds B. B. Lee, Who Was Retired On January 1, 1942. After Serving the Partons of Route Two For the Past 26 Years.

Mr. B. B. Lee, who served the patrons of Route Two from Selma as Uncle Sam's mail carrier for the past twenty-six years, retired from the service on January 1, 1942.

He was succeeded by Mr. Roy Driver of Selma, former railway mail clerk.

Mr. Lee was sworn in as carrier on October 16, 1915, retiring December 31, 1941. The route, according to Mr. Lee, was only 23 1-2 miles in length when he first began carrying the mail, and when he retired it had been increased to 65 miles in length. The first seven years the mail was carried by horse and buggy over all kinds of roads, except hard surface, and it was almost impossible at times to navigate on some of them, says Mr. Lee.

The first carrier on Selma, Route 2 was J. E. Parker, with Berry Lancaster as substitute. Following the resignation of Mr. Parker, Mr. Lancaster was made temporary carrier until an appointment was made. When Mr. Lee was made permanent carrier, Mr. Lancaster was made substitute under Mr. Lee.

Mr. Lee is in receipt of a letter from the Postmaster General, which reads as follows: "It has come to my attention that after many years of conscientious and capable service you are, in accordance with the provisions of the Retirement Act, retiring with annuity from the position of rural carrier at Selma, and will enjoy a less active mode of life. Your record as an employee in the postal service has been commendable, and I congratulate you upon your loyalty and efficiency. Please accept my sincere wish for your continued happiness and contentment."

Such a letter as the above coming from the highest postal authority, is something which anyone would greatly prize when he or she has reached the retirement age. And here is our congratulations to B. B. Lee!

Mr. Driver, the newly appointed carrier on Route 2 from Selma, is no stranger to the people of this part of Johnston county, he having served the town of Selma as Chief of Police for several years before resigning to accept a railway mail clerkship. Mr. Driver is a son of the late A. R. Driver who played an important part in the business life of Selma for a number of years. And to you, Roy, here is wishing you good luck and a pleasant journey each day among the rural population along Selma, Route 2.

## DRAFT BOARDS SEND MORE MEN TO ARMY

Thirty-eight Johnston county white men were sent to Fort Bragg last week for induction in the United States army, draft officials revealed Monday. Following an order from Selective Service headquarters partially lifting the recent press ban on draft information, the draft boards at Smithfield and Selma released the names and addresses of the latest selectees, as follows:

### Board Number 1.

Joseph Carson Sanders, Smithfield, Route 2; Lundie Clyde Andrews, Smithfield; Grover Barefoot, Benson, Route 2; Harold Bledsoe McGee, Angier, Route 1; James Everett Ford, Alexandria, Route 1; Lester Ezekiel Cox, Four Oaks, Route 1; Clarence Develor Warren, Selma; Loyd Thurman West, Clayton, Route 1; James Harlest Stevens, Benson, Route 1; Zola Wilton Johnson, Jacksonville, Route 1; Walter Jasper Stanley, Smithfield; Quinton Lee, Four Oaks, Route 3; James Robert Laughter, Smithfield, Route 1; Paul West, Four Oaks, Route 1; Emory Morris, Four Oaks, Route 3; Young Nathan J. Tart, Benson, Route 2; Christopher Walton Johnson, Benson; Jesse Baron Daughtry, Smithfield, Route 1; William Alonzo Woodall, Smithfield, Route 1; Lacy Wilson Coats, Smithfield, Route 1.

### Board Number 2

George Willard Corbett, Selma, Route 1; James Ray Woodard, Princeton, Route 1; Curtis Renfrow, Kenly, Route 2; Clemon Eason, Princeton, Route 1; Willie Ashley Brown, Kenly, Route 1; Percy William Hocutt, Zebulon, Route 1; Sam Ellwood Crocker, Selma, Route 2; Bennett Strickland, Kenly, Route 2; Wiley Vernon Watkins, Kenly, Route 2; Marion Rudolph Bowen, Princeton, Route 2; Howard Franklin Thorne, Selma, Route 1; Thurston Odell Godwin, Kenly; Cecil Carlin Pittman, Selma, Route 2; Mayo Stancil, Kenly, Route 2; Albert Ollie Edwards, Kenly, Route 2; Ralph Kenneth Lynch, Selma, Route 1; John Thomas Jordan, Selma, Route 2; Warren Edward Messer, Clayton, Route 2.

## STAMPS

Blue food stamps added approximately \$8,000,000 worth of farm products to the diets of 3,300,000 persons eligible to receive public assistance during November.

## Two Murdered Another Shot Through Head In Meadow Township Early Today

### Kenly Man Killed In Accident Near Lucama

Jack Ballance, Kenly Filling Station Operator, Instantly Killed When Car Skidded On Icy Road—Suffers Fracture of Skull—Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon.

Funeral services for Jack Ballance, 44, Kenly filling station operator, who was instantly killed Saturday morning when his pick-up truck overturned on the icy highway near Lucama, were held from the Kenly Free Will Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. G. B. Starling of Kenly. Interment took place in the Kenly cemetery near his home.

The accident occurred just north of Lucama when the truck skidded on the icy road while going at a fast pace and hurtled along 150 feet before stopping. In the truck with Mr. Ballance was his 12-year-old son, Rollo Ballance, who suffered a fracture of the skull and was taken to a hospital in Wilson. A Negro was also riding in the truck at the time of the accident and, although he received hospitalization, was not seriously hurt.

The funeral and burial were largely attend. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eva Hales Ballance; three sons, Wallace, Harold and Rollo Ballance, all of Kenly; three brothers, George Ballance and Tommie Ballance of Kenly, and Clarence Ballance, of Norfolk, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Fannie Pittman, and his mother.

## SELMA KIWANIANS HEAR BIG LEADER

O. A. Tuttle, immediate past-lieut. governor of the Fourth Division of the Carolinas Kiwanis District, and Bill Thad Woodard, President of the Selma Kiwanis club, attended a meeting of Kiwanis leaders of the Carolinas District, held in Chapel Hill, Wednesday night, and heard an address by International Kiwanis President Charles S. Donley, of Pittsburg, Pa. President Donley spoke on "Kiwanis Cooperation with Government in the War."

Mr. Tuttle was among those making official reports and taking part in the discussions of the evening.

J. Maryon Saunders, University alumni secretary, was formally installed as Governor of the Carolinas District by retiring Governor Ray A. Furr of Rock Hill, S. C., along with other leading officials of the district, among whom was D. B. Teague, lieutenant-governor of the Fourth Division, who installed the officials of the local club on last Thursday evening.

## OFFICERS MAKE RAID ON WHISKEY STILL

Smithfield, Jan. 14.—L. A. Martin, county constable, reported the raiding of a 60-gallon capacity still in Ingrams Township near Hannah's Creek recently. One Negro, Martin Sanders, was captured by the officers, Martin and Joe Royal. The still had just been placed in operation and no liquor was found, but approximately 100 gallons of mash was confiscated.

Sanders, who was brought to jail and later released under bond, was tried Tuesday morning in Recorder's Court and sentenced by Judge Larry Wood to the roads for four months, the sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs.

## Poultry Truck Making Weekly Stops Here

Mr. D. B. Willis, of Greenville, is buying chickens and eggs again this season. Many remember selling to him here last year and at Kenly. His truck stops at Pittman's Hatchery each Saturday from 9 a. m. to 12:00 p. m., and from here he will go to Kenly where he will buy poultry from 1:00 to 2:00 p. m. Mr. Willis says prices have advanced over last week's market and that he will always give you the market price and the best of service. Loadings to continue as long as conditions permit. Watch his ad for any announcement he may make.

## UNIFORM

Lenoir County farmers who have had their tobacco seed cleaned in past years have found that they get a more uniform stand and growth of plants in the bed, reports Farm Agent G. M. Swicegood.

## Herman Allen, Banner Township Man, Using A Shotgun, Early Today, Shot and Killed His Wife, Ruth Lee Allen, and Cap Raynor of Banner Township, And Seriously Wounded Grady Lee, Brother of Allen's Wife.

Herman Allen, 35-year-old Banner township man, used a 16-gauge shotgun to blast the lives of his wife, Ruth Lee Allen, and Cap Raynor of Banner township, and seriously wounded Grady Lee, brother of Allen's wife.

Raynor, around 35, was the first victim. Evidence showed that Allen went to the Raynor house about 3 a. m., and called him out to the porch. When the Banner township farmer appeared, Allen shot him point-blank twice, the first load entering under his shoulder and the second hitting lower down in his chest. The victim was said to have died instantly.

## Rental of Text Books Starts Battle In Johnston

School Officials Draw Up Resolutions Declaring the Plan Submitted by the Commission As Unsatisfactory.

Smithfield, Jan. 14.—Johnston County is continuing her struggle to withdraw from the State textbook rental system.

The county school board, together with all the principals of the county schools, committeemen from the several school districts, and County Superintendent H. B. Marrow, met Monday afternoon in the courthouse at Smithfield and drew up resolutions declaring the plan submitted by the commission by which the county will be allowed to withdraw from the system, to be unsatisfactory but expressed their willingness to pay to the State Commission the full amount which the latter claim is due for the purchase of books that have been rented by county schools.

The county officers claim that they entered into the State system only as an experiment and with the promise of E. N. Peeler, secretary of the commission, that they might withdraw if they should decide to do so upon either of two conditions: First, that they turn over to the commission all the books rented and all rental fees collected during the time books were in use; second that the county pay the State for the books, which would then become the property of the county.

Johnston county elected to meet the latter condition and has been trying for two years or more to withdraw from the State rental system.

The State Commission denied that such an agreement as the above had been made; and that even if Peeler had made such a promise, he had no legal authority to do so; and that before the commission could release the county from the State system, legislative action would be necessary.

In order that immediate steps might be taken toward withdrawing, the County Board of Education requested a statement as to what amount it owed for the books. No action, however, was taken until September, 23, 1941, Superintendent Marrow, said when a committee composed of T. N. Grice, R. G. Deyton, and E. N. Peeler, appointed to make recommendations in the matter, discussed the affair with Marrow, and a month later submitted the terms on which the county might withdraw.

The condition which the county school officers are unwilling to meet is that of paying to the commission all rentals collected and letting the amount above that owed for the purchase of books already secured be credited to the county and used to buy more books through the commission. The Board of Education found that the price charged for the books was far above that which the county would have had to pay if it had gotten them directly from a book company, said Marrow, and realizing that if it continued to purchase books through the commission at the price charged by it, school children would have to pay higher rent for their books than they have been paying since the county, during the controversy, has gone back to its own system.

The county system is being used solely for the benefit of the school children, county school authorities said, who claim that they can save the children much in rental fees if allowed to run their own system.

## DEMONSTRATION

Most of the hens in farm demonstration flocks on which records are being kept in Cumberland County are reaching the 75 percent of production stage, reports Assistant Farm Agent L. B. Laws.

From that point Allen apparently walked to the Delmon Lee residence, a few miles away in Ingrams township, where his wife had spent the night. Arriving around six o'clock, the killer peered through a window and saw his brother-in-law, Grady Lee, sitting at the breakfast table. Without warning, Allen fired at the man, the shotgun charge striking him in the side of his head.

Mrs. Claudia Lee, Grady's mother, was in the house at the time. She heard the shot, ran into the room, and screamed, "You've killed him!" Then Allen reportedly shouted, "And I'm going to kill you too." Mrs. Lee ran out of the house and hurried to the home of a neighbor, Carl Lee, a short distance away.

Apparently Allen then went into the house where Ruth, his 25-year-old wife, lay in bed, and dragged the young woman outside. Indications were that Ruth broke away from her husband and ran around the barn. Tracks showed where he had chased her. In deadly fright, the woman stepped inside a mule stable and tried to elude her husband, but Allen, going around to the opposite side of the stable, leveled his shotgun through the cross-bars and blew his wife's brains out. The young, black-haired woman was found lying on her back in the stable, the top of her head almost blown off. The woman, partially (Continued on Last Page)

## Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

Thanks, HOOVER ADAMS, for the nice editorial in THE DUNN DISPATCH of Jan. 13th, and the complimentary reference to The Maindrag—"THE JOHNSTONIAN-SUN," says HOOVER, "carries a coverage of the news in Selma and Johnston County, with plenty of interesting and lively features, outstanding of which is MR. LOWRY'S 'Maindrag,' which is usually read first by subscribers who eagerly grab the paper"—"it is needless to laud MR. STANCIL," continues HOOVER, "who many years ago attained a place of prominence among North Carolina's weekly newspaper publishers, and as a civic leader and an influential leader of his community"—"the same can be said of MR. LOWRY," the Editor of The Dispatch continued, "who has been dishing out the news for all these years. He's knows in newsrooms from one end of the State to the other and has a record for which he may be justly proud"—again we thank you, HOOVER—drop in at the "weave room" in Selma and take a look at the beautiful things the ladies are now turning out—we were shown through this interesting place yesterday by MISS MARGARET WILKINS, who took a special course in weaving at the Arts and Craft Project in Durham—we were shown towels, napkins, bedspreads, tablecloths, drapery, in all designs and colors—MRS. MAGGIE CHAMBLEE, overseer, says they are now working on a big order for the Durham County Welfare Department—that blackout in Selma went over 100 per cent on last Monday night and we want, right now, to congratulate R. A. JONES, Chief Air Raid Warden—MR. JONES put it across in a big way—it was so dark on the Maindrag you couldn't see your hand in front of your face—in less than one minute after the alarm sounded all lights in the city had been extinguished—BILLIE CREECH, son of MR. and MRS. BILL CREECH, has a wonderful imagination—BILLIE was asked by his teacher, MISS ELIZABETH WHITAKER, a few days ago to take a look at a famous painting and then write a paragraph as to what he imagined the picture represented—BILLIE did it and it was a good job—wish we had room here to reproduce it, but you'll find it in last week's Johnstonian-Sun and Wednesday's Raleigh News and Observer—look it up.