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## CRIMINAL COURT TO BEGIN MONDAY

Smithfield, Jan. 26.—A one-week criminal term of Superior Court for Johnston County will open in Smithfield on February 9, with Judge Jeff D. Johnson presiding.

The list of jurors drawn for this term include nine who will be selected as new members of the grand jury. These will be drawn from the complete list after court opens.

### First Week

N. E. Johnson, Wilson Mills.  
 Clarence Woodard, Beulah.  
 C. B. Byrd, Pleasant Grove.  
 C. E. Allen, Ingrams.  
 J. B. Hodge, O'Neals.  
 J. O. Raynor, Banner.  
 A. Millard Brown, Selma.  
 R. E. Holland, Beulah.  
 Charles L. Batten, Micro.  
 Carl Raynor, Banner.  
 Chester Johnson, Elevation.  
 Delbert A. Ivey, Banner.  
 Nathan T. Flowers, Selma.  
 E. S. Parrish, Pleasant Grove.  
 C. F. Stewart, Ingrams.  
 L. C. Wilkerson, Jr., Beulah.  
 David Gower, Clayton.  
 Mrs. Mazie J. Batten, Smithfield.  
 V. H. Adams, Meadow.  
 John W. Wiggs, Pine Level.  
 Jesse Wall, Wilders.  
 Span Peedin, Pine Level.  
 R. T. Laughter, Smithfield.  
 Jesse Lassiter, Smithfield.  
 R. M. Barefoot, Meadow.  
 J. Walter Williams, Cleveland.  
 R. A. Herring, Meadow.  
 W. M. Holt, Boon Hill.  
 J. L. Martin, Selma.  
 Walter J. Baker, Ingrams.  
 James Richardson, O'Neals.  
 P. O. Dorman, Banner.  
 Robert A. Bailey, Micro.  
 C. M. Benson, Pleasant Grove.  
 Grace W. Worley, Selma.  
 D. A. Jones, Beulah.  
 Newsome Narron, O'Neals.  
 M. T. Hinton, Boon Hill.  
 G. B. Blackman, Ingrams.  
 Joe Eason, Smithfield.

### Second Week

E. Dalton Adams, Ingrams.  
 M. V. Bass, Pine Level.  
 O. B. Webb, Elevation.  
 R. L. Peele, O'Neals.  
 L. T. Royall, Smithfield.  
 J. Arthur Corbett, Clayton.  
 J. H. Wellons, Smithfield.  
 J. F. Wellons, O'Neals.  
 James A. Johnson, Elevation.  
 A. I. Murphy, Wilders.  
 Worth N. Godwin, Beulah.  
 C. M. Strickland, Boon Hill.  
 Hudy Barefoot, Meadow.  
 E. W. Massey, Smithfield.  
 O. C. Barbour, Elevation.  
 Ashley Johnson, Ingrams.  
 J. O. Edwards, O'Neals.  
 L. P. Hare, O'Neals.  
 H. A. Watson, Boon Hill.  
 Irving Hill, Smithfield.  
 E. S. Atkinson, Wilders.  
 J. R. Boyette, Wilders.  
 Leslie Worley, Boon Hill.  
 Willis A. Rose, Bentonville.  
 C. L. Pollard, Banner.  
 W. J. Adams, Banner.  
 Vernon Vick, Pine Level.  
 A. B. Coats, Ingrams.  
 W. V. Massengill, Ingrams.  
 J. E. Wall, Banner.

## W. Louis Ellis, Sr. Dies of Heart Attack

Smithfield.—Funeral services for W. Louis Ellis, Sr., 61, who died at his home Monday night at 11:15 o'clock of a heart attack, were held Wednesday at 3 o'clock at Underwood Funeral Home and interment made in Riverside Cemetery, with the Rev. B. H. Houston in charge, assisted by the Rev. R. E. Brown of Fayetteville.

Mr. Ellis held a position with the Medlin Printing Company. He was an active member of Centenary Methodist Church here for about 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Gilliard Ellis; five sons, W. Louis Ellis, Jr., of Fayetteville; E. L. Ellis of Phoenix, Ala.; Theo R. Ellis, Sanatorium; Ronald G. Ellis, Raleigh; and Ralph C. Ellis, Smithfield; one daughter, Mrs. C. R. Russell, Jr., of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. M. V. Sanderford, also of Raleigh; Mrs. Daisy Lindsey of Wilson, an done brother, W. K. Ellis of Raleigh. Several grandchildren also survive.

## Rev. C. A. Lawrenae To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. C. A. Lawrence, of Falkland, will preach at the Selma Presbyterian church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and at 7:30 Sunday evening. Mr. Lawrence supplied the Selma church for several months prior to the pastorate of the late Rev. Mr. Clarke. The church added many new members during his short pastorate, and it is hoped that a good attendance will greet him Sunday.

## COTTON MARKET

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

|                   |         |
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| Strict Middling   | 20 1-4  |
| Middling          | 19 3-4  |
| Strict Low Bright | 19 1-2c |
| Strict Low Dark   | 19 1-4  |

## Knudsen Sworn In as Lieut. General



William S. Knudsen, former head of the OPM, was sworn in as a lieutenant general in the presence of Secretary of War Stimson. Knudsen will be in charge of production for materials for the war department. Photo shows, left to right, William S. Knudsen, Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, adjutant general, and Secretary of War Stimson.

## AAA Checks Coming In For Farmers

Checks totaling \$27,816.44, representing conservation and parity payments to 219 Johnston county farmers, were received at the county agent's office last week.

The money will be distributed as quickly as possible, each farmer to be notified individually of the arrival of his check. The payments will go to farmers who cooperated in the 1941 AAA program.

The checks now on hand are just a small fraction of the total amount to be distributed in the county. Morgan said payments would be made to 6,380 farms and would probably run into six or seven hundred thousand dollars.

## Smithfield Association Has Record Attendance

Columbia, S. C.—The presence of 1,829 farm people at the recent annual meeting of the Smithfield Production Credit Association, breaks the national record for the 8 years of the existence of the 525 production credit associations, according to a congratulatory telegram from A. G. Black, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, just received by W. Arthur Minor, Jr., President of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia.

The previous record was established by the Black Swamp Production Credit Association, Fostoria, Ohio, where 1,463 farm people attended the organization's annual meeting in 1937. The attendance at this year's meeting of the Smithfield credit cooperative included 95.4 per cent of its 1,310 members. The highest previous percentage reported anywhere in the nation at this year's series of meetings was 95 per cent, for the American (Georgia) Production Credit Association.

In Governor Black's telegram to Mr. Minor, he said, "Please pass my congratulations on to the directors and members of the Smithfield association on this splendid display of interest in their credit cooperative at a time when its job of financing farmers' food-for-victory efforts make a thorough understanding of its activities particularly important."

So far 68 of the 94 associations in the Columbia district, which includes the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, have held meetings attended by 13,930 farmers at which the average percentage of members attending increased more than 50 per cent over last year. "This shows the widespread interest production credit association members in the Columbia district are taking in their organizations' efforts to help farmers raise the food needed to win the war," Mr. Minor stated.

## SPECIAL VENIRE MAY HEAR ALLEN TRIAL

The case of Herman Allen is scheduled to come up for trial in the Johnston County Superior Court next week, probably on Tuesday, according to Solicitor Claude C. Canaday.

Allen is expected to plead temporary insanity; and James Ellis, slayer of Mrs. Brewer at the Salvation Army headquarters in Smithfield, is also expected to enter a plea of insanity.

A special venire will be required for the trial of Allen, and Solicitor Canaday will ask for a venire from the upper reaches of the county inasmuch as sentiment in the lower part of the county has already been crystallized against Allen. It is not known whether a special venire to try Ellis will be asked for.

## HIGHER TOBACCO PENALTIES ASKED

### Cooley Sponsors Bill to Boost Penalty on Allotment Excess to 15 Cents

Washington, Feb. 2.—Representative Harold D. Cooley has re-introduced a bill calling for the imposition of higher penalties on farmers who sell tobacco in excess of their marketing quotas.

The bill, which has been referred to the committee on agriculture, provides for a penalty of 15 cents a pound, or one half the gross market price, whichever is the larger, for flue-cured or burley tobacco sold in excess of a farmer's marketing quota.

If tobacco is sold at auction for less than the minimum penalty applicable, the bill states, the penalty will be equal to the gross market price if the warehouseman satisfies the Secretary of Agriculture that "the consummation of the marketing could not be prevented in the regular course of business."

In introducing an almost identical bill last December, Cooley said that because of present high leaf prices unless the present penalty of 10 cents a pound is increased, many farmers this year may plan tobacco well in excess of their allotments and hope to show a profit even after the penalty has been deducted from their proceeds.

## Governor Broughton Will Discuss Gardens

One of the features of "Victory Garden Week," February 9-14, will be an address by Governor J. Melville Broughton. He will use a State-wide radio network to deliver a message to school children on Tuesday, February 10th.

John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College Extension Service and chairman of the State Agricultural Workers Council which is acting as the steering committee for the Victory Garden campaign, has worked with Governor Broughton and Dr. Clyde Erwin, superintendent of public instruction, in arranging for the broadcast.

Goodman announced that the Governor's address will be broadcast over Station WPTF, Raleigh, Station WB IG, Greensboro, and Station WUNC, Asheville from 9:30 to 9:45 o'clock, and over Station WBT, Charlotte from 9:45 to 10:00 o'clock, on Tuesday morning.

Dr. Erwin has instructed the school principals and the 25,000 teachers in the schools of the State to have their 900,000 students assembled before radios during the time of the Governor's broadcast. Governor Broughton will tell the school children and their teachers how they can cooperate in the Victory Garden campaign.

Goodman says the Victory Garden committee has suggested that schools participate in the food-production program by encouraging children to grow food to supply school lunches in gardens at home and at school; to promote the program through local parent-teacher associations, chapel periods, plays and school and community meetings; to encourage each of the 20,000 high school students of vocational agriculture and the more than 10,000 students in adult farmers' classes to have farm gardens; to direct the 867 home economics teachers to stress nutrition through canning fruits and vegetables; and to establish community canneries in the schools.

### BURLAP

Farmers will have to turn more to bulk handling of grain since two-thirds of available burlap has been turned over for use by the armed forces, and grain bags will be difficult to get.

## NEWTON GROVE WAS LEADER IN GROWTH

Had 10-Year Population Increase Of 126 To Lead Towns Under 1,000.

Newton Grove, a rapidly growing community down in Sampson county, showed the greatest per cent of increase in population of any of the 311 incorporated towns and villages under 1,000 population in North Carolina during the decade, 1930-40, according to a compilation made by Samuel H. Hobbs, Jr., and George Simpson and appearing in the December 10th issue of the University of North Carolina News Letter.

Newton Grove now has a population of 339, according to the 1940 census. Its percent of increase was 126, and according to that figure, the population in 1930 was about 150.

Roseboro was Sampson's second town in the percentage column. It ranked 87th with its population of 939, which was due to a 22.3 percent increase over 1930. Salem ranked 109th in the state with an increase of 16.7 percent to 371 citizens. Parkersburg ranked 143rd with 105 population for an increase of 11.7 percent.

Garland, which ranked 242nd, lost population during the decade and now has a population of 484. Its percentage of loss was 4.9 percent. Turkey also lost population. Its 1940 count showed only 188 inhabitants which was a loss of 14.1 percent. Autryville lost population, too, dropping to 94 which came about as the result of a 21.1 percent decrease.

Clinton, the only town in the county with a population of more than 1,000 showed a net increase in population of 31.2 percent for a total of 3,557 to rank 12th in the group of towns between 2,500 and 10,000 population.

## TIRE ALLOWANCE LESS THIS MONTH

Theodore S. Johnson, Civilian Defense Director for North Carolina, has announced that Johnston County will receive 32 passenger tires and 27 tubes; 59 truck and bus tires and 103 tubes for February. These figures are lower than for January, except truck tubes, and intimations are that the allotments will be even less in future months. Guilford county received the largest number of passenger tires—141, while Mecklenburg received 136 and Forsyth 107.

Harnett county received 22 passenger tires, Sampson 22, and Wayne 36. Wake received 96.

Director Johnson warns that unused tires and tubes from the January quota cannot be used in February.

## B. Nestus Hamilton Died Last Tuesday

Smithfield.—B. Nestus Hamilton, 78, of Smithfield, died at Johnston County Hospital Tuesday at 12:45 p. m.

Mr. Hamilton fell about four weeks ago and broke his hip and had been in the hospital since January 9.

Funeral services were conducted at Riverside Primitive Baptist Church Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. by Elder Shepherd Stephenson, pastor of the church and interment made in the church cemetery. He had been in failing health for two years.

Mr. Hamilton was a native of this section and was highly esteemed by his associates. He was never married. Surviving are three brothers, J. D. Hamilton of Smithfield, Route 2, R. L. Hamilton of Ahoskie and D. B. Hamilton of Smithfield; two sisters, Mrs. George Morgan of Selma and Miss Nancy Hamilton of Smithfield.

## THE WAR AT A GLANCE

By M. L. STANCIL

A Russian drive in the Ukraine again commences, As the Soviets continue to smash German defenses. The Germans stiffen forces to halt the Russian gain, But the Soviets continue their mopping-up campaign.

Over in the Lyban desert the British have hit a snag, After boasting they almost had the Axis in the bag. We may halt the enemy and often put him on the run, But so long as there is resistance the victory isn't won.

The British lose Malaya, which gives the Japs another score, As they strengthen their forces for an advance on Singapore. A historic battle now rages to hold this British base, Which holds the spot-light o'er all else that's taking place.

But still there is another toward whom our sympathy leans, And that's General McArthur and his men in the Philippines. There entrenched among the mountains with no help at hand, They fight on unshaken as again they renew their stand.

Japanese planes are numerous over the far away Pacific, And were they good marksmen the damage would be terrific. The Japs excel in numbers, but are short on fighting power, And this may be proven when comes the strategic hour.

We need more of our big bombers to cross the ocean wide, And that is all that's needed to stem the Japanese tide. We might do it with our navy if it could only stay afloat, But the tragedy of the Prince of Wales almost got our goat.

We are loaning China half a billion to hold them in line, Following rumors that they were weakening in the spine. For China can do wonders to help lighten our great load, If they do nothing more than just hold the Burma road.

## County Goes Over In Red Cross Drive

### Allen Trial Scheduled To Begin Monday

Herman Allen, Banner township farmer charged in three separate indictments with the first degree murder of his wife, her brother, and a neighbor, is scheduled to go on trial for his life in Superior court, Smithfield, N. C., on Monday, February 9th.

The court calendar lists Allen's case for Monday morning, the opening day of court, but it is possible that the trial may be delayed until further in the term.

The victims of Allen's shooting rampage on January 15 were Mrs. Ruth Lee Allen, Grady Lee, and Cap Raynor.

## COUNTY TOBACCO ALLOTMENT IS UP BY TEN PER CENT

10 per cent increase in tobacco allotment has been announced for Johnston county farmers this year. In face of rising demand for tobacco the U. S. Department of Agriculture has authorized growers large and small to increase their acreage by one-tenth more than they planted last year.

The increased allotment is in general a 10 per cent boost, figured only to the nearest 1-10 of an acre, fractions of .05 of an acre or less being dropped and counted as zero; however, for the benefit of farmers with very small crops an exception to the mathematical plan will be made. For crops of one and one-half acres or less the owner will be permitted to expand by a straight 1-10, figured closely without throwing out minor fractions of an acre.

It was pointed out that the 18 per cent during the emergency suspension of cigarettes has increased period.

## SELMA KIWANIS ENJOY PROGRAM

Program Chairman "Hub" Lowry took in a lot of territory at the Selma Kiwanis Club meeting on last Thursday evening, when he put on a "Quiz" contest. Kiwanians Bill Thad Woodard, Rev. D. M. Clemmons, H. V. Gaskill and M. L. Stancil were asked to take standing positions to one side of the room. They were told that for each correct answer given they would receive 5c, and for each failure they would be penalized 5c. Hub had his pocket full of shiny nickels, so in the event he had to pay off, he would be prepared, but unluckily for the Kiwanians Hub had still more nickels when the contest closed, for not a single contestant escaped being penalized. Hub asked all sorts of questions, even wanting to know what the population of the world is. But Bill Thad Woodard didn't do so bad on this one for he came within a Billion of getting the correct answer.

The contest proved interesting and educational as well, and some of the wild answers given furnished ample entertainment for the spectators.

## Allotment For Johnston County Was \$5,000—County Has Now Contributed More Than \$6,000 To the War Relief Fund As The Clayton Chapter, Which Functions As a Separate Unit, Exceeded Its Quota of \$500.

Smithfield, Feb. 2.—Johnston county has gone over the top in the Red Cross war relief fund, according to an announcement made Monday.

The allotment was \$5,000. Latest figures available show a collection of \$5,527.07, with reports from various canvassing committees still incomplete, says Chairman E. S. Stevens.

Not included in the total reported Monday were funds which will be raised through the sale of scrap metal and other waste materials collected throughout the county as a phase of the Red Cross and civilian defense programs.

The county has actually contributed more than \$6,000 to the war relief fund as the Clayton chapter, which functions separately from the county unit, exceeded its quota of \$500.

Among the large contributions of the past few days which helped to send Johnston county above its war relief quota were \$387.45 from Four Oaks; \$392.62 from Selma; and \$140.18 from Micro.

The new contributions from Selma sent that community's total to \$732.02. Contributions amounting to \$323.74 had been previously reported and added to that figure were \$15.36 turned in by a Selma colored committee and the \$392.92 which was raised by the B. A. Henry committee.

The call for \$5,000 from the Johnston county chapter came just before Christmas and the quota was reached within an approximate 5-week period. The county actually has contributed more than \$6,000 to the war relief effort since the Clayton chapter, which functions separately from the county unit, exceeded its quota of \$500.

Chairman Stevens Monday expressed his appreciation for the fine spirit and diligent work of the various community chairmen and their associates in putting the campaign over.

## SELMA DRUG STORES TO OPEN ON SUNDAY

Due to weather conditions and realizing that prescriptions must be filled, and the necessity of traveling by bus, all drug stores in Selma have agreed to maintain regular Sunday hours for the convenience of the public. As soon as weather conditions permit Sunday hours will be shortened and notice will be given in The Johnstonian-Sun of such change.

## Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

TALMAGE CORBETT, manager of the DUNN FURNITURE COMPANY, is now riding his bicycle to work and his collector also does his collecting on a bike—TAM says you can slip up on 'em on a bike—"anybody can hear a truck driving up," says TAM, "but with a bicycle it's different"—and at the same time you are saving your tires—HUB BROWN, manager of the ECONOMY FURNITURE COMPANY, Selma's other furniture store, had a birthday on last Monday—Ground Hog Day—Some of the boys tried to get HUB to stay in that day, but he would come out, and you see now what kind of weather we're having—"what is the population of Germany," was asked the editor of this paper at the Kiwanis meet on last Thursday night, "350,000,000" replied the editor—"oh! no," said BILL THAD WOODARD, "you must be thinking about China"—"I was taking into consideration all those countries Germany had taken over" said the editor—wonder what Brother EVERITT is going to do with all those cabbage plants at his store—DR. R. M. BLACKMAN and DR. E. N. BOOKER spent the week-end at DR. BOOKER'S "cottage" near Bayview—was it "hunting" or "fishing", gentlemen?—we've had no report—CECIL RAE and ROBERT YOUNGBLOOD went to Fort Bragg Saturday for examination with a crowd estimated at around 100—both boys passed the examination and are now waiting for Uncle Sam to call them into service—these boys will be missed from the Maindrag as they are among the most popular of the younger set—a few nights ago while bowling at DUNCAN'S, near Holt Lake, DAVID S. BALL got five strikes out of seven boxes—can you beat it, if so, let us know—MRS. BALL is also getting to be quite an expert at this popular sport—getting three strikes in one game—their little daughter, BETTY ANN, surprised every one recently by her skill—getting two strikes and a spare in one game.