



JOHNSTON COUNTY CO-OPS TO MEET

Smithfield, Feb. 11.—Johnston County stockholders and patrons of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange and members of the Cotton Association will gather in the Legion Hut here Thursday, Feb. 19th, at 2:30 p. m. for their annual joint meeting.

Principal speaker at the meeting will be M. G. Mann, general manager of both the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, who will report on the past year's operations of both cooperatives.

The program will also include the election of an advisory board around the local FCX for the ensuing year and the election of delegates to attend the Cotton Association district meeting at which candidates will be nominated for director of this district.

The meeting is open to the public, Mr. Edwards said, inviting all interested in agriculture to attend. "In view, however, of our government's appeal for all of us to save tires and oil and gasoline and wear and tear on our cars, we do not feel that it would be in keeping with the spirit of the times for us to urge farmers to make a special trip to attend," Mr. Edwards added.

He pointed out that the meeting schedule has been announced early in the hope that Johnston County farmers can plan one of their regular trips to Smithfield in such a way that they can attend without having to do any extra driving.

Father of 'Fast Time' Visions 2-Hour Pushup

New York, Feb. 9.—President Roosevelt will ask for double War Time—a two-hour pushup of the nation's mechanical timepieces—to start probably late in April, Robert Garland, "father of daylight saving," predicted today.

Garland, a Pittsburg manufacturer, introduced "fast time" in the United States and in token of his leadership was given the pens with which the late President Woodrow Wilson and President Franklin D. Roosevelt respectively signed the 1918 and 1942 laws.

He forecast the move to save still another hour of sunshine on the heels of today's shift to "War" time. "I predict that the President will seek to advance the clocks again in April," Garland said.

"I think it likely that he discussed the time question with Prime Minister Churchill on the latter's recent visit to Washington and that they came to some agreement."

Great Britain, which has been on daylight saving time since the outbreak of World War II, also has "double British summer time," two hours ahead of the old standard time, during the summer period. If our clocks were advanced another hour for the same period, the normal time-zone difference between British and American clocks would be restored throughout the year.

Radio Commentator To Speak At Court House

W. E. Debnam, news commentator, will speak in the court house at Smithfield, Friday night at 8 o'clock. Mr. Debnam is well known over radio and his appearance in the county will be welcomed by many who hear him regularly.

After his talk, he will conduct an open forum and persons having questions are requested to be present and ask them.

Mr. Debnam is coming under the auspices of the international relations committee of the Woman's club, Mrs. G. W. Grier, chairman.

FUNERAL HELD FOR OSCAR D. JOHNSON

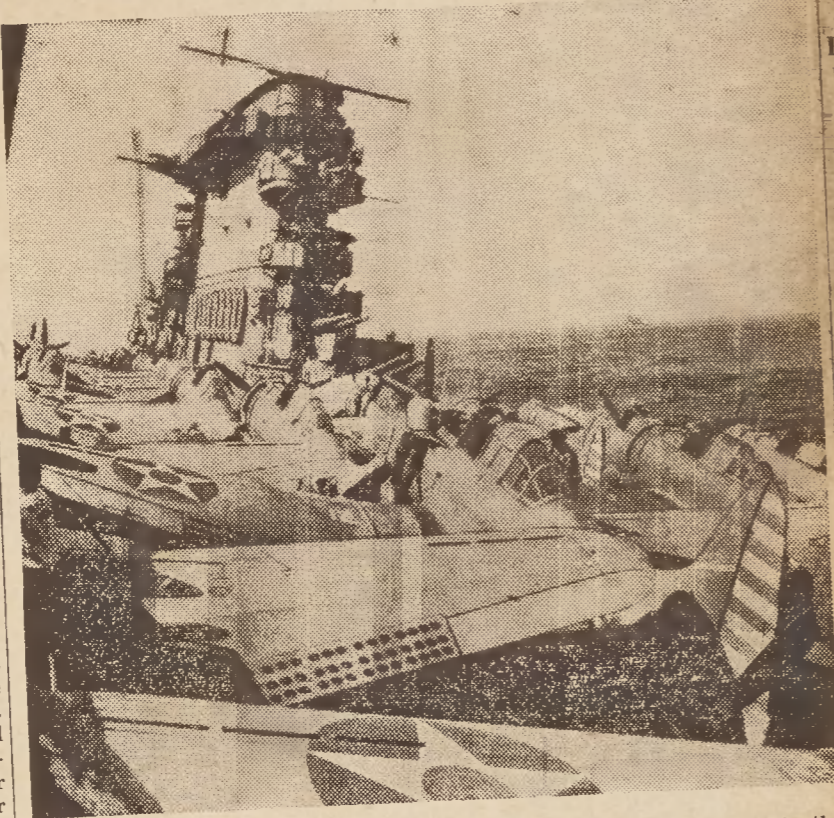
Funeral was held Sunday afternoon for Oscar D. Johnson, 57, of Dunn, route 2, who died at his home in Meadow township, Saturday afternoon. The rites were at Calvary Baptist church. Burial was in Johnson-Lee cemetery, near the home.

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

War Birds in Their Nest on Pacific



Planes on the deck of a U. S. aircraft carrier ready to take to the air on patrol duty, or to meet the attack of Japanese air or sea forces. This picture was made with a U. S. navy offensive patrol force somewhere in the Pacific ocean. They didn't run into any action, but were "looking for the real thing." (Approved for publication by navy.)

County Ready For New Registration

All Men Between 20 and 44 Who Have Not Previously Registered Must Do So Monday At Points Indicated Below.

All men between the ages of 20 and 44, who have not previously registered with some draft board, are required to do so on Monday, February 16. Just when the men who register next Monday for the draft will be called is not known, but since the serial numbers will not even be available before March 9th, it is expected that many of them will be called within the next 30 days.

Registration places for the men who will have to register Monday will be open from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m., at the following points in lower Johnston county:

- Courthouse—Smithfield.
- Old ABC Store—Benson.
- School Building—Four Oaks.
- School Building—Cleveland.
- Community Hut—Pleasant Grove.
- Community Hut—Wilson Mills.
- School Building—Peacock's Cross Roads.

Bentonville—Beasley's Store. Johnston County Draft Board No. 2 announced Saturday that registration would be conducted at the following points within the Selma Draft Board's jurisdiction:

- Selma—Office of Local Board, with W. W. Hare in charge.
- Clayton—Town Hall, with J. T. Page in charge.
- Corinth—Holder—At Corinth—Holder school building, with R. E. Earp in charge.
- Kenly—Band Hall, with Paul D. Grady in charge.

The law requires that all male persons who were born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921 to register for possible military service.

PINE LEVEL PEOPLE HURT IN ACCIDENTS

Miss Gladys Pendergraft, of Pine Level, was painfully injured a few days ago when a piece of kindling, which she was splitting, flew into one of her eyes. She was taken to Duke Hospital where the eye was removed.

Eddie Ballinger, 40-year-old resident of Pine Level, also lost an eye recently while splitting kindling. A piece of wood flew into one of his eyes, necessitating its removal. The operation was performed at Duke Hospital.

Mr. J. U. Oliver, of near Pine Level, suffered a bad cut on his right foot, while cutting wood about two miles east of Pine Level. The wound was treated by Dr. E. N. Booker.

Lt. Henry A. Lassiter Returns From Iceland

Lt. Henry A. Lassiter of the United States Marine Corps, who has recently been stationed in Iceland, is spending some time here with Mrs. Lassiter, the former Miss Ruth Renfrow. He expects to be here for two weeks, then he and Mrs. Lassiter will motor to San Diego, California, where Lt. Lassiter expects to be stationed for some time.

SELMA BOY DIES IN WAR ACTION

Parents of Kermit Stallings Notified He Was Killed In Pacific Zone.

The parents of Kermit Stallings, Selma youth who had been in Pacific service with the U. S. Navy, were officially notified of their son's death on December 7.

The 22-year-old youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Clem Stallings of Selma, route 1, was reported by the Navy Department on December 21 to be missing following action in the war zone. The young man had served with the Navy for two years and was a fireman first class at the time of his death. The final telegram, just received by the parents, was an official Washington declaration confirming the fact that Kermit had died while in performance of his duty.

Surviving the youth are his parents, three brothers, Roger, J. E., and Willie Stallings of Selma, Route 1, and four sisters, Mrs. J. B. Capps of Selma, Route 1, Mrs. Elton E. Boykin of Kenly, Route 2, and Misses Mamie and Louise Stallings of Selma, Route 1.

FIFTY YOUNG MEN GO TO FORT BRAGG

The following young white men were sent to Fort Bragg Saturday morning by the local Selective Service Board No. 2, for pre-induction examination, and all who pass will be given classifications and called for induction soon thereafter:

- George Milton Pope, Kenly, Route 3; Worth Ray Tart, Princeton; Joe Davis Richardson, Jr., Selma; James Alton Lamm, Princeton; Woodrow Griffin Jones, Clayton, Route 2; Rufin Harold Smith, Selma; Ondus Rose, Kenly, Route 2; Charles Erwin Fulghum, Selma; Thomas Turner Ray, Selma; Josh Lancaster, Clayton; Robert Peele Richardson, Kenly, Route 1; Glenn Green, Selma; Milford Kenneth Gurley, Pine Level; James Leslie Daughtry, Selma; Braxton Franklin Barnes, Selma, Route 1; Oscar Frank Talton, Kenly, Route 1; Sexton Alford, Wendell, Route 1; William A. Crocker, Kenly; Milford Wilkerson, Kenly, Route 2; James Alton House, Pine Level; William Howard Tate, Kenly, Wendell, Route 1; Otis Columbus Batten, Selma; Paul Pete Richardson, Zebulon, Route 1; Lewis Lester Jones, Selma; Raymond Creech, Selma; James Brooks Allen, Selma, Rt. 2; James Felton Millard, Selma; Elton Ingram, Princeton, Route 1; Linwood Ruppert Sheehan, Clayton;

Clarence Bruce Blackley, Selma; William Hampton Cousins, Wendell, Route 1; Lloyd Marvin Finch, Kenly, Route 3; Fleming Fuller Suber, Selma; James Elmer Ballance, Kenly, Route 2; Berman James Godwin, Kenly, Route 2; James Battle Jones, Clayton; Leslie Harry Garner, Pine Level; Leon Sanders Thompson, Smithfield, Route 2; Jesse O'Brien Richardson, Wendell, Route 1; William Allen Broom, Kenly, Route 2; Benjamin Elbert Batten, Kenly, Route 2; Allen Raymond Barnes, Kenly, Route 1; Isador Raynor Williams, Wendell, Rt. 1; Nathaniel Wilson Finch, Kenly, Rt. 1; James Clarence Sellers, Smithfield, Route 2; Europe Wesley O'Neal, of Wendell, Route 1; Alvin Orvis Peedin, Selma, Route 2; Henry Person Eason, Selma, Route 2; Earl Wallace Hol-Clayton, Route 2; Elijah Greenland, Kenly, Route 2; William Holland, Jr., Kenly, Route 2; William Atlas Hogg, Clayton, Route 1; William Joseph Sugg, Princeton.

SELMA MAN BUYS FINE BREED HORSE

Chicago.—Jasper Pittman of Selma recently purchased a young purebred Percheron stallion from the Whitley-Davis Farms of Clayton. The stallion is named King Oberon, is a silky grey and will be two years old on May 1st.

Sales of Percherons have risen considerably during the fall and winter months, according to the records of the Percheron Horse Association at Chicago, and prices now are much above those of the 1940-41 levels. Breeders report an increasing demand for their top horses. Dr. G. H. Hines, of Hume, Ill., for instance, says that he is getting fifty dollars a team more for his Percherons than he did two months ago; C. William Pearson, of Mitchellville, Ia., reports the same increase holds true in his section of the country.

While this increase in sales and prices is due in some measure to the rationing of tires and parts, many breeders feel that the rise also can be attributed to the fact that current draft horse breeding in the United States is far below normal replacement requirements.

Clayton—Town Hall, with J. T. Page in charge.

Selma Man Promoted To Corporal In Marines

The United States Marine Corps is proud to announce that William R. Watson, of Selma, route 1, was promoted to the rank of Corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

After Watson completed his recruit training at the Marine Corps Training Base on Parris Island, S. C., he was sent to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, where he is now stationed.

Corporal Watson is qualified as a marksman with the rifle and is an expert with the use of the bayonet. Watson's rapid promotion with the Marine Corps is not only due to his excellent capability in this branch of the service but also to the way the Marine Corps is expanding at the present time offering all young men who enlist now an opportunity to rise rapidly in the ranks.

Local A. T. & T. Co. Men Now In Charlotte

Mr. G. H. Younger of the local American Telephone & Telegraph company, left Wednesday for Charlotte, where he will take a course in teletype maintenance.

Mr. B. C. DuBos of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, has gone to Charlotte, where he will relieve the engineer outside plant for the 30th district, comprising North and South Carolina.

LIVESTOCK

A general trend toward more livestock is evident in Harnett County, especially among 4-H Club members, reports T. D. O'Quinn, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

You may not be drafted for War duty, but you can Buy a Bond.

Allen, Murderer of Three Persons, On Trial For His Life

Herman Allen, Banner Township Farmer, Was Placed On Trial For the Murder of His Brother-in-law, Grady Lee, In Johnston County Superior Court Wednesday Afternoon — Judge Jeff D. Johnson Is Presiding.

SMITHFIELD, Feb. 11.—The trial of Herman Allen, 35, farm laborer of Banner township for the murder of Grady Lee, got underway today at 12:20 when the first witness, Mrs. Claudia Lee, mother of the slain man and mother-in-law of the defendant, was put on the witness stand.

Seized by Japs



Comd. Donald T. Giles, U.S.N., who was assistant governor of the island of Guam, and who is in a Jap prison camp. His wife and son live in Annapolis, Md.

FORMER KENLY MAN ASSISTANT TO NYA

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—The appointment of Thomas H. Broughton of Dunn and Lenoir, as administrative assistant to the administrator of the National Youth Administration for North Carolina was announced today by State NYA Administrator, John A. Long.

Broughton will direct civilian defense activities of the NYA for North Carolina, serving as liaison officer between the State NYA and the Office of Civilian Defense. Through local NYA advisory committees throughout the State, the work of the NYA will be coordinated with activities of local defense councils.

The NYA is cooperating with civilian defense agencies throughout North Carolina in the production of arm bands for civilian defense volunteer workers, surgical dressings, emergency stretchers, blackout curtains, and more than 75 other articles and services for civilian defense purposes.

Prior to joining the State NYA staff in May 1941, as director of information, Broughton was a well-known North Carolina newspaperman. Mr. Broughton is a native of Kenly and the nephew of Mrs. A. J. Broughton, of Kenly.

Former Kiwanis Head Puts On Good Program

Former Kiwanis President, the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, was program leader at the local Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening. Papers were distributed to each Kiwanian and on these sheets of paper each Kiwanian was asked to answer certain questions propounded by the program chairman, giving the answer by number.

A prize was offered to the one giving the greatest number of correct answers, and this went to Kiwanis President Bill Thad Woodard—a nice box of Valentine candy. President Woodard forthwith presented this to Miss Naomi Smith, club sponsor.

It proved to be a very interesting and educational contest, and was enjoyed by all present.

The time for meeting has previously been 6:30, but until further notice the club will meet at 7:30. This means that by sun time the hour will be the same as usual.

New Grand Jury Sworn In For Six Months

The following were sworn in Monday as members of the new grand jury to serve for the next six months: J. Walter Williams, of Cleveland township, foreman; Chester Johnson and J. O. Raynor, of Banner; John N. Wiggs of Selma; James Richardson, of Beulah; Span Peedin, of Selma, and R. T. Laughter of Smithfield.

Selection of a jury which was begun Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 was completed at 11:50 when the 13th juror was selected.

Mrs. Lee testified that she, her son, Grady Lee, her daughter, Mrs. Herman Allen, and Rufus Massengill, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Allen by a former husband, were at her home when Allen arrived around 6 a. m. He knocked twice, then went to the window and shot Grady Lee, who was sitting at the breakfast table eating, and told her that if she did not open the door he would shoot her. She said she went to the bedroom and woke up her daughter telling her that Herman had killed Grady.

She said she heard Herman say, after shooting her son, "You'll open the door now will you."

Mrs. Lee testified that Rufus said he would open the door and that she was afraid and left, going to the home of Carl Lee and from there coming with his son to Smithfield for officers.

Before getting out of hearing of her home she heard her daughter calling "Mama" but she was afraid to return. After coming to Smithfield, she returned to her home and saw Grady Lee lying on the kitchen floor, where he had fallen when shot, with his face covered with blood and blood over the floor.

When asked if her son gave her trouble, Mrs. Lee said he was just as good as he could be when he was not drinking.

The second witness examined was little Rufus Massengill, whose father, the first husband of Mrs. Ruth Allen, had committed suicide. Rufus testified that after he opened the door Allen entered, stepped over the prostrate form of Lee, dragged Mrs. Allen out of bed and around by her brother, the wounded man. They had a scuffle and Mrs. Allen got away and ran out about the smokehouse. He said Allen fired at him and he fell to the ground unhit and later got up and ran under the floor.

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Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

WALT GODWIN seen buying tomato seed—WALT says he's planning to set out five acres in tomatoes and plant twenty-five acres in vegetables this spring—DR. BOOKER, in company with LAWYER HOBBS, while en route to see a patient recently, ran over a fine Plymouth Rock hen, killing the chicken—DR. BOOKER stopped his car, went to the home and knocked on the door—a farm woman answered his knock and the good doctor informed her of the killing of her chick—"I want to pay you for your hen," he told her, "I don't want any pay," said the owner of the fowl, "all I want you to do is to put that chicken back just like it was before," she told him—"why, that's impossible," said the doctor, "looks like you and that lawyer you have with you could do it," she informed him—"good-bye," said DR. BOOKER, and he and the lawyer proceeded on their way—MAYOR HENRY had his hands full on last Monday evening—his honor called court order around 7:30 o'clock and at 11 o'clock it was still in session—looked like everybody in town was on hand to see justice meted out to a dozen or more offenders—"a few more sessions like that and I'll be ready to quit," the Mayor told us—congratulations to our old friend, EMERY DENNY, who has been named to the Supreme Court bench by GOVERNOR BROUGHTON, succeeding the late MR. JUSTICE CLARKSON—we've known EMERY since he was a boy—he was born and reared just a few miles from our home in Surry county—his father, the late REV. GABRIEL DENNY, was one of the best known Primitive Baptist ministers in the state—glad to have GEORGE SILER as a neighbor—GEORGE has moved his store to the building recently vacated by the local Bank—glad to have the REV. and MRS. GADDY, parents of Attorney CARL GADDY, on the Maindrag Tuesday evening—come again, we're always glad to have you.