



KIWANIS CLUB TO SPONSOR MOVIE

Lieut. Henry A. Lassiter, Who Had Just Returned From Iceland, Gave An Interesting Account of the Island—"Passion Play" to Be Shown on March 6th in School Auditorium.

It was brought out at the regular meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club last Thursday night that the directors have arranged to sponsor a moving picture on Friday night, March 6th, the title of which is "The Passion Play". This will be the first opportunity the people of this section have had to see this wonderful portrayal of the life of Christ.

Another interesting feature of the meeting was a talk by Lieut. Henry A. Lassiter who has just returned from Iceland where he spent several months in the U. S. Marine Corps. He talked interestingly of the trip over there and on the return trip; also told something of the people and industry of the island.

It was voted to change to time of meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 o'clock until further notice, war time, of course. Program Chairman J. C. Avery then announced that Leon Brown would assist with the program, whereupon Mr. Brown called on David Ball, who read an eulogy on Abraham Lincoln, that being Lincoln's birthday.

Program Chairman Avery then introduced Holton Wallace of Smithfield as speaker of the evening. Mr. Wallace spoke briefly on the work being done by different civic clubs in the interest of better business relations between town people and people of the rural sections.

Large Fire Consumes Smithfield Warehouse

A storage warehouse belonging to the Guy C. Lee Manufacturing Co., of Smithfield, was destroyed by fire about 3:30 last Friday morning. The building was located just across the Coast Line Railroad from the main plant of the Guy C. Lee Manufacturing Co.

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

HOLD RECORD, HARD TO BEAT!



BETTY ANN, 12, and DAVID S. BALL, JR., 13, children of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Ball, of Selma have made a wonderful record by attending Sunday school every Sunday since they were six months old without missing a single Sunday.

3,000 Are Registered In Johnston

Registration under the third draft call climbed to a total of 198,021 Wednesday in North Carolina as State headquarters in Raleigh received reports from 59 additional draft boards.

The new returns brought reports from 147 of the 155 draft boards in North Carolina.

Final figures, which probably will arrive by Saturday, according to State headquarters, will fall far short of the 245,000 which had been expected to register during the call for unregistered men between 20 and 45 years of age.

Johnston County Board No. 1, located at Smithfield, reports a registration of 1,623, while Board No. 2 at Selma reports a registration of 1,465.

TAX SUPERVISOR G. IRA FORD SAYS BUSINESS IS GOOD

From the office of Tax Collector of Johnston county comes word that tax collections have been given a boost during the past few months.

In the period July 1, 1941 to January 31, 1942 the tax office had a total revenue of \$483,111.03. Of this amount \$313,828.33 represented current taxes collected—69.25 per cent of the total current levy.

The July-January revenue is broken down as follows: covering 1940 and prior:

Land Sales—\$91,955.95.
Personal Property—\$40,873.36.
Real Estate owned by county—\$26,169.35.
Tax Notes, interest—\$1,597.04.
Deeds of Trust and interest—\$3,497.97.
Rents on county property, \$1,822.00.
Schedule B licenses—\$806.03.
Beer and wine licenses—\$2,561.00.
Current taxes collected, \$313,828.33.
Total collections—\$483,111.03.

HIGHEST

A summary of 1941 poultry records for Mitchell County shows that Mrs. C. S. Dale of Spruce Pine, Route 1, had the highest return per bird after feed costs had been paid, \$3.26.

SCRAP

Jones County 4-H Club members are collecting scrap iron and paper, the proceeds from which they plan to buy defense stamps, reports Assistant Farm Agent Jack Kelley.

Women never tire of redecorating rooms or reforming men.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING RECEIVED FOR COTTON INSURANCE

Applications now are being received by county AAA offices for insurance on the 1942 cotton crop, according to Tom Cornwell, Cleveland County farmer and a member of the State AAA Committee.

This is the first time North Carolina's 175,000 cotton producers have been offered an opportunity to insure their yields in a plan similar to the wheat crop insurance which has been available for the past two years, Cornwell said.

"This insurance is issued by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and affords the cotton producer an opportunity to insure his yield either for 75 per cent or 50 per cent of his normal production in past years," Cornwell said.

"The corporation is a non-profit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, and funds for administering the program were appropriated by Congress. Cotton and wheat insurance is not designed to make money for the farmer or the corporation, but to serve, like fire insurance, as partial protection against loss."

Premium rates are determined for individual farms on the basis of losses during the past seven years, and these records now are available in the county AAA offices.

He pointed out that the insurance is available to anyone having an interest in a cotton crop, whether landowner, tenant or sharecropper. Insurance taken by one person having an interest in the crop, however, has no effect on any other person interested in the same crop.

Premiums, it was pointed out, are payable at the time the application is signed or may be deducted from payments due the applicant in 1942 for compliance in the 1942 Agricultural Conservation Program in the same manner as grant-of-aid costs are deducted.

In no case, he said, will production be insured on more than the cotton acreage allotted under the AAA program. Deadline for filing applications is March 15.

BIG DEMAND FOR SKILLED WORKERS

Within the next twelve months a million and a half new workers will be needed in defense industries of this country.

Mr. L. J. Craven, manager of the Raleigh office of the United States Employment Service, said today that men and women who want one of these jobs should register at the local office of the United States Employment Office. "Don't pull up stakes in your hometown—don't start roaming the highways on the chance of finding a job for yourself in some other State," he said.

Mr. Craven called attention to the fact that the shipyards, the aircraft plants, steel mills, gun factories, chemical works, and various manufacturing industries now getting ready to produce war materials will be needing men within the coming months; but there are two ways of looking for a job, he said.

Mr. Floyd C. Price, president of the Carolina Packers, Inc., reports a very enthusiastic meeting of the board of directors of the company, which was held on last Friday evening.

"The business is growing," said Mr. Price, "and the company is paying the highest market prices for cattle, hogs, etc."

This is a home organization and affords a market to Johnston county farmers for their cattle, hogs, etc., and deserves the support of our home people, and we are glad to know that the plant is doing such a good business.

People living in Johnston County may register each "Friday" in the Town Hall at Clayton from 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m., in the Courthouse at Smithfield from 10:45 a. m. to 12:00 Noon, and in the Mayor's Office at Selma from 1:15 p. m. to 3:15 p. m.

Allen Sentenced To Die March 27 For Murder Grady Lee

WHEN TO SEEK AN APPEAL

There has been a great deal of misunderstanding and confusion concerning appeals of classifications given the registrants recently. In order to furnish everyone with helpful information regarding the methods and time in which appeals may be recognized, W. W. Hare, head of Draft Board No. 2, states that if the registrant is dissatisfied with his classification card, which is issued after having taken the screening examination, he will have 10 days in which he may file notice of an appeal.

No registrant will be given the right of appeal from the classification by the examining board of the armed forces, which is final.

Mr. Hare asks that you observe carefully any mail sent you from your local draft board and comply promptly to the directions printed on it. Failure to do so may only lead to some unjust, yet regrettable, action by the board in regards to your individual case.

TOWN OF SELMA TO COLLECT SCRAP IRON

Any person having scrap iron that is useless to them, or some they would like to donate to National Defense, please call the Town Clerk's office in Selma and leave your name with Mr. M. R. Wall or Mr. W. D. Perkins.

Major B. A. Henry says the town will furnish a truck to pick the iron up at the homes of those who leave their names at the Clerk's Office.

Collections will be made only on Thursday of each week. Clean up your premises and give that scrap iron to help scrap the Japs! The town will leave all iron collected at the Selma school building for collection by junk dealers.

County Game Warden Resigns For War Job

County Game Warden William S. Ragsdale, Jr., of Smithfield, has resigned his position with the county to accept a job with the Glen L. Martin Aircraft Corporation in Baltimore, Md. He will be in the engineering department, which is in line with his former avocation.

Local Glee Club On Church Program Here

The Glee Club of the Selma high school, under the direction of Miss Naomi Smith, will sing at the Selma Baptist church Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service. This will be in connection with the regular worship service. The public is cordially invited.

Raleigh Editor To Speak Here Sunday

John A. Park, editor of The Raleigh Times, will speak at the Methodist congregation at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church here at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, February 22, on "The Mission of the Church in the Present World Crisis." He will speak in place of the pastor, the Rev. O. L. Hathaway. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Herman Allen, Who Was Accused of Killing Three Persons Convicted by Jury and Given Sentence of Death In Gas Chamber — Defendant Gives Notice of Appeal To Supreme Court.

Smithfield, Feb. 16.—A Johnston County jury, after deliberating one hour and 45 minutes, tonight returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Herman Allen, 35-year-old farm laborer, in the pre-dawn slaying of his brother-in-law, Grady Lee, on January 15.

Judge Jeff Johnson of Clinton immediately sentenced Allen to die in the gas chamber at State Prison on Friday, March 27.

Allen was charged with the murder of two others—his wife, Mrs. Ruth Allen, and a friend, Cap Raynor. He was tried specifically on only one case, that of the shot-gun slaying of Lee, who was killed while he ate his breakfast.

Judge Johnson completed his charge to the jury at 6:15 p. m., and then recessed court until 8 o'clock when the jury began deliberating on the fate of Allen.

In his charge, Judge Johnson reviewed the general location and circumstances of the triple slaying committed in the early morning of January 15, when Allen allegedly called Cap Raynor from his home and killed him with a shot-gun blast. Allen was then charged with walking seven miles and shooting Grady Lee through a window while his brother-in-law sat eating breakfast. Later he allegedly dragged his wife, Mrs. Ruth Allen, out of bed, chased her into a barn lot and killed her with the shot-gun.

Evidence in the case, which attracted widespread attention throughout Johnston county, was closed Saturday afternoon. E. J. Wellons made the first address to the jury for the defense at that time, after which court adjourned until Monday morning. Lawrence H. Wallace continued arguments for the defense when court opened.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

"I'm feeling fine and can do more with greater ease here than at home," writes DR. WADE H. ATKINSON to the Maindrag scribe—the doctor and his wife are spending the winter in Arizona—ROBERT YOUNGBLOOD, who has been with the Selma Drug Co. for the past three years, has resigned his job and enlisted in Uncle Sam's Army—when a young man with the promise of a brilliant future leaves his home, his family and his friends to enter the country's armed forces, you hate to see him go—yet, at the same time, you wouldn't have him do otherwise—today, to every good American the only important consideration is a speedy and decisive Victory over the most barbarous and treacherous foes that ever threatened our peace and security—there are colored boys living in Selma by the name of "Zero," "Lightning," "Midnight," "Annie," and "Beth"—CLARENCE BAILEY struck a snag last Monday while assisting in registering draftees—one young fellow came up to CLARENCE to register, but couldn't spell his name, neither could CLARENCE—DR. BOOKER said it sounded more like a "sneeze" than anything else—you'll just have to hand it to DAVID BALL—a few nights ago while bowling he made 215 points in one game—these preachers around here, REVS. CLEMMONS and HATHAWAY, will have to do some practicing to beat that score—now, EDITOR STANCIL might do it, or even RALEIGH GRIFFIN, but we doubt it—our friend, H. W. EVERITT, of the Pay and Save Market, says he wants to see every member of the Men's Bible class of the Methodist Church present on next Sunday—the Kiwanis directors who were so cordially entertained at the home of MR. AND MRS. J. C. AVERY on Monday evening, say it was a great temptation to eat too much, and MATT WALL and PARSON CLEMMONS were reported by RALEIGH GRIFFIN to have demolished a lot of good food—PARSON CLEMMONS held the center of the stage during the social hour when he told of the BULLETT BEE in South America, which, according to this popular minister, possesses a beak several inches long and travels at the rate of more than 500 miles an hour, often puncturing holes in the walls of fishing craft and other objects—even killing cattle at times—the great pity is that we can't release a lot of these insects upon the JAPS.