

Johnston Republicans To Hold Convention

County Chairman Clyde Stencil Calls County Convention To Meet Saturday, March 7th, To Name Delegates To Congressional Convention In Raleigh.

Republican County Chairman Clyde Stencil has mailed notices to all township committeemen in Johnston county, calling on them to hold township meetings not later than Friday, March 6th, and elect delegates to the county convention to be held in the County Commissioners Room in the courthouse in Smithfield at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, March 7th, War Time.

Chairman Stencil also suggests that at these township meetings, or primaries, a township organization be set up and a township ticket nominated.

The convention to be held in Smithfield Saturday, March 7th, is primarily for the purpose of electing delegates to the Congressional Convention, which meets in Raleigh on Saturday, March 14th at 3 o'clock p. m. to nominate a Republican candidate for the 4th Congressional District.

It is usually customary to make the same delegates that are elected to the Congressional Convention also the delegates to go to the Republican State Convention to be held later, but that is a matter for the convention in Smithfield to decide.

The State convention will be held in Raleigh this year.

There will be another county convention held later in the spring to nominate a county ticket.

Heavy Going for American Convoy



This official photograph, released by the navy department, shows vessels of an Iceland-bound convoy making heavy weather during a North Atlantic gale. Though rolling seas like this make the going tough, they also cut submarine activity to a minimum. A bad gale wrecked a U. S. destroyer and a supply ship on the Newfoundland coast.

Organize County To Save Waste Material

C. E. Bingham of Smithfield Heads County Unit—Committees In Various Townships Are Named.

The Johnston County Salvage committee, under the leadership of C. E. Bingham as chairman, went forward this week with the job of organizing the county into an efficient setup for collecting all available scrap materials for national defense.

In every incorporated town a committee is being formed for the purpose of diverting scrap goods into channels of defense industry. By the end of the week the entire county will be on an operative basis.

"Our job," said Chairman Bingham, "is to see that every piece of scrap goods that will aid our country to win this war is salvaged and put to use." Metal, rubber and paper are especially needed, he pointed out.

The county-wide committee for the vital salvage work has been named as follows, representatives having been chosen from varied fields of activity:

Chairman—C. E. Bingham; the mayor of each town; James R. Pool, Chairman Civilian Defense; M. A. Morgan, County Farm Agent; C. W. Warrick, Agriculture War Board; George Johnson and Edmund Aycock, county 4-H clubs; Smithfield Herald, representing newspapers; H. B. Marrow, county schools, and A. J. Whitely, Johnston Farm Club.

Smithfield, Benson, Clayton and Micro have already sent in their organizational reports and the other towns are expected to report on their local setups within a day or two.

Following are the committees chosen for the towns reported:

- Smithfield
 - Chairman—M. B. Strickland;
 - Mayor—W. J. Huntley;
 - Chairman Civilian Defense—J. D. Creech;
 - Fire Chief—E. L. Woodall;
 - Police Chief—J. A. Massey;
 - Representative Chamber of Commerce—M. B. Wilson;
 - Boy Scouts—Rev. W. C. Neil;
 - Girl Scouts—Mrs. W. C. Bowen;
 - American Legion—W. M. Gaskin;
 - American Legion Auxiliary—Mrs. B. F. Owens;
 - Newspaper—Smithfield Herald;
 - Masonic Club—J. P. Rogers;
 - Kiwanis Club—Edmund Aycock;
 - Supt. City Schools—A. G. Glenn;
 - Supt. Colored Schools—W. R. Collins;
 - Power Company—A. M. Lyon;
 - B. and P. W. Club—Miss Juanita Hunsucker.
- Benson
 - Chairman—J. Ed Johnson;
 - Mayor—J. Ed Johnson;
 - Chairman Civilian Defense—N. L. Duncan;
 - Fire Chief—H. O. Dixon;
 - Police Chief—T. T. Woodall;
 - County Farm Agent—M. A. Morgan, Smithfield;
 - Representative Chamber of Commerce—E. A. Parker;
 - Boy Scouts—C. I. Calcote;
 - Girl Scouts—Mrs. Gladys Johnson;
 - American Legion—W. H. Slocumb;
 - Newspaper—J. B. Benton;
 - Parent-Teachers Association—W. J. Barefoot, for white and colored;
 - Masonic Club—W. J. Barefoot;
 - Business Men's Club—E. A. Parker;

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SELMA FARMER IS KILLED BY AUTO

John Bunch Dies Instantly When Struck by Auto While Walking Along Highway Near Selma—Car Driven by Braxton Lynch, Also of Selma.

John Bunch, 53-year-old Johnston county farmer, was instantly killed Wednesday at 11 o'clock when he was struck by an automobile driven by Braxton Lynch, 30, of Selma, Rt. 1.

The accident occurred near the residence of James Earp, seven miles northwest of Selma.

Bunch who was walking on the dirt road, evidently started to cross the road and walked in the path of the automobile. The car, traveling at a moderate rate of speed, knocked the farmer down, fractured his skull and other injuries were suffered. He was carrying a jug of molasses at the time of the accident. In his pockets were \$75.03. Patrolman H. C. Bobbitt and Deputy Frank Hood investigated the accident and ruled it to be unavoidable.

Bunch was a son of Patrick Bunch, Sr., of Wilson, and a brother of Patrick Bunch, Jr., of near Clayton.

Criminal Term Superior Court Opened Monday

A two weeks term of Johnston county criminal court convened in Smithfield Monday, with Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford presiding, instead of Judge Luther B. Hamilton of Morehead City, who was originally scheduled to preside during this week.

One of the outstanding cases to come before the court this week is that of James Joseph Ellis, the 23-year-old youth of New Jersey, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Bessie Brewer, Salvation Army matron, at Smithfield about two months ago.

Mrs. Florence Ellis, of Jersey City, New Jersey, mother of the alleged murderer, arrived in Smithfield Sunday to attend the trial of her son. Mrs. Ellis is reported to be deeply grieved over the tragedy, and when questioned about the matter she said she was very sorry it happened and was badly hurt over it.

Railroad Detective Suffers Bad Injuries

Mr. R. Britt, police officer for the Southern Railway, stationed in Selma, was seriously injured on last Thursday night about 9 o'clock when he attempted to arrest a Negro on the railroad yards in Raleigh. The Negro struck the officer across the forehead inflicting a severe injury, requiring ten stitches to sew up the wound. He also suffered other injuries about the face.

Mr. Britt gave the officers in Raleigh a good description of his assailant and he was arrested soon after the attack. The wounded man was taken to Rex Hospital where he remained until Sunday when he was brought to Selma by Mrs. Britt and their daughter. He is being treated here by Dr. W. C. Lassiter.

DRAFTS BOARDS SEND MORE MEN

Johnston County's Two Drafts Boards Inducted Large Number of Young Men Into Selective Service Training Tuesday of This Week.

Draft Board No. 1

The following is a list of white men inducted into the Army by Draft Board No. 1 at Smithfield this week:

- Carl Hocutt Williams, Four Oaks, Rt. 1; James Roy Langdon, Angier, Rt. 2; Claude Wade Jones, Smithfield, Rt. 1; John Shelton Holmes, Benson, Rt. 1; Hubert Almond Moore, Smithfield, Rt. 1; E. Jasper Hudson, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; Henry Wailon Twigg, Dixon; Rupert Johnson, Smithfield, Rt. 1; Andrew Jackson Peed, Angier; Jesse Lovis Allen, Wilson's Mills; Cicero B. Tart, Dunn, Rt. 2; Willis Elbert McLamb, Benson; Clarence Evans, Halifax; William Pink Allen, Benson; Willie Vakon Raynor, Benson, Rt. 2; Joe Lathan Boyette, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; Paul Wilson Moore, Four Oaks; Samuel Aubrey Austin, Four Oaks; Emmitt Andrew Johnson, Jr., Smithfield; Cecil Bryant Whitehurst, Washington, D. C.;

- Nathan Washington Benson, Benson, Rt. 2; Norman Adlie Johnson, Smithfield, Rt. 2; Hugh Braxton Sanders, Smithfield; Thomas Lawrence Eason, Benson, Rt. 1; Jefferson Lee Davis, Lillington, Rt. 1; Daniel James Hill, Benson; Unest Herman Denning, Four Oaks, Rt. 1; John Joe Adams, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; Earl Smith, Benson, Rt. 2; Edward Allen Myers, Goldsboro, Rt. 1; Nawbert Ray Crocker, Clayton, Rt. 2;

- Ambrose Sherwood Lee, Benson, Rt. 2; Howard Robert Norris, Benson, Rt. 1; Joseph Allen Darden, Dunn, Rt. 2; Walter Louis Barefoot, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; Vess Makton Barbour, Four Oaks, Rt. 3; Devoe Jones, Willow Springs, Rt. 1; Utey Coats, Angier, Rt. 1; Albert Massengill, Four Oaks, Rt. 3; Robert Junior Woodall, Four Oaks, Rt. 3; John Wesley Reuben Turnage, Smithfield, Rt. 1; William Lloyd Lee, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; William Ray Kennedy, Smithfield, Rt. 1; Ira Rudolph Langston, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; Joseph Howard Lee, Smithfield, Rt. 1; Harold Wilson Lassiter, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; Needham Alston Adams, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; Raymond Darden, Dunn, Rt. 2; John William Ballance, Kenly, Rt. 2; Edwin Robertson Perkins, Smithfield.

Draft Board No. 2

- Ondus Rose, Kenly, route 2; Norman Rogers Creech, Kenly, route 2; Dock Pollard, Selma; Paul Verion Narron, Middlesex, route 1; Ralph Howard Fitzgerald, Smithfield; James Roland Bailey, Selma, route 1; Rom Linwood Moore, Clayton; James Theodore Richardson, Wendell, route 1; Richard Henry Howell, Princeton, route 1; Eddie Uria Moore, Selma, route 2; D. H. Holland, Kenly, route 1; James Alton Lamm, Princeton; Austin Douglas Parrish, 108 Holloway street, Durham; Luther Millard Earp, Selma, route 2; Russell Hoffer Batten, Selma, route 2; Moses Aaron Narron, Kenly, route 2; Jimmie Lincoln Pittman, Selma, route 2; Cecil Thomas Rae, Pine Level; Oran Joseph Liles, Wendell, route 1; Willard Saffonza Mooneyham, Clayton; Ralph Pittman, Selma, route 2; William Ithel Ellis, Middlesex, route 1; Preston Bagley Chamblee, Zebulon, route 2; Charlie Thurman Renfrow, 13 St. Phillip St., Charleston, S. C.; George Milton Pope, Kenly, route 3; Wilbert O. Edgerton, Kenly, route 1; Lloyd Oliver Godwin, Kenly, route 2; William Mack Batten, Wendell, route 2; Wilbert Austin Gower, Selma, route 2; James Leslie Rogers, Princeton; Tommie Hubert Rogers, Princeton, route 2; Wilbert Franklin Massey, Princeton, route 1; Raymond Clodes Batten, Selma; Chester Lonza Driver, Smithfield, route 2; Leamon Frank Rose, Selma; Richard Lewis Price, Selma; William Franklin Kornegay, Princeton, route 1; Robert Glenn Watson, Princeton; Walter Evander Phillips, Kenly, route 2; Oscar Frank Talton, Kenly, route 1; David Glenn Adams, Clayton; William A. Crocker, Kenly; James Elbert Wall, Selma, route 2; Milford Wilkerson, Kenly, route 2; Samuel Coy Ellis, Jr., Clayton, route 1; Otis Columbus Batten, Selma; Vernon Hill, Kenly, route 2; Carl Hardy Durham, Kenly, route 2; Raymond Creech, Selma; James Brooks Allen, Selma, route 2; James Felton Millard, Durham; Woodrow Griffin Jones, Clayton, route 2; Linwood Ruppert Shehdan, Clayton; William Hampton Cousins, Wendell, route 1; Berman James Godwin, Smithfield, route 2; Leslie Harry Garner, Pine Level; Leon Sanders Thompson, Smithfield; Benjamin Elbert Batten, Kenly, route 2; James Clarence Sellers, Smithfield, route 2; Europe Wesley O'Neal, Wendell route 1; Joe Davis Richardson, Jr., Selma; Henry Person Eason, Clayton, route 2; Gordon Childers, Carolina Beach; Andros Godwin, Smithfield, route 2; Fletcher Blythe Hales, Kenly.

Court Hears Recorded Confession In Trial of Smithfield Slaying Case

New Jersey Youth Who Is On Trial For His Life Charged With the Murder of Mrs. Bessie Brewer Had To Face Court This Week With His Own Recorded Words of Guilt Used by The State.

Smithfield, March 4.—The trial of Joseph Ellis, 19-year-old New Jersey youth, charged with the hammer slaying of Mrs. Bessie Brewer, manager of the Smithfield Salvation Army home, got under way in Johnston County Superior Court today with the examination of witnesses for the State.

Nellie Peele, 16, who resides at the Salvation Army home and who was the first to find the body of Mrs. Brewer, was the first person to testify in the case.

Solicitor C. C. Canaday is asking the death penalty.

The Peele girl told of coming home from school around 2:30 and finding Mrs. Brewer lying on the floor by the dining room table.

She said she immediately called Dr. Watson Wharton, who arrived in about three minutes, and that he called Chief of Police J. A. Massey. She further testified that Ellis had been there about two weeks, and that he went sometimes with Mrs. Brewer to solicit contributions, helping around the home doing odd jobs, and that they all seemed "very friendly."

She said Mrs. Brewer had told Ellis the Wednesday before that he would have to leave and that he would leave Monday morning. When she left for school Monday, Ellis told her goodbye, saying he was leaving.

The girl said Ellis had told Mrs. Brewer that his mother thought he was at work in New Jersey and was off "on a bum." She said they looked for Ellis' registration card but failed to find it. Major Jones, Salvation Army officer from Goldsboro, who was the next witness, said the card was later found torn in pieces in a stove.

Policeman J. V. Peterson, the third witness examined by the State, told of Ellis' confession in Raleigh, and that the same confession was repeated in the office of the county jail and recorded on a photograph which was played back to Ellis and which he admitted was correct. The confession was made in the presence of the jailer, the sheriff, the SBI men, deputy sheriffs and others, said Peterson.

Peterson told of Ellis saying that he took morphine tablets about 12:10 that that while Mrs. Brewer was eating "all of a sudden something got in me and I picked up a hammer and hit her on the head and she fell over."

Officers said he admitted going back into Mrs. Brewer's bedroom, getting the money and car keys out of her pocketbook, and driving right through Smithfield and on to Raleigh. He parked his car in Raleigh, walked some distance and met a Negro, "that looked like a preacher." He said his conscience began to hurt him, testified the officer, and he asked the Negro if he had a telephone, saying he wanted to call the officers as he had "killed a woman in Smithfield."

Peterson brought Ellis back to Smithfield and heard him confess again in the jail office before the clerk of court, the sheriff, SBI officers and others, he said.

Chief of Police J. A. Massey who was the next State witness, testified in substance the same as Peterson. He identified a hammer that he found on the table in the Salvation Army home with blood on it, and told of having Dr. E. N. Booker, county coroner, and Dr. Watson Wharton examine Ellis in jail that night.

Mrs. Ellis, mother of the defendant, sat by him in the courtroom. He was dressed in a dark blue lumber jacket with leather trimming in front, blue trousers, white shirt, loose at neck, tie and brown shoes.

State witnesses in the case examined Wednesday afternoon included O. C. Jordan and H. L. Peebles of the Raleigh police force, who went to the Negro home for Ellis, after he had notified the department by telephone that he thought he had killed "a Smithfield woman"; H. L. Pierce and J. W. Powell of the SBI, Sheriff K. L. Rose, Fred Blackman, operator of a filling station near the Salvation Army home and Lee Smith, who saw Ellis in the filling station shortly before the murder and Patrolman H. C. Bobbitt who heard part of the alleged confession.

During the afternoon session the photograph record containing Ellis' confession made in the jail office was played before the jury. The making of the record had been discussed while the jury was out and defense lawyers had heard it played in another room.

Statements from Ellis that the recorded confession was voluntary and without threat or offer of reward and was correct were also recorded, the record having been played to him at (Continued on page eight).

Selectees Will Be Inducted On Day Of Examination

Selectees who are ordered into the Army will be inducted the same day they are given Army physical examination, providing they are found physically fit, Selective Service headquarters announced.

Previously, induction at Army reception centers has followed about ten days after examinations. Selective service officials said the War Department had assured them that under the new system, in many cases where immediate induction would cause undue hardship, the registration would be given an immediate furlough to adjust his civilian affairs.

Local boards will continue to give "screening" examinations, rejecting the obviously physically unfit men. But to speed up the induction procedure to meet the Army's needs, men rated as acceptable for service, in place of getting a notice to report for physical examination by the armed forces, will be notified to report for induction.

Under the new procedure, officials said, registrants will have the same rights of appeal and of personal appearance before their local boards, as they have at present.

SMITHFIELD NEGRO KILLS CHILDREN AND THEN KILLS HIMSELF

When the 19-year old wife of Emmanuel Sanders returned to her home on the Robert Higgins farm near Smithfield Wednesday, after going to a nearby store for something, she was startled to find her husband and two children had been killed. All appeared to have died instantly from a gun shot. Sanders is believed to have shot Leonard Lee Sanders, 19-months old, and Doris Lee Sanders, 8-month old child, and then committed suicide by shooting himself. He was 25 years old. Both of the children had been shot through the heart, and were lying on a pallet and her husband lay nearby, a 12-gauge shot gun close at hand.

The young Negro wife hurried to notify officers, and Sheriff Kirby L. Rose, and Deputies Merton Whitley investigated the tragedy, and it was their belief that Sanders was responsible for the triple killings.

Sanders' wife told officers that she could give no explanation for the shooting except that her husband was "worried about a job." Sanders had been working on the Higgins farm for only a short time and was said to have been dissatisfied. His young widow said she had never heard him express any intention of killing himself.

Want Sewing Machines For Red Cross Work

Anyone who is willing to do sewing for the Red Cross, please attend the meeting at the Selma Woman's Club building on Monday afternoon, March 9th, at 3 o'clock. Also anyone who has a sewing machine they can furnish for doing this work, please let it be known by attending this meeting or get in touch with Mrs. C. E. Kornegay, who is Red Cross chairman for Selma.