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## Pleasant Grove Man Takes Life With Gun

D. Hubert Stephenson, 43-year-old Johnston county farmer, committed suicide at 12:30 Wednesday afternoon at a tobacco barn near his home on the farm of Ed Coats, in Pleasant Grove township, about twenty-five miles west of Selma.

He left his house a few minutes before committing the rash act, without indicating to his wife or anyone his intentions. He is thought to have secreted the 12-gauge shotgun somewhere near the bar prior to using it to shoot himself. Propping one end of the gun against the side of the barn shelter and the other against his heart he pulled the trigger with a forked stick. An extra unfired shell was found in his pocket. No reason is known for the act but it is presumed to be on account of ill health. He had suffered for a long time with a very painful case of arthritis, from which he could get no relief.

Sheriff Kirby L. Rose and Coroner E. N. Booker made the official investigation. No inquest will be held.

Stephenson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Stephenson; two sons, Roy and Atlee Stephenson; one daughter, Melba Stephenson, all of Angier, Rt. 1; two brothers, Odie and Walter Stephenson of Benson, Route 1; his mother, Mrs. Sudie Stephenson of Benson, Route 1; three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Honeycutt of Angier, Route 1, Mrs. J. W. Stephenson of Willow Springs, Route 1, and Miss Bessie Stephenson of Benson, Route 1.

Funeral services will be held from the graveside in the Stephenson family cemetery near the home Thursday at 3:30 p. m., with Elder J. T. Lewis of Coats and Elder T. Floyd Adams of Willow Springs officiating.

## SELMA MERCHANTS TO CLOSE MONDAY

We, the undersigned do hereby agree to close our stores and places of business on Easter Monday, April 6th:

Henry & Nordan, W. E. Parker & Son, P. D. Yelverton, Driver's Radio Service, Selma Barber Shop, The Hat Shop, L. George Grocery, Woodruff & Canaday, W. B. Godwin, Davis Dept. Store, Economy Furniture Co. Pay & Save Market, R. P. Oliver, Wiggs Grocery, Selma Cash Feed & Grocery, City Barber Shop, Abdalla Grocery, The Walda Shoppe, J. E. Gregory & Co., Smith & Cameron, Proctor's Store, Etheridge & O'Neal, Jones & Deans, Dunn Furniture Co., The Quality Store, G. N. Siler, Norton's 5c to \$5 Store, Floyd C. Price & Son, Selma Clo. & Shoe Co.

## Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

MR. RAT created a commotion early Sunday morning at the Selma Barber Shop—some one passing noticed water running across the sidewalk in front of the shop and notified ANDY WORRELL, manager—ANDY grabbed his breeches and shirt and made a bee line for his place of business—upon arriving there he found the shop flooded—it seems a rat knocked a bottle of tonic from a shelf which fell in one of the sinks, opening the pipe leading to it, causing it to overflow—BILLY OLIVER, popular member of the Selma Boy Scout Troop, was presented a Bronze Palm at the Court of Honor held in Smithfield Monday night—congratulations, BILLY—another honor came to one of the Selma youngsters this week, MARY LOUISE JEFFREYS, 12-year-old daughter of MR. and MRS. JOHN JEFFREYS—MARY LOUISE won a rating of "Superior" in the vocal entry at the Music Festival held in Raleigh Tuesday—she and her teacher, MISS STELLA ETHERIDGE, are to be congratulated—this will entitle this young lady to take part in the State Convention to be held in Charlotte in May—JEAN DAVIS, daughter of MR. and MRS. L. O. DAVIS, won a rating of "good" in the same entry—glad to see DR. WADE H. ATKINSON back on the Maindrag after spending the winter in Arizona—he and MRS. ATKINSON are now at their summer home near Atkinson's Mill—they brought back with them a number of souvenirs of the West, which are on display at their home—among these is a huge cacti the Doctor has planted in his yard—the local Draft Board in Selma has a new head, WILL CALL—he succeeds WASH HARE, resigned, to accept a position in the Selma Drug store—when we congratulated him the other night, his good wife spoke up and said, "another of those payless jobs," MR. CALL is chairman of the Johnston County School Board, a "payless job," "wish he'd land one with a little "pay" to it," said MRS. CALL—MR. and MRS. SAM WOOD are back after spending the winter in Florida.

## SOLICITOR FILES



WILLIAM I. GODWIN, solicitor of Johnston County Recorder's Court, paid the required fees to the county board of elections Wednesday and will enter the Democratic Primary on May 30 to succeed himself.

## CANDIDATE



W. JACK HOOKS, of Kenly, candidate for Solicitor of the Fourth Judicial District in the Democratic Primary on May 30th.

## Former Smithfield Man Dies of Heart Attack

Funeral Services For William Marsh Sanders, II, Were Held At the Residence in Raleigh Wednesday Afternoon; Burial Was in Smithfield.

Funeral services for William Marsh Sanders, II, owner of Sanders Motor Company in Raleigh, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at his residence 3512 Clark Avenue in Raleigh, by the Rev. Chester Alexander of Tarboro, assisted by the Rev. John Hamaker of Raleigh. Burial followed in Riverside cemetery at Smithfield.

Mr. Sanders suffered a heart attack at his home Monday and died Tuesday morning in Rex Hospital.

The funeral and burial services were largely attend, and floral offerings were numerous and pretty.

Besides operating the motor company, he was engaged in various mercantile and business enterprises in Eastern North Carolina, and had considerable farming interests in his native county of Johnston.

He was the son of the late William Marsh Sanders and Lillian Long Sanders and was born in Smithfield on October 8, 1900, where he lived until moving to Raleigh several years ago. He received his education at Bingham Military Academy at Asheville and at the University of North Carolina.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mildred L. Cooley of Nashville; one son, William Marsh Sanders, III; one daughter, Mollie Cooley Sanders and the following sisters, Mrs. A. H. Rose, Mrs. A. D. Holman, both of Smithfield, Mrs. W. G. Glass of Greenville, Mrs. George Ross Pou of Raleigh and Mrs. Walter Parsons of Shanghai, China.

Pallbearers were F. Cline Cochran, Richmond, Va.; W. B. Hood, R. R. Holt, R. P. Holding, Braxton Wilson, W. B. Beasley, Albert Noble, all of Smithfield, and W. H. Clayton of Raleigh.

## Greensboro People Spend Week-end Here

Mrs. S. M. Parker and daughter, Miss Dorothy Parker, of Greensboro, spent the week-end with Mr. Parker at the Merchants Hotel here. Mrs. Parker and daughter had just returned from the annual convention of the D. A. R., held in Asheville. Mrs. Parker was a delegate and Miss Dorothy a page to the convention.

## SELMA'S SALVAGE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Salvage Committee for the town of Selma held their first official meeting Tuesday evening in the town clerk's office, with M. L. Stancil, chairman, presiding. Also present was C. E. Bingham of Smithfield, chairman of the county at large, who discussed with the local committee some of the means being used at other places in the county to salvage waste paper, scrap iron and other items so badly needed for the war effort.

Prof. Tuttle said that quite a lot of waste paper and other scrap materials had already been collected throughout the community by the boy scouts and other school children, and that a considerable amount had been sold to a Goldsboro junk dealer, the proceeds of which had been used for the benefit of the local school library, which is a very commendable undertaking.

Mayor B. A. Henry assured the other members of the committee that if the people of Selma would save all scrap paper, scrap iron, corrugated paper board boxes, magazines, etc., tie them in bundles and place them on their porches or other convenient place for collection, the town truck will call for them. In view of this assurance from Mayor Henry, the committee voted to have the truck make its first trip to the people's homes on Friday afternoon, April 10, and then on each Friday afternoon thereafter until further notice. It is very important that everyone save all waste paper, magazines, card board boxes, etc., and tie in bundles or pack in boxes and place on the front porch or in some convenient place for those accompanying the truck to get it. This may seem a very small matter, but this material is badly needed to help win the war, and with everybody doing his or her bit, when it is all gotten together it will amount to something enormous, and at the same time we will be helping to clean the premises of much undesirable waste, thereby promoting much better health and sanitation.

A free discussion of the salvage campaign was entered into by all members of the committee and many helpful suggestions were offered. One member of the committee suggested that those in charge of the local draft board headquarters might improve the appearance of that office by salvaging the waste paper, much of which is allowed to be blown about the street in that immediate vicinity.

The business houses are urged to save all waste paper and paper boxes until called for by the truck. For the next few weeks an effort will be made to salvage all the waste paper we can, and then on some set day, to be announced later, the truck will make a tour of the town to collect all scrap metal available, so be getting your scrap metal together so it will be ready when called for.

Those in attendance at the meeting Tuesday evening were County Chairman C. E. Bingham, of Smithfield; M. L. Stancil, the local chairman; Mayor B. A. Henry; H. B. Pearce, Chief of Police; Mrs. W. L. Etheridge representing the American Legion Auxiliary; J. V. Chamblee, representing the Boy Scouts; W. T. Woodard, representing the Masonic Lodge; O. A. Tuttle, representing the local school; N. A. Branch, representing the Carolina Power and Light Co.; C. A. Bailey, representing the American Legion.

## Local Church Presented With Baptismal Font

A very impressive part of the morning service at Edgerton Memorial Methodist church here last Sunday was the presentation of a baptismal font, donated to the church in memory of the late Dr. Joshua Vick. The presentation was made by Mr. W. H. Call, who spoke as follows:

"Mr. Edward Vick was to have been here this morning to present this church with this beautiful font, donated by he and his sister, Mrs. D. Vick Martin, in memory of their father, mother and brother. Their father, Dr. Joshua W. Vick, was born May 9, 1843, and died December 27, 1900. He was steward in this church for many years; represented this county in the Legislature, and was Captain in Company "E" 7th North Carolina Regiment of the Confederate Army. His wife Rozetta Richardson Vick, was born in 1849 and died in 1923. She was a member of this church, was an active Sunday school teacher for many years. Their brother, Dr. Geo. D. Vick, was born on January 18, 1877, and died November 2, 1940. He was a Christian gentleman and a Trustee for this church for many years.

"On behalf of the trustees, officers and members of this church, we accept this beautiful and useful memorial baptismal font, and will make every effort to care for and protect same. We appreciate and thank those that have donated this memorial. These beautiful Christian characters should inspire us to live such life—beautiful to the end when God shall call us from this life to the life beyond."



## G. A. Martin Announces For the State Senate

G. A. Martin, Smithfield lawyer, has formally announced his intention to run for the State Senate in the May 30 primary.

Martin's announcement became the first public declaration from any aspirant for a seat in the 1936 General Assembly. J. B. Benton, Benson editor, who represented Johnston county in the upper branch of the legislature in 1941, has not announced any plans through the press, but he is expected to run again, making certain a senatorial contest this spring.

The deadline for filing candidacy for a county or legislative office is April 18.

Neither Representative Lawrence Wallace nor Representative R. T. Fulghum has publicly indicated an intention to seek reelection to the house, but it is generally accepted that each will file again. So far there has been little talk of prospective opposition for the two representatives.

Martin issued the following brief announcement regarding his candidacy for the senate:

"I hereby announce my candidacy for the State Senate, subject to the Democracy Primary to be held May 30, 1942. If nominated and elected, I promise to give the job all my time and attention that is required; to serve the best interests of the state and county; and to make the county a creditable and safe representative to the best of my ability."

## FUNERAL IS HELD FOR JESSE B. CREECH

Mr. Jesse B. Creech, prominent Johnston county farmer died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning at his home on Kenly route 2, near Stancil's Chapel, after an illness of several weeks, his death occurring on his 77th birthday anniversary.

Funeral services were held from Bethany Missionary Baptist church, ten miles north of Selma, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The rites were in charge of the pastor, the Rev. C. S. Creech, assisted by the Rev. Debro Stancil, of Kenly route 2. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Joe S. Ward, of Zebulon, route 1; Mrs. Lonnie Hodge and Mrs. William Wheeler, of Selma route 1; Mrs. Raymond Wood, of Middlesex route 1, and Mrs. Walter Reeves, of Kenly route 2; three sons, J. Oscar Creech, of Selma; Alvin Creech and Ernest Creech, of Kenly route 2; three brothers, Jacob Creech, of Bailey route 2; G. G. Creech and J. H. Creech, of Kenly route 2; and two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Batten and Mrs. Zettie Creech, of Selma route 1.

The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful.

As evidence of the love and esteem in which the deceased was held, the funeral was one of the most largely attended of any held in that community in many years.

## Farm Employer Meeting In Smithfield Friday

Mr. J. Robin Baucum, Farm Placement Officer from the Raleigh Local Office of the United States Employment Service for North Carolina, will be in the courtroom of the courthouse at Smithfield on Friday, April 3, 1942 from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon, to meet with any farmers who are in need of farm workers during the present season.

Mr. Baucum will have a number of farm workers present, and will be glad to have the farmers talk with them. Any farmer who desires to do so, may place farm orders with either the County Farm Agent for Johnston County, Mr. M. A. Morgan or the Superintendent of Public Welfare, Mr. Woodard in Smithfield. Either of these gentlemen will be pleased to pass the order on to Mr. Baucum.

It is hoped that anyone reading this article will pass this information on to farmers who might be needing help, at the meeting.

An income is something that always falls a little short of what is needed to cover expenses.

## 93 More Called To Colors Last Monday



DR. E. N. BOOKER, Coroner of Johnston county, has filed as a candidate to succeed himself and will enter the Democratic primary on May 30 for the nomination.

## DOG VACCINATION CAMPAIGN BEGINS

The annual anti-rabies campaign will get under way in Johnston county April 1 under the direction of Dr. E. F. Boyette and Dr. E. E. Nelms, local veterinarians who have been named as county rabies inspectors.

The appointment of the inspectors was announced Saturday by Dr. E. S. Grady, county health officer, who said Dr. Nelms would be in charge of dog vaccinations in the northern half of the county while Dr. Boyette would have the southern portion as his territory. Highway 210 from Angier to Smithfield, Smithfield's Market street and the old dirt road to Princeton will serve as the line of division, Dr. Grady said.

The state law requires that every dog be vaccinated once a year and dog owners failing to comply will be liable to prosecution. The vaccination campaign beginning this week is to be completed within 90 days.

Dr. Boyette has announced the following schedule of vaccination dates for this week:

Wednesday—Boyette's Veterinary Hospital, Smithfield, from 8 to 10 a. m. and from 3 to 5 p. m.

Thursday—Princeton, 8 to 10 a. m.

Friday—A. L. Stephenson's Store on Route 210; 8 to 10 a. m.

Every Saturday—at Dr. Boyette's office in Smithfield.

Dr. Nelms has announced that he will conduct vaccinations every Saturday afternoon at the Wilson stables in Smithfield.

Other vaccination centers and dates will be announced as the campaign progresses.

## Annual Meeting Red Cross Week April 27

The annual meeting of the Johnston County Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held the week of April 27th, in Smithfield. Hon. Clawson L. Williams, Judge of the Superior court, has been invited to speak.

The following committees have been appointed:

Arrangements and Program—H. V. Rose, chairman; Dr. E. N. Booker, Everett Stevens.

Attendance and Advertising—Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, chairman; J. B. Benton, H. H. Lowry.

Roll Call—Marvin Johnson, chairman.

Brief reports of Chapter work will be presented and an Open Forum held.

## Selma Children Help Sell Easter Seals

The sale of Easter Seals to help promote the relief of crippled children in Johnston county, was carried on in Selma last week under the direction of Mrs. Dick Lewis, who reports a liberal response. Mrs. Lewis was ably assisted in the campaign in Selma by the following children:

Frances Davis, Betty S. Driver, Judith Ann Matthews, Joyce and Jean Henry, Marjorie Lane, Roy Jones, Clarence Bailey, Jr., Patricia Ann Lewis, Geraldine Creech, Jean Capps and Faye Dean Edwards.

## COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS NAMED

The following have been named by the State Board of Elections to serve as members of the Johnston County Board of Elections for 1942:

L. L. Levinson, of Benson, Chairman; Hub Brown of Pine Level, and J. D. Parker of Smithfield.

The following men called by Draft Board No. 1 left Smithfield Monday: Atlas Tart, Dunn, Rt. 2; Dowdy Jater Lee, Benson, Rt. 2; Hubert Hayes, Benson, Rt. 2; Elijah Earnest Morris, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; Charles Daughtry, Smithfield; Earl Winston Harrison, Clayton, Rt. 2; Joseph Sanders Deans, Benson, Rt. 2.

Harold Douglass Bland, Smithfield; James William Blackmon, Smithfield, Rt. 1; James Robert McCabe, Four Oaks, Rt. 3; Alton Lee Hayes, Benson, Rt. 2; Charlie Waddell, Sanford; Oddie Bryan Beasley, Four Oaks, Rt. 1; William Owen Stanley, Four Oaks; Randall Linwood Byrd, Benson;

Thomas Bernard Nordan, Smithfield; Elwood Brantley McLamb, Benson; Joseph Calvin Stancil, Smithfield; John Calvin Carroll, Benson, Rt. 1; Wilbur Hampton Massengill, Whiteville, Rt. 3; Quester Vernon Moore, Jr., Benson; James Andrew Wellons, Jr., Smithfield; Monroe Wilson Temple, Four Oaks;

Ralph Braxton Lassiter, Four Oaks, Rt. 3; Elton Hall, Angier, Rt. 1; Thel Doris Johnson, Benson, Rt. 1; Hartley Earl Parrish, Raleigh; Worth Bagley Denning, Miami, Fla.; Waltie Daniel Ennis, Miami, Fla.; Joseph Carlyle Keen, Four Oaks, Rt. 2;

Howard Burlan Stevens, Benson; Louis Edward Puckett, Smithfield; Berry Godwin Rae, Smithfield; Paul Bryant Glover, Benson, Rt. 1; Cleo Jernigan, Benson, Rt. 2; John Alvin Creech, Smithfield, Rt. 2; William Coleman Woodall, Four Oaks, Rt. 4; Clarence Wades Adams, Smithfield, Rt. 1; Carson Wimbley, Benson, Rt. 2; Dexter Lynn Freeman, Smithfield; James Aldon Bryan, Dunn, Rt. 2.

Draft Board No. 2

Going to Fort Bragg Monday from the Selma district were:

Battle Salmon, Clayton; James Alexander Wall, Clayton; Walter Bryant Talton, Smithfield, Rt. 2; Lassiter Boykin, Middlesex, Rt. 1; Jack Owen Bass, Kenly; Hugh David Stewart, Kenly; Paul Daniel McCray, Selma; James Clarence Braswell, Princeton, Rt. 1; Jesse Franklin Howell, Selma;

Millard Robert Griswold, Selma, Rt. 1; Richard Adam Oliver, Princeton; Gordon Lee Godwin, Pine Level; Tom Barbee, Kenly; Robie Elbert Braswell, Smithfield, Rt. 2; William Jesse Adams, Clayton, Rt. 1; Laymon Davis, Kenly; James Darnel Capps, Princeton, Rt. 1; Kenneth Lloyd Lee, Rt. 2, Raleigh;

James Alvin Elmore, Kenly, Rt. 3; Adam King Worley, Princeton; William Atlas Hogg, Clayton, Rt. 1; Johnnie Person Gooch, Selma; Nelson Millard Holland, Selma, Rt. 2; Gethro Frank Ivey, Selma; Charles Judson Jones, Clayton; Wannie Gupton Carroll, Wendell, Rt. 1; Clifton Parrish, Selma; Edgar Lester Phillips, Selma, Rt. 1;

Charles Howe Batten, Jr., Selma, Rt. 2; Office Chester Page, Smithfield, Rt. 2; Russell Kelly Skinner, Kenly, Rt. 2; William David Johnson, Clayton, Rt. 2; Elemish D. Davis, Selma; James Franklin Barefoot, Micro; Sidney Britt, Princeton, Rt. 2; Samuel John Johnson, Wendell, Rt. 1; Cleveland Graham Parrish, Clayton; Edison Boykin, Kenly, Rt. 2; Charles Noel Creech, Smithfield, Rt. 2; William Henry Worley, Princeton, Rt. 1;

Leon Daughtridge Hales, Kenly; Woodford Hocutt Carde, Clayton; Jack Robbin Hawley, Selma; Ralph Lee Braswell, Selma, Rt. 1; Thurman Vitcher Jones, Clayton; Allen Ferrrell, Kenly, Rt. 2; Connie Nelmer Cockrell, Kenly, Rt. 2; John Dewitt Clifton, Selma; Emerson Linwood Phillips, Selma, Rt. 1; Thomas Milton Holt, Clayton, Rt. 1; Norman B. Parrish, Clayton; William Alonza Wallace, Clayton, Rt. 2.

## SELMA MEAT THIEF CAUGHT BY OFFICER

Chief of Police Bradley Pearce of Selma, is not only the biggest hog raiser in the county, but when it comes to catching a meat thief the Selma officer is on the job.

Friday night the smokehouse of L. S. Stokes, who lives near town, was broken open and a number of hams and shoulders of meat were taken. Stokes missed his meat early Saturday morning and notified the chief. In less than one hour Pearce had the thief. Thomas Middleton, a South Carolina Negro, in the city jail.

He was given a hearing Monday before Mayor B. A. Henry, who remanded him to the Johnston County jail to await a hearing in the county recorder's court.

## W. H. Call Is New Draft Board Chairman

Mr. W. H. Call has been appointed chairman of Johnston County Draft Board No. 2, succeeding W. W. Hare, resigned, to accept a position with the Selma Drug Company. Mr. Call entered upon his duties April 1st.