



TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH



Scene of fire last Thursday afternoon on farm of Bailey Harris near Archer Lodge school, which claimed the lives of two small boys. Mr. Harris estimates his loss to farming equipment, feed, fertilizer, etc., stored in the two-story barn at \$1,500.

Two Children Die In Blazing Barn Thursday Afternoon

Occurred At Home Of Bailey Harris Near Archer Lodge Thursday Afternoon — Children Thought To Have Been Playing With Matches In The Barn.

Funeral services for Earl Wester Harris, 3 and-a-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Harris, and Sherwood Barnes, three and-a-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge A. Barnes, who were burned to death Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock on the Harris farm, at Archer Lodge, were held Friday afternoon from White Oak Missionary Baptist church near Archer Lodge school, in Wilders township. The Rev. Alfred Parrish conducted the rites. Burial of the Harris child took place at Little Creek cemetery near Wilson's Mills, while the interment of the Barnes child was in the family cemetery near the home.

The children lost their lives when the large two-story barn on the Harris farm caught fire supposedly from matches with which the children were playing. The two families were next door neighbors and the two little boys were their only children. Mr. Harris was at the home of his father, T. C. Harris, four miles away picking tobacco beds, while the mother was on the south side of the home sweeping the yard when she discovered the barn in flames. Destroyed with the barn were 74 bags of guano, 60 bales of hay, 30 barrels of corn, a large quantity of soy beans, and all of the farmer's farming implements. Several mules in the barn were rescued before the flames reached them. The Harris home caught on fire several times but was saved from destruction by heroic efforts on the part of neighbors. The children were burned beyond recognition. Dr. E. N. Booker, county coroner, held that an inquest was unnecessary.

14 Negro Men Left Selma For Camp Today

The following Negro men left Selma for induction in the army at Fort Bragg this (Thursday) morning, who were called to service by Draft Board Number 2:

Nathan Taylor, Pine Level; George Marvin Smith, Pine Level; James Roscoe Vinson, Selma, Route 1; Clifton Sanders, Clayton, Route 1; Alfred Ashley Everette, Clayton, Route 1; J. H. Pace, Zebulon, Route 1; Walter Milford Martin, Wilson; Swade McLamb, Clayton, Route 2; Arthur Atkinson, Princeton, Route 2; Lemon Morgan, Clayton, Route 2; Nathaniel Walker, Princeton; John Wesley Williams, Selma, Route 1; Matthew Wiggins, Wendell, Route 1; and Melvin Archibald, Clayton, Route 1.

Selma Young Lady Sings In Charlotte

Mr. John Jeffreys, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary Louise Jeffreys, Miss Stella Echeredge, of Selma, and Misses Genevieve Medlin, Frances Massengill and Barbara Barbour, of Smithfield, attended the State Junior Federation of Music Clubs held in Charlotte Saturday.

The young ladies, all students of Miss Echeredge, having made "superior" ratings in contests held in Raleigh, had been invited as honored guests. All four young ladies took part in the program.

TRAPPED IN BURNING BARN



EARL WESTER HARRIS, three-and-a-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Harris.



SHERWOOD BARNES, three-and-a-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Barnes.

Baptist Worker In Italy To Speak Here Sunday

Dr. W. Dewey Moore, who has been in charge of the work of Southern Baptists in Rome, Italy, for several years, will speak at the Selma Baptist church on Sunday morning, May 3rd, at the eleven o'clock service. Dr. Moore will speak on the general situation in Europe as he saw it develop through the years, and will speak particularly of the Baptists' work in Italy. He is a very engaging speaker and it will be a privilege to hear him.

Coach Broughton Joins Naval Reserves

H. W. Broughton, instructor in history and athletic coach at the Selma high school, left early Wednesday morning for Norfolk, Va., where he reported for duty in the athletic division of the United States Naval Reserves, headed by Jean Tunney. He will be in training there about six weeks before being assigned to duty elsewhere.

Sugar Registration begins Monday.

COUNTY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE MAY 1

Superintendent O. A. Tuttle Announces Commencement Speakers—Kiwanis Club To Give Oratorical Medal — Masonic Lodge and Mrs. G. D. Vick Also To Give Medals.

Attorney R. N. Sims, of Raleigh, has accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address at the closing exercises of the Selma high school on May 11, at 8:15 p. m.

Mr. Sims has been teacher of the Sims Bible class at Tabernacle Baptist church in Raleigh for many years. He is ex-president of the State Baptist Convention and well known throughout North Carolina.

Dr. Lee Shepherd, pastor of Pufan Memorial Baptist church of Raleigh, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock.

The Seventh Grade exercises will take place on Friday morning, May 8, at 11 o'clock, at which time the seventh grade students will receive their promotion to high school.

The annual oratorical contest will be held Friday evening, May 8, at 8 o'clock, when eight contestants will compete for the Kiwanis oratorical award. Prior to the contest the school band will render a twenty-minute program of band music. Immediately following the contest the Glee Club will give a thirty-minute program.

A complete program of the closing exercises of the local schools will be published in next week's issue of this paper.

Smithfield Club To Sponsor Cotton Festival

On May 22nd the Smithfield Kiwanis Club is presenting its Annual Cotton Festival to the people of Johnston county, a three point program to be features of the festivities.

The idea of the Cotton Festival is to encourage the use of more cotton goods, but in order to make the event attractive to all, a baby show and a dog show will also be a part of the program, the main feature, of course, being the fashion show.

All mothers with children from infancy to six years of age are asked to participate. Children up to three years old will be in one class and a \$5 prize will be offered the winners of each sex in this class. Another class will consist of ages from 3 to 6 years with like prizes.

The details of the dog show have not yet been worked out, but all dogs will be placed in two classes—Sport dogs and Pets.

The fashion show will show models of all the better grade cotton goods available for general use and will be modeled by contestants sponsored by merchants in Smithfield, and elsewhere in the county.

It is the plan and purpose of the Kiwanis club to make this the biggest Festival since the beginning several years ago.

The Festival will be held in the Gold Leaf Warehouse throughout the afternoon and night of May 22nd. An admission charge of 10 and 25c will be asked.

Braxton Wilson, manager of the Sanders-Mims Motor Company of Smithfield is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Meeting of Johnston Ministerial Association

The monthly meeting of the Johnston County Ministerial Association will be held with the Mt. Vernon Christian church, Clayton, N. C., on Thursday, May 4, 1942.

PROGRAM

10:00 A. M.—Devotionals—by the Rev. W. S. Caudle, Raleigh, Rt. 2.
10:20 A. M.—Business; Minutes, Offering, Appointing Program Committee.

10:35 A. M.—Presenting Some of Our Problems that we may know about our peculiar difficulties, and that we may more intelligently pray for each other and the proper solution of the Problems. (The Problems are to be simply stated and NOT DISCUSSED.)

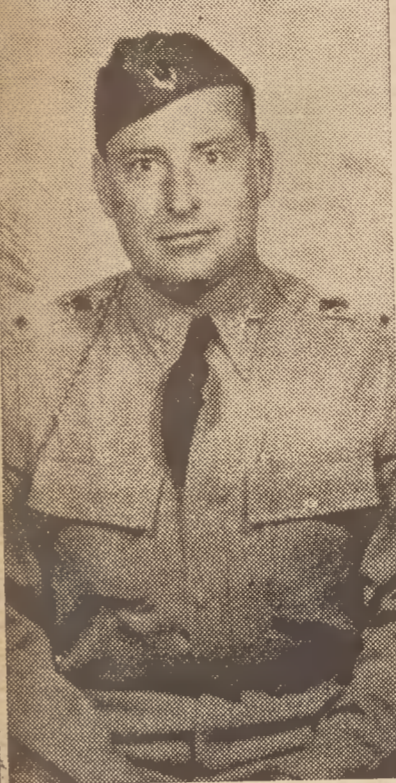
10:50 A. M.—Address—"The Central theme of the New Testament, the New Birth"—by Rev. A. B. Johnson, 114 W. South St., Raleigh.
11:20 A. M.—Adjournment.

Notice of Extension

The committee appointed by Governor J. M. Broughton to receive claims for damage caused by the munitions truck explosion near Selma on the 7th of March have extended the time limit for filing these claims from April 30th to May 15th, 1942.

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CAPTAIN J. C. THORNE

In a letter recently received by Mr. Martin Thorne, of Selma, route 1, from his son, J. C. Thorne, mailed from Australia and dated March 20, 1942, he writes: "Just to tell you that I have been promoted to the grade of Captain, U. S. Army, and I am very happy about it. The message was radioed from Washington to my headquarters today."

In another letter, dated March 14th, Captain Thorne writes: I am having lots of fun these days here in the jungles eating coconuts off the trees. We are at present camped in the wilds of the jungles with the rest of the animals, but it isn't so bad. We get plenty of good food and have very little work to do these days. As Motor Transport Officer, I still have quite a number of trucks operating, however, I lost part of my fleet recently. I would like to tell you of my war experiences so far, but guess it will have to wait. I sure would like to drop around and plow 'a few rounds' for papa. I am still waiting and longing for some mail from home as it has been over four months now. I haven't heard a word from anyone in the U. S. since I left, but maybe the mail will catch up with us one of these days."

"Captain" J. C. Thorne was a member of the Smithfield National Guard battery. After finishing high school here he attended State College, Raleigh, where he studied forestry for two years. He spent four more years at State College in the study of agriculture and upon completion of that course he taught agriculture at Greenhope school, in Wake county, for two years. He enlisted in the army in September, 1940 and was made a First Lieutenant last June. On November 21, 1941 he sailed from San Francisco and is now a Captain in the U. S. Army somewhere in the vicinity of Australia.

Zero Hour Nears For The War Bond Drive In Carolina

Draft Registration On Monday Totals 4,235

Men Between 45 and 65 Years of Age Who Registered For War Duty In Johnston County Monday Reach This Figure.

The number of men who registered for war duty in Johnston county on last Monday between the ages of 45 total 4,235.

There were eight registration places in the district embraced by Draft Board No. 1, consisting of the following:

Smithfield registered	753
Bentonville registered	104
Benson registered	402
Four Oaks registered	313
Pleasant Grove registered	169
Meadow registered	153
Wilson Mills registered	82
Cleveland registered	100

Total Board No. 1..... 2,076

There were eight registration places in the district embraced by Draft Board No. 2, as follows:

Selma registered	643
Micro registered	127
Kenly registered	333
Archer Lodge and Corinth-Holders registered	344
Princeton registered	274
Clayton registered	438

Total Board No. 2..... 2,159

WHEAT GROWERS TO VOTE SATURDAY

Wheat growers of Johnston county will go to the polls Saturday to vote on the 1942 crop with the knowledge that the United States has in sight the largest supplies of wheat in history, according to P. B. Chamblee, chairman of the county AAA committee.

The balloting will take place between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 5 o'clock, which is the only polling place to be established in Johnston county where only a few wheat producers are eligible to vote.

Chairman Chamblee said any producer who shares in the wheat grown on a farm on which more than 15 acres of wheat is planted and the normal yield from the acreage planted is more than 200 bushels will be affected by the wheat marketing quotas and will be eligible to vote.

Quotas were approved last year by a majority of 81 per cent, with North Carolina wheat growers voting in favor of quotas by a majority of 83.8 per cent.

Plans are rapidly shaping up for the formal launching of the War Bond Campaign in this county on next Monday, May 4, when workers under the general direction of County Chairman R. P. Holding will begin a systematic canvass to the end that every income earning citizen may be given an opportunity to pledge voluntarily some portion of his or her income to the regular purchase of defense bonds and stamps.

Governor J. Melville Broughton, who is Honorary Chairman of the campaign, in a proclamation, issued recently, designated May 4-9 as War Bond Week and called upon "the full and prompt cooperation of all citizens in signing a voluntary pledge for the purchase of United States savings securities."

Every pledge is conditional upon the signer's remaining financially able to make the stated purchase. This condition is expressly stipulated in the pledge. It will be left to the signers to decide whether or not they are able to continue their purchase.

Purpose of the campaign is to enable the government to take a nationwide inventory, so that tax plans be laid accordingly to pay for the cost of the war. The more dollars voluntarily pledged for the purchase of bonds, the less will be the tax load.

The money invested in these war savings securities—the safest investment in the world—will be taken out of competition for consumer goods, thereby preventing inflation and building up a cushion of savings for the individual when the war ends.

These securities also make every citizen buying them a share-holder in the future of America.

Junior Order Holds Four-County Meeting

A meeting of the 28th district of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics was held in Smithfield Tuesday night with practically every council in the district represented.

After a barbecue supper at the Holman Building, the juniors held a short business session during which H. C. Bobbitt, councilor of Smithfield Council No. 102, welcomed 75 or more members of the district and turned over to District Councilor A. C. Edwards of Hookerton and other district officers. The counties of Johnston, Wayne, Lenoir, and Green are in this district.

Edwards paid tribute to Robert Bruton, head of the Junior Order Children's Home at Lexington.

State Councilor C. L. Stancil of Smithfield and Raleigh said that the spirit of the order was on the increase. "These are times when we need everything the Order stands for," said Councilor Stancil, "not alone for what it is doing in local sections, but throughout the State and nation."

In speaking of legislation on immigration, Stancil said the Junior Order was either directly or indirectly responsible for every law enacted. "If there is any one man responsible for the Dies Committee, it is our National Secretary Wilmeth," continued the State officer, who added that after the war there will be more fields ripe for Communism. "Wherever you find the Junior Order, you find opposition to Communism and every sort of 'ism' except Americanism."

Vice State Councilor M. G. Flanagan of Graham spoke briefly. State Secretary Forrest L. Shearin of Scotland Neck, gave a glowing account of the progress made by the Order.

Ed Gregory of Smithfield was elected district chaplain to fill the unexpired term of E. F. Beale, who resigned some weeks ago, and Councilor A. C. Edwards was elected to serve on the board of directors of the Orphanage.

It was decided to hold the fall district meeting in Four Oaks some time in October or November.

It was voted to hold a district class initiation at Goldsboro on May 28.

Bob Pittman Vocal Union Meets Sunday

The Annual Singing sponsored by the Upper Johnston and Bob Pittman Vocal Union will meet in Princeton Sunday, May 3, 1942, at 2 P. M.

Postmaster Earp Is Out Again

His many friends here are glad to see Postmaster Henry E. Earp on the Maindarg again, after several weeks confinement following an operation at Rex Hospital, Raleigh.

Registration of all consumers entitled to allotments of sugar will be held on May 4, 5, 6 and 7, from 2 o'clock until 7 o'clock in the following schools in Johnston County:

Benson, Kenly (white); Glendale Princeton (white); Brogden, Clayton (white); Clayton (colored); Cleveland (white); Short Journey (colored); Four Oaks (white); Meadow, Pine Level, Selma (white); Selma (colored); Smithfield (white); Smithfield (colored); Archer Lodge, Corinth-Holders, Wilson's Mills.

Since the schools in Johnston county are consolidated and are of considerable distance from the patrons, and further in view of the tire shortage, arrangements have been made to provide for the registration of Negro families at certain of the white schools that may be nearer where these families live than are the Negro schools which their children attend.

For example, Negroes living in Benson can register at the Benson white school. Those living in Meadow can register at the Meadow school, etc. Also anyone living in the county may register at the school that is most convenient to him, this in most cases, of course, will be the school which his children attend. In other words, the schools have tried to make it as convenient to the public as possible.

Every person should register whether he wants to buy sugar or not, or whether he has a supply of sugar on hand, for the reason that this registration may be used as a basis for the allocation of other commodities to be rationed later.

There is no penalty for having any amount of sugar on hand if the person registers and declares the amount of sugar that he has. He will not have to give up his sugar, but will not be given an allotment of sugar until he has consumed what he already has. There is no penalty for having sugar, but there is a penalty for falsifying or failing to declare the amount on hand.

There must be a separate application made for each member of the family. The member of the family making application must make the applications for all the members of the family. This member must be over 18 years old except in cases where parties under 18 years old are married and constitute a separate family.

The member of the family over 18 years old who is making application for each member of the family unit should go to the school with the following information for each member of his family: age, height, weight and color of eyes and hair; he should also know the number of pounds of sugar that each member of the family has on hand.

Members of a family over 18 years old and away from home in school will have to register where they are in school. The same thing would apply to any member of the family 18 years old and away from home.

Members of the family in the armed service of the United States or confined in an institution, or prison, are not entitled to be counted as a member of the family and cannot be registered.

H. B. MARROW, Superintendent.