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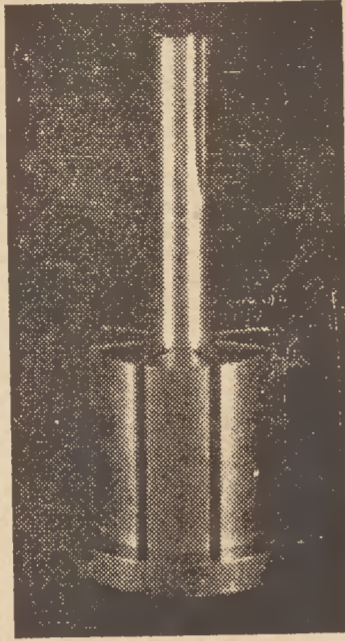
Inventor Makes Brief Stop Here

Tom Colones of the White House Cafe here had a distinguished guest for breakfast Tuesday morning when Constantinos H. Vlachos dropped in. While here, Mr. Vlachos demonstrated to us how a small motor the size of a 5c match box could be made to develop 75-horse power, and with mass production could be built at a cost of 10 cents each. Of course this has reference to the miniature type, and not the large type which Mr. Vlachos proposes for use as long range bombers. Mr. Vlachos has been dickering with high officials in Washington for the past six or eight years to get them to appropriate half a billion dollars to be used in the production of the Triphibian plane which would insure allied victory in the war with Germany, Italy and Japan within 60 days after mass production could get under way.

Mr. Vlachos' invention is an engine, about as big as two cigarette packages. It runs on compressed air and packs tremendous power. Mr. Vlachos says he can attach his engine to a pint-sized airplane body he knows how to build and send it streaking across the Atlantic at a rate of "at least" a thousand miles per hour, and much faster.

Mr. Vlachos has big plans. With just \$500,000 for mass production, he can build a fleet of 25,000,000 of these ships of his and send them on raids over Germany, Italy or where you will. An elaborate mechanism

Constantinos H. Vlachos Says He Has Invented A Motor That Will Develop 1,000 miles Per Hour by Spontaneous Combustion.



Major unit of inventor's powerful Compressed Air motor now on display at office of The Johnstonian-Sun.

would guide them to their destination lower them to a suitable height, set off another mechanism which would rain a hail of bullets at the rate of a million a minute on unsuspecting Nazis. Then, its supply of ammunition exhausted, the machine would do an about face, rise sharply, and head toward home.

Applied to local transportation Mr. Vlachos said his invention would carry a Johnstonian to Washington in not more than seven minutes for a nickel, or across the ocean in three hours at a cost of a few dollars. His present ambition is to see his machine bomb Berlin at breakfast, Rome at lunch, and return in time for a victory celebration at night.

Ever since the invention was made some 22 years ago, he and co-inventor Edward L. Rice of Silver Springs, Maryland, have hammered at the purse strings of Washington officials with a proposal that the government appropriate half a billion dollars for mass production of Triphibians. Now that the war has come, they are making their contribution a martial one.

No working model of the completed craft is now in existence. The original and full-scale triphibian exploded with a tremendous bang, almost at the cost of Mr. Vlachos' life seven years ago at a demonstration in front of the Capitol.

Undaunted, unabashed, Vlachos dismissed this calamity as "sabotage."

On West Coast



LIEUT. HENRY AARON LASSITER, who spent several months with the U. S. Marine Corps in Iceland, is now stationed in California. Before entering the service of his country Lassiter was connected with the First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Smithfield. His wife is the former Miss Ruth Renfrow, of Selma. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Lassiter, of Smithfield Route 2.

Closing Exercises of Selma Schools Monday, May 11

Make Your Pledge To Buy War Bonds Now

People of Johnston County Are Asked To Buy \$37,500 Worth of Bonds and Stamps During Month of May—Selma Will Launch Concerted Drive On Friday, So Be Ready.

The United States Treasury Department is asking the people of the nation to purchase one billion dollars worth of War Bonds and Stamps each month. The quota set for the people of Johnston county by purchase during the month of May is \$37,500. This week has been proclaimed as War Bond Week in North Carolina by Governor Broughton.

North Carolina's quota for the month of May has been set at \$5,888,500. Leaders of the war savings campaign in North Carolina are predicting that this quota will be greatly exceeded when the canvas is completed.

The idea is to induce every wage earner and every person with an income in Johnston county and North Carolina to become a voluntary purchaser of War Bonds and Stamps, thereby saving a small percentage of each week's earnings to help prosecute the war to a successful conclusion, and at the same time make an investment that will pay a good rate of interest on every dollar invested.

At present this is a voluntary matter with each person, but if this plan should fail to produce the desired results, there is a strong possibility that the purchase of these bonds and stamps will be made compulsory.

Every person having an income will be given an opportunity to make a pledge to the Government as to what amount of his or her income he or she is willing to invest for the security of the nation.

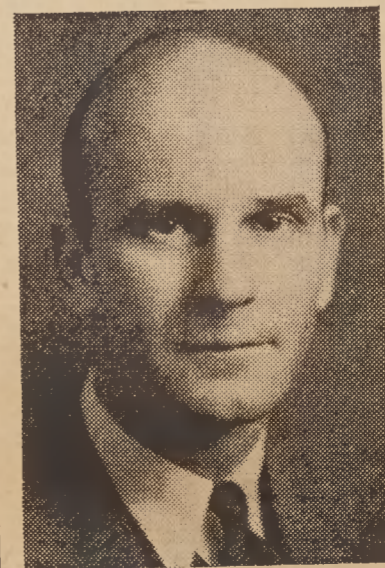
The Selma committee is now completing plans to make a canvas of the town and community on Friday of this week. The committee hopes to contact every person in the community having an income and give them an opportunity to sign a pledge as to how much they can invest in bonds or stamps each week. This committee is tendering their services as a patriotic contribution to democracy, as no provision has been made to pay anyone for making solicitations of this kind. It is hoped that everyone will be considerate of this fact when a member of the committee calls on you for a pledge, and not cause them any unnecessary loss of time or effort. There are very few, if any, who are not familiar with this campaign after hearing about it in the newspapers for many days past.

Governor Broughton To Speak At Benson

Governor Broughton will deliver the commencement address at the Benson High School, Monday night at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is expected, said Superintendent W. J. Barefoot.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by the Rev. John C. Glenn of Edenton Street Methodist Church, of Raleigh.

For Register of Deeds



W. G. (Bill) MASSEY, candidate to succeed himself as register of deeds of Johnston County, subject to Democratic Primary on May 30th.

Oratorical Contest Is Scheduled For Friday Night — Dr. Lee Shepherd, of Raleigh, Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night — Graduating Exercises Monday Evening, When Mr. R. N. Sims, of Raleigh, Will Deliver Address to Graduates.

ORATORICAL CONTEST The Oratorical Contest will take place Friday night, May 8, at 8 o'clock.

SPEAKERS PAUL STARLING, Chairman The Need For A Nine Months School Sally Johnson

What Is America Fighting For?—Osborne Fields

Our War Time Duty—Elgie Rose The Backyard—Dorothy Jean Creech The American Way of Life—Helen Parrish

Free Freedom—Dorothy Hatcher What This War Waging World Demands of Us—Annie Hood Hughes, Democracy, Is It Worth Fighting For?—Carl Worley, Jr. Music by Glee Club.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached Sunday, May 10, at 8 o'clock in the evening, at which time the following program will be given:

Processional. Invocation—Rev. D. M. Clemmons. Music. Announcements. Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy." Prayer—Rev. D. M. Clemmons. Introduction of Speaker. Sermon—The Rev. Lee Shepherd, pastor Pullen Memorial Baptist church, Raleigh. Benediction. Recessional.

GRADUATION EXERCISES The graduation exercises will be held on Monday, May 11, at 8:15 in the evening, at which time the following program will be given:

Processional. Invocation—Rev. O. L. Hathaway. Special Music. Prayer—Rev. O. L. Hathaway. Salutatory—Carl Worley. Special Music—Glee Club. Introduction of Speaker. Address—Hon. R. N. Sims, Raleigh. Awarding of Diplomas. Special Awards. Valedictory—Alice DuBose. Benediction. Recessional.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

Any time you are in Smithfield don't fail to drop around at the home of MR. and MRS. HOYT, owners of the HOYT FLOWER SHOP, and see the flowers in their garden at the rear of the home—there are more varieties of roses, pansies and iris than we have ever seen—but, when it comes to peonies, drop around at the home of MRS. W. H. FIELDS. JOHN C. DIEHL and ERNEST DEANS in Selma and get an eye full—they are simply gorgeous—DRUGGIST DAVID, of BILL CREECH'S DRUG STORE, yesterday received from his mother, who is owner of the DAVID NURSERY in Dillon, S. C., hundreds of sweet peas of all shades and colors—the interior of this store looked like the "Garden of Eden" when MRS. DAVID and MARIE GODWIN got thru decorating it with these beautiful flowers—folks, how about sending a bouquet around to The Johnstonian-Sun office occasionally—we'd appreciate them—ERNEST DEANS has our thanks for a large bunch of iris of various colors—an amusing incident occurred Monday evening while MAYOR HENRY was trying a "colored lady" for imbibing a little too freely in beer Saturday night—after finding her guilty and taxing her with the costs of the court, "when are you coming up before me again," said the Mayor, "when do you want me to come," asked the defendant—of course everybody had a good laugh—back to the subject of flowers, a man from New York told us today, "the flowers in the South and the lawns are much more beautiful than they are in the North," "why is that," we asked; "well, the Southerners seem to take more pride in their yards, lawns, etc., than they do up our way," he told us—sorry to hear about CHARLIE GRANT losing his fine barn and contents by fire during the electrical storm last Saturday night—this was one of the worst electrical storms that has visited this section in many years, according to the oldest residents.

Salvage of Waste Paper Bogs Down

Salvage Of Rubber And Metal Materials Becomes More Urgent Daily — WPA Helping Collect Metal and Rubber In Johnston County.

At a meeting held in Smithfield last week it was revealed that the campaign for the salvage of waste paper in Johnston county for the war program had bogged down temporarily because of the immense amount of waste paper collected during the early stages of the salvage drive, the mills becoming overstocked to such an extent that housing room was insufficient to handle the paper as fast as it rolled in, said Chairman M. L. Stancil of the local salvage committee, who, in company with W. T. Woodard, another member of the local committee attended the Smithfield meeting.

County Salvage Chairman C. E. Bingham reported at this meeting that he had been in touch with several paper mills and junk dealers and that for the time being waste paper could not be disposed of to the mills as fast as it was being collected. But Chairman Bingham advised that the drive to collect waste paper should continue, as he had information from some of the mills that the rush would probably be over within the next few weeks.

In attendance at the Smithfield meeting last week were N. E. Edgerton, state chairman of the salvage program, and Jim Vogler of Charlotte, executive secretary. Both Edgerton and Vogler urged the necessity of salvaging all available scrap metal and rubber, and made a strong appeal to the county committee to get every one possible to release their scrap materials voluntarily, but in case they refuse to cooperate in a voluntary manner steps would be taken to seize them when and where they can be found.

Mr. Edgerton stressed the fact that the WPA would furnish trucks to transport boilers and other heavy materials where the owner of such

Selma Merchants To Close Wednesday P. M.

We, the undersigned merchants of Selma do hereby agree to close our places of business on Wednesday afternoon, beginning Wednesday, May 20th, and every Wednesday thereafter through August 19th, 1942. Closing hours on these days to be 1:00 P. M.

L. George Grocery, Woodruff and Canaday, Walter Godwin, Economy Furniture Co., City Barber Shop, J. C. Avery, Selma Clothing & Shoe Co., Pay & Save, J. E. Gregory & Co., Henry & Nordan, R. P. Oliver, Smith & Cameron, Davis Dept. Store, Carolina Parts Co., Jones & Deans Gro., W. E. Parker & Son, Wiggins Grocery, Selma Cash & Feed Grocery, Carolina Beauty Nook, R. D. Yelverton, Leonard Creech, Vanity Fair Beauty Shop, A. L. Langley, A. L. Bradley, G. N. Siler, Talton & Thomas, Pittman Hatchery, Floyd C. Price & Son, Serma Barber Shop, Farmers Exchange, I. E. Coley.

materials so desired. Day by day the metal and rubber situation is becoming more acute and everyone, in town or in the rural communities, should cooperate heartily in the program by seeing that every available pound of these materials is made accessible for the salvage program.

County Chairman C. E. Bingham was in Selma Monday and advised M. L. Stancil, chairman of the local committee, that he had been in touch with a junk dealer in Raleigh who had agreed to take all waste paper materials of every description and pay 35 cents per hundred for same. The Smithfield committee decided to sell what it had on hand at that price. Mr. Stancil later got in touch with some of the members of his committee and they, too, decided to sell what they had on hand, since the question of storage room is an important factor in attempting to hold the paper for more money.

Electrical Storm Hits Selma Community

Lightning Burns Barn At Home of Charlie Grant A Few Miles North of Selma — Accompanied by Heavy Rain.

One of the most severe rain and electrical storms to visit this section in many years, broke about twelve o'clock Saturday night, which brought to an end a long dry spell and at a time when most farmers were in the midst of transplanting their tobacco crop. Quite a number of farmers had set all or part of the tobacco crop and most of all of them had their land ready to set the golden weed.

Beginning with a heavy downpour about midnight Saturday the storm brought a light sprinkle of hail in many places, but no serious damage by hail has been reported here so far. There seemed to be a series of electrical storms following in brief succession, with excessive lightning and thunder which bombarded the heavens over a period of two or three hours, during which time lightning struck and burned a barn at the home of Charlie Grant, of Selma, Route 1. One of Mr. Grant's boys is reported to have seen the fire start in the barn loft immediately following the stroke. Farm stock were loosed in the pasture, and most of the farm machinery adjacent to the barn was saved, but a considerable amount of corn and other feed in the barn was a total loss.

During the duration of the storm rain came down in torrents, leveling freshly ploughed ridges, filling terraces and road-side ditches, and leaving large areas of bottom land covered with water. In the vicinity of McCall's store, a few miles north of Selma, the rain appeared to be the heaviest, although it was heavy throughout most of the northern half of Johnston county.

Mr. C. F. Carty of the A. T. & T. Company here, told us he was in the far eastern part of the state Sunday and that no rain had fallen in that area and that forest fires were sweeping large areas of dry forest lands.

Tannie Waters of the Clayton section was reported to have lost a mule and horse when struck by lightning during the storm.

One Johnston Farmer Votes For Wheat Quota

In the AAA election held in Johnston county Saturday to determine whether the wheat growers of Johnston county wished to continue farm control of wheat production, only one vote was cast in the entire county, this one favoring the continuation of the AAA program. It was reported that only about 15 farmers in Johnston county are eligible to vote on the control.

American Legion Post To Elect New Officers

The regular meeting of Selma Post No. 141 will be held Tuesday, May 12th at 8 P. M. Election of officers and delegates to state convention will come up at this meeting. All members are urged to be present.

C. A. BAILEY

Father and Three Sons Members of Kiwanis



LOYAL KIWANIANS—Reading left to right: W. T. Woodard, Jr., president of Selma Kiwanis club; Ralph Woodard, secretary of Goldsboro club; Jimmie Woodard, member Selma club and band leader, and W. T. Woodard, Sr., a charter member of the Selma club.