

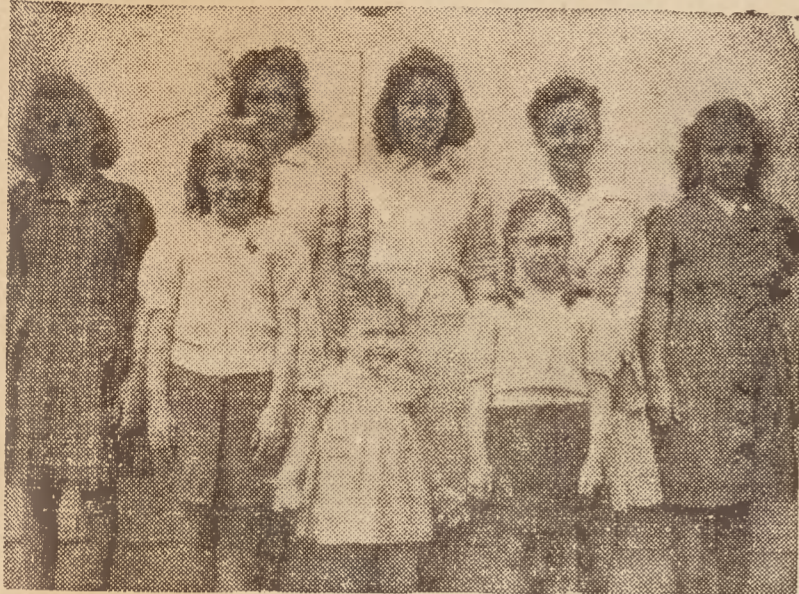


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Don't Turn Them Down



The above young ladies will call on you Saturday offering Poppies for sale. Back row: Misses Mary Louise Jeffreys, Frances Branch, Dorothy Jean Creech, Myrtle Thompson, and Nell Fulghum. Front row: Joyce Ann Henry, Betty Booker and Imo-jean Henry.

Saturday Is Poppy Day In Selma--Buy One!

America's battle dead will be honored here Saturday by the wearing of poppies, the memorial flower of the English-speaking world since the first World War.

Poppies will be distributed on the streets by women of the American Legion Auxiliary, who will at the same time receive contributions for the Legion and Auxiliary work among the war disabled and families left in need by the results of war.

The custom of wearing poppies in tribute to the dead sprang up spontaneously in the United States, England and the British Dominions at the close of the last war.

The custom was inspired by the poem, "Flanders' Fields", which contains the lines:

"In Flanders' Fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row....."

Poppies were first worn in America in New York City on November 10, 1918, the day before the Armistice. They were adopted as the official memorial flower of The American Legion in 1920, and one of the first acts of the American Legion Auxiliary when it was organized in 1921 was to name the poppy as its memorial flower.

Poppy Day is observed in the United States on the Saturday before Memorial Day, when more than 13,000,000 of the little red flowers are worn by patriotic citizens. The poppies are made of crepe paper by disabled war veterans working in government hospitals and in poppy workrooms maintained by the Auxiliary. More than \$1,000,000 is contributed annually to the welfare of the war's living victims by the wearers of the poppy.

There are already 100 soldiers of this war who are patients at Oteen and the need is greater than it has ever been for generosity on Poppy Day.

Selma Newspaperman Winston-Salem Visitor

H. H. Lowry, a member of the staff of The Johnstonian-Sun at Selma, passed through Winston-Salem today en route to his home from Mount Airy, where he spent Mother's Day with his mother, Mrs. T. J. Lowry.

Mrs. Lowry, the widow of the founder of the Mount Airy News and editor of that publication for 45 years, is the mother of eight children. All but one daughter were there for a reunion yesterday.

H. H. Lowry was in the advertising department of The Journal early in the present century. He has been at Selma for the past 12 years. Prior to that he was with a newspaper at Newton.—Winston-Salem Daily Sentinel, May 11th.

Belvin Strickland Gets Army Promotion

Belvin Strickland, son of Mr. Jesse B. Strickland of Selma, is now a 5th Technician in the Headquarters Company of the 813th Tank Destroyer Battalion, located in Fort Bragg. Due to his efficiency as Morning Report Clerk for this Battalion, 5th Tech Strickland is held in high regard by both the Officers and enlisted personnel he comes in contact with daily, reports Jerome A. Kliman, 2nd Lieut.; 813th T. D. Bn., Personnel Adjutant.

COTTON FESTIVAL FRIDAY NIGHT

Don't forget the Cotton Festival at the Gold Leaf Warehouse in Smithfield, Friday night, May 22. This festival is being sponsored by the Smithfield Kiwanis club. Arrangements are being made at the warehouse for ample accommodations for the large crowd expected, and besides being an interesting and profitable occasion, a good time is in store for all who attend.

The main feature of the Cotton Show will be a dress parade, and this in itself will be well worth seeing; but in addition there will be a Baby Contest in which a number of entries have already been made; also a Dog Show, with several entries already on the calendar.

There will be no admission charge to the contests, and merchants are permitted to enter a sponsor in the Fashion Show without charge. All profits derived from door receipts will be used by the Smithfield Kiwanis club for some worthwhile local cause, such as aid to the underprivileged child, etc.

Selma Firm Offers \$25 Defense Bond Free

Messrs. Floyd C. Price & Son are going to give a \$25 Defense Bond absolutely FREE to the person who brings in a bill of sale for the most poundage of scrap metal sold to any junk dealer between May 23 and May 31st.

The war industries need the scrap metal that is piled on your farm in order to continue to make bombs, tanks, battleships, and bullets. Your Government has asked that it be made available now. Won't you do your part by collecting every bit of junk metal on your farm? Bring it with you the next time you come to town. Remember you get a \$25 Defense Bond free if you turn in the largest amount of scrap. Take or send it to some junk dealer and get a receipt from him showing the weight of your scrap.

Prominent Farmer Dies At Home Near Micro

Jonah Pittman, 60, prominent farmer of Selma, Route 2, died at his home one mile south of Micro, at 2:30 Thursday afternoon after an illness of three weeks.

Funeral services were held from the home Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Elder Turner of Wilson. Burial took place in the family burying ground near Micro.

Both the funeral and burial service were largely attended.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Ellen Phillips; three sons, Arnold, Willard and Billy, of Route 2, Selma; two daughters, Misses Velma and Ruth Pittman, of the home; four brothers, Jasper Pittman, Julian Pittman, Jimmie Pittman and George Pittman, all of Selma, Route 2; four sisters, Mrs. William Henry Creech, Mrs. James Turner Creech and Mrs. Claude Smith, all of Selma, Route 2; and Mrs. J. W. Thorne, of Selma, Rt. one.

Do you want a \$25 War Bond free? See Floyd C. Price & Son, Selma.

Judge Brooks Tells of Conversions In Prison

Thinks Newspapers of County Would Render a Worthwhile Service by Furnishing a Few Free Copies Each Week For Benefit of Prisoners.

I have been going to the Johnston County Prison Camp for nearly a year holding religious services bi-monthly, and have been visiting the prison camp since its first establishment by Smithfield Township Road Commissioners. I learned yesterday afternoon that the Hospital Ward has been fitted up a little and used for a reading room, and a room where the prisoners hold prayer-meetings each Wednesday and Saturday nights. It started off with eleven, and last Saturday night had 32 in attendance. Paul Massengill and Herman Pendergraft are the two leaders of the meetings. After Rev. E. H. Houston had preached a fine sermon to the crowd of forty or more who had gathered in the dining hall, I called on these two men to come forward and tell something of their experience with the prayer-meeting. Herman came first and said that there had been a great change come into his life; that he had accepted Jesus Christ since he has been in prison and was doing all he could to induce others to accept Christ as their Saviour, and was ready when released to do all he could to further the cause of Christ—even to preach, if the Lord led him to do so; that he was happy and not ashamed of Christ.

Mr. Massengill made a brief statement, saying that he thanked God for the salvation that had come to him since his imprisonment, and that he was happy in Jesus, and doing what he could in the prayer-meetings and elsewhere.

While there with these men, the thought came to me that it would be a fine thing if the newspapers of our county would send two or three copies each of their papers to the Johnston County Prison Camp, Route 2, Smithfield, N. C., for their reading room where the men from our county and elsewhere, imprisoned there, might read and keep up with the news on the outside. This would not cost very much, and I believe the prisoners would sincerely appreciate this courtesy. "I was imprisoned, and you visited me", spoken by our Saviour to Ye Printers might some day be welcome words. Knowing my friends of the above newspapers as I do, I believe it is only necessary to mention the matter for the suggestion to be readily acted on. Let me hear from you.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am,
Yours very sincerely,
F. H. BROOKS.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are only too glad to follow up Judge Brooks' suggestion, and are placing the Johnston County Prison Camp on our mailing list to receive three copies of The Johnstonian-Sun each week.

Norman Shepard Named State OPA Attorney

Norman Shepard, Smithfield attorney and member of the law firm of Abell and Shepard, has been appointed as state attorney for the Office of Price Administration. Mr. Shepard plans to take up his new duties in Raleigh immediately. For the present he plans to retain Smithfield as his home and will not move to Raleigh unless the gas and tire shortage makes it necessary to do so.

Following Mr. Shepard's appointment it was announced that Judge Larry Wood of Benson had been admitted as a member of the Smithfield law firm, which will be known as Abell, Shepard and Wood. It is understood that Judge Wood plans to move to Smithfield at an early date, but will not resign as Judge of the County Recorder's court; however, the firm will not practice in recorder's court while Judge Wood is on the bench.

Big Sing At Benson Cancelled This Year

Benson.—Add another victim of the tire and gasoline shortage—the annual state-wide song festival that is usually held here the fourth Sunday in June.

L. L. Levinson, president of the festival, announced it would be suspended for the duration because many of the singers live hundreds of miles away and would be unable to get here.

"We feel that it is our patriotic duty to conserve gasoline and to cooperate with the government in conserving transportation facilities," he added.

It is the first interruption of the event since the singing festival was inaugurated in 1920.

Johnston County Author Writes Her First Book

Selma Native Writes of Early Indian Folklore — Dedicates New Book to Her Father, The Late Thomas Ruffin Fulghum, Johnston Pioneer.

"I Take This Squaw" is the title of a new book just off the press. The author is Rosa Fulghum Biggs, of Fayetteville. Mrs. Biggs, a native of Johnston county, is a sister of our townsman, Charles B. Fulghum.

The story of Betty She-horn has been told and re-told in that part of North Carolina of which Mrs. Biggs writes and where she herself was born. It has its basis in an early American legend about a well-to-do and popular plantation owner of Johnston county, who frequently traded with a nearby Indian tribe.

On one of his visits to the Indian country, he witnesses the annual ceremonial dance, during which the Indian maidens choose braves to be their husbands.

The daughter of the Chief is attracted by the debonair white man and picks him to be her mate. When he objects, her father gets out his tomahawk and is ready to kill him on the spot. Life is too sweet to end so suddenly, and the white man takes the squaw home with him, to the amusement of the entire county and the chagrin of his respectable mother and his wife.

The author paints a colorful picture of the plantation life of the old South; of the doings in the Big House, with its air of luxury and leisure; and of the Negro slaves in their humble shacks, with their strange ideas of God and the devil.

The book is dedicated to the author's father, the late Thomas Ruffin Fulghum, father of Charles B. Fulghum, of Selma. It is the first book she has written for publication.

Smithfield Man Believed To Be Prisoner of Japs

The first news from Norwood Stancil, son of Mrs. J. C. Stancil of Smithfield, since the bombing of Pearl Harbor, was received by Mrs. Stancil a few days ago in the form of a letter. Norwood has been employed by an American tobacco firm in Shanghai, China, for the past several years, and was in Shanghai when the Japs first bombed that city, and actually bombed the hotel where Norwood was lodging, but he happened not to be in the hotel at the time.

Since the Japs first overran Shanghai, much of young Stancil's duties had to do with guarding American property to prevent sabotage, etc.

No news having been received by his people in Smithfield since actual war with Japan broke, they had concluded that he must be dead or a prisoner of war, and the latter now appears to be the case. Norwood wrote that arrangements had been made to exchange some American prisoners for Japanese prisoners held by the United States, and that he would probably be home about September.

Selma Woman's Brother Dies Near Smithfield

James J. Duncan Hamilton, 83, died at his home near Smithfield at 3:20 o'clock Wednesday morning following a heart attack. He was the son of the late B. B. and Nancy Hamilton.

Funeral services will be conducted this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Smithfield Primitive Baptist church with Elder Shepherd Stephenson in charge. Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. George Morgan, of Selma, and Nancy Hamilton; two brothers, R. L. Hamilton, of Oxford, and D. S. Hamilton, of Smithfield.

KENLY MAN GUEST SPEAKER TO KIWANIS

The principal speaker at the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening was Attorney Jack Hooks of Kenly, who was introduced by Kiwanian Wilkam I. Godwin. The program was in charge of Kiwanian J. V. Chamblee of the local Water and Light Department.

The speaker's remarks were filled with timely thoughts on the present plight of world affairs, calling attention to the new order which seems to be enveloping the world as a result of World War II. His remarks were well received by all present.

President Bill Thad Woodard and the Rev. D. M. Clemmons were elected delegates, and Vice-president Howard Gaskill and William I. Godwin alternates to the International Kiwanis Convention, which meets in Cleveland, Ohio, June 14-18.

W. T. Woodard will have charge of the program tonight (Thursday).

Rationing Boards Say Duties Are Increasing

STORES CLOSE EACH WEDNESDAY P. M.

Beginning yesterday (Wednesday) the stores of Selma will close each Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, through August 15th. This is done in order to give their clerks, as well as the owners themselves, a half holiday during the hot months. On page three of this week's Johnstonian-Sun will be found a page advertisement signed by a number of our business men thanking their customers for the liberal patronage given them in the past and soliciting their future business. Firms and individuals greeting you are:

J. E. Gregory & Company, Vanity Fair Beauty Shoppe, George N. Siler, Pay & Save Market, by H. W. Everitt, Peoples' Grocery & Market, City Barber Shop, by N. V. Smith, Henry & Nordan, Coley & Sons, Carolina Beauty Nook, Smith & Cameron, Selma Clothing & Shoe Company, J. C. Avery, L. George Grocery, Walt Godwin, Selma Cash Feed & Grocery, by G. C. Hinton, W. E. Parker & Son, A. L. Langley, Proctor's Store, by B. F. Proctor, Branch Banking & Trust Company, by Raleigh Griffin, Economy Furniture Company, by Hub Brown, Floyd C. Price & Son, Woodruff & Canady, Wiggs Grocery, Yelverton's Grocery, City Shoe Shop, by A. L. Bradley.

Government Asking For \$42 Pay For Soldiers

Washington, May 19.—Congressional leaders were advised today that the Administration favors the Senate-approved \$42 a month minimum pay for Army and Navy enlisted men over the House proposal of \$50 a month.

This word came as Representative May (D) of Kentucky, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee—eager to "get those boys' pay to them"—declared himself ready to tackle the conference battle on Army-Navy pay increases as soon as possible.

But just when the five Senate conferees would sit down with May and his four House conference committee members was uncertain.

May pointed out that the Senate has the farm parity fight on its hands and that leaders of the upper chamber needed time for the White House and the budget bureau to check the bill.

One authority estimated that the \$50 increase alone would add \$150,000,000 to the first year's increased cost, pushing the additional amount from all provisions in the bill to about \$445,000,000.

American Legion Aux. Met Last Friday Night

Selma Unit No. 141 of the American Legion Auxiliary met Friday night at the Legion Building. During the business session the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. W. L. Etheridge; Vice-President—Mrs. C. A. Bailey; Secretary—Miss Mamie Bailey; Treasurer—Miss Julia Grant; Sergeant-At-Arms—Mrs. Hunter Price; Chaplain—Mrs. Zeb Thompson; Historian—Mrs. Ed Creech.

Plans for Poppy Day, May 23rd, were discussed. The president announced that the Annual Convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary would be held in Asheville June 20-23.

Miss Mamie Bailey had charge of the program. She presented Dr. Wade H. Atkinson, who gave a talk on his recent Western trip, and also showed moving pictures of the "Annual Rodeo Festival" at Tucson, Arizona, along with scenes of the Atkinson Mill Farm. The hostesses, Mesdames W. H. Creech, Herbert White and N. A. Branch served punch and cookies.

Albert S. Eason Now In Charge Waltz Court

Albert S. Eason, who for several years conducted a cafe in Selma, has leased Waltz Court one mile and a half south of this city, and has taken charge of same. Mr. Eason, after selling his business in Selma, accepted a position in Newport News, Va., which he held for some time, resigning same to take charge of the new filling station and cafe recently erected by Walt Godwin.

On another page of this paper Mr. Eason invites his friends and former customers to visit him at his new place of business. Read the advertisement and when you want a good dinner or a plate of barbecue, Albert will be glad to serve you.

New Quarters Have Been Given And Additional Clerical Help In An Effort To Improve The Efficiency Of The Board's Rapidly Expanding Administrative Work.

(Smithfield Herald)

Swamped by an avalanche of increasing activity, the county rationing board last week was given new quarters in the courthouse and additional clerical help in an effort to improve the efficiency of the board's rapidly expanding administrative work.

The board, which has temporarily been using an office in the Thornton building, is now quartered on the second floor of the courthouse in the grand jury room. Mrs. Roy Johnson, secretary to the board, continues in charge of the office.

A steady stream of applicants for gasoline ration cards—motorists who failed to register at the schools last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—has kept the rationing board office working overtime during the past several days.

Other visitors to the office have been motorists who decided they should exchange X cards or B cards for lesser ratings. More than 100 cards have been turned in for exchange here, Mrs. Johnson estimated.

It was pointed out Monday that motorists with B-3 cards who are not entitled to X cards but who feel they need more gas for business uses than a B-3 rating provides should make application for a supplementary allotment to the rationing board on forms printed for that purpose. A great many traveling men fall into this classification.

Another interesting sidelight on the rationing program is the fact that from 50 to 100 persons have voluntarily turned in sugar ration books in cases of duplication where a member of a family had obtained books without knowing that another member of the family had made application.

Rationing authorities here commended the "honesty and fine patriotic spirit" of Johnstonians generally.

The rationing office Monday called attention to the fact consumers who failed to obtain sugar ration books during the recent registration at the schools could apply at the office here for sugar books on or after May 21.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

AL ROWE GASKILL, who's about as popular with the kiddies, as well as the grown-ups of this town, as MICKIE ROONEY is with the movie fans, had a birthday a few days ago—AL ROWE was six and his Mom gave him a birthday party—but, in speaking of birthdays, DONNIE LEE BROADWELL also had a birthday this week and what do you think he got for a birthday present, nothing but his questionnaire, and it was his 21st birthday, too, the irony of it—thanks to CAPTAIN W. H. FIELDS for a lovely bunch of flowers—MRS. FIELDS had one of the prettiest flower gardens this spring we've seen anywhere—last week the writer of this column spent a few days with his 90-year-old mother in Mt. Airy—on Mother's Day our brother-in-law, ROBT. W. AUSBURNE, of Bassett, Va., and his aged mother, our mother and this scribe took a motor trip over the Skyland Drive on the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains and saw the most gorgeous display of azalias, dogwood, honeysuckle and other mountain flowers it has ever been our privilege to behold—we didn't get to see our old friend, L. H. HILL, a former Selma resident, on this trip—MR. HILL conducts a store on the side of the mountain and is doing a nice business—Saturday is Poppy Day in Selma and don't fail to have your change ready when the young ladies (whose pictures appear on the first page of this paper) call on you—buy a Poppy and help care for the boys who fought in the first World War and who are confined in hospitals—these wounded men made these little flowers and every man, woman and child should have one pinned on his or her coat on next Saturday—don't fail them—news from the bedside of ALTON STANCIL, son of the Editor of this paper, who has been ill for the past week, is very encouraging, his many friends will be glad to learn—ALTON has been a very sick boy—MISS LUCY STANCIL, one of the Hello girls in the Central Telephone Office here, and a sister of ALTON, and their mother, MRS. STANCIL, are also on the sick list, their host of friends will regret to learn.