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## Mayor Has Big Court

Roscoe Norris, 16, and Edward Strickland, 15, Plead Guilty To Larceny Charges and Are Bound Over To Recorder's Court — Judge Wood Sentences Norris To Roads For Eight Months — Strickland Put On Probation by Judge Rose.—Other Cases Tried.

The following cases were tried before Mayor B. A. Henry Tuesday night:

Roscoe Norris, 16, Edward Strickland, 15, were tried before His Honor on three separate charges. They were charged with the larceny of Irish potatoes, and the destruction of vegetables in the garden of Johnny Betts. Both boys plead guilty to the charge. The second warrant charged them with the larceny of two bicycles from the home of Charles Campbell, in the Lizzie Mill section. The boys admitted the theft of the bikes, stating that they rode the wheels to Raleigh, where they sold one to Hill's Harley-Davidson Company and parked the other one on one of Raleigh's streets. The wheel sold to the Raleigh company had been sold to a Troy citizen. The theft of the bicycles and potatoes took place on last Thursday night. Chief of Police Bradley Pearce got busy early Friday morning and soon had the boys in custody. They were also charged with breaking out two of the town's electric lights by throwing Coca-Cola bottles at them. The boys were remanded to the Johnston County Recorder's court, where they were given a hearing Wednesday. Norris was sentenced by Judge Larry Wood to eight months on the roads, while young Strickland was given a hearing before Judge H. V. Rose, he being under 16 years of age. Judge Rose put him on probation, telling the Selma officers to see to it that he is at his home by nine o'clock each night.

Buddy Blackman failed to put in his appearance on Wednesday night to answer to a similar charge. He was arrested jointly with Norris and Strickland. "He promised me faithfully that he would be on hand at the hearing," said Chief Pearce, "so I let him go home and did not lock him up."

Robert McCray was charged with temporary larceny of an automobile belonging to his father-in-law, J. A. Edwards. Mr. Edwards told the court that he loaned his son-in-law his automobile to go to town, about a mile distant, McCray promised to return it.

## Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

MAYOR HENRY was about the busiest man in town last Tuesday night—more than a score of defendants appeared before His Honor to answer all kinds of charges—Selma's Mayor has a big heart (in fact it's too big) for he dislikes inflicting punishment on anyone—the town has a fine corps of police officers, too—they usually get their man—one youngster, who promised the Chief that he would be on hand at the hearing in the Mayor's Office on Tuesday night, skipped to parts unknown, but Chief Pearce was informed yesterday that his man had been arrested at St. Paul and was being held for this section, as well as everybody else, were made happy by the fine rains that visited us this week—the tobacco, cotton, corn and potato crops are the best in years, say the farmers—DR. BOOKER and this scribe visited the farm of LEWIS THOMPSON on Selma, Route 2, last Saturday and saw some of the finest tobacco we have seen anywhere this season—MR. THOMPSON, one of Johnston's best farmers, is a son-in-law of MRS. W. P. SELLERS, of Selma—MRS. GORDON WHITAKER, a former citizen of this town, has gone to California to see her son, GORDON WHITAKER, get his "wings"—GORDON is in Uncle Sam's Navy and will soon be flying one of this country's big bombers—GORDON is a protégé of BILL GODWIN, having learned to fly under BILL at the local airport while still in high school here—this paper wishes this popular young man all kinds of good luck and trusts he will be successful in knocking some of those Jap and Nazi ships out of the sky—the new store of FLOYD C. PRICE & SON is about completed and is now open to the public—this new building is filled with groceries of all kinds, while on the second floor is a big assortment of implements—while a new front is being put in the old building the public will enter from the Anderson street side—the remodeling of the old building is now in progress.

## As China Entered Lend-Lease Fold



Dr. T. V. Soong, foreign minister of China, is shown (left) with U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull at Washington as they signed the agreement that brings China into the master lend-lease setup. The agreement is the same as that which exists between the United States and Great Britain.

## Kenly Mail Carrier Held Up By Soldiers

Kenly Man Says Men Held Gun on Him While He Drove Them to Columbia

Wilson, June 8.—Two unidentified soldiers, apparently stationed at Fort Jackson, made J. L. Pittman, rural mail carrier of Kenly, carry them all the way to Columbia, S. C., at the point of a gun last Thursday night, Pittman said today.

The soldiers made him buy the gasoline for the trip. He also was forced to buy beer on the way, he said.

A. R. McCracken, Kenly postmaster said today that Pittman called him from Columbia on Friday morning from Columbia on Friday morning and told him the story, and said that he would not be back to work that day because of the situation.

Pittman was unhurt and nothing was stolen from him by the two soldiers, McCracken said. No investigation has been started as yet, the Kenly postmaster said.

**Held Gun On Driver**  
According to McCracken, Pittman was not carrying the mail Thursday and had stopped to pick up the soldiers, who, he said, were apparently hitchhiking. Pittman drove the soldiers as far as Goldsboro and it was there that one of the men in uniform stuck a gun in Pittman's back and ordered him to drive south.

The group drove through Goldsboro and Mt. Olive and on down to Columbia, where Pittman spent the night. Pittman said that he had not learned the soldier's names and that he could not identify them later.

Pittman was back at work today. Because Pittman was a mail carrier he was eligible for an X gas card. It was supposed that the soldiers discovered this and decided to let Pittman drive them to Columbia.

## Former Smithfield Man Killed Friday

Smithfield. — Funeral services for Eugene (Red) Hill, 28, who was killed in an automobile accident near Charlotte Friday morning, were held at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Katie Moore, in Smithfield by the Rev. W. H. Lancaster. Burial took place in the Wallace cemetery between Smithfield and Clayton.

Hill, a former employee at the Smithfield Manufacturing Company, had moved to Charlotte about a month ago. A companion, F. O. Waters of Mount Holly, who was in the car with Hill when it overturned, was seriously injured.

Hill is survived by a seven-year-old son, Bobby, who lives with his aunt, Mrs. Moore; his mother, Mrs. H. M. Brady of Raleigh; and one brother, Rudolph Hill of Fort Jackson.

## Rationing Office Adopts New Plan

The county rationing office starting Monday, June 15, will be open to the public only during morning hours, Mrs. Roy Johnson, secretary to the rationing board, has announced.

The new schedule calls for closing the office each day at 1 p. m. The rationing staff will be on the job each afternoon but will use the time for necessary work other than waiting on the public.

The rationing office is located on the second floor of the Courthouse in the grand jury room. The rationing board meets every Friday afternoon.

Returns from marketings of lint and cottonseed per acre of cotton harvested increased from \$30.13 in 1940 to \$49.23 in 1941, the highest returns since 1919.

## Col. Edgar H. Bain Is Kiwanis Speaker

The Selma Kiwanis club had the pleasure of listening to an Address by Col. Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, on last Thursday evening. The program was in charge of W. T. Woodward, who called on his son, Kiwanian Ralph Woodward of Goldsboro, to introduce the speaker.

Colonel Bain said he did not have a prepared speech to make, but after a few introductory remarks, he said if he was to label his talk at all he would call it "Public Opinion". The speaker said that public opinion dominates the world. "The life of the politician is no longer than public opinion is behind him," Col. Bain said. "When any of you feel that you have reached the peak of your career in life, then is the time to cash in and take what profits you may have acquired, or else public opinion may change and sweep your life's savings away," said the colonel.

The speaker said that even Jesus Christ Himself found His popularity at a high peak at one time, but as He was facing the Cross, even His own Disciples threatened to forsake Him, as the result of the change of public opinion. He said President Woodrow Wilson died of a broken heart as the result of the change in public opinion. Referring to the prohibition issue, Colonel Bain said public opinion had reversed itself on this issue many times and that it was destined to do so again. "No law is stronger than public opinion," he added.

## Warrant Is Served On Smithfield Business Man

A warrant was filed in the office of the clerk of court in Smithfield Monday charging Charlie L. Beasley, Smithfield filling station and store operator, with operating illegal slot machines and other gambling devices at his places of business across the river from Smithfield. Beasley was staged to get a hearing in recorder's court on Wednesday.

Officers led by Constable Joe Royall last Thursday raided the Beasley business establishments and found two slot machines and discovered a game room in the rear of the store equipped for various forms of gambling.

## 54 Tokyo Warships Routed at Midway

Chungking, June 9 (Reuter).—Competent Chinese sources today said that the Japanese fleet routed in the Midway battle comprised 54 to 56 warships of all sizes and 200 airplanes. The fleet was composed of the first Japanese fleet, minus three squadrons.

Included in the battle, said Chinese authorities, were four battleships, four to six aircraft carriers, four heavy cruisers, five light cruisers, three seaplane tenders, 34 destroyers and 200 aircraft.

## MAYOR HENRY GETS CERTIFICATE

Mayor B. A. Henry and Herbert Ward, who attended the Fourteenth Annual Drill School in Asheville last week, were given certificates showing that they attended and completed the 1942 Drill Course for Officers and members of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association.

## \$50 ARMY PAY MADE CERTAIN

Senate and House conferees formally agreed Tuesday on legislation establishing \$50 a month as the base pay for the lowest ranks in the armed services, making Uncle Sam's soldiers sailors and marines the best-paid fighting men in the world.

This agreement had been a foregone conclusion since Monday when the Senate voted for the \$50-a-month minimum. Both houses also are virtually agreed on legislation for establishing a system of allowances for dependents of those men in the armed forces earning up to \$78 a month.

The pay bill makes these changes in existing monthly pay for soldiers, sailors, marines and coast guardsmen:

Private—apprentice seaman	..... \$50
First class private—seaman	..... 54
Corporal—seaman, first class	..... 66
Sergeant—petty officer, third class	..... 78
Staff sergeant — petty officer, second class	..... 96
First sergeant — petty officer, first class	..... 114

The bill also raises the pay of second lieutenants and ensigns—from \$1,500 a year to \$1,800—and increases the allowances given commissioned officers for subsistence and quarters. Only the lowest rank of commissioned officers get an increase in pay.

## Quits Rationing Job Because of Red Tape

Charlotte, June 10.—R. E. Thigpen, Mecklenburg County rationing administrator, released today his letter of resignation with the comment that he'd rather be "a buck private in the rear ranks than continue in this job under the present conditions."

"Business as usual is a very well," he remarked caustically, "but red tape and bureaucracy are much worse."

Thigpen said that State Administrator Theodore S. Johnson had not bothered to answer some of his letters asking for relief.

"I am fed up with spending a lot of my time away from my private business, without any pay, and then not getting any help from the Raleigh office," he said.

Thigpen said it was impossible to handle the job without a full-time, paid administrator and added that only two of his staff of clerks had received any pay.

## Benson Man Dies From Rifle Wounds

Junius Milton Allen, 37, of Benson, route 1, died in the Harnett County hospital at Dunn early Tuesday morning of rifle wounds. The death was declared a "plain case of suicide" and no inquest was held. Allen, Johnston county farm laborer, shot himself Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock when he was taken to the hospital shortly before midnight and died about 2:30 Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Bannern Chapel Adventist church, near Benson. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

## Town Buys Car Load Dust Down For Streets

E. J. Sasser, Street Commissioner for the town of Selma, says he recently purchased a car load of calcium chloride to put on some of the dirt streets of the town to help keep the dust down during dry weather. The people living on streets which have never been paved will doubtless welcome this news, as they have to contend with lots of dust when the streets are dry, and if you have ever lived on one of these dirt streets you are in a position to know that it does not take many hours, even following a big rain, before the dust is flying again.

## Revival Meeting At Micro Baptist Church

A revival meeting will begin at Micro Baptist church on Sunday June 14, with preaching at eleven o'clock Sunday morning and at eight o'clock Sunday evening.

During the week there will be no morning services, but preaching each night at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. L. E. Godwin, pastor of the church, will do the preaching.

## "Chief" Griffin Is Home From Hospital

Mr. J. H. Griffin, who has been very ill at the Johnston County Hospital for several days, has been moved to his home here, and is gradually improving, his many friends will be very glad to know.

Mr. Griffin is a former chief of police of the town of Selma, and is better known by his large circle of friends as "Chief" Griffin.

## Draft Boards Send More Men to Army

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WILLIAM EARLIE LAMM  
813th Tank Destroyer Battalion

Mrs. Jim Montgomery, of Selma route 2, mother of Wm. Earlie Lamm, recently received a letter from Commanding Officer William A. Walker, of Fort Bragg. In this letter he compliments Mrs. Montgomery's son upon his promotion to Sergeant. He writes: "We are pleased with Sergeant Lamm for having been outstanding in all phases of army life. The efficiency with which he has performed his duties has brought upon himself and his company the recognition that follows any job well done. We are justifiably proud of Sergeant Lamm and believe that he will be greatly benefited in the years to come by the work that he is now doing so well." Lamm has been in the United States Army for eight years, three of which he served in Panama.

## Son of Clayton Editor Given Rank of Major

Clayton, June 8.—News was received here this week that Captain William Scott Penn, son of Editor and Mrs. W. S. Penn, of the Clayton News had been promoted to the rank of Major in the United States Army.

Major Penn, who is now stationed with the 33rd Division Artillery at Camp Forest, Tennessee, was graduated from West Point in 1934. Immediately after leaving West Point as a second lieutenant he saw four years service at Fort Bragg with the Field Artillery. At the end of three years he was promoted to First Lieutenant, and was battery commander there for one year before going to the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he had a year's special training.

In June 1939 he was transferred to Scofield Barracks in Hawaii, where he saw foreign service for two years. While there he was promoted to captain. Returning to the United States in the summer of 1941, he was stationed at Camp Jackson with the 8th Division. About three weeks ago Major Penn was transferred to Camp Forest, Tenn.

## Outlook Is Promising For Johnston Crops

The crop outlook in Johnston county at this time is one of the most promising in many years. Taken as a whole, the stands of cotton and tobacco are the most perfect we have ever seen, and this is an important factor in production.

Weather conditions in April and early May were favorable for planting, and during the tobacco transplanting season we were favored with copious showers which kept the land supplied with ample moisture to make all plants live if they were properly set.

Notwithstanding the fact that there is a serious labor shortage, the farmers got their crops in early, and general reports coming in are to the effect that crops are well advanced in growth, and if favorable seasons continue, both cotton and tobacco will be about the earliest ever witnessed in this section.

The thing that is causing many farmers grave concern at this time is the labor shortage, with which they expect to be faced during the harvest season. With modern methods of farming more cotton and tobacco can be produced than can be harvested by the same amount of labor it required to produce the crop.

## Smithfield Draft Board Sends 29 White Men While the Selma Board Sends 45 — Six of the Number Were Volunteers — All Sent To Fort Bragg Saturday.

The names of Johnston county selectees who left for Fort Bragg Saturday morning for induction into the army have been released by the draft boards.

The Smithfield board sent 29 white men out of a quota of 30. One man—William Lathan Johnson, Benson, Route 2—failed to show up at the bus station in Smithfield. The Smithfield draft board Monday had not been advised why Johnson failed to appear.

Five of the 29 men leaving Saturday from the Smithfield draft board area were volunteers. These included Edmund Farriss Ward, Jr., Smithfield; Ralph Sanders Stevens, Smithfield; John William Jones, Princeton; Ralph Lee, Four Oaks, Route 3; Robert Edward Hughes, Smithfield, Route 2.

### Board No. 1 Group

The rest of the contingent from Board No. 1 included the following: Lewis Sims Taylor, Smithfield; Cadmus Norton Johnson, Four Oaks, Rt. 2; Carson L. Williams, Clayton, Rt. 1; Lloyd McLeod, Smithfield, Rt. 1; Henry Otha Giles, Clayton, Rt. 1; Albert Thompson, Benson, Rt. 2;

Richard Edward Allen, Four Oaks, Rt. 3; Charlie C. Barefoot, Benson, Rt. 2; Dalma Moses Gallion, Benson; Melton Lee, Four Oaks, Rt. 3; Charles Thomas Gaddy, Smithfield; James Holloway Kirkman, Smithfield; William Thomas Holland, Jr., Smithfield; Jodie Daniel Beasley, Four Oaks, Rt. 1; William Pope Lyon, Smithfield, Rt. 2; Theron Windford Blackman, Four Oaks; Charles Dwight Johnson, Smithfield; Delbert McLamb, Benson; Kenneth Eric Williams, Raleigh, Rt. 3; Luther Marvin Daughtry, Smithfield Rt. 2; L. Roy Creech, Smithfield, Rt. 2; Julius Everett Barefoot, Benson, Rt. 2.

### Selma Names

The Selma board Saturday sent 45 white selectees, including one volunteer—John Henry Cook of Selma. Two of the Selma group were transferred from other boards—Fulton Gester Hedgepeth, Selma, Route 1, transferred from Local Board No. 2, Rocky Mount, and William Andrew Scott, Selma, transferred from Local Board No. 1, Roxboro.

In addition to those sent from Selma Saturday, there were two selectees called up by the Selma board and transferred to other boards for induction. These were: Thomas Richard Newcomb, Princeton, Route 1, transferred to Local Board No. 1, Goldsboro; and Ivey Patrick Batten, Selma, Route 2, transferred to Local Board No. 1, Wilmington.

The rest of the selectees called by the Selma board and sent to Fort Bragg Saturday include the following: Lee Gaston Earp, Selma, Rt. 1; Herman Wall, Clayton Rt. 2; Ernest Vanderbilt Woodward Jr., Selma, Don-ald Captain Flowers, Clayton, Rt. 2; Charlie Lloyd Wall, Selma, Rt. 2; Stephen Johnson, Middlesex, Rt. 1; Robert Thomas Moore, Clayton, Rt. 2; Joseph Glenn Wiggs, Pine Level; Mavon Lee Woodard, Smithfield; James Oscar Edgerton, Smithfield, Rt. 2; Harry Worth Blackley, Selma; Oscar Ferrell Creech, Selma; Emmette Lee Adcock, Clayton, Rt. 2; Worth Ray Tart, Princeton; Urban Everett Raper, Kenly, Rt. 2; Jarvis Cockrell, Kenly, Rt. 2; Fonzy Wells, Kenly, Rt. 1; Jasper Solomon Overbee, Smithfield, Rt. 2; James T. Sexton, Clayton, Rt. 2; Odell Moody, Wendell, Rt. 1; Ralph Elbert Radford, Kenly, Rt. 1;

George Lee Marlowe, Selma; David Oscar Braswell, Princeton, Rt. 1; John Fred Wood, Selma; Zeno Mitchell, Kenly, Rt. 1; Elton Dixon O'Neal, Zebulon, Rt. 1; Paul Augustus Jones, Selma; Thomas Floyd Oliver, Selma, Rt. 2; Paul Austin Williams, Jr., Clayton; Battle Wilson Champion, Clayton;

David Everett Wheeler, Clayton; Ira Daniel Rhodes, Smithfield, Rt. 2; Harry K. Cook, Selma; Lonnie T. Wilder, Clayton; William Norman Strickland, Princeton, Rt. 1; Leslie Wood Murphy, Clayton Rt. 2; Albert Fester Braswell, Selma, Rt. 2;

Bernard Wright Lee, Selma; John Henry Bell, Jr., Kenly; Major Hardee Parrish, Clayton, Rt. 2; Dudley Marshall Sawyer, Princeton; David Lawhon, Princeton, Rt. 1.

While there is a drastic shortage of white paper and white linens, the N. C. State Highway Commission finds it impossible to secure necessary chemicals for the mixture of yellow paint, standard color for highway warning signs.