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Three Registrations To Be Held During July

Passenger Car Owners and Motorcyclists To Register July 9-11 — Dealers and Distributors July 13-15 — Owners of Trucks, Pick-Ups and Tractors July 16-18.

There are three distinct registrations to be conducted in connection with the coming registration for gasoline.

Passenger Cars and Motorcycles.
First, all owners of passenger cars and motorcycles will register at one of the following five places on July 9th, 10th and 11th, from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m., War Time:
Smithfield—Old A.B.C. Store.
Micro—At School.
Four Oaks—At School.
Clayton—At School.
Princeton—At School.

(Pocket registration cards are required of all applicants).

Dealers and Distributors.
The second registration will be that of dealers and distributors who will register at the local Rationing Board in Smithfield, from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m., on July 13th, 14th and 15th.

Trucks, Pick-Ups, Tractors, Etc.

The third registration is for those owning trucks, pick-ups, tractors, etc., and car owners that require more gasoline than is allotted on the so-called A cards; these will all register at the local Rationing Board in Smithfield, from 9:00 a. m., until 5:00 p. m., July 16th, 17th and 18th. (Truck owners in addition to having pocket registration cards must be able to furnish the following information: Miles driven during May, 1942, mileage to be driven July, August, and September, 1942, and average miles per gallon.)

These three registrations will enable every class of motor vehicle owner and distributor to get registered before the effective date of the coming rationing of gasoline which is at 12:01 a. m., Wednesday, July 22, 1942. The local Rationing Board is asking all those who have not registered for canning sugar to please register before July 9th, or wait until July 25.

The Transylvania County salvage organization promises to reach out to even the remotest parts in the gathering of vital scrap materials, says Farm Agent J. A. Glazener.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

BERNARD W. LEE, son of MR. and MRS. B. B. LEE, who is stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi, writes the Maindrag scribe that he likes it fine down in "Ole Mississipp"—he is located near Biloxi, almost right on the Gulf of Mexico—the weather has been right warm, he says,— "there are about thirty boys from North Carolina, including Fred Wood, whom almost everybody in Selma knows, in the barracks with me," he writes—before entering the service BERNARD held a position with DICK LEWIS — ERNEST WOMACK was seen Sunday wearing a brand new Panama hat—not quite so flashy as the last one ERNEST bought—"TEX" WILLIAMS, popular clerk at the News Stand at the Union Station, is in receipt of a letter from his father, CAPT. MACON GREY WILLIAMS, "somewhere in the far east"—before entering the service CAPT. WILLIAMS was connected with the Social Security Board in Washington, D. C.—his family recently moved to Selma from New Jersey and are occupying the residence recently vacated by MR. R. A. JONES' family—"SHORTY" STANCIL, linotyper for The Johnstonian-Sun, was among the 18-year-olds to register Tuesday—"SHORTY" says he's ready to go when his Uncle Sam calls—that was some sermon preached by that inimitable character, A. K. EASON, at the Kiwanis meeting on last Thursday evening—and the jokes he pulled on that popular Baptist Parson, the REV. MR. CLEMMONS, wouldn't do to repeat—the REV. has already said he would sue us if we dared put them in print—but if you look carefully on another page you might find some of them)—our good friend, BILL GODWIN, who is training boys how to fly at Bennettsville, S. C., spent the week end at home—he is missed on the Maindrag these days.

1,388 REGISTERED BY COUNTY DRAFT BOARDS TUESDAY

There were 1388 young men registered in Johnston County Tuesday between 18 and 20 years of age.

In the district comprising Draft Board No. 1, with headquarters in Smithfield, there was a total registration of 688.

In the district comprising Draft Board No. 2, with headquarters in Selma, there was a total registration of 700. There were six registration places in the Selma district as follows:

Princeton	61
Selma	261
Micro	30
Kenly	99
Corinth-Holder	83
Clayton	166

Draftees Are Allowed Fourteen-Day Furlough

From now on draftees sent to the army from Johnston county and accepted will automatically get the privilege of a 14-day furlough before they begin actual training.

The idea is to give the accepted selectees a chance to go back home and straighten out business and personal affairs.

Heretofore, men have been called to report for examination and induction and have made all arrangements to leave their jobs and homes without knowing for sure whether they would be accepted at the military point. Some have resigned jobs, disposed of automobiles and other property, only to find themselves rejected after a physical examination at the army camp.

The new plan will eliminate any such embarrassments and inconveniences. As soon as a draftee man is accepted at Fort Bragg or wherever he is sent, he will be transferred to what is known as the enlisted reserve corps and granted a 14-day leave.

The furlough, however is not compulsory and a selectee may begin his training immediately if he wishes.

The new plan of induction will become effective with the July calls.

Colored Men Leave Today For Ft. Bragg

The following colored men left today (Thursday) at 2:30 for Fort Bragg, where they will be inducted in the army:

Willard Jones, Clayton, Rt. 2, John Ashley Hinnant, Selma, Rt. 1, Oliver White, Selma, Paul Edward Watson, Kenly, James Baker Wooten, Selma, Levi Goodson, Clayton, Rt. 2, Hughie Augusta Ford, Selma, Haywood Wilder, Clayton, Rt. 2, Thomas Godwin, Princeton, Wilbert Sanders, Clayton Rt. 1, Spence Jeffreys, Zebulon Rt. 2, Thomas Durham Jr. Selma.

Willie Linwood Wilson, Clayton, Rt. 2, Ruvick Tomlinson, Clayton, Rt. 1, Wade Watson, Clayton, Oscar Junior O'Neal, Selma, Charles Rawlings, Princeton, Samuel McCallater, Selma Rt. 1, German Godwin, Middlesex, Rt. 1, Willie Cockley, Selma, Joseph Clinton Barnes, Kenly, Rt. 2, Lonnie High, Kenly, Rt. 2, Charlie Jackson Edwards, Selma, Rt. 2, Chester Ray Spell, Princeton, Rt. 1, James Able Patrick, Micro, Levi Exum, Kenly Rt. 1, Rodney Whitley, Middlesex, Rt. 1, Harden Sanders, Clayton, Rt. 2, Levi Smith, Clayton, Ernest Finch, Zebulon, Rt. 2, Charles Perry, Selma, and Hardy Lee Bass, Clayton, Rt. 1.

Twins Are Born On Separate Days

Twin girls were born on separate days to the wife of Charlie Hall, colored, who lives in the Grahamtown section of Johnston county, on last Wednesday and Thursday. Bernice Hall was born Wednesday at high noon and her twin-sister Vernice, was born at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

War Bond sales must be doubled. Are you budgeting your household money to buy War Stamps every week?

Warehouse Association Elects Bill Blackman

Former Selma Boy Among New Officers of The Association—Frank Skinner of Smithfield Is Made A Director.

At a meeting of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association, held in Kingston last week, N. G. Blackman, Jr., of Wilson, a former Selma boy, was elected secretary-treasurer of the association.

Frank L. Skinner of the Gold Leaf Warehouse in Smithfield, was elected one of the new directors of the association.

The session was highlighted by adoption of a resolution recommending to the sales committee of the United States Tobacco Association that the daily sales period be cut from six to five hours, that each hour's sales be limited to 360 baskets and that all piles be held to 400 pounds. The action was taken in an effort to alleviate conditions growing out of the labor shortage.

A committee was authorized to work for an opening date for the Bright Belt not later than two weeks after the Border Belt opening.

The association voted to allow each market to retain its current number of buyers.

New Officers

New officers chosen at the meeting included: Allie W. Fleming of Wilson, president; H. A. Easley of Rocky Mount, vice president; N. G. (Bill) Blackman, Jr., of Wilson, secretary and treasurer.

Elected to the new board of directors were: B. B. Suggs of Greenville; Herman Laws, Kingston; W. E. Cobb, Rocky Mount; J. C. Eagles, Jr., Wilson; F. L. Skinner, Smithfield; L. R. Bell, Goldsboro; Garland Hodges, Washington, N. C.; J. C. Carlton, Farmville; H. I. Johnson, Tarboro, and W. H. Atkins, Robersonville. R. S. Witherington, Kingston, was retiring secretary-treasurer.

The association retained the retiring president, J. Roger Brooks of Kingston, as its member on the board of governors of the United States Tobacco Association, of which he is also president.

Ministerial Association To Meet July 6th

The monthly meeting of the Johnston County Ministerial Association will meet with the Benson Grove Baptist Church, Rev. H. M. Hall, Pastor, Monday morning, 10:00 o'clock, July 6, 1942.

Benson Grove Baptist Church is located on Highway 50, about ten miles from Benson, North Carolina, leading toward Garner.

Our organization from its beginning, we feel, has made worthy contributions to help make cooperative the endeavors of the Christian Leadership of the county. It merits, as we see it, a permanent place in our constructive efforts. Your presence and active support are needed by it. Therefore, you are cordially invited to be with us at the forthcoming as above indicated.

PROGRAM

10:00 a. m. — Devotions, Rev. C. L. Gillespie, Smithfield, North Carolina.
10:20 a. m. — Business.
10:35 a. m. — Song Selections, Ministers.
10:45 a. m. — Message, "SIN", Rev. W. H. Pair, Rt. 1, Clayton, North Carolina.
11:15 a. m. — Benediction.

The North Carolina Highway Commission maintains a total of 60,100 miles of state and county roads and 18,000 bridges.

Doctors of This County Joining Armed Forces

Dr. W. H. Lassiter, of Selma, has been commissioned as first lieutenant in the army and directed to report for duty at Camp Davis on July 10. Dr. Lassiter volunteered his services to his country, after relinquishing a good practice as a medical doctor in Selma and community. Shortly after setting up an office for the practice of medicine in Selma, following the death of Dr. G. D. Vick, Dr. Lassiter was appointed County Health doctor, which position he gave up some time ago in order to resume private practice here.

Dr. T. G. Upchurch, Dr. Watson Wharton, Dr. Bunn, and Dr. J. C. Stancil, of Smithfield; Dr. C. C. Sox, of Kenly, and Dr. Donnie H. Jones, Jr., of Micro, and Dr. Landis Brown, formerly of Selma, have been in the service for some time.

Dr. Jones was commissioned as a

Petition to Kill Home Agents' Office Before Commissioners; Woodard Issues Statement

Petition Presented At Special Meeting Which Calls For The Elimination of Home Agent—Also Wants More Economy In Public Welfare Office.

At a special session of the county board of commissioners, held last Monday, to study the new county budget, they had laid before them a petition, which had been signed by several hundred Johnston county taxpayers. The petition was presented by a delegation of citizens headed by James A. Wellons, Smithfield lawyer.

In brief, the petition provided for:

1. A substantial reduction in the appropriation for the county welfare department.
2. The elimination of all appropriations for the office of home demonstration agent.
3. A careful scrutinization of requests of the county health department and other departments.

The Petition

"1. We are not unmindful of the fact that a few years ago we had a great depression. However, those dark days have passed and the conditions prevailing in this county today are such that almost any person worth his salt can secure a job paying sufficient wages to amply provide for his and his family's needs.

"2. In our opinion, the generosity of the welfare department has been abused in too many cases by lazy and unworthy people, both white and colored, who have sought public relief when in truth and in fact they could have provided for their own support. We have observed specific cases where those on relief have refused employment and given as their reason that it was not necessary for them to work because the government was feeding them.

"3. We recognize the difficulties which face your Honorable Board because we know that you are called on each year to increase your appropriations, and of course, money must be provided to meet these requests. However, it appears to us that it is a dangerous thing for our county government to undertake to match appropriations by the state and federal governments as we understand it the practice in practically all the counties now. If we follow this course, the time will soon come when the overburdened taxpayers will no longer be able to carry the load. If the money is not really needed, why make appropriations just because some other governmental agency does?"

The commissioners Monday took no final action on the petition, but did pass an order requesting Welfare Superintendent W. T. Woodard, Jr., to submit a list of persons receiving surplus commodities to the board for close study by the commissioners.

Spotted Fever

Frances Brannan, four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brannan, Jr., who live on the James Earp farm, near Thanksgiving church, is convalescing from Rocky Mountain spotted fever. This is a rare condition and somewhat of a medical curiosity. Only five cases have been reported in this county during the past several years, all occurring between the ages of four and seventeen years. All recovered.

AYDEN LASSITER NAMED RATIONING OFFICE MANAGER

The county rationing board has appointed Ayden Lassiter of Wilson's Mills as full-time manager of the rationing office. His salary, paid by the Federal government, will be \$1,800 a year.

The appointment was confirmed Monday by J. Robert Barbour, local secretary of the Civil Service Commission. Lassiter started work Monday morning.

While Lassiter will be in charge of the rationing office from now on, Mrs. Roy Johnson, who has been serving as executive secretary of the rationing board, will continue on the staff as first assistant office manager.

Others on the office staff include Miss Vivian Hooks, Mrs. Walter G. Lassiter and Mrs. Geneva Graves.

All these workers are paid by the federal government.

Besides the regular staff, WPA workers will continue to assist with the rationing work.

45 Paratroopers Will Thrill Large Crowd At Dunn "V" Celebration

Dunn, July 1.—The biggest parachute demonstration ever staged off a military reservation will take place here on Friday afternoon, July 3 as a feature of Dunn's Victory Celebration.

45 dare-devils of the sky will bail out of four huge bombers in a beautiful and colorful spectacle never before witnessed in public.

A half dozen parachutes carrying guns and equipment will also be thrown from the bombers and the minute the paratroopers hit the ground a mock battle with blank ammunition will get underway.

The paratroopers will work out a technical military problem and will take the guns thrown from the planes and start firing at an imaginary enemy.

This demonstration will take place at 6 p. m. two miles east of Dunn on the Jonesboro road on the farm owned by Walter Adams, just beyond the Harnett County Training School.

This event will be the most spectacular of the many events to be staged in honor of General William C. Lee, Dunn native who is chief of Airborne Command.

The parachute jump alone is expected to draw a crowd of 15,000 people to Dunn. More than a dozen highway patrolmen, local and county officers, soldiers and members of Dunn's State Guard unit will be on guard to handle traffic and keep the jumping field clear during the demonstration.

Spectators will witness the demonstration from the highway. The view is clear for miles and the spectacle can be seen from a long distance.

A group of Ft. Bragg officers and members of Gen. Lee's Staff have been in Dunn making plans and mapping out details for the jump.

Officers here were: Major H. P. Harris of the Airborne Command, Lt. H. T. Mitchell of the 503rd parachute infantry, Major R. H. Betts of the public relations office, Capt. Edward G. Krause of the 503rd parachute infantry, and Capt. A. J. Martin of post headquarters at Ft. Bragg.

In addition to the paratroopers who jump, a crew will be on the ground when they land.

Among the boys who will jump is a Dunn man, L. C. Blackburn, Jr., who has been in the parachute division for several months. He was recently transferred from Ft. Benning to Ft. Bragg.

Gen. Lee himself will witness the jump of his men. A large number of officers will be among those jumping.

In the morning at 10:30 o'clock, the famous paratroop division will be on parade for the third time in America. The paratroopers have paraded only twice before, in Washington and New York. Dunn will be the third city to witness them on parade.

The parachute demonstration here is not only receiving State publicity but nation-wide publicity and will be the most sensational thing of its type ever presented in this section of the State.

A Large Egg

Mr. H. D. Benson, who works for the Town of Selma, presented The Johnstonian-Sun management with a hen egg Monday that measures six inches around and is almost three inches long.

Welfare Superintendent W. T. Woodard, Jr., Gives Summary of Welfare Activities In Johnston County — Enumerates Many Duties Involved In Welfare Work.

In reply to the petition presented to the County Commissioners on Monday, June 29th, it seems that in all fairness to the departments and agencies involved that some facts should be made public which were not mentioned in the petition and which might help clarify some misconceptions which may have been had by the petitioners, or which the petition may have created. The Welfare Department welcomes this opportunity to present some pertinent facts about itself in hopes that they may enable the general public to better understand its many activities and its efforts to handle the relief problems fairly and impartially.

At the present time approximately 650 needy Johnston county citizens 65 years of age or older are receiving Old Age Assistance grants. Each person receives an average grant of about \$8.50. The annual appropriation for the needy aged in this county is \$68,250.00. Johnston county puts up one-fourth of this amount, the State Government one-fourth, and the Federal Government one-half.

In the Aid to Dependent Children program the county has approximately 190 families with about 425 children receiving grants. The grants are made to mothers who have dependent children under the age of 16, or 18 if they are in school, whose fathers are dead or separated from the mother, or physically or mentally incapacitated. In a few instances the grants have been made to the father if he were physically incapacitated and could provide no means of support for his children. The county now has an appropriation of \$31,920 a year for those dependent children and this appropriation is shared in like the Old Age Assistance appropriation. The average grant for each family is \$14, but the size of the grant for each family is determined by the number of children in the home, and by the particular needs of the family.

The county has 33 blind or near blind citizens who receive Aid to the Blind grants. The annual appropriation provisions are made for the services of a blind case worker who works with the Aid to the Blind cases four days out of each month, and whenever feasible, she teaches them Braille, jobs which they can learn to do without the use of their eyes, and renders any other services which she can to these handicapped people.

The Welfare Department supervises about 35 parolees from the state prison and prison camps. These parolees are required to make monthly reports to their case workers. Crippled children from all parts of the county are taken to the crippled clinic in Goldsboro once a month by workers in the Welfare and Health Departments. Those crippled children who are admitted to the Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia are first approved as needy cases by the Welfare Department before they are admitted, and quite frequently this department must make some arrangements for their transportation to and from the hospital. Every child under 18 years of age who secures employment at any type of work other than that to which the Labor Department makes exceptions, must apply for a work permit at the Welfare Office. The ap-

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Court House To Be Closed Monday

The County court house will be closed on Monday, July 6th, in observance of the Fourth of July, and the County Commissioners will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7th, instead of Monday.

Local Plumber Catches Large Chub

Glenn Vause, local plumber, caught a chub in the old Atkinson Mill pond last Saturday which weighed five and one-quarter pounds. Vause is not only a good plumber, but seems to be a plumb good fisherman as well.