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Congressman Cooley Farmers' Day Speaker

Ralph Burgess of Benson To Be Mayor of Smithfield For One Day - Other Officers Are Named.

The Smithfield Chamber of Commerce has announced the acceptance by Congressman Harold D. Cooley of an invitation to address the people of Johnston county on Wednesday, August 12, the occasion being Farmers' Day, this being the fourth such celebration to be held in this county.

The celebration this year is expected to feature some form of Victory program, and an Army unit from Fort Bragg is expected to take part in the activities of the day.

When farmers take over Smithfield on August 12 during the annual celebration of Farmer's Day, sitting in the highest places of town government will be Ralph Burgess of Ben-son and W. A. Flowers of Kenly.

Burgess has been selected to serve as mayor for the day and Flowers will be the chief of police.

Chamber of commerce officials Monday announced also the list of farmers chosen to serve as town commissioners and members of the police force during the celebration. The list appears below:

Commissioners - Monroe Adams, Benson, Route 2; H. M. Cox, Four Oaks, Route 1; J. L. Boyette, Kenly, Route 2; W. M. Holt, Princeton, Route 1; W. A. Davis, Clayton, Route 2; S. W. Booker, Clayton Route 2; Albert Lassiter, Four Oaks, Route 3; Ransom Strickland, Four Oaks, Route, 3;D. L. Peacock, Benson, Route 2; H. A. Scott Selma, Route 2; Wayland H. Brown, 00; Third Class petty officer, \$78.00; Selma, Route 2; M. G. Peedin, Selma, Second Class petty officer, \$96.00; Route 2; R. F. Coats, Angier, Route First, Class petty officer, \$114.00; 1; W. O. Fields, Selma Route 1; M. Chief petty officer, \$126.00. The fore-V. Hill, Smithfield, Route 2; W. T. going rates of pay are the minimum Wilson, Wilson's Mills; and Chester of some of the pay grades. All men Barnes, Selma, Route 1.

Oaks, Route 1; A. L. Massey, Prince- free. All married men and those with ton, Route 1; R. M. Holder, Clayton; Elbert H. Scott, Kenly Route 1; W. L. Carroll, Garner, Route 1; Paul E. Johnson, Four Oaks, Route 3; J. son, Route 1; J. M. Driver, Selma, Route 1; G. W. Boyd, Jr., Smithfield,

Each township in the county is represented on the police force and the board of commissioners.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

Ву Н. Н. L. "MICKEY and I have been married six months and are more in love with each other than ever," writes AVA GARDNER (MRS. MICKEY ROO-NEY) to her friend, MISS FRANCES guest speaker on last Thursday even-GREENE—"he is coming home a lit- ing Mr. G. W. Grier, general supertle earlier this evening and we're intendent of the Eastern Manufachaving a few friends in for tea to turing company, who brought a very celebrate our anniversary," she con- interesting and instructive message tinued-AVA is a Johnston County on co-ordination of labor and indusgirl and has many friends in this sec- try. The speaker went into some detion of the county-FRANCES was tail in his discussion of the economic in Hollywood when their engagement program under war-time conditions, was announced-BILL GODWIN, who and as a whole, he seems to be of the is busy these days teaching the boys opinion that a better understanding how to fly down at Bennettsville, S. between labor and management is his mother—BILL says he's getting fort being put forth to harmonize writer took a quartet of Scouts to Camp Tuscarora last Sunday for a FULGHUM, JR., ROBERT LEE this line. DENNING, DICKIE BROADWELL Kiwani and LONNIE GRANT, JR. - TOM CREECH, of Memphis, Tenn., brother of ED. B. CREECH of Selma, in renewing his subscription to this paper a few days ago, said, "The Johnstonian-Sun is not only worth \$1.00 a year, but \$100 a year"—thanks, TOM -a wire to CAPT. D. P. HOWELL today from his son, LEON, who is in Uncle Sam's Navy, and stationed in Seattle, Washington, states that he will be home in a few days-LEON, it will be remembered, was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs bombed the island-The Johnstonian-Sun suffered a severe jolt a few days ago when it received news that ALTON STAN-CIL, son of the Editor, and the Sun's very efficient job and ad man, had been drafted for war duty-ALTON

is the paper's right-hand man, and

will be greatly missed-he was exam-

ined in Raleigh Wednesday for the

Navy-HAROLD SMITH, son of MR.

and MRS. W. R. SMITH, it is learned,

are getting scarce in these parts.



HAROLD D. COOLEY

Navy Recruiting Officer To Visit Selma Saturday

William Silhan, Navy Recruiting Officer of Raleigh, will be in Selma Saturday, July 25, and will be glad to interview prospective candidates for enlistment in the United States

On Thursday, July 23, he will be in Micro, and Friday, July 24, he will be

Regular Navy and Naval Reserve: First enlistment as Apprentice Seaman, \$50.00 a month; seaman second class, \$54.00; seaman first class, \$66.receive free medical, dental, and hos-Policemen — K. O. Langdon, Ben-son, Route 2; G. Russell Britt, Four First issue of uniform clothing is

Bagley, Selma, Route 2; A. L. Tippett enlistment in the Naval Service. linen hadn't been changed since she ston hired him as janitor of the Zebtilon, Route 1; R. L. Barden, Route Don't You Believe It! You may choose arrived at the home. 2, Princeton; J. Hector Langdon, Ben- the branch of service you want if you volunteer before you are inducted. Route 2; J. H. T. Robertson, Smith- But don't wait; it may require some

> Physical Requirements Lowered Physical requirements for enlistment in the Naval Service have been lowered. Requirements for teeth, eyes, height, and weight have been lowered to such an extent that you may now qualify for enlistment.

The lowest rate of pay is \$50.00 per month to begin with, with rapid promotions and good pay.

Selma Mill Leader Is Kiwanis Speaker

The Selma Kiwanis club had as C., is spending a few days here with sure to develop as a result of the efalong fine-he is missed from the the differences between the employer Maindrag-DAVID BALL and the and the employee. Mr. Grier believes much has already been done along this line, and that the way is clearing week's stay-the boys were CHAS. for even greater advancement along

Kiwanian Leon Brown was program chairman, who called on Kiwanian David S. Ball to introduce the speaker, which task he performed in his usual proficient manner.

Started Something That's Hard To Stop

The big annual sing at Benson, Former Selma Boy which was first started about 20 years ago, has gained such wide pub- Receives Promotion licity that, despite the fact that President L. L. Levinson of Benson an- Army stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. nounced through the press some time has been promoted from coporal to ago that the Sing had been called off sergeant. Morris is doing well in the this year due to the shortage of gas Army and is expected to visit his

"I'm having a hard time trying to convince people there won't be any in the present emergency because of Sing this year," Levinson is quoted the large use made of farm machinry, a few days ago.

Reports From County Home Not So Good

Harvey Johnson Appointed Superintendent to Succeed W. J. Alford, Resigned—Smithfield Editor Gets Bad News From The Home.

For the past year or more there have come reports of bad conditions existing at the County Home, under the supervision of W. J. Alford, whose resignation as superintendent of the county home becomes effective Au-

At a special session of the board of county commissioners held Monday, Harvey Johnson, a farmer living on Smithfield, Route 1, was named as Alford's successor. Johnson lives near the home and operates a 41-acre farm. He has a wife and a 17-year-

Other applicants for the county home job were: Mrs. Victor Penny, Angier, Route 1; L. T. Johnson, Clayton, Route 2; H. H. Batten, Wendell Route 1; G. B. Faircloth, Smithfield Route 1; Mrs. J. R. Hoggard, Smithfield, Route 1; and Malcolm Coates, Smithfield, Route 1.

The county home superintendent draws a salary of \$1200 a year and is allowed living quarters and board

While Alford is reported not to have resigned under fire, there is good reason to believe that he resigned in order to forestall any such

We are reprinting the following, taken from Tuesday's Smithfield Herald, under the caption "We the People," edited by Tom Lassiter:

"The past two or three reports of the grand jury have told of "improvehome, but unofficial information that keeps seeping out of the institution tells a sordid story that stamps the official reports as grossly misleading.

"The latest of these unofficial stories, coming from sources regarded as reliable, tells of a very sick Negro girl who entered the tubercular ward about three weeks ago. She

established dependents are entitled to at the institution and during that Selma bought his first car Mr. Winthe airport, and that he did not see additional allowances for their famiperiod had her hands and face washed ston went to Raleigh and got him to the parked car until he crossed the

patient's room, according to the re- janitor for the Branch Banking & ports, have attracted hundreds of flies Trust company here. He says Mr. field, Route 1; D. H. Price, Selma, time to get you in the Naval Service. and a toilet within a few feet of her Winston bought the first automobile head became stopped up, with the ever owned in Selma. water running out over the floor creating a foul odor throughout the tubercular ward.

recently amid surroundings not unlike those described.

"These same unofficial reports, which may be more reliable than the Winston his first mechanical training, official investigations, related further that the Negro woman who looks af- William Winston gave Charles Lindter the patients in the Negro ward is bergh his first instruction in aviation. allowed to go into the kitchen and If that be true, "Uncle" John can lay loiter around where the food is be- claim, indirectly, for making Linding prepared for all the county home bergh an aviator. inmates. She has also been seen going into the milk house with an ice tray ter's pipe above anything else he from the refrigerator.

"One of the white T. B. patients, the story goes, is permitted to go into the kitchen and handle things there, picture was made from a sprout from and is allowed to remove food or ice trays from the refrigerator any time. John says when he fills this pipe and

"The county home situation may be a little better than it was a year ago when a grand jury report brought serious charges of neglect and inefficiency against the administration of the institution. But the persistent un- After he had drank his "toddy" he official reports indicate that recent grand jury reports may have contained only partial truths.

Red Cross Food Ship Sunk In Mediterranean

Stockholm, July 16 .- The Swedish steamer Stureborg, an 1,160-ton vessel Chartered to the International Red Cross to carry food to Greece, was sunk by bombing planes in the Mediterranean, it was announced today. one was saved, it was said.

Needham D. Morris of the U.S.

The United States is much stronger

John And His Pipe



"Uncle" John Harris Reaches 85th Birthday

Formerly Owned by Sam Harris, His Old Master Prior To Civil War-Was First Colored Auto Chauffeur In Raleigh, and Drove First Auto Ever Owned by Selma Man.

whom he served as a slave prior to the Superior Court. the Civil War. "Uncle" John was 9 ments" in conditions at the county smoked this pipe as long ago as he driven by Massey, manager of a fillof the Civil War. He later moved to Raleigh where he lived until he moved trial.

bank and he has served as a bank ed the railroad. "Open sputum cups in the Negro janitor ever since. At present he is

"Uncle" John's wife died several years ago, and since that time he has ived with his daughter, Mrs. Tom "One Negro girl died at the home Durham (widow). He has one other living child, Leonard Harris of Balti-

"Uncle" John says he gave William and it will be remembered that

"Uncle" John prizes his old Mosowns. The pipe has a hinge lid and a large bowl. Originally it had a long a fig tree, but is very unique. "Uncle" ights her up, pleasant memories pass through his mind of the days when his old Moster would call him in the early morning and tell him to sweeten him a "toddy" with honey and sugar. would have "Uncle" John (then a small boy) to fill his long stem pipe year. and light 'er up. This done, he was told to make a "toddy" for himself. "Uncle" John says "them was great

Sinking Fund Being Invested In Bonds

County Treasurer J. Narvin Creech announces that \$20,000 of Johnston county's sinking fund was invested in U. S. Treasury bonds last week, bear-Nineteen persons were drowned and ing 2 per cent interest. This was in addition to the \$82,500 purchase of government war bonds made from the sinking fund recently, according to Treasurer Creech.

PRODUCE MARKET **BUYING TOMATOES**

Officials at the Johnston County and tires, there are many people living in distant places who continue to write in and ask for a place on the write in and ask for a place on the write in and ask for a place on the write in and ask for a place on the write in and ask for a place on the selman, Route 1.

Army and is expected to visit in parents the first of August. He is the produce Market announced Thursday and were at their respective homes that the market is able to move ripe tomatoes for canning at 50 cents a left Wednesday morning for Georgia

The market has been authorized to: pack their tomatoes in baskets.

Teacher Allotment For County Schools

Twin Cantaloupes

Dock Wood, Wilson Mills farmer, was in Selma Monday and presented The Johnstonian-Sun with twin cantaloupes. They are of the Hale's Best variety and are perfectly netted together, and yet they are both well-formed melons.

Massey Found Guilty In Recorder's Court

For Assault With Deadly Weapon (An Automobile) He was year. Given Four Months, and For Careless and Reckless Driving He Was Given Three Months. -Files Notice of Appeal.

The case against Milton P. Massey, charged with assault with deadly weapon (an automobile), and with careless and reckless driving, was tried in Johnston County Recorder's court Wednesday. On the charge of assault with deadly weapon he was "Uncle" John Harris, shown in the sentenced tofour months on the roads, ccompanying picture, is smoking a and for careless and reckless driving pipe formerly owned by Sam Harris he was given a road sentence of three near Youngsville, N. C. under months. He gave notice of appeal to

The case grew out of a wreck which years old when the Civil War came occurred at the Selma Airport on the to a close. He says his old Moster night of July 2, when an automobile can remember, and that he was told ing station on Highway 301, south of that his Moster bought the pipe from Selma, ran into a group of men standpeddler selling goods and wares ing near where William Norket, manlong before the Civil War, and that ager of the filling station at the airthe pipe is probably 100 years old or port, was working on another car, more. He says he lived with his old Moster several years after the close partly on the side of the highway, according to testimony given at the

was placed in a room by herself awa to Setma in 1907. He says that he was Massey, traveling east in the direcfrom other Negro tubercular patients. the first colored chauffeur to drive tion of Pine Level, is alleged to have "The story goes that the girl, who an automobile in Raleigh. He was been traveling at around 45 miles an is too ill to wait on herself, had been chauffeur for Frank Ellington in hour when he reached the incline at given no bath after a two-week stay Raleigh, and when Mose Winston of the A. C. L. railroad crossing near ies.

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At the table selection of the parked car that Johnson, Four Oaks, Route 3; J. Some people believe tectare in signed to nurse the tubercular paof the old Selma Bank at that time, and after moving to Selma, Mr. Winon the parked car, and that the lights on the parked car, and that the lights of the light the other car only after he had cross- ers; total 31.

> Those injured were as follows: Joe Palmer, an employee of the tal 22. Southern railway, received a broken leg and serious bruises.

Virdell Cooper, Negro, also employed by the Southern railway, suffered a broken right leg and mangled left foot. He was later taken to a Durham

William Norkett, manager of the airport and filling station, sustained a tal 27. proken jawbone, lacerations of the ace, as well as shoulder and leg in- ers, 9 elementary teachers; total 14.

Aaron Wall. Jr., an employee at the filling station, received a broken tal 13. wrist, teeth dislocations and minor

Massey, driver of the car, escaped tal 31.

The injured are all reported to be recovering, and are all outof the hospital except Virdell Cooper, Negro, who is still in a Durham hospital.

County Library Fund Restored

voted to restore the annual appropriation for the county library system to the \$3,000 level of the past fiscal 244 elementary teachers; total 345.

. The board met in special session. When the new county budget was ers; total 4. adopted two weeks ago, the library fund was lowered to \$2,700. The board agreed to put the appropriation back at its former figure when library officials pointed out that under a state library commission ruling no state aid could be provided in counties reducing library funds.

Last year the county library system received nearly \$1,300 from the state in addition to the \$3,000 county allot-

Two Selma Boys Receive Promotions

Fred A. Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard and Yates Perry, 88 elementary teachers; 108 total. Privates First Class to the rank of grand total 453 teachers. Corporal Technician.

Both boys are members of the 120th Johnston Tobacconists Infantry Band at Fort Jackson, S. C.

White Schools of Johnston County to Get 345 Teachers: Negro Schools to Get 108 Teachers—White Schools Get Fewer Teachers, While Negro Schools Get An Increase In Teachers.

For the 1942-'43 school year Johnston County has been allotted 453 teachers for the white and the Negro schools. One year ago the county was allotted the same number of teachers, and during the past school year it was allotted two additional teachers for increased high school attendance. The net result at the present time is a loss of two teachers from the number employed at the close of the past

The total 453 teachers are divided as follows: 345 in the white schools and 108 in the Negro schools. One year ago the allotment for white schools was 350 and 103 for the Negro schools. Of the 345 white teachers, 101 are high school and 244 are elementary. Of the 108 Negro teachers 20 are in the high school and 88 are in the elementary.

As compared with last year, the only white school in the county to gain a teacher is the Smithfield Elementary School. Each of the following white schools lost an elementary teacher: Benson, Brogden, Cleveland, Four Oaks, Micro, Archer Lodge and Wilson's Mills.

Among the Negro schools the Clayton and Smithfield High schools both gained a teacher over last year; also the Clayton and Selma Elementary schools each gained a teacher.

The white schools of the County

had a net loss of 6 teachers as compared to a loss of 4 teachers one year ago. The Negro schools had a net gain of 4 teachers as compared to a loss of 2 teachers one year ago.

The number of teachers allotted to each of the schools is as follows:

(White)
Benson will have 7 high school teachers, 20 elementary teachers; to-Kenly will have 6 high school teach-

ers, 12 elementary teachers; total 18. Glendale-Chapel will have 6 high school teachers, 14 elementary teach-Princeton-Brogden will have 9 high

Clayton will have 7 high school

teachers, 15 elementary teachers; to-

Cleyeland will have 7 high school teachers, 18 elementary teachers; to-

Four Oaks will have 12 high school teachers, 33 elementary teachers; total 45. Meadow will have 7 high school

teachers, 20 elementary teachers; to-Micro will have 5 high school teach-

Pine Level will have 4 high school teachers, 9 elementary teachers; to-Selma will have 8 high school teachers, 23 elementary teachers; to-

Smithfield will have 10 high school teachers, 22 elementary teachers; to-Archer Lodge will have 3 high

school teachers, 6 elementary teachers; total 9. Corinth-Holder will have 6 high school teachers, 13 elementary teach-

Wilson's Mills will have 4 high The county commissioners Monday school teachers, 8 elementary teach-

ers total 12. TOTAL: 101 high school teachers,

Kenly will have 4 elementary teach-Princeton will have 7 elementary

teachers; total 7. Clayton will have 5 high school teachers, 14 elementary teachers; to-

Short Journey will have 10 elementary teachers; total 10. Four Oaks will have 14 elementary

teachers; total 14. Selma will have 5 high school teachers, 19 elementary teachers; to-

Smithfield will have 10 high school teachers, 13 elementary teachers; to-

Wilson's Mills will have 7 elemen. tary teachers; total 7.

TOTAL: 20 high school teachers, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry, both COUNTY TOTAL: 121 high school of Selma, have been promoted from teachers, 332 elementary teachers;

Mr. Freeman B. Parrish of Selma, left Wednesday morning for Georgia, Indications in June were that total where he will be on the Georgia tobuy tomatoes at this price by a South supplies of the four principal feed bacco market this season. He was ac-Carolina concern. It is not necessary grains in 1942-43 may be about 4 per companied by his brother, L. A. Parwill enlist in the U. S. Navy — boys as having told a newspaper reporter say experts of the U. S. Department market officials said, for farmers to cent below the near-record 1941-42 rish of Smithfield, and D. Hardy of