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## Benson Boy Killed In Bicycle-Auto Mishap

Boy, Being a Deaf Mute, Cut In Ahead of Car Which Was Being Driven By E. D. Langdon of Benson.

Carroll Davis, 14, son of the Rev. Stedman C. Davis, pastor of the Benson Free Will Baptist church, and Mrs. Davis, was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Young Davis, a deaf mute, and student at the School for the Deaf at Morganton, at home on vacation, while riding his bicycle was struck by an automobile driven by E. D. Langdon, of Benson. The accident occurred on Highway 301 on the southern edge of the town of Benson. Langdon was traveling north toward his home a half block away, while Davis was traveling south, each traveling in his proper lane. Just before they met Davis turned to the left on his bicycle, apparently with the intention of stopping on the other side of the highway. Langdon, seeing him coming into his left, turned his car as sharply as he could to the right, but could not get out of the way of the bicycle, which struck his left fender, killing the boy instantly. The case was investigated by Coroner E. N. Booker, of Selma; Sheriff Kirby L. Rose and Chief-of-Police Tommie Woodall, of Benson.

## In Court On Charge Of Drunken Driving

There were three people tried in Johnston County Recorder's court last week, charged with drunken driving, as follows:

William B. Dismuke of Georgia, was fined \$50 and costs when he pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving. His driving license was ordered suspended for one year.

Charlie Williams, 42, colored resident of near Zebulon, was also found guilty. His driving license was ordered surrendered for a year and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of \$50 and costs.

Melvin Rhodes, 18, of Four Oaks, Route 3, was found not guilty on a drunken driving charge but was adjudged guilty of careless and reckless driving. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of costs including \$15 for benefit of R. M. Mason.

## How To Tell Amount Of Gas You Can Get

The new gas rationing program seems to be puzzling a lot of people these days, but it should be easy to determine the amount of gas you are due to get by the class of car you hold. The allotments are made on the following basis:

A, B, and C coupons (for passenger cars)—four gallons.

E coupons (motor boats, washing machines, other small non-highway power equipment)—one gallon.

R coupons (tractors and other large non-highway units)—five gallons.

S1 and S2 coupons (service trucks, government owned cars, etc.)—five gallons.

## Direct News From The Georgia Tobacco Mart

A postal card, addressed to The Johnstonian-Sun, was received this (Thursday) morning from Mr. W. A. Parrish, written at Douglas, Ga., on July 28, which reads as follows:

"Tobacco is selling good. Smoking tobacco is selling from 30 to 35 cents. All farmers satisfied. Sure glad it is selling good. Anything that will smoke is selling good. Looks like we will get good prices at home."

## WANTED!

The American Legion Post and the American Legion Auxiliary of Selma are collecting old phonograph records to be turned back to the manufacturers, where they will be made into new records for use by our boys in the armed forces. Any one having broken or worn records that are unfit for use, please carry them to the office of Dr. E. N. Booker in Selma and place them in the container which will be found on the porch of his office.

The Boy Scouts and Junior Legion Auxiliary will canvass the town for these old records, so please have them ready. Those having such records may call Miss Dorothy Jean Creech or Mrs. W. L. Etheridge who will send them on Friday or Saturday of this week.

## Married Fifty Years



Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Brown, who live about half a mile north of Selma, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 25th. Mr. Brown is 71 and Mrs. Brown is 68. They have been farmers all their lives and are still able to do good work. Mrs. Brown is a sister of Walter Hinnant of Selma, and Theo and Fred Hinnant of Pine Level. Mrs. Brown says that for many years she could do any kind of work and as much of it as a man and didn't mind it, but, while she can still do good work, she has decided to slow up a bit, since she feels that she has done her share of hard work.

## Selma Delegation Heard By Parole Commissioner

Think James E. Tharrington Should Be Made to Serve More Time For the Murder of John McMillan — Benson Lawyer Is Spokesman For Selma Delegation.

A Selma delegation and an attorney from Benson Tuesday protested a petition recently filed with the State Paroles Commission asking the release from prison of James E. Tharrington, sentenced in Johnston County July 31, 1938, to 25 to 30 years for the "jealousy" slaying of John McMillan in Selma on March 30, 1938.

Acting Paroles Commissioner William Dunn heard the protest at a hearing held in his office.

Tharrington, a Smithfield banker, and McMillan, a Selma filling station operator, both knew Mrs. Rosalie Hales King of Selma, a divorcee. According to trial testimony, Tharrington had become infatuated with Mrs. King and shot McMillan while he was escorting her to her apartment one night.

L. L. Levinson, Benson attorney and spokesman for the Selma delegation, asserted that the sentiment of that community were about 99 per cent against the release of Tharrington from prison, on grounds that the prisoner has not yet served enough time.

Levinson contended that "the crime was too serious" to free Tharrington, who has served four years of the imposed sentence. He said that the McMillan family and the majority of Johnston County residents are opposed strongly to a parole, until Tharrington has served a good deal more of the sentence.

After the talk, Levinson recognized members of the delegation, all of whom spoke briefly against the petition. Members of the delegation were B. A. Henry, mayor of Selma; the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, pastor of the Selma Baptist Church, G. C. Hinton, R. E. Suber, E. B. Creech, J. C. Avery, William Creech, J. H. Stancil, and J. T. Talton, Jr., who is from Clayton.

J. W. Bunn, Raleigh attorney, filed the petition in Tharrington's behalf and stated at the hearing that he was seeking a parole at this time because "I think he will make a good citizen."

## Former Selma Girl Dies of Malaria Fever

Ruby Lee Pittman, the 15-year-old daughter of George R. Pittman, died at their home, near Raines Cross Roads, Wednesday afternoon at 5:30, after an illness of two weeks with malaria fever. Her mother met her death several years ago when a Coast Line train struck a car in which she was riding.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home this (Thursday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. J. L. Worley, assisted by the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, both of Selma. Interment will be in the Sullivan cemetery near the home.

## Erwin Man Fatally Injured On Highway

21-Year-Old Textile Worker Was Struck Down On U. S. Highway 301 Near Four Oaks Friday Night.

Carlie Franklin Porter, 21-year-old textile worker, was found in a dying condition Friday night about 11 o'clock on U. S. Highway 301 a mile and a half south of Four Oaks. J. H. Vann, J. W. Norris and S. W. Jones, truck drivers for the Johnston Cotton Company of Dunn, are reported to have met a speeding automobile just before finding the mangled body of Porter lying on the highway. The badly wounded man was taken to the Harnett County Hospital where he died about an hour later. He suffered a mangled and lacerated shoulder, a broken leg and crushed basil skull, as well as internal injuries.

Highway patrolmen were given a description of the speeding car which was suspected as the one which fatally wounded young Porter, but all efforts to apprehend the driver seem to have failed.

Porter had been working for the Smithfield Manufacturing Company, but had just accepted work with the Erwin Cotton Mills. He is reported to have left Erwin Saturday afternoon for Smithfield where he still maintained his residence.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Old Field Free Will Baptist church near Erwin by the Rev. W. H. Lancaster. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alma Westbrook Porter; two children, Alma and Kirby Porter; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Potter of Erwin; two sisters, Sarah Margaret and Bertice Porter, and three brothers, Carson, Martin and William M. Porter, all of Erwin.

## Selma Kiwanians Are Given Reading Contest

One of the most amusing and enjoyable programs in many weeks was put on at the Selma Kiwanis meeting on last Thursday evening by Program Chairman C. E. Kornegay.

An envelope was given to each Kiwanian present containing two slips of paper on which was written a paragraph of tongue twisting words. Each slip was numbered. The program chairman requested that each Kiwanian rise and read the paragraph when the number of that certain paragraph was called by him. Mrs. D. M. Clemmons and Kiwanian David Ball were appointed as judges, and were asked to judge the contestants upon the speed and accuracy with which they read the Tongue Twisters, and we might add here that some of them were really what the name implies.

When each contestant had finished reading his two paragraphs it was found that there was a tie between Howard Gaskill, Matt Wall, and Hayden Wiggs. All these were asked to retire from the room and then one at a time was called back to read the final paragraph, which was the most difficult of them all. In the final runoff Howard Gaskill was declared the winner and was awarded the prize of the evening.

## 69 Men Sent to Fort Bragg by Local Board

Out of the original quota of 80 white men to be sent to camp by Draft Board No. 1 on Tuesday of last week, 69 men were sent as follows:

Robbie Daniel Porter, Benson; Welton Bruce Carroll, Benson, Route 1; Henry Otis Langdon, Benson; Harvey Darius Parker, Benson, Route 2; William Lathan Johnson, Benson, Route 2; Willie Marshall Gibbs, Benson; Lee Milby Bailey, Benson, Route 1; Aaron Lester Guin, Benson, Route 1; Charles Britt Smith, Benson; Charlie Rayford Byrd, Benson, Route 2; Carson B. Webb, Benson, Route 2; William Daniel Carroll, Benson, R. 1; Grovlen Raynor, Benson, Route 2; Charles Halbert Anderson, Benson; John Thel Smith, Benson, Route 2; Louis Caudle, Benson, Route 1; William Robert Johnson, Benson;

Harvey John McGee, Garner; Eddie Paul Wall, Kenly, Route 2; Ronald Elbert Barbour, Four Oaks; John David Barbour, Jr., Smithfield, Route 2; Buddie Baker, Four Oaks; Robert Rollin McLamb, Four Oaks, Route 3; Hubert Beckwith Jordan, Smithfield, Route 1; Ollie James Messer, Coats, Route 1; James Earl Holland, Angier, Route 1; Willie Henderson Martin, Princeton, Route 1; Herman Minston Stewart, Four Oaks, Route 1; Thel Hooks Ragsdale, Smithfield;

Ira David Wood, Jr., Smithfield; Harold Sanders Kilpatrick, Smithfield; William Smith Stevens, Smithfield; Walter Leon Hobbs, Smithfield; Lunda Lee Parrish, Angier, Route 1;

## Boatbuilders



Frank O. Higgins, left, and his father, Andrew Jackson Higgins, New Orleans shipbuilder, in Washington for a conference with President Roosevelt. Higgins, whose contract for Liberty cargo ships was cancelled, wants to build seven-ton flying boats.

## Dick Holt Resigns Johnston Draft Job

Smithfield, July 28.—B. R. (Dick) Holt has tendered his resignation as a member of Johnston County Draft Board No. 1 at Smithfield and an ex-officio nominating board has recommended Will F. Grimes of Smithfield, ex-sheriff of the county to fill the vacancy.

Grimes was recommended by committees composed of H. V. Rose, clerk of court; H. B. Marrow, superintendent of the county schools; W. J. Huntley, mayor of Smithfield and L. L. Levinson of Benson, chairman of the county board of elections.

Holt, who served as chairman of the board, revealed that his resignation was due to pressing business duties. It is expected that he will be succeeded as chairman by either W. M. Gaskin or Rufus W. Sanders, other members of the draft board.

## Tonsil Clinic For Negro Children

A tonsil clinic for indigent colored children of the county will be held during the month of August at the Furlong hospital in Smithfield. Dr. C. W. Furlong will perform the operations.

The clinic will be limited to school age children. Parents of children needing tonsils removed, who are without means to finance an operation, are asked to notify Dr. Furlong, who will give them full details regarding the clinic.

## 56th Pioneer Infantry Reunion August 1-2

### Georgia Tobacco Sells Above '41 Price Levels

Relatively Good Offerings Average 30 to 35 Cents at Season's Opening

Valdosta, Ga., July 28.—Prices averaging 30 to 35 cents a pound were paid Georgia farmers today for first offerings in the tobacco auction sales, apparently averaging a few cents above 1941 openings.

During the first week last year, the average price on the 15 markets in the State was 20.38 cents a pound.

Low grade and medium brought prices today ranging from six to 12 cents a pound.

### 50-Cent Top

A high price of 50 cents a pound was paid on the Hahira market for some baskets and other markets reported top quotations ranging from 40 to 48 cents. The average price for first sales at Hahira was 35 cents.

Statesboro, with a million pounds of leaf on hand compared to 750,000 pounds for the opening last year, reported a price average of 32 cents, or 10 cents a pound higher than the average for opening sales the previous season.

Two Douglas warehouses paid six to seven cents above opening sales last year with the range there averaging 38 1-2 cents. The top price in Douglas was 41 cents and only a few grades sold under 20 cents.

Vidalia and Baxley reported morning averages of 38 cents a pound while Tifton, Adel, Moultrie, Nashville, Waycross, Metter, Pelham and Blackshear markets sold the leaf at prices averaging from 30 to 33 cents. First sales at Hazlehurst brought an average of 28 cents.

Nashville's top price was 48 cents and Tifton reported some sales at 45 cents. A million and a quarter pounds of tobacco were on the warehouse floors in Nashville when sales began.

On the local market, the highest price for first offerings reached 41 cents a pound. E. C. Westbrook, tobacco specialist of the Extension Service, said farmers here appeared satisfied with the returns and that he saw only one ticket turned by a grower who thought his leaf was worth more than offered. Prices were slightly higher than last year here, Westbrook said.

Live Oak and Lake City, Florida, markets reported higher prices for initial offerings with an average of 37 cents at Live Oak and 32 cents at Lake City.

The auctioneer's babble started the new crop toward cigarette factories and cash flowing through this section for the State's third money crop. Farmers collected \$11,408,000 for 56,086,028 pounds last year.

Acreeage this year was expected to approach that of 1941 when some 65,000 acres were harvested. Some trouble was experienced this year with getting plants started due to rain damage. Blue mold also reduced the number of plants in some sections and caused transplanting to be strung out from late March until late May.

Westbrook said cigarette consumption was climbing at a rapid rate and this would help producers obtain a satisfactory price.

Opening offerings consisted principally of fair to choice lugs and primings with relatively little low quality and nondescript tobacco. Volume exceeded normal openings.

The flue-cured crop was estimated July 1 at 740,000,000 pounds compared with 650,000,000 pounds produced in 1941. The next opening date is August 6 for the South Carolina and border North Carolina markets.

### Selma Boy Is Promoted To Corporal

William H. Thorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thorne of Selma, Route 1, has been promoted from the rank of Private First Class to Corporal, it was announced today by his commanding officer at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala.

Cpl. Thorne joined the Air Corps in August, 1941, at Fort Bragg, and helps keep 'em flying now as Painter at Gunter Field, a basic flying school of the vast Southeast Air Corps Training Center, where American and British aviation cadets win their wings.

### Smithfield Farmer Loses Barn of Tobacco

Smithfield.—Fire destroyed a tobacco barn and about 700 sticks of tobacco belonging to Hobart Lee of Smithfield a few days ago. The loss is estimated at around \$500. The barn was new and the tobacco was said to be some of Mr. Lee's best. No insurance was carried.

Will Be Held At Johnston County Country Club — R. L. McMillan, Past Commander of the North Carolina American Legion, To Deliver Principal Address.

Mr. W. M. Gaskin, president of the reunion association, which has 1900 members scattered through many states, announced this week the highlights of the reunion of the 56th Pioneer Infantry to be held at the Johnston County Country Club Saturday and Sunday of this week.

A business meeting will open the convention Saturday night at 7 o'clock when officers will be elected for the new year and a place will be chosen for the next reunion.

R. L. McMillan, Raleigh lawyer, and past-commander of the north Carolina American Legion, will deliver the principal address at a luncheon Sunday.

President Gaskin told a Johnstonian Sun reporter today that members of the 1st World War regiment would begin arriving Friday. Hotel accommodations in Smithfield, he said, would be taxed to the limit and Smithfield residents had been asked to open their homes to the visitors for lodging.

Expected to arrive early to assist local committees in arranging for the convention is James K. Dunn, secretary of the association, whose home is in New Brighton, Penn.

Officials originally expected from 500 to 600 war veterans to attend the reunion in Smithfield, with a large delegation from Pennsylvania and other northern states as well as North Carolina. But tire and gas rationing will probably cut attendance to a third of the first estimate.

A big welcome banner has been strung across Market street in Smithfield and merchants have been asked to put their flags out during the week end.

The 56th Pioneer Infantry was assembled and organized at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., leaving this camp in August, 1918, for duty overseas.

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### Boyette Reunion Has Been Postponed

The Boyette family reunion, which is held annually, Friday before the second Sunday in August, at the home of S. A. Boyette, Route 2, Kenly, N. C., has been called off for the duration of the war.

### Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

BILL WINSTON, an old Selma boy, piloted the big plane that brought the King of Greece to the United States recently—the King is a "swell fellow" BILL wrote his mother—it will be remembered this same boy is the fellow who taught LINDBERGH to fly, and the same man to bring the bodies of WILL ROGERS and WILEY POST to the United States from Alaska, where they met their deaths—BILL is a close relative of MISSES MARGARET and STELLA ETHEREDGE and ANN ASHWORTH, of Selma—he has recently been made temporary commander of Camp Young, Indio, California—BILL CREECH says it will be only a few more days until he will be back home again—H. W. BROUGHTON, former coach of the Selma High School, is in town for a few days — "PROF." BROUGHTON is Drill Officer at Camp Allen—he has charge of the Sea-Bees (construction battalion)—43 men are given military training for three weeks, after which they are sent to do construction work in foreign territory—he says he's getting along fine and enjoying the work—WALT GODWIN is planning to open up a stock of goods in the corner store room next to GREGORY'S 5 & 10c STORE—no empty store buildings in this good town—now, over in Smithfield you won't find any trouble in renting a store building, as there are at least half a dozen empty ones in one block—EARL FUNDERBURK, former member of the local school faculty, has been transferred to Elizabeth City, Mrs. FUNDERBURK'S home town—EARL is in Uncle Sam's Navy—MRS. E. N. BOOKER and BETTY and Mrs. HOWARD GASKILL and AL ROWE are spending a few days this week at the Royal Palms Hotel, Carolina Beach, of which O. A. TUTTLE, of Selma, is manager.