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Smithfield Will Have Two Sets of Buyers This Season

Five Warehouses All Set For Another Big Selling Season— Extra Set of Buyers Gives Added Encouragement To All Local Tobacconists — Market Opens August 25th.

Smithfield, August 18 .-- Two complete sets of buyers, representing the major tobacco companies of the world, will follow sales on the Smithfield market this season, it has been announced by the local warehouse association, and all signs indicate that Smithfield is about to launch upon its most successful tobacco-selling year.

The market here will open its 45th season Tuesday morning, August 25, and five spacious warehouses manned by efficient and experienced personnel stand prepared to give the tobacco farmers of Johnston and neighboring counties the maximum of service in handling their 1942 crop.

With two sets of buyers, Smithfield will be an ideal market for the growers in view of the rationing of tires and gasoline. Two simultaneous sales each day will mean that a lot of the congestion on local floors will be eliminated, and farmers generally will be able to get a sale on the day they unload their leaf at the ware-house, making ccessary extra trips to town and stra consumption of tires and gas.

Any way you look at it, the 1942 season promises to be a banner season for Smithfield warehouses.

Judging from the \$40 averages paid on the Border Belt markets, prices this fall will be the best farmers have seen in many, many years, and farmers have learned by experience that prices paid on the Smithfield market are just as high as prices paid on any market and that Smithfield warehouses are just as eager to get the high dollar for their patrons as warehousemen elsewhere.

Better Service

Smithfield is particularly gratified counties who regard Smithfield as the logical place to sell their crop be-cause Smithfield is their nearest invited, and to preach the Gospel. I tried this week for manslaughter and market.

largest tobacco-producing county in conduct a revival in the Free Will and was acquitted of the latter. the United States and situated as the Baptist Church there. The three It was agreed that Judge He



Navy 'Takes Over'

A thousand employees of the General Cable corporation plant at Bayonne, N. J., walked out shouting, "Let the government take over." The President ordered the idle plant taken over by the navy, an action which had been threatened earlier by William H. Davis, WLB chairman, shown as he was interviewed by newsmen.

Goldsboro, Aug. 18 .- Dr. W. H. over landing two sets of buyers for Carter of Goldsboro, before returnthe coming season because the mar- ing to, Benson Monday to continue ket will be in a better position to revival services, which officials of serve the thousands of Johnston the Cape Fear Baptist Conference County tobacco farmers and those had attempted to close by legal profarmers in Harnett and Sampson cedure, made the following statement "I did not go to Benson to create a

AYCOCK PROMOTED TO CAPTAINCY Judge Stevens Urges Officers

W. B. (Bill) Aycock, of Selma, Has Been Promoted to the **Rank of Captain In Infantry** At Fort Benning, Ga.

William B. (Bill) Aycock, son of Judge and Mrs. W. P. Aycock of Selma, recently has been promoted to the rank of captain in infantry at Fort Benning. Captain Aycock received his B. S. degree at State College in James H .Pridgen, Who Entered 1936. At State College he was major in the ROTC regiment. When he reached the age of 21 he was commissioned as second lieutenant. He later was promoted to first lieuten-ant, and was called into service in January. After receiving his degree at State College, Captain Aycock at-tended the University of North Car-olina, where he received his master's degree. He continued his studies at Duke and Harvard.

He taught in Greensboro for two years and a half and then accepted a position with the National Youth Administration in Raleigh where he Your was located at the time he was called nto service.

While at State College he was a member of the Blue Key, national leadership fraternity, the Golden Chain, Kappa Phi Kappa, Phi Kappa Tau, and Interfraternity Council. He served as secretary and later as president of the North Carolina Federation of Students and vice-president of the National Federation of Students. He was married to Miss Grace Mewborn of Raleigh and Snow Hill

last October.

Makes Statement Harwood Acquitted Of Matslaughter

Raleigh Man Pleads Guilty, However, to Driving Car

While Intoxicated

D. L. Harwood, Raleigh service station operator, who was due to be would never have gone if I had not for driving while intoxicated, pleaded Selma. Situated in the heart of the second- been duly invited by the members to guilty in court to the former charge

SELMA SOLDIER DIES Selma Man Reappointed AT LAKE CHARLES Welfare Superintendent

The U. S .Army Last May, Died At Lake Charles, La., Saturday Morning — Body Brought To Selma For Burial.

A message was received here last Saturday about noon by Mrs. J. H. Pridgen announcing the death of her son, Pvt. James H. Pridgen, which occurred Saturday morning in a hospital at Lake Charles, La. News to his many friends here and else-

Young Pridgen, who was 27 years of age, was employed in the mechanical department of the Yates Motor Company, of Raleigh, when he was drafted in the service last May. He had written his mother earlier

in the week that he had been granted a leave of absence, and was coming home for a two-week visit.

Monday night at 11:15, accompanied by an escort, Sgt. Leamon E. Quick, stationed at Lake Charles.

Funeral services were held from by the pastor, the Rev .O .L. Hathaway, on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock .Burial took place in Oakland cemetery in Smithfield. All the business houses in Selma closed during the hour of the funeral out of respect for the deceased.

Surviving besides his mother are ed since they were last checked. one sister, Mrs. B. T. Coley, of Jack- Revisions upward, which tot sonville, Fla., and two brothers, Elton Pridgen, who holds a position in the insurance office of Mr. J. C .Avery in Selma, and Paul Pridgen, also of

Pallbearers were Bob Suber, C. L Davis and Mr. Johnson of Raleigh, James Person, Paul McMillan, and

Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Sr., Resigns As A Member of Public Wel-fare Board—Mrs. B. G. Mat-tox Named Her Successor.

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The resignation of Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Sr., as a member of the Johnston county public welfare board has been tendered and Mrs. B. G. Mattox has been nominated as her successor. Mrs. Lassiter was the member of the board named by the state Department of Public Welfare, and as soon the nomination of Mrs. Mattox she will assume her duties on the board.

The other members are J. B. Wooten of Princeton, a member of the board of county commissioners, who was named to the welfare board by the commissioners, and J. W. Earp of O'Neals township, who was chosen by the two other members of the welfare board.

The welfare board this week approved the reappointment of W. T Woodard, Jr., as county welfare superintendent.

At the recent meeting of the board, the first since two new case workers were added to the county welfare Edgerton Memorial Methodist church staff, the results of closer supervision of case work were apparent. Revisions and terminations of cases cut \$105 from the amount being paid to clients. Two old-age clients and six children were taken from the list of those who had been receiving grants because their circumstances had chang-

Revisions upward, which totaled \$24, were made in five old-age and three ADC cases.

State College Reports Openings For Training

To Rid County Of Prostitutes Addressing Johnston County's New Grand Jury, Judge Henry Stevens Raps Down On Vice and Crime and Tells Officers To Get Busy — Thinks War Will Prove A Blessing If We Don't Lose Too Many Boys.

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In his charge to Johnston County's new grand jury Monday, Judge Henry L. Stevens, who is presiding over the August term of criminal court, said Sometimes I feel constrained to believe that it might be a good thing for this nation to feel some of the horrors of this war."

Nine new members of the grand jury were chosen to take the places. Jury were chosen to take the places of those whose time had expired. The new jurors are: C. A. Daughtry, Princeton, Route 1; J. M. Jones, 'Smithfield, Route 1; J. W. Daughtry, Smithfield; Willie Thomas Wilson, Wilson's Mills; W. H. Woodard, Smithfield Parts & H. W. Smithfield, Route 2; P. T. George, Jr., Four Oaks, Route 2; Albert Thompson, Smithfield; W. L. Strickland, Smith-field, Route 2; and W. P. Creech, Smithfield, Route 2.

Judge Stevens reminded his hearers that the United States was one of the few places in the world where bullets are not flying and civilians as well as troops were not subject to the horrors of war. "God in his protecting power has been unusually good to us,' said the judge. "Unless we lose too many of our men, the war may be the means of saving the nation from something worse." We had gotten soft physically, mentally ,morally and spiritually. Unless we got everything we wanted we felt like we were not being treated right.

Lesson in Contrast.

"This thing is going to teach us self-control," he continued, "control of our passions, not necessarily sex passion, but passions for going to the extreme in self-indulgence. If we can get by without losing too many of our boys, it will be worth it. Money isn't ing. it is change. If we are spending huge sums, what difference does it make if we are able to save for our little ones those four freedoms of which our President talks, freedom of speech and the press, freedom to worship these openings are in each of the God as we choose, freedom from fear, "God has been kicked off the throne by Hitler; the Japanese are fighting an anti-Christian war, a war against God as well as against us," continues "Those of us who are not young enough to enter into actual combat, may help by scrimping and saving and investing in war bonds and by conducting ourselves so that time and money might be used in defense and will not have to be used bringing people to trial and conviction," declared the judge.

of his death came as a distinct shock as the state department approves

The body was brought to Selma

the opportunity of patronizing the but professional jealousy. expanded Smithfield market this fall, pense but their tires and gas. Same Opertitors.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG =By H. H. L. =

PVT. JIM PRIDGEN'S death came as a great shock to us and to his many friends in Selma where he was held in high esteem by all who knew him-it was indeed sad for his mother. who was expecting him to arrive could continue with the revival. We home for a visit on the very day he did not miss one service. The revival he died-he was good to his mother, sending her part of his salary each month when he was working in Raleigh-JIM was a natural born mechanic and upon arriving at Lake Charles was placed in the mechanical department of the airplane training base at the camp there— congratula-tion to BILL AYCOCK—he is now CAPTAIN BILL AYCOCK, having church belonging to no denomination. been promoted recently at Fort Benning to captaincy—BILL is the son have given Smithfield its new deal in of JUDGE and MRS. W. P. AYCOCK, recent seasons will again be on the has a right to be-a freight train Warehouse.

arriving around one o'clock has been half mile east or west to get across on all sales here.

the tracks-MR. GORDY says a freight blocked these three street on Smithfield floors are the Americrossings more than one hour on last | can Tobacco Company, R. J. Reynolds Tuesday-don't we have a town law Tobacco Company, Export Leaf Toprohibiting the blocking of streets by bacco Company, Liggett and Myers, writes that the food is fine but wash- Leaf Tobacco Company, Venable Toing dishes three times a day for 2,000 bacco Company, P. Lorillard, A. C. soldiers is no cinch and is entirely Monk Company, Dibrell Brott out of his line.

nearest market for hundreds of farm- preachers, Rev. C. A. Jackson, Rev. J. ers in neighboring counties, the A. Blalock, and the Rev. W. B. Strick-Smithfield market, as long as it had land, all of Dunn, who secured a temone set of buyers, was not able to ac- porary order restraining me and my commodate its home growers ade- assistant, the Rev. Stedman C. Davis guilty. quately. Many farmers who preferred of Benson, from going on with the to market their tobacco in Smithfield revival, do not live in Benson and are were forced to travel long distances not members of that church. Officials at great expense to markets in other of the Benson church say that the counties. These growers will welcome action of these preachers was nothing

"The Dunn group never saw me saving not only their time and ex- personally or wrote me one word of driving a motor vehicle on the State their objections or intentions. They got out a restraining order, and had The same warehouse operators who it served by a deputy sheriff at the church following the Wednesday

night service. Thursday morning Mr. Davis and I. my lawyer, and the chairman of the board of deacons of the Benson church went before Judge John J. Burney at Clinton, and presented an affidavit signed by every member of the board of trustees, and every deacon of the church. The Dunn plaintiffs and their lawyer were also present. After hearing both sides of the question, Judge Burney dissolved the restraining order, and told me I will continue throughout this week and perhaps longer.'

Dr. Carter explained that the restraining order was secured on the grounds that he was ejected several years ago from the Cape Fear Conference because he accepted the pastorate of the Tabernacile Church in Goldsboro, which is an independent

of Selma, and his host of friends here scene when the new season starts and over North Carolina wish him next Tuesday. Holton Wallace will luck—one the town's oldest and most beloved citizens, MR. T. M. BENOY, known as Wallace's No. 1 and No. 2: known as Wallace's No. 1 and No. 2; has been very ill for the past several Roy Pearce, Oscar Boyette, and September 1. Those not totally disdays-we trust he will soon be on the Frank Skinner will carry on at the road to recovery-the manager of the two Gold Leaf warehouses; N. L. Brick Hotel, MR. E. M. GORDY, is (Perk) Perkins will be on his old sore at the Southern Railway, and he stamping ground around at the Dixie

Farmers bringing their leaf to blocking the three highways leading Smithfield will be assured of the south from the town, and guests of strongest kind of competition for the hotel for dinner have to wait an their product. Between 15 and 20 tohour sometimes to get to the business bacco companies doing business in all section of the town, or walk about a parts of the world will be represented

Among the companies slated to buy trains? ALTON STANCIL, who is Imperial, J. P. Taylor, O. W. Dudley, married men already have been draft-doing K. P. work at Fort Bragg, Cunningham Tobacco Company, Dixie ed. P. Watson, and LaWith Junk!

Stevens, who is holding Johnston Narvin Creech County court should hear the evidence

and render the verdict in the driving and to Columbus Lockamy, father of the one injured, and to pay \$50 to charge, and the judge found him not each in August, 1943, 1944, and 1945,

For the other offense, Harwood was making a total of \$800. given a six months suspended sen-The trial resulted from an automobile accident on June 14 on Highway tence and put on probation for five 701 in the lower edge of Johnston 3:00 p. m.; 3:00 p. m. to 11:00 p. m.; years. In adition to the usual terms of probation Harwood was forbidden to County near Newton Grove, when the use any kind of intoxicating beverage car driven by Harwood met and collided with the one driven by Melvin for two years and to refrain from Lockamy and occupied by two other highways or on the streets of Raleigh, Negroes, Samuel Williams, who was but is allowed to drive around his killed in the accident, and Almond place of business. He is further re- Lockamy, who was seriously injured. quired to pay \$250 each now to Lewis The driver of the Negro's car was Williams, father of the man killed, not seriously hurt.

Selective Service Eliminates 1-B Class

trants Believed Not Totally **Disqualified Into Class 1-A.**

Washington, Aug. 19, - Selective Service headquarters, in a double-barreled move to increase the Army's manpower supply and simplify draft classifications, today ordered reclassified as 1-A all 1-B draft registrants not totally disqualified physically from military service.

The class 1-B category-for registrants fit for limited military service -will be eliminated entirely effective tomorrow.

Men already in 1-B will be reclassified over a four-month period starting qualified physically will be placed in

1-A. Those found unsuited for any military service will be placed in 4-F. The action followed the War Department's recent decision to draft men with minor physical defects.

Selective Service headquarters said future calls for selectees will be for class 1-A men only."

This, however, does not alter the fact that married men with or without dependents will be drafted as the need arises .It was pointed out that as the pool of available manpower diminishes, some men presently classified 3-A would be reclassified 1-A and physical defects will be placed in tuhs become subject to call. Some

Selective Service officials said dis-

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Local Boards Will Place Regis- | now deferred because of dependents. One official described as a "misun-derstanding" a Boston report quoting a Selective Service spokesman that a general draft of young married men

> with dependents will come "in the not far distant futre." It was said there is "no-likelihood" of a change in a July 15 directive to local boards that ther instructions from Washington.

Elimination of the 1-B classification came amid disclosure that the War Manpower Commission, seeking tighter control over civilian manpower resources, will ask President Roosevelt to stop all voluntary military recruiting and turn over procurement of fighting men entirely to the Selective Service.

Not more than one-fourth of the present 1-B men in each local draft board area are to be reclassified each month, under the new program. It is expected the reclassification will be completed by January 1.

Local board will place registrants believed not totally disqualified into class 1-A pending examination at Army indrigion centers. There, if

passed, the men will be assigned to general or limited military service, depending on their physical qualifi-cations. Those rejected for serious

class 4-F. Draft headquarters cautioned local boards that in a full considerat Selective Servic

deferments

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There are 12 openings for students in aircraft. sheet metal training existing at present in the Vocational Educational Department at N. C. State College in Raleigh. Some of three shifts, as follows: 7:00 a. m. to and freedom from want. 11:00 p. m. to 7:00 a. m. It is necessary for applicants to secure their referral cards from the Employment Office before being admitted to these the judge. classes . These are open to men and women who are 18 years old or over. Also, there is an opening for a Mechanic Learner, Signal Corps Equip-ment-Persons to work in the over-

hauling, maintenance, repair and inspection of miscellaneous signal corps equipment. Persons selected for appointment will be trained by the War Department. The duties of the position are to receive instruction eight hours a day in the fundamentals of overhauling, maintenance, repair and inspection of miscellaneous signal corps equipment, including radio, telephone, telegraph, power and light equipment. Beginning rate of pay is \$1,060 per annum. Upon successful completion of the preliminary training course of approximately six monts' duration, employees will be promoted to the advanced training class at a salary of \$1,440 a year. Upon successful completion of the advanced training period. trainees will such men not be called up until fur- be eligible for Signal Corps position at \$1,620 a year. Applicants must be citizens of, or owe allegiance to, the United States. Foreign-born applicants must furnish proof of citizenship. Applicants must have reached their 17th birthday and must not have passed their 53rd birthday. Applicants must be high school graduates with at least one semester of algebra. Prefer men with draft class, 1-A. Will accept other draft classifications if applicants are physically capable

of performing duties of this position. Four Senior Shoe Repairmen are wanted at \$1,260 per annum. (Must have had at least 6 to 12 months' experience in an up-to-date shoe shop. making gene .l repairs to shoes, using modern n ichinery.)

ENTERTA'NS AT DINNER

Mrs. W. T .Woodard entertained at dinner Wedne A The following Mrs. T. C 'ord, Mrs. 3", rt Bell of en lima, and

No Mercy for Prostitutes

Referring to the spread of social diseases, he said, "it takes a man to undergo the rigors of our mechanized servile today," and emphasized the terrible havoc such disease plays upon the physical condition of those affected. He said the prostitute need not look for any mercy when they come before him, that one who conveys the disease does more harm than a Jap can do with a bullet. Unless the bullet kills, the soldier recovers, he said, but syphilis is followed by mental and physical disease and is conveyed to the next generation. He classed the taxicab drivers who carried the prostitutes from camp to camp along with the actual offenders.

He urged officers to do their part in subduing such crimes and not let it be said in the county that "we have thrown up our hands and cannot control it without Federal aid. It is our God-given duty to protect these boys all you can, I expect you to do that," he declared.

Thomas Reunion Set August 23

The Dan Thomas family reunion will be held at the C. B. Thomas home on Smithfield, Rt. 1, on Sunday, August 23. It will be an all-day affair with a picnic spread at noon.

The Rev. J. F. Blackmon of Buie's Creek will be principal speaker. All relatives and friends of the Thomas family are invited to attend with well filled lunch baskets.

Stop hesitating. The man who goes to the bottom of things arrives beilland and cause he knows. Don't stand on the sten, of bank shivering; jump in the depths.