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## Soldiers Get Bags From Selma Church

Following the receipt of "ditty bags" from the Selma Free Will Baptist Sunday school, Clyde E. Kimball, Chaplain, located at 15th Station Hospital, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, wrote the following letter to Miss Hazel Gurkin of Selma:

"Dear Miss Gurkin: "As Chaplain of the 15th Station Hospital, a unit being organized and trained here, I recently received some "ditty bags" as we call them, that were packed by your Sunday School group.

"We want you to know how much these were appreciated by the men. Wherever the needs of the service may take them in future days, which may, of course, be almost anywhere imaginable, they will think of their unseen and unknown friends.

"They enjoyed reading the letters and poems that were enclosed in some of the bags, and would like nothing better than to personally answer the givers. However, there have been so many cases of soldiers unthinkingly giving out information as to where they were going and when and how many, etc., that it has been necessary to forbid anymore correspondence with casual acquaintances.

"I remember going through your town while on the maneuvers last fall.

"Thank you again for your kindness."

## Kiwanians Hear Teacher For Blind Institution

A very interesting and instructive address was delivered at the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening, when A. C. Griffin, a brother of Kiwanian Raleigh Griffin, was guest speaker. Mr. Griffin is a teacher in the institution for the blind at Raleigh, and gave an illustrated address on how the blind are taught to read and write. He passed out cards containing the alphabet for the blind; also brought along a phonograph which gave a transcription of some of the recorded addresses delivered by the blind.

Mr. Griffin said there were several students in the institution who could read just as fluently from books for the blind as students who read by sight from the printed pages. He said a blind person has a much keener sense of touch than one with perfect vision, and that the students often play football and can find the ball almost as readily as those who can see. They trace the ball by sound rather than by sight.

Raleigh Griffin was program chairman for the evening.

## "Rabbit Fever" Causes Death of Johnston Man

Alton Edwards, aged about 35, who resided in the Pleasant Plain section of Johnston county, a few miles north of Selma, died Sunday afternoon, August 30, at 1:30, in Duke Hospital, where he was taken six days earlier in a serious condition.

"Rabbit fever" is said to have been the cause of his death. The Johnston county man was taken seriously ill a few days after dressing a young rabbit which his dog had killed.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday at 4 o'clock by the Rev. L. E. Godwin, the interment taking place at the Crocker Cemetery, two miles east of Selma.

Surviving are his wife; one son, Fred Edwards; his mother, Mrs. Floyd Edwards; four brothers, Vernon Edwards, of Selma, Route 2; Frank Edwards, of Smithfield, Route 2; Floyd Edwards, of Fayetteville; David Edwards, of Smithfield, Route 1; Mrs. Delma Garner, Selma, Route 2; and Mrs. Charles Gordon of Oxford.

## Special Services At The Methodist Church

Plans are under way for some special services at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church October 4-9. Dr. Ray C. Petry, associate professor of Church History at the Divinity School at Duke University will conduct the services.

Dr. Petry conducted a Bible Conference at Smithfield last spring which was sponsored by the Methodist Churches in the County. His messages are remembered by those who heard him as the most outstanding presentation of the great Bible Truth in our day. We are looking forward to his coming again into the County. The pastor, Rev. O. L. Hathaway, thinks that we are very fortunate in being able to secure Dr. Petry, for he is in great demand as a teacher and platform speaker. Those who have heard Dr. Petry will not have to be urged to attend, but we do want to extend an invitation to every one to share these messages with us.

When you fight with your conscience and get licked—you win.

## To Conduct Road Tests For School Bus Drivers

In a letter directed to the school principals of Johnston county, H. B. Marrow, superintendent of schools, writes as follows:

"The Highway Patrol is arranging to conduct road tests for school bus drivers who have their regular State driving license and who have passed Mr. Beasley's driving school and road test on Thursday, September 17, 1942.

"The white bus drivers will meet at 9 o'clock at the Smithfield High school and the Negro bus drivers will meet at 1 o'clock at the Smithfield Negro school.

"I know that there are some bus routes that do not have any driver on them who have passed Mr. Massey's test. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Beasley to the end that if it is possible he can give his test before, or at the same time, or after the Highway Patrol conducts their test to such proposed drivers. Do not bring anybody to this test who has not secured his regular driving license, however, where there are routes on which no driver has passed Mr. Beasley's test and it is absolutely necessary to have some one to operate such bus, select the best driver you can, preferably a girl, or maybe a mother, and bring them to the examination."

## Dan C. Boney, 47, Dies In Raleigh

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—Dan C. Boney, State Insurance Commissioner, died in a local hospital at 5 o'clock this morning after an illness of two days.

The Commissioner was taken ill Saturday night and rushed to Rex hospital. His condition showed improvement during the day Sunday, but he suffered a relapse shortly after midnight and died a few hours later.

His physician, Dr. Paul N. Neal, said death was due to a stomach hemorrhage.

Boney, 47, was regarded as one of the outstanding insurance commissioners of the nation. He was elected president of the National Association in 1934, and at a testimonial dinner the next year insurance commissioners from every part of the nation came to Raleigh to honor him.

He was born in Elkin, December 6, 1895. He attended public schools there and in Kinston and studied law at the University of North Carolina. From June, 1917, to December, 1919, he served with the 113th Field Artillery, suffering severe wounds in France including the loss of an arm.

He was appointed insurance commissioner in 1927 by former Governor A. W. McLean.

## SELMA TO HAVE BLACKOUT SOON

We are informed that there will be a blackout over the entire State in the near future. The blackout will be by order of the U. S. Army Headquarters. It will come unexpectedly to everybody throughout the entire State.

All persons are expected to be on the alert and are asked to cooperate in every way possible so that our town will be able to report to Headquarters that the blackout was a complete success.

The blackout is expected sometime after September the 17th, but no exact date or hour will be announced in advance. All district air wardens are especially urged to be on the alert at all hours so they will be in position to go into action at a moment's notice.

The blackout signal is the sounding of the fire siren in short blasts for two minutes.

W. D. PERKINS, Chief Air Raid Warden.

## William H. Thorne Promoted To Sergeant

Bainbridge, Ga., Sept. 7.—William H. Thorne, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thorne, Route 1, Selma, N. C. has been promoted from the rank of corporal to sergeant it was announced today by his commanding officer at the Army Air Forces Basic Flying School here.

Sgt. Thorne joined the Air Forces in August 1941 and helps "keep 'em flying" now as a supply clerk at the field here, a unit of the vast Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center.

A graduate of Selma High School, Sgt. Thorne has one brother in the service of the United States. He was recently transferred here from Gunter Field, Ala.

## Pittman Reunion To Be Held Sept. 13th

The Ephraim Pittman family reunion will be held at the home of Julius Pittman on Sunday, September 13th, 1942. All relatives and friends of the Pittman and Brown families are invited to attend and bring well filled baskets.

## BACK HOME



Mr. O. A. Tuttle, superintendent of the local public schools, returned to Selma on Tuesday evening from Carolina Beach, where he spent the summer months. Mr. Tuttle was in charge of the Royal Palm Hotel at the beach during his stay there. He is now making preparations for the opening of the fall semester in the Selma schools.

## Motorist Dies While Driving Along Road

Sheriff Kirby Rose and Deputy Sheriff Lester Hales were called to Beulah township Sunday night to investigate the death of Joe Blackman, 64-year-old Beulah township farmer whose body was found in a car that had run into a ditch.

The officers decided that foul play was not involved and that Blackman had succumbed to a heart attack while driving along the road. The car swerved into a ditch about three miles north of Kenly. The body was discovered slumped over the steering wheel and was reported by a passerby.

Members of his family said Blackman had been in poor health and had suffered heart attacks in the last year.

The body was moved to the Grizzard undertaking parlors in Kenly to be prepared for burial.

Blackman is survived by his wife and a number of children.

## Dressing Division To Begin Work Monday

The surgical dressing division of the American Red Cross organization, under the direction of its local chairman, Mrs. Walter Price, will begin its work Monday afternoon at the local Woman's Club Building. The work will begin at 2 o'clock p. m., and all interested persons in the community who are willing to volunteer their services are requested to be present at that time. This is a most important work and now that materials have arrived so that the work can go ahead, it is hoped that many women in the community will offer their services so that the quota set aside for this community can soon be filled.

## Selma Boy Receives Promotion and Furlough

Sergeant Wm. Harvey Thorne of the Army Air Forces Basic Flying School, Bainbridge, Georgia, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thorne, of Selma route 1. Sgt. Thorne was recently promoted from the grade of Corporal, the announcement was made by his commanding officer, Col. R. E. L. Shoate. He helps to "keep 'em flying" as squadron Supply Sergeant.

## Britain May Extend Draft To Take Women

London, Sept. 4.—Compulsory service for Great Britain's women will soon be extended unless more volunteers enroll for the three services—WRENS, A. T. S. and WAAFS. A. T. S. and WAAFS need twice as many recruits as they are now getting weekly to replace men going overseas.

## Orphanage Singing Class Coming To Selma

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class is scheduled to be in Selma on the night of Wednesday, Sept. 23. There will be no admission charge but a free will offering will be taken. Place and hour will be announced in this paper next week. Look for it.

Revival of interest in American hog bristles for use in brushes is reported, since manufacturers are no longer able to secure the imported bristles.

## Former Selma Boy Now Second Lieutenant

Bennett R. Creech, formerly of Selma, has been commissioned as second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps of the Army of the United States. This is a reserve commission, and allows graduation from medical school and one year's internship before the officer is called to active duty.

Creech attended elementary school and Selma High school in Selma, graduating in 1938. He then entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Medicine there in June, 1942. He is now in the second-year class in the School of Medicine at the University. At the present time he is planning to complete his course in medicine at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Va., where he hopes to enter the third-year class in March, 1943.

Promotion to the office of first lieutenant is assured the officer on completion of the medical course.

The young medical officer is the son of the late Stephen Bennett Creech and Mrs. Creech of Selma. Mrs. Creech is now making her home in Raleigh.

## Merit Examinations To Be Held October 3

Merit examinations for clerical workers in the Welfare and Health offices will be held on October 3rd, and all persons interested in taking this examination should apply at once for admission to the examination. All application blanks must be filled out and sent to the Merit System Supervisor not later than September 16th. These blanks are available at the Johnston County Welfare Office and everyone interested, whether now employed or not, should apply at once. Salaries for positions under the Merit System start at \$75 a month and rise as high as \$125 a month for Senior Stenographers. The examination will be held in Smithfield on October 3rd, provided there are as many as ten persons in the county to make application for the examination; otherwise it will be held in Wilson or Raleigh.

## Kenly Man Dies From Heart Attack

Kenly. — Funeral services for Joe M. Blackman, 63, who died at his home near here Sunday night following a heart attack, were held from Holly Springs Church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Walter Williams officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Blackman was a prominent farmer in this section. Surviving are his wife; five daughters, Mrs. Carl Lamm of Kenly, Mrs. Wilbur Atkinson of Chicago, Ill., Misses Elgie Mae Blackman and Eula Gray Blackman of Kenly; four sons, George of Chicago, Millard of Washington, D. C., Chester of Wilmington, and Carl Blackman, with the Army in Australia.

## F. M. Waters, Jr., Is Commissioned Ensign

Frederick Monroe Waters, Jr., of Hendersonville, N. C., has been commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy Air Corps, and is stationed at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas, as a flight instructor. Before entering the service, Ensign Waters attended The Citadel in Charleston, S. C., and the University of North Carolina. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Monroe Waters of Hendersonville. Mr. Waters was superintendent of the Selma Public Schools prior to 1932 when the family moved to Hendersonville.

## Letter Nearly Three Months Reaching Here

Oscar Kirks, who lives on Smithfield, Route 2, is in receipt of a letter from his son, Willard, 20, dated June 23. It reached Mr. Kirks on September 6th. He had, in the meantime, had other mail from his son, who is somewhere in the far west.

## American Legion Aux. To Meet Friday, the 18th

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday afternoon, September 18, at 3:30, at the Legion Building. Hostesses will be Mrs. J. T. Hughes, Mrs. E. G. Hobbs and Miss Mamie Bailey. All members are asked to come prepared to pay dues.

The annual Starling Reunion will be held the second Sunday, Sept. 13, 1942, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Starling near the Lizzie Mill. All the relatives of D. A. Starling are invited to attend and bring picnic baskets.

## Selma Youths Given Terms In Tobacco Theft

### Three Years Of War

FIRST YEAR—Sept. 1, 1939—Nazis invade Poland  
—Sept. 3—Britain, France declare war.  
—Sept. 27—Warsaw surrenders to Nazis.  
—April 9, 1940—Nazis invade Norway.  
—May 10—Nazis attack Holland, and Belgium.  
—June 4—British evacuate Dunkirk.  
—June 11—Italy declares war on Allies.  
—June 17—France surrenders to Nazis.

SECOND YEAR—Aug.-Sept.—British repel air blitz.  
—Oct. 28—Italians invade Greece.  
—April 6, 1941—Nazis invade Balkans.  
—June 22—Nazis launch drive on Russia.

THIRD YEARS—Dec. 7—Japan attacks U. S. in Pacific.  
—Dec. 8—U. S. declares war on Japan.  
—Dec. 11—Germany declares war on U. S.  
—April 18, 1942—U. S. bombs Tokyo.  
—May 6—Corregidor falls to Japs.  
—June 3—U. S. routs Japs at Midway.  
—August 4—Nazis invade the Caucasus.  
—August 30—U. S. all-out for victory.

Coy Green, Luther Dale and Elliot Lockamy, white Selma youths, were convicted in Wake County Superior Court Wednesday on the charge of stealing 652 pounds of tobacco belonging to W. M. Matthews, who lives at Stokesdale, 20 miles west of Greensboro.

Green and Dale were sentenced to from two to three years each in State's Prison, and Lockamy received twelve months on the roads.

The tobacco was stolen from a street in Wendell early last Thursday morning. It was loaded on a trailer and when Matthews, who had gone to a warehouse to see if he could get a sale, returned to his car, he found his trailer and tobacco missing.

Sheriff Kirby L. Rose received a tip that the stolen tobacco and trailer were hidden in a patch of woods near Selma. Accompanied by Assistant Jailor Will Barber and Dave Fowler, the sheriff went to the spot Friday night and waited three hours for someone to show up.

The officers were rewarded for their patient watch when Lockamy came to remove the trailer. He was arrested and next day the officers arrested the other two suspects.

Mr. Matthews sold his tobacco on the Smithfield market Monday, receiving \$255 for the 652 pounds.

## Mickey Rooneys Come To Parting Of Ways

Hollywood, Sept. 9.—The Mickey Rooneys have come to a definite parting of the ways, the 19-year-old wife of the youthful screen star said today.

"Yes, we separated last Thursday, and I guess this is the end of our marriage," the former Ava Gardner of Rock Ridge, N. C., admitted.

"We just couldn't seem to hit it off. Things just weren't happy around home and we decided to call it quits. As things stand now, I'll ask for a divorce here."

Rooney, 21, who married Ava last January 10, could not be reached for comment.

"Is it true that some of the trouble was due to the fact that you supposedly wanted a screen career and Mickey opposed it?" the young wife was asked.

"That is absolutely not true. That had nothing whatever to do with it," she replied emphatically.

Mrs. Rooney disclosed the separation upon her return from Camp Roberts, where she had been visiting a brother, J. M. Gardner, newly sworn into the Army.

"I do not plan to go home just now. I'll stay here," she concluded.

## Selma Man Promoted To Standing of Sgt.

John Watson, formerly of Selma, Rt. 2, was recently promoted from Corporal to Sergeant at the U. S. Marines Recruiting Station, Pittsboro, Pa.

Sergeant Watson joined the Marines a little more than two years ago and was first located at Paris Island, S. C., and was later stationed on the Cruiser U. S. S. Quincey where he remained until last April.

Sergeant Watson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Watson, Selma, Rt. 2.

## SELMA BOY CABLES HIS MOTHER HERE

Mrs. Fleet Batten of 212 North Brevard Street in Selma, received a cable message from her son, Sgt. Cable Leamon Batten Monday, who is stationed in Great Britain, which read as follows:

"Best wishes. Please don't worry. Keep smiling."

## James M. Easom Is Recuperating At Home

James M. Easom, who is stationed at McDill Field, army air base near Tampa, Fla., is at home recuperating after a 30-day illness, spent in a government hospital.

Sam Hood, another Selma boy, who is at the same camp, sent his best regards to the home folk.

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## Cotton Bale Covers Finding Greater Use

Cotton bale covers or "wrappers" will play an important part in the marketing of this year's crop, according to J. A. Shanklin, cotton specialist of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Not only will they give North Carolina cotton growers a neat-appearing and well-protected bale, but also they will assure an opportunity to use a fabric manufactured from their own product.

Shanklin explained that cooperative efforts of all major cotton trade organizations and the Agricultural Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture recently resulted in a program whereby growers would receive a 7-pound gross weight allowance when they market their cotton.

"By using cotton covers or patterns," the State College specialist said, "growers are helping to relieve the critical shortage of jute brought on by the war. All producers have the right to demand that 7 pounds be added to the gross weight of their cotton-covered bales when they sell their lint."

Jute wrappers and ties on a 500-pound bale weigh around 21 pounds, while the cotton patterns and ties weigh about 14 pounds. The Department of Agriculture has operated a program to make patterns available at a reasonable price, and the 1942 program provides for a production of 4,000,000 cotton patterns.

Around 11,000 bales of cotton are used in the making of a million patterns, Shanklin pointed out. There is about six yards of fabric in a pattern. It is estimated that 130,000 bales will make enough patterns to cover a 12,000,000-bale crop.

## Soldier Finds Pacific Isles Interesting Place

Lt. Chas. T. Hanna, of Mississippi, finds life interesting one of the islands in the South Pacific. He says they enjoy deer hunting, fishing, swimming, boxing, baseball, and similar sports. They have made pets of many of the native animals, and they get on all right with the inhabitants. He says that he knows this is no vacation, and they must make the best of the situation.

The U. S. O. is on the job with entertainment for the men. The Southern Telephone News is to be found well read in the "Day Room" where the Americans and Australians meet to listen to the radio and to read the current magazines and newspapers from both countries.

The natives converse in French, so it's donny moi, and s'vous plait, oui, oui and finis—everything is finis—all sold just out, sold the last, etc.

He says that local toll service is slow and noisy, and all magnet!

Miss Evelyn Kirks, after spending the summer months with relatives and friends in Connecticut and New Jersey, has returned to her home on Smithfield, Route 2.