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Amateur Hour Draws Big Crowd To Selma

teurs Draw Immense Crowd Lone Star Quartet and Amato Selma—The Program Was Broadcast Over WPTF From 9 to 10 P. M.—H. H. Lowry Delivers Address of Welcome.

Hundreds of people from all sections of Johnston county turned out Saturday night to see and hear the famous Lone Star Quartet, heard daily over WPTF, and fourteen groups of amateurs. The program, lasting for an hour, was broadcast over WPTF, with Announcer Phil Ellis, as master of ceremonies.

The first prize, a \$25.00 War Savings Bond, was won by the Midnight Strollers, Willie Christian and Lloyd McLeod, of Durham.

Second prize went to the Selma Trio, composed of Ruby Price, Dorothy Malters and Agnes Turner.

The Morris family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Morris and daughters, Elsie and E. J., were winners of the third prize.

Others taking part on the program were the Stephenson Sisters; Velma Creech; Thomason Sisters; Woodall Brothers; the Parrish Family; Benson Juniors, and Corbett Gospel Singers.

Before sundown Saturday, people began pouring in to the Selma high school auditorium to be sure of a seat. Long before the program got under way the large auditorium was packed, while hundreds on the outside were unable to get inside the building. The Editor of this paper arrived sometime before the program to start, but was unable to get a seat or even standing room. It was one of the largest crowds ever seen in this town and the crowd stayed until late that night. The drug stores here did a land-office business.

The following are a few excerpts from the radio address by H. H. Lowry, of The Johnstonian - Sun, Saturday night over WPTF Raleigh:

"We are happy to greet you tonight from the High School Auditorium in Selma, North Carolina, where hundreds have assembled for the purpose of hearing the famous Lone Star Quartet and their large number of amateurs who are competing for the prizes offered by the famous guests."

"Selma regards the Lone Star Quartet, heard daily over WPTF, as one of the best singing groups in America and Selma feels greatly indebted to one of its native sons, Dr. William Howard Carter, minister of the Tabernacle Church in Goldsboro who arranged to bring this group to his home town. We too are happy that all of North Carolina can join with us by means of radio in this community Song Festival and amateur hour."

"Selma is located in one of the largest agricultural Counties in Eastern Carolina. It is here that farmers and mill workers meet to buy and sell and to greet each other with that friendly greeting so well known in this cosmopolitan community."

"Selma's Mayor, B. A. Henry, and the Town commissioners as well as every business and professional man in this community feel very grateful to WPTF as well as the Lone Star Quartet in bringing this recognition to our community and in sending as the announcer for this program the well known Phil Ellis, regarded by Selma people as one of the best announcers in the South."

"To the entire group of visitors as well as those who have come to see and hear, we want you to know that we are happy that you came and we trust that you will come again to the BIG LITTLE TOWN IN EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. . . . The Town where everybody is somebody."

Blackout For Entire State Next Tuesday

Johnston county will experience a practice blackout Tuesday, September 29, along with the other counties of North Carolina.

Durward Creech, county coordinator of civilian defense, warned Monday that every person in the county, those living in rural districts as well as those in the towns, should be on the alert and prepared to blackout any time during the hours from 7 until 11 p. m. on the 29th.

There will be only a 15-minute warning for the blackout, which will last for 45 minutes, Creech said. This warning will consist of a single Army flash, which will be "witt."

Johnston county civilian defense workers attended a statewide meeting in Raleigh last Thursday to receive instructions regarding the blackout. Among the Johnstonians at the meeting were J. R. Pool, chairman of the county civilian defense organization, Coordinator Creech; Theron Johnson, chief air raid warden of Smithfield; Chief Warden, Wilbur Perkins of Selma; Mayor Barney Henry of Selma

Former Johnston Man Died In Wilson Saturday

Was Brother of C. P. Harper, Prominent Selma Druggist For Many Years.

W. C. Harper, who was born and reared in Johnston county and who lived within a mile of Smithfield until some time after his marriage, when he moved to Wilson, died in a Wilson hospital Saturday after an illness of some time. He was 72 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at five o'clock at the First Christian church conducted by Rev. T. T. Swearinger, pastor of the church, and Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of Atlantic Christian College.

Mr. Harper was the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Harper. Dr. Harper was the second president of A. C. College, Wilson, and Mr. Harper always had an interest in the college. He was an elder in the Christian church and a prominent churchman.

He was active in the state and Wilson Junior Order, and was treasurer of the Wilson Jr. O. U. A. M. chapter at his death. He held a number of important committee posts in the state organization as well in the last decade. For the past 12 years he was statistician at the Wilson county cotton gin.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Miss Annie Harper of Raleigh, Mrs. Vernon Wiggs of Selma, and Mrs. Carl Ousley of Siler City; two sisters, Mrs. R. B. Whitley of Wendell and Miss Myrtle Harper of Wilson; two brothers, Clarence Harper of Selma, and James Harper of Wilson, and two grandchildren.

Chairman Levinson Makes Announcement

I would like to announce that absentee application blanks are now available for those in the United States Armed Services and others who expect to be absent from the county on election day, and I shall be glad to supply any interested person with the necessary application blank for an absentee vote. These applications for absentees MUST NOT be mailed or delivered to me before October 4 as, under the law, applications CANNOT be received before that date and if any are received by me before then I am not allowed to issue an absentee ballot based upon such application. All applicants for absentee ballots are requested to hold the applications until October 4 and mail or deliver the same to me at that time or as soon thereafter as possible.

The registration books will be open in the hands of the registrars of the various precincts on October 10 and will remain open through October 24. Anyone expecting to be absent from the county during that period and not now registered may register with me in Benson or Smithfield any time before October 10.

L. L. LEVINSON, Chairman County Board of Elections

Selma Presbyterians To Worship Sunday

There will be preaching services at the Selma Presbyterian church Sunday, September 27, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hager, of Keysville, Va. Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 8 o'clock p. m.

All members of the church are especially invited to hear Mr. Hager, as he may be a prospective minister for this field.

Mr. Hager will preach at White Oak, near Kenly, Sunday afternoon.

Local Theatre To Sell U. S. War Bonds

The Selma Theatre wishes it to be known that it has been authorized to issue War Bonds for the United States Government. For your convenience you may leave your name at the theatre box office, go in to see the show as a guest of the house, and after you have seen the show your bond will be made out and waiting for you. This service offered by the theatre will eliminate any waiting or standing in line on the part of the purchaser of the bonds.

and representatives from other towns as well.

Mayor Henry and local air raid wardens will give last minute instructions to members of their organizations.



The American Flag Association some time ago sent out the following poem, written by Joseph K. Colton, editor of the Gardner (Mass.) News:

THE AMERICAN FLAG

It's the happiness of children,
It's the handclasp of a friend,
It's the magic of the mountains,
It's the rivers and the sea,
It's tolerance and courage,
It's a people brave and free.
It's the kindly deeds of neighbors,
It's forgetting race and creed,
It's the good works done together,
It's a hand for one in need;
It's a lookout's lonely vigil,
It's a worker at his trade,
It's a haven for the outcast,
It's a stout heart undismayed,
It's the sunlight and the starlight,
It's the rainbow in the skies,
It's humanity triumphant,
It's the grandest flag that flies.
It's the sun of California
It's the rugged coast of Maine,
It's the pines of Carolina,
It's the covered wagon train,
It's a bugle call at Yorktown,
It's a clipper in the bay,
It's a rustic bridge at Concord,
It's a soldier lad away,
It's a country's shining glory,
It's red, white and heaven's blue,
It's an emblem and a beacon,
It's the banner of the true.
It's the prairie and the forest,
It's the hunter's lonely camp,
It's a homestead on a hilltop,
It's a housewife's evening lamp,
It's the joy of good companions,
It's a pleasant evening's end,

Member "Flying Tigers" Selma Kiwanis Speaker

The Selma Kiwanis club had as guest speaker on last Thursday evening Joseph Peedin, who recently returned to the United States from Burma, China, where he was with the "Flying Tigers," a voluntary group of American soldiers who went to China about ten months ago to help work on the Japs.

The speaker was introduced by Program Chairman Dr. E. N. Booker, who reminded the club that Peedin was a former Selma boy who entered Uncle Sam's Army several months prior to the beginning of the war. He is a son of Mrs. Joseph Peedin and the late Mr. Peedin of Selma; but Mrs. Peedin is now a resident of Smithfield.

On September 7, 1942, young Peedin was married to Miss Clyde Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris, of Cary, formerly of Johnston county. Other guests of the club who accompanied the speaker were his mother and his attractive young bride.

Peedin told many of his experiences while in China. He said he had traveled the Burma Road across China, and that, besides being very crooked, this road is a very rough, one-way road that winds through the mountains like a folding scroll. The speaker said the Chinese were very ignorant, and do their principal fighting by snipe-shooting and hand-to-hand fighting, who know but little about mechanized warfare. Peedin said his job was to help keep the planes in good flying condition, but that he went up with the Tigers on several occasions and got a bird's-eye view of the Burma Road and other parts of China. He said the Japs were good air fighters and that they have some very good planes which they handle well.

One of the most difficult problems to face the American fighters in China, Peedin said, is to find pure drinking water, due to the fact that there is so much lead in the ground that often, what looks to be a fine spring of water will poison an American just as though he had taken a dose of arsenic of lead. The principal article of food among the native Chinese is rice, he said. Following his talk, he was asked many questions about his stay in the Burma section, which he answered quite freely. Peedin brought with him a large

American Legion Aux. Met Last Friday P. M.

The September meeting of Selma Unit No. 141 of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the Legion building on Friday afternoon, September 18, with Mesdames J. T. Hughes, E. G. Hobbs and Miss Mamie Bailey as joint hostesses. The meeting was opened in regular order by the president, Mrs. W. L. Etheridge. Committees for the new year were appointed, as follows:

Finance—Mrs. E. G. Hobbs, Mrs. B. A. Henry, Mrs. A. Z. Thompson, Mrs. C. E. Fulghum, Mrs. Ed Creech.
Membership—Mrs. W. L. Stanfield, Mrs. Hunter Price.
Publicity—Mrs. C. A. Bailey.
Junior Activities—Mrs. W. D. Perkins, Mrs. John Jeffreys.
Sick and Cheer—Mrs. N. A. Branch, Mrs. J. T. Hughes.

Poppy—Mrs. C. E. Korngay, Mrs. W. D. Perkins, Miss Myrtle Bailey.

Welfare—Miss Julia Grant, Mrs. John Jeffreys.

Gold Star—Mrs. B. S. Spragins.
Americanism—Mrs. E. B. Creech.
Music—Mrs. E. N. Booker.

Entertainment For Boys in Service—Mrs. J. T. Hughes, Mrs. B. A. Henry.

The president urged all Auxiliary members to give their full cooperation to the Red Cross in making Surgical dressings. Mrs. J. T. Hughes, District Committeewoman, announced that the 3rd Area meeting would be held in Siler City on October 13.

A new member, Mrs. Lehman Barnes, was welcomed into the Auxiliary.

During the social hour, a contest was held, and a prize awarded the winner, Mrs. C. A. Bailey. The hostesses served refreshments.

Selma Boy Finds Back From Watch In Crash

Bobby Ellis, of Selma, exhibited to us the back from a gold wrist watch Monday, which he said he found near the crater made by the U. S. bomber plane near Wilson's Mills some time ago. He found this piece of watch the day following the crash he told us.

selection of photographic views taken while in China, which he exhibited to club members.

Pine Level Visited By \$42,000 Fire Yesterday

Mrs. Clyde Pilkington Gets \$500 From Brother

Tells Her To Invest the Money In U. S. War Bonds—Will Send Her \$50 A Month During Duration of War.

Mrs. Clyde Pilkington of Smithfield, Route 2, received \$500 last week from her brother, Corporal John M. Rose, with instructions to invest the money in United States War Bonds. Corporal Rose wrote Mrs. Pilkington that he would send her \$50 per month during the duration of the war to be invested in bonds.

Corporal Rose is in Uncle Sam's armed forces in Iceland where he has been for about one year. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Rose of Raeford, N. C., and a grandson of Mrs. A. J. Rose of Selma.

In his letter to Mrs. Pilkington, Corporal Rost told her that the Northern Lights in Iceland are very beautiful, but that he would give all the Northern Lights over there for just one glimpse of the Carolina moon.

Many Women Help With Surgical Bandages

Mrs. Walter Price, chairman of the Selma Surgical Dressings Department, reports that the work is being carried on in a very satisfactory manner. The room, beginning next week, will be open only on Wednesday and Thursday. The hours will be from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon, from 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m., and from 7:30 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. This will give everyone a chance to set aside some part of these two days to do his part in the war effort.

The Selma room has completed 1800 dressings.

Princeton had about 30 ladies who were eager to do some Red Cross work. They were given 1800 dressings to do, and under the supervision of Mrs. Jackson, completed the dressings in one week.

Mrs. W. T. Woodard, Jr., has already received the October quota, which is 9,000 4x4 bandages and 6,200 4x8 bandages. This will certainly give every lady in Johnston county an opportunity to do her part.

The following ladies have helped with the surgical dressings in Selma so far:

Mrs. W. P. Aycock, Mrs. W. H. Call, Mrs. C. M. Daly, Mrs. J. V. Dean, Mrs. J. C. Diehl, Mrs. DuBose, Mrs. A. R. Driver, Mrs. H. C. Denning, Mrs. Rudolph Howell, Mrs. J. T. Hughes, Miss Annie Hood Hughes, Mrs. C. E. Korngay, Mrs. Dick Lewis, Mrs. Linwood Mayer, Mrs. W. R. Smith, Mrs. Walter Price, Mrs. Paul Starling, Mrs. Norman Screws, Mrs. Geo. D. Vick, Mrs. W. T. Woodard, Jr., Mrs. Macon Williams, Mrs. Sam Wood, Mrs. G. H. Younger.

From Pine Level: Mrs. B. Oliver, Mrs. Graham Parker and Miss Mary Edwards.

Sgt. William H. Thorne Pays This Office Visit

Sgt. William H. Thorne, of the 677th School Squadron, Lynn Field, Bainbridge, Georgia, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thorne, on Selma Route 1. While here Sergeant Thorne paid a very pleasant call at the office of The Johnstonian-Sun. He returned to camp Saturday.

Mr. J. W. Thorne, father of Sgt. Thorne, was in town Saturday to see his son off. Another son of Mr. Thorne, Pvt. Howard F. Thorne, is somewhere in the south Pacific.

Well Known Colored Woman Passes Here

Mrs. Laura J. A. King, prominent in educational and civic life of Johnston county, passed away at her late residence here at 3 o'clock this morning. For years Mrs. King served as Jeanes Supervisor of Negro Schools of Johnston County, during which time schools were consolidated and funds raised for adequate buildings. She was the proud possessor of a medal awarded her for her efforts in securing from Negro citizens more than a thousand dollars which was used for the erection of the Johnston County Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at St. John A. M. E. Church, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The old-fashioned girl who used to be on the "square" has been superseded by girls who are on the "bias"—you know—"Buy us this"—Buy us that."

Selma Fire Department Called to Scene of Conflagration Early Wednesday Morning—Loss Estimated At \$45,000 When Cotton Warehouse of W. B. Oliver & Sons Burned.

The Selma Fire Department was called to Pine Level early Wednesday morning to help fight one of the worst fires that town has had in a long time. The fire, which was of unknown origin, broke out in the cotton storage warehouse of W. B. Oliver & Sons, and practically destroyed the warehouse and several hundred bales of cotton.

The loss, partially covered by insurance, was estimated at \$45,000.

M. A. Webb, manager of a gin, which was nearby, discovered the fire around dawn and both Smithfield and Selma fire companies were called to aid in fighting the flames. Water had to be hauled to the fire trucks from local wells and dwellings to augment that carried by the trucks. The fire companies could not extinguish the flames, but saved the adjacent buildings.

It is thought probable that the fire was in one of the new bales recently stored and gradually burned through and spread before it was discovered.

Mr. Oliver stated that there were an estimated 347 bales of cotton, all burned or damaged, and several tons of seed damaged.

4-H Girls' War Motto: "Make and Mend for V"

Four-H Club girls in this State are all out for their wartime motto to "Make and Mend for Victory" by turning their old knockabouts in clothing into knockouts. In short, they are being patriotic by salvaging everything in their wardrobes to eliminate buying anything made with or from vital war materials which they can get along without, to help win the peace.

They are learning to make their old clothes look like new through a thimbleful of dressmakers' alteration and restyling tricks — such as the lengthening or shortening of hems or sleeves in dresses, skirts, and coats; eliminating "bagginess" at the back, taking in waists, and reclaiming used wool garments. So that time will be used to best advantage in war work, however, the clubsters are considering the following points before altering and restyling a garment: Is the original fabric good enough to survive the change? Is the color becoming — if not, can it be dyed? Is the style adaptable to the change?

The girls are receiving training in establishing a "second front" with their old garments in connection with the National 4-H Clothing Achievement contest, in which the Spool Cotton Company is cooperating with the Extension Service in stimulating interest by providing county, State and national awards for outstanding accomplishments, exhibits, and demonstrations of the participant's handiwork.

Recognitions for superior work by the clothing achievement clubsters include gold medals for county winners, and all-expense trips to the 21st National 4-H Club Congress to be held in Chicago, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, for State honor recipients. Twelve college scholarships of \$200 each will be presented to a blue award group comprising two winners from each of the four extension sections and four at large.

Mrs. Albert Batten Gets Letter From Son, James

Mrs. Albert T. Batten, of Selma, was in the office of The Johnstonian-Sun Monday and showed us a letter she had just received from her son, Tech. James T. Batten, written somewhere in Africa on September 8th. James wrote his mother that he had changed address since writing her last, but that he liked it much better where he was now located. Said they had a nice camp and a fairly good town to go to. He wrote her "We are doing an important job and it is a military secret, but I am in a safe place and getting along fine."

Selma People Hear From Son In Pacific

Mr. Jesse M. Reeves of Selma, received a telegram Monday from San Diego, California, dated September 20, which reads as follows: "Dear Folks, Just left Jesse. He is okey and in good health. He said to give you his love. Tell all his friends hello." The above telegram was from a friend of Cpl. Jesse O. Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Reeves of Selma, who is in the armed forces some where in the Pacific.