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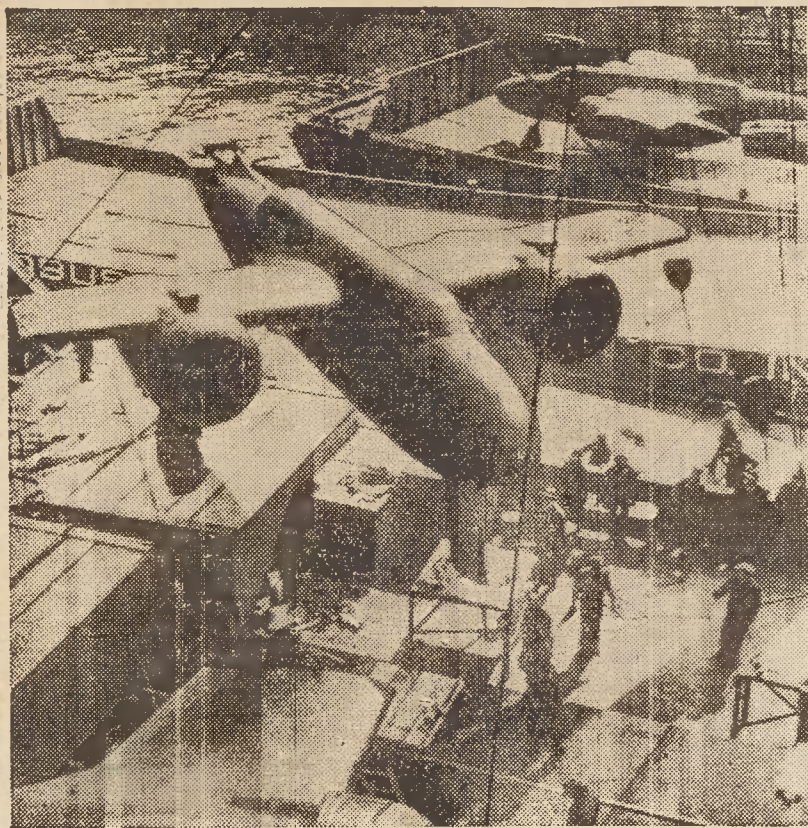
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## Ready for Shipment to America's Allies



American planes provided through the lend-lease act are shown being made ready for shipment to an un-named American city, destined for shipment to Allied ports. These planes are packed in weather resistant coatings to assure safe arrival. (Soundphoto-Office of War Information.)

## Young Man Kills Self With Gun Sunday

**Calypso Man Mentions to Friend About Jumping Off Water And Then Draws Pistol From Pocket And Fires Bullet Into Right Side of Head—Occurred Near Princeton.**

John Jones, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Jones, of Calypso, died of self-inflicted bullet wounds at the home of Mrs. Sallie Wallace near Princeton Sunday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, Johnston County Coroner E. N. Booker reported.

After an investigation Coroner Booker ruled the death a suicide and sad no request will be held. The shooting was witnessed by several persons. According to witnesses, Jones was standing on the porch at the home of Mrs. Wallace about a half-mile south of Princeton. He remarked to a friend: "How about going on top of the city water tank and jumping off?"

His friend replied, "No, I don't care to."

"Well, how about doing this?" Jones said, and pulled a .32 caliber pistol from his pocket and fired through the right side of his head.

Jones died about two hours later at Johnston County Hospital.

Coroner Booker said Jones had been driving a truck for a Goldsboro firm and was spending the week-end in Princeton.

Funeral services and burial for Jones were held at Sunset Memorial Park, near Smithfield, Monday afternoon.

## District Union League Convention Coming

The District Union League Convention will be held with the Selma Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, October 4, 1942.

Theme—Victory Through Faith. Scripture—Matt. 21:21.

Song—Faith of Our Fathers. 2:30—Devotional, by Raines Cross Roads League.

2:45—Welcome, by Kathleen Starling.

2:50—Response, by Joe High of the Orphanage.

2:55—President's Remarks. 3:00—Business.

3:30—Special Music, by Pine Level League.

3:40—Convention Sermon, by the Rev. J. A. Evans.

4:00—Playlette—The Lad and His Loaves, by Selma League.

4:15—Business.

4:30—Benediction.

## Mr. and Mrs. Payne Return To Selma

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Payne have returned to Selma from Superior, Wisconsin, where Mr. Payne was player and manager of that city's baseball club in the Northern League. Payne became manager in July, replacing Art Hanger, veteran baseball manager. The club climbed from seventh place to fifth place under Manager Payne's direction, failing to get in playoffs by less than one-half a game.

Payne, who was coach and teacher at Corinth-Holder, does not plan to return to Johnston county schools, but will go into defense work.

## Dr. Petry To Be At The Methodist Church

**Duke University Minister To Conduct Series of Services At Local Church, October 4th Through the 9th.**

Dr. Ray C. Petry, of Duke University will open the series of special services at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church Sunday morning at the 11:00 worship hour. He will use as his topic, "Jesus Christ Our Wisdom." The evening service at 8:00 will find Dr. Petry using the subject, "Some Admonitions For Christian Living."

During the week days Dr. Petry will be speaking at 9:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. These messages will be taken from the study of the Bible and from the great needs that arise out of a war torn world. People are asking as they never have before for the messages that will help them. We believe that the coming of a great Bible teacher to us at this time is a means of helping thinking people to be more Christian in their living.

The Methodist people would like to share all of these services with all the people of the community and the surrounding communities that would enjoy Dr. Petry's messages. We bid you welcome to the Gospel feast.

Sunday is the day set apart for World Communion. It is a time when the Christian people of the world can meet with Christ and share with Him and with one another in the great sacrament of the church. It is the one sacrificial service that all Christian people can share with a broken, bleeding, and dying world. We cannot come to this, His Service, with our young men and women upon the far places of the world without a prayer for them and a memory in our hearts, we feel as deeply the hungry, naked, sick people of the needy world. We will make our offerings at His table to help the Chaplains minister to the men in service and to meet the needs of the people where our church is at work.

O. L. HATHAWAY, Pastor.

## Primitive Baptists Hold Forth At Benson

**Little River Association Draws Large Crowd At Mt. Zion Church For Annual Association—Next Association To Be Held At Middle Creek In Southern Wake County.**

Benson, Sept. 29.—The Little River Primitive Baptist Association convened with the Mt. Zion church here on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 25, 26, and 27, 1942.

The following ministers were present and preached with a demonstration of power and in the Spirit of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, during the sitting of the association:

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. B. Parrish, followed by Elder Shepard Langdon, after which the following visiting ministers preached:

Elder J. T. Williams and Elder E. L. Cobb, from Black Creek Association; Elders T. M. Walker and N. T. Teasley, from Lower Country Line Association; Elder W. E. Jerrell, from Abbott's Creek Association; Elders J. W. Wyatt and Jack Pullum, from Lower Mayo Association; Elders L. A. Johnson, Gure Lee, and L. W. Turner, from Seven Mile Association; Elders R. W. Gurganus, E. E. Pollard, F. W. Rhodes, and L. L. Yoppe, from White Oak Association; Elder W. C. King, from Upper Country Line Association; Elder Joshua Mewborn, from Contentnae Association; Elders R. B. Benson and A. L. Robins, from Kehukee Association; Elder W. C. Edwards, from Bear Creek Association; Elder L. T. Tucker, from Salem Association.

Presiding officers of the association were Elder E. F. Pearce of Princeton, Moderator, and Elder T. Floyd Adams, of Willow Spring, Clerk.

The attendance was good throughout the association, and each day a long table was spread and an abundance of choice foods were served to the hundreds of people in attendance.

The next sitting of the association will be held with Middle Creek church in southern Wake county, on the Fourth Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September, 1943.

## Morgan White Gets Service Decorations

Morgan White son of Mrs. H. T. White of Selma, who has been spending some time here with his mother and other relatives and friends, was a visitor to the Johnstonian-Sun office Monday. He told us that he was on the aircraft carrier Lexington when it was bombed and sunk in the Coral Sea Battle some time ago. He said about dusk the day before the Lexington was bombed the Japs made an effort to land on the high aircraft carrier, thinking it was one of their own ships, but when their anti-aircraft guns went into operation four of the enemy planes were downed.

Morgan told us that the day the Lexington was bombed the air was speckled with Japanese dive bombers and fighter planes, and when the Lexington went down he drifted about in the water for two hours before being picked up by one of Uncle Sam's destroyers. He said only about 8 per cent of the personnel on the Lexington were lost when it sank.

Morgan is wearing three golden stars which represent three battles in which he has been. He enlisted in the Navy four years ago this coming January. When he returns to his post of duty about October 15th, his address will be: M. M. Morgan, V. T.—12, Care Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

## Miss Mary Louise Jeffreys On Program

Selma Kiwanians were entertained with two very delightful piano numbers by Miss Mary Louise Jeffreys on last Thursday evening. Her renditions were among the most up-to-date classics of the day, and were given with splendid skill at the keyboard. Miss Jeffreys was presented by her father, John Q. A. Jeffreys, who had charge of the program. Kiwanian Jeffreys said he was unsuccessful in getting a speaker for the occasion and invited his daughter in order that a program might be had.

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions recommending that more strenuous methods be invoked to curb the sales and drinking of intoxicating liquors among our people, especially among our soldier boys. Named on this committee were John Jeffreys, D. M. Clemmons and H. V. Gaskill.

The meeting this Thursday night will be Ladies' Night, when the club will entertain the local school faculty and the wives of club members and their sweethearts. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock. A prominent speaker and entertainer has been secured and a good program is assured.

John Bill Ricketts owned the first American circus and gave exhibitions in Philadelphia as early as 1792.

## Blackout Officials Did Good Job In Selma

### David J. Jones Is Killed By Train

**Clayton Man Killed Instantly When Struck by Train; Funeral Monday.**

Clayton, Sept. 27.—David J. Jones, 49, of Clayton was killed instantly Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock when he was struck by a Southern Railway train while walking along the tracks here.

Dr. E. N. Booker of Selma, Johnston County coroner, investigated and ruled that death was due to an unavoidable accident.

Jones was born in Fayetteville in 1892, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Jones. He was married to Martha Farris of Laurinburg in 1926 and moved to Clayton in 1940. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of Fayetteville.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha Farris Jones; two sons, David Thomas Jones of Clayton, and Woodrow Jones of Fayetteville; one daughter, Mrs. Louise Casper of Fayetteville; two brothers, Thomas Jones of Fayetteville, and Archie Jones of Norfolk, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Annie Strickland of Fayetteville.

Funeral services will be held from the late residence in Clayton Monday at 2 p. m., with the Rev. P. O. Lee, pastor of the Clayton Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Creek Mount Cemetery at Fayetteville.

## Scrap Drive Renewed Throughout the Nation

Have you heard about Uncle Sam needing scrap iron, steel, tin, rubber, aluminum, rags and various other things for war production?

From the way people have responded to previous calls, we had decided maybe they haven't heard about it—or didn't care anything about it. But if you have scrap materials and are not willing to give them up, it will, in all probability, become necessary for the Government to take them anyway, just as it is freezing all automobile tires, tubes and other things today.

A meeting was held in Smithfield Monday night under the direction of C. E. Bingham, chairman of the Johnston County Salvage Committee, with practically all sections of the county represented; and at this meeting it was decided to go after scrap with renewed energy. The Smithfield committee has adopted a plan to place a small flag in front of everyone's home or place of business who donates as much as 25 pounds of scrap to the war program. Surely every one should be able to contribute 25 pounds of scrap.

Prizes are being offered in the various counties to those salvaging the most scrap. In Johnston county any one who can lead in salvaging the most scrap will be awarded a \$50 war bond. By winning such a prize you will not only be helping the war production program, but yourself as well. In addition to the prize, your name will be heralded throughout the county and state as a leader in the cause for Victory. Get busy today.

## Cadet Earl Swain Becomes Lieutenant

Camp Lee, Va., Cadet Earl R. Swain, Selma, N. C., was recently graduated from the Officer Candidate Course of the Quartermaster School located at Camp Lee, Va., and received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

His class consisted of specially selected enlisted men of the Quartermaster Corps who demonstrated to their local commanders and selection boards that they possessed the qualities of leadership and initiative necessary for officers of the Quartermaster Corps.

The course consisted of intensive training in both military and basic Quartermaster subjects.

## Pvt. Jesse W. Stallings In Foreign Service

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stallings, parents of Pvt. Jesse W. Stallings, received a letter from him stating that he was "somewhere in England." He said he liked the country fine and the people were very nice.

He is a Radio operator on a Flying Fortress Bomber in the Army Air Corps.

Mud baths are sometimes taken as a remedy for rheumatism, gout and other ailments.

## Entire Town Thrown Into Total Darkness Almost Instantaneously—Chief Air Raid Warden W. D. Perkins and His Able Assistants Did Good Job.

The orders for a State-wide blackout on Tuesday night of this week were carried out to perfection by the Air Raid Wardens in Selma, under the direction of Chief Air Raid Warden W. D. Perkins.

The signal for a blackout came exactly at 9:15, and Chief Perkins had set up such a perfect organization that it was just like an automatic machine. At the first sound of the alarm most all lights seemed to go out instantly and simultaneously, and it was only a matter of seconds before the entire town was in utter darkness.

Air Raid wardens could be heard going up and down the streets in an effort to find someone "asleep at the switch," but without avail. The Main-drag was as dark as the jungles where electric lights are unknown in less time than it would take to tell it. News from Pine Level was that the people of that neighboring town heard the Selma warning, and that they, too, found themselves in utter darkness.

We took a peep up and down the streets but could see nothing but a sea of black, and it seemed that the stars and even the Milky Way were brighter than we had seen since the days of the oil lamp—W-A-Y B-A-C-K in the sticks many years ago.

## Back Home From Morehead City

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pendergraft and children, Barbara Dale, Gladys and Floyd, Jr., have returned from Morehead City, where they spent some time with Mrs. Pendergraft's sister, Mrs. H. C. Howard. They were accompanied by Mr. Jimmie Sanders of Smithfield.

## Clarence Brown Visits His Parents In Selma

Clarence Brown, who has been transferred to New Orleans from Puget Sound, Naval Base in Washington State, spent the week end here with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Brown, en route to New Orleans. Clarence is a pharmacist's Mate, fa.

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

"NEW FALL GOODS" is what we intended to say in WALT GODWIN'S advertisement last week, instead of "FEW FALL GOODS"—that "F" got in the "N" box, thus the bad mix-up—we apologize to WALT—We want to say right here that he has the New Fall Goods all right—and in a few days will have more as he is on the Northern Markets this week buying more goods for his big store in Selma—TROY HENRY and RAYMOND PEEDIN spent several days in Richmond this week on business—we asked TROY at the Union Station Monday just before he boarded the train if his wife sent RAYMOND along to look after him, "no," he replied, "RAYMOND'S wife sent me along to look after him"—W. B. GODWIN, JR., writes his dad from Oak Ridge, where he is attending Oak Ridge Military Institute, to send him some "heavies" and yarn socks, as the weather up that way was getting cold—"I'm getting along fine," he writes, "they'll make a man out of you here if you stick to it," he says—MR. E. M. GORDY, manager of the Brick Hotel, on Tuesday celebrated his birthday—he was 75 years young—"they put on a blackout over the entire State to celebrate my birthday," he said—he looks no older than a 60-year-old, if you could see him dance to the radio barn dance, you'd think he was younger than 60—to-night is the big night at the local Kiwanis Club, when the club plays host to the school teachers, and the wives and sweethearts of the Kiwanians—HAYDEN WIGGS will be in charge of the program—BILL CREECH has a window that is attracting the attention of everybody that passes the Selma Drug Company—dozens of photographs of Selma boys who are serving Uncle Sam in the Army, Navy and Marines, are on display—BILL wants the picture of all the Selma boys in the service, so bring your son's and let him display it along with the rest of them—glad to see EARL FUNDERBURK on the Maindrag this week—EARL is now stationed at Elizabeth City—the Maindrag sure was blacked out Tuesday night—not a glimmer of light anywhere to be seen.

## Small Tornadoes Hit In Johnston County

Early Sunday morning, according to our Wilson's Mills correspondent, a small tornado swooped down in that section and did considerable damage. For more detailed information about this storm, see Wilson's Mills news in another part of this paper.

The storm seemed to hit with greatest force in Elevation township where it swooped down in the Lassiter neighborhood.

In the Lassiter section, a tenant dwelling occupied by the family of Lee Sanders, colored, splintered into bits that were strewn over several acres. The roof, the walls and partitions, and even the chimney were completely blown away and only the flooring of the four-room house was left standing.

Five persons were in the dwelling when the storm struck and all miraculously escaped serious injury. Sanders was the worst injured, receiving a cut on his foot in addition to minor bruises.

The dwelling was owned by Russell Lassiter and was built before the Civil War by Lassiter's grandfather. The building stood at the old Lassiter homeplace until it was moved some years ago to serve as a tenant house. Lassiter's loss was estimated at \$500.

**Freak Results**

Bert Lassiter, Four Oaks banker and a brother of Russell Lassiter reported two freakish results of the storm. He said poultry wire was swept from the ground back of the Sanders home and was left hanging on an electric wire several hundred yards away. One of the Sanders bedsheets, he said, was found in the top of a tree some distance from where the dwelling stood.

## Sgt. John W. Avery Writes From England

Mrs. Walter Avery, of Selma, Route 1, received a letter from her son, Sgt. John W. Avery, who is somewhere in England, one day last week stating that he was getting along fine and not to worry about him. He assured his mother that he was getting along even better than she and her folks at home. He advised that everybody in the United States buy all the bonds that they can possibly buy.

Sergeant Avery has been in the Army about three years. He is believed to have been in England about one month. Sergeant Avery wrote his parents to tell all his friends to write to him, as he would be very glad to hear from any of them.

relation to its activities in the sale of Bonds to the public.

The above information was given out by J. F. Stevens, Chairman North Carolina League Defense Committee, Greensboro, N. C.

## Newspapers of State Offer Prizes For Scrap

Dear County Chairman:

All the newspapers of North Carolina are aware of the splendid work your committee and others in the state have done in the collection of scrap. At the request of Mr. Nelson, we are entering the picture in an active way to co-operate further with you. Beginning on October 1, and lasting through October 21, the newspapers of North Carolina are putting on a contest and drive for the collection of scrap metal.

The newspapers are giving away \$3,100 in prizes to be given to the counties collecting the most scrap per capita, to the individual and firm collecting the largest poundage of scrap, and also the Junior organization, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, etc., that collects the largest poundage.

It is the desire of the newspapers to make the people more scrap minded, and by donating extensive advertising and news stories in each issue during this period to increase the flow of scrap to you and your committee.

The newspapers through their committee, of which I happen to be chairman, will send you official contest receipt blanks and also Scrap Scout Badges for your local committee to use in giving receipts, and giving Scrap Badges to anyone bringing in 25 pounds or more. It is our hope that the newspapers publicity and advertising will greatly benefit the work of your committee. Your newspaper has a copy of the contest rules and will be glad to work with you in every way possible so that North Carolina will produce more scrap per capita than any other state in the Union.

Assuring you of the co-operation of the newspapers in your most important work, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
FRANK DANIELS, Chairman  
N. C. Newspaper Salvage Com. Committee.

## Buys Its Quota Of War Bonds

The Kenly Building and Loan Association has gone over the top in the purchase of War Savings Bonds in connection with the \$100,000,000 War Bond Purchase Program sponsored by the United States Savings and Loan League and the North Carolina Building and Loan League, according to a report from Mrs. Gladys K. Neighbors, Secretary, received at State League Committee headquarters today.

The national program calls for the purchase by all Associations of \$100,000,000 in bonds between June 30 and December 31. A quota of \$1,915,000 has been assigned to the North Carolina Associations, and in turn quotas have been assigned to each individual Association.

The Kenly Building and Loan Association is an approved issuing agency for the sale of War Bonds to the public, and the purchase of its quota of bonds for its own account has no