

# Help The War Effort by Early Christmas Shopping

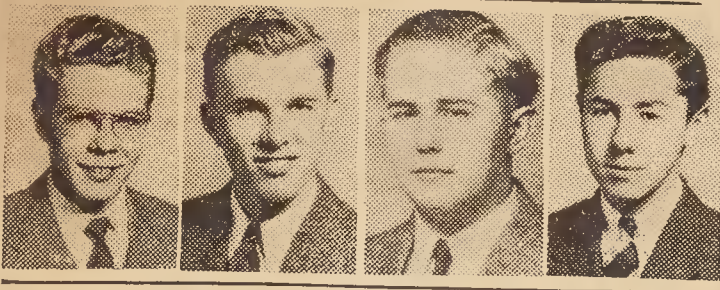
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## Selma Boy Honored



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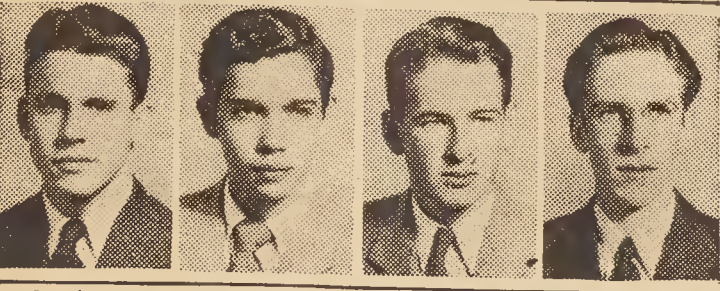
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Pictured here are eight leading students at State College, Raleigh, who have recently been initiated into Theta Tau, a national professional engineering fraternity. Purposes of the fraternity are to aid students professionally and to stimulate worthy engineering projects. Newly initiated members are: James S. Hepler, Greensboro; J. Herman Berrier, Lexington; C. A. Dillon, Jr., Raleigh; Robert N. M. Urash, Woodside, N. Y.; Richard K. Kennison, Jr., Raleigh; Donald S. Weaver, Raleigh; Chester A. Fisher, Ivanhoe; and Marion C. Sasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sasser of Selma.

## Selma Kiwanians Meet With Smithfield Club

The Selma Kiwanis club went to Smithfield Thursday night to join the Smithfield club in an inter-club meeting at the Gabriel Johnston Hotel.

The meeting was presided over by President Bill Joe Austin of the Smithfield club.

One of the outstanding features of the evening was the installation of Durwood Creech of the Smithfield club as Lieutenant Governor of the fourth division of the Carolinas District. The ceremony was performed by Retiring Lieutenant Governor Henry A. McKinnon of Lumberton.

Lieutenant Governor Creech made the main address of the evening, in which he outlined some of the Kiwanis objectives for the coming year. His address was well delivered and contained a broad and constructive program for 1944.

Although it may have been a little untimely, R. P. Holding, president of the First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., offered a motion that the meeting go on record as endorsing Lieut. Governor Creech for Governor of the Carolinas District in 1945. There were those who felt that to endorse a man for governor of the Carolinas district before he had been given an opportunity to demonstrate his leadership as lieutenant governor was rushing the thing most too fast. However there developed no open opposition to the proposal and the two clubs, along with visiting representatives from other clubs in the Fourth Division, voted unanimously for the proposal.

Lieut. Governor Creech is one of Smithfield's most outstanding young business men, and it is confidently expected that he will make a record as lieutenant governor unexcelled by his predecessors in that office.

A special feature of the evening's program was a son, "Builders We" by the Selma club, led by H. H. Lowry.

Prior to the inter-club meeting on Thursday night, there was a school held in the Gabriel Johnston Hotel during the afternoon, which was presided over by Lieutenant Governor Durwood Creech. The school was held for the benefit of newly elected officers from the various clubs in the Fourth Division of the Carolinas District, most of which were represented at this meeting.

Many phases of the work to be undertaken during the coming year were discussed, and information given as to the duties involved upon the various club officials. Among those who gave helpful suggestions were O. A. Tuttle of Selma, and G. W. Grier of Smithfield.

Talks were made by Glenn Grier of Smithfield, on the work of the board of directors; Dr. J. W. Whitehead of Smithfield, on programs and objectives; O. A. Tuttle of Selma, on the duties of the club president and other officers; Bill Joe Austin of Smithfield, on membership; Henry McKinnon of Lumberton, on the work of the lieutenant governor; H. C. McLaughlin of Raeford, and others.

Other members present from visiting clubs to attend the school were Emmanuel Sugar and J. F. Starling, from the Lumberton club; M. L. Stancil and Rudolph Howell, from the Selma club. Sanford and Fayetteville clubs were not represented.

## Interesting News From Micro Section

Pvt. Walter Burns returned to Palm Beach, Fla., Saturday after spending a 30-day furlough with his wife. Mrs. Burns returned to her school in Four Oaks Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Stancil of the Glendale section and Miss Alice Stancil of Wilson spent Sunday with their mother in the home of Millard Stancil.

Mrs. James Stevens of Lancaster, S. C. visited Mrs. C. W. Pearce Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Collier and son Curtis spent the week end in Burlington with Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Collier.

Sgt. Marvin T. Long of Camp Mackall, Mrs. Hattie Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. George Garner of near Selma and Miss Estelle Stancil of Warsaw were recent guests of Mrs. B. T. Long.

Mrs. Bettie Strickland and daughter Hilda of Princeton visited Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Strickland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Hinton and son visited friends in Kenly Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Batten of Smithfield spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Batten.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Boyette had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Holt of Princeton; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boyette of Rock Ridge and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Godwin of Kenly.

Miss Verlia Grey Stephenson of near Princeton was the week end guest of Miss Geraldine Pearce.

Sgt. Oliver Ausley, who has been in active service overseas, arrived in town Saturday where he will spend a 30 day furlough with his mother Mrs. L. M. Ausley.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gaddy, Jr., of Raleigh and Mrs. Leon McGraw and baby of Norfolk, Va., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gaddy.

Miss Nolia Jones of Princeton spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Jesse Robins.

Rudolph Langston is taking a special course at Middletown, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Childers of Wilson's Mills visited Mr. and Mrs. Bunyan Creech Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Crocker of Smithfield was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Boykin, during the week end.

Mrs. R. N. Hinnant left Friday night for Lewistown, Pa., to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Ray, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pittman visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Capps in Goldsboro Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Daniels visited her daughter, Mrs. Joe Stephenson in Smithfield Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Smith spent a few days last week in Fayetteville with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Pittman.

Miss Eva Mills of Wilkes Barre, Pa., returned to her home Monday after spending a few days with Mrs. Pete Mills and Mrs. J. E. Corbett.

Misses Gladys Richardson, Alma Ruffin, Elizabeth Crozier and John Howard Wellons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hinshaw in Chapel Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Wheeler Manning of Williamston spent Sunday with her parents Dr. and Mrs. M. Hinnant.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Crabtree of Archer Lodge section, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Crumpler and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Crumpler and son

## Blanket Of Snow Covers Large Area In East

Cold Wave Sweeping Down From Rockies Brings Heavy Snows and Bitter Cold to Large Area.

Selma and North Carolina lies under the first blanket of snow that has fallen in any considerable amounts this season.

A cold wave swept down from the Rockies early this week, bringing with it heavy snows and bitter cold to many sections of the country. Parts of New York State report the heaviest snowfall in 30 years, while many other localities were hit equally as hard. Temperatures have registered from 20 below zero in the northwest to near the zero level in many northern and northeastern states.

Sunday was a fine day in Selma, with clear skies and mild temperatures, but Monday brought lower temperatures and increasing cloudiness. Tuesday shortly after noon Selma had a light snow fall, which subsided until around midnight, then business began to pick up again, and by dawn Wednesday mother earth lay under a blanket of white to a depth of from two to three inches and temperatures ranging in the middle to upper 20's. The Weather Bureau predicted Wednesday that by Thursday morning central North Carolina would have temperatures ranging around 12 to 15 degrees, with clearing skies.

All day Wednesday there was more or less snow in the air, but at no time did it reach the proportions of a real blizzard. Roads and streets were slippery and cars and trucks were hard to keep under control; and pedestrians had to watch their step lest their feet would glide from under them instantaneously.

## Selma Grocery Stores Are Warned By OPA

Selma grocerymen are not immune from the hazards and hardships being imposed on various types of business by the OPA.

Only recently two of our grocerymen have been ordered to stop the sale of rationed meats, fats, oils and canned goods for violation of the commodity ceiling price regulations, Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh district OPA director, said.

The two Selma stores listed were John V. George, doing business as L. George Grocery, which has been issued a suspension order on rationed meats, fats, oils and canned goods for a period of 30 days with three days active beginning December 27. During the first three days of the suspension period George cannot buy, sell, accept or exchange rationed meats and canned goods.

The other Selma store against which a suspension order has been issued is W. E. Jones, doing business as Jones & Deans grocery. The suspension order is for 30 days with three days active beginning January 3 on all rationed meats and processed foods. During the first three days of the order he cannot buy, sell, exchange, or accept rationed meats and processed foods.

The orders were issued by Chief Hearing Commissioner Daniel L. Bell of Atlanta, Ga., on charges that the two Selma stores sold tomato juice, ham, pork liver, canned tomatoes, and canned milk over the community ceiling prices.

## Christmas Program At Kiwanis Meet

Kiwanian Vernon Wiggs, who will have charge of the program tonight (Thursday), has arranged a special Christmas program. All Kiwanians are urged to be present.

of Kenly were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Crumpler Sunday.

Truett Jones of Portsmouth, Va., is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jones, near town.

Pvt. Vaden Aycock of Camp Breckenridge, Mass., is spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aycock near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Worley Wall spent Sunday in the Glendale section guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyette.

Friends are glad to know Miss Edith Grey Wall is steadily improving from an appendicitis operation Saturday in the Goldsboro Hospital.

Friday evening Miss Derucha Gay entertained the Intermediate League class of the F. W. B. Church at a Christmas party in the music room of the Micro school. Christmas decorations were used effectively. Games and contests were enjoyed by the young folks. Fruits were served later.

Services at the Methodist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

## Selma Merchants Are Ready for Yule Season

(By H. H. LOWRY)

Old Santa Claus made an advance trip through Selma early this month and left hundreds of articles that will be used as Christmas gifts this year. Quietly and without fanfare he left the Yule articles at Selma stores and a close observance of the advertisements in this issue of The Johnstonian-Sun will disclose their source.

The war will have some effect on the gifts this year. For one thing, the trend will be toward the more serious things in gifts for adults, but as ever there will be toys for the kiddies.

Authorities agree that morale can be bolstered by giving the youngsters something that will make them happy, and Selma merchants are going to do their part in strengthening morale, both in kiddies and adults.



## RATIONING GUIDE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13th CANNED FOODS

Green A, B and C (Book 4) expire December 20.

FUEL OIL

Period 1 coupons good through January 3, 1944. Period 2 coupons now valid for 10 gallons per unit.

GASOLINE

A-8 coupons expire February 8, 1944.

MEATS, FATS

Brown Stamps L, M, N, and P expire January 1.

SHOES

No. 18 (Book 1) valid indefinitely. Plane stamp No. 1 (Book 3) now valid.

SUGAR

No. 29 (Book 4) good for five pounds through January 15, 1944.

## Selma Township Remits \$1,724.60 To War Fund

Raleigh H. Griffin, treasurer of the United War Fund for Selma township, is in receipt of a card from Sam T. Anderson of Clayton, acknowledging receipt of \$1,724.60 which has been credited to Selma's allotment of \$1,743.60. The card, dated 12-9-43, reads as follows:

"Your check for \$1,724.60 has been credited with other funds for the United War Fund. Our chairman, Mr. Page, expects to send this on to State or National Headquarters before the 15th. I know of no plan to return a part of this to each community. You are the only one who has raised the question with me."

Mr. Griffin says Selma township raised a total of \$2,023.44 during the drive, and that the amount retained for local purposes was \$298.84. He said the goal which the local committee set out to raise was \$300 above the National quota for Selma township, but that since we lacked \$19.00 of raising that amount, therefore Mr. Griffin said he let the local committee lose their prorata amount of the \$19.00 necessary to meet the full quota.

## Navy Recruiter Makes Announcement of Dates

Navy Recruiter John Stallings announces that the Recruiter will be at the Clayton post office on Monday, December 20; at the Selma post office on Tuesday, December 21, and at the Smithfield post office on Wednesday, December 22.

He says a group of Johnston county boys are going in the Navy on Monday, December 27, and young men, age 17 are urged to see the Recruiter on this trip and make plans to leave with this group on December 27.

He also announces that women, ages 20 to 36, are urged to see the Recruiter about the WAVES, and find out about the WAVE College training.

## Candlelight Service At Presbyterian Church

The Selma Presbyterian church was the scene of a very impressive candlelight service Sunday evening, under the supervision of Mrs. Raleigh Griffin and the Rev. Howard F. Newman. The service was one of the most impressive ever held at this church, and was largely attended. Everyone went away with high praise of the occasion.

## Christmas Program At Church of God

The public is cordially invited to attend a Christmas program on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd at the Church of God, located next to Good Will club. Come and enjoy the blessings of God. Service will begin at 7:30.

REV. E. H. BABB, Pastor

## Deep-Sea Diving Fatal To Lieut. W. C. Bowen

Lieut. W. C. (Pete) Bowen of the U. S. Naval Reserve died late Wednesday of last week in an accident while on a training assignment in the Potomac River near Washington, D. C. The accident occurred about 4:00 p. m. while the naval officer was on a deep sea diving assignment. The body was raised to the surface and he was pronounced dead at 6:00 p. m.

Funeral rites were held in Smithfield Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Lt. Bowen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bowen, conducted by the Rev. B. H. Houston, pastor of Centenary Methodist church of which the deceased was a member. The Rev. J. J. Boone of Graham, a former pastor, assisted in the services.

Interment took place in Sunset Memorial Park near Smithfield, where the final rites were conducted by Chaplain Grovneau, Lutheran minister from Ohio, of the Naval Pre-Flight School at the University of North Carolina. Nine members of the pre-flight school, including a firing squad and a bugler, participated in the service.

The flag-draped casket was borne to the grave through an aisle formed by the firing squad and the boy scout troop of which Lt. Bowen was the scoutmaster before entering the service. Following the commitment service and prayer the firing squad fired a salute to the dead, and then the bugler sounded taps.

Active pallbearers were members of the Pou-Parrish post of the American Legion, as follows: G. A. Allen, Dr. J. W. Whitehead, H. M. Austin, Ira C. Whitley, B. G. Mattox, E. L. Woodall and C. P. Day.

Surviving are Lt. Bowen's wife, the former Miss Emily Lou Wellons; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bowen; and one sister Mrs. Walter Parker; and maternal grandmother, Mrs. P. H. Holland.

For those who have to travel by automobile to do their buying Selma offers a central location for the entire county and shortages of gasoline and tires will bring a large number of shoppers to Selma this year. This is predicted because many people who in former years traveled to other towns, will not do so this year.

There'll always be a Christmas, and this year though many homes are broken up and scattered because of the war, it will be a holiday season for young and old alike, and we are thankful that it can be so.

One of the effects of the war at this season is that the shopping season has been pushed forward, perhaps, partly due to the necessity for mailing packages in advance.

In the Johnstonian-Sun today merchants are listing the holiday values they are offering people in this trading area, and undoubtedly many will take advantage of the opportunity to do their Christmas shopping at home, thereby saving gasoline and tires and giving one hundred per cent cooperation to the local merchants who are doing their best to serve their patrons.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertising columns, and suggest that a study of the values will save time and money in holiday shopping.

War Bonds should be on everyone's shopping list this Christmas. Plenty of Bonds under plenty of Christmas trees this year are the best insurance there is to guarantee that we will have Christmas trees and Christmas celebrations in the years to come. The Christmas spirit which makes the Christmas season so joyous in this country would quickly die if we lost the things we are fighting to preserve in this war.

Only so long as we can live as free men and women, can we celebrate the "peace on earth, good will to men" theme which pervades our nation at Christmas time.

## Cpl. Elton Pridgen Visits His Mother Here

Cpl. Elton Pridgen, who is stationed near Jackson, Mississippi, left for his army base Monday afternoon after spending a few days here with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Pridgen. Corporal Pridgen spent a few months near Los Angeles, California prior to being transferred to Mississippi a few weeks ago. He said he liked California the best of any state he had been in except North Carolina. While stationed in California he visited Los Angeles, Hollywood and many other places of interest.

## Miss Jean Davis On College Program

Miss Jean Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Davis of Selma, appeared as one of the two soloists on the Meredith College Candlelight Carol Service in the college auditorium at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. The program was broadcast over Station WPTF Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Jean also holds the position of choir librarian.

War-time shortage still exists in some lines to be sure, but many articles have not been affected and are on shop and store shelves waiting for the shopper to come and get their choice.

Merchants through their advertisements are listing many items as suggested gifts, both for families and friends outside the family. Toys, clothing, jewelry and gifts along the toilet line promise to be popular this year.

Changing styles in clothing offers various opportunities for the shopper to get gifts for all members of a family.

A visit to stores selling men's and ladies' wear will solve many a problem, while wants of the youngsters can pretty well be taken care of at the dime stores, hardware stores, or the department stores. Drug stores will help many shoppers with problems on their hands.

Practical minded people will continue to shop wisely this Christmas and in that event the household furnishings will be prominent on their lists when the furniture stores are visited.

Already the Christmas spirit is beginning to creep through the air, especially when decorated windows are passed, and it's certainly not too late to pay a visit to the store or stores of your choice and make Christmas selections.

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## Notice Of Death Is Received By Wire

A telegram received this (Thursday) morning by Editor M. L. Stancil of The Johnstonian-Sun reads: "Newport News, Va., Dec. 15..... Mrs. J. Stancil passed away 10:30 P. M. Wednesday. Funeral from Latter Day Saints Chapel, Nahunta, 1:00 p. m. Friday. Interment family cemetery."

(Signed) HERBERT A. STANCIL

Make it a thrifty CHRISTMAS - give WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.