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Children Enjoy Summer Story Hour Sponsored By Selma Woman's Club

A library is always a welcome retreat and when the sun beats down on streets and lawns no other recreation offers a more tempting place to relax.



Dozens of children have gathered each Tuesday and Thursday morning in the library at the Woman's Club Building. They hear stories told and enjoy them. They check out books and read them.

Realizing that children need a guiding hand in selecting suitable reading material this summer library work is being sponsored by the Selma Woman's Club. A special committee directs the work and through the cooperation of local volunteers the Tuesday morning programs have been very successful. On Thursday mornings, Miss Edith Stafford, summer worker for the Johnston County Library, has been present to entertain the children with stories selected to please their fancies. Each school age child has been given a book in which to record books read. By this record a certificate from the county library will be given when fifteen books have been finished.

To encourage and build the interest of the children attending the story hour surprises have been planned along the way. Attractive bookmarkers were given to each child who registered for the program. "Keys to Story Land" have been given at different stages. The bright colored keys, cut from heavy paper, are given for each three books read. A child with five keys is entitled to a reading certificate.

Plans to have each child who reads the required number of books ride on a float in the Johnston County Farmcade are also included in the program. The children will wear the keys they earn around their necks and also a paper hat with a star for each book read.

Appealing to the delight and enjoyment of the children, members of the Woman's Club have generously donated and served refreshments at the close of each morning session. The splendid cooperation of both club members and the citizens who have contributed their services has gone hand in hand to make the summer library program a success. This success can be measured not only by the good attendance, but it is assured that the children of Selma have been given every opportunity to get acquainted with good books.

Double Parking Is Traffic Problem

Chief E. R. Tolley of the Selma Police Department has a daily headache that aspirin will not touch. That is the way citizens of the town double park their cars in the business district.

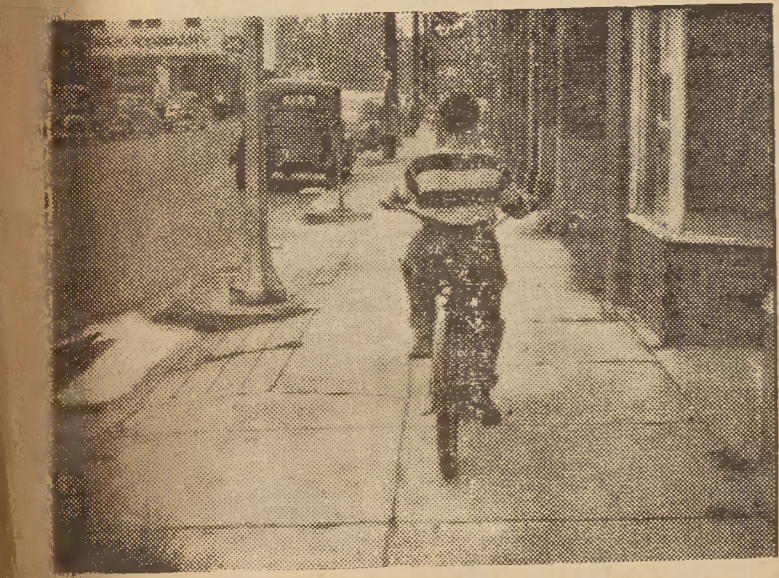
"The law is lenient on double parking in Selma," stated the chief, "but don't take advantage of it or you might get a ticket."

According to Tolley, the worst offenders are those who pull up beside a vacant parking space and leaving their cars parked in the middle of the street.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. H. V. Payne of Selma is a patient at the Johnston County Hospital following a major operation Monday. She is responding to treatment nicely.

Riding On the Sidewalks of Selma Must Stop



Chief E. R. Tolley announced this week that the town ordinance which prohibits the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks of Selma would be rigidly enforced in the main business section, which consists of four blocks. He stated that the worst offenders were girls and boys. The fine for riding on the sidewalks ranges from \$1 to \$25 for each offense.

Farmers Warned of Export Slump Large Crowd At Perkins Reunion

Washington. — The Agriculture Department told American farmers to expect a cut-back—possibly a "painful" one—in exports of farm products.

The warning was voiced in "The Agricultural Situation," an official publication which the department mails each month to its thousands of "crop reporting" farmers scattered throughout the country.

Writing in the August issue, Fred J. Rossiter, assistant chief of the department's foreign office, forecast:

1. A "substantial drop" in farm exports unless the current "dollar shortage" abroad improves in the next few years.
2. "Some decline" in farm exports, even if the dollar shortage is erased.

Rossiter noted that the American farmer has expanded production in recent years to the point where he can feed Americans far better than before the war, and still yield big surpluses for export.

"The 'growing pains,' he said, 'probably were less painful than the 'reducing pains' that will come from cutting down our farm output because of smaller takings by foreign countries."

American farm exports have been kept at present high levels only because foreign aid and relief programs have subsidized exports. The severe postwar food shortage abroad also forced foreign nations to spend more of their scarce dollars on American farm products.

Now, he said, many nations "are looking to some other areas for their agricultural imports, or are subsidizing their own farmers in an attempt to become self-sufficient."

Rossiter said Britain's recent decision to halt temporarily all buying of United States goods is symptomatic of a general worldwide dollar shortage. It is not a new problem, he said, having arisen first after World War I when this country first began exporting more goods than it imported.

"It is one of our toughest economic problems right now," he said, adding that it is "likely to trouble us for some time to come."

The 34th annual Perkins Family reunion met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Perkins, Goldsboro, Route 2, in the Stevens Mill Community with over 150 present to enjoy the day meeting and shaking hands with relatives and friends and looking forward to a bountiful dinner of barbecue, fried chicken, cakes, pies and lemonade and all goodies served at 1 o'clock.

The program began at 11 o'clock with devotional period. The congregation sang "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" followed by the scripture reading by Mrs. Martha Perkins Brown of Wallace, The Rev. J. J. Hollowell of Mount Olive gave the invocation.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Isaac Perkins the hostess and Jasper Perkins of Richmond, Va., gave the response.

Special music was rendered by the Rev. J. C. Trivett and Miss Edith Trivett of Goldsboro. Little Miss Nancy Rose of Lucama played a piano solo.

Mr. Hubert Hall of Rosewood brought the address of the day. He compared the Christian Life to a ball game. He brought out how temptation can strike you out, but how Jesus can bring you in home. He ended his remarks with these words: "I live in a little house, but the door is opened wide, I live in a little house, but the wide world is outside."

B. H. Hinnant of Kenly presented a recitation, "Just Me!" The Rev. Ben Brown of Wallace made a few remarks. Jasper Perkins of Richmond, Va., and Dr. P. K. Perkins of Annapolis, Md., made short talks.

The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Frank Andrews of Goldsboro. A quartet composed of Miss Edith Trivett and the Rev. J. C. Trivett of Goldsboro, Mrs. Ben Brown of Wallace and Kinney Perkins of Blatten rendered the hymn, "Dear to the Heart of God" as bewails were heard for Mrs. Sarah Parker Pate of Goldsboro. Mrs. Minnie Sasser Bartlett and W. H. Bartlett of Belfast, Curtis Howell of Wilson, Leroy Wells, Jr., of Adamsville and our own dear president and founder of the Perkins family reunion, Mrs. Mollie P. Perkins.

The reunion program closed with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Trivett of Goldsboro. The following officers were elected during the business session, Albert Perkins, Goldsboro, president; Mrs. Lee Perkins, Goldsboro, Route 2, vice president; Mrs. M. E. Draughon, Kenly, secretary; and K. D. Perkins, Pikeville, master of ceremonies and Walter Perkins, Goldsboro, Route 2, Treasurer.

New Power Line Be Erected Soon

Selma's town board has approved a Water and Light Department project, submitted by Superintendent W. K. Brown, to build a new transmission, or feeder, line across town at an estimated cost of \$2,800. The action was taken when the board met in monthly session in the city clerk's office Friday night.

The new heavier line will proceed on a more direct course across town from the Light Plant to the Pump House, this insuring current for the pumps, picking up low voltage now evident at home overloaded points and permitting repairs at smaller stations without cutting off all he current.

Superintendent Brown said the new line, which he hopes will be completed in October, will have only one turn, proceeding from the plant one block before turning into Waddell Street which will then be followed to the Pump House. The present single line zigzags across town. The most important function of the heavier line, said Brown, will be to guarantee continuous current to the water pumps.

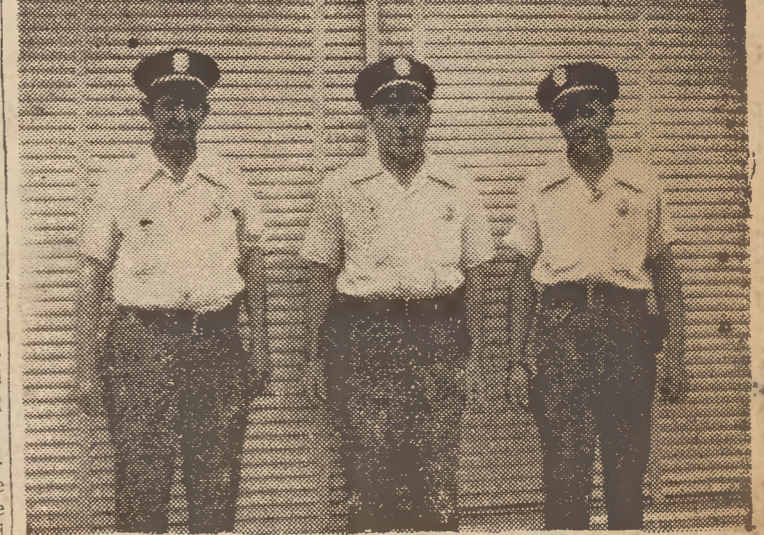
Other action taken by the board was to direct City Clerk M. R. Wall to write a letter to the State Utilities Commission, expressing the Selma board's protest against the pending petition of the Southern Railway to discontinue Trains 13 and 14 between Goldsboro and Raleigh.

Wall showed a letter from Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce Secretary James Butler, inviting concerted action by town boards, civic clubs, farm groups and all other affected organizations in presenting the Utilities Commission valid reasons—such as delay in mail, freight and passenger service—why the trains should not be discontinued.

The resignation of C. W. Straughan, effective July 18, as city tax collector and meter reader was accepted by the board members. No action was taken on employing a successor to Straughan. His duties as meter reader will be performed for the present by other members of the water and light department.

Wall gave a financial report, stating that tax collections have been good to date, and that collec-

Selma Police Are One Year Ahead



News Item—"History was made in Roanoke Rapids when the City Commissioners authorized sport shorts for city policemen next summer." The Selma Police Department shown above has been wearing sport shirts for a month. The above officers are, from left to right: C. A. Ryals, Percy Moore and Chief E. R. Tolley.

Venerable Disease Drive In County

Inauguration of venerable disease control program in Johnston and Harnett Counties by the U. S. Public Health Service in cooperation with the County Health Departments in each county is announced here today. Johnston County has become one of the 35 counties in North Carolina selected to show how venerable disease can be controlled. The program aims at finding all the V. D. contacts, particularly Syphilis, and bringing them to treatment and cure.

Dr. Grady stated that this program is being carried on without expense to the county. Salary and travel of the representative are paid by the U. S. Public Health Service.

It will be administered in this area by Gerald F. Hunt of Syracuse, New York as a special venerable disease investigator. Trained in the Kelsey-type method by Dr. Robert Kiny, author of the famous "Sexual Behavior of the Human Male," Mr. Hunt arrived in North Carolina only recently from Washington, D. C. where he completed his training at Gallinger Hospital. A native of Syracuse, Mr. Hunt attended public schools in E. Syracuse and was graduated with an A.B. degree in political science and economics from Syracuse University. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II. Prior to employment with the U. S. Public Health Service, Mr. Hunt was employed by the Post Office Department and the Army Engineers.

Donald Lederman of the Venerable Disease Control Division, a representative of the State Board of Health, brought Mr. Hunt to Smithfield to meet Dr. E. S. Grady, Johnston County Health Officer. Mr. Lederman is State Field Consultant.

The V. D. files of the Health Department will be turned over to Mr. Hunt whose duty it will be to follow up on each of those treated. Whenever a person is found with V. D. in the clinics or elsewhere, the person will be interviewed for information leading to the origin of the case. The other persons will be called on end requested to take treatment and will be subject to criminal indictment and prosecution for failure to do so. It should be pointed out, though, that most diseased persons cooperate very well and that it has been necessary to bring indictment in only a few cases in Johnston County.

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New Telephone Directories Here

A new telephone directory, which contains for the first time a semi-classified section, many new changed listings, and other helpful telephone information has just been distributed in Selma. The semi-classified section lists, alphabetically under appropriate headings, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of business and professional telephone subscribers in the city.

Approximately 740 new directories have been delivered to homes and offices, according to J. W. Campbell, Manager for the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

The new directory has a green cover, which makes it easily distinguishable from old grey-covered telephone books.

Mr. Campbell asks that telephone users refer to the new directory for the desired number. He also asks that they avoid the possibility of getting a wrong number, and frequently saves time for the calling party as well as the party who might be called in error. Consulting the directory also helps make the best use of already crowded central office equipment. "Information" should be called only when the desired number is not listed in the directory.

The new semi-classified section is a convenient source of useful business information. It will provide telephone users with a comprehensive and convenient guide arranged to render a "Where to But It" reference for the public.

Safety First

Several days ago a truck smashed into the rear of Leon Brown's Ford car, which he uses to deliver mail on Route 1, Selma. While getting the car repaired he had a red stop light mounted on the rear. The new light is almost as large as a dinner plate.

ARRIVE IN S. A.

Mrs. J. T. Hughes has received a cable announcing the safe arrival of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James C. French in Maracibo, Venezuela, South America. They expect to reside there one and one-half years and return to the states.

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Aged Negro Takes First Airplane Ride



When Percy Flowers, Jr., (left) of Route 2, Clayton, recently received his flying license, his first good turn was to take Bynum Watson (right) age 75 of Route 2, Clayton up for an airplane ride. Pilot Flowers put the plane through one loop and two spins, without Watson showing the least sign of nervousness. This was Watson's first flying experience and he likes it. Flowers was taught to fly by Bradley Sasser, manager of the Johnston County Flying Service at the Selma airport.

To Remain Open

Beginning Wednesday of next week all of Selma's business houses will remain open until 5:30 p. m. Beginning in the early summer the local stores closing at 12:30 o'clock on Wednesdays to give their employees the afternoon off. It is the usual custom the half holidays terminate just before the tobacco market opens.

Conditions and expenditures are normal and according to the budget. The clerk was further directed to advertise unpaid 1948 taxes on August 25, 1949.

Mayor B. A. Henry presided over the board session which saw every member present. Other than Henry they were Finance Commissioner Joe A. Creech, Building Commissioner Dr. W. H. Lassiter, Water and Light Commissioner: A. L. Langley and Street Commissioner E. V. Deans.