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## Selma Man In Squadron That Flew Over Saturday

Lieut. J. C. Diehl, executive officer and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Diehl of Selma, was flying one of the planes that flew over Selma Saturday morning at 8:50 o'clock. The planes were Reserve Attack Squadron 62-E of the Norfolk Naval Air Station and were on routine flight.

The group recently won the Noel Davis trophy for the second consecutive year. The Norfolk Virginia-Pilot recently carried a one column story and a three column photo of 12 members of the squadron. Lieutenant Diehl was in the group.

The Norfolk paper's account of the squadron is as follows:

The Norfolk Naval Air Station was "the reserve station having the highest standing in efficiency, smartness, and completeness of training" in the fiscal year 1949. Three of its four types of reserve squadrons included the best performers in the Navy during the same year.

This announcement of Norfolk's near-jackpot in Naval Reserve awards—the Edwin Francis Conway Trophy for the entire station, and three out of five Noel Davis trophies for the squadrons—was made yesterday by the Department of Defense in Washington.

It was the second consecutive Noel Davis for Attack Squadron 62-A here. The other Norfolk reserve units receiving top honors in the annual competition were Fighter Squadron 62-E and Fleet Aircraft Service Reserve Squadron 65. Patrol Squadron 62, a winner year, was nosed out this time by Patrol Squadron 56, of Jacksonville, Fla. Norfolk had no transport squadrons in that class, they were taken by Transport Squadron 73, of Columbus, Ohio.

Since last Monday the winning units have been at sea engaged in an operation the Navy considers as interesting as prize-winning carrier landings. For all pilots the deck of the carrier Saipan was the first they had hit since the war for one. Lt. (jg) R. Hunt, USNR, of Hampton, it was the first ever.

Coming to roost on a flattop is an accomplishment for anybody, and especial feat for "week-end warriors" who practice with an imaginary carrier at a land field (a "field carrier") one week-end per month, according to an Air Reserve spokesman here.

To land at sea, a pilot must approach with his tail hook lower than his undercarriage. The hook engages an arresting cable and the wheels bump down with a bang. Shoulder straps hold the pilot back and saves him from a bloody nose against the instrument panel as his plane reduces speed from 60 to zero miles per hour in seconds.

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## Johnston Girl Guest Mt. Airy

Miss Betty Gwyn Johnson, queen of the Farmcapped Day of Johnston County, was a guest at the Farmer's Day Jubilee at Mount Airy last Thursday.

Miss Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnson, of Smithfield, Route 3, accompanied their daughter and shared with her the hospitality accorded them at the Blue Ridge Hotel, and the festival events of the day.

Miss Johnson rode in the parade, was among the guests at the luncheon attended by the Honorable Clyde Hoey, of Washington, City, and North Carolina's own governor, and the Honorable Kerr Scott.

On Thursday evening she attended the Rotary Club dance.

The Johnston County queen together with a representative from South Carolina was among the judges to select the queen of the Farmer's Day here. Miss Mabel Mosley, Route 1, Mount Airy, received this honor.

Miss Gwyn is a member of the first grade of the Wilson's Mills school.

## Awarded Range

Pine Level Woman's Club awarded an electric range last afternoon. See story and photo on the back page.

## New Modern Kindergarten Opens In Selma



First row, from left to right—Linda Woodard, Bradley Sasser, Jr., Rebecca Thompson (visitor), Sammy McMillan, Lanie Price, Terry Norton (visitor) and Dickie Wiggs. Second row, from left to right—Charlotte Thompson, Mary Lee Thompson, Carolyn Strickland, Lynn Canady, Caro Gray, Bobbie Jean Bailey and Al Langley. Third row, from left to right—Phil Hoffman, Mer Peedin, Kathy Lassiter, Dan Crocker, Nona Thompson, Billy Norton. Adults—Mrs. Calime Barbee, (left) assistant and Mrs. Lolly W. Viams (right) school director.

## Congratulates Kindergarten Help



E. C. Jernigan, principal of the Selma High School is shown congratulating Mrs. Lolly W. Williams upon opening a much needed kindergarten in Selma. The photo was made at the entrance of the new school for little folk on west Waddell street.

A dream cherished and hoped for during her long teaching career, and which was shared by her late husband, has become a reality for Mrs. Lolly W. Williams, who opened a kindergarten Monday in her new home on West Waddell street in Selma.

Plans were made, and blue prints drawn several years ago, for a home that would include a kindergarten, and these plans took shape and form this past Spring in Selma, when Mrs. Williams was persuaded, by several mothers of small children, that a "nursery school" would be met by her.

The entire right side devoted to the development and enjoyment of the children. The large, cheerful room is wall papered with figures of boys and girls marching to the accompaniment of drums, horns and other musical instruments.

The modern equipment includes five especially built tables, together with 30 matching chairs, a blackboard, record player, a small portable organ, an upright rack holding red colored spoons, a device which will help the children to learn to count quickly. A large framed board containing circles, which they will learn to identify by color, and numerous books designed particularly to attract the attention of the pre-school age child.

The appreciation of Nature will be fostered through a large aquarium, which houses several goldfish, and an equally large terrarium, containing plants of different kinds. These, together with a brightly painted flower box, complete with a trellis for growing vines, combine to create an effect of Children's Fairyland.

Everything has been designed for efficient operation, and for the convenience of the children. (See A Page Four)

## Happy Birthday

- Sept. 20—Mrs. Mary Lee Eason.
- Sept. 21—Mrs. B. W. Spencer.
- Sept. 21—Mrs. Frank Thornton.
- Sept. 22—Curtis Batten.
- Sept. 22—G. W. Peedin.
- Sept. 22—Dolphus Brown.
- Sept. 22—Earl Bass.
- Sept. 23—Norman Creech.
- Sept. 23—Mrs. Wilbur Wiggs.
- Sept. 23—Wilton Pace.
- Sept. 23—Helen Williams.
- Sept. 24—J. F. Smith.
- Sept. 24—Sherwood Brown.
- Sept. 24—Mrs. J. D. Creech.
- Sept. 25—D. B. Oliver.
- Sept. 25—Mrs. Daisy Jones.
- Sept. 25—Mrs. J. O. Creech.

## Mrs. Edgerton Dies In Raleigh

Raleigh. — Mrs. Alma Wynne Edgerton, for many years a civic and church leader here died at 5:15 p. m. Tuesday at Tatton Hall, the home of her son, N. E. Edgerton, Jr., at 1625 Oberlin Road. She had been ill for sometime.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon (today) at 5 o'clock from the Edenton Street Methodist Church, and burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Dr. Howard P. Powell, the Edgerton Street pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. H. B. Baum, pastor of the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church of Selma.

Mrs. Edgerton was born near Falls of Neuse in Wake County, daughter of the late W. W. Wynne and Lucy Elizabeth Culbreth Wynne. In 1896 she married N. E. Edgerton of Selma. They moved to Raleigh in 1919, and she had made her home here since. She retained her membership in the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church in Selma, where she for years taught the men's Bible class named in her honor.

Mrs. Edgerton was a co-founder with her son, N. E. Edgerton, Jr., of the YMCA camp for boys, Camp Edgerton. She gave the 100 acres of land for the camp site, which is located near Falls of the Neuse.

Surviving are her son; her brother, Will A. Wynne, both of Raleigh; a granddaughter and several nieces and other relatives in Raleigh.

Members of her Sunday School class of the Selma church will be pallbearers, at the Thursday services. Trustees of the Methodist Orphanage here will be among the honorary pallbearers.

Members of the Alma Edgerton Bible Class of Edenton Street Church will attend the rites in a body, as will members of the Olla Poirdra Book Club.

## New Manager Takes Over Selma Theatre

Aubrey Winston was recently named manager of the Selma Theatre. He is the first manager for the local theatre since C. A. Creech served in this capacity in 1946.

Mr. Winston has been in the motion picture business for the past 10 years. He has held responsible positions with the Ambassador theatre in Raleigh and the motion picture house in Wake Forest.

For two years he received special training in theatre management through a specialized course of study. Rudolph Howell, of the Howell theatres feels fortunate in getting a man of Mr. Winston's qualifications.

## Scout Quarterly Meet Be Held In Smithfield

The third quarterly meeting of the Tuscarora Council Executive Board will be held at the Woman's Club in Smithfield, on September 21, at 7 p. m. The following men from Johnston County are members of this Board and will participate in the meeting: Zeb Hill, Sam Stallings, J. Hayden Wiggs, G. W. Grier, Sr., N. P. Williams, W. A. Davis, E. L. Woodall, Fred Hoyt, B. G. Mattox. Some very important business items pertaining to Council operation will be decided at this meeting.

The hardest job for a youngster is to learn good manners without seeing any.

## Beer-Wine Vote--Sept. 2

In Sunday morning's News and Observer, it was stated that Burke County had become the 33rd county in a year to discontinue the legal sale of wine and beer. Will Johnston County become the 34th? That answer will be given Tuesday when the voters of Johnston go to the polls to express their opinion.

The ABC system has been tried in Johnston County and found wanting. The time to rid the county of the evil of becoming a "dry" county is held by church members. Church members want the referendum, if it will be continued, it will not be continued. It will be a challenge to them to go and drive out this evil.

The referendum is laid down to you if you are a church member. Will you go to church? —Contributed.

The referendum on the sale of beer and wine in Johnston County will be held Tuesday, September 20, as scheduled.

Judge Walter J. Bone at a hearing in Harnett Superior Court in Lillington Wednesday afternoon dissolved a temporary restraining order obtained on the basis of a civil suit seeking to block the election.

"I am of the opinion there is no cause for continuing the restraining order in this case and I so hold," the judge stated simply after hearing arguments by counsel for more than two hours.

A few moments later Judge Bone signed an order which threw the suit out of court.

The civil suit was filed in Johnston Superior Court August 22 by A. M. Lyon and Heath Johnson of Smithfield. A temporary restraining order had previously been signed by Judge W. C. Harris, who set the date, time and place for the hearing of the matter.

## Boy Scout Hut Work Well Underway



Boy Scouts of Selma troop No. 32 and their parents are sponsoring the construction of a new Scout hut. The construction work is well under way. The building is being supervised by Emmet Price.

## Funeral Rites Held for E. J. Sasser

E. J. Sasser, 58, died at his home here Thursday at 4 a. m. after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held from Selma Missionary Baptist Church Friday at 3:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor, the Rev. H. B. Land, Jr. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park, Smithfield.

Surviving are his wife, the former Leona Farmer, one son E. J. Sasser, Jr., Selma; two daughters, Leona Sasser, member of high school faculty, Sanford, Janice Sasser, student at ECTC; four sisters, Mrs. J. M. Byrd and Mrs. Ira Jernigan of Goldsboro, Mrs. M. I. Swinson, Mount Olive, Mrs. Mamie Singleton of Richmond Va.; one brother, G. H. Sasser, Mount Olive.

Mr. Sasser was a member of the Junior order and had served as town official for 15 years.

## Selma Bargain Day--Saturday

Selma merchants will hold their first Bargain Day of the year on Saturday of this week. Thirty business houses have as many special values listed in a page advertisement appearing on page three of this edition.

The retail trade committee of the Selma Chamber of Commerce plans one Bargain Day event each month for the next several months. Last year similar events were held and local merchants reported unusual results.

## ELECTED OFFICERS

The Methodist Youth Fellowship met Sunday night to elect officers. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: President—Alice Brantley, Vice President, Al Rowe Gaskill, Secretary—Dianne Britton, Treasurer—Jack Temple, Pianist—Shirley Crabtree.

## IN WILSON HOSPITAL

Joe A. Creech, who has been a patient at Woodard-Herring Hospital, Wilson, since becoming suddenly ill last week, is much improved his many friends will be glad to know.

## Four Sisters At St. Mary's Homecoming



While the members of St. Mary's F. W. B. Church, Route 3, were enjoying homecoming, four sisters from widely scattered parts of the state were also enjoying the occasion. They are, from left to right: Mrs. Nathan Raper of Powell's Point (near Selma), Mrs. L. M. Adams of Route 3, Kenly, Mrs. J. A. Jackson of Clayton and Mrs. N. B. Murray of Route 1, Princeton.

## Large Crowd Attends Homecoming at St. Mary's

### St. Mary's Homecoming Principals



Left to right: Rev. Herman Wooten of Raleigh, who brought the main address; Odell Howell, superintendent of St. Mary's F. W. B. Sunday School and W. G. C. Joyner, of Smithfield, church pastor.

tent meeting being conducted by Rev. Oliver Green.

"Maybe, after you hear him you will appreciate me more," he commented.

"The Bible is God's testimony to you and to me of our assurance of eternal life," was Rev. Wooten's opening statement in beginning his sermon on "The Assurance of Salvation."

"In this day, when so many of us are getting killed on the highways and through heart attacks, many of us fear sudden death. If we Christians are assured of eternal life, and we are, why do we fear sudden death?"

"Jesus Christ tells us that if we believe in him we have eternal life," the minister continued.

"There isn't a man, woman or child here this morning whose sins were not paid for on Calvary. Salvation is at your finger tips. We may know that we have eternal life by what is written in God's word—the Bible.

"My treasures are on the other side of the river. I am looking forward to crossing the river and living there in my new home. I will live there with Him who gave me eternal life."

An afternoon program consisting of special vocal music by quartets and congregational singing brought the homecoming exercises to a close.

St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Kenly, was filled to capacity Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when Rev. Herman Wooten, a former pastor brought the main address and spoke on "The Assurance of Salvation." The occasion was Homecoming Day, an annual event.

Rev. G. C. Joyner, church pastor directed the large congregation in singing the opening number, "Standing On The Promises." The opening prayer was offered by Jake Williamson a member of the church.

Prior to the sermon Rev. Mr. Joyner awarded 14 gold pins to members of the Sunday School who had earned attendance records for from one to five years. In the first year group were Emma Lou and Katherine Overman.

Those receiving pins in the four year group were: Annie Mae Pittman, Thelma Jean Pittman, Jo Ann Pittman, Helda Mae Pittman, Joyce Ann Boswell, Virgil Boswell, Jack Pittman, Nita Pittman and Bobby Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Narron and their daughter, Frances were each given five year pins. Following the presentation the group were applauded by the congregation.

At the close of the 11 o'clock service, the large crowd were served dinner on a long table in the church yard. There were barbecued late Saturday evening for the big Sunday dinner. In charge of this phase of preparation were: Tillman Pittman, Jack Pittman, Odell Howell, Hart Narron and Elmer Cooper.

Pastor Joyner announced that the regular church revival scheduled to begin the second Sunday in October would be delayed a week or two. He urged the members of his church to attend the

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