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Court Award Is Given To Pine Level Scouts

Number of Presentations Announced at Johnston District Scout Gathering.

Smithfield, Jan. 1.—The Pine Level Boy Scout troop, the youngest in the Johnston district, won highest honors at the court of honor Monday night at the Legion hut.

At the beginning of the program, Council Executive C. H. Westin of Goldsboro announced that the Pine Level boys were the only representatives from the Johnston district at the council rally at Goldsboro on December 20. The troop also won highest honors at the meeting Monday, being the only troop to make more than 400 points in the contest, thereby winning a red ribbon streamer. Fourteen of the 17 members, their scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster, two mothers and other friends from Pine Level were present.

Micro and Benson troops won yellow ribbon streamers for attaining more than 350 points in the contest. Smithfield won in the "fire by flint and steel" contest. Billie Parrish secured sufficient sparks at his first stroke to kindle his fire. He used a granite rock instead of steel. Judges were E. A. Johnson of Benson, L. J. Worthington of Micro and Alvin Kornegay of Pine Level.

G. W. Grier, district chairman, presented certificates of advancement and merit badges. He announced that Billy Oliver of Selma had completed requirements for an Eagle Scout badge and would receive his badge at a later meeting.

A number of certificates were delayed in the mail for other reasons, but those entitled to them included Jimmie Lane of Pine Level, who has won his bronze palm; Billy Wilson of Smithfield and Truett Jones of Micro, Star Scouts; Floyd Martin of Smithfield and Blake Price of Pine Level, second class; Thomas Peedin of Pine Level, first class; and Bill Holt of Pine Level, Griffin Worthington of Micro, Met Ausley of Micro, Rudolph Langston of Micro and Calvin Wellons of Micro, merit badges.

Floyd C. Price Off To The Mule Market

Mr. Floyd C. Price, Sr., and Mr. Claude Sullivan left Wednesday for Columbia, S. C., and Memphis, Tenn., where they will purchase a car load of young mules and horses. Mr. Price is expecting this stock to arrive about the first of next week.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

EDITOR STANCLIL is not only an editor but an aviator as well—the Editor took charge of the controls in BILL GODWIN'S new Aronica Wednesday and flew the plane from Pine Level to Selma and after encircling the town of Selma took off to the Neuse river where he meandered down this stream for some distance—he says it was lots easier than he anticipated—and he wasn't scared one bit either—DR. BOOKER has moved across the street into the PERSON & VICK building—a new ladies' and children's ready-to-wear shop will open up in the building vacated by DR. BOOKER — DR. LASSITER says he's tickled to death to have DR. BOOKER as a neighbor—BILL CREECH was invited to take a ride with BILL GODWIN in his new Aronica the other day and, in fact started with BILL to the airport, when all at once he remembered a remark that BILL GODWIN made during Christmas that he hoped to get even with BILL CREECH—don't know what BILL CREECH had done to the other BILL that he wanted to get even with him, but BREER CREECH decided that he didn't want to ride and hiked back to his drug store—said he wasn't going to let BILL make those tail spins, wing overs, nose dives, etc., with him—that he could get even with him in some other way if he wanted to—EDITOR STANCLIL says BILL couldn't scare him, in fact, he would like a few nose dives, etc.—DAVE BALL made the local Kiwanis club a very fine president during the past year—and another capable man has been named to preside over the workings of the local club during 1941—luck to you, PREACHER CLEMMONS.

Selma Man Builds Miniature Church



This little church was built by Mr. R. A. Stevens of Selma, as a part of the town's Christmas decoration. It is 36 inches wide, 48 inches long, and 44 inches from the ground to the top of the roof. It has a belfry in front which is 7 1-2 feet tall, a bell is installed near the top. This church has a vestibule that is 14 inches square. It has 20 pews, 10 on either side of the aisle. It has a pulpit and rostrum behind which is a pipe organ. A kneeling rail encircles the altar, and it also has a choir loft. The aisle is carpeted in velvet made from one of Mrs. Stevens' velvet dresses, and the windows are vari-colored. All during the Christmas holidays this church was electrically lighted at night, and the sound of Christmas carols coming from the rostrum within attracted many local visitors as well as highway tourists. It was erected on Highway 301, at the corner of Anderson and Pollock streets.

Judge Nimocks To Hold January Term

A two-week civil term of Superior court will convene in Smithfield Monday, January 6, with Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville presiding.

Judge Nimocks will be the regular judge assigned to the fourth judicial district for the first 6 months of 1941. Judge Leo Carr of Burlington rounded out six months of service in the district at the December criminal term.

Jurors for the January civil term have been drawn, as follows:

First Week—T. W. Holland, Elevation; T. W. Rhodes, O'Neals; W. M. Grantham, Smithfield; J. D. Daughtry, Boon Hill; Wilbur Stanley, Ingrams; W. Y. Beasley, Banner; C. R. Blackman, Meadow; S. L. Coats, Pleasant Grove; John B. Johnson, Meadow; John A. Corbett, Wilson's Mills; J. W. Sawyer, Banner; Ralph H. Fitzgerald, Boon Hill; W. M. Radford, Boon Hill; J. B. Lee, Bentonville; O. F. Brown, Selma; Bunton Harrison, Clayton; A. F. Morgan, Banner; M. A. Bunn, O'Neals; W. A. Massey, Bentonville; W. S. Marcom, Pleasant Grove; W. T. Rogers, Micro; L. C. Johnson, Elevation; S. E. Sherrill, Boon Hill; E. O. Hatcher, Micro.

Second Week—Floyd C. Johnson, Meadow; W. J. Tart, Meadow; Earl Aycock, Micro; R. Vernon Woodard, Beulah; J. B. Atkinson, Beulah; H. G. Johnson, Smithfield; Ray Allen, Ingrams; C. T. Thompson, Boon Hill; W. P. Woodard, O'Neals; Wilmer Boykin, O'Neals; Hugh Young, Meadow; Anderson Edgerton, Beulah; W. C. Bowen, Smithfield; A. D. Hayes, Meadow; William Barnes, Elevation; B. R. Smith, Pleasant Grove; Jesse L. Fulghum, Selma; T. F. White, Boon Hill; Milton Daughtry, Boon Hill; J. H. Creech, O'Neals; Rudolph E. Oliver, Pine Level; C. N. Rose, Bentonville; Hector Strickland, Ingrams; Percy Bass, Beulah.

Dr. Booker Moves To New Quarters

Dr. E. N. Booker, whose offices have been in the old bank building on the corner next to Gregory's 5 and 10c Store for the past few years, has moved into the Person & Vick Building next to Woodard's Drug Store, the offices of which were formerly used by the late Doctors Person and Vick. Dr. W. H. Lassiter was already using part of these offices and Dr. Booker now occupies the others.

Almost before Dr. Booker could remove all his furniture and fixtures from his former quarters, carpenters began work of tearing out partitions and painting and remodeling these quarters for a new store, to be known as "The Walda Shoppe". We understand that this new store will be under the management of Mrs. Erna Brown who, for the past 15 years has been with Walter Godwin's Department Store here. Mrs. Brown will specialize in Ladies' and Children's Ready-to-wear. Watch for further announcement of opening date, etc.

Selma Men Are Charged With Larceny

Napoleon Deans of Selma, and son, Lonnie Deans of Smithfield, Route 2, after being paroled a few months ago of a 30-year sentence for murder, of which they had only served eight years, have been arrested along with two others on a charge of larceny of mill machinery and farm equipment belonging to J. D. Parker, Smithfield lawyer. The stolen property is valued at \$125.00.

Others named in the warrants are R. F. Lawhon, 54, and Albert Strickland, 45, both of Selma.

The four men were arrested Friday by Constable Zeke Creech of Smithfield, who had worked on the case with Mr. Parker for a week. They were given a preliminary hearing Saturday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Everett Jones and held for Superior court. The trial was set for February 10.

Bonds were set at \$500 each, but none had been posted Monday. The men are in the county jail.

The Deans were convicted of the murder of W. H. Waters on May 30, 1932, and were sentenced in Superior court that year to serve 30 years in the state prison. They were released in May of this year under parole.

The larceny of the mill and farm equipment from Mr. Parker is alleged to have taken place on December 21. Stolen were fly wheels and crankshaft of a gas engine, a small feed mill, an iron pulley, a force pump, a steel beam and other equipment. The machinery was taken from Mr. Parker's farm near Smithfield on the Brogden road.

KENLY MAN HURT IN GOLDSBORO STORE

An unidentified Negro man was the object of a police search in Goldsboro Saturday after an incident in the Kress store on N. Center street Friday afternoon in which a white man was knocked to the floor of the crowded store.

Larkin Ballance of Kenly, Route 2, was painfully though not seriously hurt when he was floored as the Negro hit him on the nose with his fist.

New Year Is Greeted By Safe Celebration

The weather man and caution combined to give America an apparent safe celebration of the New Year.

With inclement weather prevailing in most section of the country Tuesday night and Wednesday, and motorists evidently observing police warnings not to drive after imbibing, the nation's violent death toll for the holiday was less than two scores.

There were 181 persons killed throughout the country, most of them in traffic accidents, on Christmas Eve

Smithfield News Boy Killed By Automobile

Smithfield Negro Being Held On Charge of Murder and Driving Reckless While Drunk.

James Edward Stephenson, 16, and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Stephenson of Smithfield, was almost instantly killed and his body badly mangled when struck by a car driven by Levi Smith, 45-year-old Negro resident of Smithfield, Sunday morning about 6:45, which was about half an hour before sunrise.

Young Stephenson was delivering Sunday morning copies of The News and Observer on the suburban Holt Lake road in the southern edge of Smithfield. He and another carrier, Roy Parker, were making deliveries by automobile, with Miss Violet Jordan, who holds the agency for The News and Observer in Smithfield, as their driver. Miss Jordan's car was headed south, but had come to a stop on the east shoulder of the road almost in front of the Hugh McGowan residence, according to information obtained by H. C. Bobbitt and Claude Fuller, who assisted in the investigation. Stephenson is alleged to have been standing on the running board next to the pavement, while Parker made delivery at the McGowan home. The Smith car was seen coming from the direction of Holt Lake, zig-zagging across the pavement, and that young Stephenson jumped from the running board and tried to avoid being hit by attempting to run around behind Miss Jordan's car, but was struck by the Smith car before he could clear himself of its uncertain path, the rear fender of the Smith car striking the rear fender of Miss Jordan's car as the drunken driver whirled by at 45 or 50 miles per hour, striking the Stephenson youth and knocking him 40 or 50 feet, landing almost directly in the driveway to the Durwood Creech home. Stephenson was rushed to the Johnston County hospital by Miss Jordan, where it was found that he had suffered a broken arm, a broken leg and a possible fracture of the skull and vertebra, as well as internal injuries. He died a few minutes after reaching the hospital.

Riding in the car with Smith were Ezell Bunch, Allen Eason, and Chas. Watson, all Negro residents of Smithfield. Smith made his escape from the scene of the tragedy, but later gave himself up. He was then held without bail, while his companions were held as state witness under \$100 bond each.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Smithfield Baptist church, by Rev. C. L. Gillespie, the pastor. Interment followed in the Sunset Memorial Park.

Surviving, besides his parents, are two sisters, Alice Marie and Cornelia Anne Stephenson.

Levi Smith, driver of the car, was given a hearing before Magistrate E. C. Jones Tuesday afternoon and bound over to the Superior court. Bond was set at \$2,500 but bond was not posted and the negro was taken to jail charged with careless and reckless driving, driving while under the influence of an intoxicant narcotic, manslaughter, and hit-and-run driving.

Legion Auxiliary Entertained Friday

The Legion Auxiliary met Friday at the home of Mrs. C. A. Bailey with Mrs. John Jeffreys and Mrs. W. D. Perkins as joint hostesses. The business period was presided over by the president.

The Auxiliary reported several needy families helped during the holidays. The hostesses served light refreshments.

Kiwanis Officers To Be Installed Tonight

Surrenders Gavel



DAVID S. BALL, retiring president of the Selma Kiwanis club who will surrender the gavel to D. M. Clemmons, the new club president, at an installation service tonight.

Strange Bird Attacks Wayne County Man

A loon or a goon or something definitely out of the ordinary flew down out of the blue—or the gray—and attacked Raymond Grant of the old Sheriff Grant homeplace off the Goldsboro-Kinston highway about 6 miles east of Goldsboro, Thursday.

Grant won the fray, however, when he captured the strange, migratory fowl in a bed sheet. The bird, which furiously thrust at Grant with its two-inch, sword-like beak and moving with swiftness of a dive bomber, flew over the Grant place Thursday morning at a height of about 100 feet. The tourist looked down at Grant standing in his yard, flew on about 100 yards, then returned to dive straight at the farmer, attempting to peck him on the arms. Grant then brought the bed sheet into play and captured the bird which, because of its three-toed webbed feet, could be identified only as a water fowl.

The bird, weighing about two to two and a half pounds, was slate colored with a duller gray belly, cried in a voice that was a cross between the croak of a bullfrog and the quack of a domesticated duck. Persons familiar with water fowl said they were unable to identify the bird and did not recognize its family. Aside from its strangely thin, scaled legs and thickly webbed feet, the flying stranger, now a captive, closely resembled a Canadian goose.

OFFICERS GET STILL OUTFIT; TWO MEN

Officers captured a 50-gallon oil drum whiskey still last Tuesday in Wilders township and arrested two men who were preparing to operate the plant.

Arrested were Frank Johnson, 20, and James Sanderford, 22. Johnson was released under bond and Sanderford jailed in default of bond. They will get a hearing in recorder's court January 8.

Taking part in the raid were Deputy Sheriffs C. C. Liles, Merton Whitley and Jesse Creech, Wake County ABC Officer H. V. Andrews, Constable Otto Creech of Clayton and Constable Wright Sanders of Wilders.

Two barrels of beer found at the still were poured out.

Services At Selma Episcopal Church

Bishop Edwin A. Penick will preach at St. Gabriel's Episcopal church here, Sunday afternoon, January 12, at 3 o'clock.

Miss Stella Etheredge's Junior Choir will furnish the music. Everybody is invited to be present at this service and hear Bishop Penick, who is one of North Carolina's distinguished ministers.

Soybeans are a staple of the South. They are used in many ways, from cream to cream.

Lieutenant-Governor Tuttle To Conduct Installation—President Clemmons Names Committees To Serve With Him During The Year 1941.

The newly elected officers of the Selma Kiwanis club will be installed at the regular meeting of the club tonight (Thursday). Lieutenant-Governor O. A. Tuttle, of the Fourth Kiwanis District, will conduct the installation.

Rev. D. M. Clemmons, president; Bill Thad Woodard, vice-president; M. R. Wall, secretary-treasurer; directors, William I. Godwin, Leon Brown, O. A. Tuttle, R. H. Griffin and John Jeffreys.

President Clemmons has named the following committees to serve with him during the year 1941:

Boys and Girls Work—Hayden Wiggs, chairman, Charles E. Clark, M. L. Stancil.

Inter-club Relations—S. W. Armistage, chairman; Bill Thad Woodard, Public Affairs—John N. Wiggs, chairman; W. T. Woodard, William I. Godwin.

Churches and Their Spiritual Aim—Charles Clark, chairman; J. C. Avery, David S. Ball.

Citizenship—C. P. Harper, chairman; Frank Hood.

Business Standards—C. E. Kornegay, chairman; Raleigh Griffin, M. R. Wall.

Underprivileged Child—Howard Gaskill, chairman; J. Oscar Creech.

Music—H. H. Lowry, chairman; John Jeffreys, Miss Delia Batchelor.

Kiwanis Education—David S. Ball, chairman.

Agricultural—J. C. Avery, chairman; John Wiggs.

Attendance—Paul McMillan, Leon Brown.

Publicity—M. L. Stancil, chairman; H. H. Lowry.

Public Safety—Frank Hood, chairman; H. B. Pearce.

House and Reception—J. V. Chamblee, chairman.

Vocational Guidance—W. E. Tyler, chairman; O. A. Tuttle.

Boy Scout Troop—John Jeffreys, chairman; Paul Starling, B. A. Henry, R. P. Oliver, D. S. Ball, Paul Harris, J. C. Avery.

Negro Fatally Injured By Hit-and-Run Driver

John Sanders, 45-year-old Negro of the Holt Lake section, was fatally injured by a hit-and-run driver between Holt Lake and Four Oaks, Christmas Eve night between 8 and 9 o'clock.

A passing motorist discovered Sanders lying in a ditch beside U. S. 301 in front of the Negro school between Four Oaks and Holt Lake and notified Chief Collier in Four Oaks. The officer with Dr. J. B. Surles went to the scene, found the Negro still living and rushed him to the Johnston County hospital in Smithfield where he died about 4 o'clock Thursday morning.

The Negro, who worked on Frank Skinner's farm near the lake, had suffered a compound leg fracture, a broken arm, numerous bruises and lacerations.

H. C. Bobbitt, highway patrolman of Smithfield, started an investigation immediately after Sanders was found beside the road, but Monday had made little headway toward locating the driver of the car that struck the Negro.

Greek War Relief Fund

The contributions to the Greek War Relief fund is steadily growing in spite of the fact that a thorough canvass of Selma has not been made.

Indefinite plans are now underway for a canvass of the whole of Johnston county. Help Selma raise the biggest contribution!

Those who have contributed this week are as follows:

Selma—Leon Brown, Judge W. P. Aycock.

Pine Level—Leon Godwin.

Smithfield—Baker's Garage, J. D. Morgan, Fruit Co., Rose's, Johnson's, etc.