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William I. Godwin Is Awarded Loving Cup

Mr. Godwin Was Elected On First Ballot As Town's Most Useful Citizen During the Year 1940 — Presentation of Cup Will Be Made Thursday Night of Next Week.

Carrying out a custom which established about 15 years ago the Selma Kiwanis club last Thursday night awarded its silver loving cup to whom it adjudged to be the most useful citizen and one who had contributed most to the community during the year 1940. The recipient is Solicitor William I. Godwin of the Johnston County Recorder's court, former mayor of Selma.

Balloting was secret and Mr. Godwin came through with an overwhelming majority on the first ballot. The vote was then made unanimous.

One of the outstanding contributions to Solicitor Godwin's credit is establishment of the Selma airport, for which he has labored untiringly for three or four years.

Presentation of the cup will be made at the next regular meeting of the club, after which the name of Mr. Godwin will be engraved thereon, along with those of the dozen or more others who won this distinct honor in past years.

Farm Conservation Checks Being Issued

Johnston county farmers who complied with the farm conservation program in 1940 are beginning to receive payments from the government. While only a comparatively few farmers have received their payments as yet, it is reported that payments will be made earlier this year than usual, and that the total benefits to Johnston county farmers for 1940 will amount to \$510,000, as compared with \$165,000 for 1939, the small amount for 1939 being attributed to overplanting. It is expected that practically all farmers will receive their payments this year through January and February.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

"How did you know Selma had an airport?" MANAGER BILL GODWIN, of the local airport, asked MR. HENRY E. OLIVER, manager of the Pittsfield, Mass., airport, Tuesday night—"why, haven't you seen the new 1941 maps?" he asked MR. GODWIN—"no, replied BILL—"the Selma airport is on all the new maps," said Mr. OLIVER—"this well known aviator and his wife from the Massachusetts city landed on the Selma field about 4:30 Tuesday afternoon en route to the Miami, Fla., air races—after spending the night at the Brick hotel they took off bright and early Wednesday for Miami—when asked what he thought of our landing field, MR. OLIVER said: "you have a well laid out field, but it needs developing"—BILL GODWIN caught a fast train Wednesday night for the Florida city to take in the air races—BILL has a new Aeronica but at the last minute decided he would go by train instead of by air as it was too long a hop to go alone—news this morning from Duke hospital that HERBERT WHITE, JR., was improving was great news to his many friends in Selma and elsewhere—HERBERT has been a sick boy for the past few days and his host of friends rejoice with his parents that he is now thought to be on the road to recovery—he is greatly missed from the Maindrag—sorry to learn of the illness of MRS. R. C. BANKS, who is undergoing treatment at Duke hospital—and MRS. JOHN C. DIEHL, who is ill at Rex hospital in Raleigh—hope these ladies will soon be restored to health—two of our local drug stores have made big improvements during the past few days—BILL CREECH now has IDA BELLE WALL behind the fountain and STAR HARPER has employed EVA MASSEY—two big drawing cards, gentlemen—at WOODARD' you will find MRS. WOODARD, but she is too busy sending and receiving Western Union messages, to make soda pops.

Most Popular



WILLIAM I. GODWIN

Popular Young Man Taken To Hospital

Herbert White, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. White, was taken to Duke Hospital, Durham, on last Saturday about midnight. Herbert, 20-year-old senior at Atlantic Christian college, was taken ill while at work at the Selma Drug Company around 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He continued to grow worse until about 10:30 o'clock when he lost consciousness. Dr. Booker was called and advised his parents to send him to the hospital immediately. After a diagnosis at the hospital physicians pronounced his illness as spinal meningitis. At first his life was despaired of but reports from the hospital last night stated that his condition was improved. He is one of Selma's most popular young men and his many friends here and elsewhere hope he will soon be well again.

W. J. Barefoot To Head Benson Masonic Lodge

BENSON, Jan. 8. — Relief Lodge No. 481 at Benson has installed new officers. W. J. Barefoot is the new master, Jesse T. Morgan, senior warden, Arthur Stephenson, junior warden, W. R. Strickland, secretary, M. A. Peacock, treasurer, Alphonso Parker, senior deacon, Howard Benton, junior deacon and Dudley Norris, tiler.

The lodge had a successful year in 1940 under the leadership of E. M. Canaday. Master Mason degrees were given four new men. The lodge gave an expression of thanks to Past Master Canaday for his fine work for the last two years in office.

Selmaites Leave For The Miami Air Races

Mayor Frank Hood, William I. Godwin and A. Z. Thompson, Jr., left Selma at 10:11 last night on the New York-Florida Streamliner for Miami, Fla., to attend the air races to be staged in that city Friday, Saturday and Sunday. While in Miami Mayor Hood will visit his brother, Sam Hood, who holds a position with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

J. Ira Ryals Dies At Home Near Benson

BENSON.—J. Ira Ryals, 77, died on Tuesday at his home near Benson. Mr. Ryals had been in failing health some years. He recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, and pneumonia developed.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday at Hannah's Creek Primitive Baptist church, near here, conducted by Elder Xure Lee, the pastor. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Mr. Ryals was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ryals, pioneer residents of this section. He was a native and lifelong resident of Johnston county.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Idella Ryals; seven children, Mrs. Joe Woodall, Mrs. Mamie Blackman, Mrs. Callie Baggett, and Jasper, Edgar, Charlie, and L. J. Ryals; several grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

LIEUT.-GOV. TUTTLE INSTALLS OFFICERS

Uses Impressive Story of the Transfiguration to Show That "Service" Is of Divine Origin.

Using as his introductory, the story of the Transfiguration, Lieutenant-Governor O. A. Tuttle of the Fourth Division of the Carolinas Kiwanis District, told the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening that he has been made to feel that "Service" is divine. "Service" and "We Built" being the key words in the motto of Kiwanis, the Biblical reference given by Governor Tuttle will no doubt be the source of further study of the word "Service" by those Kiwanians who were privileged to hear him.

Governor Tuttle then proceeded to install the newly elected officers of the club, and the installation ceremony used by him was declared to be the most impressive ever witnessed by members of the local club.

Those installed were: 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.

DURWOOD CREECH HEADS KIWANIANS

Lieutenant-Governor O. A. Tuttle conducted the installation of the new officers of the Smithfield Kiwanis club for 1941, at a business meeting of the club held in the Gabriel Johnston hotel last Thursday evening.

Durwood Creech, manager of the Underwood Funeral Home, was installed as president of the Smithfield club, succeeding Lawrence Wallace.

Other new officers installed for 1941 were: Edmund Aycock, vice-president; John A. Wallace, secretary-treasurer; Lawrence Wallace, immediate past president; Sol Noreck, Dr. J. H. Bunn, James A. Wellons, Jr., Norman Shepherd and Jerry L. George, members of the board of directors.

Some of the achievements of the Smithfield club, under the leadership of Lawrence Wallace, the retiring president, were enumerated, and loud praise was accorded him for his outstanding club activities for 1940.

Johnstonian-Sun Force Given Nice Watermelon

Mrs. Ira T. Rains of Selma presented a nice watermelon to the Johnstonian-Sun office force on last Saturday morning. Mr. Rains says he was the first boy child to be born in Selma, and that this watermelon was grown by him. He says that if anyone wants a prescription telling how to keep watermelons out of season, to see Bill Creech.

The watermelon is of nice size and has deep green rind, and is now on display in the window at the office of The Johnstonian-Sun.

Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Booker, George Suber and H. H. Lowry visited Herbert White at Duke hospital Tuesday.

Selective Draft Men Volunteer For Training

Draft Board No. 2 here has announced the names of 20 Johnston county men selected to fill the board's January draft quota. All the selectees are volunteers and they will leave Selma next Monday morning by bus for Fort Bragg where they will be in training for a year.

The selectees are listed below with their home addresses:

Selma—Jesse Rock Wilkins, 28; Abdalla Joseph Abdalla, 21; Lee Henry Edwards, 23; John Leavy Radford, 31; Aaron Green, 21; Daniel Cole Ray, 22.

Selma, Route 1—Braxton E. Bailey, 18; Arnold Rasper Phillips, 23.

Selma, Route 2—John Allison West, 21.

Middlesex, Route 1—Joe Narron, 24; Thomas Jefferson Narron, 28; Aaron Lewis, 24; Redger Boykin, 21; Robert Walter Godwin, 24.

Zebulon, Route 1—Phillip Herbert Richardson, 27.

Princeton, Route 1—John Arthur

Four Young People Are Killed In Train-Auto Wreck In Benson

County Chairman Birthday Ball



Chapel Hill, Jan. 8. — Dr. Julian Miller of Charlotte, who is serving at State Chairman of the President's birthday parties on January 30 for the benefit of the infantile paralysis fund, announces the appointment of Dr. J. H. Bunn of Smithfield as chairman for Johnston county.

He said that North Carolina is expected to raise about \$35,000 this year and that one-half of all raised will be retained in North Carolina for infantile paralysis cases.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS SKILLED WORKERS

Getting the skilled men needed for national defense jobs continues to be one of the greatest problems of the new year for the Civil Service Commission. Thousands were appointed during 1940 but thousands more are going to be needed during the coming year at the arsenals and navy yards and in the air service. Tool-makers, instrument makers, and machinists are especially in demand, and they are especially necessary to the national defense program.

Among others also urgently needed are: aircraft instrument mechanics; aircraft mechanics; metal smiths (aviation); coppersmiths; lens grinders, loftsman; ordnancemen (torpedoes); shipfitters; and ironworkers (ship-fitting duty). If you are skilled in any of these trades, and want a government job, write to or call for information at the office of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first or second class post office. You may also learn about these jobs by consulting the notices posted in the third class postoffices.

L. G. Sheets of Chestnut Hill township in Ashe county says he has grazed twice as many cows on a pasture to which he applied superphosphate this spring as he did last year.

Accident Occurred At Railroad Crossing Friday Night—Victims, All Members of Clayton High School, Were En Route to Benson

ONE YOUTH IN CAR ESCAPES DEATH

One of the saddest chapters ever written in the history of Johnston county is the story of how four Clayton youths, members of the Clayton basketball team, had their lives snuffed out when the car in which they were riding was struck by a south-bound fast freight train at an unguarded crossing at Benson, Friday night about 7 o'clock. They were enroute to the Benson

public gymnasium to play a double-header game, and as their car was passing over the railroad crossing the train struck their car in the center and carried it about four blocks down the track before the train could be brought to a standstill.

David Satterfield, a brother of James Satterfield, was the fifth member of the party and the only one to escape death. He was rushed to the Johnston County hospital where it was found that he had suffered a fracture of the pelvis, fracture of a thigh in several places, a double fracture of one arm, and internal injuries.

Those killed were: James Ralph Satterfield, Jr., 18, driver of the car, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Satterfield, and a student at Georgia Military Academy who had returned to Clayton to spend the holidays. He was a 1940 graduate of Clayton high school.

John Arch Vinson, 17, Clayton high school student and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vinson. Yvonne Whitley, 16, high school student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Whitley. Lilburn Barnes, 16, high school student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Barnes.

All were killed instantly except the Vinson youth, who died in an ambulance enroute to the Harnett County hospital at Dunn.

All victims of the accident were members of the Clayton high school basketball squads except James Satterfield. John Arch Vinson and Yvonne Whitley were wearing their uniforms, having dressed for the games before leaving Clayton. The crash occurred at the church street crossing of the A. C. L. double track, one block north of the Main street crossing where a watchman is kept on duty. The Church street crossing has no electric signal or safety gates.

The five young people, after reaching Benson, had driven to the school building several blocks east of the railroad only to find that the games were to be played at the community building, located on the west side of the tracks on a street south of the business section.

They approached the crossing from (Continued on page eight)

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White; his wife, one son, William Reubed, Jr.; five sisters, Mrs. Donnie Jernigan, Pratt, W. Va.; Mrs. Jesse Hill, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. A. L. Hawkins, Wrightsville Beach, N. C., and Mrs. A. J. Worrell and Mrs. James Eason, Selma; three brothers, Herbert L. White and C. L. White of Selma, and Luther G. White, Charleston, W. Va.

Selma Man Found Dead In Bed Monday

William Reuben White, 44, well-known merchant of near Selma, was found dead in bed by his wife at 5 o'clock Monday morning at his home near the Eastern Manufacturing company. Mr. White was a World War veteran and a member of the Selma American Legion Post No. 141.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, pastor of the First Baptist church of Selma. Interment took place in the city cemetery.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White; his wife, one son, William Reubed, Jr.; five sisters, Mrs. Donnie Jernigan, Pratt, W. Va.; Mrs. Jesse Hill, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. A. L. Hawkins, Wrightsville Beach, N. C., and Mrs. A. J. Worrell and Mrs. James Eason, Selma; three brothers, Herbert L. White and C. L. White of Selma, and Luther G. White, Charleston, W. Va.

SYRUP

A Texas farmer is converting watermelon juice into a syrup by pressing the juice from the meat and boiling it down, ten gallons of juice making one gallon of deep red syrup.

Farmers of the United States are now passing up every year \$150,000,000 of income that could be realized through better management of farm woods, says the U. S. Forest Service.

Selma Legion Post Gets \$300 Donation

The Johnston County commissioners Monday ordered payment of \$300 to the Selma post of the American Legion as a contribution toward defraying expenses of the NYA community hut project now underway here. The money had been previously allocated for the project by vote of the board.

BROGDEN WOMAN DIES FROM BURNS

Mrs. Sarah Bizzell, 77, was fatally burned Monday morning at the home of her son, A. F. Bizzell, with whom she lived in the Brogden community.

The accident occurred about nine o'clock when her clothing caught fire as she massaged herself with liniment before an open fireplace. Alone in the house except for her small grandchildren, the flames had gone beyond control before assistance reached her. She was rushed immediately to the Johnston county hospital where she died at 12:05 o'clock.

In spite of being a cripple for several years, Mrs. Bizzell was quite active and used her crutch with a dexterity attained by few. She maintained a bright outlook on life and a cheerful disposition, and without seeing her crutch one would never have suspected her affliction.

Surviving are several grandchildren.

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 most distinguished ministers.