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Woman Has Narrow Escape In Fire Here

Neighbors Wake Selma Young Woman, Asleep On Bed Covered By Blazing Wood.

Miss Lois Yarborough had a narrow escape from being burned to death Tuesday morning when the residence of her brother, Cecil Yarborough, in the Selma mill village, was destroyed by fire about 6:30. Before going to his work at the mill, Mr. Yarborough built a fire in the stove, leaving Miss Yarborough asleep in bed. Neighbors, discovering the house in flames, rushed to the scene and waked the young woman. Fire already had broken through the ceiling, and pieces of wood were falling on the bed on which she was asleep. The home was a five-room house, the front of which was used as a barber shop by A. V. Underwood. All the household furnishings were destroyed. Mr. Underwood saved all his equipment. The building was owned by Mrs. H. H. Pilkington and was not insured.

Brother-In-Law Selma Man Dies In Maryland

News was received here this morning by Mr. E. M. Gordy announcing the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. D. Overton, which occurred Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at his home in Quantico, Md., after a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held from the Episcopal church in Quantico Friday afternoon. Surviving are his wife, one daughter, Miss Lela Overton, and two sons, Levin and LeRoy Overton, of Salisbury, Md.

Mrs. E. M. Rose and Mrs. Vernon Ricks spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L. JUDGE A. HALL JOHNSTON, who is presiding over Johnston County Superior court this week, told us a good joke today on our old friend, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WILSON (COOT) WARLICK, of Newton—an old Negro man was on trial before JUDGE WARLICK on the charge of stealing chickens—when asked if he had a lawyer, the old Negro replied: "Naw suh, I 'sont need no lawyer, MR. COOT will take care of me"—MR. COOT did take care of him, but not the way the old Negro expected—wonder why J. T. MATTHEWS calls ANDY WORRELL, of the Selma Barber Shop, "500"?—PERCY STRICKLAND wouldn't tell us—if anybody can enlighten us, we'd appreciate it—JUDGE F. H. BROOKS, of Smithfield, was a dinner guest of the writer Wednesday—glad to see the Judge on the Maindrag—the many friends of HERBERT WHITE, JR., will be glad to know that he was able to return home Wednesday from Duke Hospital, where he has been undergoing treatment for the past six weeks—EDITOR STANCIL has joined the fluitis victims—the editor was taken ill Tuesday and at this writing is reported to have a genuine case of the flu—news of the marriage of HAROLD HALES slipped off on last Christmas Day and went to Bennettsville, S. C., where he and MISS PENNY EVELYN PEEDIN were wed—these popular young folk succeeded in keeping it a secret until a few days ago—quite a number of visitors were at the local airport last Sunday—planes were there from Durham, Fayetteville and other places—R. E. SUBER was among those taking a ride over the town—we tried to get BARNIE HENRY to take a spin with BILL GODWIN, but BARNIE wouldn't budge an inch, said he felt safer with one foot on the ground—AL WHITE, the popular Hudson Dealer in Selma, has been putting out the new '41 Hudsons since Christmas—among those purchasing new Hudsons are JUDGE AYCOCK, MATT WALL, ALBERT EASON, JOHN GEORGE, RAYMOND PEEDIN, R. A. JONES, and others—if you're in the market for a Hudson see AL—DAVID BALL has just purchased a new '41 Chevrolet—LEON WOODRUFF is sporting a handsome new Buick—it's a dandy—we took a ride in it a few days ago—it has all the latest trimmings—

NEGRO PLACED ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Ethan Williams, Negro, charged with the murder of Garland Rogers, Negro, of Four Oaks, was placed on trial Wednesday in Johnston County Superior court. Judge A. Hall Johnston, of Asheville, Va., who is presiding over this term of criminal court, Monday ordered a special venire of 25 summoned for the trial. The murder occurred in Four Oaks on August 17, 1940. Williams left the county after the crime and was arrested in Richmond, Va., and brought back to the county jail. He admits the shooting but claims it was in self-defense. He is represented by Atty. E. J. Wellons. Gilbert Brady of Four Oaks, is assisting Solicitor Claude C. Canaday in the prosecution. Donald Murray, Negro, charged with breaking into the Johnston County Hardware store on December 15 and stealing approximately \$200 worth of merchandise, pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Judge Johnston to State Prison for a term of from three to five years.

School Of Missions At The Methodist Church

The annual School of Missions, sponsored by the local Board of Missions and Church Extension, will be held at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church, February 16-20. The first session will be held Sunday evening at 7:30. The other sessions will be held the same hour each evening through Thursday. The school will be under the direction of Mr. H. L. Boney, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Creech, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mr. Elton Pridgen, president of Young Peoples' Division, and their committees. This school is for the entire congregation, both members and friends, and is for the purpose of knowing about the great religious trends of our generation. The text for this school is "Methodism's World Mission" by Henry P. Van Dusen and will be taught by the pastor, Rev. O. L. Hathaway and other church leaders and teachers. There is a great demand for this book which is revealed by the fact that over a million and a half copies have already been published to meet the demand. The author is not a Methodist and once was skeptical of the Missionary movement, but is now telling what he has seen around the world where Christ has been accepted and the Kingdom of God is making of all people one great fellowship of love in Christ.

Railroad Officials On Hunting Trip

A group of prominent Southern railway officials spent Wednesday in the county on a quail hunting expedition. The party arrived in Selma early Wednesday morning on their private cars, and after spending the day hunting in the Earp section of the county, left on the late afternoon train. Those in the party were G. W. Adams, general manager, and T. C. Blackwell, general superintendent, of Charlotte; C. W. Ashby, superintendent of the Danville Division, and C. K. Carter, train master, of Greensboro, and H. C. Trexler, superintendent of motive power, of Charlotte. While here they were guests of S. M. Parker, general foreman, and E. L. Womack, local agent for the Southern railway.

TIME FOR LISTING TAXES IS EXTENDED

The board of county commissioners has extended the time for listing 1941 taxes from February 1 to March 1. The list-takers are making rounds from house to house in order to get all property on the tax books, but only one such visit will be made, and in case they miss seeing the proper party to list his or her taxes, such part will then be expected to see the list-taker for his township and list his property on or before March 1, 1941 to avoid being penalized for failure to list.

Packing Plant Site Has Been Purchased

Located At River Bridge Two Miles South of Smithfield—J. P. Rogers Construction Company Gets Contract.

A site has at last been found and purchased for the newly organized meat packing plant, to be known as the Carolina Packing Company, Inc. Eight acres of land have been bought near the Neuse river bridge two miles south of Smithfield where the necessary building will be erected. The land was purchased from A. F. Bowen, Smithfield oil distributor, who is also director of the new corporation. As we understand it, the site is on the south side of Neuse river and on the east side of the highway. The J. P. Rogers Construction company has been given the contract to erect the buildings. The main building will be 55 feet wide and 260 feet long, and is expected to be ready within the next 90 days. The plant will be under the management of J. A. Jones, an experienced packer from Savannah, Ga., who has already moved his family to Smithfield.

W. M. U. Of Johnston Association To Meet

To Be Held At Baptist Church In Smithfield, Tuesday, Feb. 18—All-Day Session.

There will be an all-day session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Johnston Association, held at the Missionary Baptist church in Smithfield on Tuesday, February 18, beginning at 10:15 a. m. Lunch will be served for only 26 cents.

There will be a special program with outstanding speakers and leaders for all officials and members of the organization. The conference leaders include: Mrs. W. D. Briggs, state W. M. S. secretary; Miss Mary Currin, state Young Peoples leader; Mrs. G. K. Middleton, Personal Service chairman; Mrs. Charles Stephenson, State Stewardship chairman; Mrs. J. S. Farmer, State Mission Study chairman, and others of the General Association. This is to be a meeting of vital importance, and every organization is urged to have representatives there.

28,370 GIVEN JOBS AT FORT BRAGG

FORT BRAGG.—Lieut-Col. L. L. Simpson, contracting quartermaster, announced early this week that 28,370 workers were employed on the \$22,000,000 expansion program at the army post. This figure probably is a peak, he said, adding that the number of workers would begin dropping off within a few weeks as various phases of the program were completed. A total of 27,670 workers are employed by private contractors, he said. The huge expansion program now is estimated half completed and additional soldiers are arriving daily.

Mrs. C. C. Hathaway Passes At Home Here

Mrs. C. C. Hathaway, 68, wife of Selma's night policeman, died suddenly at her home on Brevard street, here, Wednesday night at 10 o'clock. Funeral services will be held from Yelverton's Grove Free Will Baptist church at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. G. C. Joyner, assisted by the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, pastor of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church of Selma. Interment will take place in the church cemetery. Surviving are the husband, three daughters, Mrs. B. J. Penny, of Garner, route 2; Mrs. W. E. Stewart, of Raleigh; Mrs. W. C. Warren, of Kinston, three sons, Joseph C. Hathaway, of Smithfield; Walter C. Hathaway, of Kinston and R. P. Hathaway, of Selma, route 1, three sisters, Mrs. R. C. Lane, of Selma, route 1; Mrs. L. P. Peedin, of Clayton, route 2, and Miss Rosa Peedin, of Selma, route 1. Pallbearers will be Frank Woodruff, Mayor Frank M. Hood, W. T. Woodard, G. C. Hinton, W. E. Jones and Albert Eason.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ethredge and daughter, Shirley Rose, of Whitakers, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rose.

Tuscarora Council Holds District Scout Rally

Goldsboro Troop Number Six Wins First Prize—Wallace Troop Wins Second, and Troop Number Four of Goldsboro Wins Third Place.

The gymnasium at Williams Street school in Goldsboro was the scene of much activity on last Friday night from 7:30 till 10 o'clock, when 217 Boy Scouts from the several Scout Troops in Tuscarora Council gathered there to participate in a contest for points in scouting activities. Troops taking part in this contest were: Numbers 1, 3, 4 and 6 of Goldsboro; Number 19 of Benson; Number 5 of Dudley; Number 21 of Smithfield; Number 20 of Warsaw; Number 25 of Pine Level; Number 28 of Micro; Number 32 of Selma; Number 34 of Mount Olive; Number 35 of Wallace; Number 39 of Clanton, and Number 42 of Calypso. The contests consisted of knot tying, fire kindling, rope pulling, etc. The judges were: Carl McBride, Clarence Peacock and David Bland, Jr. W. E. Pennington of Goldsboro directed the program of the evening. Three prizes were awarded, as follows: First prize went to Ben Witherington, Scoutmaster for Goldsboro Troop Number 6, with 34 of 50 possible points. Second place went to E. W. Faies, scoutmaster for Wallace Troop Number 35, with 22 1-2 points. Third place went to Ray Liles, scoutmaster for Goldsboro Troop Number 4, with 20 1-2 points. Those attending from Selma were Ed Perry, scoutmaster, and the following Boy Scouts: Charles Carty, Wiley Dudley, David Ball, Jr., Paul Starling, Jr., Charles Fulghum, Jr., Carl Worley, Jr., Max Creech, C. C. Turner, Laverne Poole, John Jeffreys, Jr., George Lane, and Vase Seawell, Jr. They were accompanied by J. V. Chumblee, M. L. Stanell and John Jeffreys, Sr.

Johnston County Girls Honored At E. C. T. C.

Misses Doris Woodard of Kenly and Mary Grant Bailey of Selma, seniors at E. C. T. C., Greenville, have recently been selected to serve as marshalls for the Senior play, "Ramona," to be given the nights of February 21st and 22nd. Miss Woodard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Woodard of the Glendale section, Kenly Route 2, and Miss Bailey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Bailey, Corbett-Hatcher section, Selma, Route 1. In the recent election of superlatives for the Senior class, Miss Bailey was elected most versatile. She is now a member of the Women's Student Government Association, serving as a House President. Incidentally, these two girls have been room-mates during their four years at E. C. T. C.

New Road Proposed In Meadow Township

A petition was presented to the county commissioners at their monthly session last week, by J. H. McLamb of Benson, Route 2, which provides that the State be asked to build and maintain a road 2.3 miles in length, beginning at Brady Johnson's on the Benson-Newton Grove road, down one old road in a southward direction by the old Holly Grove school house to J. C. Johnson's tobacco barn, thence down and across an old path by J. H. McLamb's, the Moore Wood old water mill and across Jumping Run to another road at or near Henry Bryan's.

David Satterfield Leaves Rex Hospital

Recuperating from injuries received in an automobile-train collision in Benson, David S. Satterfield, 16, has been removed from Rex hospital to his home in Clayton. He had been in the hospital since January 8. Four others were killed in the accident. One was Satterfield's brother, James, 18. The others were Yvonne Whitley, 16; John Arch Vinson, 17; and Lilburn Barnes, 17, all from Clayton. We have never heard of a man that could listen to a radio and his wife at the same time. Try it, fellows.

No Ships To Spare, Says Secretary Knox

SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION

Johnston County Superior court for the trial of criminal cases, convened in Smithfield Monday, with Judge A. Hall presiding. For the Civil term, which begins on Monday, February 17, Judge Q. K. Nimrocks, Jr., is expected to be the presiding judge. The jury list for the Criminal term, which began Monday, February 10, is as follows: Millard Capps, Micro; T. L. McCullers, Cleveland; T. R. Haswell, Smithfield; D. H. Austin, Pleasant Grove; D. R. Godwin, Pleasant Grove; Elmer Tyner, Boon Hill; Leonard Daughtry, Boon Hill; C. L. Lane, Pine Level; G. E. Hocutt, Wilders; A. B. Hinnant, Micro; Will Glover, Micro; G. W. Barbour, Elevation; Wade H. Crocker, Pine Level; Z. B. Austin, Clayton; J. E. Edwards, Smithfield; L. T. Heavener, Smithfield; W. A. Nordan, Selma; Johnny M. Brown, Micro; George Dixon, Beulah; Millard Langston, Bentonville; Cyril Bailey, Selma; Millard G. Higgins, Pleasant Grove; Eddie Creech, O'Neals; W. G. Woodall, Boon Hill.

Kiwians Enjoy Boy Scout Program

The principal feature at the meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club last Thursday evening was a program by a group of boys from Selma's Boy Scout Troop. John Jeffreys was program chairman, and introduced Scoutmaster Ed Perry who gave a very interesting talk on "The Requirements To Become a Good Boy Scout." In addition to the Scoutmaster's talk, the Boy Scouts present gave a demonstration in knot tying and other stunts which play an important part in scouting activities. The program proved to be not only educational to the Kiwanians but enjoyable as well. The Boy Scouts taking part on the program were: Billy Oliver, Carl Worley, Jr., Wiley Dudley, Charles Carty, and Walter Brown.

AGED BENSON CITIZEN DIES

Mr. Nathan Ira Norris died at his home near Benson Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock of pneumonia following an attack of influenza. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at Red Hill Free Will Baptist church in Harriet county, conducted by Rev. Oris Matthews. Mr. Norris was 94 years of age. He had lived in and around Benson his entire life and was known for his temperate and thrifty habits and his kind congenial manner. He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Emma Norris and the following children: Mrs. Cornelia Norris, Mrs. Cheyne Ryals, Mrs. Sill Faircloth, Mrs. Polly Nordan, Mrs. Anna Norris, Mrs. Layton Hudson, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, Mrs. Ava Whitman, Mrs. Lillie Moore, and Jesse M. Larkin and Bryant Norris, all of Johnston county. The bill's backers forecast decisive committee approval by a 2-to-1 margin, and said they expected the approval version of the measure to incorporate most, if not all of the changes made when the House passed it last week. They also said that the modifications suggested by Willkie Tuesday would be given careful attention. As the final witness for the bill, the 1940 Republican presidential nominee gave it emphatic and aggressive indorsement, as "the only way to render aid quickly enough," to embattled Britain. He called for its passage—with some modifications he mentioned—by an "almost unanimous vote." The committee chamber, crammed with spectators who had wedged, shoved and elbowed their way in, heard Willkie outline the reasons why he was advocating the measure.

Herbert White Returns From Duke Hospital

Herbert L. White, Jr., 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. White, of Selma, who was stricken with spinal meningitis early in January and rushed to Duke Hospital, Durham, in a critical condition, was brought to his home here Wednesday evening. Herbert, a senior at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, was stricken while on duty at the Selma Drug Store. His physician, Dr. E. N. Booker, realizing the boy was in serious condition, advised his parents to send him to Duke at once, which was done. Upon arrival at the hospital physicians diagnosed his illness as meningitis. Blood transfusions were given him by friends here and in Wilson. His condition is much improved and his many friends hope he will soon be well again.

KENLY CITIZENS WANT ROAD PAVED

A group of citizens from Kenly went before the county commissioners last week and asked the board to give consideration to the paving of the road leading westward from Kenly into the Stancil's Chapel section of upper Johnston county. Among those appearing before the board in behalf of such a project were: W. J. Hooks, Dr. J. C. Grady, Dobbin Bailey and others. They argued that by paving this stretch of road a connecting link would be had between U. S. 301 at Kenly and N. C. 42, the new highway leading from Clayton to Wilson. The board of commissioners gave their endorsement of the proposed paving project, and the Kenly delegation will now press their claim before the State Highway commission.

"The Navy Can Spare No Destroyers," Secretary Knox Said When Asked To Comment On Wendell Willkie's Proposal That Five To Ten Destroyers A Month Be Supplied Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Secretary Knox said bluntly that the Navy "can spare no more destroyers" when asked to comment on Wendell L. Willkie's proposal that five to ten destroyers a month be supplied Great Britain. "We haven't any more destroyers to spare than we need for a balanced fleet," the Navy secretary told a press conference. "I am not going to comment directly on Mr. Willkie's proposal, but my position as the secretary of the Navy is against depleting our Navy further." In other administration quarters, nevertheless, the Willkie proposal was reported to be receiving serious consideration and some informed persons even went so far as to predict that very tangible results might be forthcoming if the British aid bill were enacted. It was while testifying in support of this measure before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Tuesday that Willkie reported England "desperately" needed more destroyers, in addition to the 50 already furnished by this country, to help protect her shipping from increasingly effective German attack. In explaining his point about a balanced fleet, Knox said that the Navy had no further prospect of being able to release destroyers because "as more destroyers are built we are building other ships, too." To transfer destroyers under such circumstances, he asserted, would leave the fleet with an inadequate number. Aside from the matter of destroyers, Knox said in response to a question, there have been no requests from Great Britain for submarines or any other part of the fleet. The naval secretary reported that construction of warships and deliveries of war planes was ahead of schedule and generally "encouraging." With the question of more destroyers for Britain suddenly a very live topic again, the Foreign Relations Committee closed its record on two weeks of hearing to start final deliberations on the lend-lease legislation. The bill's backers forecast decisive committee approval by a 2-to-1 margin, and said they expected the approval version of the measure to incorporate most, if not all of the changes made when the House passed it last week. They also said that the modifications suggested by Willkie Tuesday would be given careful attention.

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