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Johnston Legislators In Favor Referendum

Would Submit Liquor Question To A Vote of the People Of State As A Whole—Bill Now Pending Favors Referendum Next November.

The is a bill now pending before the State Legislature which would submit the question of legal sale and manufacture of whiskey in North Carolina to the people of the State as a whole, the referendum to be held next November and if it should carry, the prohibition law would become effective 90 days thereafter.

Representatives Lawrence Wallace, of Smithfield; R. T. Fulghum of Kenly, and Senator J. B. Benton, of Benson, have all committed themselves as being in favor of a statewide referendum on the liquor question, and it now seems fairly certain that the measure will carry, and if it does, we believe the people of North Carolina will vote dry next November.

Under the liquor bill now pending, persons growing crops would be allowed to make light domestic wines from them for their own use, with only such alcoholic content as natural fermentation would produce. There is a provision also that cider making may be allowed so long as it remain in its natural state of fermentation.

FARM MEETING IN SMITHFIELD FRIDAY

A county-by-county campaign to acquaint North Carolina farmers with the double-barreled 1941 supplementary AAA program begins this week, announces John W. Goodman, assistant director of the North Carolina State College Extension Service.

First of the meetings starts on Thursday in ten counties, as an equal number of teams of agricultural specialists open the drive. Last of the meetings will be held March 8. In the time intervening, every county affected by the program will have been reached.

A special meeting will be held in Smithfield for Johnston county on Friday, February 28, 1941.

As outlined, the new program will enable growers to take cotton land out of production for which they will receive Federal stamps exchangeable in retail stores for cotton goods manufactured in this country.

Then, too, Goodman explained, those who qualify for cotton stamps may also receive a payment for producing and conserving food supplies. A payment of \$1.50 per farm garden is already allowed by the AAA in North Carolina. Now an extra \$3 may be earned by growing additional garden produce, storing food products, or planting small fruits to add to the family food supply. However, to earn this special payment, growers must cooperate in the cotton stamp plan.

"Because of the importance of this program to the cotton farmers of North Carolina," Goodman said, "we hope that every grower affected will make a special effort to attend the meeting in Smithfield so as to get full details of this new plan."

Miss Lynette Ward Honor Student At A.C.C.

Miss Lynette Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones of 108 Massey street in Selma, is among those listed as honor students for the first semester of school at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C. Miss Ward is a member of the freshman class of 185 and is among the nine freshmen who made the honor roll. Others were Mr. Billie Adams, Four Oaks; Miss Mary Louise Rose, Newton Grove; Miss Margaret Strickland, Wilson; Miss Margaret Draughan, Dunn; Miss Helen Glover, Zebulon; Mr. Howard Hillyer, Jr., Wilson; Miss Katherine Lewis, Wilson; Miss Beulah Waters, Pinetown. All the honor students will be entertained by the faculty at a banquet February 27. The standard for attaining the honor roll is an average of 90 or above.

A program for the diversion into livestock feed up to 12,500,000 bushels of 1940 crop Irish potatoes in eight Western states has been announced by the Surplus Marketing Administration.

Comments On Ladies' Night At Selma Lodge

H. W. Prince, D. D. G. M., Of Fayetteville, Writing To The Orphans' Friend, Comments On Selma Meeting, Jan. 7th.

In February 15th issue of The Orphans' Friend, appeared an article by H. W. Prince of Fayetteville, who is District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Order, who was the guest speaker at the Selma Lodge on January 7, 1941 when Ladies' Night was observed by the local lodge. Mr. Prince's article reads in part as follows:

"I am writing you about two meetings that have doubtless been reported to you, but I want to give you my impressions anyway. They were unusual meetings and they ought to be duplicated in other lodges.

"Brother Z. V. Snipes, Grand Lecturer, invited me to go with him to Selma to install officers. We had a nice ride up and found the lodge without difficulty. We went up the stairs over a store building and found several doors which we knew opened into offices, but we did not know which was the door to the lodge. Almost immediately three of the brethren came up and we expected to see a small lodge room. Selma Lodge pleasantly surprised. Selma Lodge has one of the nicest halls we have been in. It was immaculately clean and well furnished and well kept. The lodge room itself gave us the immediate impression that we were visiting a lodge that had the active interest and support of the brethren.

"Our next favorable impression was the unusually good appearance and good personality of the members present. They were all well groomed. It gave us the impression that a lodge meeting meant something to them. They were genuinely friendly and the fellowship before the meeting began was enjoyed by all.

"The lodge was opened as perfectly as we ever heard a lodge opened. Not only did those Past Masters know the ritual, but they opened the lodge with a dignity and poise seldom equaled. The flag ceremony was also impressive.

"With such a setting for an installation, it is only natural that I enjoyed this installation more than any I remember. Brother Snipes has memorized the entire installation ceremony and that makes it all the more impressive. What made this ceremony all the more impressive was a nice lodge room, a good membership, and the attitude of the members. The atmosphere was perfect for a good installation and they had just that. I am glad that I went.

Junior Woman's Club Donates \$20 Toward Erection Gymnasium

Sponsors of the Community Building and Gymnasium want to express their appreciation to the Junior Woman's club for \$20.00 which the club has just donated toward the erection of this building. The treasurer, Mr. Raleigh Griffin, says the committee is badly in need of funds to finish it. All donations, he says, will be greatly appreciated. The amount contributed by the Junior Woman's club was received from a dance recently given by the club.

Smithfield Herald Adds To Reportorial Staff

Dexter Freeman, University of North Carolina graduate in journalism, Monday joined the news staff of The Smithfield Herald. His duties mainly will be concerned with city news coverage. Mr. Freeman, 25, is a native of Ellerbe, but moved with his family to Chapel Hill several years ago. He received an A. B. degree in journalism at the University in 1938 and since then has completed the major part of his work for a Master's degree.

United States imports of cattle and beef in the calendar year 1940 were 20 percent smaller than in 1939 according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASS'N TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Baptists Hope To Expand Work In Churches—Program To Begin At 4 P. M. On Thursday, March 6th.

On March 6th there will be a special Sunday school conference held at the Smithfield Baptist church. According to Rev. C. L. Gillespie, pastor of the Smithfield church, this is one of 70 such meetings in North Carolina and one of 910 scheduled for the Southern Baptist Convention.

This meeting is being promoted by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn., Executive Secretary; and the Sunday School Department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention Board, L. L. Morgan, Raleigh, Secretary; and the associational Sunday school organization of the Johnston Association, C. H. Brown, superintendent.

The purpose of this meeting is to map out plans for the expansion of Sunday school work in all of the Baptist churches in this association for 1941. The program will open at 4:00 P. M., and during the afternoon and evening to 9:30 plans will be presented for adding from 10 to 15 percent to the present Sunday school enrollment. A representative from the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, a representative from the State Mission Board at Raleigh, and a leading pastor will make up the speakers from the outside. Included in those taking part on the program from this association will be A. J. Whitley, Jr., moderator, and Herbert Brown, Associational Sunday School Superintendent. Johnston churches are urged to see that the Sunday school officers and teachers attend this meeting.

Lieutenant-Governor Tuttle Kiwanis Speaker

O. A. Tuttle, lieutenant-governor of the Carolina Kiwanis District, was the principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening. He took for his central thought "Our Attitudes Toward Life." During his talk he covered a wide range of subjects which challenge the best thought of the age, each followed by a question as to what attitude one may take on the several questions presented. He made special mention of the question of aid to Great Britain in the present war crisis. Here, he said, we find opinion divided, and that it is well that we may, for in a democracy like ours, we boast of the fact that we are allowed freedom of expression of thought.

The program was in charge of H. H. Lowry who put on a quiz contest concerning the life and habits of George Washington, whose birthday occurred on February 22. As the questions were propounded all present were asked to give the answer, and the one who could give the first answer to the most questions was to be given a prize. At the close of the contest it was found that M. L. Stancil was the winner, with John Jeffreys only five points behind with second place.

Following the quiz a special number was given by the Kiwanis Quartette, composed of President Clemmons, Raleigh Griffin, M. L. Stancil and John Jeffreys.

Special guests were Messrs. Robert Weaver, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Herbert White, Jr.

Prizes Are Awarded By The Pittman Hatchery

A large number of people gathered at the Pittman Hatchery in Selma on last Saturday afternoon at three o'clock to participate in the awarding of prizes by this popular firm. The first prize, 25 Pittman Baby Chicks, went to W. A. Braswell, of Selma, Route 2; second prize, 24 pounds of Daily Bread Flour, went to Hardy Price, of Selma, Route 1; third prize, 25 pounds of Kasco All-mash Starter, was won by Mildred Capps, of Selma, Route 2, and the last, a Kasco Chick Feeder, went to Mrs. Mary Capps, of Selma.

Mr. Pittman and Mr. Brown will continue to award prizes to their customers each Saturday afternoon through March 15th. When you make a purchase from these gentlemen, ask for your tickets.

ICKES SAYS WAR IS RELIGIOUS ISSUE

Nazis Out to Destroy Christianity, He Asserts; Flays Lindbergh and Others.

New York, Feb. 25.—The fight against Nazism, Secretary Ickes said tonight, is a religious war—a fight for the Christian religion against the anti-Christian forces of hatred.

The Secretary of the Interior cited one Nazi writing after another to support his argument that "Hitler's ultimate aim is to destroy both the Jew and the Christian," then added: "Yet there are those who believe that we ought to bow our heads meekly to the scourge of Nazism, accepting as something inevitable as those of the middle ages accepted the black death."

"It is to this abjectness that our appears—and we have many who are influential and in high places—would persuade us."

Ickes' address, prepared for a "Protestantism Answers Hate" forum sponsored by the Protestant Digest Associates, was broadcast over the NBC-Blue Network.

He asserted that "there is a widely disseminated and ably conducted movement in this country that draws together such men as Merwin K. Hart, Father Coughlin, Colonel Lindbergh, Lawrence Dennis, and Major Al Williams, and many others who might be mentioned, who would sacrifice Democratic ideals and Christian civilization to alien economic and social predispositions."

"These men are supported by others who play upon the prejudices of the anti-Semitic, the anti-Negro and the anti-sharocropper, he added.

"These are the Quislings who, in pretended patriotism, would cravenly spike our guns and ground our planes in order that Hitlerism might more easily overcome us."

"Already our native Fascists are at work cultivating the soil of hatred. Already our appeasers are at work sowing confusion in our ranks. Both are doing precisely what Hitler delights in having them do."

Prominent Smithfield Accountant Succumbs

Smithfield.—Funeral services were conducted Sunday for R. E. Smith, who died at his home here Friday around noon after an illness of two years.

The Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, who officiated when Mr. Smith and his wife were married 29 years ago, conducted the rites at the home. He was assisted by the Rev. J. J. Boone, pastor of the local Methodist Church, of which Mr. Smith was a member. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. Active pallbearers were L. G. Patterson, Dr. W. J. Massey, Postmaster Everett Stevens, Auditor Jerry L. George, W. M. Gaskins, E. A. Johnson, Frank Skinner, and W. M. Grantham. Honorary pallbearers were 20 business and professional men of Smithfield.

Mr. Smith was employed in the county auditor's office when his health failed. He had held a position there for seven years and previously had served as city clerk, and for 20 years was bookkeeper for the Banner tobacco warehouse.

Surviving, besides his wife, two sons and two daughters, Robert Smith of Raleigh; Hugh Smith of Smithfield; Miss Grace Smith, a member of the Cleveland school faculty, and Doris Smith of Smithfield. He leaves also three brothers and two sisters, Jim and Rosmal Smith of Dunn, Route 2; Ingram Smith of Four Oaks, Route 2; Mrs. Effie Tart of Dunn, Route 2, and Mrs. David Peacock of Benson, Route 2.

Robert Chester Creech Died Suddenly Monday

Funeral services for Robert Chester Creech, 38, who died suddenly at his home on Smithfield, Route 2, Monday night, were held Wednesday afternoon with burial in the Creech cemetery near Four Oaks.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. S. E. Creech of Smithfield, Route 2; three brothers, Walter A. Creech, of Smithfield; W. V. Creech of Smithfield, Route 2, and Willie H. Creech of Washington, D. C.; two sisters, Mrs. F. G. Penny of Smithfield, Rt. 1 and Mrs. Iva Coats of London Bridge, Va.

Sixteen Draftees Left Monday For Ft. Bragg



DR. J. H. BUNN

HEAD OF HEALTH DEPT. RESIGNS

Dr. J. H. Bunn Resigns As Head Of County Health Department To Accept An Appointment As Lieutenant In The Medical Corps Of The United States Navy.

Dr. J. H. Bunn, head of Johnston County's public health service since 1937, has tendered his resignation to the county board of health, effective with a few weeks.

Dr. Bunn is resigning to accept an appointment as a lieutenant in the medical corps of the United States Navy.

He will be assigned to the Navy Medical School at Washington, D. C. Dr. Bunn expects to report for duty about April 1.

A native of Henderson, Dr. Bunn came to Johnston county in December, 1937, and organized the county's first full-time public health department, which began operation at the beginning of 1938. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and the University of North Carolina.

Last Rites Conducted For Young Girl Here

Funeral services for Anna Jane Kirby, thirteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. S. J. Kirby, of Raleigh, and the late Samuel J. Kirby, who died at the Caswell Training School in Kinston, Tuesday, of a heart ailment, were held from the First Baptist church in Selma Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, conducted the rites. Burial took place in the Kirby family cemetery two miles north of Selma. Pallbearers were Ernest V. Woodard, Jr., Matt R. Wall, Jr., Fuller Suber and Roy Smith, all of Selma.

Surviving are the mother, two brothers, Samuel J. Kirby, Jr., and Charles Kirby, of Fort Jackson, S. C., and one sister, Miss Mary Kirby, of Raleigh.

Selma Youth Dies In Duke Hospital

Funeral services for Charles Capper, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Capper, who died in a Durham hospital, where he was taken for an operation for appendicitis, were held from the home in Selma, conducted by the Rev. W. N. Bass. Burial took place in the City Cemetery. Charles was in the fourth grade at school and the following classmates served as pallbearers: Vernon Lee Woodruff, Roy Camel, Virgil Ray Wilkins, Harry Morgan, Billy Hathaway and Rudolph Munns.

Selma Citizens Reported Improving In Hospital

Messrs. J. R. Munden and Oscar Bailey, of Selma, are improving following operations in a Fayetteville hospital. Mr. Munden has returned to his home here after having been confined to the hospital for four weeks. Mr. Bailey is reported to be on the road to recovery and is expected home in a few days. Friends of these splendid citizens will be glad to learn of their recovery.

Origin Call For 21 Was Reduced To 16 By State Headquarters Before The Young Men Left Here Monday Morning—Jay Batten Leader of Group.

Twenty-one young men assembled at the headquarters of Draft Board Number Two here Monday morning in readiness to accept their orders to go to Fort Bragg for a year's military training, but before time for their departure, C. B. Fulghum in charge of draft board headquarters here, received orders from state headquarters at Raleigh to send only 16 men from this point.

Just prior to their departure for camp, Paul D. Grady of Kenly and C. B. Fulghum of Selma, and Howard Mitchiner of Wilson Mills all made short talks to the boys, and Mr. Mitchiner presented each one with a New Testament.

Those leaving Monday were James Clarke Summerlin, Selma, Route 1; James Willie Boykin, Kenly, Route 2; Joe Delma Whitley, Clayton, Route 2; Elbert Wilkinson, Kenly, Route 2; Lonnie Lauder McKinney, Clayton, Route 1; Worth Bagley Crawford, Fort Bragg; Jay Batten, Selma; Walter H. Creech, Selma, Route 2; Frank James Waddell, Kenly, Route 1; Onzle Blanie Andrews, Selma; William Henry Wells, Selma, Route 2; Paul Horne, Kenly, Route 2; William Ruby Britt, Clayton, Route 2; Eugene Wesley Harris, Zebulon, Route 1; Thebert Lee Johnson, Kenly, Route 2; George Needham Spivey, Kenly, Route 1.

Jay Batten, linotype operator for The Johnstonian-Sun, was made leader of the group and Worth Bagley Crawford, was made assistant leader.

Girls' Auxiliary To Meet With Miss Julia Grant

The Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary will meet at the home of Miss Julia Grant, Wednesday afternoon, March 5, at 4 o'clock. All members of the auxiliary are urged to be present as "The Season of Prayer For Home Missions" will be observed.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

Wonder why so many carriages have arrived at the Dunn Furniture Store in Selma—WILL let TAM CORBETT tell you—JAY BATTEN, who has been connected with this paper for more than five years, left the Maindrag Monday for Fort Bragg with a group of draftees—JAY will be missed on the drag—one man seemed to be greatly disappointed that he did not get to go with the boys leaving Selma Monday morning—when JAY BATTEN, who was in charge of the fellows, handed a ticket to the bus driver, the driver counted them and found 17 boys instead of 16 the ticket called for—about that time CHARLIE FULGHUM rushed out to the bus and called to one of the boys to get off—"the hell you say," he replied, "thought I was going with this bunch,"—"YOU'LL get to go a little later," CHARLIE told him—well PREACHER CLEMMONS went to a dentist the other day to have two wisdom teeth extracted—when the parson got there the dentist told him to come back today—"thank goodness," said the good man—thus the agony was postponed a few days—"if I don't get back," he told us when he left, "be sure to mail me The Johnstonian-Sun"—Old Glory was seen floating on Washington's Birthday last Saturday in front of the Selective Service office, Wiggs' Grocery, the A. T. & T. Office, but NONE on Uncle Sam's postoffice—HUNTER PRICE will have one of the most modern homes in town when completed—work is progressing rapidly on this new home—others contemplating building homes at an early date are CARL WORLEY, MATT WALL, RALEIGH GRIFFIN, DAVID BALL, and Floyd Price, Jr.—we're growing—don't forget the barbecue dinner at the Woman's club Friday night—all you can eat for 50 cents.