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## Selma Man to Head Welfare Department

W. T. Woodard, Jr., Named County Welfare Superintendent to Succeed Mrs. D. J. Thurston, Resigned.

W. T. Woodard, Jr., better known by his Selma friends as "Bill Thad," has been named by the county board of public welfare as superintendent of the Johnston County Welfare Department, to succeed Mrs. D. J. Thurston whose resignation becomes effective on July 1, 1941.

The new welfare superintendent is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard of Selma. He received his A. B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1934 and for the following three years and a half he was a member of the high school faculty at Oriental, N. C.

In January 1938 he was employed in the Johnston county welfare department as a case worker, which position he has capably filled since that time. After taking this welfare position, he obtained a nine-month leave for special training in social work at the State University.

Besides passing on routine old age assistance and aid to dependent children cases, the board approved the welfare budget for 1941-42 which now awaits the approval of the state department.

The administrative budget figures, which are the same as at present, total \$14,450, approximately a third of which is paid by the state. The administrative budget includes the following items: superintendent's salary, \$2,400.00; salaries of four case workers, \$4,800.00; salaries of two clerical assistants, \$2,520.00; travel expense for five workers, \$2,400.00; office incidental expenses, \$1,070.00.

The board has several applications for the job of case worker, now held by Mr. Woodard, but this appointment will be made on a merit system basis, therefore no announcement has yet been made of his successor.

According to a study made by the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company, a consumer with an income of \$80 per month pays \$116.04 a year in indirect or hidden taxes. This figure does not include taxes for National Defense.

### Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

The largest building in town, the Merchants Hotel, operated by MRS. ANNIE BARHAM, looks like a new house since it has undergone a coat of paint from roof to cellar. J. D. MURRAY was the contractor—he was assisted by DEWEY FOWLER and WILL THOMPSON—MR. MURRAY says they used a little less than a barrel of paint—now is the time to paint up, folks, so get busy and make that old house of yours look like a new one—2,185 cones of Pine State ice cream were given away absolutely free by the WOODARD-CREECH DRUG COMPANY on last Saturday—folks from town and country began pouring in about 10 o'clock in the morning and kept it up until late afternoon—MISS S. ETHELEN BROWN was kept busy during the day handing out tickets entitling the visitors to free ice cream—but talking about busy folk, you should have seen HERBERT WHITE, JIGGS BROADWELL and HAROLD HOGUE late in the afternoon—their tongues hanging out and their white aprons anything but white—these boys didn't have a spare minute—NOBLE BLACKMAN will be missed from the Maindrag—no man in Selma had more friends than he—his passing was a great shock to all of us—SERGEANT IVAN WOODRUFF of Fort Benning, Ga., after spending a couple of days with his father and step-mother, MR. and MRS. FRANK WOODRUFF, left Monday for Fort Benning—this young soldier evidently stands well with higher ups at the Fort as he has climbed from Private in a few months to Sergeant—EARL FUNDENBURK has a good ball club—three American Juniors took two in a row from Lumberton and in leading the League—Wilmington and Dunn have lost one each and Lumberton has lost two—forget the game with Dunn from last Monday—some of you saw the game—they deserve credit.

## SMITHFIELD PLANS MUSICAL CONCERT

Smithfield, June 11.—"Music Under the Stars," a new type of free recorded concert, will be introduced to Smithfield people Friday night at the Woman's Club amphitheatre at 8 o'clock.

These entertainments, which are sponsored by the Woman's Club and a group of local people, are designed to give the citizens of Smithfield an opportunity to enjoy the best in the world of melody.

The audience will listen to a carefully selected program of classical and semi-classical favorites as recorded by world-famous artists. Part of the famous Haydn "Surprise Symphony" will be heard.

The program is an experiment, but if the people enjoy it and consider that it meets a need in the community, weekly concerts may be conducted throughout the summer.

Dexter Freeman of the staff of the Smithfield Herald is in charge of planning and conducting the program. He will supply many records from his collection.

Every one who likes good music is urged to attend the first concert. No admission will be charged.

## Selma Legion Post Enjoy Big Fish Fry

About 100 American Legionnaires and invited guests enjoyed a fish fry in the new Legion Hut and Gymnasium here Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, given by the Selma Post of the American Legion.

A long table had been arranged in the new auditorium, and it was here that crisply fried fish, bread, hot coffee, slaw and cold soft drinks were immensely enjoyed by all present.

Commander C. A. Bailey called on Editor M. L. Stancil for the invocation, and then after a few remarks to the audience, Commander Bailey gave the gavel to Dr. E. N. Booker, who called attention to the splendid progress being made on the building, which he referred to as realizing the accomplishment of a task which at first seemed impossible. He said that this showed that no task is hardly too great for accomplishment if we have a united program and want to see the job done bad enough.

W. A. Hood was then called upon to make a statement about the work. Mr. Hood had had charge of the construction program from its very beginning. He said that all the work on the building had been done by inexperienced young men and boys from 16 to 24 years of age, and that the only experienced helper that had had anything to do with the job was one brick mason to instruct the boys in brick laying. He told how many feet of lumber, how many kegs of nails and how many thousand brick have been used so far in the construction of the building.

Just as the meeting was about to be concluded, in came the Johnston County Legion baseball team with the announcement that they had defeated Lumberton in a game of ball that afternoon by a score of 10 to 6. Shouts and squalls went up from the audience, mingled with other shouts to "Feed 'em, Feed 'em—Give them boys some Fish." An additional supply of fish were ordered and it was not long until the ball team were enjoying a real fish supper.

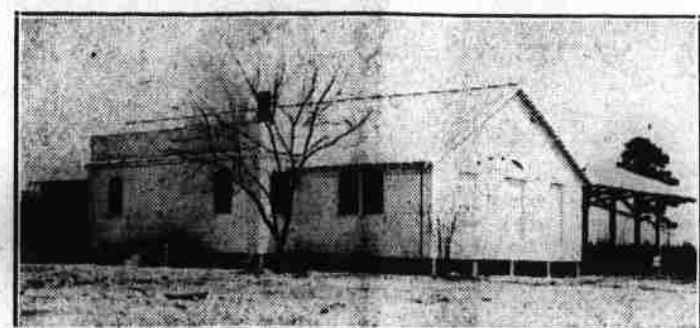
## Benson Song Festival To Be Held June 21-22

Benson, June 12.—President L. E. Levinson and his assistant S. P. Honeycutt, are busy getting the program of the 23rd Annual Song Festival in shape for the two-day event which will occur this year on June 21-22.

Mr. Honeycutt is cleaning off the grounds preparatory to installation of seats, while Mr. Levinson is receiving applications for places on the program by groups of singers as well as attending to the many other details necessary.

Senator J. B. Benton, who for the past 15 or 20 years has assisted in putting on the program, will not, by request, be connected with the event this year. Further details will be given later.

## COUNTY PRODUCE MARKET TO OPEN MONDAY



The Johnston County Produce Market, located between Selma and Smithfield, will open with auction sales on vegetables, fruits, poultry and eggs Monday morning, June 16th, at 11 o'clock. Farmers are requested by Jack Wooten, manager of the new market, to take a load of whatever quantity they have on hand to the first auction. It is believed prices will be good.

## Notice To Merchants And Their Employees

Announcement of Important Cotton Stamp Mass Meeting of All Retailers and Wholesalers of Cotton Products To Be Held in Smithfield On June 16th, At 2:00 P. M.

All retailers and their clerks, and wholesalers of American grown and manufactured cotton merchandise are urged to attend an important mass meeting to be held in the Court House, at Smithfield, at 2:00 P. M., on Monday, June 16, 1941.

Mr. G. A. Allen, Chairman of the Johnston County Cotton Stamp Committee, will preside. Speakers will include: Mr. Wingate of the Surplus Marketing Administration.

In announcing the meeting, Mr. Allen stated that as far as possible not only merchants but their clerks should attend this important discussion of how merchants may participate in the benefits of the Supplementary Cotton Stamp Program, soon to be launched in this area.

He said that in order to be eligible to accept Cotton Stamps for redemption from the Government, merchants must first complete a "Retailer's Statement" form which will be available and fully explained at the meeting.

Mr. Allen added that \$25,000,000 worth of Cotton Stamps are available for distribution to cotton farmers during 1941, and any merchants prepared to accept these stamps in trade in the prescribed manner would be at a distinct disadvantage. "The simplest way for merchants to fully understand the program," said Mr. Allen, "is to attend this meeting. They will learn how they may get their share of this additional business; what goods may be exchanged for stamps; the rules and regulations they must comply with in making cotton stamp sales; and how to redeem the stamps for cash."

"By aggressive merchandising methods pushing the sale of cotton goods not only to those using stamps, but to every family in the community, retail merchants will make a substantial contribution toward solving the problem of price-depressing cotton surpluses and under-consumption of cotton goods by a large part of our people."

## Miss Helen Kirby Takes Short Vacation

Miss Helen Kirby, popular and efficient clerk in the local postoffice, was absent two days this week from her duties in the office, taking a rest at her country home. When asked why she didn't go fishing down on the beach, she replied: "Why, I can go fishing nearer home and have just as good a time."

## WILEY L. BARNES DIED WEDNESDAY

Wiley L. Barnes, after an extended illness, died at his home in Wilson Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The deceased had been undergoing treatment in a government hospital for some time and had only recently returned to his home in Wilson. Funeral services were held today (Thursday) from the home. Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Gertrude Stallings, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Stallings of Selma, and two sons, Wiley, Jr., and Charles.

Mrs. W. H. Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bailey and a number of friends of Selma, attended the funeral services.

Don't forget the Donkey Ball Game tonight at the high school grounds. Sponsored by Selma Post No. 141.

## KENLY LAUNCHES CUCUMBER MARKET

Last summer the farmers in the Kenly community were contacted by the Cates Pickling Company of Faison in the interest of the cucumber industry. At that time 150 acres of cucumbers were signed up by local farmers. These cucumbers will be ready for the market in about two weeks.

The Cates Pickling Company is building a receiving shed at the railroad depot. A representative of the company will be present each day to grade and buy the cucumbers during the marketing season.

Kenly is proud of this new enterprise which will bring a much needed new cash crop.

## NOTICE TO ALL WHEAT FARMERS

Any farmer that harvests wheat this year will be subject to Marketing quotas recently voted for the crop for 1941. The law provides that both growers who have allotments and those who do not must have a marketing card to identify their wheat when any is sold and also when any is paid as "toll" to a thrasher, combine operator, or miller for any services rendered. Those who fail to identify their wheat must pay a penalty or tax of 49c per bushel.

The operators of farms that have less than 15 acres planted may secure a marketing card and sell all wheat harvested tax free or dispose of it as they see fit. Farms that have more than 15 acres planted will be divided into two groups:

First, those on which the wheat harvested will not exceed the allotment established for the farm will be issued cards to sell all wheat made tax free.

Second, those on which the acreage planted exceeds 15 acres but is not over 3 acres per family living on the farm, will be issued certificates allowing the thrasher and miller to collect "toll" provided they satisfy the County Committee that no wheat will be sold and that none will be fed to livestock or poultry which, or the products of which, will be sold.

If this latter group who appear before the County Committee and receive the certificates instead of marketing cards market any wheat, the penalty of 49c per bushel must be paid. If a farm marketing excess is determined because of the sale, the penalty on such excess is to be paid by the producer, and all wheat produced in 1941 on the farm shall be subject to a lien in favor of the United States until such penalty has been paid. Any combine operator, thrasher, (Continued on Last Page)

## Mrs. Emma Norris Of Benson Passes

Benson—Mrs. Emma Dixon Norris, 63, died in Harnett county hospital at Dunn, Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock following a two weeks' critical illness.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock by the Rev. L. Oris Matthews, Free Will Baptist minister of Benson, at the Pleasant Hill Christian church in Elevation township. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Norris, a daughter of the late John E. and Pensie Dixon of Johnston county near Benson, was a member of the Red Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Baine and a sister, Mrs. Della Dixon Norris of near Benson; three half-sisters and four half-brothers, Mrs. Lilla Wicker, Mrs. Nannie Wilson, Mrs. Hester Fowler, John and Jesse, all of Durham; Boyd of Dunn, and Otto of near Benson.

## Popular Selma Man Dies of Heart Attack

### MR. E. C. PERRY IS KIWANIS SPEAKER

There was two high spots in the meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening, one of which was the presence of Ray Albert Furr, Governor of the Carolinas District from Rock Hill, S. C., who was an unexpected visitor of the club, but nevertheless a welcome one.

The other outstanding feature of the evening was an address by Mr. E. C. Perry, who was introduced by Program Chairman J. N. Wiggs. Mr. Perry made a very able speech and one which gave room for much sober thought and deliberation. He also exhibited an instrument of writing which was over a hundred years old, in the form of a conveyance of a Negro slave from one party to another.

### Bible School To Begin At Methodist Church

The annual Daily Vacation Church School at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church will begin registrations Saturday, June 14, from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. Regular classes will be conducted each day beginning June 16 from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m., and continue each day during the same hours until June 27. All the children and young people of the Selma municipal area between the ages of 4 and 18 are expected to register and attend the vacation school sessions.

The vacation church school will be under the direction of Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, who is participating in the summer program of the James B. Duke Endowment. The director is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and Birmingham-Southern College. Mr. Gray is returning to Selma for the second summer as the director of the vacation school work at the Edgerton Memorial Church.

The vacation church school will be divided according to the regular age divisions of the church school. There will be four groups meeting separately each day for instruction, recreation, worship, and creative activities. Each of these groups will be under the leadership of competent and efficient adult leaders.

The beginner group, ages 4 and 5, will be led by Mrs. W. E. Tyler, with the assistance of Miss Ann Grimsley and Mrs. H. W. Everett. This group will study a course which is designed to acquaint the children with God through the use of nature.

The primary group will be divided into two sections. One of these sections will be taught by Mrs. W. D. Perkins and the other by Miss Elizabeth Temple with the assistance of Miss Dorothy Black. The former group will study a course to help them understand their Church, and the latter group will be led to an understanding of the child's life in Bible times.

The Junior group will be taught by A. D. Leon Gray and James Suber. They will attempt an adventure in Biblical exploration.

The intermediate group will be under the direction of Rev. O. L. Hathaway, with the assistance of Dorothy Jean Creech, Lena Farmer Sasser, Jimmie Lane and Robert Etheredge, Jr. They will lead a study of worship. The music of the vacation school will be under the direction of Miss Della Etheredge.

## Christian Adventists To Hold Convention

The Second Adventist Christian Convention of the Advent Christian Denomination, representing the Southern States of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, will be held at Barbour's Chapel, near Four Oaks, N. C., beginning Tuesday evening, June 17th, at 8 o'clock.

We are expecting a large delegation, representing the various activities of the church in the South. Dinner will be served on the church grounds Wednesday and Thursday. Everybody is invited.

ELDER B. H. INGLE, Pastor. J. Q. BAKER, Clerk.

More than 12,000 pedestrians were killed by motor vehicles in this country last year.

Noble G. Blackman, Sr., Superintendent of The Southern Cotton Oil Company Here For The Past 31 Years, Succumbs At Johnston County Hospital—Funeral Held From The Home Tuesday Afternoon.

The people of Selma and community received a severe shock last Monday night when news came from the Johnston County Hospital that Noble G. Blackman, Sr., one of the town's outstanding business men, had died of a heart attack Monday night about 9 o'clock. He had been taken to the hospital earlier in the day because of an attack, but this was not generally known here until after the news of his death was made known. He was 61 years old.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, conducted by the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, of the local Baptist church, and pastor of the deceased, and the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, pastor of the local Methodist church.

The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful. Burial took place in the city cemetery.

All places of business in Selma closed during the funeral hour. Mr. Blackman was superintendent of the Selma branch of the Southern Cotton Oil Company for the past 31 years.

Surviving besides his wife, are three daughters, Mrs. Raymond Woodall of Smithfield, Mrs. Eva Massey and Miss Louise Blackman of Selma; one son, Noble G. Blackman, Jr., supervisor of the Wilson Tobacco Market; one brother, John W. Blackman of Selma; three sisters, Mrs. W. G. Ricks, Mrs. J. F. Brown of Selma, and Mrs. Howard Olive of Brodgen.

He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. S. J. Shuler, Mrs. W. A. Nordan and Mrs. S. R. Lee, all of Selma.

## Singing Meet To Be Conducted In Goldsboro

Goldsboro—The Spring meeting of the Eastern Carolina Singing Convention will be held at the First Full Gospel Church in Goldsboro, Sunday, June 15, beginning at 1:45 p. m., it was announced by the pastor, Dr. W. H. Carter.

Choirs from all over Johnston, Wayne, Sampson, Duplin as well as Wilmington, Leland and other places have notified the minister of their plans to attend.

Dr. Carter stated that the convention is interdenominational and that it was not sponsored by any one church but that he had only offered the Tabernacle Church and its facilities in order that Goldsboro might have the opportunity of having the convention.

Every choir or group of singers in this section of the state is invited to attend and participate and is asked to write to the minister of the Tabernacle Church for further information.

## "Governor" Young Dies Near Benson

Benson—Funeral rites were held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for C. V. (Governor) Young, 64, who died Thursday night following a heart attack.

Rev. Forrest L. Young, pastor of the Benson Baptist church, conducted the services, which were held in the family cemetery in the Peacock's Cross Roads section of Johnston county.

Surviving Mr. Young, who was a son of the late David and Mary Lou Young, are his wife, Mrs. Mary Barefoot Young of Fayetteville, and seven children: Miss Cleo Young, Rudyard, Roscoe, and Jefferson of Fayetteville; Jethro of Fort Bragg; Mrs. Thelma Benson and Mrs. Mabel Mills of Benson; also one sister and one brother, Mrs. Ella Blackman of Bentonville, and Joe Young of Benson, together with several grandchildren.

"Science can give mankind a better standard of living, better health and a better mental life. If mankind in turn gives science the gratitude and support so essential to its progress."—Vanderbilt University, Carnegie Institution.