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Reelected Mayor of Selma



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B. A. Henry Re-elected Mayor by Large Majority — E. V. Deans Replaces E. J. Sasser As Member of Board of Commissioners—About 450 Votes Polled.

What once promised to be a very quiet and uninteresting town election in Selma wound up on last Tuesday as one of the most interesting held here in recent years. The candidates worked hard all day getting the voters to the polls and everything went off in a quiet and orderly manner.

H. H. Lowry was registrar and S. R. Lee and Mrs. Gladys Black judges of election.

Harry W. Everett, who announced for Mayor against B. A. Henry at the eleventh hour, failed to muster any great amount of strength, and was defeated overwhelmingly.

The keenest race took place among the candidates for town commissioners. All of these candidates seemed to be very popular among the voters, as was shown by the large vote each received.

Two new men entered the commissioner's race — E. V. Deans and Charles S. Hicks, Deans being one of the winners.

The official vote was as follows:

FOR MAYOR	
B. A. Henry	374
Harry W. Everett	71
FOR COMMISSIONERS	
J. C. Avery	312
R. H. Griffin	291
E. V. Deans	271
R. E. Suber	270
E. J. Sasser	235
C. S. Hicks	230

Kenly Man Passes After Lingered Illness

Kenly.—James H. Evans, 65, of Kenly, Route 2, died at his home Wednesday at 6:15 p. m. after an illness of four years.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 5 p. m. from Old Beulah Primitive Baptist Church, with Elder Shepherd Langdon and Elder Ransey Parrish of Angier, Route 1, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha Hatcher Evans; one son, J. C. Evans of Kenly Route 2; one daughter, Mrs. Joe Edwards of Petersburg, Va.; two brothers, Thomas Evans of Kenly, Route 1, and Willie Evans of Kenly, Route 2; two sisters, Mrs. Lula Peele of Lucama, Route 1, and Mrs. Isiah Tetter of Lucama, Route One.

CARD OF THANKS

I am taking this method to publicly thank each and every one who supported me in any way in the election last Tuesday. It is very gratifying to know that such a large number of people supported my candidacy for re-election, and I want them all to know their vote and support is highly appreciated.

E. J. SASSER

Three Persons Hurt In Three-Way Wreck

Two Automobiles and Truck Involved In Collision On Highway Near Selma

A wreck involving two automobiles and a transfer truck occurred Saturday night at 10 o'clock a half mile north of Selma.

Archie Thorne, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thorne, and Bobbie Brown, 17, both of Selma, Route 1, were in one car. Paul Herring who also lives on Selma, Route 1, was the driver of the other car, and Jackson Hughes of Valdosta, Ga., was the driver of the truck. The driver of the truck was not injured.

The accident occurred when Herring attempted to pass the Thorne car while meeting the truck.

Young Thorne suffered a head injury; Brown's nose was broken, and Herring was taken to the Johnston County Hospital. He was reported as not seriously injured. Both cars and the truck were practically demolished. Policemen Bradley Pearce and Charles W. Straughan of Selma investigated the wreck.

Casey Brown Helps Y.P.E. At Church of God

Casey Brown has spent the past few weeks working for the Y. P. E. at the Church of God here. He has been bringing in around \$1 each Sunday night, which the good people of the community have given him.

A contest is being conducted between two groups, known as the "Whites" and the "Blues", and all money raised will go toward painting and repairing the church. Ever since Casey has been working for his side (the "Blues") his side has been ahead, and all his co-workers feel very thankful to Casey and all the people who have helped Casey, and they will continue to do so as all money contributed will go for a good cause.

Y.P.E. meets each Sunday evening at 7:30 and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

MRS. WOODROW CARTER, Blue Side Leader.

Selma Man Promoted To Rank of Major

His many friends here will be glad to learn that William B. Aycock, son of Judge and Mrs. W. P. Aycock of Selma, has been promoted from rank of Captain to Major in Uncle Sam's armed forces. Major Aycock is stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala.

Miss Leona Farmer Sasser and her room-mate, Miss Sarah Elliott, of E. C. T. C., spent last week end with Miss Sasser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sasser.

Selma Exceeds War Bond Quota By \$14,000

Johnston County's Quota Is Oversubscribed By Nearly 40 Per Cent—Benson, Pine Level and Smithfield Almost Double Quota.

According to a Final Report of War Bond sales in Johnston county during the recent Nation-wide drive, which closed on May 1, the people of Selma and adjoining territory bought \$59,013.75 worth of bonds, which is \$14,013.75 more than their quota of \$45,000.00. Our nearest neighboring town of Pine Level reported \$29,900.25, their quota being only \$15,000.00. Smithfield reported sales of \$17,273.50, their quota being \$88,000.00, and Benson reported bond sales of \$114,955.00, when their quota was only \$60,000.00.

The county as a whole exceeded its quota by 37.9 per cent.

The following is a list of the Johnston county towns which were assigned quotas and the amount reported sold by each:

TOWN	QUOTA	SALES
Benson	\$60,000	\$114,955.00
Clayton	45,000	42,436.00
Four Oaks	15,000	17,187.50
Kenly	20,000	15,954.75
Micro	15,000	16,373.75
Pine Level	15,000	29,900.25
Princeton	15,000	13,792.50
Selma	45,000	59,013.75
Smithfield	88,000	171,273.50

	\$318,000	\$481,128.00
Public Funds	112,000	112,000.00
	\$430,000	\$593,128.00

Raleigh Griffin, chairman of the local committee to push sales of War Bonds, says his committee are very thankful and appreciative of the fine support they received from the people of this community in helping to put the drive across. It will be noted from the report that while Selma's quota was \$45,000, when the time had expired on May 1, the people of Selma and community had purchased almost \$60,000 worth of War Bonds, which shows that Selma people are squarely behind the boys in the armed forces.

Selma Kiwanians Enjoy An Unusual Program

An unusual program was put on at the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening by Program Chairman Vernon Wiggs. Cards were passed, on which was printed the kind of stunt each must do.

Then beginning at one end of the line, each Kiwanian had to do his turn, and each was an entirely different one. First and second prizes were offered to those putting on the best acts, the amount of applause each received to be an index as to the winners. Quite a number of good acts were put on that brought forth much applause and laughter. At the conclusion of the program Kiwanian H. H. Lowry was asked to decide the winners, who happened to be W. T. Woodard, Sr., for cutting the "Pigeon Wing" dance, and M. L. Stancil for doing the "Charleston."

In the absence of the Kiwanis Sponsor, Mrs. D. M. Clemmons, Mrs. Mildred Perkins Spencer acted as pianist.

The attendance prize, donated by Kiwanian M. R. Wall, was awarded Kiwanian Raleigh Griffin.

SELMA MAN GETS ARMY PROMOTION

Pfc. Donald E. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Paul Brown of Selma, who is with the U. S. Army Air Corps, stationed at Sioux Falls, S. D., has been promoted from Private to Private First Class. He received his basic training at St. Petersburg, Fla. Private Brown has only been in the Army about three months.

Jesse Sullivan Is Now Staff Sergeant

Jesse W. Sullivan, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan J. Sullivan, Rt. 2, Selma, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He is a member of the 472nd Basic Flying Training Squadron, stationed at the Enid (Okla.) Army Flying School.

Attend District Methodist Conference

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Call and Rev. Geo. W. Stout attended the District Methodist Conference in Louisburg, Tuesday.

TWO CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH AS FIRE DESTROYS HOME AT CLAYTON

Selma Negro Killed When Hit By Truck

Henry Potts of Selma Dies In Hospital From Injuries He Received When Truck Hit Wagon On Highway.

Henry Potts, 65, well known Selma Negro, died in the Furlong Hospital at Smithfield Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock from injuries received when a big truck ran into the rear of his wagon around 8 o'clock Saturday morning about a mile south of Selma.

The driver of the truck, Narcy Odowski of Alturas, Fla., claimed he did not see the wagon until it was too late to stop. The truck belonged to Roy Perdue of Alturas, Fla.

Riding on the wagon with Potts was Douglas Morrison, who suffered injuries of the hip and back.

The driver of the truck was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Cora Bell Ives, in Smithfield, and remanded to Johnston County jail in default of \$5,000 bond.

Selma, Route One Man Dies Of Heart Attack

Benjamin Franklin Barnes, 62, died at his home, Selma, Route 1, Saturday morning around 3 o'clock, following a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 3:30, conducted by Elder Elijah Pearce of Princeton. Burial took place in the Overman cemetery in Wayne county.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Aycock Barnes; six sons, Braxton Franklin, Thomas Cleo, Ollie Oscar and Donnie Riley, all of Selma, Route 1; Henry Calvin Barnes, U. S. Navy; Raymond Andrew Barnes, U. S. Army; three daughters, Mrs. Cleveland R. Brown of Fayetteville; Misses Annabell and Doris Lucile Barnes of the home; three brothers, Charles C. Barnes, Kenly; Patrick H. Barnes of Seven Springs; and J. P. Barnes of Selma, Route 1; four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes Miller of Raleigh; Mrs. Lillie Mumford of Princeton; Mrs. George Davis and Mrs. Larry Aycock of Kenly, Route 4.

Mrs. John W. Blackman Very Ill In Hospital

Their many friends here and elsewhere will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. John W. Blackman are ill. Mrs. Blackman was taken to the Johnston County Hospital several days ago where she continues seriously ill, while Mr. Blackman is also confined to his home here due to illness.

Since Mrs. Blackman's illness took a more serious turn a few days ago, the following members of the family have visited her from a distance: Mrs. W. E. Comer of Greensboro, who has spent several days here; John W. Blackman, Jr., of Greenville; Carlton Blackman of Salisbury; Gibson F. Blackman of Raleigh, and Mrs. S. M. Young, also of Raleigh, all of whom have spent some time here during the past week.

Selma Exceeds Quota In Red Cross Drive

Final figures show that Selma's quota in the Red Cross War Fund drive was exceeded by about \$50.00.

The last report came in from the local high school Glee Club which contributed \$14.29 to this fund, bringing the grand total up to \$1,649.91. The quota assigned to Selma township was \$1,600.00.

Mrs. Richard Lewis and her team of workers are due much credit for the splendid job they did in making the drive such a wonderful success. Mrs. Lewis wishes to thank all workers and contributors who helped to make the campaign a success.

Has Good Victory Garden

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard, Sr., were looking for more boarders this (Thursday) morning for the duration of one meal at least. Mr. Woodard had been out to his victory garden and gathered a nice supply of asparagus, onions, cabbage and strawberries. We were tempted to take dinner out today.

A pound of scrap will stop a Jap.

Leads Commissioners' Ticket



JULIAN C. AVERY, who led in the vote for Town Commissioners in Tuesday's city election, receiving 312 votes for re-election as a member of the Town Board. Mr. Avery is one of Selma's most popular business men. He is engaged in the Insurance and Real Estate business.



R. ERNEST SUBER, who was re-elected as a member of the Board of Town Commissioners in the city election last Tuesday. Mr. Suber is regarded as one of Selma's outstanding business men. He is Superintendent of the Southern Cotton Oil Company's plant here.

Selma School Holds May Day Festival

An unusual and beautiful occasion celebrated by the Selma schools was the May Day festival held on the front campus on Wednesday, May 5, at 2:00 P. M. Gertrude Hudson, elected by the high school student body, reigned as queen. Her attendants, also chosen by the students were as follows: Elva Fields, maid-of-honor; and Hilda Pulley, Elgie Rose, Frances Branch, and Iris Worley. Little Patricia Lewis was the crown-bearer.

Dances given in honor of the queen were by girls and boys in the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh grades and high school. They represented foreign countries such as China, Brazil, Sweden, Russia, and Scotland. The dances were on the grass in front of the queen's throne.

Children taking part in the dances were: fourth grade: Luther Barnes, Wilbert Creech, Sue Massey, Alease Parker, Nora Lee Sullivan, Cecil Brown, Bill Griswold, Kenneth Driver, Bobby Simpson, Donald Tucker, Helen Bailey, Ruth Batten, Mary Rose House, Geraldine Crabtree, Betty Jean Crabtree, Betty Shuler Driver. Fifth grade children were: Judith Ann Matthews, Edith Nell Brown, Joyce Ann Starling, Mozelle Johnson, Peggy Ann Younger, Marjorie Lane, Melvin Creech, Clarence Bailey, Jr., Faydeen Edwards, Betty Jo Stancil, Marjorie Barnes, Hazel Brown, Frances Morris, Josephine Price, Kerney Driver, Milton Capps.

Sixth grade children were: Joyce Ann Lynch, Faye Batten, Dixie Lane, Harold Phillips, Kathleen Edwards, Joyce Ann Henry, Jewel Worrell, W. E. Smith, Gibbon Hobbs, Leland Barden, Bobbie Jean Ray, Joan Massey, Thelma Carter, Oscar Hinton, Glenn Eason, George Proffitt, Bobby

Woman Strikes Match To Look For Work Clothes In Closet And Then Flames Start—All Efforts Fail To Rescue Two Small Children Sleeping In A Crib Upstairs In Home.

Despite heroic efforts of soldiers from Seymour Johnson Field, who were visiting in the home, and volunteer firemen, two small children, a boy and a girl, lost their lives in a fire that swept the home of Mrs. Jim Dodd in Clayton about 11 o'clock Monday night.

The babies, children of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Gower of Clayton and Kinston, died from suffocation and scalding resulting from the fire and smoke.

The fire started when Mrs. Dodd, who lived downstairs, went to her dresser to get clothes for work in the cotton mills the next day. She struck a match in order to find the correct apparel, and suddenly the fire blazed from the dresser.

It became apparent to Mrs. Dodd Ernestine Dodd, Audrey Hinton, and visiting soldiers Irving Herstfield and Ed Saltry that the fire was getting out of control and was threatening the whole house. Seeing that the stairs were blocked by the smoke, Mrs. Dodd ran toward the back of the house to warn Mrs. Gower, whose apartment was upstairs, about the spreading fire.

In the meantime the girls and the soldiers were at the front of the house making efforts to help Mrs. Gower and her two children escape.

When the cries woke Mrs. Gower, she jumped from the bed, ran to the window, and without further waiting, leaped from the second-story kitchen window. In falling she struck the side of the house and a tree which was standing nearby, and sprained her ankle.

Seeing that the danger was becoming greater, Herstfield tried to climb up the drain pipe but each time he reached the window the heat and fire drove him back and made him lose his balance. At this time volunteer firemen Joe Shehdan and James Norris arrived in the truck and started water on the flames. Shehdan received a cut on his arm from the falling glass which had to have 16 stitches taken in it.

Shehdan recovered the bodies of the three-year old boy, Jerry, and the two-year old girl, Jackie, from the building. The little girl's face had scratches on it that appeared as if she was trying to fight for air. The children were not burned, but each had skin scalded off from the steam of the fire and water.

The house Tuesday morning was an empty, charred hull with smoldering embers, broken furniture, and firemen's ladders leaning against the building. From the outside it appeared as if nothing had occurred, but once inside the door, the walls and all the furniture were blackened pieces of wood.

Upstairs in the children's room could be seen the small crib where they were sleeping. A melted doll lay on the floor beside the children's bed.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Underwood Funeral home in Clayton with burial in the Clayton cemetery.

Raleigh Griffin's Mother Died Thursday Morning

A message was received early this (Thursday) morning by Mr. Raleigh Griffin, cashier of the Branch Banking & Trust Company, announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Griffin, which occurred early today at her home in Woodland, N. C. Mrs. Griffin was 87 years old. Funeral services will be held from the home Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Surviving are seven children.

Johnson, Person Daughtry. Seventh grade girls taking part were: Ramona Bailey, Annie Lee Godwin, Lena Hodges, Jeannine Martin, Grace Baker, Ruby Mae Barnes, Christine Corbett, Argie Lee Creech, Lillie Mae Edwards, Nell Johnson, Emma Ruth Griffin, Ruth Price, Marjorie Sullivan, Joan Corbett, Irma Green, Dorothy Parrish, Elizabeth Creech, Janet Everitt, Beulah Strickland, Ruby Parrish.

Those taking part in the Highland Fling were: Betty Jo McMillan, Jane Armitage, Ava Davis, Ruby Williams, Mary Louise Jeffreys, Arnie Hood Hughes.

The program was directed by Miss Helma Biv. Miss Naomi Wood was the pianist.