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Newspapers Of State Praised In Latest Greyhound Bus Ads

For years the newspaper of this State have been printing advertisements telling readers about Greyhound bus service. This month the tables are turned—for current Greyhound ads are telling readers about the public service offered by this and other newspapers.

Mr. H. Peirce Brawner, General Traffic Manager of the Atlantic Greyhound Lines, in discussing the present series of bus advertisements, said, "The newspapers of this State have earned every bit of commendation we can give them. They're doing a swell job for their readers and for the war effort. That's why we are featuring the newspapers of this State, right along with our highways, schools, and farms, in our advertisements. We want more people to know more about this vital part of their everyday life."

BOYS IN NAVY GET SCHOOLING

Navy Recruiter John Stallings has received a letter from James Earl Adams, Selma boy now in the Navy. Young Adams joined the Navy this summer, has already been promoted, and at present is in Navy Machinist Trade School in Michigan. The Navy pays him his salary, gives him free room, board and medical care, and is paying for this schooling which is worth \$1500. He will finish up in several more weeks and then plans to go to a Navy Diesel school for further training. All 17 year olds are urged to follow Adams' example and enlist in the Navy. All will have opportunity to apply for trade school. There are 55 trades to choose from. The Recruiter will be in Selma Monday, August 30 at the post office. He will be at the Smithfield post office Tuesday, August 31 and Wednesday September 1. 17 year old men should see him then. This may be the last recruiting trip to this section.

Portsmouth Man Visits Johnstonian-Sun Office

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Batten of Portsmouth, Va., are spending a few days in this section with relatives. Mr. Batten is a brother of Walter Batten of Smithfield. He is a retired railroad man and has been living in Portsmouth for the past 30 years or more.

Mr. Batten was a visitor to see Editor M. L. Stancil at the office of The Johnstonian-Sun Monday. He said the congestion of people in and around Portsmouth and Norfolk eclipses anything he has ever witnessed before. In addition to the many thousands of people living in houses in that area, there are at least 5000 trailers being used for housing quarters.

Pvt. O. L. Parrish Home From California

Pvt. O. L. Parrish, who has been stationed at Camp Beale, California, is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie L. Parrish. He has stouتنed up so much since he has been in the service his friends here hardly recognized him.

BUY MORE BONDS TODAY!

Action Promised On Explosion Claims Here

The explosion claims filed by various claimants as a result of a truck load of ammunition exploding one mile South of Selma on March 7, 1942 are now being considered by the War Department in Washington.

The War Department officials, on Friday of last week, promised to compile and make their report to the Committees on Claims of the United States Senate and House at an early date, according to E. G. Hobbs who was in Washington last week and took the matter up with officials of the U. S. Government. The War Department has made extensive investigation in this matter.

It is not known what position the War Department will take in payment of the various claims but members of Congress in charge of the Bills have approved same and hope to get the Bills passed during the next session of Congress. If the bills are passed on final reading in Congress, then they will be sent to the White House for approval or disapproval.

The total amount of the explosion claims is \$187,000.

Willis J. Dewar Now Airplane Mechanic

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 23 — A new role in Democracy's fight against the Axis today awaited Pfc. Willis J. Dewar, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Dewar, Selma, N. C., who was graduated as an airplane mechanic today from the B-24 Liberator bomber mechanic's school at this unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Private Dewar, with approximately 17 weeks of intensive training behind him, is now ready either for assignment to line duty wherever the big Liberators are operating, or to a flexible gunnery or factory school.

"On the line" it will be his duty, not to fly them, but to keep them in good flying condition so they will perform effectively. Before the big bombers take off he will make certain that the engines are running smoothly, that the electrical and fuel systems are functioning properly, that the landing gear is working correctly—that the plane is in perfect mechanical condition.

When the planes return he will help mend broken and twisted parts, change a damaged engine, patch up bullet holes and put the bombers back in service as good as new.

Army Air Forces experts long have recognized the importance of the ground crews who outnumber pilots 10 or 20 to 1, with the proven theory that a bomber is no better in action than its mechanics on the ground.

Southern Rwy. Official Visited Selma Monday

H. C. Trexler of Charlotte, superintendent of Motive Power for the Southern Railway, arrived in Selma in his private car on an early train last Monday morning and spent the day with Capt. S. M. Parker. Mr. Parker dined with the official in his private car at noon Monday and reports a fine dinner. "That corn bread was the best I ever tasted, except that made by my mother," said Mr. Parker. We'll vouch for that statement for we had some of that bread. The chef, Mr. Parker says, is an old Negro and knows how to cook.

Pulpwood Committee Is Organized Here

Army Caravan of 250 Men To Tour Southeastern States In Order To Show The Public How Badly Pulpwood Is Needed For War Purposes.

Uncle Sam is calling for more pulpwood to keep the paper mills running in order that there may be available sufficient paper and paper products to meet the war needs. So acute has grown the paper shortage that large newspapers and magazines are being rationed print paper. A few days ago the Raleigh News and Observer came out with the announcement that they could not take any more new subscribers to their paper unless it is to fill a gap caused by the discontinuance of another subscriber.

The Government announced that there is a serious shortage in paper containers such as paper boxes of all types, which are very necessary in making shipment of supplies overseas. They are asking the farmers to agree to cut pulpwood at least three days during the remainder of 1943. The wood is to be cut and loaded on car for shipment at some designated point, which will be named just as soon as proper arrangements can be made with the mills for shipment.

During the next few weeks the War Department's "Army Salute to Wood Caravan" will tour ten southeastern states, covering 4,200 miles and making 38 stops. This Army Caravan has been organized to show wood cutters of this area the importance of the production of pulpwood and other forest products for the war effort. This traveling exhibition is tied in with the Victory Pulpwood Campaign which this newspaper is supporting.

The caravan comprises 250 infantry troops, small artillery and battle equipment, jeeps and other combat vehicles. War heroes, just released from hospitals, will be on hand to tell how important pulpwood and other forest products are to the men fighting on the battlefronts. Capt. John Edwardsen, U. S. Army, is in charge of the caravan. This caravan started from Meridian, Mississippi, on Tuesday of this week. It will tour parts of Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, etc. It will pass through North Carolina in late September, making the following stops: Elizabethtown—Thursday, September 30.

Kinston—Friday, October 1.

Rocky Mount—Saturday, October 2, and Sunday, October 3.

The local Pulpwood committee is composed of Albert Brown, Chairman; Mayor B. A. Henry, and M. L. Stancil.

Charlie T. Hopkins Gives Fish Supper

Charlie T. Hopkins, local cafe operator, bought a large drum fish last Tuesday morning weighing about 30 pounds, which he had baked to suit the most delicate taste. Charlie told us he needed some help to consume his large fish and invited us around to help eat it Tuesday evening. We don't recall having even eaten any drum before, but if all drum fish are as good as this one we will be found beating the drum more often from now on. We know Charlie didn't do the cooking for we saw Mrs. Hopkins was looking after the serving and other chores about the kitchen.

Among the invited guests to assist Charlie in eating his big fish were M. L. Stancil, H. H. Lowry, Chief-of-Police H. B. Pearce, Police-man Red Jones and Attorney James R. Pool of Smithfield.

Governor Urges Labor Day Sales

If Governor Broughton has his way, there'll be no Labor Day Holiday on tobacco markets.

The Governor wired his protests to the September 6 holiday to N. M. Schaum of Wilson, chairman of the sales committee of the U. S. Tobacco Association. The committee recently voted to set aside Labor Day this year as a holiday, the first time such a holiday has been observed on the markets.

"In my opinion," the Governor said in his message to Schaum, "it is particularly unfortunate, in view of the drastic labor shortage and urgent need for farm labor, that the markets should lose the benefit of one full day on account of such holiday, which has not heretofore been observed."

"It will take the fullest cooperation on the part of the marketing and warehouse associations and farmers to avoid the possibility of a general holiday of considerable extent to enable farmers to harvest essential food and feed crops."

Broughton urged that the committee reconsider its action and vote to keep the markets open on Labor Day.

Tobacco Market Gets Off To Good Start

Selma Police Round Up School Vandals

Quick Work On Part of Police Department Following Publication of Damage To School Building Here Causes Arrest of Six Boys of Teen-Age—Trial Saturday In Juvenile Court.

Last week's Johnstonian-Sun carried an account of the wreckage to the Selma school building, and offered a reward of \$10 for evidence leading to the apprehension of the guilty parties. The local police department had not been apprised of the crime until it was published in the Johnstonian-Sun, but Chief Bradley Pearce together with Policemen Charlie Straughan and Red Jones got busy. Chief Pearce and Red Jones went to the school house near the midnight hour Thursday night and found several boys had already made entrance to the grounds by climbing over the high iron fence. Chief Pearce said he and Red Jones had to climb the fence to get inside the enclosure where the boys were. They arrested Fleet Batten, Jr., Marion Gurkin, Marshall Johnson, Jesse Vaase, Jr., Lee Hudson and Larry Freeman, all of whom are under 16 years of age.

It is reported here that since their arrest, Fleet Batten, Jr., and Marion Gurkin have disappeared from the community. The trial will come off before Juvenile Judge H. V. Rose in Smithfield Saturday of this week.

The damage to the school property was described in last week's Johnstonian-Sun, and so far as we know there has been no additional damage since that date.

Kiwanians Don't Know Very Many Movie Stars

At the weekly meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening, Program Chairman Rudolph Howell, who is manager of the local theatre, put on a contest which had to do with the various characters in the leading moving pictures. He would name the picture and then ask the Kiwanians to name one or more of the three star players in the picture. He named about 15 pictures in this manner and then called for a showing of hands of all who had answered all questions correctly, but no hands went up until he had scaled the list down to four. When this point was reached two hands went up—President Howard Gaskill and past-president David S. Ball.

Kiwanian Howell said all pictures he named had been shown at the local theatre within the past few weeks. Most Kiwanians were inclined to feel that they were not interested so much in the names of the Stars as they were in their looks and the way they acted their parts.

The program was concluded by talks by Matt Wall and C. E. Kornegay, both of whom gave short histories of their lives, which were most interesting and greatly enjoyed by all present.

Revival To Begin At Methodist Church Here

The Revival Meeting at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church here will begin on Wednesday night, September 8, at eight o'clock. The Rev. Robert Bradshaw, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the N. C. Conference will be the guest preacher.

A prayer meeting will be held at the church in preparation for the meeting on Wednesday night, September 1, and cottage prayer meetings will be held the following Friday evening.

Other announcements concerning the revival and the prayer meetings will be made next week.

Zebulon Minister Fills Pulpit Here

The Rev. Theo. B. Davis, of Zebulon filled the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, who is away on vacation. The visiting minister next Sunday will be the Rev. Arthur Creech, of Princeton.

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Offerings On Smithfield Market Exceed Expectations — Leaf Selling High With Poorer Grades Eclipsing All Past Records — Farmers Well Pleased.

Johnston county farmers who have sold tobacco on the Smithfield market since the opening on Tuesday of this week appeared well pleased with prices, and the offerings at the opening sales on Tuesday far exceeded previous expectations.

CEILING RAISE DOUBTFUL SAYS OPA

Delegation Asks Four-Cent Increase at Conference; OPA Says Prices 'Fair'

Washington, Aug. 25.—Nearly 100 business and political leaders of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina made a concerted appeal to the Office of Price Administration (OPA) today for a higher ceiling price on flue-cured tobacco, but they received slight encouragement.

Meredith S. Kohlberg, head of the OPA food price division's tobacco section, did not make a final decision immediately, but throughout a day-long conference maintained that present prices were "fair to all growers."

In addition, Reed Dickerson of the OPA legal staff, declared "it is gravely doubtful if we can increase the prices." He contended tobacco was a cost-of-living item and thus bound by President Roosevelt's "hold-the-line" order on prices.

Kohlberg promised a ruling on the matter "as soon as possible," however, and said he would confer tomorrow with tobacco company representatives concerning the problem. Flue-cured tobacco is used chiefly in making cigarettes.

Despite the opinions voiced by the OPA officials, Governor Colgate Darden, Jr., of Virginia said the outlook for a price boost was "encouraging" and that he was optimistic about such action.

Governor J. M. Broughton of North Carolina declined to predict what was in store, but declared "we proved that an error was made and an increase is justified . . . and we don't believe in the perpetuity of error."

Four-Cent Increase

The two Governors, Senator Byrd (D-Va.), and several Congressmen headed the delegation before OPA to ask that the price on flue-cured, tied and graded tobacco be increased a minimum of four cents a pound from the present figure of 41 cents a pound for the season's average purchase price.

During the past month various groups in the three states had urged a boost of six to seven cents, but the lower figure was agreed upon this morning as "a reasonable compromise," delegation leaders said.

Chief argument of the tri-state group was that a higher price should be set for their tobacco because it was tied and graded, thus resulting in an increased cost of production.

They contended that the Georgia crop, put on the market untied and ungraded, already had been sold at the figure of 41 cents when an OPA order of August 14 specified it should be three cents lower.

Kohlberg and J. B. Hutson, former president of the Commodity Credit Corporation and now assistant War Food Administrator, asserted that actually the Georgia crop sold at only slightly over 38 cents on the average, however, so the Carolina and Virginia growers still would get three-cent premium.

'Unfair,' He Says.

"It would be unfair to those growers who have already sold their crop to set a higher price at this time," Kohlberg declared.

He maintained that granting an increase would boost the price of cigarettes to the public, but the delegation members insisted that this was not true, contending that the cost of tobacco was a minor item.

Lieutenant Governor Reginald Harris of North Carolina summarized the argument of several present, declaring that Georgia growers had received an average of more than 30 cents in 1942 and 38 cents in 1943, while Carolina and Virginia growers who got approximately 41 cents in 1942 would not get any gain this year.

Representative Burch (D-Va.), chairman of the delegation, said the proposed four-cent increase was a modest request, and deserved favorable action.

BUY WAR BONDS & STAMPS

The general average price paid on the Smithfield market Tuesday was between 41 and 42 cents per pound. The better grades were some higher than the offerings on the opening date last year, and the poorer grades have never sold higher since the founding of the Smithfield market 46 years ago. Even during the period of 1919 when tobacco prices reached the highest point in all history of the market, the poorer grades failed to reach such flattering prices as were paid on the Smithfield market last Tuesday.

The offerings at the opening this year were below normal in point of quality, which is another evidence that prices are better this year than in previous years. Many tobaccoists feel that if it was not for the government ceiling price on tobacco this year prices would mount to even higher levels.

At the Gold Leaf and Wallace warehouses, which had first sales Tuesday, the floors were filled to comfortable proportions, but there was no overflow, which is an indication that farmers are in no rush to sell with the hope that the government ceiling price may yet be raised, and also to the fact that there is no bumper crop of tobacco grown in this section this year. At the opening sales in 1942 there were 750,000 pounds of tobacco sold on the Smithfield market, while at the opening this year the total sales ran around 500,000 pounds.

The Smithfield market has two sets of buyers on the floors again this year, with daily sales beginning at 9:30 and closing at 3:30.

Although no sales had previously been planned for next Monday (Labor Day), this plan has been discontinued.

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Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

JUDGE F. H. BROOKS, of Smithfield, has attended every opening of the Smithfield Tobacco Market for the past 46 years, in fact every year since the tobacco market was established — the JUDGE showed us a fountain pen, while in Smithfield Tuesday, and it was the biggest one we have ever seen, that he has been using every day for the past 30 years—"many a poor devil has been sentenced to the roads with that pen," he told us — a prescription costing \$109.00 is what happened to our townsman, W. H. CALL—MR. CALL went to Duke Hospital for an examination and was given the following prescription "one-half teaspoonful of plain salt in a glass of hot water every morning before breakfast" — for which he paid \$109.00 — "I have gotten fine results from that prescription," he told us "and I don't regret the cost" — that was a splendid service at the Methodist church on last Sunday night — the junior choir, under the direction of MISS STELLA ETHEREDGE, sang several numbers, after which the pastor, the REV. GEORGE W. BLOUNT, made a brief, but interesting talk — JOHN JEFFREYS, JR., took the solo part in one song and this young man sang well—he possesses a splendid voice—of course he takes it after his dad—no offense, MRS. JEFFREYS — and, speaking of the REV. MR. BLOUNT, he is not only a good preacher but a good bowler as well—down at the lake a few nights ago he put it all over this writer, CAPT. S. M. PARKER, EDITOR STANCIL and J. S. BROWN, of Wilson — the latter is holding down the cashier's desk in the Branch Banking & Trust Company, while the cashier, RALEIGH GRIFFIN, is on his vacation — now if DAVID BALL had been along it might have been a different tale, for that boy is hard to beat — BOB HOLDING has another big job on his hands, raising one million dollars in the 3rd War Loan drive in Johnston county — BOB put the other drive over in big shape and he will do it again.