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Edwards Brothers In Service



Pvt. Floyd P. Edwards (left) and David Edwards, sons of Mrs. Floyd Edwards and the late Mr. Edwards of Selma, Route 1, are now in service. Floyd is overseas and David is stationed at Keesler Field, Miss.

New Appointment Of Welfare Board Required

Passage of recent legislation will necessitate the reappointment of all county welfare board members by April 1, 1945 in order to provide staggering terms of office, Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of Public Welfare, announced this week.

Terms of two of the members would have expired on that date. The new act provides for appointment of all three members for terms running for one, two, and three years for the first appointments with subsequent terms to run for three years. Thus only one member's term will expire each year in the future instead of two terms expiring simultaneously under the old law.

One member of the board is named by the State Board of Public Welfare, one member by the county commissioners of each county, and these two jointly select the third member. In the event the two appointees cannot agree on a third member, the appointment is made by the resident Superior Court judge.

The State Board at its meeting on February 19 will make its appointments for the first term of three years. County commissioners will make their appointments for the two year term, while the third member chosen this year will be appointed for one year.

All members now serving on county welfare boards are eligible for re-appointment this year. In making its selection, the State Board of Public Welfare considers suggestions from any citizens of the community interested in public welfare.

Selma Kiwanians Hear Lincoln Day Address

A goodly number of Kiwanians were on hand for the regular weekly session of Selma club last Thursday evening at the Woman's club building. Included were 12 from the Smithfield club.

Following the usual enjoyable meal President Mose Stencil conducted the business session, after which Kiwanian Hub Brown took over as program chairman. Hub came up with a corking good one this time with an address by Ira Ford, Johnston County's Tax Collector, and member of the Smithfield club. Kiwanian Ford, always an able and interesting speaker, talked on that great American, Abe Lincoln. A timely theme since the Great Emancipator's birthday occurs this month.

The club meets this (Thursday) at 7 o'clock, the meeting hour having been changed from 6:30 to 7:00, with Kiwanian George Blount as program chairman.

Notice Of Meeting Of American Legion Aux.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Wednesday evening, February 14th, at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. B. A. Henry. Co-hostesses are Mrs. Charlie Fulghum and Mrs. Charlie Grant.

Pvt. Wilson (Jiggs) Broadwell Comes Home

Pvt. Wilson (Jiggs) Broadwell arrived this week from a hospital in Florida to spend a furlough with Mrs. Broadwell and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Broadwell. Pvt. Broadwell was wounded last summer while serving on foreign duty, and was in a hospital in England until recently.

Major Watson Dies In France

Major Lemuel Edgar Watson, Jr., a Smithfield attorney and officer in the National Guard before the outbreak of World War II died in a hospital in France on January 17 from wounds received in action on January 16, a telegram from the war department informed members of his family early Saturday night.

Major Watson's wife, who resides at Selma with her sister, Mrs. Pearl B. Richardson, was informed by the war department last Thursday that her husband had been seriously wounded.

One of three commissioned officers in the Smithfield National Guard, Major Watson began full-time military duty in September, 1940, when the guardsmen were mobilized in one of the important steps in America's pre-Pearl Harbor preparedness program. At that time he was a first lieutenant.

After a period of training at Fort Jackson, S. C., Major Watson was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., and other camps before receiving assignment to overseas duty. He was sent to the European war zone about a year ago.

Major Watson, a son of Mrs. L. E. Watson, Sr., of Smithfield and Wilson and the late Mr. Watson, was educated at Duke University, and after receiving his license to practice law, opened an office in Smithfield. For a number of years he served as attorney for the Smithfield Production Credit Association.

A public spirited citizen, Major Watson served a period as scoutmaster, was active in the organization of the old Smithfield Lions club, serving a term as president, and took a leading role in the formation of the Johnston county chapter of the Duke University Alumni Association of Smithfield in 1939.

He was married to the former Miss Josephine Batts of Wilson, who survives with their two children, Dennis and Betty Jo Watson, who live at Selma.

Surviving besides his wife, mother and children are a brother, Thomas Watson of Smithfield, and a sister, Mrs. Ed Stallings of Wilson.

Heart Attack Is Fatal To Well-Known Citizen

Henry D. Bunn, 37, died at his home in Selma Monday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock, following a heart attack. The deceased, an employe of the Southern Railroad, worked until midnight the night before his death. He was a native of Wilson county and a son of Daniel M. Bunn, and the late Mrs. Bunn.

Funeral services were conducted from Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, by the Rev. Wiley Ferrill of Morrisville, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Lancaster of Smithfield. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Elma L. Bunn; his father, Daniel M. Bunn of Selma, Route 1; two daughters, Beulah Lee and Geraldine Bunn; five sons, Ray, Tony, Henry D., Jr., Carson and Gregg Cherry Bunn; the latter born on the morning of election day and named for North Carolina's governor. Two sisters, Mrs. R. T. Jones and Mrs. G. E. Jones of Selma, Route 1, also survive.

A message of condolence from Governor Cherry was received by the widow.

Beaufort Citizens Are Now Residents of Selma

Mr. C. W. Britton of Beaufort, has recently purchased the Pilkington home on Highway 301, just south of Selma, and has moved his family, consisting of his wife and two daughters, here to make their home. Mr. Britton, member of the firm of Talbritt's, ladies ready-to-wear store, had resided in Beaufort for the past 14 years. He has recently had his store on the corner of Anderson and Raeford streets remodeled.

This firm carries an up-to-date stock of goods in all the latest spring styles. The Johnstonian-Sun welcomes this splendid family to our town.

Lt. Joe D. Richardson Arrives Safely Overseas

A cable was received by Mrs. Pearl B. Richardson Tuesday from her son, Lt. Joe D. Richardson, announcing his safe arrival overseas.

Red Cross Quotas Are Allotted To Townships

The seventeen townships in Johnston County have been given allotments in the Red Cross drive which is to be waged during the month of March. In most cases it will be seen that the amounts actually raised in the various townships of the county in 1944 exceeded the amount allotted to them in 1945. The Johnston County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been asked to raise a total of \$19,000 this year, says J. Durward Creech of Smithfield, who has been appointed county chairman of the drive for 1945.

H. H. Lowry, Advertising Manager of The Johnstonian-Sun, has been appointed Publicity Chairman of the drive for Johnston County, and M. I. Stencil, President of the Selma Kiwanis club, has been named chairman of the drive for Selma Township.

The quotas by townships are:

Township	1945 Quota	1944 Raised
Boon Hill	\$600	\$611.48
Beulah	1400	1473.00
O'Neals	275	268.15
Micro	350	320.00
Pine Level	700	711.15
Selma	3000	3115.53
Banner	1700	1741.00
Smithfield	7000	6809.30
Ingrams	1500	1593.00
Pleasant Grove	500	478.00
Wilson's Mills	500	503.00
Cleveland	250	99.51
Elevation	250	217.70
Wilders	400	380.81
Meadow	800	864.19
Bentonville	250	157.90

Smithfield Kiwanians Hear President Dean

A group of 19 members of the Smithfield Kiwanis club went to Rocky Mount Tuesday night of last week to hear an address by Ben Dean, president of Kiwanis International, who spoke to more than 300 Kiwanians representing different clubs throughout Eastern North Carolina.

Touching on the cost of World War II, President Dean told those present that this war will cost the nation a trillion dollars and that we are spending money at the rate of a billion dollars every four days. Said he, "Every 12 days we spend as much as we spent in a whole year before the war on our public schools, our colleges and universities. For a trillion dollars, a modern five-room house could be built for every family in the world, or a million dollar hospital could be built for every community of 2,000 population, or 500,000,000 young men and women could be given a four-year college education."

President Dean is an advertising executive at Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was introduced by Sam Bundy of Tarboro, governor of the Carolinas Kiwanis district.

Those attending the meeting from the Smithfield Kiwanis club included: President Ben H. Houston, J. A. Pool, G. Ira Ford Sam Stallings, Arthur Gardner, J. R. Overby, B. W. Booker, Theron Johnson, Macy L. Hoyle, Albert Stallings, Dr. E. S. Grady, John Pileand, Clyde Layne, Dr. J. W. Whitehead, Elton Mitchiner, Roy Strickland, H. L. Stenoshon and A. G. Glenn, and Glenn Grier.

Pvt. William O. Core Is Injured In Action

Mrs. Bill Core received a telegram from the War Department Monday, stating that her husband, Pvt. William O. Core, was seriously injured in action January 11, in Belgium.

Bill was inducted in the Army on April 5, 1943, and went overseas on December 2, 1943. He stayed in England nearly a year before going to France and Belgium. He was in the Ordnance Corps until recently when he was transferred to the Infantry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Core, and husband of the former Lucile Barnes of Selma.

A recent letter from Bill to his wife stated he was in a hospital in England.

Selma Boy Says It's Cold In South Dakota

The editor of The Johnstonian-Sun had a card from S. Sgt. William H. Thorne last week, who is stationed in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. S. Sgt. Thorne wrote in part: "Take it from me, it is plenty cold in South Dakota. The temperature sticks from 5 degrees above to 5 below zero."

Mrs. Ben McClamrock, Jr. and Mrs. Ralph Goldston spent Sunday in Raleigh, the guests of Petty Officer and Mrs. Bob Oliver.

Johnston County Sheriff Dies At Smithfield Home

C. I. GODWIN DIES AT RALEIGH HOME

Veteran Raleigh Insurance Man Was Native of Johnston County—Was Brother Of Walter Godwin, And Brother-in-Law of Leon Brown, of Selma.

His many friends in Selma and Johnston county were deeply shocked when news was received Wednesday afternoon that Clarence I. Godwin, native of Pine Level, had died suddenly at his home in Raleigh, where he had resided for several years.

Before going to Raleigh Mr. Godwin was engaged in the drug business at Pine Level. He was widely known throughout Eastern North Carolina in the insurance field.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lois B. Godwin, of Raleigh; two sons, C. Rich Godwin, of Newport News, Va., and Flight Officer Joe O. Godwin, of the U. S. Army Air Forces; four daughters, Mrs. R. E. Earp, of Selma Route 1; Mrs. Cary P. Rogers, Polly Godwin and Lois J. Godwin, all of Raleigh, and four grandchildren.

The following brothers and sisters also survive: Walter Godwin, prominent merchant of Selma; Clyde Godwin, Earl Godwin and Leon Godwin, of Pine Level; Mrs. Jesse Austin, of Clayton; Mrs. Street Jones and Mrs. Flora P. Rae, of Pine Level.

Smithfield Negro Kills Himself With Shotgun

Charles Avery, Negro, was found shot to death in his home at Smithfield Sunday morning. Coroner E. N. Booker, who investigated the Negro's death gave a verdict of suicide.

Avery was about 28 years old, and was found lying on the floor with his feet under the bed. The bed clothing was partially soaked with blood and it seemed evident that he had fallen from the bed to the floor. The fatal wounds were just above the heart, with a 12-gauge shotgun lying in a baby bed a few feet away.

The dent of a gun butt was found in the wall of the house which seemed to match the gun found in the baby bed, and it was decided that Avery held the butt of the gun against the wall of the house as he fired the load into his body.

Several persons who had previously been arrested pending a thorough investigation were released when the coroner rendered his verdict.

Gas Rationing Board Discontinues Meetings

The Local War Price & Rationing Board has discontinued its regular Thursday afternoon weekly gasoline meetings, at which it has heard applicant's complaints.

In the future, it will be necessary for any applicant desiring to meet with the gasoline board, to file his or her complaints in writing, with the gasoline clerk for presentation to the board. This above procedure was established due to government regulations requiring each applicant to establish in writing, the requirements desired.

All gasoline applications filed for any purpose should be fully filled out by the applicant, proper name and address, car description, each question answered in full, and where employed by some firm should be certified by the signature of the person in charge, stating the mileage necessary for the applicant's operations. Finally, signature of applicant, "Mileage Ration Record Sheet" should accompany all supplemental and special applications.

If the above instructions are observed, the applicant will save time and delay due to having applications returned for corrections.

Mrs. Faulkerson Back From Duke Hospital

Mrs. Elsie Corbett Faulkner, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at Duke Hospital, Durham, returned to her home in Selma Tuesday. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she is getting along nicely.

A. V. Thomas, assistant county agent of Craven County, reports the removal of 85 birds in culling three flocks of 290 birds. He suggests that flocks be culled from time to time, and the best birds kept.

Sheriff Kirby L. Rose Dies After Lingerin Illness—Funeral Will Be Held From The Home In Smithfield Today (Thursday) At 3 P. M.

Sheriff Kirby L. Rose, 54, sheriff of Johnston County for the past six years, died at his home in Smithfield Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 following an illness of several months. Sheriff Rose had been in declining health for the past several months and recently spent five weeks in a Goldsboro Hospital.

About three weeks ago he returned home from the hospital somewhat improved, but he was not able to resume his duties at the courthouse.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. C. L. Gillespie, pastor of the Smithfield Baptist church, and Dr. H. S. Hillee, president of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson. Interment will take place in Sunset Memorial Park near Smithfield.

Sheriff Rose was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joel L. Rose, of Wayne county. He was a native of Wayne county.

Surviving are his wife; three children, First Lt. Robert Rose, Marine Corps, stationed at Newport, Ark., Cpl. Christine Rose, of the Marine Corps, stationed in California, and Mrs. Evelyn Hopkins, of Clayton; two grandchildren and several brothers and sisters.

Bible In Schools Is Approved By Yale

The teaching of the Bible in the Public Schools has the approval of Yale Divinity School, one of the oldest and most famous religious school institutions of our country, of Duke Divinity School, of Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Va., and many other institutions, and of many of the wise men of our country. It has the approval of the laws of North Carolina, and of the State Council of Churches which represents a great number of the religious denominations of our State.

One of the most interesting instances of teaching of the Bible in public schools is in the city of Chattanooga. About twenty years ago it was initiated there by the McCauley brothers of the McCauley Military Prep School, one of the best schools of its kind in the South. For twenty years or more the Bible has been taught in the schools of Chattanooga with success and with much satisfaction to those concerned. It is a movement which has come rapidly in our State, and is growing throughout all the states.

It will be a source of genuine gratification to Selma and community to know that next year its children will have this privilege. Practically all of our colleges, both state and denominational, have elective courses in the Bible, but a large percent of our high school students do not go to college, hence they never have the opportunity to choose the study of the Bible along with their other studies. Next year they will have that opportunity along with that of over one hundred other communities in North Carolina.

Very soon the committees of the churches will see those who made pledges last year to contribute to this work. The teacher will be recommended by the committee of the churches to Mr. Tuttle, principal of the Selma school, who will nominate her for election by the County Board of Education. The North Carolina Council of Churches acts as a clearing house for public school Bible teachers, and the committee of the churches will look to this Council for information and aid in the procuring of the best possible teacher.

Negro Spirituals At Local Methodist Church

A musical treat is in store at the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church Sunday night when a group of Negro students selected from the Glee Club of the Richard B. Harrison School will sing Negro Spirituals. There will be no preaching service as the Musical Program will take the major part of the hour.

County Agent Riley Palmer of Asheville reports a larger number of 4-H steers on feed than usual. Vocational teachers also report many F. A. steers for the Asheville show in the fall.