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## RELIGIOUS COURSE FOR SELMA SCHOOL; TEACHER SELECTED

Miss Virginia Smith, a graduate of Queens College, has signed a contract to become the teacher of Bible in the Selma High School this year. Credit will be given for this course just as for other studies leading to graduation.

Thus Selma joins in a great movement which is already established in more than one hundred communities in North Carolina, and is growing throughout the nation. For example a campaign is now under way in Gaston County to place the Bible, and have some form of religious instruction, in every school room, both white and colored in Gaston County. Another instance of the growth of this movement is that with the summer school session this year Duke University began a program of instruction for teachers of Bible in the Public Schools in which a practical course of instruction will be directed by Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., of Davidson College. Dr. Gwynn is recognized throughout the nation as a foremost authority on this subject. Also, for the first time Guilford College will have a six weeks Bible Teacher training program this year.

Selma is fortunate to have Miss Smith for its Bible Teacher. She was recommended by the State Council of Churches. She was highly recommended by her college where she was a student of exceptional ability and qualities. She was Valedictorian of her class, was a member of the Student Legislature, and president of the student's Honorary Scholastic Organization. In her comprehensive examinations which included both oral and written examinations she received the award, "Summa Cum Laude". This summer Miss Smith is doing Home Mission Work for the Presbyterian Church in the Mountains of Western North Carolina. She will conclude her work early enough to be in good time for the opening of the fall school term in Selma.

Selma is the first place in Johnston County to have this form of Religious Instruction in the Public Schools, and thus leads her way in a movement having much possibility for good. According to the laws of North Carolina any community which desires the teaching of Bible in the School can have it if the necessary conditions are met. It is constitutional because the courses in Bible are elective and are not supported by tax money.

## Local Man's Outfit Given Service Plaque

With the Fifth Army, Italy. — Sgt. John L. Taylor of Kenly, N. C., Automotive mechanic, a member of the 338th Field Artillery Battalion Service Battery, wears the gold wreath emblem of a unit awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of outstanding duties with the Fifth Army in Italy.

Part of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division, the company kept frontline cannoners at 105-millimeter howitzers supplied with ammunition, food clothing and supplies.

The citation credits the company with "supplying the organizations in superior manner despite the most difficult conditions of weather and terrain."

The 88th Division is commanded by Major General Paul W. Kendall of Palo Alto, California.

Taylor is the son of Mr. Benjamin F. Taylor, Route 1, Kenly.

## Revival in Progress At Holiness Church

Rev. M. D. Freedom, of Wilson, is now conducting a revival at the Pentecostal Holiness Church here. Services each evening, at eight-fifteen. You are invited.

S. J. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

The property damage caused by motor vehicle accidents in 1944 amounted to \$550,000,000, according to estimates by the National Safety Council.

## Travel

The ODT has issued orders, effective noon July 15, banning the use of sleeping cars on railroads for trips of less than 450 miles.

Either military or civilian travelers will have to use coach accommodations on short-haul runs unless unneeded space is available.

According to ODT the plan will release some 900 Pullmans to the various railroads. About 24 will be released by the ACL.

## Received Discharges Last Week



CPL. MELTON W. DAUGHTRY, son of Mr. J. W. Daughtry of Smithfield, Route 2 returned recently to the States from the European theatre of operations. He was discharged from the army last week at Fort Bragg. His wife is the former Miss Doris Langley of Princeton. They have a son, Warren, whom he had not seen until his return to the States.



SGT. JAMES P. THOMPSON, son of Mr. C. F. Thompson of Smithfield, Route 2 recently was returned to the States where he received his discharge from Fort Meade, Md., after serving since October, 1943 with the army in France and Germany. He entered service with the National Guard in 1940 and received training at Fort Jackson, S. C., in Vermont and New Jersey before going overseas. His wife, the former Miss Edna Earl Stancil, daughter of Mrs. M. L. Stancil of Selma, resides in Washington, D. C. where they plan to make their home.

## FARMERS' CO-OP CREDIT GROWS

Farmers who are members of the Smithfield Production Credit Association now own 80.6 per cent of the total stock and reserves of the association and are well on the way to complete member-ownership of their cooperative credit organization, Mr. M. C. Hooks, President of the association announced today.

In 11 1-2 years of operation the 1946 members have invested \$55,545 in stock and the association has accumulated \$71,300 in reserves. The remaining stock outstanding is owned by the Production Credit Corporation which originally organized and furnished the entire capital stock for the association when it was organized in late 1933.

Approximately \$5,500,000.00 has been loaned to farmers and stockmen in Johnston County since organization. N. R. Wilson is secretary-treasurer of the association with office located on Market Street in Smithfield.

## Sgt. Otis K. Peedin To Get Discharge

Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, Maxton, N. C., July 10.—An enlisted man from North Carolina was among those listed to be discharged via the point system from the world's largest glider installation, it was announced today by Colonel E. P. Curry, Commanding Officer.

Reporting to Fort Bragg, N. C., for actual consummation of his discharge papers is Technical Sergeant Otis K. Peedin, a native of Selma, N. C.

Sgt. Peedin served in Palestine, Egypt, Libya, and Tunisia while overseas, and was a Quartermaster Supply Sergeant until his transfer to the Air Forces several months ago.

The wearer of the North African Campaign ribbon with three battle stars and a Distinguished Service citation is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Peedin, of Route Two, Selma.

## HABEAS CORPUS WRIT IS DENIED IN ALLEGED MURDER

Mary and Gladys Perry, Negroes of near Selma, who are accused of first-degree murder in connection with the alleged poisoning last spring of Carson Anderson, Negro, yesterday were denied freedom under habeas corpus.

The two women contended they are being held illegally, but Judge Williams ruled there is sufficient evidence in the case to justify their being detained without privilege of bond until the trial can be held this fall. The women were represented by Elmer Wellons, Smithfield attorney.

Evidence tended to show that Anderson was served several drinks by the two Perry women, and it is alleged that one of these drinks contained carbolic acid. Anderson was stricken after leaving the women's house and later died. A doctor who attended him said there was evidence he died of carbolic acid poisoning. The women contended that if he drank the poison, he got it from a bottle of medicine he bought at a drugstore after he complained of a sore throat. The preparation was an external use only and contained carbolic acid, the defense contends. Anderson allegedly was robbed of about \$70 after being drugged.

## Turner Vinson Talks About Tire Rationing

Tire dealers in Johnston County are required to have a complete inventory of their tire stock and Parts B at the close of business June 30, Turner Vinson, Chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board, said today.

Dealers who fail to register their June 30 inventory with OPA before July 10 may not legally transfer rationed tires after that date.

During the period July 11-25, OPA's Enforcement Division will conduct a survey on dealer compliance, aimed especially at failure to register, failure to keep proper records, and failure to maintain accountable inventory. Mr. Vinson said.

To assure that the available supply of tires are used for the most essential wartime uses, from now on, all tire certificates will be channelled through OPA's Verification Center, he added.

At the same time, Mr. Vinson urged all drivers of cars, especially drivers of cars with "A" cards, to continue to recap tires.

Mr. Vinson explained that tire failures increase as much as 30 per cent in hot weather and that the increased tire allocation is only sufficient to take care of the essential needs of "B" and "C" card holders.

"Our civilian supply of tires is still far short of the heavy demand," Mr. Vinson said. "The months ahead will provide a crucial test of whether we can keep essential wartime transportation rolling."

## Johnston FCX To Hold Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Johnston FCX Service and the Cotton Growers Cooperative Association will be held in the court house Friday afternoon, July 13, at 2:30 for the purpose of declaring a patron dividend to its members, electing directors for the incoming year and to appoint delegates to the district meeting.

The State FCX Service is doing over a million dollar business each month and will show a net saving of 350 thousand dollars to its patrons this year. Its net worth now is over \$1,600,000. The Johnston FCX service has done a business of over \$280,000 during the past year at a gross margin of less than 10 per cent average. Its directors will declare a 4 per cent dividend to be prorated back to its members during the annual meeting.

The Cotton Growers Cooperative warehouse has received over 16,000 bales of cotton during the past season and has kept its warehouse space filled to its capacity. The State Cotton Association has handled over one hundred thousand bales of cotton for its members during the past season and have saved them half a million dollars in proper government grading and direct to mill selling.

Prominent speakers from the Raleigh office and from the county will attend the meeting and report on the cooperative operations and discuss the future agricultural conditions as they exist at present.

Everybody in the county is invited to attend this farm meeting but farmers are urged to make a sacrifice to be present and learn just what their cooperatives are doing in this county.

SUBSCRIBE TO YOUR PAPER

## EDITOR STANCIL PASSES AT DUKE; FUNERAL RITES HELD HERE MONDAY

### M. L. STANCIL

(An Editorial from The Smithfield Herald)

The Herald today sorrowfully records the death of M. L. Stancil, editor and publisher of the Johnstonian-Sun.

It goes without saying that he will be greatly missed by the people of Selma and the county as a whole. In his quiet and unassuming way he gave his community a cleanly printed, honorably edited newspaper that always maintained a close, personal relationship with its subscribers. Editor Stancil's own upright character was indelibly written into the pages of the Johnstonian-Sun.

To the Herald, the passing of Mr. Stancil is more than the passing of a fellow newspaperman. He was once a member of the Herald staff, working as a linotype operator under the regime of the old Beatty and Lassiter partnership. The Herald learned in those days the true worth of his character and this paper's esteem for him never dwindled.

The Herald under Beatty and Lassiter, as now, was strongly Democratic in its politics. Mr. Stancil was a member of the opposite party and a leader in Republican affairs. Sometimes the political campaigns became rather warm. The Herald, as the chief spokesman for the Democrats, was always in on the Democratic strategy. Political articles often reached the linotype several days in advance of publication and it became Mr. Stancil's job to set them into type. To use a modern term, he was in an excellent position to be a sort of fifth columnist for the Republicans, but he never took advantage of the situation. Never did he betray a confidence. He opposed them politically, but in his job he remained strictly loyal to his employers. That illustrates the kind of man he was.

To the members of his family, to his associates on the Johnstonian-Sun staff, to the people he served so long and well, the Herald expresses its sincere sympathy in their profound loss, bowing in grief yet glad that the inspirations found in the life of M. L. Stancil do not vanish with the end of his earthly existence.

## NEW ICE PLANT BEGINS OPERATION

Selma and its surrounding community need no longer fear an ice shortage since S. P. Wood opened his new plant on the corner of Webb and Waddell streets here. Manufacture of ice began Saturday night and the first deliveries were made promptly Sunday morning.

Ice-making capacity of the new plant, equipped with latest in Frick electric motors, is 100 blocks of ice each 12 hours whereas the old plant operated on a schedule of 120 blocks per 24 hours. Storage capacity is 250 blocks. Mr. Wood's old plant here was powered by steam and had a storage capacity of 108 blocks. Both plants will continue to produce in order that the increasing demands for ice may be met.

For the present the main office will remain at the old plant, just across the ACL railroad. A fleet of six trucks will be used to effect deliveries and a larger force employed.

W. H. Hill is local manager for the Wood system and Jack Morgan is chief engineer.

## Woman's Club Helped Board Issue Sugar

Mrs. W. G. Wilson, President Woman's Club Smithfield North Carolina Dear Mrs. Wilson:

We, the Board members and personnel of the Johnston County War Price & Rationing Board wish to express our grateful appreciation through you, to the Woman's Club of Smithfield for their fine co-operation and services rendered in an emergency.

Without this service, we are sure that the people of Johnston County would have lost a great part of their fruit crop before the small personnel of the Board could have completed the issuance of all canning sugar.

Very truly yours, Turner Vinson, Chairman War Price & Rationing Board, Smithfield, N. C.

## RETURNS TO HOSPITAL

H. H. Lowry who has been confined to his quarters at the Brick hotel for the past number of weeks suffered another severe attack Wednesday at noon. He was rushed immediately to the Johnston County Hospital. As this report is written his condition is not known. Everyone wishes for him improved health soon.

## UNION SERVICE

A Union Service of the Selma Churches will be held at the Free Will Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Worley will preach. All are invited.

## SOLOIST FEATURES KIWANIS MEET

Miss Anne Boyd, mezzo soprano, appeared in the feature role of the Selma Kiwanis club's weekly program Thursday (last) evening. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. I. O. Anthony, Jr., who also played for the regular group singing. Miss Boyd ably rendered Cincint Youman's "Without A Song" and "Wanting You" by Sigmund Romberg, she being especially effective in the upper register.

Remaining part of Kiwanian Ernest Suber's program consisted of a question and answer contest dealing with national and international items which was won by Kiwanian Howard Gaskill, with nine correct answers of a possible twelve.

Members voted to send a delegation composed of Kiwanians John Jeffreys, David Ball, Wilbur Perkins and Ernest Womack to the charter night meeting of the newly formed Angier club on the evening of July 12th. The local club is one of those sponsoring the entry of Angier into Kiwanian International.

The attendance prize, donated by Con Korngay, went to Bill Woodard. Custom decrees that the preceding week's winner donate \$1.25 if he fails to bring a prize to the next meeting. Con was short of memory and it lost him the dollar and a quarter; he moved that the club purchase Tom Haywood's famed "kicking machine" and move same from New Bern to Selma for future use. However, too many of the fellows suffer from lapses of memory and since none wished to occupy the seat of honor on this machine the motion fared badly.

Plans were laid for an open-air meeting next Thursday at which time wives and sweethearts of members will be guests of the club.

The supper was served by a committee from the Woman's club consisting of Mesdames Gaskill and McClamrock. Vice-president John Jeffreys presided.

Kiwanian Roy Smith will have charge of the program at the next meeting.

## JUST A COLUMN

By AITCH VEE GEE

We have been working under DIFFICULTIES lately with OUR typewriter which was GIVING considerable trouble BUT now we are making out FINE and the reason is THAT our old friend Herbert SCREWS came by the office LAST night and gave the old MILL a few minutes expert ATTENTION much to the RELIEF of the editor which FOLKS are ok and all they NEED is a chance to prove IT and now I thank you.

## Succumbs After Lengthy Illness

The Presbyterian church here was filled to overflowing Monday afternoon as friends and relatives gathered to pay memorial tribute to M. L. Stancil, 65, editor and publisher of the Johnstonian-Sun, who died in Duke Hospital at Durham Saturday morning at 10 o'clock after an extended illness.

The body lay in state at the church for three hours prior to the funeral service, which began at 4 p. m. The Rev. Howard F. Newman, pastor of the church, led the service, reading from the Bible and giving a eulogy of the late editor, who was a leader in the Selma Presbyterian church, president of the Selma Kiwanis club and otherwise an active participant in community activities.

The Rev. J. Wade Baker, pastor of the Selma Baptist church, and the Rev. George W. Blount, pastor of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church, offered prayers.

A mixed choir composed of representatives from the various churches of Selma sang hymns. John Jeffreys sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. M. R. Wall, pianist.

There was an abundance of floral offerings banked near the casket and back of the pulpit.

The rites were concluded with burial in Sunset Memorial Park near Smithfield.

Pallbearers were S. M. Parker, Paul McMillan and James McMillan, representing the church; John Jeffreys, David S. Ball and Matt R. Wall, representing the Kiwanis club. Mr. Stancil was taken to Duke Hospital about two weeks ago suffering with asthma complicated by pneumonia. Prior to entering the hospital he had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. Stancil had been publisher of the Johnstonian-Sun for 16 years. Before coming to Selma he was connected with newspapers in Smithfield, Benson, Greenville and other places. About 30 years ago he served as a member of the Smithfield Herald's mechanical staff.

His was a long a leader in the Republican party of Johnston county and served a two-year term as register of deeds during the Republican administration of 1924-26.

In Selma, he devoted much of his time outside of his newspaper work to religious and civic activity. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church and superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school. His leadership and interest in community affairs led his associates in the Kiwanis club to name him as their president for 1945. He was recently elected as a member of the new board of directors of the Johnston County Red Cross Chapter.

Mr. Stancil was a son of the late Moses Stancil and Emily Massengill Stancil. He was married to the former Miss Alma Rowland of Wake county on March 1, 1911.

Those Surviving

Mrs. Stancil survives along with three sons and four daughters, as follows: Alton G. Stancil, Fort Benning, Ga.; Howard Stancil Greenbelt, Md.; Bill Stancil, Selma; Mrs. J. A. Martin, Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. J. P. Thompson, Washington D. C.; Lucy and Betty Joe Stancil, Selma. Other surviving relatives include one brother, W. A. Stancil, Van Nuys, Calif.; a half-brother, Harvey Stancil, Benson; and two half-sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Parrish of Benson and Mrs. B. M. Riggs of Hubert.

## Johnston Housewives Urged To Apply By Mail

Housewives in Johnston County who apply for their gasoline, fuel oil, sugar, and other rations by mail will receive prompt service from the War Price and Rationing Board, Turner Vinson, Chairman, said today.

It is estimated that ten applications received through the mail can be processed in the time it takes to process one application made in person he pointed out.

By sending a penny postcard to the War Price and Rationing Board, applicants will save time, effort, shoe leather, and tires, Mr. Vinson concluded.

A farm home or farm building catches fire every 15 minutes during the day in the United States, and the cost of these farm fires totals around a quarter of a million dollars each day, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

H. H. LOWRY, Advertising manager for The Johnstonian-Sun for several years.