

The Johnstonian-Sun

VOL. 29

SELMA, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1946.

NUMBER 8.

Godwin and Grady Have Announced Themselves For Judge and Solicitor

William I. Godwin of Selma and Paul D. Grady, Jr., of Kenly threw their hats into Johnston county's 1946 political ring Tuesday as they announced their candidacies for judge and solicitor of Recorder's court, respectively, in the Democratic primary in May.

In announcing for the judgeship, Solicitor Godwin of Recorder's court spiked last week's political rumors that he would be a candidate for solicitor of the fourth judicial district, facing Solicitor W. Jack Hooks of Kenly, who previously filed for the office.

Larry F. Wood gave the green light to the race for judge of Recorder's court when he announced recently that he would not be a candidate for renomination. Other possible candidates for the judgeship include Albert A. Corbett of Wilson's Mills, Gilbert Grady of Four Oaks, F. H. Brooks of Smithfield and Hugh A. Page of Clayton.

Solicitor Eight Years
Godwin, who was unopposed as solicitor in 1942, defeated W. O. Rosser, Jr., Four Oaks attorney, and Don B. Ward, Smithfield lawyer, for the county office in 1938. The former Selma mayor received the second highest number of votes at the primary polls that year.

The first candidate to enter the race for solicitor of Recorder's court, Grady is the son of former State Senator Paul D. Grady.

Grady, who maintains law office with his father in Kenly and Smithfield, was graduated from Kenly high school in 1931, Atlantic Christian College in 1934 and the law school at the University of North Carolina in 1937.

Overseas Veteran
Entering the Army in April of 1944, he served as an anti-aircraft gunner aboard a repair ship in the Pacific Islands and held the rank of corporal at the time of his honorable discharge in January of 1946. The overseas veteran, who prior to entering service served as solicitor pro tem for several months while Godwin had a leave of absence, is married to the former Josephine Williams of Nash county. The couple have two children, ages seven and nine.

With the entry of Godwin and Grady in the county's political campaign, six men have now filed or announced their candidacies for five of the 17 offices to be voted on at the polls in the May primary.

Two-Man Race
The only two-man race to date places Sheriff C. L. Denning who is filling the unexpired term of the late Kirby L. Rose, against G. C. Uzzle of Wilson's Mills, former deputy sheriff, for the No. 1 county office.

Political circles continue to mention Delma Hardee of Elevation township, former deputy under Sheriff R. U. Barber who filed as a candidate for the office in 1942 but withdrew at the last minute, as the person who may make the sheriff campaign a three-cornered race.

Smithfield businessman Alex D. Holman has declared that he will seek one of the two Democratic candidacies for state representative, and Solicitor Hooks has filed for renomination at the primary May 25.

No Public Report
No public report has been made by G. Ira Ford, county tax collector who, friends say, is now deciding whether or not to run for clerk of Superior court, an office held for a number of years by H. V. Rose, who has been unopposed for the position campaign after campaign.

Candidates for state and district offices must file notices by March 16, and April 13 is the filing deadline for candidates for the state senate and house of representatives and all of the county offices.

Willard N. West En Route to States

Willard N. West, MM 3-C, husband of Mrs. Mary S. West, of Selma, is returning to the States aboard the U.S.S. Sarasota, an attack transport of the "Magic Carpet" fleet. This ship left Peleiu January 30, and is scheduled to arrive in San Diego about February 21. The U.S.S. Sarasota is one of the Navy's vast fleet of cargo and transport ships which maintained long and often hazardous supply lines throughout the Atlantic and Pacific during World War II.

Farm Machine Cut Perils '46 Crops

Farm equipment output has been hit so hard that the resulting shortage of tractors and implements may cut 1946 agricultural production. Many products will be "outseasoned" by lack of plows, planters, cultivators and other equipment needed in the spring, according to one manufacturer, who usually makes this equipment during the winter.

CANDIDATE



WILLIAM I. GODWIN

Red Cross Township Chairmen Are Named

Township chairmen for Johnston county's 1946 Red Cross fund campaign, which will be conducted throughout March to raise a quota of \$16,000, were announced today by County Chairman Ronald Hocutt, who disclosed that three Kiwanis clubs would sponsor their township drives.

The Smithfield Kiwanis club will head the local township's campaign for \$5,600, and M. A. Morgan, president of the club, will act as chairman. Willard Johnson will be chairman of the Kiwanians' drive for \$2,610 in Selma township.

Chairman Dohbin Bailey and Co-chairman Earl Crawford and J. B. Long will be in charge of the Kenly Kiwanis' campaign for \$840 in Beulah township. The Princeton Lions club, with Chairman Arthur Hinnant and Co-chairman S. C. Woodard and Mrs. W. O. Mason, will aim at \$600 in Boon Hill.

Negro Division
The quota for the Negro division which will embrace contributions throughout Johnston county, has been set at \$3,000 for the Red Cross drive. W. R. Collins, training school principal, and R. J. Holt, Four Oaks Negro school principal, will conduct the drive and chairman and co-chairman respectively.

Other chairmen appointed, the townships and Red Cross quotas include L. L. Strickland, O'Neals, \$400; C. E. Gaddy, Sr., Micro, \$300; Mrs. Merle Godwin, Pine Level, \$600; Walter Strickland, Banner, \$1,500; Bert Lassiter, Ingrams, \$1,100.

G. Willie Lee, Pleasant Grove, \$400; C. C. Perry, chairman, and Otis Freeman, co-chairman, Wilders, \$350; C. H. Aderholdt, Meadow, \$700; and Mrs. H. M. Cox, East Bentonville, and Rufus W. Sanders, West Bentonville, township quota of \$200.

To Be Appointed
Chairmen for Cleveland, Wilson's Mills and Elevation townships will be appointed this week, reported County Chairman Hocutt, Clayton, which has its own Red Cross chapter, will conduct a separate drive.

Special gifts to the Red Cross will be accepted beginning March 1, but the actual canvassing for funds is not scheduled to get underway until the second week of next month. Tentative plans call for a kickoff dinner in Smithfield for township chairmen.

The Johnston Red Cross drive this year has a quota of \$16,000, 58 per cent of which will be used to support the activities of the local chapter while 42 per cent of the money collected in the county goes to the national fund.

PUBLIC SUPPORTS PRICE CONTROLS

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Indications of mounting public awareness of the need for price controls is shown by the volume of "Hold the Line" letters being received by Chester Bowles, Theodore S. Johnson, OPA State Director said today.

The current volume of letters urging continuation of the stabilization program is averaging five times heavier than in October, 1945, Johnson said. Of the letters and telegrams received, less than 2 per cent are opposed to price controls, he added.

The nation's ultimate foreign policy will have a definite and material effect upon the agricultural program and its chances of success.

Grand Jury Charges Smithfield Mill Worker With Fowler Murder

The Grand Jury in Superior court in Smithfield Wednesday of last week returned a true bill, charging George Lee Anders, 23-year-old mill worker of Smithfield, with the murder of Carl Cecil Fowler, 20, of Selma, who died in the Johnston county hospital Tuesday night at 8:15 of an abdominal bullet wound.

Anders had been held in jail without bond since early Sunday morning pending investigation of the shooting and action by the Grand Jury, which was in session and promptly acted upon the bill of indictment presented by Solicitor W. Jack Hooks.

Sheriff C. L. Denning, who investigated the shooting, reported that Fowler, from his bed in the hospital Sunday afternoon, accused Anders of shooting him in a bedroom in the Anders' home in the presence of Anders' wife, whom, Fowler said, the Smithfield man planned to kill also but lost his nerve.

Fowler was taken to the Smithfield hospital at 12:15 Sunday morning by Anders, who told investigating officers that he had found the injured youth on Highway 70 about eight miles east of Gurkins tavern.

Wife Changes Story
Anders' wife at first corroborated this story, Sheriff Denning said, but later under questioning at her home in the mill village said she had not seen her husband from 4:30 p. m. until midnight Saturday. Officers said she admitted that she had dated Fowler while Anders was in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Anders, reported the sheriff, said that her husband had threatened to kill Fowler and had even asked her to make a date with the Selma boy and get him off somewhere so Anders could kill him. Denning said she did not admit that she had seen Anders shoot Fowler.

Sheriff Denning stated that he asked Mrs. Anders' permission during the questioning at the house between 4 and 5 o'clock Sunday morning to search the home for a gun and she consented.

"She then told her that I thought she knew where the gun was," explained the sheriff, "and for her to get it. She pulled a pocketbook from under a mattress in a bedroom and took the gun, wrapped in an apron, out of the pocketbook."

Anders first denied that he had a gun, reported Denning, then said he had one but had not touched it for a week. Later he identified the gun as his, declared the sheriff.

Denning Called
Denning was called to the hospital shortly after one o'clock Sunday morning to investigate the shooting. When he arrived there, Fowler was on the operating table and Anders and his wife were present and said they had found the Selma boy on the highway.

The sheriff, who was assisted in the investigation by Policemen Bill Johnson and Charlie Allen, took Anders and V. A. Futch of Selma, who was released inside of two hours, into custody and placed them in the county jail.

Futch said, the officers stated, that he was at Slaughter's filling station near Selma and saw Anders with a gun force Fowler outside the station. Later, Futch was reported to have said, he heard that the Selma youth was shot and in the hospital and that he went there.

Corroborated Story
Billy Shirley of Selma, who explained that he was with Futch at the filling station, corroborated the story, and Futch was released from jail.

Sheriff Denning said he asked Futch to draw a diagram of the gun he saw in Anders' hand and that Futch's drawing coincided with the gun the officer took from Mrs. Anders.

Dr. V. A. Davidson, surgeon in charge of the Johnston county hospital, removed the bullet from Fowler's abdomen, but the Selma youth, who was recently discharged from the Navy, was fatally wounded and died Tuesday night.

Funeral Services
Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at the home in Selma by the Rev. Henry Liles of Selma, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Babb of Wake Forest. Burial was in the Johnston Union Free Will Baptist church cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Fowler of Selma; three brothers, Julius, Joseph and Troy Fowler, Jr., and five sisters, Rose Lee, Gracia, Hersey Algia and Linda Lou Fowler, all of the home.

Selma Kiwanians On District Committees

President John Jeffreys announces that Orrin Tuttle has been named to the district committee on boys and girls work, while J. V. Chamblee was placed on that for sponsored youth organizations. Both appointments were made by Governor Jasper Hicks of the Carolina Kiwanis District. The governor's home club is Henderson.

BUY U. S. SAVINGS BONDS

KIWANIS CLUB SEEKING TO PUT VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN SELMA SCHOOL; MASS MEETING SOON

IN GERMANY



Pfc. William F. Black, son of Mrs. Gladys W. Black, of Selma, is stationed at Furth, Germany. He is assigned to the 184th Ordnance Depot Co. He received his training at Camp Blanding, Fla. and has been in service since the 29th of June, 1945.

SAM STALLINGS NEW LEADER OF SCOUT DISTRICT

Smithfield's Sam H. Stallings, a leader in the scout movement for a number of years and the father of three Eagle scouts, has been elected chairman of the Johnston district of the Tuscarora boy scout council. He succeeds D. S. Ball of Selma.

The election of officers took place Friday night at the Rose-Glenn banquet hall at a district dinner meeting attended by more than 40 Johnston county scouters.

Other Officers
Unanimously adopting a nominating committee's report presented by Chairman E. F. Boyette, the group elected the following officers in addition to Chairman Stallings:

Vice president of Tuscarora council for Johnston district, E. A. Johnson, Benson; vice chairman of Johnston district, Solon Cotton, Wilson's Mills; district commissioner, D. S. Ball; chairman of court of honor, I. W. Medlin; vice chairman of court of honor, the Rev. H. K. King, Smithfield.

Chairman of advancement, E. L. Woodall, Smithfield; chairman of leadership and training, O. A. Tuttle, Selma; chairman of camping activities, Rudolph Howell, Selma; interracial chairman, Paul Keller, Clayton; chairman of organization and extension, Newitt Williams, Smithfield.

Finance chairman, the Rev. Howard F. Newman, Kenly; chairman of health and safety, Dr. Will Lassiter, Selma; chairman of rural scouting, Thurman Boyette, Glendale; chairman of cubbing, J. A. Temple, Selma.

Dr. Rose is Speaker
Bringing an inspirational address, Dr. D. J. Rose of Goldsboro, president of Tuscarora council, declared, "Our mission as scouters and workers with boys is the construction of character that will hold reverence for the things precious in this life and in the life to come."

"It is so much easier to build a boy than it is to mend a man," President Rose asserted.

During a 5-year period the per capita investment of Johnstons for purposes of war amounted to \$1,267, the speaker stated, adding that Johnston county's annual per capita expenditure was \$144.09 for whisky, \$46.08 for education, \$24.08 for religious activities and just one cent for boy scouts.

Dr. Rose was introduced by Tuscarora's Scout Executive Robert L. Wolff.

Williams Reports
Newitt Williams, who served as district chairman of organization and extension during the past year, reported that the Johnston district has 203 white scouts in 10 troops, with 57 scouters; one senior scout patrol with five scouts; 35 cubs in two troops with 14 cubbers; 85 Negro scouts in three communities, with 31 scouters.

Gean and John Marshall Sasser of Smithfield provided special music for the dinner program by playing two piano duets.

The United States, Canada, British Isles and the Middle East are the only areas in the world where food production in 1945 was relatively favorable.

The Selma Kiwanis club has something really cooking under a slow fire for the Selma school district. When it gets thoroughly done, then it will be served at a mass meeting in the near future.

A meeting of the steering committee is called for tonight immediately following the regular Thursday evening gathering of the Kiwanis club. L. O. Davis, chairman of this committee has working in close co-operation with him D. S. Ball, R. H. Griffin, Leon Brown and Prof. O. A. Tuttle.

V. F. W. TO RECEIVE CHARTER HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

V. F. W. Post 5955 of Selma will officially receive its charter on Wednesday, February 27, at 7:30 p. m. This meeting will be held at the Selma American Legion hut. The charter will be presented to the new post by an officer in the State Department of V. F. W. At present this installing officer has not been designated.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is an organization of veterans who have served in the Armed Forces outside the continental United States. Only men who have foreign service are eligible and such men are urged to attend "Charter Night" and offer application for membership.

All veterans, joining the Selma post within the next 90 days will be charter members and their names will be inscribed on the official charter.

The first V. F. W. post was organized in 1899 by Veterans of the Spanish American War. When the veterans of that war returned home they discovered they spoke a language of their own so together they pledged themselves to an organization for one cause "to honor the dead, by helping the living". Through the efforts of that first group of men the Veterans of Foreign Wars has become one of the strongest veterans organizations of today.

At present, membership of the V. F. W. is nearing the one million mark, and this number grows daily as more overseas service men return to civilian life. In Post 5955 of Selma, the membership is past the half-hundred mark and is expected to be tripled by the end of the charter drive.

Commander Wilbur D. Perkins stated in an unofficial meeting of the V. F. W. that there are approximately one thousand men in this section of Johnston County who are eligible for membership in this post and quoting Commander Perkins, "It is my hope to see every foreign service veteran become a charter member."

Funeral Held For Selma Woman's Brother

Funeral services for J. A. Farmer, who died at Ahoskie, Saturday morning, February 16th, were held at the Farmer cemetery near Mt. Olive Sunday at 2:30 by the Rev. J. W. Lambert, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist church.

Mr. Farmer seemed to be in his usual health on retiring Friday night at the Garrett Hotel. He was found dead in bed Saturday morning, apparently having died several hours previous.

Surviving are his wife, the former Roddie Herring; four daughters, Elizabeth, Helen, Metta Mae, and Fannie; three sons, George, Peorlie, Jack and Marvin; one sister, Mrs. E. J. Sasser, of Selma; and one brother, M. E. Farmer, of Salisbury.

SELMA RED CROSS QUOTA IS \$2,610

Willard Johnson will be chairman for the Kiwanians' drive for \$2,610 in Selma township when the annual Red Cross drive gets under way the second week in March. Working with the chairman will be Roy Smith, Hayden Wiggs and Frank Hood.

Selma's quota last year was \$3,000. This amount was exceeded by several hundred dollars. Present indications are that there is a possibility of Selma going way over the top this year.

It has been announced that special gifts for the Red Cross will be accepted, beginning March 1, but the actual canvassing for funds is not scheduled to begin until the second week in the new month.

The Johnston Red Cross drive this year has a quota of \$16,000, 58 per cent of which will be used to support the activities of the local chapter while 42 per cent of the money collected in the county goes to the national fund.

Holiday Friday For Employment Office

The personnel of the U. S. Employment Service in Smithfield will have a holiday on Friday, Feb. 22nd. However, a claims-taker will be on duty in the employment office on that date for the purpose of taking unemployed and self-employed claims.

The steering committee is steering straight for vocational training in our school. Topping the list is a commercial course in bookkeeping, short hand and typing. Next on the list is music, both instrumental and vocal. Then there is a course on agriculture which would teach scientific and up-to-date farming.

At the proposed mass meeting vocational training will be thoroughly discussed, its cost, its execution and benefits. The meeting will be open to both pros and cons.

This broad program was the theme at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis club last Thursday night. Opening with the Kiwanis song, the invocation was then offered by Kiwanian Wade Baker, Baptist minister. Noting the purpose of the gathering and the very fine attendance, President John Jeffreys next announced a committee composed of Kiwanians Willard Johnson, Roy Smith, Hayden Wiggs and Frank Hood to handle the Red Cross work this year. At this stage of the game John presented Kiwanian Leon Brown, chairman of the club's agriculture committee, who had charge of the evening's program. Leon, who plans his programs well, lost no time in getting his program underway and immediately introduced Kiwanian O. A. Tuttle, superintendent of town schools, as speaker. Discussing vocational guidance in the public schools, Mr. Tuttle said that a practical definition of education "is that thing which helps a person to do better, that which he is going to do anyway". Pointing out the fact that the state operates, but does not maintain, the public schools, he indicated that the long-term retirement of bonded indebtedness for plant rather than any official desire; accounted for the lack of a program of vocational guidance in our schools today. As of January first, however, the final series of bonds for our present building were retired; and the plant now fully belongs to the community. Accordingly, the way is now open for these courses - which the students urgently need - provided we are willing to pay for them. "Just this week," said the professor, "a young man left our school to follow his main interest - that of farming." "Books did not fill his needs, and we have no farm courses to offer."

Continuing his discourse Mr. Tuttle said that the philosophy of the state's operation is that we are indebted to every child in the state, and therefore the wealth of the entire state should be behind them. This appeared to strike a responsive chord among his hearers.

"If we fail to provide their needs," said the school head, "we are derelict in our duty."

Appearing next was Mr. N. E. Meekins, of the state department of education, who outlined something of the first needs in setting up a program of teaching in the schools. Incidentally, the state official commended and endorsed Mr. Tuttle's stand on the subject. Mr. Meekins said that an advisory committee, consisting of town and rural residents should first be formed to assist the agriculture teachers. A survey should then be made to determine the location of our farms and to find out just what the program of each farmer concerned was. "Are you, Mr. Farmer," simply trying to out-guess the market, or do you have and know a farm program," asked the speaker. Touching on the shopwork phase of teaching program, Mr. Meekins said that this shop was open to farmers generally and not merely to the students. Many items of farm machinery are repaired there, and instruction in this work is given to adults as well as to students. The shop also doubles as a meetingplace for farm people, said the speaker. A modern building such as those now in use in the teaching of agriculture in the schools requires about \$2,000 worth of equipment in addition to the cost of construction, he continued. In promising his assistance at any time, Mr. Meekins also mentioned that this program is approved by the Veterans Administration for use in its self-proprietorship program.

Chairman Brown, at the conclusion of Mr. Meekins' address, called for a brief openforum type discussion and a number of citizens present expressed themselves. Dr. R. E. Earp, (Continued on page four)