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## Accident Victim Laid To Final Rest Monday

Rites for Miss Edna Valentine Held in Spring Hope. Burial Took Place in Mont-lawn Cemetery at Raleigh. She Was a Member of the Senior Class.

Spring Hope, N. C., March 7.—This entire town and community was steeped in grief early Sunday morning when it heard of the tragic death of Miss Edna Valentine, 17-year-old Senior in the Spring Hope High School. The accident which took the life of this young girl occurred at Lawrence, Edgecombe County, late Saturday night. She was riding in the front seat of an automobile driven by Reginald Mullen and another automobile stopped directly in the path of their machine causing them to plow through the rear end of the other car. The impact drove the girl's head through the windshield, fracturing her skull and severely cutting her face and throat. She was killed instantly. Miss Valentine had been to Scotland Neck to collect a bad check and was on her way home when the accident occurred.

In the car with Miss Valentine and Reginald Mullen were Jeanette Dickens, a cousin, and a Mr. Tyson of Elm City. In the other car were Mary Elizabeth Dickens, Ethel Valentine, and a Mr. Batts of Wilson. These occupants, except Mullen, were not injured other than a few bruises and cuts.

Mullen is in a Tarboro hospital with painful though not serious injuries from which he is expected to recover. The accident was declared unavoidable by Sheriff Bardin who investigated immediately after it happened.

Final rites for Miss Edna Valentine were held from the home of her father, William T. Valentine, Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Hundreds of friends and relatives were gathered there to pay last tribute to the deceased. Dr. W. R. Cullom, pastor of the Baptist Church, conducted the services being assisted by Rev. M. F. Hodges of the Methodist Church. Appropriate and beautiful music was furnished by choirs from both the churches. The pallbearers and flower girls were her classmates. Pallbearers were: John Pitts, Jr., Tom Blount, Jr., Charles Bunn, Smith Brantley, Curtis Daniel and Hawkins Vester. Flower girls were: Rhada Gray Stallings, Georgia Strickland, Mary Collier, Eva Tunnell, Frances Chambliss, Lina Collier, Dollie Viverette, Jean Lassiter, Margaret Alford, Cleora

## School Principals Hold Meeting Here

Will Meet at Methodist Church March 9th and 10th. Interesting Program Has Been Arranged. Several Speakers.

Twenty-six high school principals of AA-1 high schools throughout the state are to meet at the First Methodist Church here on March 9-10. Mr. J. R. Simpson, principal of the Central high school will preside over the gathering.

An interesting program has been arranged. The theme of the meeting will be "Modern Conception of Secondary Education," with several noted speakers discussing the several phases. Among these speakers are L. G. Perry, principal of Reidsville high school; W. H. Shaw, principal of the Needham-Broughton high school of Raleigh; J. P. Booth, principal of Kinston high school; P. A. Reid, principal of Roanoke Rapids high school; Fred W. Green, principal of the Wilson high school; and Quinton Holton, principal of the Durham high school.

Late in the afternoon of March 9, a barbecue supper is planned for the aggregation.

## Mullen Resigns Committee Job

Exchange of Letters Between Nebraska Party Chief and President Revealed

Washington, March 6.—Arthur F. Mullen, of Nebraska, finally has offered his resignation from the Democratic national committee after several weeks of administration pressure, it was made known tonight.

Mullen, vice-chairman of the committee, maintains a law office in Washington and another in Omaha. President Roosevelt announced several weeks ago that he believed members of the national committee should not engage in practice in the capital, and Robert Jackson, secretary of the committee, resigned. Mullen's resignation was predicted then, but he insisted that his practice was not of a type affected by the President's policy.

Members of party national committees are elected by state committees and can be removed only by them. High Democrats have made no secret of their desire to have Mullen resign, but could not remove him.

An exchange of letters between Mullen and President Roosevelt, made public tonight, revealed that Mullen had asked the Democratic

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## Better Baby Festival Tonight

A better baby festival is planned to take place at the local Y. M. C. A. tonight. A prize is offered for the nearest perfect participant and in addition various special awards have been offered.

At the close of the festival the title of "Miss Rocky Mount" is to be given a local girl.

The following are part of those chosen to compete for the title of "Miss Rocky Mount":

Hazel Ayers, Marjorie Guill, Hazel Edwards, Jean Walker, Bernice White, Dorothy Tetterton, Virginia Thurman, Nancy Powell, Eunice White, Pauline Rabie, Ruth Tuttle, and Billie Oliver.

## OPENS NEW RETAIL AUTO SUPPLY STORE

The General Auto Supply Store has opened a new retail store at 123 Sunset Avenue, just back of the Planters Bank. This store was opened February 23 and is in charge of Mr. O. A. Hawley who is the manager. It will be his pleasure to serve the public with his high quality merchandise at popular prices. A complete line of auto accessories are being handled and also parts for Fords and Chevrolets. He cordially invites the public to visit this store and inspect his stock, so they may see for themselves the splendid values he is offering.

See ad elsewhere in this paper, for specials offered.

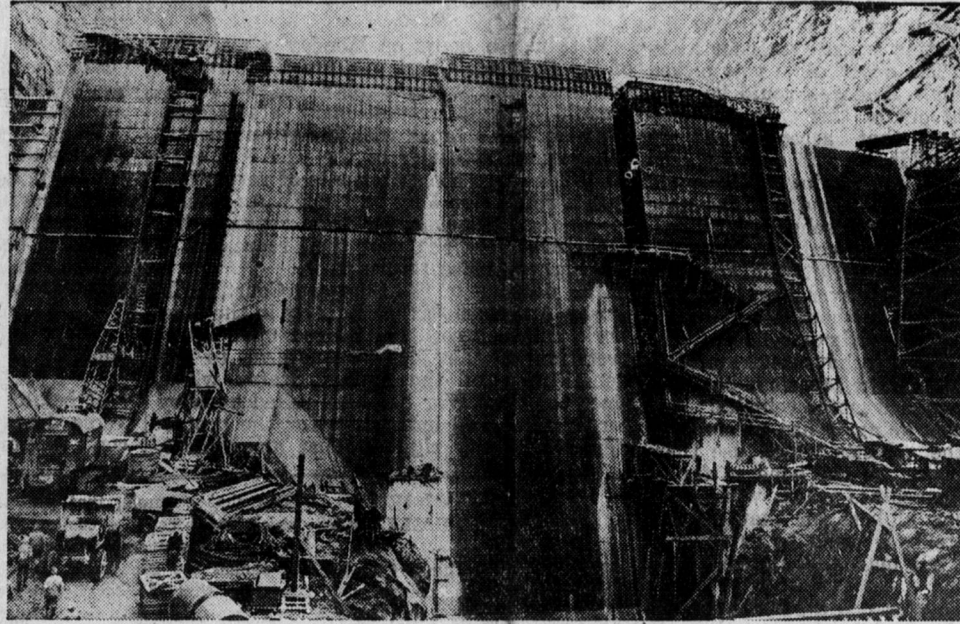
## CAMEO PROMISES INTERESTING WEEK

The Cameo Theatre promises an interesting series of shows throughout next week. The following shows are on their schedule: Maurice Chevalier and Ann Dvorak in "The Way to Love"; Richard Dix in "No Marriage Ties"; and Bette Davis in "Bureau of Missing Persons."

This theatre, managed by Mr. Sam Arrington, takes its part in the civic life of the city. On one instance it showed its civic pride by cooperating with the local high school by furnishing them the location for their "High School Week" program.

Such a theatre as this proves itself a great asset to any city.

## Upstream Face of the Immense Boulder Dam



When this photograph of the upstream face of Boulder dam was taken the other day the millionth cubic yard of concrete had just been poured, and the giant structure was almost one-third completed. The view is from the cofferdam.

## Grissom In Race For Judgeship Of Recorder's Court

Rocky Mount Attorney Runs for First Public Office of His Career

J. W. Grissom, prominent Rocky Mount attorney, last night announced his candidacy for the position of Judge of the Nash County Recorder's Court. This is the first time Grissom has announced as a candidate for public office during his career as a lawyer.

Mr. Grissom was born on a Wake county farm and received his education at Wake Forest College, where he completed his law degree in 1928. He has been a resident of Nash county for the last 35 years and has practiced law in Rocky Mount 6 years.

He has taken a lively interest in public matters in Nash county and has supported the Democratic party in all its main issues. He is a thorough student of law and possesses a keen insight into human nature.

## BUSY BEE CAFE IN NEW LOCATION

The Busy Bee Cafe, which is owned by Mr. George L. Patseavouras, and which formerly did business in the warehouse section of the city, has this week moved into its new location on West Main Street, several doors north of the Cameo Theatre, and next door to the A. & P. Co.

The building has been recently renovated and is very artistically decorated, commodious in size and well ventilated.

Mr. Patseavouras, who is familiarly and affectionately known as George, and sometimes called the "Baseball King," has been in Rocky Mount for the past thirteen years and during this period has made many friends.

He is public spirited and has always been generous in all public movements, whether it be the Associated Charities, Red Cross, or other worthy objects. In this work he has always had his part. He will be delighted to have his friends visit him and inspect his new location.

## DR. C. F. MESERVE TO LEAVE HOSPITAL SOON

Tarboro, March 7.—Dr. Charles F. Meserve, president emeritus of Shaw University of Raleigh, who has been quite ill in the Edgecombe General Hospital with an attack of bronchial pneumonia, is recovering from the illness and will soon be able to leave the hospital. Dr. Meserve is in his eighty-fourth year.

Science defied by its leaders as makers of jobs, not idleness.

## EXTRAVAGANT PROPAGANDA

The gross sales tax advocates are making claims which are absolutely without foundation and without facts to back these claims up. They are undertaking to mislead the land owners by stating that it is the gross sales tax or either the tax must go back on land. Now let's in frankness and candor, look into this and see what the real facts are.

When real property and ad valorem taxes were at their highest the fifteen cents levy on land for school purposes amounted to four and one-half million dollars and since the re-valuation which has reduced property about one-third, the taking off of the fifteen cents on the one hundred dollar valuation of land and other property would amount to about three million dollars. Yet, the advocates of the gross sales tax are asking where are we to get this money from. Even the Governor of the State, in a recent address in Tarboro, stated that the gross sales tax had relieved the land of eleven million dollars, when under the re-valuation the relief given land does not amount to more than about three million dollars. Even the gross sales advocates do not anticipate raising more than six million dollars by the gross sales tax, yet they are sending out propaganda that land by reason of the gross sales tax has been relieved of eleven million dollars.

The public is entitled to know these facts and it is the duty of the press to give these facts to the public. Now there is also propaganda being sent out to the school teachers of the State, suggesting that they should not criticize or offer any objections to the sales tax, telling them the gross sales tax is necessary for them to receive their salaries, and if the gross sales tax is abandoned, then their salaries are liable to be cut.

We understand that this propaganda is being sent out from Raleigh to the heads of the various school systems, with the understanding that it will be passed on to the teachers.

## PUBLISHING OF BANK REPORTS

The last Legislature passed a bill requiring Hon. Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks, to report his expenditures in the employment of auditors and attorneys; and according to a statement appearing in the press some days back over the pin of Dr. G. W. Paschall of the faculty of Wake Forest College, more than a half million dollars has already been expended since July, 1931 by Mr. Hood, to auditors and attorneys. We pause here to state that we feel that Dr. Paschall has rendered a distinct public service in bringing these facts to the attention of the public.

The Legislator that introduced this bill and pressed through the General Assembly its passage realized the importance of this law, and it has since developed that the great objection to this bill, which developed in the last Assembly, was composed of a large number of lawyers who were there in the General Assembly, and also on the payroll of Commissioner Hood.

We understand that this law required Commissioner Hood to make these reports to the Secretary of State, and that it further required the Secretary of State to publish these reports. Up to this date we have not at any time seen where these reports have been published by the Secretary; and if it was law and necessary for automobile owners to buy licenses on January 1st or be prohibited from running their car because it was the law, then we feel that since it is the law for these reports to be published then the Secretary of State should publish these reports.

## Applications For Tourney Started Work Decreases Here Yesterday

Only 1,200 people of Rocky Mount have signed up at the recent re-registration of the national re-employment agency here. At the first registration there were about 1,900 registered from within Rocky Mount.

Mr. Bennett, the local re-employment director, pointed out that many local citizens had returned to work. He also states that many farmers are registered and he requests that landlords use the local office to obtain farm labor.

## 30 Teams in Basketball Opening at Rocky M. Y. M. C. A. Today

An even 30 representative basketball outfits went into action Thursday in the sixth Gold Medal tournament by the Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A. The tourney, being held at the Y. gymnasium, started day afternoon at 2 o'clock and will continue through the day.

## OVERFLOW AUDIENCE ENJOYS SONGFEST

### Upward Trend Is Seen In Report

Postal Receipts for Last Month Continues to Show Marked Increases

Following the general trend of business, postal receipts for the Rocky Mount postoffice continued to swing upward during February, basing the comparison both on figures for January and the corresponding month of 1933.

The fact was revealed today in the figures disclosed by local postal officers that disclosed a gain of \$1,699.26 during the past three months.

Receipts for the month closing Wednesday amounted to \$5,663.45, making an increase of \$1,074.08 over the \$4,589.37 recorded for February, 1933.

The first month of the year had a total of \$4,997.72 for postal receipts while the past month made a gain amounting to \$665.73. January's report also made increases over December and January, 1933.

The figures for the past month continued gains reported for three successive months.

## Announce Plan For Auto Show

To Be Held at Mangum's Warehouse April 16-21. Expected to Surpass Last Year's Exposition.

Rocky Mount's annual merchants exposition and automobile show, which will feature the famous Weede-Meyer orchestra and "Rhapsody in Fun" company each night, will be held at Mangum's warehouse April 16-21.

To be staged jointly by the Merchants association and the Chamber of Commerce, the exposition is expected to far surpass that of last year. The booking of Weede-Meyer's orchestra alone is expected to attract hundreds each night to the dance which will be held in connection with the event.

E. H. Austin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who with E. C. Speight, secretary of the Merchants association, will manage the affair, said that all local automobile dealers had agreed to display latest model cars as one of the outstanding features of the week, and that many local concerns had promised to rent booths in which to exhibit merchandise.

The "Rhapsody in Fun" company, of New York, will feature Corinne Reynolds, fan dancer, a xylophone act, a comedy skit, an acrobatic and balancing act, dancing and singing. The company will have its own band for accompaniments.

Weede-Meyer's orchestra will be accompanied by two "torch singers," Frances Delaney and Babe Pearson.

Mr. Austin will be in charge of the

Hundreds were turned away Sunday afternoon as citizens of this section overflowed the Carolina Theatre in their eagerness to participate in and enjoy an old-time community sing. Even the lobby of the theater was packed by scores who stood through the program, anxious to hear the melody raised by those fortunate enough to have come early and secured places inside.

It was by far the biggest and best of any given in the series leading up to a great sectional sing in Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, on Sunday, March 18, when the cream of the talent in eastern North Carolina will merge in the Capital City.

Interest in the coming event, aroused by the popularity of community sings held here and in Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Wilson and Greenville, is steadily mounting. A show of hands at the sing Sunday indicated that practically everybody present intended to take part in the sectional sing at Raleigh.

Mayor Thomas A. Avera was master of ceremonies, and he made a good one. The invocation was by Rev. George W. Perry, and Pat Alderman, who is assisting in promoting the sectional sing, directed the congregational singing.

The Rocky Mount Male Chorus, under the direction of William Shaw, sang "Winter Song" and "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes." The junior choir of the Mt. Zion Colored Baptist Church, directed by Richard Gay, made a big hit in singing "Fear Not, O Israel" and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See."

Jack Jackson sang a tenor solo, "Trees," and a quartet from the First Baptist Church sang "Come Spirit Come" and "Wonderful Peace." In the quartet were Mayor Avera, W. W. Avera, George L. Parker and J. R. Bobbitt.

Willard Miller, George Braswell, Ed. Pitt and Milton Elmore formed a high school quartet that sang "The Open Road Is Calling."

"Manda-Lee" and "Moonlight and Roses" were numbers presented by the Rotary Quartet, "The Rocky Mountaineers," made up of Bob Hoggard, Marvin Woodall, John Brake and Julian Williams. The Goldsboro Male Chorus was on hand to sing "Shine On Me" and "Study War No More."

Sponsoring the event were the Carolina Theatre, the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, the Civitan, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs.

## Young People To Hold Conference

Nash-Edgecombe County Young People's Conference for the young people of all denominations in these two counties will be held in the First Methodist Church at Rocky Mount, N. C., Wednesday, March 14, 1934.

Rev. Shuford Peeler, General Secretary, and Miss Edith Krider, District Secretary, will be in charge of the work.

The conference will be held Sunday