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Rites Held For Suicide Victim

Funeral Services Held Monday For Sam Barfield, A. C. L. Shop Worker

Final rites for Sam Barfield, 28, A. C. L. shop worker who fatally shot himself through the head in the back-yard of his home at No. 1108 S. Main street Sunday, were held from Bulluck's Funeral home at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon with Rev. Tom E. Walters, pastor of North Rocky Mount Baptist church in charge. Burial followed at Pineview cemetery.

Barfield went into his backyard and shot himself in the forehead with a .38 calibre pistol. The bullet ripped through his brain and emerged from the back of his head. Death was instantaneous.

He left a note addressed to his sisters in which he explained he was "tired of living", officers who investigated the shooting said. He explained also in the note that he had put aside some money with which to clear up a few debts and told where the money could be found and how it should be paid out, according to the officers.

Surviving are his widow; one brother, William Barfield of Dunn; three sisters, Mrs. Catherine Brown and Mrs. Ronnie Harrell of Tarboro, and Mrs. James Grice of Rockingham, and his mother, Mrs. E. W. Gay, of Clinton.

Pallbearers were not selected prior to the funeral services but were selected from friends who attended the final rites.

CONSUMERS STILL TREAD HARD ROAD

Tugwell Says Buying Public Entitled to Protection from Mass Producers

Cleveland, O., May 11.—Rexford G. Tugwell, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, told the Consumers League of Cleveland tonight that most of the purchasing of goods by the American people is "characteristically made on the basis of 'intangible and glowing generalities'."

Because of lack of standards in most goods sold, control of business by a comparatively few companies and "mass standardized judgments" shaped by the press, the radio and the movies, the 30,000,000 families who spend 60 per cent of the national income over retail counters "all too often do not know what they are buying," he said.

Great Deal
Speaking of the consumers' counsel of the farm administration, set up under the farm act to protect the interests of consumers, Tugwell said the group of men and women "have done what they could to protect this interest, and what they could do has been a great deal."
"They have been handicapped by a lack of public support and understanding, but they have always fought a good fight."

MRS. T. PERRY JENKINS

Tarboro.—Funeral services for Mrs. T. Perry Jenkins were held this afternoon at four o'clock in Calvary Episcopal Church, and interment was in the church cemetery. The service was conducted by the rector, Rev. Bertram E. Brown.

Mrs. Jenkins died at her home on Park Avenue at five o'clock yesterday afternoon following a lingering illness. Surviving are her husband, one son, Asam, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Marsh, of Salisbury; five sisters, Mesdames B. B. Howell and Mr. R. Thigpen, of this county, R. O. Purvis, of Scotland Neck, Misses Lena and Kate Redmond, of Rocky Mount; two brothers, Henry and James Redmond.

She was a devoted member of Calvary Episcopal Church, and also of the William Dorsey Pender chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Aud Dover, of Cabarrus County will start growing one and three-eighth inch cotton staple this season having planted five bushels directly from the breeder.

LOWER INTEREST RATE ON NEW LOANS

B. F. Shelton, secretary-treasurer of the Rocky Mount Production Credit Association has just received word from Governor W. I. Myers of the Farm Credit Administration in Washington, D. C., that the interest rate on new loans from production credit associations has been reduced from 5 1-2 to 5 per cent.

According to Mr. Shelton, the new 5 per cent interest rate becomes effective immediately on all new loans and advances made by the association and will be applicable until further notice.

"The new interest rate of 5 per cent will not affect loans already advanced in full," Mr. Shelton said. "These will continue to bear the rate of interest prevailing at the time the loan was closed. The interest charges on loans from the association are collected when the loans mature. The Rocky Mount Production Credit Association is now making loans on acceptable crop and chattel security to farmers in Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson counties.

"The reduction of the interest to 5 per cent on new loans," Mr. Shelton continued, "is made possible by a recent sale of Federal intermediate credit bank debentures to investors at an unusually low rate of interest. The association gets money to lend farmers from the Federal intermediate credit bank of Columbia, South Carolina.

"The lowering of the interest rate on new loans to 5 per cent is the second reduction in two months, the rate having been reduced from 6 to 5 1-2 per cent on March 16.

"According to Governor Myers," said Mr. Shelton, the Federal intermediate credit bank is passing on immediately to farmer-borrowers from production credit associations the saving made possible by lower cost of getting money. The confidence of investors in the security of the intermediate credit banks has been such that the banks are able to get money to lend at the lowest discount rate in their history. Governor Myers says that the resulting low rate of interest on production credit association loans is enabling farmer-borrowers to save thousands of dollars on the cost of their farming operations this year. If the associations make sound loans, and loans that are collectible, an adequate supply of low cost money will continue to be available."

NEW "ICE CREAM BAR" OPENS HERE TONIGHT

Mr. M. A. Pike who has been operating a fruit and vegetable store on North Main street, near the Cameo Theatre, has recently remodeled the building, attractively painted and arranged the interior, and is planning tonight on a gala opening of a new "Ice Cream Bar." He has installed a complete line of Southern Dairies Ice Cream and milk products which will be ready for the big opening tonight. Music for this occasion will be furnished by the Proctor Sound System.

Mr. Pike stated that he would continue to handle some fruits and to handle the vegetables from his thirty-acre truck farm.
The public is cordially invited to pay this store a visit.

DR. BISHOP RESIGNS CHURCH PASTORATE

Dr. Francis B. Bishop announced Friday his resignation as pastor of the First Universalist church to become effective July 1 of this year.

The minister came here six years ago appointed by the National Board of Universalist Churches as superintendent of the North Carolina churches with the Rocky Mount church placed in his special charge. Later he assumed the pastorate of the local church.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OF RED MEN CLOSES

The Tawpaco Tribe No. 15 of the Improved Order of Red Men, of Rocky Mount, have recently closed a membership drive which resulted in thirty-two applications.

These applicants will be initiated tonight at the regular meeting.

Must File Statement Of Expense By 12th

All Candidates for Public Office Included; May 26 Set for Challenge Day

All candidates for public office in North Carolina must file their initial statements of expenditures by Tuesday, May 22, according to the primary election calendar compiled by the State Board of Elections.

Candidates for State and district offices must file statements with the Secretary of State. All candidates for State Senator in districts composed of only one county, candidates for the House of Representatives and all county officers must file their statements with the Superior court clerks in their respective counties.

Similar procedure should be followed in filing the final primary expenditures, the deadline for which is June 22.

Books for the registration of new voters will be open on the next coming two Saturdays, and Saturday, May 26, has been designated as challenge day, when the registrars shall be at the poll from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., to open the books to the public for inspection for the purpose of challenges.

PLAN COOLEY SPEECH IN RALEIGH MAY 22

Itimous T. Valentine, manager of Harold D. Cooley's congressional campaign, announced recently the tentative arrangement for the candidate to speak in the Wake county courthouse on the evening of Tuesday, May 22.

PROFIT ON SHOW WILL BE SMALL

E. C. Speight, secretary of the Merchants association of this city, revealed Monday that a net profit of less than \$500 will be realized on the recent Merchants and Manufacturers Exposition and Automobile show after deductions are made for federal taxes.

The exact amount of the federal taxes, the only expense not settled, will probably be between \$125 and \$150, Mr. Speight said and the profit will probably be between \$400 and \$500.

The exposition was sponsored jointly by the Merchants association and the Chamber of Commerce and the profit will be divided equally between them for carrying on the business of the two groups.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REVIVAL CLOSES

The Nash County Sunday School revival came to a close Sunday afternoon with a rally in the Nashville church. Dr. Berward Spillman of Kinston was the principal speaker for the occasion. The revival fostered a complete survey of the territory of twenty-one Baptist churches. This survey revealed 964 possibilities for the church, and 3369 above twelve years of age who were lost. The campaign was directed by Mr. Perry Morgan of Raleigh, assisted by twenty other workers from every quarter of the state. The revival featured special lectures and classes held every night in the churches and a general meeting held each afternoon for reports and inspiration.

North Rocky Mount Baptist church had as its leader Mr. L. L. Morgan. Under his leadership the Sunday School was completely revolutionized. Seven new classes were formed. There is for this church 1335 possibilities and a field of 509 lost people above twelve years of age.

The church is thrilled with a new vision and faces the future with new hope. The revival is one of the greatest ever experienced in Nash County.

FINAL TEST FOR RANGER

Newport News, Va.—After a second trial run, this time off the New England coast, the U. S. S. Ranger, giant aircraft carrier, will be turned over to the Navy Department between May 20 and June 1st.

TEACHERS SALES TAX

Information was received by the Herald last week that a certain teacher? and probably more of them, were distributing literature and carrying banners advocating the retention of the sales tax as the only way by which the teacher was to receive his or her salary. It is very unfortunate that some of these young innocent teachers are being misled in this way. It was reported some weeks ago that these instructions were proceeding out of the Department of Education being done with the sanction of probably instructions of the Chief Executive.

The salary of the school teacher is too low but any teacher that is well enough informed to be permitted to teach school should know that if he or she is to receive a better salary it must be collected in a different way than by the gross sales tax, which is a tax upon poverty itself, leaving entirely out of the equation the ability to pay. A child pays one cent on a ten cents purchase yet when a person purchases more than \$33.00 worth, all above this amount is free and he pays no sales tax as \$10.00 is the limit on which any one purchase can be taxed.

Now, is this right? Is it just? Is this system of taxation to be permanent? The Governor stated in his Campaign speech that the gross sales tax was a vicious method of taxation yet he seems to be heading the list of those trying to make it permanent. North Carolina has sufficient resources to support its public schools in a necessary and proper manner without resorting to the gross sales tax and men should be elected to the Legislature who would be willing to work to find a necessary revenue.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the last few days we have observed one of Rocky Mount's leading citizens on the street with a petition running into the several hundred names already attached thereto asking that the Board of Aldermen request Chief O. P. Hedgepeth to reconsider his resignation and remain as Chief of Police of Rocky Mount, where he has served so efficiently and well for the past twenty years. This citizen has been a resident of Rocky Mount most of his life and is well acquainted with the character and service of Chief Hedgepeth. He is probably known personally to more people in Rocky Mount than any other man, he being our beloved citizen, Mr. Spencer Robbins.

Rocky Mount has been blessed a great number of years with a splendid police force, men active in the service of the city and men of high character. The first test of any policeman should be character, all other attributes being secondary. Some time ago it was reported that some member of the Board of Aldermen suggested that certain young policemen be given the prominent places to work in the city, as they carried themselves more erect and had straighter waists, but the real test of a good policeman is not his waist line but his head line and what's in it, this being the first consideration. Now, all this talk about Rocky Mount's police force being antiquated, we cannot agree with, nor do we take any stock in it. Rocky Mount has had a good police force made up of local men home grown and home raised. The suggestion that the city put in a radio service of \$3,000 and seven extra patrolmen, we cannot see any need for and the only thing to be derived therefrom is an increased tax burden.

We notice from the Press that Mr. Edwin H. Powell, who is trainmaster for the A. C. L. Railroad Company and at the same time draws a large salary from the Conservation and Game Department, as game warden for Nash County, has stated that the Police Department showed a lack of interest in the enforcement of traffic laws which was along the line of an editorial appearing in the Evening Telegram of last week. More accidents have probably occurred on Route 40, approaching Rocky Mount from the North than any other place. For pedestrians the road is a regular death trap. There is a high embankment encased by protectors for the automobile with no place for the pedestrian. The Highway Department should be requested by the Board of Aldermen to remedy this condition. It is not the fault of the Police Department that these pedestrians are run over.

Childrens Clothes Allen, Craighill On Exhibition

Designs Furnished by United States Department of Agriculture

An exhibit of children's clothing, designed for easy making and easy laundering and to aid the child in dressing himself are being shown in Nash county by Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon, Nash county home demonstration agent, as a part of the county clothing program.

The designs, furnished by the bureau of economics of the United States department of agriculture, are being exhibited in all of the home demonstration clubs of the county. The exhibit was brought here on May 7 and may be seen at Mrs. Gordon's home or at the county office in Nashville until Thursday, May 24.

The garments included in the exhibit are play suits, sun suits, and sun suit ensembles for girls and boys, dresses for little girls, infants' wear and rompers for crawling babies. They were designed by the staff of the division of textiles and clothing in the bureau of home economics at Washington, and four such exhibits are constantly in circulation throughout the country in response to requests from colleges and other institutions or organizations concerned with child welfare.

Steel production estimated now at 56 per cent of capacity.

Allen, Craighill Finals Speakers

Final Examination Will Get Underway At Central High School On Thursday

Rev. F. H. Craighill, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 8 o'clock Sunday night in the Central high school auditorium, while Dr. A. T. Allen, state superintendent of schools, will deliver the commencement address on Tuesday night, May 22, Superintendent R. M. Wilson has announced.

The summer school sessions will start on May 24, Mr. Wilson said, and the term will extend over a period of five weeks.

While 90 seniors are hoping to graduate, Principal J. R. Simpson has indicated that approximately 10 per cent of this number will not be able to finish unless marked improvement in grades is seen. Commencement exercises in both white and colored schools of the city will be held simultaneously, according to the superintendent. This applies both to the grammar schools and the high schools.

Mrs. James Creswell and children of Siler City, N. C., are visiting Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Wooten. Mrs. Creswell is a sister of Mrs. Wooten.

Says Telephone Rates Excessive

Charged that Company Serving Tennessee Cities Made 12.7 in Earnings

Nashville, Tenn., May 10.—Testimony was introduced at a telephone rate reduction hearing here today purporting to show that the Southern Bell Telephone Company earned an average of 12.7 per cent in four major Tennessee cities last year as compared to the 5.5 per cent for utilities in present times by the United States Supreme Court.

H. M. Olmstead, New York Public utilities consultant, introduced the testimony in a hearing on a petition of Chattanooga, Nashville, Knoxville and Memphis for a 20 per cent reduction in intrastate telephone rates and rental charges and a reduction from 25 to 15 cents in monthly charges for hand-set telephones.

Excess returns over the approved 5.5 per cent earnings amounted to \$947,703 in the four cities last year, Olmstead told the state railroad and public utilities commission.

The percentage earnings and the net excess over the 5.5 per cent figure were given by cities as follows:

Memphis, 13.7 per cent, \$395,698.
Nashville, 13.9 per cent, \$293,280.
Chattanooga, 11.3 per cent, \$150,531.
Knoxville, 10.1 per cent, \$108,194.

STATE MEETING OF RED MEN WELL ATTENDED

Mr. E. W. A. Woolard, has returned from Gastonia, where he attended a State meeting of the improved order of Red Men. The meeting was largely attended, being 300 delegates in attendance from all parts of the State.

Mr. Woolard represented the Rocky Mount tribe at this meeting. The meeting was held in conjunction with the State Great Council of Improved Order of Red Men and degree of Pocahontas. On Monday evening the delegates were entertained by local Tribe at a fish fry at Rankins Lake. Tuesday afternoon the representatives were given a motor trip to historic King's Mountain Battleground, recently designated by an act of Congress as a National Military park.

While in Gastonia the representatives made a brief tour to the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital. The meeting closed on Wednesday afternoon after one of its most successful meetings, and the election of State officers.

Mrs. C. Roy Griffin entertained her Tuesday afternoon bridge club May 15th. Spring flowers were used throughout the rooms. Five tables were placed for play. After several progressions it was found that Mrs. W. D. Whitley had high score and Mrs. A. M. Wooten low. The hostess presented them with lovely home-made angel food cakes. The hostess served delightful refreshments assisted by Miss Sadye Bell Brown and Mrs. Leon Griffin.

Mrs. E. L. Pitt, Jr., entertained at three tables of bridge honroing Mrs. James Creswell of Siler City. Mrs. R. A. Bynum received high score prize, Mrs. G. H. Webb received low score prize. The honorarium was presented with a lovely gift. A delicious fruit salad course was served by the hostess assisted by her sister, Mrs. W. F. Wooten, of Tarboro.

Displeased With State Road Body

Cumberland Delegation Disappointed at Outcome of Petition

Fayetteville, May 11.—"If the State Highway Commission doesn't give us any more than we are getting out of them at present, they ought to cut out the license, gasoline, and all other taxes," said County Treasurer R. E. Nimocks yesterday when he returned from Raleigh yesterday with a Cumberland county delegation which had made another unsuccessful attempt to have something done about the Cedar Creek road in this county, which long since has reached the wash-board stage of decay. Mr. Nimocks stated that Chairman E. B. Jefferson of the highway commission, referred to the agitation in Cumberland for reduction of automobile license taxes and advised the local delegation that if they wished to obtain any road building they should elect a legislative representative who would vote to release surplus funds held by the commission and oppose division of highway funds.

The delegation returned from Raleigh very much dissatisfied with the way things have gone for Cumberland County since the county roads were taken over by the State. They pointed out that Cumberland turned over to the State a fairly complete system of roads for which the county had bonded itself heavily. The county lost the one cent gasoline levy it was getting under the old set-up, has received and is receiving, now almost nothing in return, and is left with the large bonded debt, while the funds are going to sections which did not choose to borrow on their own credit, it was asserted.

The Cumberland delegation also asserted that it had received definite and repeated assurances from the highway commission, Mr. Jefferson particularly, that the Cedar Creek road would be rebuilt and paved. In fact, it was surveyed. Now the commission says it has no funds for that purpose.

RETURNS FROM NORTHERN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Nye, this city, and Mrs. Clark of Vandemere, Prof. and Mrs. Ainsley, of the school faculty of Hobgood, have returned from a pleasant trip to Norfolk, Richmond, Fredericksburg, Alexandria, and Washington, D. C.

Messrs. Nye and Ainsley attended the Grand State Council of the Order of Fraternal Americans at Norfolk the 15th and 16th. This organization is affiliated with the Junior Order United American Mechanics. Mr. Nye has been organizer in Eastern Carolina with success for the past three years and has recently been promoted to chief organizer in the state of Virginia in connection with the work in North Carolina. Mr. Nye is also being considered for the post of State manager of Virginia for the Beneficiary Degree work in Virginia. There are many other applicants on file for this place, but Mr. Nye's past record in the work in both North Carolina and Virginia stand him in hand.

The thousand Mimosa tree planted along the highway out of Morganton three years ago were pruned recently under the direction of the Burke County farm agent.

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