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## Veterans Plan Meeting In City

Robert K. Dennis and Committee Work Out Details for District Assembly

Plans for a fifth district American Legion and Legion Auxiliary meeting to be held at the Masonic Temple here on Friday evening at seven o'clock, March 1, were discussed today by the committee on arrangements for the gathering which is headed by Robert K. Dennis.

The session will bring a number of Legion notables to this city as well as representatives from the thirteen posts in the fifth district. Mr. Dennis said. District Commander Jack Lang of Scotland Neck and Raleigh, and State Commander Hubert Olive of Lexington, N. C., will be present and deliver an address.

There will be several other distinguished guests, including a number of City Officials.

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All white World War veterans and auxiliary members are invited whether members of the legion or not.

A barbecue supper will be served at 7 P. M. Masonic Temple, Dutch plan, 50c per plate.

Supper supplied by Buck Overton and served by ladies of the Eastern Star will be provided on the dutch basis for a nominal sum, according to plans of the committee.

In addition to Mr. Dennis, members of the group in charge of perfecting details of the supper are C. C. Gray, L. B. Ayeock, L. A. Cox, A. B. Casey and Ben E. Fountain.

The meeting will be in charge of J. V. Drake, commander of the Coleman-Pitt post, who is expected to turn the meeting over to Mr. Lang shortly after the program is started. Mr. Drake is in charge of arrangements for music for the event.

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Other details of the arrangements for the district gathering are expected to be made later.

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Mr. and Mrs. Owens have returned to the States to make their home after a residence in Tientsin, China, where Mr. Owens has been district manager of the Dupont manufacturing company's branch for the past ten years. He has been transferred to Wilmington, Delaware, where he and his family will make their home in the future. Mrs. Owens and Master Jimmy plan to remain in this city for extended visit and they will also visit Mr. Owens' parents, the Rev. and Mrs. R. Bingham Owens, in Charlotte, before going to Wilmington.

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## District Meeting American Legion

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## Weldon Man Held Here

Joseph Barnes, Young Weldon Resident, Killed Here in Auto Crash

George Warren, young Weldon man, was free under a \$1,250 bond today following his arrest in connection with an accident on the Battleboro highway last night, which took the life of Joseph Barnes, 23, also of Weldon.

The Nash County sheriff's office reported that Warren was the driver of the car which late last night ran into the back of a car driven by J. C. Stewart of this city, threw both Warren and Barnes from the auto and caused the death of Barnes about an hour later in a local hospital.

C. L. Johnson, Nash County sheriff, signed the warrant, which charged manslaughter and reckless driving.

Mr. Stewart, South Rocky Mount druggist, was reported uninjured by the impact of the car.

Cause for the wreck was unknown, although local Nash officers expressed the opinion that Warren probably was driving at a high rate of speed. Deputies P. H. Johnson and J. R. Tanner both were on the scene last night.

A hearing for Warren has been set for 10 o'clock Friday morning before W. S. Swain, Nash justice of the peace, here, it has been announced.

Last night's accident marked the third highway tragedy and the fourth person killed in Nash and Edgecombe counties since Sunday. Edgar Brockwell, well known Raleigh business man was drowned on Sunday morning when the car he was driving failed to make a curve on the Leggett's highway in Edgecombe county and plunged into Swift Creek, and Mrs. Vann Batchelor, 65, and her son, William Batchelor, 23, both of Nash County, were slain almost instantly early Sunday night when a hit and run driver struck them as they stood beside a stranded car at Joyner's cross roads in Nash County. No clue as to the identity of the hit and run driver had been discovered today by the authorities.

Should he announce we predict that he will make a most formidable candidate. He is recognized as being one of the leading farmers of the West and still operates his farms and he understands the problems that confront the farmer and this will make him strong with the farmer group. His opposition to the gross sales tax will give him great strength among the merchants and consuming class of our people. As Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in Congress he has given leadership in financing the National Government without a gross sales tax. He is recognized as one of the leading business men in this country.

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SALES TAX NOT NECESSARY

The substitute revenue Bill, which has been prepared by Representatives McDonald and Lumpkin, shows thought and research and clearly demonstrates that the gross sales tax is absolutely unnecessary in North Carolina. While we are not fully conversant with all the provisions in said bill we do think that the bill outlines a good working basis and points the way for a revenue bill without the gross sales tax section, which is so odious to business and to the great masses of the citizenship of our State.

Whatever may have been the emergency two years ago, and we doubt the said emergency ever existed if the proper leadership had been given by the Heads of the Revenue Department, it is clearly shown now that if it did exist there is absolutely no necessity for its continuance and we agree most heartily with the statement given out by Representative Blount of Pitt, that this substitute bill should receive careful thought and attention by the members of the General Assembly.

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## So He Won't Spank the Wrong One



William Bortkewicz of Rockford, Ill., has discovered a novel method of meting out the correct punishment for his twin daughters. Once the wrong one was spanked because the father couldn't tell them apart, so he decided to have them fingerprinted to prevent a similar mistake. Here is Dorothy, left, and Dolores being fingerprinted by Detective Maurice Herbert.

## Doughton For Governor

So far there has been no official announcement of any Candidate for Governor but it is generally believed in this part of the State that Hon. R. L. Doughton, affectionately known as Farmer Bob, will be a Candidate, and will probably make formal announcement before a great while. There has been a feeling in our State that Mr. Doughton would probably not run on account of his high position in Washington as Chairman of the Powerful Ways & Means Committee but according to the statement issued out of Washington last Sunday Mr. Doughton was quoted as stating that if he was not a Candidate for Governor it was his intention to retire from Congress after his twenty-six years of service in that body. This to our mind clearly shows that it is the intention of Farmer Bob to be a Candidate for nomination for Governor in the next primary.

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## PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

### Three Persons In East Lose Lives

Hit And Run Drivers Sought For Double Killing Near City

Highway fatalities claimed three lives in Nash and Edgecombe counties Sunday with an aged mother and her son counted among the slain.

The first accident occurred Sunday morning about 8:30 o'clock when Edgar Brockwell, 45, well known Raleigh business man, was drowned in Swift Creek in Edgecombe county when his car failed to make a curve at a bridge near Leggetts, while the second happened Saturday night about 8:45 in Nash County when Mrs. Vann Batchelor, 65, of this city and her son, William Batchelor, 23, of Nash County, were struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver at Joyner's Cross Roads about five miles from Rocky Mount. Drunken driving also was charged.

P. H. Johnson and J. R. Tanner, Nash County deputies who investigated the fatality, said that no clue as to the identity of the person responsible for the wreck had been obtained and that two cars were involved in the slaying.

Witnesses Give Details

The officers quoted witnesses as saying that two cars were approaching the site where the Batchelor party was stationed beside the old Raleigh road where the car, owned by Ed Walker, which was bringing Mrs. Batchelor back to town, had just been pulled out of a "soft shoulder" on the road where it had stuck. There was a crash just before the car reached the site and officers were led to believe that the car in the rear had struck the front car. Whether the front car or the rear car struck the two persons a moment later was problematical.

Both mother and son died almost instantly, it was stated, while the two automobiles roared away gaining speed and swaying in the road.

Deputy Johnson said that drunken driving would enter into the charges because of the zigzag tracks along the highway.

Funeral services for the mother and son were held Monday afternoon from the home of the son with Rev. J. B. Ferrell, Free Will Baptist minister, in charge. Interment followed in the Boone cemetery.

William Batchelor is survived by his wife and two young children, while the mother, Mrs. Mollie Batchelor, is survived by her husband, Vann Batchelor, and a number of other relatives. William Batchelor was a Nash County farmer.

The Raleigh man, a locksmith, was enroute to Hamilton to open a safe when the tragedy occurred. His car had been submerged in 16 feet of water and had drifted nearly 20 feet when finally recovered about three hours after the accident.

Brother Visits City

Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal and brother of the slain man, stopped briefly in the city last night enroute back to Raleigh after visiting the scene of the tragedy.

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