

### School Bus Driver Fined, Brake Gets Accident Blame

A brake rod with a break partly old, partly new, was Exhibit A in the trial of a Carthage school bus driver, James Blue Fields, at recorder's court April 11, in connection with an accident involving his bus.

The bus had been checked at the county garage only a short while before the accident preliminary to inspection by the State Highway Patrol, it was testified by the driver, James Blue Fields. Bringing it back to school after the check-up, with, fortunately, only one passenger—another high school boy—on the bus, he tried to stop as he neared the Carthage stoplight. He said the brake would not work, and the bus catapulted into the rear of a car waiting at the light.

An estimated \$350 damage was done to the car, driven by Ryan B. Albert.

W. T. Carroll, garage superintendent, verified that Fields had left the garage with the bus about 10 minutes earlier but said that the check-up had showed nothing wrong with the brake.

Police Chief Bunn Cameron testified concerning the accident. Both Fields and his companion said the brakes were applied "in plenty of time" to stop. Highway Patrolman Harris showed the broken rod and testified that in his opinion, it caused the accident.

Finding young Fields guilty of driving with improper brakes, and colliding with another car causing the accident, Judge J. Vance Rowe continued prayer for judgment taxing him with costs. He noted also: "The brake showed the rod partially broken, about two-thirds of the area being a fresh break."

The court feels the county or state should pay damage to Albert's car."

No liability is assumed in such case by either county or state, it was learned by The Pilot later from H. Lee Thomas, county superintendent of schools.

### Eighth District Congressional Fight Waxes Warm; Deane Given Slight Edge

#### "Old Eighth" Has Long Tradition of Hairbreadth Wins

(A Washington Dispatch)

Reports reaching Washington indicate another heated, and close, Congressional race is in the making in the Eighth District, where Rep. C. B. Deane of Rockingham is defending himself against another challenge by William E. (Bill) Horner, Sanford publisher and legislator.

Washington observers, on the basis of the theory that an incumbent already has one strike on his opponent and on the basis of Horner's pre-announcement admission he expected to fight an uphill fight against Deane, think that the Rockingham second-term has an edge on the Sanford publisher.

But, they add hastily, it isn't much of an edge. In support of that they cite the record of the Eighth District for producing the State's closest Congressional races over a period of many years.

One ardent Deane supporter recalled that Deane, after being tossed out by a handful of votes twice by the late Rep. W. O. Burgin, nosed out Horner for the seat by less than 400 votes in their last race.

This time, he added cheerfully, "We're going to beat Horner bad—we'll double our margin over him." In most districts, a 700-plus votes margin would be regarded as close, but not, he said, in the Eighth. "If we beat him 1,000 votes, we'll consider that a landslide."

Horner friends, on the other hand, say that if after four years in Congress, Deane has gained no more strength than to be able to expect a margin of less than 1,000 votes, "he can be beat." But they, too, say it will be close.

Deane was in the district during the Easter recess of the House, beating the bushes for voters, and

he was being helped by John A. Lang, Jr., of Carthage, his secretary, who deserted his desk in Washington to do a little campaigning for the boss.

But Horner is covering the district too. He spent last week building fences in the lower and middle parts of the district, and speaking engagements this week are taking him, accompanied by a hill-billy band, to Fair Grove and the Pilot school areas of Davidson county Monday, to Ronda in Wilkes county Wednesday, Millers Creek school in Wilkes Thursday and back to Davidson county, to Erlanger, Friday.

The highlight of his week's activities came Tuesday night with a speech over the first radio network ever set up in the Eighth District. Ten radio stations at Sanford, Southern Pines, Laurinburg, Monroe, Rockingham, Lexington, Thomasville, North Wilkesboro and Wadesboro, carried the political address.

#### Services Held Friday For Retired Minister

Funeral services for the Rev. J. C. Thompson, 73, were held Friday afternoon at the Pine Hill Baptist church, near Aberdeen, of which he was a retired pastor. Burial was in the Ashley Heights cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson, native of Montgomery county, died Wednesday at his home near Aberdeen. Survivors include his wife, the former, Miss Frances Long, and the following children: Mrs. C. T. Crouch of Aberdeen, Mrs. Willie Odom and Mrs. M. W. Jackson, of Maxton, and Cephus Thompson of Fayetteville; also three stepchildren, Mrs. Henry J. Hunsucker of Aberdeen, Mrs. M. C. Strother of Albemarle and J. T. Parnell of Fayetteville; 26 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

### Water Bond Vote Wins In Carthage By Big Majority

By Charles McLeod

Although the trend in North Carolina local elections has been to vote dry, the citizens of Carthage went to the polls April 11 and voted overwhelmingly wet—for water, that is.

In a special \$135,000 water bond election, the vote was 304 for and only 34 against.

Mayor Archie L. Barnes had predicted 302 votes for the issue. He attributed the victory to the progressiveness of the town and its citizens. Water scarcity is an old subject and a sore one, with residents of the Moore County seat.

Every summer that has been extremely hot and dry, orders have gone out to cease lawn watering, car washing and not to be so picky about personal cleanliness. In addition to the inconveniences, there were those jibes from other towns and the matter became acutely serious in 1947, the town was forced to make arrangements with Southern Pines municipality for the purchase of water. As there are no pipe connections between the towns, the H2O had to be hauled by tank trucks. Since that time, the rains have come, but so have new residents, and a big new industry is opening this summer.

The town authorities called in Barber Keels and associates of Columbia, S. C., for a survey as to how the water supply could be increased. Their survey showed an ample supply could be obtained from Little River a few miles from town.

Water is now derived from springs and a water shed. The bond money will go for a pipe line to Little River and a new filtering plant. New York's shortage is more serious, but Carthage had hers first. Also, she intends to correct it first. Yep Carthaginians are going to have water and drink it, too.

### Don Jones, New VFW Commander, First Came Here On Vacation Journey

Donald A. Jones, recently chosen commander of the John Boyd Post, VFW, is only the third man to be elected to this office since the post was established in May, 1946. The first commander was John H. Stephenson. C. S. Patch, Jr., then served for two terms, after which Mr. Stephenson was returned to office for the year just past.

#### Veteran of Bastogne

The new commander, a native of Johnstown, Pa., first came to Southern Pines in 1937. He saw the town first on a vacation trip, liked it and got a job with the Carolina Power and Light company. After two years, he returned to Johnstown and entered defense work at the Bethlehem Steel company. He entered the Army as a member of the Fourth Infantry division in June, 1944, and was trained as a radio operator and went overseas in time to take part in the Battle of the Bulge. He stayed in the ETO till hostilities were at an end. He was discharged in October, 1945, and shortly thereafter returned to the Sandhills.

He secured a position with Carter's laundry, and is now plant manager. He is married to the former Miss Alma McInnis of Lakeview, and they live at 825 North May street.

He was a member of the building committee which was appointed late in 1948 by Post Commander Patch to look into the possibilities of building or buying a Post home. The committee recommended the purchase of the old Welch house on West New York avenue, which the post carried through in November, 1948.

#### Marshall at Banquet

After considerable remodeling, which transformed the antiquated mansion into a comfortable clubhouse and hospitality center for both the post and the Auxiliary, the home was opened with a banquet and celebration April 9, 1949, at which Gen. George C. Marshall was the guest speaker, guest of honor and recipient of the post's Good Citizenship medal.

The celebration coincided with the national observance of the VFW's Golden Jubilee, and the John Boyd post and Station WEEB sponsored a unique statewide broadcast at that time, "From the Mountains to the Sea."

#### Debt Is Cleared

The building was purchased on the proverbial shoestring. Under the leadership of Commander Stephenson the debt has, in the interval, been cleared away.

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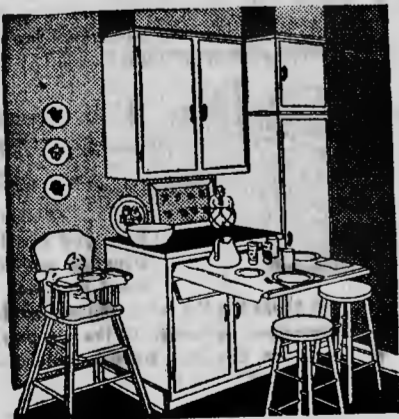
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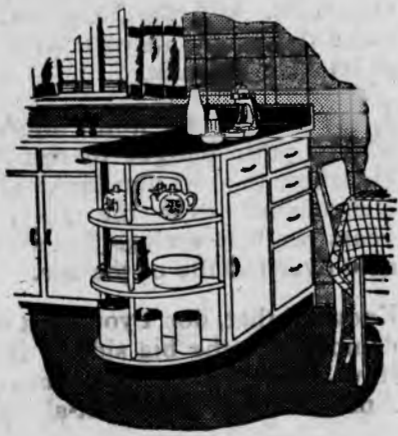
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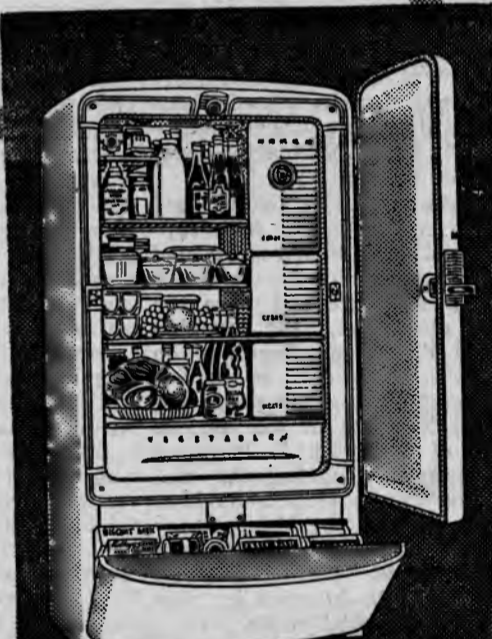
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