

## Passenger Train Hits Automobile

Machine Hurl'd Thirty Feet--Party Had Been to a Ball Game at Bethel--The Injured Rushed to Robersonville in Auto.

**While Enroute To Robersonville From Bethel Where They Attended a Ball Game, R. L. Smith and Others came Near Being Killed--Charles I. Ellington, Formerly of This Place, Operating Train--Accident Unavoidable--Irvin Smith Seriously Injured.**

What may prove a fatal accident occurred north of Parmele near the public school building between six and seven o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. R. L. Smith and son Irvin with Gideon Barnhill were returning from Bethel, where they had been to witness a ball game and driving through a stretch of woods near the A. C. L. railroad track, failed to see the Kinston & Weldon train, which was moving towards the station at Parmele. The automobile was struck and the occupants were thrown out with terrific force. Engineer Charles Ellington brought his train to a standstill as quickly as possible so that the rear car was opposite the machine and the unfortunate people. Assistance was secured at once and Dr. J. E. Ward, who was at Parmele, took the injured hurriedly to Robersonville and to the drug store where first aid to the injured was given. Mr. Barnhill had one arm broken and it was thought at first that he had received fatal injuries, but later developments showed that he was severely but not fatally hurt. Irvin Smith, the young son of R. L. Smith, who was unconscious all through the night and fears are entertained that he is fatally injured. Mr. Smith, who was driving the car, was only bruised and knocked up.

The car was badly damaged, every tire being torn off. It was reported that the machine was thrown 30 feet by the force of the contact. Engineer Ellington who has been in charge of the train for years, couldn't see the car in time to stop, and Mr. Smith miscalculated the time of the arrival of the train, and so tried to cross with disastrous results.

Much sympathy is felt in Williamston for all concerned, young Smith being a nephew of Mrs. A. R. Dunning and Messrs Barnhill and Smith are prominent men of the county. Engineer Ellington resided here with his family for years, and moved from here to Kinston.

### Swallowed a Quarter.

Tuesday Dr. R. L. Nelson, of Robersonville, brought the little child of George Johnson here to have a radiograph made of its throat by Dr. York. The child was playing with some money and accidentally swallowed a 25 cent piece, which caused much pain. The radiograph located the money in the lower part of the throat and from there it was taken. An excellent photo was made of the stray coin, and it was another demonstration of the usefulness of the X-Ray machine.

### Oak City News.

John Eubanks, of Hassell, was in town Sunday.

Rev. W. A. Rosser returned to Whitakers Monday.

E. L. Burnett, of Palmyra, was in town Sunday.

Messrs. Ralph and Roy House spent Friday in Tarboro.

Mrs. C. B. Council returned from a visit to Bethel Tuesday.

Mrs. M. L. Starling, of Hassell spent Friday night and Saturday in town.

Mrs. J. T. Daniels and Herman Rawls spent Thursday in Robersonville.

Mrs. S. E. Hines and Miss Annie M. Harrell spent Friday in Williamston.

Misses Annie and Carrie Harrington from near Palmyra were in town Friday.

Miss Katherine Jordan, of Lewiston, is spending some time with her sister.

Mrs. Allie B. Bell, of Ayden, was the guest of Mrs. L. T. Chesson last week.

Mrs. Staton Ayers and little son returned to their home in Everetts Saturday.

Mr. and Willie Hurst, of Robersonville, spent the week-end with C. M. Hurst.

Miss Beatrice Goodrich returned Saturday to take charge of her school near here.

T. C. Allsbrook and Roy House attended the ball game in Robersonville Thursday.

L. L. Davenport and Miss Lucy Cherry, of Speeds, were the guests of the Misses House Sunday.

Miss Gladys Mizell returned to her home in Palmyra Saturday after spending some time with relatives here.

Misses Annie Mae and Pauline Beverly and Miss Edmonson, of Bethel, are spending some time with Mrs. C. M. Hurst.

Rev. W. A. Rosser assisted Rev. T. J. Crisp, in a revival at the Missionary Baptist Church here last week. It was the finest series of meetings held here in a long time. Mr. Rosser is an able speaker and seems to have filled the void in the hearts of this community more completely than has been done in a long time. The congregations were large both afternoon and evening. The meetings began July 6th, and ended Aug. 1st.

### By Mail After August 16th.

All government money and securities after August 16th will be transported by registered mail instead of by the express. The express companies, which have been handling the traffic more than 25 years, will lose nearly a half million dollars a year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning went to Robersonville yesterday.

## THE COTTON PROBLEM. KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

France, Italy, Russia and Japan, Allies, Have 79,525,000 Spindles

The Baltimore Sun is glad of the fact that England and not Germany and Austria is mistress of the seas, or else the cotton situation would be disastrous. It contends that England is only following the precedent set by the United States' government in the Civil War in its embargo on the South. It quotes from the Columbia State, a strong paper in the cotton states, as follows: "The German and Austrian cotton factories have 16,300,000 spindles and Tufkey has none. The factories of Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia and Japan (allies in the war) have 79,525,000 spindles, of which 56,000,000 are British.

It follows that were the Germans in control of the seas, they could and doubtless would confine the market for American cotton to about one-fifth of the spindles that it is confined to by the allies.

However oppressive, therefore British interference with American exportation of cotton may be, it is clear that the South is fortunate in that the interference is not by the Germans and Austrians.

### Catch The Speeders

Much complaint is heard from people who live on East Main St., about fast speeding of automobiles. One party has the numbers of two machines, which after passing the Court House, were going at a forty mile gait toward the river. A large number of children live on this part of the street, and for their safety, the speeding should be stopped, or a serious accident will happen. There is a speed law limit, and fast drivers will be reported. The attention of the police is especially called to this matter.

### Commissioners Meeting.

The August meeting of the County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday with Chairman Long presiding. The most important act of the session was the reinstatement of order to appropriate \$600 for the employment of a county farm demonstrator. Petitions to have this order passed had been sent all over the county and the interest in the matter was marked. This arrangement for a demonstrator will give general satisfaction and produce large results in the future. Several tax payers appeared before the Board asking that some assessments be changed and this was done in a few cases.

The usual orders were passed and the Board adjourned.

### Mrs. M. I. Fleming Hostess

Mrs. M. I. Fleming delightfully entertained her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sherrod, of Greensboro, in her beautiful pecan grove on July 28th. The guest numbered about forty. Delicious barbecue, Brunswick stew, and all other "fixings" pleasing to the taste were served. The day was perfect and all voted that they had a good time.

Mrs. Dan Taylor, Pres., Mrs. J. P. Boyle Sec'y. Hamilton, N. C.

Miss Emma Robertson left Wednesday to visit friends in Greenville and Wilson.

16-Year Old Boy Killed by Lightning In Petersburg, Va., Formerly Lived Here.

A phone message was received here Monday morning from Walter A. Brown saying that his son Carrol, was struck by lightning at 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon and killed instantly.

A later report in the Virginian-Pilot said that young Carrol was at the home of his uncle, W. P. Mizell, when the bolt struck the house, doing considerable damage, killing the boy and severely shocking Mr. and Mrs. Mizell.

It will be remembered here that Mr. and Mrs. Brown and children moved to Petersburg, Va. last year where they now reside. Carrol was the eldest child of the family and was six or seven years old. Friends here have deep sympathy for the bereaved parents in their sad disaster.

Mrs. Robert Brown and children with Mrs. Charlie Moore attended the funeral of the unfortunate youth.

### Rose-Hadley

On the broad Southern veranda of the elegant country home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sutherland Hadley, was solemnized on July 30th, 1915, at four o'clock P. M., one of the prettiest marriages of the year, when Miss Allie B. Hadley became the wife of Mr. Lenno Hardy Rose, of Scotland Neck, Rev. W. R. Burrell, of the Williamston Baptist Church, performing the ceremony in an impressive manner. An improvised bower of potted plants and ferns was a fitting place for the plighting of hearts such as theirs.

As the strains of the wedding march rendered by Miss Ellen Rose, of Fremont, filled the summer air, little Annie Taylor, of Richmond, niece of the bride came out bearing the wedding ring on a silver waiter. She was sweet in a dress of white with blue ribbons; then came Miss Lela Hadley, sister of the bride, with Mr. Harvy Dickenson, of Fremont, who were followed by Miss Martha Ward with Mr. Robert Everett, of Palmyra. Misses Ward and Hadley were attractively gowned in lingerie dresses and wore white picture hats with roses, and carried bunches of pink asters. The bride came next on the arm of the groom, and the vows were given binding the two for all the years to come. Clad in a going-away gown of blue with hat to match and carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses, the bride made an attractive picture of the Southern type of women.

Immediately after the ceremony, the bride and groom and a number of friends motored to Williamston, where they boarded the cars for a trip of several weeks to Western Carolina. On their return they will be at home in Scotland Neck.

On the evening preceding the marriage, an elegant reception was tendered the bridal party at the home of the bride. There were quite a number of other friends, who were delightfully entertained during the hours. The hospitality of the home was never more pronounced and the guests heartily entered into the joyousness of the occasion.

W. H. Hardison, of Rocky Mount, with several friends is enjoying the fine fishing at Station's mill pond.

## Storm--Swept Cities Suffer.

Steamer Bound to Norfolk Sinks--Captain and Sailor Drowned--High Waters.

### Hamilton News.

Dr. Edgar Long spent Monday here.

Miss Mary Anthony is visiting near Greenville.

Thomas Pritchard and son visited here last week.

Hugh Sherrod, of Enfield, spent last week here.

Mrs. J. B. Cloman has returned from Virginia Beach.

Miss Clara Ewell is visiting relatives in Williamston.

Dr. and Mrs. M. I. Fleming spent Sunday in Enfield.

Mrs. State Ayers and son of Everetts, visited here last week.

Miss Carlotta Nicholson spent the week-end with Mrs. D. E. Taylor.

Misses Rachel and Helen Edmonson have returned from Tillery.

Miss George Pritchard and James Pritchard left Friday for Swansboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Worsley spent the week-end with Mrs. R. W. Salsbury.

Mrs. T. B. Slade left Thursday for Charlotte, where she will visit her brother.

Mrs. P. L. Salsbury and children have returned from a visit to Scotland Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle and Mrs. W. T. Grimes spent Sunday afternoon in Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sherrod and children have returned to their home in Greensboro.

Mrs. G. C. Gladstone is spending some time with her mother. James Rawls left Sunday for Norfolk.

Misses Lil Nobles and Margaret Cone Tucker and Bruce Tucker are the guests of Mrs. R. W. Salsbury.

Frank Roberson has returned to his home in Roanoke Rapids after spending some time with Judge J. T. Waldo.

P. H. Davenport, W. S. Rhodes, Misses Fannie Matthews and Maggie B. Jones spent Sunday at the State farm near Tillery.

Mrs. M. I. Fleming was hostess Wednesday at a very enjoyable barbecue given in honor of her sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sherrod.

Come to Williamston on August 18th, and spend the day.

### Tobacco Barn Destroyed.

A barn of tobacco on the farm of B. F. Godwin was burned on Sunday about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. If there had been a supply of water convenient, the fire could have been extinguished. Farmers should have a barrel of water at the door on the outside for use in an emergency.

Sell your tobacco at the Dixie and Roanoke Warehouses.

The Damage to Property Will Run Up Into Millions of Dollars--Twenty of Those Who Perished Have been Recovered.

Eric, Pa., Aug. 4.--Daylight broke over a flood stricken city with its business streets running rivers of water. Probably fifty were lost, property damaged estimated at three millions of dollars. Scores of homes and factories swept away and distress of homeless hundreds were the effect of an unprecedented storm last night.

After almost an all day rain a heavy thunder storm culminated in a cloudburst. For an hour residents along the course of Mill Creek, through the east center of the city, watched the slow rise due to a rainfall of nearly 3 inches in 3 hours.

At 8:45, the Glenwood dam, 3 miles above the city, burst, and a huge wall of water swept thru the city, carrying with it the homes of those who had waited until the last minute to leave.

### Locals Win Another

Though having the habit of running on schedule time and making quick connection, Parmele failed to come up in a ball game with the locals on Friday last. Both teams made costly errors, but the locals profited by a score of 11 to 9. Powell for the visitors proved to be one of the best twirlers here this season. Cox handled the sphere for three innings for the homers, and was followed by Thrower, who was not in his usual form. However the game was interesting, the Parmele boys proving pleasant opponents on this their first visit this season.

The locals did some splendid slugging down towards the old persimmon tree, and the visitors marks were made by the batting of Powell and Harrell.

Williamston, 8 hits and 2 errors; Parmele, 11 hits, 6 errors.

Cows still roam the streets at will. Tuesday afternoon just after the cement had been laid on one section of the pavement at the Baptist Church, one of these animals passed over it, and left the imprint of her four hoofs, and the mason had to come back and fix it.

Patronize your home market and help the town.

The City Fathers desirous of ridding the town of the cows, or rather making the owners sit up and take notice, have imposed a fine of 1.00 on every cow taken up. Many violations would come high to owners of cattle.

Henry Gurganus and Chas. Baker have purchased the business of J. H. Karam, who with his family has moved to South Carolina.