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BISHOP ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS OF CIRCUIT RIDERS

Number of Changes in Leading Pastorates of North Carolina Conference

CROWNING EVENT OF METHODIST MEETING

Rev. J. H. Shore Goes to Rockingham District as Presiding Elder to Succeed Rev. Harry M. North and Rev. J. M. Daniels Takes Over The Wilmington District.

Rocky Mount, Nov. 22.—The crowning event of the North Carolina Methodist conference, which has been in session here since last Wednesday about noon today when Bishop Darlington read the appointments of the preachers for the next year. Rev. J. H. Shore goes as presiding elder of the Rockingham district and Rev. J. M. Daniels takes his place on the Wilmington district. These are the only changes in the presiding eldership. There are quite a number of changes in the pastorate of some of the leading appointments.

The report of the statistical secretary shows that this has been a year of progress along all lines of church endeavor. The membership of the church within the bounds of the conference has gone beyond the 100,000 mark, and the material progress has gone beyond anything that could have been hoped.

The last session of conferences was opened with religious services conducted by Dr. Morrison. Reports of all the boards that had not previously reported were submitted and adopted, the most interesting being that of the board of missions and board of education. The board of missions recommended setting forth plans for the erection of a representative church at Chapel Hill for taking care of the increasing number of Methodist students attending the State university. The report of the board of education deplores the fact that none of the educational institutions are able to accept a large number of applicants knocking at the doors of the institutions of learning belonging to the church.

Statistical Report

A paper which will be of interest to the general public was adopted stating that those who are not in anywise connected with conference be permitted to have tables to display their ware in the church which is entertaining the conference.

Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, the mother of the orphanage at Raleigh, spoke to the conference of her love for the home, and stated that she was praying that the Atwater memorial hall, a building in contemplation to the memory of this good woman's family, should soon be erected.

A rising and rousing vote of thanks was given to the people of Rocky Mount for the splendid entertainment given the conference.

A pleasing incident of the session this morning was the presentation to Rev. L. S. Massey of a toilet set and a handsome conference, by Rev. T. A. Sikes, who goes to the Advocate as the representative of this conference. Mr. Massey responded in a happy style.

The report of the statistical secretary shows the following figures as the present numerical condition of the North Carolina conference: Pastoral charges, 212; church, 755; local preachers, 28; members, 100,519, adults baptized, 4,050; infants, 914; there are 138 Epworth leagues with 5,485 members; there are 678 Sunday schools with a membership of 84,346; there are 279 woman's missionary societies with a membership of 9,001, and they have raised $87,575. The church paid presiding elders last year, $28,124 and for preachers $87,575; in charge $356,387. For all purposes the conference raised $1,622,079. The conference owns 755 houses of worship at $4,415,385. The church owns 156 parsonages valued at $868,000.

Conference appointments for Fayetteville District follows:

Fayetteville District

Presiding elder, J. D. Bundy.

Bladen circuit, J. W. Dimmith; Buckhorn circuit, E. W. Downum; Carthage circuit, G. W. Perry; Duke, N. McDonald, Dunn, J. H. Buffaloe; Fayetteville, Hay street, W. V. McRae; Person and Calvary, E. C. Manes; Fayetteville circuit, R. F. Taylor; Glendon circuit, J. C. Cummings; Goldston circuit, S. Salyer; Haw River circuit, J. W. Autry; Hemp circuit, H. E. Lance; Jonesboro circuit, C. R. Ross; Lillington circuit, J. H. Frizzle, L. R. Gains, junior preacher; Newton Grove circuit, G. H. Biggs; Parkton circuit, W. L. Maness; Pittsboro circuit, J. J. Boone; Roseboro circuit, R. F. Munns; Sanford, W. R. Royall; Siler City circuit, H. B. Porter; Stedman circuit, H. A. Thorp.

DEMOCRATS FINISH WITH SURPLUS IN THE TREASURY

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 20.—The Democratic national committee today reported to the Secretary of State receipts of $1,321,655.84 and expenditures of $1,308,007.32. The statement was signed by Wilbur W. Marsh, treasurer. The statement showed that $1,190,843 was turned over to the committee by New York headquarters, $12,865, by the women's bureau, $82,063 by the Chicago headquarters and $25,432 by Washington headquarters and $4,852 by the San Francisco headquarters.

The total of cars loaded with commercial freight in the week ending October 9 reached 1,009,787.

FAIR ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

Turlington Again Heads Company—Little Profit This Year

All of the former officers of the Harnett County Agricultural Fair Association were re-elected when stockholders of the corporation met in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce last Friday night. They are Henry A. Turlington, president; Granville M. Tilghman, vice-president; E. B. Warren, treasurer; T. L. Riddle, secretary, and Ellis Goldstein, business manager. The only change from the original organization is that which made Mr. Riddle secretary and Mr. Warren treasurer. This change was made early in the year when Professor Owen Odum resigned the office of secretary and treasurer to return to the profession of preaching.

Directors for the year were chosen as follows: Marvin Wade, H. A. Turlington, E. B. Warren, Ellis Goldstein, J. L. Wade, McD. Holliday, J. C. Byrd, G. M. Tilghman, J. W. Draughon, Dr. W. P. Holt, Dr. J. R. Butler, E. W. Smith, Dr. C. R. Young, R. L. Godwin and B. P. Gentry.

Report of the year's work made by Secretary Riddle was satisfactory to the stockholders, although it did not show any great profit to have come to the association. This was not surprising, however, when it was recalled that the directorate had planned for a big fair with the expectation of conditions remaining as good as they were last year. Financial stress hit the community while the preparations were underway and the directors considered themselves lucky to have come out as well as they did.

MORE BUTLER TALK FROM WASHINGTON

Sampson County Republican May Secure National Farmers' Union Support

Washington, Nov. 20.—Information comes to Washington tonight that members of the North Carolina Farmers' Union may make an effort to secure the indorsement of former Senator Marion Butler for Secretary of Agriculture in Harding's cabinet by Charles S. Barrett, of Georgia, National President of the Farmer's Union. Mr. Barrett has been re-elected as the head of the National organization for the 17th consecutive time and was a prominent figure in the annual meeting of the body this week when a nation-wide strike "in agriculture was urged."

"There are many interesting angles in connection with the efforts to place the influence of Mr. Barrett behind the mention of the Tar Heel candidate for cabinet honors. Mr. Barrett is a Democrat, according to Georgia standards of Democracy. He was chairman of the ill-fated Watson-Hoke Smith delegation to the San Francisco convention which was not allowed to be seated.

Whether Mr. Butler is successful, or whether Mr. Barrett endorses him, opens up an interesting question among the spectators of Southern politics with regard to its effect on the two major parties.

It is said here that Mr. Barrett had an ambition to be secretary of agriculture in 1923 when President Wilson came into power. He was not appointed, and it is no betrayal of confidence to say that Mr. Barrett has not been an admirer of the Wilson administration. He crossed with Herbert Hoover during the war on agricultural matters. The Georgia man has been a leading critic of the policies of the Wilson administration.

In this connection, it is interesting to learn that Mr. Barrett and Senator-elect Thomas E. Watson, of Ga., are close personal friends. Watson has charged in his Georgia paper that Mr. Barrett was not appointed Secretary of Agriculture because of the alleged animosity of Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President, towards Watson.

Another sidelight is the fact that Mr. Watson and Mr. Butler were together in the Populist days of the nineties. Ex-Senator Butler was National chairman of the Populist party when Mr. Watson was a presidential candidate on the third party ticket.

So, the chain comes back to the names of Butler, Barrett and Watson, with the last named to take his seat on March 1, as the junior senator from Georgia.

Right Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of East Carolina will direct the national preaching mission services, a part of the nation-wide campaign, at the Church of the Epiphany of this city, during the week from November 28 to December 5.

Bishop Darst has been sent to Washington to take charge of the mission services by the presiding bishop and council of the church. He will speak on each week day at noon and again in the evening.

The Ashley Masonic Club of Washington, composed of the Master Mason of the State, War, Navy, White House and Civil Service, held a service at the Masonic Temple this evening and heard patriotic speeches by Chief Chaplains Axton of the army, Frazier of the navy and Edward E. Britton, president of the club.

David St. Clair, who was in charge of the News and Observer Washington bureau during the campaign, has accepted a position in the historical section of the Navy Department and will remain in Washington. Mr. St. Clair was formerly on the editorial staff of the Literary Digest.

S. M. Miller, secretary to Congressman Bob Doughton, lost $50 in war savings stamps during the spell of petty thievery about the capitol this summer, which was uncovered when Congressman Baer's office was ransacked yesterday and thieves left curt notes on the desk. Mr. Miller does not attribute his loss however, to any plot against "Farmer Bob."

Charles L. Abernethy of New Bern was in Washington today on his way home after a professional visit to New York and Boston. He is in excellent health now, his condition having improved gradually since his nervous breakdown last August.

Rev. Edward Henry Ingle, assistant rector of the church of the Epiphany, died here today. He was a brother of Rev. Julius Ingle of Raleigh, and was in his 62nd year.

A TIME FOR CO-OPERATION

Everyone knows that our country is ex[illegible] period of depression, due to the return of t[illegible] the country to the condition that existed bef[illegible] All classes of people are affected by the [illegible] and all should work together to relieve pr[illegible] tions.

Those best qualified to speak on the su[illegible] there is no reason to fear serious consequ[illegible] the prices paid for labor and farm produ[illegible] lower, so are the prices on everything el[illegible] the sales of all kinds of goods at greatly red[illegible] In a short time these matters will be adjust[illegible] will still find ourselves the wealthiest and [illegible] people on earth.

The vast majority of men are honest in [illegible] ings, and if given time will meet every obli[illegible] every an consider the men with whom he [illegible] ness, and judge for himself how many there [illegible] number who would defraud him.

Now while the most of the business done in [illegible] try by farmers, merchants, bankers, mechan[illegible] facturers, etc., is done on paper, it must b[illegible] mind that this paper is given by men, the v[illegible] ity of whom, as has been already said, are [illegible] addition to this, ninety-five per cent of this p[illegible] secured as to make it worth one hundred ce[illegible] dollar.

These things being so, it follows that wh[illegible] needed in a period of depression, like the on[illegible] which we are now passing, is for men to be p[illegible] pull together. Nearly every dollar of ind[illegible] could be collected by foreclosure, but why sh[illegible] be done?

Why force the farmers to sell out at a sacrif[illegible] if given another year or two he will pay all [illegible] est? Why crowd the banks too close, if such [illegible] is possible and cause them to be more drastic [illegible] collections than they desire to be. Suppose you [illegible] run on a bank and force it to close its doors [illegible] ily, it only means that it in turn will forcibly c[illegible] a sacrifice, from its debtors, and thus cancel it[illegible] tions. But in the meantime financial troubles [illegible] be increased, and not lessened. Why all this, [illegible] they receive the loyal support of the public, [illegible] be the greatest factor in adjusting present diff[illegible]?

Why should merchants or manufacturers [illegible] other class be squeezed to death or so nearly [illegible] compel them to collect by force, and thus wo[illegible] ship and loss upon others? Give them time, [illegible] will meet their obligations.

In the days of plenty, men prosper by co-o[illegible] with other men. In the lean years, calamity [illegible] averted only by the same method. The man [illegible] this time strikes out right and left among the m[illegible] have helped him to make what he has and thi[illegible] of his own welfare, is ungrateful, and will wor[illegible] injury to others, and by losing their friendship [illegible] jure himself for the future. These are not [illegible] tight times in the world's history. They [illegible] weathered safely, and so will this. [illegible] with each other, and be patient, and all will be well.

HUSBAND LEAVES; WIFE A SUICIDE

Prominent Charlotte Woman With Pet Dog Found Asphyxiated at Home

Charlotte, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Harry J. Zehm, whose husband was for a dozen years head of the Music department of Elizabeth College here, for several years organist in one of the leading local churches, but who four months ago disappeared, was found asphyxiated in her home early today, with her pet dog, all dead, clasped in her arms.

Authorities pronounced it a clear case of suicide, after reading a letter, written in German, which she left addressed to a family friend, asking for a simple funeral. She left also the keys to her bank safety deposit box in an envelope.

Her husband, up to the time of his departure was a member of local clubs and owned property here and at Little Switzerland, N. C. He left the note to his wife saying she need not expect him ever to return. Brooding over her husband's disappearance is believed to have been the cause of Mrs. Zehm's self-destruction. Following his disappearance she had instituted attachment proceedings against $15,000 worth of bank and mill stocks in his possession.

She was born in Germany and had no relatives in America. Mr. Zehm was born in America of German parents.

Mrs. Zehm was seen by several friends Saturday afternoon on the streets of Charlotte and she appeared to be cheerful. However, before returning home, she stopped to see one of her close friends and when leaving told her goodbye. The friend thought little about it at the time, but recalled today that it seemed unusual.

When no signs of life about the Zehm home had appeared up until noon, some of the neighbors feared that something had happened. Two men broke into the bedroom and found Mrs. Zehm and her pet dog, which had always accompanied her about the city, both dead.

Besides the note in German to a friend, Mrs. Zehm also left a note in English to Mrs. Barrier in which she directed that she be given $2,000 out of her estate.

AUSTRIAN CHILDREN MOSTLY UNDERFED

Nearly A Million of Them Are Now Not Getting Enough To Eat

New York, Nov. 1.—The food situation in Austria is as bad as in Poland, according to the reports of representatives of the American Relief Administration European Children's Fund, who are arriving in this country. Instead of improving since the coming of peace, conditions have grown steadily worse. Austria is the country among all those in which the European Children's Fund has operated where next year's relief program will not be substantially reduced.

Dr. Clemens Pirquet, formerly of John Hopkins and now head of the department of Children's Diseases in the University of Vienna, has written Mr. Hoover, chairman of the American Relief Administration, that more than 78 per cent of the whole child population up to the age of fifteen are underfed. In other words, 930,000 out of 1,182,000 Austrian children are not getting enough to eat of Vienna's child population, only about two in one hundred are getting adequate nourishment.

The American Relief Administration began its work of feeding the children of Austria in April 1919, with an initial distribution of 1,500 tons of food, comprising cocoa, milk, sugar, rice, peas, beans and flour. Public soup kitchens were opened in kindergarten schools, day nurseries, orphanages and even the royal palace of Schonbrunn was turned over to the children's welfare workers. Since the available food supplies were not sufficient to satisfy all, no child was admitted until examination by a competent doctor or nurse had showed an actual condition of serious undernourishment.

The cost to the administration of feeding one child one meal a day for a month has averaged about one dollar, while the remainder of the expense, amounting to two or three dollars for each child, has been supplied by local charity, government and municipal grants. In this way, the rationing system has never been allowed to become a pauperizing influence.

H. A. Page, Aberdeen, is the North Carolina representative of the American Relief Administration, and he will gladly forward contributions that North Carolina people feel like making.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO BE GIVEN PEACE PRIZE

Stockholm, Nov. 20.—President Woodrow Wilson will be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1920, according to the Swedish newspapers. The announcement of the prize committee, however, will not be made before the end of November.

LEADS RELIGIOUS SERVICE ON SHIP

Harding Reads From the 25th Psalm as Reflecting His Presidential Attitude

Aboard Steamship Parismina, Nov. 21.—"The troubles of my heart are enlarged; Oh, bring thou me out of my distresses."

So read the President-elect of the United States this evening from the Ttwenty-Fifth Psalm, as he read the religious services in the women's saloon of the ship, which is taking him to the Canal Zone, to companions gathered about him as he solemnly intoned the words of David.

There seemed a peculiar and dramatic significance to the simple lines he had deliberately selected from the appeal of the Psalmist, and as he read it became the personal prayer of Senator Harding himself, as he faces tremendous problems.

"Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. Consider mine enemies for they are many; and they that hate me with cruel hatred. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on Thee."

Senator Harding made it clear that the vespers revealed and reflected his attitude toward the assumption of the Presidency and his further prayer, quoting from the same psalm was:

"Remember not the sin of my youth nor my transgressions; according to Thy mercy, remember Thou me for Thy Goodness sake, Oh Lord."

The service was held at 5 p. m. Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, acted as deacon, announcing the hymn. After the President-elect had read the Twenty-Fifth Psalm, there was another hymn and responsive reading followed, Senator Harding leading. The singing of "America" closed the service.

DEPRESSION FELT IN COTTON MARKET

New Orleans Exchange Prices Touch Lowest Levels in Five Years

New Orleans, Nov. 21. — Lowest prices in about five years were registered in the cotton market last week under selling which reflected continued trade depression, short financial conditions and, during the last two sessions of the week, a somewhat easier tone in the spot markets of the interior. Highest prices were reached on the opening session and lowest prices were made Friday. At the highest the trading months were 57 to 81 points over the closing quotations of the preceding week and at the lowest they were 218 to 244 points under. The market moved over a range of 280 to 235 points, finally closing at net losses of 177 to 204 points. July traded down to 14.45 and closed at 14.84. In the spot department middling lost 225 points, closing at 16.25.

Some little selling was caused by predictions of heavy ginnings to November 14, one private bureau coming out with a forecast of 8,840,000 bales against 7,604,320 to the same date last year and 8,706,420 to the same date two years ago. The Census Bureau will issue its figures on ginning at 9 o'clock Monday morning and they are likely to influence the market in the opening hours of the new week. After that it is likely that the spot market will be watched closely and the contract market will be quick to respond to anything new from that quarter.

Hopes for an easier money market in the near future will make financial news of more importance this week and any let up in the flow of pessimistic news from textile centers would remove much pressure from the market.

BUD HODGES DIES FROM HIS WOUNDS

Son of George Rielly Hodges Victim Of Fight in Fayetteville

Bud Hodges, son of George Rielly Hodges and a brother to Mack F. Hodges, of Dunn, died Tuesday morning in a Fayetteville hospital from wounds received in a fight, it is alleged, with Jack and Jess Odum near Fayetteville Sunday, November 14. His body was brought here Tuesday afternoon and conveyed to the family burial ground at the old Hodges home between Dunn and Benson.

Mr. Hodges had been in a semi-conscious condition since the fatal fight. He was visited often by his relatives here. It is said that the Odum boys attacked him with an axe and very nearly severed one of his legs from his body. They are now in Cumberland County jail awaiting trial on the charge of murder.

Mr. Hodges is survived by his father, two brothers and five sisters. The brothers are M. F. and John; the sisters, Mrs. Sam Pittman, Mrs. Lee Paul, Mrs. T. L. Anderson and Mrs. L. J. Blue.

Woman Dies at Age of 107

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 22.—At the age of 107, Mrs. Margaret Mason, believed to be one of the oldest women in the entire south, died at her home, two miles from Greer, yesterday morning. The large host of surviving relatives include children, grandchildren, great - grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

MONEY SCARCITY HITS SAMPSON

Unable to Weather Financial Storm And Clinton Ginnery Closes

Clinton, Nov. 21.—The first crash to occur in this county as a result of the financial stringency prevailing is that of Mr. Enoch McLamb, a large farmer of Hall's township, and the owner and operator of a large ginnery and planing plant in Clinton. Seeing himself overwhelmingly involved, Mr. McLamb is said to have taken his wife and children to her father's home in another county and to have absented himself from his home county. The ginnery ran up to that evening when it was found that there were no funds to pay off the hands.

Mr. McLamb has been one of the most successful tobacco growers of the county, but, seeing last year, as he thought, big money in the ginning business, he established a modern plant in Clinton and later added a planing mill. It is probable that, with the prices of cotton, tobacco and lumber maintained at the peak of last season's prices, he would have found his resources taxed to the utmost. But when these prices dropped below cost of production of the staples, the hope of weathering the storm vanished.

The writer has not yet had an authoritative statement of the amount of his liabilities, but has heard that they exceed one hundred thousand dollars. A number of Clinton citizens are said to be losers, some through becoming security and others as creditors.

Mr. A. J. Cooper, father of Dr. Cooper, of the State Board of Health, is quite ill at his home here in Clinton. His condition was such the middle of the week that his sons were summoned. Dr. Cooper after remaining with his father a day or two returned to Raleigh, but was expected to return this evening.

What came near proving a fatal collision of automobiles occurred one evening this week a few miles north of Clinton. Dr. J. D. Kerr, out on professional business, was dashing along at high speed when he met another car coming at an equally high speed. The two cars collided and were driven into each other so powerfully that they had to be dragged to town and hours spent upon them before they were separated. The doctor escaped with only slight scratches and bruises, but the driver of the other car, Mr. E. M. Vick, of Goldsboro, was so severely injured that he has been laid up all the week at the Montague hotel under the attendance of physicians. The collision is said to be attributable to failure on the part of Vick to give half of the road, as Dr. Kerr's car was said to be found upon the right side of the highway.

Four [illegible] who had entered an apprenticeship of twenty-one years in the school room, took a day off this week and spent it in the Clinton school, observing the work and the state of discipline, and it is gratifying to report a most healthful condition prevailing. The teachers are capable, enthusiastic and vigorous. The student body is well behaved and as a whole seems to be remarkably intent upon their work. In short, it is evident that the school is in capable hands and that the boys and girls of this community have a real chance to get a high school education.

Burke County Young Man Brutally Killed

Glen Lippard Apparently Robbed And Then Murdered By Unknown Parties

Hickory, Nov. 21.—Glenn Lippard, a young white man, was murdered and apparently robbed by unknown persons just across the Burke county line on the Rhodhiss road, it developed this afternoon with the finding of his body by some horsemen who saw it from the highway. A pistol bullet crashed into his head and his skull was crushed with the but end of a pistol, a part of which was found nearby. A crumpled dollar bill and a flat purse also were found. Lippard, who was employed by a Hickory concern, was said to have about seven hundred dollars with him when last seen last night.

Giant Eagle Attacks Eight-Year-Old Boy

Combined Efforts Of The Family Required to Prevent Lad Being Carried Away

Glendo, Wyo., Nov. 22.—It took the combined efforts of the Spaulding family to save the eight-year-old Walter Spaulding from being carried away by a giant eagle at their ranch near here.

When the huge bird attacked Walter in the ranch yard, he grasped it by the neck and screamed for help. John, his 7-year-old brother, came to the rescue and a third boy ran for help. Mrs. Spaulding beat off the bird with a stick and eagle attacked her. She was saved when Mr. Spaulding came with a shotgun and dispatched the bird. It had a spread of eight feet.

The two boys were severely lacerated by the eagle's claws.

CHANGE DATES FOR MEETING OF EDITORS

Salisbury, Nov. 21.—The dates for the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, to be held in Charlotte, have been changed from January 4 and 5 to the 5 and 6.

The December bulletin will carry the program of the mid-winter January meeting and will be mailed members early in the coming month. The Selwyn hotel is to be headquarters for the convention, and Messrs. A. W. Burch, W. C. Dowd, and Wade H. Harris have been named a committee.

HERMAN SMITH KILLED IN FIGHT WITH SOLDIERS

Was Brother of Men Shot By Page At Mount Olive

WANTED FOR ESCAPE FROM CAMP BRAGG

Page With Party But Is Said Not To Have Fired Upon Dead Man's Car — Body Buried Monday Afternoon At Hodges Chapel Cemetery.

Herman Smith, an alleged deserter from the army was killed by soldiers from Camp Bragg when they fired upon an automobile in which he was riding near the home of John Lewis Hodges early Sunday morning. Four other occupants of the car were uninjured so far as the police department here has been able to learn.

Thirty bullet holes were found in the car when it was discovered several hours later at the home of Wash Jackson, who resides between Dunn and Duke, Sunday afternoon. At least nine of these had entered Smith's body, death probably resulting instantaneously. The wounds were through the back, the bullets having entered through the right back corner of the car. Other bullets had wrecked one of the headlights and seared one side and the center of the back.

Smith was a brother of Bunyan and Bernice Smith, who were killed by Chief of Police Page when he was employed in Mount Olive, and who were once engaged in a near riot here. He was son of Major Smith of Wayne County, was married and was the father of several small children. His body was buried in Hodges Chapel cemetery Monday afternoon.

According to the decision of the coroner's jury the man came to his death at the hands of the soldiers, who fired in self defense, it being alleged that shots were fired from the Smith car when its driver was ordered to halt. Chief of Police Page and Policeman Nipper were with the soldiers, who were under command of a captain, when the shooting occurred. According to all available and authoritative evidence, however, neither of them fired a shot.

Page and Nipper were in the party who accompanied a truck load of soldiers to Dunn Saturday night in search of Smith, who is alleged to have escaped from Camp Bragg on November 1. It is said that he previously had escaped from Camp Greene and Camp Sevier. The local officers were asked to accompany the party as guides to the homes of John Moore, Ida Johnson and Wash Jackson, at one of which Smith was said to have been staying.

It is said that Smith was at the home of Ida Johnson. The soldiers were waiting for his return from there when the car made its appearance at the crossing of the roads close of John Lewis Hodges place. According to their testimony they ordered the car to stop. The answer, they say, was a shot from some one in the car. Then it was, according to them, that they opened fire with machine guns. The automobile escaped before they learned that they had killed the man they sought.

It was rumored along the road that a woman was driving and that another woman was seated with her on the front seat, one of these, it was said had also been shot. Some said that she died late Sunday afternoon, but no verification of this rumor could be had. In some other places it was flatly denied that any other person was hurt.

Smithfield Man Killed By Friend Accidentally

Another Resident Run Down And Killed By Atlantic Coast Line Train

Smithfield, Nov. 20.—Friday afternoon while out rabbit hunting, Mr. Thomas J. Talton was accidentally shot by his companion, Howard Mitchiner, and died at the Memorial Hospital here last night. Mr. Talton had shot at a rabbit and missing him called to his companion to shoot him. At this time, Mr. Mitchiner, who was down drinking water from a spring, jumped up with his gun in his hands and stumbled, the gun firing and the entire load of shot taking effect in Mr. Talton's right leg, just below the knee, breaking the bones and severing the arteries. He died a few hours afterwards from the loss of blood and the shock. He never regained consciousness after reaching the hospital.

Mr. Talton was about 50 years of age and leaves his widow, a second wife, with her one child, and two children by a former marriage. Mr. Talton was a consecrated member of the Baptist church and a quiet and useful citizen of the county. Mr. Talton will be buried tomorrow, but at this time the funeral arrangements have not been announced.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. William Blany Parrish was struck by Atlantic Coast Line train No. 86 and instantly killed, just below the crossing at the old cotton mill. Mr. Parrish was walking down on the southbound railroad track, and hearing a freight stepped off the southbound track onto the northbound track, directly in front of train No. 86. The entire upper top of his head was knocked off and his brains and skull scattered for some distance along the track.