

## RICHARD BITTLE IS CARRIED BACK TO WAR HOSPITAL

Young Ex-Service Man From Virginia, Was Shell Shocked In World War

## Subject To Insanity He Was Pitiful Case

Bittle Arrested Here When He Became Uncontrollable Was In Better Condition When He Arrived in Dunn—Tried Out For Local Baseball Club Then.

One of the most pitiful cases that ever came to the attention of the local police department was that of Richard Bittle, who was brought to the city jail here last week. Bittle was a young man from Virginia, who was in the army during the world war and was subjected to the most terrible conditions of military life. He was brought to the city jail here last week because he had become uncontrollable and was a subject to insanity.

Bittle, whose home is in Druryville, Va., is one of the hundreds of most unfortunate of all who made sacrifices during the great war. He enlisted in the army at only twenty years of age and fought in the most terrible of all the campaigns of the world war. He was wounded and was in a hospital in Washington from which he had escaped. Bittle had been in the city jail here for about two days when he was brought to the city jail here last week because he had become uncontrollable and was a subject to insanity.

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## Warning Issued Against Pellagra Epidemic

North Carolina and South Especially People Should Heed Warning

Raleigh, July 28.—The general warning of a wide spread epidemic of pellagra in the Southern States, and especially in the cotton belt, issued by the U. S. Public Health Service is not applicable to North Carolina according to statistics on file with the State Board of Health.

Pellagra is not a reportable disease in North Carolina and there is, therefore, no way of checking the number of cases reported. For the first six months of 1921 there was a decrease of thirteen in the number of deaths from this cause in North Carolina. A decrease is shown for each month up to June which latter showed an increase of four. The total number of deaths reported for 1920 as having been caused by pellagra was 297.

The total number reported for the first six months of 1921 was 116, at the same average is maintained for the remaining six months of the year. 1921 will show a net decrease of sixty-five deaths from this cause.

Pellagra is a nutritional disease and the U. S. Public Health Service has attributed the increase in its incidence in the Southern States to the poverty of diet that has followed the tremendous depression in the prices of farm products. While North Carolina has not been affected from this cause just as have the Southern States, yet reports to the State Board of Health would indicate that there has not been the resulting poverty of diet that might have been expected. Fruits, fresh vegetables and milk, when forming a large percentage of the diet, prevent pellagra or will cure it when it has been caused by a deficient diet.

## BUSINESS IS STILL DULL SAYS REVIEW

Outlook For Autumn Business In Some Lines Exceedingly Encouraging

Washington July 31.—Business reaction in basic lines of industry still was reflected during July in volume of business extent of unemployment, and depression of production, said the monthly review of general economic conditions, issued tonight by the Federal Reserve Board. It was added that seasonal dullness in practically all lines of trade prevented material attention in general business conditions.

Midsummer retail business, the board, asserted, has been in some respects better than usual while the outlook for a satisfactory autumn business in a number of lines, such as knit goods and cotton textiles was declared to be decidedly encouraging. Consumers' demand as reflected in the volume of retail trade, continued a good or better than at this time last year.

Continuing prospects of excellent food crops was declared to be the most hopeful feature in the general outlook. Little change in the cotton crop was noted with about two-thirds of last year's production expected. Price changes during the month have shown no pronounced tendencies, the board stated. Greater stability was manifested in the textile, boat and shoe industries, although important changes have taken place in other lines, such as iron and steel and particularly automobiles.

The unemployment situation has remained practically unchanged according to the review with labor authorities reporting serious depletion of the savings of men who have been out of work as well as of unemployed funds of trade unions.

## NO TRACE FOUND OF MISSING BOY

Herbert Bain, Dunn Boy, Suddenly Disappeared Several Weeks Ago

Herbert S. Bain, a local boy, employee of the Durham and Southern railway company, who mysteriously disappeared from Dunn three weeks ago, has not been located by members of his family and by others, who have aided in the search for him. Friends here fear that he has met with foul play, and are very much concerned about his failure to show up.

Mr. Bain is said to have had a considerable amount of money with him when last seen. A local jitney driver says that he carried the young man out to a cross roads intersection about three miles from town and was told to meet him there some time later. When he drove back after him, he was not to be found anywhere, and his friends here have not seen or heard from him since.

Carlisle Bain, older brother of the missing boy, has made a state wide search for Herbert, but his efforts to locate him have met with no success. His clothing except his working overalls are in his room at the boarding house of Mrs. Julia Denning, where he roomed. The local police department has been notified to help ascertain whether there has been any foul play in the case of young Bain.

Both Herbert and his older brother, Carlisle, are veterans of the world war. Herbert was a member of the local baseball club before his mysterious departure, and was one of the most dependable players on the local team. He has always been noted for his strength and physical powers, and his friends here are certain that if he did meet foul play he left little results behind.

## Cooperative Plan Well Received Say Workers

Preliminary Work Has Taken Time Of Canvassers—Speeches Are Made

Canvassers in the interest of the cooperative marketing movement spent last week in preliminary work throughout the county, holding mass meetings at the various country school houses, and making speeches to crowds of farmers, explaining the system of cooperative marketing, and outlining the contract.

A. W. Swain, campaign manager, states that everywhere he has found the people enthusiastic over the marketing plan, and that he is convinced of Harnett going strong for the movement. "Harnett's minimum is 15,000 bales, and already about 6,000 bales have been signed up," he stated yesterday. "We are going on in most of the county and that when the actual canvassing for signers took place, he was confident that Harnett would go way over the top."

Although only preliminary meetings have been held Mr. Swain states that the people have signed on their own accord in many places. Only one township in the county has been actually canvassed, he stated. Mr. Swain tells an interesting story of a man in one town in the county who had been absolutely against the cooperative plan, and who came up and told him of his reasons for opposition. Immediately, he explained how he was wrong, and the man came over strong to the cooperative side, and called for seven contracts for he and his brothers to sign.

Eighty-four per cent of the business failures in the United States in 1920 were non-advertisers.

## ANOTHER TRIED ON DISTILLING CHARGE

L. B. Bolton Is Bound Over When Found Guilty Of Probable Cause

L. B. Bolton, charged with manufacturing knockoff whiskey was found guilty of "probable cause," when tried here late Saturday afternoon before E. Lee, United States Commissioner.

Bolton is the son-in-law of Washington Bryant, recently tried here for blockading and for criminal assault on his son, Sam Bryant. Witnesses for the government were Hanson and Sam Bryant, sons of Wash Bryant, and brothers-in-law of Bolton.

Hanson Bryant testified that on July 5 he saw Bolton making whiskey at the still plant and to be on Wash Bryant's land. He declared that he saw him in the act of making 1-2 gallons on one occasion and 13 gallons on another. When examined and asked what he was doing there he stated that he was helping make the liquor, and added that he was forced to do so by Bolton.

The court found evidence of probable cause and E. P. Young, appearing for Bolton, gave notice of appeal. Bolton was placed under a \$500 bond for his appearance in court. The government gave notice of another warrant for Bolton, charging him with retailing whiskey. He will be tried here on this charge Thursday. For his appearance here on that day Bolton was placed under a \$200 bond.

## PLYMOUTH SETS DAY AS FOR WELCOMING PRES.

Old Colony Town Decorates And Prepares To Receive The President

## Great Parade Planned

President Harding Makes Trip In Presidential Yacht The Mayflower

Plymouth, Mass., July 31.—This old colony town, a year of celebration of the tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims, has set tomorrow as the day for the principal event of the celebration, the arrival of the President of the United States, Mr. Woodrow Wilson, in the Presidential Yacht, the Mayflower.

While the President's yacht is en route toward this port, the town will be in a state of high excitement. The streets will be decorated with bunting and flags, and the town will be in a state of high excitement. The streets will be decorated with bunting and flags, and the town will be in a state of high excitement.

Official guests for the occasion will be the Mayor of Plymouth, the town council, and the members of the local organizations.

## Former Dunn Citizen Is Killed At Spencer

E. A. Bridges, Once Employee of Durham and Southern Meets Tragedy

Spencer, July 31.—E. A. Bridges, an employee of the mechanical department of the Spencer shops, was instantly killed shortly before noon, Saturday when caught in some unaccountable manner between two locomotives. The accident happened in the roundhouse when workmen were repairing a shifter to a dead locomotive and the engine got out of the way. It was thought that Mr. Bridges had cleared the place, but his body was found when the engine moved. He was caught about the waist and while not badly mangled he was killed instantly.

Mr. Bridges was about 50 years old and leaves a wife and one daughter to whom he was greatly devoted. The family came to Spencer about 15 years ago and had many friends here. Mr. Bridges was an esteemed member of the community and had a high reputation. He was at one time manager of the Durham and Southern Southern Railroad at Dunn and stood high among his fellow employees.

Mr. Bridges was a resident of Dunn for several years, living on North Main street, and working as a mechanic in the railroad shops. He and his family were members of the Dunn Presbyterian church and the family was well known and highly respected here.

Friends of the family in Dunn expressed their sympathy for the bereaved family. Mr. Bridges was a devoted husband and father, and his death is a great loss to the community. The funeral will be held at the Dunn Presbyterian church on Monday morning.

## LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE FORMED

Cumberland Citizens Meet And Denounce All Phases Of Law Violation

Fayetteville, July 30.—Determined to end lawlessness that has resulted in the death of four county officers and the wounding of two others in the past fourteen months, a large body of Cumberland county citizens today met in mass meeting and denounced all phases of law violation and organized the Cumberland County Law and Order League, which pledges each of the signers to do his utmost to see that the law is upheld in a just and orderly manner.

Those in charge of the meeting said of an attempt to turn it into a discussion of the prohibition law alone and the discussion assumed a broad scope. Large resolutions were tabled in favor of Dr. W. E. Hill's resolution organizing the law and order league. One of these resolutions offered by A. L. McCaskill, would have had the legislature make it unlawful for a man to take a drink of intoxicants, providing a road sentence for any citizen who might be caught with the smell of liquor on his breath and refused to name the vendor. Dr. Hill charged that this "impossible" resolution was designed to defeat the purpose of the meeting, which Mr. McCaskill denied. A resolution offering a road sentence for any citizen who might be caught with the smell of liquor on his breath and refused to name the vendor. Dr. Hill charged that this "impossible" resolution was designed to defeat the purpose of the meeting, which Mr. McCaskill denied.

The strongest speeches to the assembly were made by Dr. Hill and General A. J. Bowley, commander of the militia. Dr. Hill declared that he hoped Camp Bragg would be here for many years. Others were made by I. A. Murchison, Mayor E. H. McKean, John G. Shaw, John A. Oates, Duncan Shaw, Frank Talbot, and Empire Downing.

Frank H. Stidman was elected president of the law and order league and Cary E. Taylor secretary. Executive committees are John A. Oates, Dr. W. E. Hill, Rev. Archer Hoogber, and H. W. Lilly.

## Tarboro Gets Franchise In The Virginia League

Another North Carolina Town In Virginia Circuit—Petersburg Drops

Rocky Mount, Aug. 1.—The city of Tarboro becomes a member of the Virginia League, beginning tomorrow. Definite announcement to that effect was made tonight by W. B. Moye, of this city, vice-president of the Old Dominion circuit, who at the meeting of the league directors in Norfolk last Saturday night was appointed a committee of one to dispose of the franchise forfeited last week by Petersburg, Va.

The "orphans" will appear in their new home for the first time on the last three days of this week, when they will entertain the Rocky Mount club. Games in Tarboro will be played at the fair grounds, the park that was used last year for Eastern Carolina games.

Mr. Moye stated tonight that prior to taking over the franchise, \$1,000 was raised by the fans of the Edgecombe capital, \$2,000 to be placed with the league as a forfeit and the remainder to be used in backing the team.

Another meeting will be held in Tarboro tomorrow night, at which time a corporation will be effected and officers elected.

## THE OLD QUARRY AT RALEIGH WILL NOW BE DRAINED

Work Begins This Week In Laying Bare Raleigh Mystery Pool

Hundreds Will Flock To Watch Procedure

New Questions Now Arise: What Will Be Done With Things Found In Old Quarry, If Any Are Found—All Will Be Put In Hands Of Solicitor.

Five days beyond the traditionally established tenure of life for wonders and mysteries, established long since and described as "nine days wonder," the East Quarry yesterday claimed many devotees as they gathered in the two weeks since the first drowned automobile was looked on its bottom, and imagination began to work over time.

Imagery will give way to realism before the week is done, and whatever things the great waters have covered, the August sun will bleach, and the mystery of the pool may be read by any who can get close enough to the rim of the quarry. Not very clear that will be for a few days after the fence is erected this morning and it public held back for its own safety.

## CONFESSES CRIME AFTER REFORMED

Ayden Man Comes Clean With Moving Tale Of Guilt In Crime

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## THE STATE COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL COMES TO A CLOSE

Raleigh, July 29.—The most successful session in the history of the State college summer school closed Wednesday with the last of the final examinations, and the afternoon train carried away nearly 250 of the teachers who have spent six weeks in the capital city. Only about 150 were left on the campus last night and these will leave early today.

From the standpoint of number enrolled, scholarship, and earnestness of purpose the summer session has been an unqualified success. The total registration was 903, a countless of North Carolina and four other states being represented.

At Daybreak Today Daybreak this morning will see the forest charged with dynamite and the quarry in action. First things will be the loading of many bales of wire on trucks and moving it to the quarry. Today and a part of tomorrow will be required for the erection of the fence ordered built about the place. Engineers will lay out the work of re-arranging the cables, and at the Truck Patch, other workmen will be rigging up the great pump that will throw out the water. Line-men will rig up the transmission lines from Blount street to the quarry, and by Wednesday night things may be ready for the pressing of the button that will start the seven million gallons of water toward West Creek.

Investigation of such cases as have been placed in the hands of investigating authorities continues, and by the time the water is out of the pool, the city may be stirred by sensational developments. The theory of general conspiracy has been explored to some length since the first car was hauled out two weeks ago today, and this may offer the population a situation no less interesting than the presence of automobiles in the quarry.

All Under Guard Strictest surveillance of the quarry is being maintained and will be maintained until the last of its questions have been answered. Nothing in the quarry now will be molested but the activities of the fish are perturbed by the activities of the pumps. If there are cars on the bottom they will stay there. If there is anything else there, and it has been proved almost to the point of certainty that there is, it also will stay there until it is removed by the hands of the law.

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