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## Benj. Edwards Dies At Work

Employee of Rocky Mount Mills Died Suddenly

Benjamin Thomas Edwards, 59, of 40 West Elm street, dropped dead while he was working at the Rocky Mount mills. Nash County Coroner M. C. Gully attributed the death to natural causes.

Funeral services were held from the Church of God on Davis street with Brother G. J. Houck, pastor of the church presiding. Burial followed at the Jackson cemetery in Edgecombe county.

Edwards is survived by his wife, Mrs. B. T. Edwards and two sisters, Mrs. S. A. Jarell and Mrs. E. D. Strickland, both of Rocky Mount.

Pallbearers included J. J. White, R. T. Murry, T. M. Starling, B. C. Blanton, Arthur Peal, J. D. Kelley, W. L. Denton and G. Little.

## Washington News For U. S. Farmers

**FARM PROFIT ESSENTIAL THE "REGIMENTED" CRY AAA—PRO AND CON RURAL ELECTRIFICATION**

The loss of foreign markets for American farm products, if it be a fact that they are lost, seems to be a problem to many Americans who never worried when our producers were raising bumper crops to seal at a loss and pile up huge surpluses that have meant economic disaster.

Every now and then some metropolitan newspapers write takes up the cudgils, advocating that the American farmer should feed the world. The reply is, "for what?" Surely not for the simple boost that he is able to feed the world but because feeding the world means a decent living for his wife and children.

So long as it is impossible to feed the world or clothe the world, except at a loss in money to our growers, there is no sense in American farmers caring a hoot whether the world is fed or clothed.

The lament that AAA regimented our farmers is being heard a little less frequently today. Various farmer referenda have shown that the average farmer, like Thomas D. Campbell, Montana wheat grower, is willing to be "regulated" because farming needs regulation.

The latest bug-a-boo raised is that the farmer-voters mean nothing because all that they are asked to vote upon is whether they want the benefit payments to continue. This is true in part. The farmers of the nation, if we gather their ideas, want an assured future for the 52,000,000 people dependent upon agriculture.

The control measures are not favored because they are perfect but rather a start in the right direction. When something better than benefit payments are offered the farmers will take it.

The Supreme Court decision on the AAA will hardly be handed down before the latter part of January despite the effort of the government to speed up consideration of the case.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt has come out openly for a permanent AAA, which he says is more than an "emergency operation" and which he considers a sure foundation of a permanent farm policy, flexible enough to meet future situations as they arise.

The AAA, as people remember, was urged for the principal purpose of increasing the purchasing power of American farmers and the President declared, in 1933, that if it failed he would recommend its repeal or its revision.

The AAA, it is admitted, has been primarily responsible for increasing farm income from \$4,300,000,000 in 1932 to an estimated \$6,700,000,000 in 1935. The larger sales of industrial goods that this made possible is also partly attributable to the AAA.

On the other side of the picture, the AAA has been partially responsible for an increase in the cost of living, inevitable if farm prices rise, and has created an appetite for bounties that may plague the government in the future. The loss of foreign markets for some farm crops is also attributable to the AAA by some critics but this, it seems to us, is debatable, even if partially true.

Extension of electric service to the 8,000,000 farms of the United States on a non-profit basis has been suggested by Senator Norris, of Nebraska, who has requested the Rural Electrification Administration to supply him with the technical data for such a program.

Mr. Morris L. Cooke, administrator, says that only 750,000 farms have electric service and estimates that it will cost \$2,500,000,000 to provide the transmission lines necessary.

Senator Norris, a champion of public ownership in the power field, finds it "increasingly obvious" that present plans and methods are inadequate, pointing out that private companies usually "take the cream" and leave "large gaps" in the rural areas without service.

## Nash County Youth Honored

Selected for outstanding ability from among 100,000 future farmers, 67 farm boys from 36 states have been awarded the highest honor within the gift of the Future Farmers of America, the American Farmer degree. First selected within the states on the basis of high standards of accomplishments, these young men must be passed upon by the board of trustees and then confirmed by a vote of the delegates assembled.

Among the many rigid requirements for this degree, the following give an idea of what is expected. Each boy must have held satisfactory membership in the F. F. A. for three years and have attained the rank of State Farmer at least 12 months before receiving the American Farmer degree. He must have demonstrated his farming ability and be engaged in farming or have definite plans to do so. He must have earned and productively invested at least \$500. He must be able to co-operate and have adequately demonstrated his ability. He must be in the upper one-third of his class scholastically.

The group this year will bring the total awards of the American Farmer degree to only 405. This indicates that the boys are maintaining the high standards originally set up in the constitution. The degrees, announced Tuesday, showed only one North Carolina boy received the degree this year. He was Shelton C. Davis, Spring Hope, Nash County.

## Armistice Day Sermon Sunday

The Coleman-Pitt Post of the American Legion will attend service in a body Sunday evening, November 10, at the First Baptist church. Dr. J. W. Kincheloe will deliver at this time a special Armistice Day sermon.

A cordial invitation is extended to all World War veterans to attend this service and they are urged to be at the church by 7:15 P. M. so that all can march into the church in a body.

## MRS. MARY PARKER BATTLE

Mrs. Mary Parker Battle, 82, member of a prominent Edgecombe County family, died here about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Gordon Smith, after a long illness. She had suffered from heart disease.

Mrs. Battle, widow of John J. Battle, of Edgecombe County, was the daughter of the late Colonel Frank M. and Sally Phillips Parker, of Halifax County. She lived in Halifax until her marriage in 1886, and had lived in Edgecombe until a comparatively short time ago when she moved here with her daughter.

Funeral rites were conducted Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. G. Smith. The service was continued at the Episcopal Church, Tarboro at 11 o'clock with Rev. B. E. Brown, rector in charge, assisted by Rev. F. H. Craighill, local rector, and Dr. Frank Deans, of Wilson. Interment followed in the family plot there.

Four children survive and a number of grandchildren, and three brothers and two sisters.

Surviving children include: H. H. Battle, Mrs. W. E. Spruill, and Mrs. C. G. Smith, all of this city; and Mrs. Johnston Kink of Wilson; and brothers and sisters are Commodore J. P. Parker, retired United States officer of New York City; Haywood Parker of Asheville; Dr. Fred Parker of Halifax County; and Misses Sally and Kate Parker, of Richmond.

She was actively interested in both the work of the Episcopal church and that of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

## AGED MOMMEYER RESIDENT DIES IN LOCAL HOSPITAL

Arnold Edmond Bass, 73, one of Mommyer's oldest and most highly respected citizens died Monday morning following a heart illness that had confined him to bed three weeks at the hospital one week. Death occurred at Rocky Mount.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Bass home in Mommyer. Interment followed in Pine View cemetery at Spring Hope. Rev. M. F. Hodges, pastor of Gibson Memorial Methodist church in Spring Hope officiated. He was assisted by Rev. E. G. Willis, pastor of the Mommyer Baptist church. Music was in charge of Rev. Guy C. Moore of Mommyer.

Pallbearers were Ollie Bass, Leo Bass, Goodman Bass, Eddie Bass, Frank Vester, and Loomis Manning. Honorary pallbearers were John Vester, Jordan Batchelor, Larry Hinton, James W. Colston, W. A. Matthews and Thad Winstead. His nieces acted as flower girls.

Mr. Bass was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Goodman Bass. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Sally Vester, daughter of Jordan Vester; one daughter, Minnie Estelle, 13; four brothers, Embro Bass, Thomas Bass, John Bass and E. V. Bass. One brother and one sister are dead.

Hokum—In the good old days girls used to kiss and make up.

Pokus—Yes, nowadays they do the making up first.

## O. T. Best Dies From Injuries

Bessemer City, Nov. 2.—Otis T. Best, 29, of Bessemer City was fatally injured late Friday afternoon when his car left the road and turned over four times as he was said to have tried to pass another car on a curve near Lincolnton. Rushed to a Lincolnton hospital he died two hours later. His companion, Doc Hallman of Cherryville, suffered cuts and shock but was not seriously hurt. Best leaves his mother, widow, and two young sons. He was a farmer.

## Carl Goerch To Head Campaign

Carl Goerch, of Raleigh has been appointed chairman of the State committee to raise funds for the Will Rogers Memorial. Mr. Goerch stated that reports indicated that the campaign got off to a good start, Monday—the 56th anniversary of Roger's birth.

Every penny collected will be used for the National Memorial.

Vice President John N. Garner is chairman of the National Committee.

## Ford Motor Co. Sees Great Year

Ford dealers here and in all parts of the United States, riding the crest of one of the most successful sales years in their history in 1935, are confident of even greater public acceptance of the Company's 1936 Ford V-8, manager of the Twin County Motor Company, Branch of the Ford Motor Company, said today.

"Already over 800,000 cars of the one million Ford V-8 cars which Henry Ford prospected would be produced and sold in 1935, have been made—and by next month the entire million will be completed, marking one of the most impressive accomplishments in the history of the automotive industry."

"To achieve this unprecedented production," the manager of the Twin County Motor Co. said, "Ford Motor Company was required to launch earlier this year a plant modernization and construction program which affected every department of the industry. The program, first estimated at a cost of \$2,000,000, will cost more than \$30,000,000 before it is completed near the turn of the year to accommodate the swing to peak production schedules on the new 1936 Ford.

"Economic conditions have greatly improved throughout the nation. Statistics show greater farm income, insuring better business in the vast agricultural areas where thousands of persons are interested in the purchase of all sorts of useful commodities. Factory activity has increased and wage disbursements have doubled.

"With industrial workers and farmers entering a period of greater prosperity, the favorable reaction in cities and towns is a matter of course.

"The Ford Motor Company is convinced that these conditions will continue to grow better all through 1936, and is backing up its confidence with vast expenditures for plant improvements. New steel mills will turn out greater quantities of steel for welded steel bodies; safety glass will be produced in the company's own glass plant; a new expanded power house—now the largest high pressure private power house in the world—will supply ample power to run the hundreds of giant new machines; and in an enlarged foundry special, precision-machined metals used in the Ford V-8 engine will be produced.

"Mechanical refinements in the new 1936 Ford V-8 can enhance the ease of operation, increasing driving safety; longer body lines and new front end treatment make the 1936 Ford V-8 even more attractive than its immediate predecessor."

## WHITAKERS DEFEAT SO. EDGECOMBE IN RALLY

Scoring two touchdowns in the last three minutes of play, the Whitakers football team defeated South Edgecombe, 13-0 in a game played on the losers' gridiron.

Dikon and Clark featured in the line play for Whitakers while Watson, quarterback, and quarterback for South Edgecombe played well for the losers.

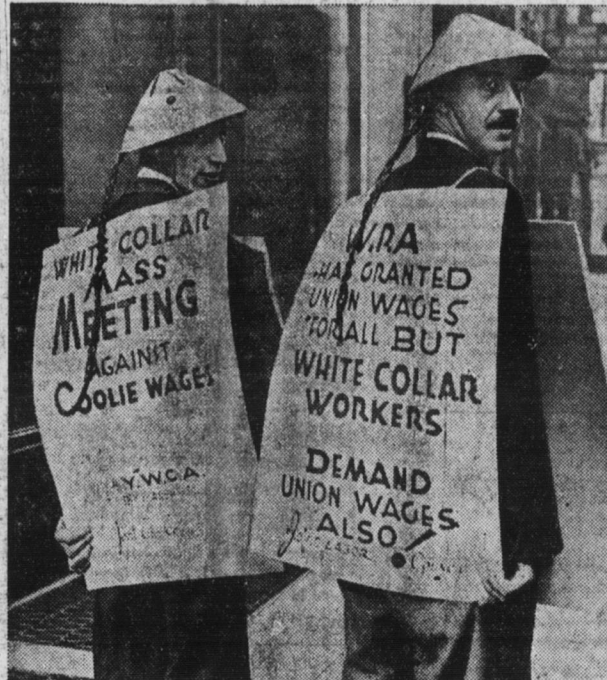
## DRY ICE KILLS GIRL

Port Arthur, Texas—Myrl Bradshaw, Jr., 3, swallowed a small piece of dry ice, which has a temperature of 114 degrees below zero. The extreme cold caused a fatal congestion of her bronchial tubes.

## ELECTROCUTED BY PAD

Newton, Mass.—Francis Rohmer, Jr., 17, football player, was electrocuted by a heating pad. Moisture on his body saturated the appliance and doctors said the electric current passed through his body.

## Workers Protest "Coolie" Wages



White collar WPA workers in Philadelphia donned coolie hats and picketed and marched through the streets in protest against what they termed coolie wages which were being paid them on relief projects in the city.

## Nothing For The Children

With the great spending in the past, in the last three years, and with the proposed spending in the future and with the spending that is now going forward, we have not done anything for the children in the way of providing playground. Of course, the layout providing a very expensive stadium which would cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and if it is built, where will the small children come in on this proposition. They are still left out.

The city has the money to build fine buildings; it has money to build airports; it has money to construct lakes, but does not have money to buy a small piece of ground for the use of the children and older people of Rocky Mount who need open air space.

If the land were purchased, the children and older people could use it and it would be an emergency proposition, because the city might want to build another water tank or some other structure and they would have this plot of ground. The only park we had was taken from the children and the water tank put therein, which consumed one-fourth of the small park.

## VOTERS TURN DOWN SALES TAX

The main issue in Kentucky was the gross sales tax. The present governor favoring the sales tax and the Lieutenant opposing the sales tax. Those opposing the sales tax won out.

In every State where the voters have had an opportunity to give an expression the sales tax has lost out, New Jersey, West Virginia, Kentucky and Mississippi have all registered their vote against it, when the issue was raised.

The sales tax will be one of the main issues in the next Democratic primary in North Carolina, in the governors race and all Legislative candidates, both Senators and Representatives. The voters are going to want to know how each candidate stands.

## No Probable Cause Is Found

No probable cause today was found in the case of manslaughter charged against D. J. Rose, prominent local contractor, in connection with the death of 4-year-old Ruth Ann Sutton, daughter of M. R. Sutton, here October 19.

Trial in recorder's court this morning before Judge Ben H. Thomas with about a dozen witnesses resulted in the no probable cause judgment.

Ruth died in a hospital here following injuries received here when the machine driven by Rose struck her. Rose is the father of I. W. Rose, Alderman.

## TRIO OF PILOTS WILL FLY TO AERO MEETING

J. D. Winstead, local pilot, and two other pilots, both of Wilson, John Wells and R. E. Lee, will fly to Winston-Salem for the North Carolina Aero club session there Thursday, Mr. Wells revealed on a visit here Tuesday afternoon.

At this session, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, the Forsyth county legislator and gubernatorial candidate, will be a guest of Mr. Wells as will Henry R. Dwire, director of public relations for Duke University, and a Mr. Norfolk, also of Winston-Salem, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce there.

The wives of the three men are expected to accompany them to the club meeting also, Mr. Wells said.

## WIRE, CUT BY BULLET ELECTROCUTES BOY

St. George, Utah.—Gleave Holt, 16, was killed by a live electric wire which fell to the ground when severed by a hunter's bullet.

## PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

### Dr. McDonald Speaks At Fair

Says Schools Can Be Adequately Cared For Without Sales Tax

Gatesville, Nov. 2.—Dr. Ralph McDonald, making the feature address at the Sunbury community fair here yesterday, talked education and taxes to the Gates county audience which, braving a slow drizzle to hear him, very nearly filled the Sunbury high school auditorium.

Presenting the idea that the State of North Carolina can afford to take care of its schools in a more adequate way and with less of a burden to its poor than it is doing, Dr. McDonald expressed unalterable opposition to the sales tax and indicated his faith that, by increasing the tax on wealth and using surplus funds held by the State, provision to give the schools what they need in order to afford each child the opportunity to which he is entitled could be made without resort to sales tax.

### Judge Devin To Supreme Court

William A. Devin of Oxford, for 23 years a Judge of the Superior Court, was sworn in Monday as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina succeeding the late Justice W. J. Brogden of Durham. Chief Justice W. P. Stacey administered the oath at the conclusion of the brief exercises in the Superior Court Chamber, which was filled with friends and admirers of the new justice.

Senator A. A. Hicks of Granville presented Justice Devin to the court and reviewed his career from the time he was an athlete at the University of North Carolina, playing on the football team, through his service as mayor of Oxford, and his years on the bench where he gained for himself a reputation as an authority on constitutional law and a humane judge of his fellow citizens.

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

"Everlasting Punishment" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all churches and Societies of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, November 3, 1935.

The Golden Text was from Psalms 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." (Revelation 3:5)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Sorrow for wrong-doing is but one step toward reform and the very easiest step. The next and great step required by wisdom is the test of our sincerity,—namely, reformation. To this end we are placed under the stress of circumstances. Temptation bids us repeat the offense, and we come in return for what is done. So it will ever be till we learn that there is no discount in the law of justice and that we must pay the uttermost farthing." The measure ye mete shall be measured to you again, and it will be full and running over! (Page 5).

### BUTTON SAVES BOY

Toledo, O.—Eddie Hightower, 6, owes his life to a button. As he climbed the stairs to his home, a prowler fired a bullet which ricocheted from the button, inflicting only a bruise on his stomach.

### STANDS ON HEAD—IN HOLE

Petersburg, W. Va.—Ollie Oit fell in a narrow hole head first. For three hours he stood on his head and called for help until rescued.

### GINKO—SPENDIT USED TO HAVE A CAR THAT COST \$3,000.

Gumbo—What kind of a car does he have now?

Gumbo—A street car.

In a shack Freeman Anders and "Dad" were seated and "Dad" was cleaning some fish. Anders stated that he heard a shot and looked and saw "Dad" in a dying condition. He said the unknown Negro rushed into the shack and forced him to get out. Anders went to a Dunbar store and telephoned Sheriff W. E. Pardin of the murder and the sheriff accompanied by Dr. J. G. Raby, coroner, went to make the investigation. They then returned here and secured blood hounds, but the dogs failed to get the scent of the criminal. Anders is held in jail waiting further investigation of the case.

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### THE NEW BUDGET JOHNSON'S CRITICISM ROOSEVELT'S STRATEGY SOME TROUBLES EXIST THE WORKS PROGRAM CAMPAIGN TO BE INTENSE

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent

The Federal Government operates on a fiscal year which begins on July 1st but it is necessary for officials to consider the budget many months ahead. So it is not surprising that President Roosevelt and his fiscal aides are already studying the budget for the fiscal year which begins next summer. Tentatively, it is understood that the expenditure of \$6,500,000,000 is in mind. This would be a cut of about two billion dollars under the figure sent to Congress last January, but inasmuch as expenditures for this year are running below estimates, it will only be about \$1,250,000,000 less than the expenditures of the current year.

While the figures given cannot be set down as conclusive, it is thought that the cost of regular departments and the expense of carrying the public debt will be about the same. For relief, the present suggestion is that three billion dollars be provided bit again it is estimated that one-third of this sum will be on hand as a carry-over from the huge appropriation for the current year—almost five billion dollars. Expenditures for regular departments will require around \$2,200,000,000, and servicing the public debt will consume \$1,300,000,000.

These figures will be knocked into a "cocked hat" if the Supreme Court throws out the processing taxes which provide the funds for the payment of crop benefits to farmers. Moreover, they include no allowance for payment of the bonus if, as seems likely today, Congress passes the veterans' measure over the President's veto next winter.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the open denunciation of what General Hugh S. Johnson calls the "amazing blunders and failures of the New Deal." The eloquent general speaks as a "sincere friend" of the President and maintains his conviction that the salvation of the country will be found only under the "old something" leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt. However, Republicans and enemies of the Administration are delighted with the blunt speech of the former soldier, who frankly refers to the "obvious and fantastic flop" of the combined WPA-PWA programs, the "expedient measures" for the temporary and artificial propping up of farm prices, the failure to solve the unemployment problem, the inability of the government to face continued deficits and the threat of "printing press" money.

The President's campaign strategy is beginning to appear. It includes championship of a permanent AAA and a claim for credit for national recovery. In his first speech upon returning to the United States after a three week's cruise aboard the Houston, the President insisted: "We are on our way back; not just by pure chance, not by some turn of the wheel in a cycle; we are coming back solidly because we planned it that way and don't let anybody tell you differently."

This rather clearly sets forth the President's attitude to what has been accomplished by the nation in its battle with the depression. Shortly after returning to Washington and just before the farmers of the country voted overwhelmingly for the new Corn-Hog program, Mr. Roosevelt in a surprise statement, took occasion to stand squarely behind the AAA as the basis for a permanent agricultural program.

Of course, the administration has its troubles, including the annual Treasury deficits, the question of constitutionality that assails some of its measures, the troubles of the farmers and the persistent problem of unemployment. At the same time, it is only fair to point out that the situation this fall is much better than it was in the summer of 1934 when the Chief Executive landed at Portland, Oregon, after a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, to face complications of the drought, the NRA squabbles and the menace of threatened labor strikes.

Undoubtedly the country as a whole is in much better condition than it was in 1933 when President Roosevelt assumed office. There are

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