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## ROCKY MOUNT MAN IS KILLED IN CAR WRECK

William C. Lucas, Jr., Killed When  
Thrown Through Car's Wind-  
shield

William C. Lucas, Jr., young salesman for a local jewelry company, was almost instantly killed when the car in which he was riding glanced off a parked car and collided with a truck early Sunday morning on a highway just north of here.

Nathan Dawson, local young man with whom Lucas was riding, and two of the four occupants of the parked car were injured, but not seriously. Dawson received cuts about the face and chest bruises but was released at a local hospital after treatment. J. A. Finch and Mrs. Russell Anderson, who were among those in the parked car, received slight injuries.

Russell Anderson and Miss Troy Byrum, also in the parked car, received no appreciable injuries. E. A. Beach of Hawthorne, Fla., driver of the truck which was involved in the accident, also was not injured.

As Dawson was driving toward the city of the Battleboro highway, State Highway Patrolman C. B. Cavanaugh said, his car struck the rear corner of a car parked on the highway just beyond the city airport in the path of Dawson's car. The collision threw Dawson's car across the highway. Patrolman Cavanaugh reported, in front of a truck going north. The truck, driven by Beach, struck the left rear section of Dawson's car.

The shock of the collision threw Lucas through the windshield of the car and resulted in cuts and other injuries which were almost instantly fatal to Lucas.

All the occupants of the parked car, which was stopped out of gas, but had its lights on, had been drinking to various degrees, Patrolman Cavanaugh said. A small amount of liquor was found in the car. None of the other persons involved in the accident had been drinking, according to investigating officers.

## SALVATION ARMY FUND IS GROWING

Local Organization Still Lacks \$600  
For New Buildings Needed

Slightly over \$400 in cash besides a quantity of building materials has been received in the local Salvation Army's drive to complete a building fund for a new Salvation Army headquarters, the Army advisory board announced in a meeting yesterday.

A balance of \$600 needed to complete the \$3,500 building fund will be raised in the city by voluntary contributions during the next two or three weeks, Major C. L. Frazier announced that he has hopes.

The cash and material contributions already received were given by local citizens, business houses and Sunday school groups.

Jasper L. Cummings at the Planter Bank will act as treasurer of the fund and will receive contributions, which may be made also to Salvation Army officials.

The building fund is to finance a new headquarters building at 511 S. Franklin street, which will house an auditorium, recreation room and officers quarters, and also a transient home already constructed at the site.

Toward the fund the Charlotte Salvation Army headquarters has secured a \$2,000 loan and local contributions have raised the remainder except for \$600, Major Frazier reported.

## NASH FARM BUREAU PICKS NEW OFFICERS

Nashville, March 9.—The officers who were elected when Nash county's Farm Bureau was organized last year were reelected by acclamation last night at a meeting here of the county board of Farm Bureau directors.

W. F. Woodruff of the Taylor's Store section was reelected president of the Nash Farm Bureau for 1937. Henry Vaughan will continue to serve as vice president, C. J. Matthews as secretary and treasurer, and C. E. Bell and J. W. Robbins as members of the county executive committee.

Mr. Woodruff, an active sponsor of the Nash Farm Bureau when it was organized last year, served as temporary chairman until organization of the Bureau was completed and then as president during the first year of the Nash Bureau's existence. He is also vice president of the state Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Vaughan, a prominent Nash farmer and cotton gin, is also a member of the Nash tobacco advisory commission.

The Nash Farm Bureau directors passed resolutions last night commending the state Farm Bureau Federation for its stand in favor of President Roosevelt's plan to reorganize the supreme court, and endorsing Senator Josiah W. Bailey's opposition to the plan.

## Facts Concerning Railroad Removal

PUBLIC BEING LED TO BELIEVE REMOVAL OF THE  
RAILROAD WILL COST THEM NOTHING

On the important question of the removal of the railroad, we have felt it our duty as a newspaper enjoying the mailing privilege of the press, to give the public facts relative to this matter which so vitally concerns the public.

By reason of misinformation or propaganda which has been issued in this matter many of the public have been led to believe that it is not going to cost the taxpayers anything. This is absolutely untrue. The whole cost of the removal of the railroad will be placed on the backs of the taxpayers of the city of Rocky Mount and the consumers of public utilities. Removing the railroad has been reliably estimated by railroad construction engineers to cost \$1,304,750 besides eight miles of right of way and the damages and cost incident to the acquiring of the right of way. The estimate of the increased operating cost and maintenance on the railroad is \$1,975,000 and the value of the land to be submitted to the city by the Interstate Commerce Commission for \$380,000. Then there is another additional cost, when the railroad is placed on the eastern side of the town, a mile and a half away; the city will have to secure another right of way which will pass over many streets and through a populous section of the town to connect with the wholesale and manufacturing plants of the city and it will create more hazards than we have at present. All of this must be done at the expense of the taxpayers, barring such moneys as it might acquire from relief sources, which in the end will practically amount to nothing in comparison to the above mentioned enormous outlay.

Where Is The Money Coming From  
There has only been \$50,000,000 set aside for the eliminating of railroad hazards in the United States by the Federal Bureau for grade crossing elimination and only \$1,000,000 has been allotted to North Carolina. Then out of that just \$1,000,000, how much could Rocky Mount reasonably expect to get? It would appear to us that \$50,000 would probably be a most reasonable allowance, when you take into the equation of the distribution of the rights of the whole of North Carolina in a million-dollar fund. This amount would not be a drop in the bucket of the total sum necessary to eliminate all grade crossings in Rocky Mount and remove the tracks from Main street and belt the city.

\$7,500.00 Expert Employed  
At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen on the fourth of March, the question of the removal of the railroad was again up for discussion by the Board and by the so-called Citizen's Committee and by members from the public. A letter was read from Honorable George Elliott, President of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to the Mayor of Rocky Mount.

He stated that a conservative estimate of the engineering department of the railroad placed the cost of removal of the railroad at the following figures:

Net cost of New Construction—\$1,304,750  
Increased operating and maintenance cost with numerous credits allowed, per annum, \$79,000, capitalized at 4 per cent per annum—\$1,975,000  
Value of land to be surrendered to city, valued by Interstate Commerce Commission—\$380,000  
Total—\$3,659,750.

He further stated that the matter was so stupendous, even if the city furnished all of this, that he could not recommend it to his board as a business proposition. In the face of this letter, there was a resolution offered from the Board to employ a railroad expert, now supposed to be located in the city of Norfolk, at the cost of \$7,500 for ninety days work, to be paid \$1,000 every ten days. The whole of the balance of the payment to be paid two weeks before the expiration of the ninety days and before his report is to be submitted. This clearly shows that the expert is more interested in receiving his pay than he is in the report. In this report the expert is to give a recommendation on where, and how, the railroad should be removed and also he is to give an estimate on the loss of time occasioned by the citizens passing from the east to the west side by reason of the delay in the passage of trains. After much discussion and opposition among the eleven members of the Board present, six voted in favor of the employment of the so-called expert, to wit: Thurman, Williamson, Williams, Mimms, Wilkinson, Hinson. Those who opposed: Aldermen, Brake, Cutchin, Ivey, Johnson and Robinson.

It would appear that the city is about to embark, in fact has already done so, on a very indefinite and vague undertaking that will use up taxpayers money. The sums below have already been spent or obligated:

\$500.00 for securing contractors release from Jordan St. underpass.  
\$390.00 Expenses of Highway Commission on same project.  
\$7500.00 for expert advice.  
\$1190.00 total.

and in addition to this loss an underpass worth \$200,000.00 that was to cost the city nothing except land for right of way.

Underpass In Danger Of Being Lost

The \$200,000.00 which is being held in suspense on account of holding up Jordan St. underpass will not be held longer than July 1, we are informed. Note the \$200,000.00 is not funds from city or the Railroad but was an outright grant from the Federal Bureau of Roads, through Highway Commission. These experts hired by the city, according to their agreement, will not complete the survey and make recommendations until June 1st or a few weeks thereafter. No one believes, if they will stop and think a moment, that a project costing many hundreds of thousands of dollars, maybe a million or more, can be handled with railroad and financial arrangements consummated in a definite way within three or four weeks (time survey will be completed until July 1st,) at which time the \$200,000.00 ear marked money will no longer be held for the city.

Rocky Mount paid \$15,000 for two years work to a man by the name of Otis who came in town on a used car and left on the same vehicle and his departure, but for having been in the newspaper would never have been known. It strikes us that this employment of the new expert is something along the same line. This man agreed to begin work within three days. It is most remarkable that a

## The Pie-Eating Judge of Vermont



Pie for breakfast, long a good old New England custom, is hesitatingly admitted to by New Englanders these days. Not so by Judge Charles S. Dana of New Haven, Vt., however, former speaker of the house of representatives and undisputed pie-eating champion of Vermont. He says he eats pie for breakfast, for dinner and for supper (which is the way meals run in rural Vermont), or even between meals if the spirit moves him, and he can name more than 100 different kinds of pie which he has consumed. Judge Dana is seventy-four years of age and his claim is that he has eaten pie at least once a day every day of his life since he was a boy. Mrs. Dana is the expert behind the scene. She makes them 100 different ways, and the judge eats them. As a result of her skill, his reputation as a fancier of pies has spread throughout Vermont and even to Washington, from which city Representative Charles A. Plumley of Vermont wrote him recently, that certain Washingtonians, interested in pie-eating as a fine art, were thinking of inviting him to the capital to explain how he became Vermont's expert.

## LOCAL MAN TO GET POSITION

A. L. Dozier, Jr., Is Representative  
Of Unemployment Commission

A. L. Dozier, Jr., of this city was included among 10 field representatives of the state unemployment compensation commission appointed today, according to information received here.

Raleigh, March 8.—Charles G. Powell, chairman of the North Carolina unemployment compensation commission, announced appointment today of ten field representatives to check on employers of the state and see that they have complied with the new law.

Powell said 3,991 employers had paid \$2,687,713.55 to the state and \$298,634.84 to the federal government on 1936 payrolls.

The field representatives are: John P. Cooper, of Raleigh; Sterling G. Manning, of Raleigh and Charlotte; A. L. Dozier, Jr., of Rocky Mount; L. L. Umstead, of Greensboro; Henry A. Hickman, of Gastonia; Malcolm M. Young, of Durham; James L. Blum, of Winston-Salem; Charles A. Taylor, of Asheville; Menton H. Dixon of Elizabeth City and D. D. S. Cameron of Southern Pines.

HAROLD BACKS FDR

Representative Harold D. Cooley, popular congressman from the fourth district has recently expressed wholehearted endorsement of the proposal to reorganize the Supreme Court as proposed by the president. Mr. Cooley made a strong speech in the lower house this week that left no one in doubt as to his position and the reasons therefor.

man with such unusual talent could be procured within three days time. Generally, a man who claims to know so much, is engaged months and months and even years ahead. Alderman Brake, in addressing the Board, stated that he was opposed to spending the public's money for the employment of this expert to make a report about something that the city would never use as it was not in such financial shape to put over an enormous proposition.

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Greensboro has not recovered from such an undertaking several years back. The estimated cost of the removal of the railroad from Greensboro and building a depot and three underpasses was \$900,000. When the work was finally completed they had spent \$2,900,000 which hurt the city's credit and was a burden upon its financial institutions. The proposition cost two million more than was estimated. The Edgecombe side of Rocky Mount is burdened with a bond issue of about three hundred thousand dollars for the building of thirteen miles of road towards Pinetops which was conceived and born under the same kind of inspiration but with more foundation than this present railroad proposition. The taxpayer has become the goat of the whole matter, and the taxpayer is now becoming the goat of this present proposition.

## MINISTER TO SPEAK MIND

Kinston, March 10.—The Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Fuller Huske may turn farmer, Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church who was chaplain at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, before he came to St. Mary's church here some years ago, he said today he is ready to retire to a Cumberland County farm if his congregation doesn't like "some things I am going to tell it Sunday evening."

Dr. Huske said he would explain the Ministerial Association's request that candidates for municipal offices tell the public how they stand on law enforcement. The ministers would have three vice districts in and around the city closed. Dr. Huske will defend the association's request and exhort, he indicated, candidates who fail to state how they stand.

"I own a hundred acres of land in Cumberland County, and if there is objection to my remarks I will go there, build a shack and live," he said.

STUDENTS STRIKE

Students at Asheville Normal and Teachers College began a "sitdown" strike last Thursday in protest against a decision depriving them of any spring vacation this year. Spokesmen for students who refused to budge from the chapel said practically all of the 400 members of the student body were participating. The strike was settled amicably when a three-day leave was granted, and calm was restored to the campus.

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## CAMPOREE TO BE STAGED AT ROCKY MOUNT

500 Boy Scouts From All Over  
Eastern Carolina Expected Here  
April 30-May 1

Around 500 Boy Scouts from 21 Eastern Carolina counties are expected to take part in the second annual patrol Camporee to be held here on April 30-May 1, Scout officials have announced.

The site for the camporee will be historic Battle park by the Tar river falls.

John J. Wells, chairman of the Camporee committee, who investigated site, said that the scores of tents to be brought by the visiting Scouts, together with those of local Scouts, would be pitched on "Panther Island," the largest of the group in the Falls area, while another island would be used for the campfire circle.

During their two-day encampment, the Scouts, who will represent 107 troops in the Eastern Carolina council, will test their skill in cooking, fire-building, map-making, stalking, signalling, nature study, compass drills, knot tying, whittling, judging, and miniature bridge-building.

The boys will camp in units of eight, John J. Sigwald, Scout executive, has announced, and streamers will be awarded to the groups winning the highest number of points. Blue streamers will be awarded to units scoring over 450 out of a possible 500 points; red streamers will go to patrols scoring between 350 and 499 points; and yellow streamers will go to patrols scoring between 250 and 349 points.

The first annual Camporee was held successfully last year at Greenville.

## ROOSEVELT HIGHLIGHTS

Washington, March 4.—Headlights of President Roosevelt's Victory Day Dinner speech:

"My . . . ambition . . . is . . . a nation clear in its knowledge of what powers it has to serve its own citizens, a nation that is in a position to use those powers to the full in order to move forward steadily in order to meet the modern needs of humanity . . ."

My great ambition on Jan. 20 1941 is to turn over . . . to my successor . . . a nation intact, a nation at peace, a nation prosperous . . .

After the World War there arose insistent demands . . . that human needs be met. The unthinking, or those who dwell in the past, have tried to block them.

I cannot tell you with complete candor that . . . democracy has fully succeeded . . . For as yet there is no definite assurance that the three-horse team of the American system of government (executive, judicial and legislative) will pull together.

If one horse lies down in the traces . . . the field will not be ploughed.

I defy one to read the majority opinion invalidating the AAA and tell us what we can do for agriculture in this session of Congress with any reasonable certainty that what we do will not be nullified as unconstitutional.

The Ohio River and the dust bowl are not conversant with the habits of the interstate commerce clause . . . We cannot afford . . . to postpone or run away from that fight on advice of defeatist lawyers. Let them try that advice on sweating men piling sandbags on the levees at Cairo.

In this fight, as the lawyers themselves say, time is the essence. In three elections . . . great majorities have approved what we are trying to do . . . Those majorities mean that the people themselves realize the increasing urgency that we meet their needs now.

If we do not have the courage to lead the American people where they want to go someone else will.

If we would keep faith with those who had faith in us, if we would make democracy succeed, I say we must act—now.

I propose to follow my custom of speaking frankly to the nation concerning our common problems.

## REGULATION OF TOBACCO SALE PROPOSED

Fenner Introduces Bill In House  
To Establish Fair Trade Regulations

A bill to reestablish the fair trade regulation of NRA code days for the tobacco warehouse industry, under supervision of a State commission, was introduced in the House of Representatives on Tuesday by Representative W. E. Fenner of Nash, leading warehouseman of Rocky Mount and major operator on the Georgia markets.

Bruce Suggs of Greenville, president of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association, has called a meeting of warehousemen in Farmville tonight at 8 o'clock to consider the measure, Fenner said. Several members of the House from tobacco counties joined the Nash representatives in sponsoring the bill.

The measure would provide for appointment by the Governor of a Tobacco Commission of Fair Competition, consisting of five warehousemen, one from each of the five belts in the State to license and regulate warehouses.

Paid \$10 a day and travel expenses for each meeting, the commissioners would employ a secretary and establish an office in Raleigh to be sponsored from a warehouse registration fee of \$50 and from a tax of 5 cents per 1,000 pounds on tobacco sold by warehouses in excess of 1,000,000.

Authority would be given the commission to revoke the license of a warehouse violating fair competition provision of the bill, which include section prohibiting:

1. Soliciting tobacco for sale while in transit from farm to market designation.
  2. Soliciting tobacco in one town for sale in another, after the season opens.
  3. Employing any person to solicit tobacco for sale on any warehouse floor.
  4. Employing an unreasonable working force to solicit tobacco.
  5. Reserving any particular floor space for a tobacco producer or consignor.
  6. Making any resale for less than full charges.
  7. Permitting private sale, until after the tobacco has been offered at auction.
  8. Moving tobacco before ten minutes has expired after sale.
  9. Discrimination against any producer.
  10. Giving rebates on warehouse charges as inducements.
  11. Paying anything for delivery of tobacco to any warehouse.
  12. Extending special privileges to any customer.
  13. Furnishing transportation for tobacco.
  14. Financing purchase of trucks for tobacco producers.
  15. Giving rebates or prizes to reduce warehouse charges.
  16. Guaranteeing minimum prices for tobacco.
- Fines up to \$250 and imprisonment up to six months would be provided for violations.
- The State act would not preclude local regulations.

## Doctors Find Strange Collection In Man's Body

Wilson, March 8.—Doctors at a local hospital removed an open safety pin and a diamond ring from the intestines of Percy Walston, 30 year old local man, in a curious operation late Friday afternoon as they sought to save the man from death after he had attempted suicide in the local jail by placing the pin, ring and a nail in some bread here and ate it. The physicians did not remove the nail.

The man's condition was described as "fine" by doctors at the hospital and they predicted he would live Saturday.

Walston had been arrested on a capias ordered by Judge J. Paul Frizzell, of Snow Hill, after he had failed to make his appearance at the last term of superior court here on charges of meat stealing. He was in jail without bond when he attempted suicide.

Dr. W. H. Anderson, county health officer, ordered the operation performed after consulting surgeons and examination of X-rays.

It was necessary to use amplifiers at the Cleveland County courthouse recently when farmers gathered to hear the 1937 farm program explained could not all get into the auditorium.

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