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MOTORCYCLE CAR CRASH INJURES TWO

Ernest Mason Is Seriously Injured As Car And Motorcycle Collide On Highway

Ernest Mason, local young man who was thrown from a motorcycle as it struck a car on the Nashville highway near here Monday night, was considered to be in a serious condition at a hospital here.

Mason received a skull fracture and was seriously injured, it was reported but was resting quietly.

Clyde Evans, driver of the motor cycle on which Mason was riding, was recovering today at a local hospital from less serious injuries, mainly bruises.

Mason was thrown 61 feet from the point of collision when the motorcycle collided with a car driven by Nash Deputy Sheriff P. H. Johnston, investigating officers stated. As Deputy Johnston was attempting to turn left from the Nashville highway just east of the city into his driveway, the motorcycle bearing the two young men was attempting to pass the car, it was reported, and the two vehicles collided.

State Highway Patrolman T. R. Burdette investigated the accident.

Crooks Try To Rob Needy Aged

Raleigh, July 12.—Information has been received by the Public Assistance Division of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare that in some counties of the state certain unscrupulous persons are attempting to collect fees from applicants for benefits under the Social Security program.

Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner of the State Welfare Department, has issued a statement in which she says that all applicants or prospective applicants should be warned against the payment of any fees in an effort to secure favorable consideration.

"It has come to our attention," Mrs. Bost said, "that in several counties affidavits have been made by persons not connected with our state or county organizations to collect a fee from applicants for Old Age Assistance under the Social Security program."

"This is a reprehensible practice, and our department wishes it to become widely known that no fee whatever is necessary from any applicant for benefits, either Old Age Aid to Dependent Children, or Aid to the Blind."

"Organizations have been formed in all counties of the state for the purpose of receiving applications and making investigations to determine eligibility for assistance. Workers in these organizations are regularly employed by and receive compensation from neither the state or county governments, or both."

"Those eligible for and desiring relief under the Social Security program should visit their county welfare department, where trained workers will grant them interviews and investigate their conditions with a view to determining whether or not they are eligible for aid. Absolutely no financial outlay of any kind by the applicant is necessary to the transaction."

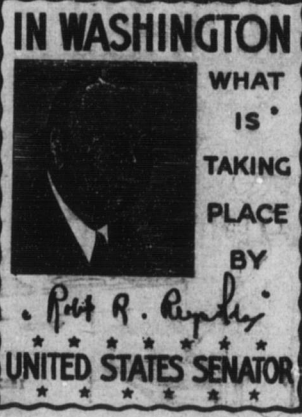
"We cannot permit such a gross misinterpretation of the excellent law which was designed to help the needy and underprivileged—not to obtain money from them."

E.C.T.C. Faculty Members To Study

Nineteen members of the East Carolina Teachers College faculty are taking graduate work in various colleges and universities this summer.

Miss Katherine Holtzclaw, of the home economics department, is studying at New York University; Miss Mary Greene, of the English department, is in the University of North Carolina; Miss Lois Grigsby, of the English department, is in the University of Wisconsin; P. W. Picklesimer, of the geography department, is in Peabody College; M. L. Wright, sociology professor, is in Chicago University; Misses Frances Wahl, critic teacher, and Dora Coates, of the education department, are enrolled for the summer session in Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois; Dean Tabor, of the music department, is in Peabody; Miss Lois Correll, piano teacher, will study at Chattanooga, and Miss Dora Mead, piano teacher, at Eastman School of Music, Rochester.

Miss Elizabeth S. Brown, science teacher, is completing work for the Ph. D. degree at Chicago University; R. C. Teal, teacher of French, is studying at New York University; Robert Sugg Fleming and Miss Gladys Hughes, critic teachers, are in Peabody College; Miss Louise Galphin, critic teacher, is in Duke University; Miss Christine Johnson, critic teacher, is in Columbia University; Miss Louise Williams, of the Mathematics department, is in Columbia University; Miss Eunice McGee, critic teacher, is studying at Oglethorpe University, and Miss Annie Newell, of the education department, is at Cornell University.



IN WASHINGTON WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY *Joe T. Robinson* UNITED STATES SENATOR

Although there has been no let-up in committee consideration of new farm legislation, labor standards, Federal reorganization and numerous other matters, in preparation for Congressional action on the proposal to reorganize the judiciary is out of the way, the latter measure is now the highlight of widespread interest.

As this is being written, opponents of court changes are presenting their case. By the time this is published a vote in the Senate may be near.

However, developments are coming so rapidly that the subject must be left to the daily press and the radio, which are keeping the public informed on the more significant trends. This opens the way for timely mention of a subject of unusual interest to those unfamiliar with the daily movements of their members of Congress. In other words the Senatorial Day.

The Senator's day begins at varying hours. Have seen members of the Senate headed for their offices as early as six in the morning. I have had visitors knocking at my own door as early as seven. But by nine o'clock from ten to twenty people are usually awaiting interviews, and the number increases up to noon. Some have appointments and others await their turn. The majority are hopeful of assistance in securing jobs, and all feel that their demands can be met. To these daily interviews are added anywhere from one to several hundred letters, post cards, and circulars, the majority requiring immediate attention. As attention is given to visitors and mail, telephone calls add to the time required.

Many people believe that the purpose of Congress convening at noon is to allow members to have the morning free. Such is not the case. The average member of Congress is on several committees. These committees meet during the morning hours. It is the time when hearings are held on important legislation and when committee members confer on reports to be made to their respective bodies, Senate or House, as the case may be. And the Congress functions by committees. The new member begins, always, at the bottom on a committee list, and moves upward over a period of years to the coveted chairmanship.

Senators and representatives as well, unless they have some important or pressing appointment at their offices, go direct from committee rooms to the floor of the Senate or House. All endeavor to be present for the roll call.

Shortly after twelve Congressional pages begin the daily trek from reception rooms to the wells of the Senate and House, with calls for members. Constituents and even strangers want time for interviews. Unless the business on the floor is of extreme importance, the interviews are granted. They result in every conceivable request. Some are merely friendly calls.

When free from duties in the committee room, on the floor, or in his office, the member must make departmental calls. Advice is sought on pending Federal appointments, contracts of interest to the Congressional member's state, or perhaps some particular phase of governmental activity in which the member is interested. And while attending to these missions, the member must be in constant communication with his office with regard to telegrams and telephone calls. Not the least of the time-taking demands, is the necessity for short chats with numerous persons encountered by a member of Congress when away from his office.

Upon completion of the daily session, then comes the time for reading and signing mail, answering telegrams, dictation to stenographers—always interrupted by telephone calls and visits—sometimes running into darkness.

Additional telephone calls and telegrams come well into the night, and start again early the following morning. It is all a part of the Senatorial Day. It requires patience, energy, and an understanding of people. And the real friend of a Congressional member is the person who understands the press of the daily routine, and realizes the strain it imposes on the individual.

The time required for writing and making speeches, as well as weighing the importance of various invitations to speak, is another chapter.

INTERPRETATION
North Carolina's Attorney General has made a formal ruling that all clauses in laws, charters or other legal acts, barring the sale of malt, vinous or spirituous liquors are in fact repealed by the 1937 county option liquor law. This ruling allows the opening of stores in many towns that had thought themselves protected by charter clauses.

DONATE ICE FOR VICTIMS OF HEAT HERE

Heat Remains Oppressive Here As Rainstorm At Wilson About Noon Misses City

While the national toll from heat rose to about 350 and temperatures here remained intolerably high, little relieved by a breeze and promise of rain this afternoon, the health departments' request for ice for local unfortunates whom the heat oppressed especially brought cordial response, Dr. Allen J. Whitaker stated.

About 5,000 pounds of ice had been contributed today and most of it had been directed by city health officials to homes of the needy where babies' milk had been souring and invalids had been sweltering in crowded rooms.

Constituting actually an emergency condition, the continued heat has caused actual misery and suffering in some quarters of the city, health officials declared, where crowded, aged and sick citizens can not afford even ice as a relief from the heat.

As continued contributions came in today, Dr. Whitaker estimated there was sufficient ice contributed to take care of the demands for a short while.

Tomorrow, and as long as the heat wave lasts, though, local residents may perform a real service to relieve suffering by telephoning any local ice company and ordering any amount of ice, to be delivered according to the directions of health officials wherever it is needed. Dr. Whitaker expressed today his sincere appreciation for the contributions which have been made, declaring that they have made possible the relief of pitiable suffering.

Slight breezes here early this afternoon, the only indication here of a heavy rainfall and high winds which began at Wilson about 12:30 o'clock brought temperatures down to 94 degrees in the shade at the city gas plant and to 95 degrees at the city airport. At the gas plant, though, it was still 104 degrees in the sun.

OUTING FOR GIRL SCOUTS

A group of Girl Scouts left the city Monday afternoon for White Lake, where they will spend the week at "Camp Pioneer" at White Lake. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bernard Taylor, captain of the troops, Mrs. D. L. Knowles, Miss Hilda Goddard, Miss Betsy Owen and Miss Ann Burnett who will assist in the activities and by Edward Taylor, who will serve as life guard during the encampment.

Included in the group of Scouts were: Miss Ann Dorsett, Miss Frances Dorsett, Miss Jean Williams, Miss Mary Lee Parker, Miss Jane Gay, Miss Tootie Williams, Miss Marjorie Lee Sexton, Miss Madelyn Knowles, Miss Frances Gardner, Miss Fannie Mae Lane, Miss Dorothy Thompson, Miss Mary L. Randolph, Miss Norma Garland, Miss Eula Garland, Miss Doris Proctor, Miss Margaret Page, Miss Harriett Thorne, Miss Etta Mae Hines, Miss Emily Minges, Miss Jane Hardy.

Open Cotton Road At Clinton Aug. 3

Raleigh, July 14.—Plans for a celebration August 3rd of the opening of the Faison-Clinton cotton road received a boost here today as George L. Peterson of Clinton discussed the event with state officials.

Peterson, Mayor of Clinton, said it was hoped to make the celebration of such scope that it would attract wide attention.

Peterson said he understood the link of cotton-belt road was the longest of its kind yet completed in the nation.

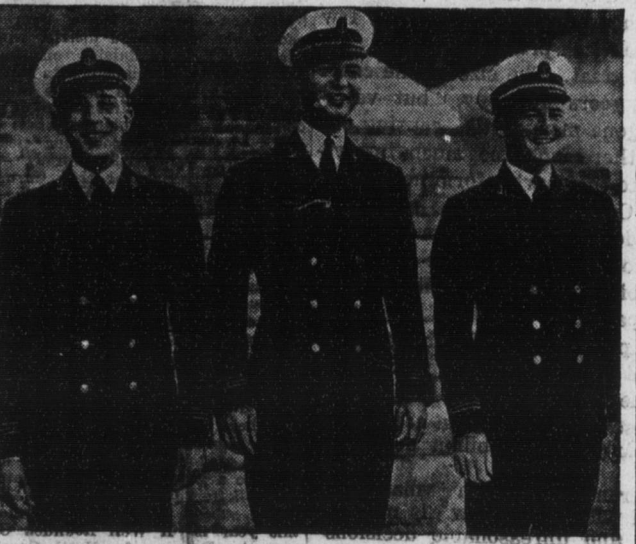
W. Vance Baise, chief engineer for the highway commission, said the project and federal road forces cooperated to determine the usefulness of cotton fabric in surface treatment of highways.

Various weights of the cotton fabric are used in different stretches of the road and other sections are given identical surface treatment without any cotton fabric. A complete check will be kept on the road for three years.

Baise said cotton fabric had been used in construction of about 100 miles of other routes in the state near Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Rocky Mount and Sunbury.

The cotton fabric roadway near Rocky Mount is a part of highway 95, the Rocky Mount-Leggett highway. Sections of the road were built with cotton fabric about a year ago as an experiment to compare the quality and service of the cotton fabric sections with the sections built according to conventional methods.

Honor Men at U. S. Naval Academy



Pictured here are this year's honor men at the graduating exercises at the United States Naval Academy. Jack A. Obermeyer (left), New York, was selected as honor man number one; Emory A. Grantham, Albany, N. Y., number three; and Russell H. Wallace, Westbridgewater, Pa., number two.

Light Plant Must Be Supported

The citizens of Rocky Mount will be called upon this month to vote on the bond issue for the enlargement of the power plant. As stated in these columns before, we feel that the city does not need expert advice to tell us whether we need an enlargement of the plant or not, for we believe the Board of Aldermen is thoroughly capable of deciding this question. We are told by the Board of Aldermen and those in charge of the various plants that it is necessary to extend the plant in order for Rocky Mount to preserve her normal growth.

The power plant has been Rocky Mount's constant supply of extra funds and it is our duty to see that this plant is not crippled. The bond has been recommended by our Board of Aldermen for this purpose and we should investigate and support this bond issue. If, upon our investigation, we find that there is a necessity, we should give it our support with our vote. Much of the money that has come to Rocky Mount from the National Government has not been spent for the benefit of the average citizen, many of whom will never receive one bit of enjoyment or convenience from same. It is our duty to keep the electric plant, our constant source of supply, in fine shape, so that we, as citizens and taxpayers, can demand our rights to see that the income from this piece of property, which is owned by all the citizens of Rocky Mount, be expended for the use and benefit and welfare of all citizens. Therefore, we urge everyone of Rocky Mount that is interested in the development of their city to give consideration to this matter.

AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION

It is unfortunate that the charity office had to close up their work before the first of August, rather than July 1st, for many of our old people who have had to get their meager living from the charity office will not receive anything for their support from the Old Age Pension, certainly not before somewhere along in August. This is leaving these old people in right bad circumstances and the counties and cities should have thought of this before they closed these offices, even if they were forced to subtract or deduct the amount expended in July from the August check. It is well known that credit is very hard to get these days, especially for food and raiment, and for these old timers it is well nigh impossible. They can get a gift before they can receive credit. The automobile seems to be about the only commodity now, that can be acquired by purchase on long time terms.

17 PASS TEST LIFE SAVING SCHOOL HERE

American Red Cross life saving awards were won by 16 boys and one girl at the conclusion of a ten-day course of instruction held at the municipal pool.

Eight succeeded in passing the senior tests. Those winning the emblems in this division were: Mickie Bennett, Fred Wenk, William Dilone of such scope that it would attract wide attention.

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G. C. Green Resigns From School Comm.

An announcement was made early this week of the resignation of George C. Green, local attorney as a member of the State School Commission.

Archie C. Gay, former State Senator from Northampton County was named by Governor Hoey to take Mr. Green's place. He will represent the Second District in which Northampton and Halifax Counties are located.

GROUND IS BROKEN FOR NEW CHURCH

Excavation for the new church building of the Trinity Lutheran congregation was begun Monday at the Coker Road and Tarboro street site after the site had been blessed and the ground broken in a church ceremony conducted Sunday afternoon.

Rev. C. Ross Ritchie, pastor of the church, conducted the ceremony Sunday with the assistance of Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the North Carolina Synod.

Two charter members of the local Lutheran church, Mrs. L. H. Hicks and Joe Fulewider, participated in the ground-breaking ceremony. Other participants were: O. F. Yount, L. L. Minges, E. D. Skinner and P. F. Holscher, from the church council; Mrs. J. W. Holliday and Mrs. F. M. Davenport, the two oldest members of the congregation.

Mrs. M. P. Dawson, W. L. Burrage, Miss Josephine Yont, Miss Essie Holscher, Miss Susie Holscher, Miss Elsie Monroe and Frederick Holscher, representing organizations, Mrs. J. M. Morgan of Salisbury, representative of the Womens Missionary Society of the North Carolina Synod, and E. W. Wagoner of Salisbury, representative of the State Brotherhood of Lutheran Men, were special guests at the affair.

After the ceremony members of the congregation and their children turned over spades of soil for remembrance of the historic occasion.

PLAN FESTIVAL FOR SCOTLAND NECK JULY 23,4

Scotland Neck—With a speaker from the Department of Agriculture scheduled to be on hand, plans were completed here today for the mammoth July Festival of Scotland Neck which will be held Friday and Saturday, July 23-24. The festival will be the occasion for the formal opening of the new concrete highway No. 258 from Scotland Neck north to the Roanoke river, and Chairman Frank Dunlap has agreed either to be here in person to open the road or to have his representative here.

The celebration will start at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning with the opening of the road to traffic, giving Scotland Neck the first direct, comfortable-to-travel link to the north in nearly two years, since the winter of 1935-36 did so much damage to the highway. The new road has been under construction since April.

At 11:00 o'clock, A. M. Dickson, of Washington, D. C., marketing specialist of the Department of Agriculture, will address the assemblage on phases of the agricultural situation of especial interest to a section which grows chiefly tobacco, peanuts and cotton. A parade through Scotland Neck will precede the address, and there will be one and perhaps two bands in the line of march, together with Boy Scouts and members of other local and county organizations.

Following the parade there will be a big barbecue dinner, while those who do not care for barbecue will be served at bargain rates by the restaurants of town. After dinner there will be a special moving picture show at which all will be admitted at children's rates. A big feature of the afternoon will be a baseball game between the Tarboro and Ayden teams of the Coastal Plain league. The game was originally scheduled to be played at Tarboro but the president of the league and the presidents of both clubs have agreed to move the game to Scotland Neck in order to cooperate in the July Festival.

Late in the afternoon there will be a street dance which will last until ten o'clock, at which time there will be a subscription dance at the Community House.

All during the day and the following day merchants will offer special bargains as a portion of the July Festival, stores will be decorated and all organizations of the town will cooperate in every way in making the affair a great success.

STUDY PLANS WIDEN ROAD

Tarboro, July 12.—The state highway has a bid under consideration for extending the paved road from the limits of Tarboro to the Martin county line, by four feet.

The additional four feet, if let, will be put down on one side of the road, as an additional slab and will insure safer driving.

The road through Bethel from Tarboro is one of the old narrow paved road types, and due to its excessive narrowness has been the scene of many side-swipe accidents, which a little larger road would be sure to escape.

Mother Of Local Resident Passes

Funeral For Mrs. J. P. Thornton Is Held In Pamplin, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Thornton of this city returned Wednesday after attending the funeral services of Mrs. J. P. Thornton, mother of Mr. Thornton, at Pamplin, Va.

Mrs. J. P. Thornton, who was 74, died Saturday night at Roanoke hospital in Roanoke, Va., after a critical illness of about six weeks. Since suffering a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago she had remained in a semiconscious condition.

Before marriage Mrs. Thornton was Miss Minnie Haskins of Virginia. She is survived by two sons, J. P. Thornton of here and Harold Thornton of Pamplin; and three grandchildren.

CAN'T STRIKE
President Roosevelt says that government employees are free to join unions if they like—but they cannot resort to a strike. The president stated that Civil Service Rules forbid strikes, and since the wages of government employees are fixed by congress no contracts can be entered into.

Sen. Robinson Dies Suddenly

Arkansas Solon, Democratic Leader Since 1922, Victim of Heart Attack

Washington, July 14.—Senator Joe T. Robinson, Democratic leader since 1922, died suddenly today at his home here.

Robinson's body was found by the family's negro maid, Mary Jasper. Coroner McDonald said death was due to heart disease.

Dr. George Calver, capital physician, said Robinson had apparently gone to the bathroom where he fell face downward.

Tentative plans were made to send the Senator's body to Arkansas Thursday.

CONVENTION OF VETERANS HERE IN 1938

State Spanish War Veterans Select Rocky Mount For Meeting Next Year

Breaking its custom of holding conventions always in the home city of the commander, the North Carolina Department of the United Spanish War Veterans decided to meet in Rocky Mount next year.

The veterans announced Tuesday a three-day convention in Durham, during which they elected J. M. Mabery of Charlotte commander to succeed Robert P. Haskney, of Durham.

Mayor J. Q. Robinson invited the veterans to hold their next convention here in the following letter to Referring Commander Haskney at Durham:

The City of Rocky Mount extends to the Department of North Carolina United Spanish War Veterans its most cordial invitation to hold their next meeting in our city. As you already know our geographical condition is highly convenient for your meetings. Our hotels, restaurants, shops, theatres, and other entertainments are unsurpassed and are provided for your entertainment and enjoyment. It is my sincere wish that you will come and take advantage of all that we have."

At the conference in Durham George W. Hartley of Fayetteville was elected senior vice commander and J. R. Stradley of Asheville junior vice commander. Mrs. Cora Mabery, wife of the new commander, was named president of the auxiliary.

Naval Recruiting Station At Wilson

Navy Opens Temporary Station This Week For Four Days

A temporary Navy recruiting station was opened Monday morning in the post office building at Wilson. During the day thirteen men applied for enlistment in the navy. Of the thirteen men who applied, two were seeking information, eleven were examined and two accepted for enlistment.

The station was open from 9 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. for two days, July 14 and 15.

To be accepted, young men must meet the following requirements:

1. United States citizenship.
2. Between the ages of 17 and 24 inclusive.
3. Applicant must be found qualified physically, mentally, and morally, as a result of examination and thorough investigation.
4. Applicants are not accepted who are married or have dependents.
5. Satisfactory references must be furnished covering a period of several years.

Men under 21 year of age can be enlisted only with the written consent of their parents, or legal guardian.

The term of enlistment is for four years from date of enlistment, except in the case of men who are under eighteen, who are enlisted for a term of minority; that is, the enlistment expires on the day preceding his twenty-first birthday.

The local recruiting station is in the charge of H. G. Fleming, chief fire controlman, U. S. Navy, and J. E. Adams, boatswain's mate, first class, U. S. Navy.

LAW ABIDING
Major A. L. Fletcher, Commissioner of Labor, says employers in the state are obeying the maximum hours law passed by the last General Assembly with only a few exceptions.

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