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## ACCIDENTS VERY COSTLY HERE LAST WEEK-END

### Negro Pedestrian Killed And Negro Woman Driver Is Placed Under Bond

Saturday night accidents on the streets of Rocky Mount killed one Negro pedestrian, caused \$1,000 property damage in another instance, caused the conviction of one driver in city court today and caused several injuries.

Julius C. Mills of Kingston avenue, 43, was charged in city recorder's court this morning with drunken driving as result of a truck smash-up on South Church Street Saturday night.

Finding Mills guilty, Judge Ben H. Thomas sentenced him to serve four months on the roads or to pay \$100.

Mills, who according to testimony is married and has six children, was an inspector with the state highway department until the accident.

Tom Scott Evans, 70, Nash county Negro, died in a local hospital about midnight Saturday after an operation to amputate his leg, which was fractured when he was hit by a car on Thomas Street.

Missie Payton, 34, Negro living on H. Garganus' farm on Rocky Mount Route 1, was arrested as driver of the car that hit Evans. First charged with driving with bad brakes, she was released under \$100 bond. When Evans died a few hours later the charge was changed to manslaughter.

The Negro woman told officers that Evans stepped out in front of her car in the 400 block of West Thomas Street, as she was driving west. Officers reported that the man was on the concrete when hit.

Police Officers H. C. Sellers and Grover L. Pittman investigated the accident, which occurred at 6:35 o'clock Saturday night.

Evans lived on a farm in Nash county owned by Frank Avent.

In another accident, a car driven by B. B. Sims of Clark Street ran into a local Negro boy on a bicycle at the Washington and Bassett Street intersection at 8:15 o'clock Saturday night. The Negro boy, George Garrett, 22, of Pender Street received bruises over the left eye.

In the truck collision on South Street an International trailer-transport truck loaded with glass pickle-jars was overturned just south of the Nashville branch railroad crossing, causing damage estimated at \$1,000.

The transport truck, driven by Moody Taylor of Dunn, was going south on Church Street, Police Officers C. E. Warren and G. L. Pittman reported, when it was hit by a pickup truck driven by Julius Mills.

As Mills was driving north on Church Street, they reported, his truck swerved across the center of the street and hit the transport truck in the body of the trailer, turning it over. The truck driven by Mills belonged to the state highway department.

Ray Reeves, local man who was riding with Mills, was taken to a local hospital with cuts and bruises about the chin. He testified in court today that Mills had been drinking beer, and that a bump in the street caused the highway truck to swerve left.

Mills admitted he had been drinking. Officer Warren testified that a pint of whiskey, almost full, was found in Mills' truck.

Mills, Naylor and Henry Chapman, a Negro helper who was riding with Naylor, were reported to have received no appreciable injuries.

## Employees Now 65 Should Report

Employees who have reached 65 since January 1, 1937, and who have earned wages in "covered employment" since that time should report such facts to the Social Security Board Field Office, Municipal Building, Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Such workers are entitled to 2 1-2 percent of the wages which they earned in covered employment since December 31, 1936, and prior to reaching age 65, according to George N. Adams, Manager of the Rocky Mount Field Office which serves this county. An

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## JUNIORS HOLD INITIATION FOR 16 DISTRICT

Whiteville, Feb. 22.—The Junior Order held its regular Spring initiation for the Sixteenth District here Tuesday, February 15. The district comprises Bladen, Columbus, and Brunswick Counties.

Officers for the district are as follows: District Deputy, Rev. Garland Singletary, of Whiteville; R. J. Hester, of Elizabethtown, County Councillor, Bladen County; Dr. R. Lineberry, of Chadbourn, County Councillor for Columbus County and Dr. C. Ed Taylor, of Southport, County Councillor for Brunswick County.

The meeting was held in the Junior Order hall here. It was attended by representatives and members from practically the whole district as well as local Juniors. The crack degree teams from Lumberton and Chadbourn initiated the new members into the mysteries of the order.

Representatives from the National Council Beneficiary Degree Department, representatives of the State Council, as well as District Officers were in attendance.

### Essay And Oratorical Contest

The Essay and Oratorical Contest for the 16th District was held February 11 at the Chadbourn High School. The Eighteenth District contest was held the same day at Fayetteville High School, and the Twenty Sixth District Contest was held at Wallace High School, it, too, on the same day.

The subject was Americanism, and the need for undefiled allegiance to the country and its government. Gold medals will be awarded to the district winners, while scholarships will go to the State contest winners.

## JUNIORS HOST AT BARBECUE

The Rocky Mount Council No. 41 Jr. O. U. A. M. entertained the 23rd District on February 15th. A Dutch Barbecue Supper was served at the Recreation Hall on Tarboro Street. Following the class initiation there was a very entertaining program of short snappy addresses. The meeting was largely attended and a general good time was enjoyed.

## Dr. Ivan Battle Passes at Home

Dr. Ivan Proctor Battle, 57, member of a prominent Eastern Carolina family and first city health officer of Rocky Mount, died at his home early Sunday after an illness of several years.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Church of the Good Shepherd, The Rev. F. H. Craighill, rector of the church, conducted the services, assisted by the Rev. Worth Wicker. Burial followed in Pineview Cemetery.

Surviving Dr. Battle are his wife, who was before marriage Miss Emily Marriott, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry B. Marriott of Battleboro, and four children, Ivan P. Battle, Jr., of Rocky Mount; Emily Elizabeth Battle, in training at Johnston Wills Hospital at Richmond; Henry Marriott Battle and Edward Graham Battle of here.

Other relatives include two brothers and three sisters: Edward G. Battle, Hattie B. Battle, Dr. George C. Battle of State Park, S. C., Susan S. Battle and Ella Battle.

Dr. Battle had been in ill health since a heart attack in Kingston, Jamaica, in November, 1935. Since that time he had not spent more than six months in active practice.

He was a member of the American, Southern, Nash and Edgecombe Medical associations, and was an honorary fellow in the Tri-State Medical Association.

He had been advisory surgeon for the Atlantic Coast Line Hospital here for 25 years.

## IN WASHINGTON

WHAT  
IS  
TAKING  
PLACE  
BY

Robert R. Reynolds,  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

Before Congress adjourns, a decision must be made as regards future Federal policies on expenditures for public roads. This decision will be of prime importance to North Carolina which has counted heavily on Federal-aid. For example, the state now receives approximately \$4,750,000 a year as its share of Federal participation in building main highways, secondary roads and the elimination of grade crossings.

Obviously, if this fund is eliminated it will vitally affect construction of roads in North Carolina. It would perhaps fall heaviest on rural communities off the state trunk lines. It would also delay the building of much-needed farm-to-market roads of great importance to the farmer. Whatever else may be said of farm conditions, members of Congress are in agreement that improved highways have added to farm values and bettered the status of agriculture.

The situation in Washington is briefly as follows. Up to the present, Federal-aid funds have been authorized two years in advance of actual appropriation of the money. This has been done so that state highway departments might plan ahead and so that legislatures might arrange for the Federal funds to be matched. Under this plan, there has been developed a great system of interstate highways criss-crossing the country.

Last November, President Roosevelt recommended to Congress that authorizations already made for the fiscal year 1939 be cancelled and that Federal road funds for the fiscal years 1940 and 1941 be limited to \$125,000,000. This amount is approximately one-half of the total authorized for the fiscal years 1938 and 1939. The President's recommendation is still before Congress, although allotment of the 1939 funds has been made to the states. Secondary or farm-to-market roads are involved along with all other Federal-aid highway projects.

In the face of this unsettled situation, proposals are now made for the government to use its credit in sponsoring the building of transcontinental and North and South super-highways, to be financed by tolls and profits from excess right-of-way. There is general agreement that super-highways are desirable. But a few important questions are presented. These are:

Can the government afford at this time to issue new billions of highway bonds? Would super-highways draw sufficient traffic and sufficient tolls to pay interest and retire the bonds? What would be the effect on the Federal-aid system and state highways? Would the Federal highway bonds affect state highway bonds? Would super-highways lessen the work on secondary or farm-to-market roads? Can motorists, now paying more than a billion dollars in special taxes bear a new burden of a half billion or more a year in tolls?

To get answers to these questions and help determine Federal policies with reference to road expenditures, hearings will be held by Congressional committees and will be followed with interest by everyone concerned with the development and maintenance of adequate highways.

It may also be anticipated that the President will make further statements as regards his thoughts on the subject. As Governor of New York, he had ample opportunity to gain first-hand information on the importance of Federal-aid to the states. Moreover, he has long been a highway enthusiast.

Whatever may finally result in the way of new Federal road policies, it is evident that highway progress is vitally linked with the welfare of the nation and there is agreement that everything possible must be done to keep it moving on a sound basis.

## Waner Gets New Bat for "Dead Ball"



After pondering the effects the new "dead ball" the National League plans to use next season will have on his batting average, Paul Waner, slugging outfielder of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has decided to use a lighter bat. Here he is comparing his new 34-ounce model with the 37-ounce bat he used last season.

## Farmers Should Vote For Crop Control

The farmers of North Carolina will have an opportunity on March 12 to decide whether they want Governmental Crop Control. Congress has legislated giving the farmers the right under the new farm act to vote on whether they want Governmental Crop Control or whether they are willing to continue without any legislative help.

It is up to the farmers and if the farmers fail to adopt and work under this law we do not see how they can afford to go to Washington and ask the government for any further help until they have given this law a trial.

What would be the effect if the farmers turned down this new farm act and the tobacco companies proceeded to buy the crop at prices confiscatory as has happened in times past, and the farmers should descend on Washington and ask the President and Congress to give them aid without having first given this new law a working trial. The President would be compelled to say to these farmers, Congress has passed a law which the Congress thought will help you and you have turned it down by failing to vote for Crop Control under this act. We have heard of just a few farmers who have said they would not vote for crop control and we are glad to say a very few, and many of these had money invested in other enterprises and farming was a side line. We hope that the real dirt farmer will not be misled by this talk of preserving individual liberty to the farmer when every other business in the country is highly organized.

## SHOULD PROVIDE REST ROOMS FOR PUBLIC

When the contract for the construction of the city municipal building was first discussed there was an understanding that with the great amount of money that was being spent the city was going to install toilets for both races. With the number of country people, especially ladies, coming to town with children there is a serious need in Rocky Mount that accommodations of this kind be provided. It was the public's understanding that such a place would be provided in the old Municipal Building but instead of the public having rights in this building the Chamber of Commerce has taken over the front part of the building and if a lady should desire to visit the public toilet she would have to go through the office of the Chamber of Commerce which would produce such an embarrassment it is known that she would not use it. In the back part of the building the offices of the State Highway Patrol have been installed. It is not our object to bring criticism upon these services but it is our desire to call to the attention of the Board of Aldermen and the City Manager that a large building in which the whole of the City government of Rocky Mount was housed has now been taken over by two agencies, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and the Highway Patrol and the public is being denied the toilet facilities which were promised them, and in place of this public service the whole thing has been taken over by the Chamber of Commerce and Patrol.

## "Good Neighborhood Policy" Germany Says

Ambassador Dieckhoff Declares Germany Wants Peace Above All

Chapel Hill, Feb. 16.—Germany's foreign policy is a "good neighborhood policy" with all neighboring states and even those which are not neighbors," Ambassador Hans Dieckhoff, envoy to the United States from Germany, told an audience which filled Memorial Hall at the University of North Carolina tonight.

"As far as Germany is concerned we much prefer peace to war. We have gone through war for centuries and all the men who have the say in Germany at present, including Chancellor Hitler, have been wounded and have known the horrors of war," Ambassador Dieckhoff stated. "We are building roads, building houses for workmen and creating a

totally new social scale—we would be the last ones to jeopardize our domestic work by war," he added.

In connection with this plan for peace, therefore, Germany is carrying on her policy of neighborliness, was the Ambassador's observation. "Germany is carrying out her policy through immediate bilateral negotiations or by negotiations with three countries—not by collective security which may be a good idea but which doesn't work in practice since nations only come to agreements when they have the same interests," he asserted. "The League of Nations can testify to this."

Touching on the colonial policy of Germany, Ambassador Dieckhoff said that "Germany considers colonies which she possessed in Africa and the South Seas as her own, taken

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## CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION APPROVES NEW CONTRACTS

### DEMOCRACY IN DANGER--SAYS

Judge John D. Parker, senior judge of the fourth district of appeals, was the guest speaker at Monroe Tuesday night at a meeting of the Merchants Association of that city. Monroe is Judge Parker's native city and he is always welcomed with open arms and given the greatest of attention every time he returns there.

Judge Parker told the merchants that democracy (little "d") was "in greater danger today than it has been since the fall of Napoleon Bonaparte."

The greatest problem today, he said, is "the preservation of the life of democracy against some form of totalitarianism." He expressed gratitude that "the greatest thing in the life of our republic is liberal democracy."

## HANCOCK ON LIQUOR ISSUE

(Editorial from the Journal and Sentinel, Winston-Salem, Feb. 6.)

When Congressman Frank Hancock, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, was asked the other day to state his views on the liquor issue, he replied that "the regulation of the manufacture and sale of liquor is primarily a matter for the State Legislature."

But he did not stop at that. He placed himself on record as favoring the "enactment of proper and effective federal laws to protect the state in its effort to regulate control and prohibit the liquor traffic." At the same time, Mr. Hancock made it clear that he did not believe "federal laws should undertake to supersede state regulations."

That was not the most important thing, however, which the candidate for the Senate said in presenting his views on the question. His most significant statement was the following:

"I believe that every citizen in

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## Attended Battle Rites Here Monday

Among the host of sorrowing relatives and friends who came to the city from out of town to attend funeral rites for the late Dr. Ivan P. Battle on Monday were the following:

Dr. and Mrs. George C. Battle, Dr. Randolph Farmer, Mrs. Funderburk, Mrs. Childers, all of State Park, South Carolina; Mrs. R. M. Proctor, Miss Jennie Procter, William S. Proctor, of Raleigh; Dr. and Mrs. James K. Hall, Mrs. Cordona, of Richmond, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Rose, of Chapel Hill; Dr. and Mrs. Fred Parker, of Enfield; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Powell Pippen, Miss Mary Powell Pippen, and Miss Emily Pender Pippen, all of Littleton; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey B. Sheffield, Mrs. William Johnston King, of Wilson; Mrs. Martha Dorth Belote, of Goldsboro, Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Whitaker, of Enfield; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Yelverton, of Raleigh; H. Neal Howard, of Farmville.

Mrs. D. T. Briles, of Fayetteville who came also to attend the funeral services, is remaining in the city to be with Mrs. Battle, Mrs. Battle's daughter, Emily Battle, a student at the Johnston-Willis Nursing School, in Richmond Virginia, is also in the city, and plans to remain with her family for a short time.

The directors of the Nash County Mutual Soil Conservation Association, Inc., went on record in a recent meeting as favoring the contracts submitted for their approval by the President of the Association, J. S. Sugg, County Agent, which states definite requirements of the individual farmers for whom terracing work will be done with the heavy tractor terracing outfit which is being operated under the direction of R. F. Shearin, Assistant County Agent.

There are two contracts, one which sets forth the conditions under which summer terracing will be done. The other sets forth the conditions of the winter terracing work. Under the winter contract the farmers will be required to pay \$3.00 per hour for the services of the tractor which gives a complete terrace as may be seen on the farm of C. W. Lassiter near Spring Hope and on the farm of W. P. Braswell of near Nashville.

The summer contract sets forth the condition of strip cropping where a 30 foot strip is left free of row crops and the terraces constructed on this area during the summer at a cost of \$2.75 per hour for a complete terrace.

The directors at this meeting elected a routing committee to be responsible for the routing of the tractor from farm to farm, therefore, relieving the county agent of the responsibility of designating whose farm should be next. The routing committee elected were Mr. M. F. Morgan, J. W. Moore and Z. C. Mann. There will be absolutely no partiality shown in the selection of the routes by the committee. Each contract will be numbered, and the number placed on the county map in the general locality of the farm and the routing committee will route the tractor according to the most economical and practical route. The routing committee will not at any time know whose farm the tractor will be on due to the fact that they will work only with numbers placed on the map.

The committee will not designate any person on the route for terracing work unless their contract has been signed at the time the routing committee selects the route. Farmers wishing to get terracing work done may secure contracts by applying to the county agent's office.

## Waldensians To Celebrate

The annual Emancipation Day celebration of the Waldensians at Valdeese, Burke county, was held Saturday, February 19. Dr. J. O. Mann, director of religious education for the Synod of North Carolina prominently identified with the work of the Southern Presbyterian church, was the speaker. Rev. James Caligan, pastor of the Waldensian Presbyterian church presided. Rev. John Jons, former pastor, spoke on the historical significance of the occasion. The Women's Auxiliary served the supper which included favorite Waldensian dishes.

The Waldensian celebration commemorates the granting of a constitution by King Charles Albert, February 17, 1848, admitting the Waldensians to full civil and religious rights, putting an end to the state of inferiority to which these people had been subjected for ages. According to one writer, "The King, a fervent Romanist, was led to make this concession by pressure of public opinion, guided by the authoritative judgments of illustrious contemporaries, who bore cordial and emphatic witness to the moral and civic qualities of the Waldensians."

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