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## No Abatement Shown During Week In Death From Accidents

**Gulfport Boy Loses Life While Riding Bicycle, Clinging To School Bus—Aged Randolph Woman Killed In Automobile Collision—Smithfield Boy Killed By Hit-And-Run Car Driver.**

J. M. Smith, Jr., 16-year old Jamestown high school boy, was fatally injured Friday while riding his bicycle on the Greensboro-High Point highway. He was hanging on a school bus, lost his footing and fell under it. He died later in a High Point hospital.

Mrs. Beulah Gilliam, of Liberty, Randolph county, died in a Greensboro hospital Tuesday from injuries received in an automobile collision at Liberty Monday. Mrs. Gilliam attempted to make a right turn into her driveway and was struck by a car driven by Manly Vickery. She was thrown from her machine under the other car receiving injuries that resulted in her death later, in a Greensboro hospital.

Aldridge McGee, 17, of Bl, Benson, was killed instantly late Saturday night when struck by a hit-and-run driver as he was walking along the highway between Smithfield and Angier.

Margaret Beatty, 36, of Gastonia, was struck and instantly killed as she walked along the highway near Gastonia, Friday night. Loy Friday, Gastonia truck driver, was arrested charged with striking the woman. He told officers that light from another car blinded him and that he did not see the woman until he had struck her.

B. R. Rogers, Croatan Indian, driver of an auto struck and fatally injured James Jones, Indian, rider of a bicycle, Saturday night. Evidence was offered at a coroner's inquest to show that Jones was riding an unlighted bicycle on the right side of the Red Springs-Maxwell highway just ahead of another bicycle with two riders, Allen Scott and Sam Locklear, one of whom carried a flashlight. Other occupants of Rogers' automobile, Neill Dorsey Locklear, Duncan Locklear, and Kaley Bryant, testified they saw some of the men on bicycles, but felt the car hit something and stopping about 225 yards down the road found a bicycle hung under the automobile.

J. Martin Gainey, 64, of Dunn, Harnett county, died Sunday as the result of injuries which he received in an accident Thursday afternoon. He is Harnett County's 10th highway victim of the year and the third within a three-week period. Gainey was injured on the Dunn-Newton Grove highway when the pickup truck he was driving hit a tree and overturned. Apparently not seriously injured, Gainey received first aid treatment for cuts and bruises and returned to his home after the accident. His condition became worse Friday, however, and he developed pneumonia. An examination also revealed that he had suffered a serious internal chest injury.

Louis Friday, 19, of High Shoals, Gaston county, died in a Charlotte hospital the past week of a fractured skull suffered in an auto collision at Mount Holly, late Sunday night. The name of the driver which collided with Friday's car was not revealed.

Mrs. Sarah Collum, 60, was instantly killed and Mrs. N. B. Dickens, 58, both of Halifax county was fatally injured Friday when the car in which they were riding collided with a truck driven by Buster Pittman, negro. The accident occurred on a county road near Weldon. Mrs. Dickens died in a Roanoke Rapids hospital Sunday.

Curtis Absher, 43, of Roaring River Wilkes county, died Friday night in a North Wilkesboro hospital from injuries received while working on a WPA road project near Trap Hill. Absher's leg was caught under the wheels of a gravel truck, he was thrown down and the wheels passed over his body. He leaves a wife and six children.

Rosecoe Hatch, 46, Rocky Mount mail carrier for 18 years, was fa-

tally injured Saturday when his car turned over near Cheyenne, Wyoming. Hatch accompanied by a sister and niece was on his way to Los Angeles to attend the American Legion convention. He was a World War veteran and unmarried. The body was brought to his native town of Mount Olive, Wayne county, for funeral and interment.

Gertrude Bouldin, 17-year old negro girl was almost instantly killed at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning when the car in which she was riding driven by James Lumford, negro, overturned on the highway near Reidsville.

Isaiah Hardison, 30-year old negro, was run down and fatally injured Friday night by a hit-and-run car driver as he walked along the highway near Dardens, Martin county. He died without regaining consciousness.

James Pemberton, Mount Gillett negro, was killed Monday night when the car driven by Harold Bruton, negro, also of Mount Gillett, failed to take a curve and left the highway 13 miles from Albemarle. Others in the car were uninjured.

A coroner's jury at Greenville, Pitt county, Monday, exonerated Mrs. Judie Squires, of Greenville, in the death of Heber McLawhorn, run over by the Squires automobile Sunday night. The jury said the accident was unavoidable.

## California Corn



LONG BEACH, Cal. . . . When veteran delegations from Iowa paraded here during the American Legion National Convention, they sang their famous corn song, and waved California corn. The corn was raised from Iowa seed. The Golden Gate's agricultural laws prevented the Midwesterners from bringing their own stalks.

## Junior Order Will Honor Sam F. Vance

Memorial Class Initiation Day To Be Held November 30

Tarboro, Sept. 24.—Edgar V. Harris, state secretary of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, who moved the state offices here this week from Raleigh, announced today that State Councilor Roland A. Grady, of Wilso's, has set aside November 30, 1938, for a Sam F. Vance Memorial Class Initiation in each district in North Carolina.

Sam F. Vance, of Kernersville, was State Secretary of the Junior Order for 37 years (1899 to 1936). Councilor Grady announced that as a memorial to Mr. Vance, each of the 28 districts in the State will have as their minimum goal for this event 37 new members, one for each year that Mr. Vance served as the State Secretary.

The Class initiations will be under the direction of the field secretaries, George W. Warren of Asheville and Forrest G. Shearin, of Scotland Neck. Places of the initiations will be announced shortly, from state secretary Edgar V. Harris' office here.

The deadline for securing triple superphosphate under the 1938 agricultural conservation program caught many Mitchell County farmers, who expressed regret that the limited supply would hinder them from applying the phosphate to their lands this year.

## Tarboro To Ask Building Funds

City Commissioners Approve Plan To Make Over Old Opera House Into Offices

Tarboro, Sept. 28.—City Commissioners voted last night in special meetings to ask for a PWA grant of \$9,000, or 45 per cent of a \$20,000 building program, with which the city fathers hope to renovate the old City Hall, and make it income-producing.

There is a lack of office space in Tarboro for city, county and government agencies, and the city hopes to convert its City Opera House, second floor of the City Hall, into two floors of 26 offices, 13 on each floor. The first floor would be unchanged.

Plans submitted were drawn by Robert Norfleet of the architect office of Frank Benton, Wilson.

The commissioners were thoroughly in accord with the move and passed a resolution that the city should apply for the grant, and ask the Local Government Commission for permission to sell \$11,000 of city bonds with which to finance the building plan.

At one time the City Opera House was the finest type of opera house in the State and South, and has housed some of the best and largest road shows of its day. In those days it was income-producing. Now, no one will go upstairs to see a show, and the opera house, with its tremendous stage has been used less and less. No picture shows are ever shown in it any more. Only boxing and wrestling was put on but people do not like to walk upstairs. They refuse to do so.

## Elections Board Ousts Officials

Davidson's Deane-Burgin Returns Rejected; 'Dictatorship' Charged By Sink

The State Board of Elections yesterday ousted two Davidson County election board members, rejected a new certification of Davidson returns in the Deane-Burgin race and heard a Watauga County delegation declare that continued election rottenness would "come to grief" unless remedied.

After rejecting the "final" Davidson returns, the board removed the two members who certified them yesterday morning, J. David Sink and Ford M. Meyers. The Republican board member who had been appointed since the July 2 run-off, S. A. DeLapp, refused to sign the returns and was not involved.

The rejected returns gave W. O. Burgin of Lexington 6,917 votes and C. B. Deans of Rockingham 961. The board insisted that such returns included 146 fraudulent absentee ballots previously invalidated and causing amended results of 6,776 for Burgin and 956 for Deane to switch the eighth district Democratic majority for Congress from Burgin to Deane.

## Papa Leads Way

Plymouth, Sept. 26.—Irvin Respass and Joe Askew, two youngsters living on the Lo'g Acre Road near here, decided that bears were eating too much of their corn, so they purchased enough lumber to make a trap. Then they took the trap to the edge of the corn patch and baited it with honey.

Early the next morning they went to look and they had a big, black, 400-pound daddy bear.

The next night they again baited the trap and the following morning there was a mother bear in it.

The third night they caught a little cub, and the fourth night the same.

As the law will not allow the killing or selling of them until October 1, the boys had to build cages to keep their catch in. They have the cubs in the barn, trying to tame them.

## Why Should Our People Be Required To Have The Same Kind Of Tombstone

We read with interest a statement in the afternoon paper last week that the city manager was recommending that the cemetery be enlarged, and that the old colored cemetery be turned into a park, which would be near the cemetery gate. With the changing from the family cemetery to the public cemetery, there is naturally a need for more cemetery space, however, we cannot follow the idea. advanced that everybody should be required to have the same kind of monument, and that none of these monuments should appear above the ground, which is how we understood the recommendation. It is a fine thing to have equality, but we do not see why a cemetery would be more beautiful by having the same kind of monument. Of course the graves of many of our soldiers who died in battle have been marked with the same kind of monument, and in the Moravian cemetery at Winston-Salem these church people have adopted the same kind of monument, but why should Rocky Mount require all its citizens to adopt the same kind of monument when all of the people do not have the same taste.

We are glad to know that the city manager is giving thought to the need of parks even though the first recommendation is at the cemetery gate. We doubt very seriously if there will be many small children who will seek to play in the vicinity of the gloom of the cemetery.

There was one recommendation that an old rock quarry the location of which is unknown to many of the people, it being in the bend of the river, be turned into a park. But certainly if a rock-garden should be built, it would be so far that the children being carried by nurses could not reach it, even if they could find it.

There is land in Rocky Mount suitable for park purposes not in the cemetery gate or in the bend of the river. We already have a park which he city is renting It is located by the river and is used by a certain element of the population. It does look like the time has arrived when the city should give thought to the improvement of parks for the benefit of those who need to enjoy the parks. The question of real estate exploitation should be relegated, and the real interest of the citizenship of Rocky Mount considered.

## NASH AND EDGECOMBE SWING TO STOCK RAISING

It is a fine thing that Nash and Edgecombe counties are beginning to give more attention to stock raising. All this talk about Eastern North Carolina not having the grass to raise stock is simply ridiculous. Eastern Carolina would have been better off if it had paid less attention to cotton years ago. The time has arrived now that we are being compelled to change our methods of farming whether we desire to do so or not.

The cotton crop in Edgecombe County for the last three years has not paid for the fertilizer that has gone under it. We heard a gentleman say a few days ago that if someone would reimburse him for the fertilizer he put under his cotton, he would turn the cotton crop over to that person.

The boll weevil has eaten up the crop in Edgecombe County for the last few years, and this year we are told Nash County has been eaten up by the boll weevil also. Cotton is a crop that takes practically twelve months to produce, and when there is a failure there is a total failure.

## ALL HEARTS HOPE FOR PEACE

At this time the attention of the world is riveted on the conference taking place in Europe between the great powers there. Its purpose is to bring peace and avert another World War. Many of those who would have to fight in such a war were born during the World War or soon thereafter, but the great World War is still fresh in the minds of the mature people throughout the world. It is unthinkable that the world should be precipitated into another great war among enlightened nations, and we believe and earnestly pray that this conference will work out a basis for lasting peace. All our hearts hope for a peaceful settlement.

## Arrangements Being Made For Peanut Festival

Plans are rapidly maturing for the annual Scotland Neck Peanut Festival which will be held here under the auspices of the Scotland Neck Fire Department. The Festival will be a gala occasion for the week of October 3-8.

Chief Dillard Bunch is in charge of arrangements and is being ably assisted by committees composed of members of the Fire department. The Roland shows and concessions have been engaged for the midway, and this will bring a ferris wheel, numerous riding devices and several types of concessions.

Agricultural exhibits and exhibits by local business concerns and organizations will be an important feature. Prizes will be awarded in several different classifications, and the premium book will be issued next week. Those desiring to put exhibits under the tent are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bunch.

Use a teaspoonful of good complete plant food with every square foot of soil you use to put indoor plants. Mix thoroughly, and after a month use the same amount spread on top and wet down.

## Program To Divert Peanuts Announced For The 1938 Crop

"Fightin' Man" Relaxes



LYNCHBURG, S. C. . . . Senator E. D. Smith, dean of Senate Democrats, who scored a victory over the "New Deal Purge" in the recent South Carolina primary, finds relaxation from the vexations of the campaign which he said was the "direst I've ever been called to endure," by hauling up a cool drink from the well of his old plantation.

## A. & P. Co. Opens Now Store

Handsome New "Food Department Store" Opened On Wednesday At Main And Marigold

The "A and P"—or in more technical terms the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company opened Rocky Mount's newest store here Wednesday.

Located at the new extension of Southeast Main and Marigold streets, the brand new building has sprung up on the site occupied for years by the old Hale and Edwards hay house. But far more than hay will be served to customers in this new "super-market" which boasts merchandise totaling over 1,500 items stationed row on row.

Closing two other stores which have been operated here for some time, the A and P is planning to concentrate all its efforts in the one big store—it is 41 feet wide and 126 feet long.

A new type of service known as "self-service" also is included in the new store. It consists simply in providing for the shopper an opportunity to canvass the store at will, pushing a small "cart" upon which are placed the items purchased. Officials hooted at the idea that fewer persons would be employed under the new system. As a matter of fact, several more men will be employed than at both the old stores.

The store itself is fashioned after a food department store. There's a department for everything and every thing is brought handily to the fore where every shopper may see it—or where the customer does as he pleases," to quote a company official.

C. R. Churn is general store manager, but he has department head in charge of meats—there will be a wide variety of meats of all sorts and seafoods produce, W. D. Lee handles this; dairy products, which are supervised by Charles Wilhall. There is even a wine department where every variety of wine is stacked on the shelves in all types and sizes of bottles.

The store is well lighted, clean and comfortable and the employees—well, they're just as cordial as you could wish.

The new store has been located with an eye to the convenience of the shopper. There is ample parking space near at hand, and no pains have been spared to make shopping convenient and pleasant.

## N. C. IN LEAD

North Carolina, with a 5 per cent increase in farm income during the first seven months of 1938, was the only South Atlantic state to show a gain over the same period in 1937.

Price Of \$70 Per Ton Will Be Paid For Top Grade When Converted Into Oil

KERR IS BIG HELP

A program for diverting a portion of the 1938 peanut crop as a means of sustaining the price was announced this week at Washington by A. M. Dickson, official of the peanut division of the AAA administration of the department of agriculture. The top price to be paid will be \$70 per ton for Virginia U. S. No. Class A peanuts.

The plan is similar to a diversion program put into effect last year. This season a great deal of work was done in the matter by Congressman John H. Kerr of this district, who was associated and aided in his efforts by Congressmen Lindsay Warren and Harold Cooley.

Immediately following a meeting of peanut growers a few weeks ago Congressman Kerr went to Washington and conferred with AAA officials concerning a program for diverting the peanuts to the oil mills. He stayed on the ground to present the views of the growers that peanuts should be included in any program devised by the agriculture department. The growers had met in North Carolina to protest a plan devised at Washington which it was said would have left peanuts out of the farm regulations.

Judge Kerr returned to North Carolina after being assured that full protection would be given the peanut growers, and this week's announcement from the agriculture department outlines the plan to be put into effect. It is as follows:

"The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced today a schedule of prices for use in connection with a program to divert surplus farmers' stock peanuts to the manufacture of oil. The program to be undertaken will be similar to that for the 1937 crop.

"Although the details have not yet been completed, the program will authorize regional associations of producers to pay the following prices for the various types of farmer stock peanuts grown in 1938:

"Virginia U. S. No. 1 Class A, \$70 per ton; Class B, \$66 per ton; Class C, \$61 per ton; No. 2, Class A, \$67 per ton; Class B, \$63 per ton; Class C, \$58 per ton; No. 3, Class A, \$65 per ton; Class B, \$61 per ton; Class C, \$56 per ton.

"Southeastern Spanish U. S. No. 1, \$65 per ton. No. 2, \$61 per ton; No. 3, \$56 per ton. Runners U. S. No. 1, \$57 per ton; No. 2, \$53 per ton; No. 3, \$48 per ton.

"Southeastern Spanish U. S. No. 1, \$63 per ton; No. 2, \$59 per ton; No. 3, \$54 per ton.

"This program will be developed under the provisions of section 33 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act and will provide for payments to Associations of Producers for the differences between the purchase price and the sale price for diversion, plus an allowance for the cost of handling the peanuts diverted. Full details of the program will be announced as soon as they are complete."

## Funeral Rites Held For Francis Daniel

Francis Eugene Daniel, four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Daniel, was buried in Pineview cemetery after Rev. J. A. Satterfield had conducted services from the home in Nash County.

Francis died on Saturday at his home. Surviving are the parents; several brothers, W. D., M. D., J. R., E. W., L. F., C. A., and S. T. Daniel, Jr. and one sister, Mrs. Katherine Norcille.

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