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Two Killed And Several Injured In Automobile Wreck

Occurred on Route 10, Two Miles East of Selma

Mr. M. J. Barker and Miss Vallie King, both of Willow Springs, N. C., were killed and several others injured, some seriously, in an automobile accident between Selma and Pine Level Sunday morning about 5:30 o'clock on highway No. 10.

The driver of the Ford, Mr. Arthur Eiserman, was very seriously injured and his recovery is doubtful. His left arm was broken in two places and he received internal injuries. With Mr. Eiserman were his wife and 12 years old son in the front seat and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Ballanger and their 6-months-old baby of Goldsboro, in the rear seat. Mr. Eiserman and his family are from Dillon, South Carolina. Arthur Eiserman, Jr., was not badly hurt but Mrs. Eiserman is still in the hospital at Smithfield. Mr. Ballanger is out of the hospital after brief treatment and Mrs. Ballanger and baby were not hurt.

The other car was a Hudson sedan, owned and driven by Mr. Dorsey Fish of Willow Springs. In the front seat with Mr. Fish was Miss Lillie Mae Reynolds of Raleigh. Mr. Fish is in the hospital at Smithfield and is reported no better. Miss Reynolds received minor injuries and left the hospital soon after the wreck. The two who were killed, Mr. Barker and Miss King were in the rear seat of the Hudson and were thrown from the Hudson, through the top, some twenty or thirty feet away from the car. Mr. Barker's back was broken and he had several dislocated ribs. The left wrist and elbow of Miss King were broken; her left ankle was broken and her right ankle was dislocated; and her neck was broken and the back of her head crushed.

The Ford was said to have been coming down the highway going west and the Hudson was going east at a high rate of speed. It seems that Mr. Fish lost control of the Hudson and it first swerved off the highway on the right side and in getting it back on the highway, he ran off the left side, skidding sideways for about 50 yards when the Ford touring car struck it at the left rear wheel. The Ford is completely demolished, said to be beyond repair. The Hudson is badly torn up in the rear, but the fore part is intact.

Mr. Eiserman operates a fleet of trucks and sells vegetables to Northern markets. He had left his trucks in Goldsboro and going to Benson to spend Sunday with Mr. A. B. Hudson. The occupants of the Hudson were said to be on their way to Wrightsville Beach to spend the day. Bathing suits and a lunch were found in the Hudson to verify this fact.

Sheriff Fitzgerald of Smithfield, and Chief of Police, J. H. Howell, of Selma, arrived immediately after the wreck and found two bottles of whiskey on the Hudson and it is alleged that Fish had been drinking.

Fish was placed under a \$5,000 bond and will be placed under arrest immediately after his recovery if he cannot meet the bond.

Miss Mary Evelyn Parker, who was graduated from the North Carolina College for Women this spring, possesses several honors gained at that institution. She made high honor roll, was House President of Cotten Dormitory, Vice-President of the Y. W. C. A., Athletic Association Cabinet Member, and staff member of the weekly newspaper.

For her ability and work in athletics she received recognition. She was chosen by the National Track Committee as being the most representative girl of track in North Carolina. Her name appears in the National Track Record for 1930. She also won a N. C. emblem, four stars, a life-saving emblem, and a senior athletic suit.

Mrs. J. W. Short reports ripe tomatoes in her garden on June 16th, probably the earliest in this section. Selma is famed for its fine vegetable gardens, the soil seeming to be adapted to the growing of tropical and semi-tropical vegetables and fruits. Mr. E. V. Deans has three pomegranate trees, growing in his yard, which bear quantities of the fruit every year.

Prichard to Stick In Race for Senate

Republican Nominee Emphatically Denies That He Will Withdraw From Fight

Washington, June 12.—Representative Prichard, Republican nominee for the senate, today gave this statement to the press:

"My nomination makes me happy. My heart is filled with gratitude. I thank the Republican party for this great honor. Let me here and now forever set at rest the idle and unfounded rumor that the successful Republican candidate would withdraw in favor of some one else. I hold as sacred the trust reposed in me by my party to make the race for the senate. Please tell the people of North Carolina that I shall not betray my trust and will be in the race until the last vote is counted. Tell them also that I am running for the office of United States senator, and that I do not want nor would I accept any federal appointment of any kind.

"I love every section of my state, from her majestic mountains to the shere line. I love our people and yearn to serve them. They are brave, progressive and independent. In 1928 350,000 of them voted the national Republican ticket. Those people have not gone anywhere. They are still domiciled on farms, in the villages, towns and cities of North Carolina. They will be no less true to their convictions in 1930 than they were in 1928.

"Never in its history has the Republican party of North Carolina been better organized or more enthusiastic and eager to enter a campaign. Never have its prospects of success been brighter. There is not a single discordant note to mar Republican harmony.

"We will appeal to every man and woman of our great state and will go forward in the confidence that victory will crown our efforts."

Major George E. Butler has congratulated and pledged support to Mr. Prichard as the senatorial nominee. Honorable Irvin B. Tucker, former United States district attorney, called upon Congressman Prichard today to tender his congratulations and to assure him of his support in the coming campaign. Mr. Tucker also stated that he was convinced from his canvass of the state that geographical considerations would in no wise effect or jeopardize Republican prospects of success.

In Honor of Mrs. R. D. Blackburn

The Delta Tau club entertained at a charming bridge luncheon on Monday at the Hotel Goldsboro honoring Mrs. R. D. Blackburn who made the top score for the club year and Mrs. J. D. Massey who made low score for the year. Mrs. Blackburn was presented with a handsome silver vase and Mrs. Massey with a Shari double compact.

The club members and their guests played cards at 11 o'clock in the card room and at the conclusion of the games Mrs. C. L. Richardson was presented with a novelty jardiniere as the high score prize of the day and Mrs. S. W. Armitage with a deck of Congress cards for the consolation.

At 1 o'clock the party was served a four course luncheon in the Hotel dining room at a table centered with a lovely arrangement of blue larkspur and pink snapdragons. The club members attending the bridge luncheon were: Mesdames R. D. Blackburn, C. E. Kornegay, W. D. Perkins, F. W. Waters, C. G. Whitaker, J. D. Massey, and Miss Mildred Perkins; and their guests were, Mrs. Ben Horner of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. I. W. Mayerberg, former club member, Mesdames J. S. Flowe and S. W. Armitage.

CITY FATHERS PUT ON ECONOMY PROGRAM

At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Selma, held on Monday night of this week, it was voted to extend their program of economy a bit by reducing the salaries of all town employees 10 percent. This, it is said, will produce a saving to the town during the next year of about \$1200, and since the town is facing a shortage of money due to a large amount of unpaid taxes, it shows a noble spirit in the officialdom of the town by sacrificing 10 percent of their income in order to help bridge over the financial crisis.

FOR U. S. SENATE CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

	Republican	Democratic	Democratic
Prichard	107	159	44
Butler	11	198	2366
Tucker	5	109	253
Dorset	0	19	74
Simmons	6	3	11
Bailey	2	0	5
Estep	3	20	1
Pall	0	0	0
Holloway	0	0	0
Clayton	0	5	0
Cleveland	1	0	0
Pleasant Grove	0	6	3
Elevation	6	2	0
West Banner	3	20	1
East Banner	3	45	1
Meadow	9	24	0
Bentonville	2	15	1
Ingrams	12	3	5
Boon Hill	3	10	0
Pine Level	5	2	0
Selma	9	8	1
Micro	4	6	0
Beulah	10	9	1
Oneals	0	1	0
Wilders	5	0	1
Wilson's Mills	0	0	2
Smithfield	35	3	21
Totals	107	159	44

The above is the Johnston County vote cast in the Primary on June 7th by precincts. The Republicans took very little interest in the primary and they did very little voting.

In some precincts there seemed to be very little activity by anybody except the Bailey workers. There was probably more work done for Bailey in the county than for all other candidate combined which accounts for his having received the largest primary vote.

The Republicans appeared to be well pleased with the outcome of the senatorial primary. The feeling seems to be general that Simmons is by far the best qualified of the Democratic candidates and if he had won in the primary, he probably would have received some Republican votes in the November election, regardless of who might have been named by the Republicans as his opponent. But since Mr. Bailey has defeated Mr. Simmons and is therefore the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, it is felt that the prospects for electing a Republican Senator are much better on that account. On the Republican side there were four candidates in the primary, but congressman George M. Prichard appears to have received many more votes than all the other Republicans combined, thus proving that he is the strongest of the Republican candidates.

Congressman Prichard by virtue of his experience in congress is by far the best qualified of all the candidates in both parties with the possible exception of Senator Simmons.

With such a strong and efficient candidate, it seems that the Republicans should be able to easily win over Bailey and his Al Smith following in the November election.

CITY TAXES MUST BE PAID, CITIZENS SAY

At a mass meeting of the citizens of the town of Selma, called by Mayor Hare, on Tuesday night of this week, a statement of the financial conditions of the Town of Selma, was read by a member of the firm of A. M. Pullen & Co., of Raleigh, who have recently completed an audit of the town's books. The statement showed that there are quite a number of the tax payers who owe taxes covering a period of years, and this situation has forced the Town Commissioners to borrow much money to finance bond interest and other obligations of the town, and even used money that should have been held intact to pay the current running expenses of the town. It was shown by the A. M. Pullen Audit that if all back taxes were paid up the town could finance itself and take care of all bonds and interest on a \$100 tax rate, but as it now stands, it will take much more than this, and even then the town may face financial embarrassment within the next few months unless a considerable volume of the past due taxes can be collected.

The meeting was well attended, and many free expressions were had from different citizens as to the proper course for the town officials to pursue. The majority seemed of the opinion that there was only one solution to the whole matter, and that is to collect the taxes. The meeting adjourned and the people went away with the understanding that the latter course will be diligently pursued. Under the statute it is mandatory that before the authorities can levy on the real estate that all personal property shall be exhausted, therefore the owners of automobiles and other personal property who have not paid their taxes should not be surprised if they are confronted with the problem of redeeming their car which may be seized for non-payment of taxes, unless same is paid in a reasonable time from this date.

AT THE SELMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be preaching next Sunday morning at the usual hour. At this meeting a few items of important business will be taken up, and every member is urged to be present. Visitors are always welcome.

D. F. WADDELL, Pastor.

BIRTHDAY DINNER AND FAMILY REUNION

On Sunday the children of Mr. W. W. Sherron gave him a surprise birthday dinner. The children began early to arrive and at twelve all were there with well filled baskets of good things to eat.

The table was centered with with a large birthday cake bearing 64 candles. The day was happily spent and all left wishing Mr. Sherron many more happy birthdays. Those present were: Mrs. Walter Avery, Mrs. Carlie Ryals, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ida Sherron, Miss Ruth Sherron, and Mr. Archie Sherron, together with all his grandchildren. Those with the other invited guests spent a happy day.

Bridge Club

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. W. W. Hare entertained her bridge club. The home was artistically decorated with variegated flowers.

Mrs. J. D. Massey and Mrs. E. V. Woodard cut for high score prize. This was won by Mrs. Woodard and was a double deck of cards. Mrs. W. P. Aycock received low score prize which was a string of beads. Those playing were: Mesdames J. D. Massey, R. D. Blackburn, C. E. Kornegay, G. M. Norwood, J. L. Doggett, A. J. Holliday, Frank Sitton, Roger Strickland, Hunter Price, E. V. Woodard, Carl Worley, Stanley Armitage, W. P. Aycock, J. S. Flowe, C. L. Richardson and Miss Mildred Perkins. The hostess served a salad course with cake and ice tea.

Dusting Demonstration Ner Micro Saturday

There will be a demonstration of cotton dusting machines, Saturday, June 21st, at 10:00 a. m., on the C. A. Fitzgerald farm near Micro. This farm is one mile east of Micro on the old Goldsboro road, near Zion Methodist church.

Four different types of dusting machines will be demonstrated. Anything from a small two-row machine to a tractor outfit carrying from thirty-five to fifty rows may be seen in operation. All farmers interested in dusting machines for fighting the boll weevil are urged to attend this demonstration, which will be conducted by County Agent, J. B. Slack, assisted by the various representatives of the companies, whose machines will be demonstrated.

Johnston County Commissioners Consider School Matters

Superintendent Marrow Asks For a New School Building at Four Oaks; Benson Comes to the Rescue.

Smithfield, June 16.—There was a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held here today to consider the matter of equalizing the taxes, financing the schools etc.

County Supt. of Schools H. B. Marrow, and several citizens of Four Oaks appeared before the Board and stressed the need of a new school building at Four Oaks.

From their line of talk it appeared that there was absolutely no way to get around the fact that they must have a new building with not less than 8 rooms right away.

In the Four Oaks school this year 33 teachers were employed, but it is contended that next year owing either to the extension of the program of consolidation or for some other reason 43 teachers will be needed in that school. The principal of the school thinks he can get by with 38 teachers this coming year, but there are only 30 rooms in the Four Oaks school building, and the contention today was that a new building containing not less than 8 rooms must be erected immediately; and it was suggested that as it was expected that 8 or 10 additional rooms would be needed there within the next few years it would be cheaper in the long-run to erect a building now with 16 or 18 rooms, and thus be prepared to take care of the increase in attendance as it might develop. The cost of such a building would be around \$100,000.00.

Just at the time when it looked like they had the Board of Commissioners almost cornered with their argument, and were putting on the pressure to convince the members of the board that there was absolutely no avenue of escape for them from the expense of a new school building at Four Oaks. Judge Ezra Parker, a member of the Benson school board came to the rescue with a proposition to take care of all the overflow from the Four Oaks school, and to house and teach the children at the average per capita rate of cost in the county as a whole. The matter was left open with the understanding that Judge Parker and superintendent Marrow would endeavor to arrange a joint meeting here between the County Board of Education and the Benson school board on June 20th.

Mr. Marrow did not seem to be very favorably impressed with the idea of turning the children over to the Benson school, as that school does not belong to the county-wide system, but it was explained that for many of the children the haul would be much shorter to Benson than to Four Oaks.

In fact it is said that some of the children who live within one mile of Benson, are under the present arrangement trucked to the Four Oaks school, and that the Four Oaks school trucks are often seen passing through the town of Benson loaded with school children. And while this has been going on there has been 8 vacant rooms in the Benson school building.

The Four Oaks school trucks are also said to have often been seen in Wayne County, as they traveled along near the Johnston-Wayne county line in collecting and delivering their loads of students, and that in the winter when the roads were bad, or when the school trucks were out of order, there is said to have been some days on which the children from these distant points failed to reach the school at all.

This business of doing away with good school buildings that are conveniently located, and then issuing and selling bonds to erect new buildings, and buying and operating school trucks to take the children 10 to 20 miles to and from the schools, is an expensive system. It costs big money to do these things at best, and when it has to be done on borrowed money, as has always been the case in Johnston County, it seems that there is very little excuse for so much of it, as has been done in recent years.

The taxpayers are now burdened almost beyond endurance. Many of them at this time are unable to pay their 1928 and 1929 taxes, and yet the school budget goes up from

Annual Singing Convention at Benson

Has Been Annual Affair For Several Years

Next Sunday, June 22, is the time for the Annual Singing Convention at Benson. This has been an annual event at Benson now for several years and is becoming to be of State wide interest, as the contesting choirs come from far and near to compete for the Loving Cup which is awarded each year to the choir that is adjudged to do the best singing.

Some of the outstanding features in this year's singing convention will be an address at 11:30 o'clock Sunday morning by Hon. Dennis Brummitt, Attorney General, of Raleigh; the Girls' Junior Quartet, of Burlington; a Boys' Quartet, of Greensboro; the Piedmont Quartet, of Graham; the Burlington Junior Girls' Quartet; the Girls' Chorus, of Falcon, and various singing choirs and quartets from Johnston and adjoining counties. If the weather is favorable for the occasion it is expected that an immense crowd will be present and the entire day from 10 o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon will be filled with song. Those who have never attended one of these great musical feasts will be well paid for a visit to Benson next Sunday.

NORTH CAROLINIANS MAKE SPLENDID RECORDS IN VIRGINIA

Mr. Alex T. Millinder, of Portsmouth, was in the city last week and regretted missing the reception given Dr. Henry Louis Smith's former Selma students. In reminiscent mood, he told a citizen many interesting and amusing incidents connected with Dr. Smith's work in Selma from 1881 to 1885.

He also commented on the number of native tarheels who were filling important and lucrative positions in Virginia. In Norfolk 10 of the 11 bank presidents are North Carolinians and several college presidents are natives of North Carolina.

To Give Dusting Demonstration At D. T. Bailey's June 24

On Tuesday afternoon, June 24th, at 2:00 o'clock, Mr. J. B. Slack, County Farm Agent, assisted by Mr. J. A. Smith, will give a dusting demonstration for destroying the boll weevil on the farm of Mr. D. T. Bailey who lives in the Corbett-Hatcher section on Highway 23 about 8 miles north of Selma.

This is another boll weevil year, and the farmers should take advantage of seeing these demonstrations put on.

LUCILE PARRISH WINS MEDAL

Through an oversight it was not announced in the local paper that Lucile Parrish had won the golf medal offered each year by the Supt. of the Selma Cotton Mills to the child from this mill making the highest average for the school term in the grammar grades. Lucile made the enviable average of 94 for the entire term. She was in the fourth grade of the Selma school.

year to year by leaps and bounds. The crop prospects are now poor and there is nothing to encourage the making of big debts.

There is no denying the fact that this sort of thing can not go on forever. There must be a stopping place, and there will be a stopping place. If this business of increasing the school expenditures at such a rapid rate is not stopped voluntarily, at this end of the line, it will be stopped by the bond buyers at the other end of the line. When they refuse to buy our notes and bonds, or to loan us any more money.

The credit of Johnston County has been good, and it is good now; but there is a limit, and if we continue to increase our school expenditures as we have been doing for several years that limit will be reached and that will put a stop to the extravagant spending.

We should strive to live within our means in public business as well as in our private affairs.