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Ransom Sanders Jumps to His Death

Prominent Business Man of Smithfield and Raleigh Commits Suicide Following Several Months of Ill Health. Funeral Largely Attended.

Smithfield, May 8.—Over a thousand friends and relatives from all over North Carolina attended the funeral services of W. Ransom Sanders, prominent in the business and social life of Raleigh and Smithfield, which was conducted here Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of his mother, Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Sr.

Rev. Chester Alexander, of Tarboro, and Rev. Dr. James P. Smith, pastor of the Smithfield Presbyterian church conducted the services, burial being made in the Smithfield cemetery. The active pallbearers were, N. M. Lawrence, Robert Winston, W. Z. Bush, of Raleigh; Herndon Alexander and Robert Welles, of Charlotte; Bert Parrish and R. P. Holding of Smithfield. The floral offering was profuse and beautiful.

Mr. Sanders, who had been under treatment for a nervous disorder for the past five months, Friday afternoon jumped from the third floor of a Baltimore hospital and crashed to his death on a paved court below. Physicians at the institution had considered him sufficiently improved to allow him to play golf occasionally. Plans had been made for his return to North Carolina the first of this week. He was president of the Raleigh baseball club of the Piedmont League and of the Sanders Motor Company of Raleigh and Smithfield. He was an alumnus of State College and of the University of North Carolina. On last Wednesday he celebrated his 40th birthday.

He was the son of the late W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, and a native of Johnston county, having been educated in the Smithfield schools. Mr. Sanders was a World War veteran, having served as a Lieutenant in the Motor Transport Division. He was an active member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his mother and his widow, formerly Miss Alice Cheek, of Henderson, a daughter, Alice Cheek Sanders, one brother, William M. Sanders, Jr., of Smithfield, five sisters, Mrs. William Bailey Jones, Mrs. George Ross Pau, of Raleigh, Mrs. Willis Glass and Mrs. A. H. Rose of Smithfield, and Mrs. Alex Holoman, of Florida.

Will Be Republican In A Few Days

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Enclosed please find 50 cents in stamps for which please send me your paper until after the election. Hope by that time I will be able to renew. I am now registered as a Democrat and have voted that ticket in the county and state. I think I will change my party affiliation within the next few days. As I am convinced that we will never have fair election laws enacted by the Democratic party. I would like to know what change your party will make in the election law when you get in power besides repeal of the Absentee ballot? That much of your platform I know I am in favor of. One thing I hate to see is a man like Alf Templeton seems to be leading your party in Wake county—I'll say "we" for in a few days I'll be a Republican if there is no objection. So I'll say we want to watch who is leading our party. I don't think men like Templeton is any help to any party.

First and last, I hope first that is going to be the downfall of the Democratic party in our state. Just the putting such men as Jess Williams and Alf Templeton in the lead. So much of that from national to township is what is driving me from the party and as I am changing I expect to stay changed until the leadership in the Republican party gets to where I can't follow. May the Lord help us to change our State.

Your for honesty in both public and private affairs,

J. W. TARPLEY.

Wendell, N. C., May 7, 1932.

Dunn Suffers Big Blaze Last Sunday

Entire Block Is Razed By Fire Before It Is Finally Controlled. Origin Is Unknown.

Dunn, May 9.—Business houses on an entire block here were damaged by a fire which broke out at 3:45 a. m., Sunday and was not brought under control until early today.

Estimates of the damage ranged as high as \$250,000. Two men were painfully burned in fighting the fire which caused local firemen to call for aid from Benson, Fayetteville and Smithfield.

J. W. Thornton, automobile dealer whose garage and 25 automobiles burned, and one of his employees were the men burned fighting the fire. Neither was burned seriously.

After breaking out early Sunday, the blaze destroyed Baer's department store, a three-story building; Thornton's garage, and damaged the First and Citizens' bank, the Butler and Lee drug store and a number of offices and other stores.

The fire apparently extinguished, but last night a wall of Baer's store fell and the blaze flared up again. Swept by a high wind, it spread to the Progressive store, the Carolina Power and Light company offices and W. H. Adams' store.

Destruction of the Carolina Power and Light company's plant left the town in darkness. The origin of the blaze is not known.

Wayne Republicans Put Out Full Ticket

Goldsboro, May 9.—Wayne county Republicans, in a convention at the courthouse Saturday afternoon nominated the following slate for the general election this fall:

For state senate, Julian P. Gaskill, Goldsboro; house of representatives, W. A. Jinnette, of Grantham; coroner, J. W. Mazingo, of Arrington's Bridge section; sheriff, T. C. Crow, of Goldsboro; register of deeds, Haywood Cox, of Saulston township; county commissioners: C. H. Cogdell, of Grantham, C. B. McCordless, of Patetown, B. E. Martin, of Mount Olive, S. C. Casey, of Indian Springs, and A. A. Miller, of Goldsboro.

Fairview Revival Making Headway

The meeting started last Sunday evening with Rev. A. T. Lassiter as speaker and has been going fine. He has been delivering splendid sermons on sin and its effects. If for any reason you have had to miss any of these services you have been missing something. Do not miss another service. The time is short. Services will continue through next Sunday night. There will also be services Sunday morning at the usual hour. Services every night at 8 o'clock.

D. F. WADDELL, Pastor.

SELMA DEFEATS SMITHFIELD

The Selma town team defeated Smithfield 6 to 5 Monday at Selma. After Smithfield had taken the lead in the fifth, Selma came back in the sixth to win with 3 runs. Talton of Selma led the hitting.

Batteries: Smithfield, Norton, Watson, Johnson and Honeycutt; Selma, McMillan, Short and Creech.

Selma will be glad to book games with any amateur outfits desiring to make same.

SELMA HIGHS DEFEAT FOUR OAKS IN BALL GAME

Selma High defeated Four Oaks 5 to 3 here Tuesday afternoon. Munden pitched air tight ball and limited the visitors to four hits, Selma getting nine hits. Munden and Foster led the home team at the bat. Batteries: Four Oaks, Barber and Stanley; Selma, Munden and Parrish. Umpire, Worrell and Vick.

T. D. Temple, of Halifax County, shipped the last load of 66 steers which he has been feeding this winter. The animals gained two pounds a day while on feed and topped the market when sold.

Farmer Accused Poisoning Wells

Pervis Stephenson of Pleasant Grove Township Charged With Placing Paris Green In Neighbors' Water.

Smithfield, May 9.—Pervis Stephenson, well known farmer of Pleasant Grove township, was in jail here today in default of a \$500 bond, having been arrested for poisoning the wells of Mrs. Mary Stephenson and Will H. Taylor with Paris green.

Sheriff R. H. Richardson, who personally investigated the case, found that Mrs. Will H. Taylor, whose husband is a tenant of Mrs. Mary Stephenson, mother of the accused man, was the first to discover traces of poisoning. When she went to draw water from the well, she saw about a pound of Paris green on the bucket shelf of the well. A white looking substance on the sides of the well above the water level led her to suspect that Paris green had been thrown into the well. The water itself was slightly discolored.

Further investigation revealed a small quantity of Paris green on the bucket shelf of Mrs. Mary Stephenson's well and the same white substance was found on the sides of the well. A search revealed two fruit jars behind a barn not far away, Paris green evidently having been used in one and either flour or lime in the other.

Bloodhounds were placed on a trail, which led directly to the home of Pervis Stephenson, who lives about 200 yards from his mother. Stephenson was arrested and was given an immediate hearing before Justice of the Peace Ed Coats, who found probable cause and bound him over to the Superior court.

According to Sheriff Richardson's investigation, Will H. Taylor and Stephenson had recently quarreled over a tobacco bed which they had planted together.

Stephenson was taken ill on his way to jail here and a physician was called, who stated he was suffering from appendicitis, but he refused to be carried to a hospital for an operation.

Lumber Plant Is Destroyed By Fire

Four Oaks, May 9.—Fire of undetermined origin burned the Pope and Tart lumber plant here last night along with two freight cars loaded with lumber and a quantity of lumber which was stacked in the yard.

Firemen from Smithfield came here to help fight the blaze.

Loss was estimated at about \$10,000 to the lumber company, not including the value of the freight cars.

MISS LOUISE STALLINGS ACCEPTS POSITION IN TENN.

Miss Louise Stallings, who has been in the employment of Holleman Chevrolet Company and the Johnston County Merchants Association of this city, has accepted a position with a firm in Memphis, Tenn.

Her many friends in Smithfield and Selma regret to hear of her leaving, but will be glad to know that she had the good fortune to secure a much better position. She is the daughter of Mrs. W. H. Stallings, of Selma, where she has made her home all her life. There was quite a large crowd at the station in Selma from Smithfield and Selma to see her off.

Entertain At Birthday Party.

Mrs. C. L. Wooten entertained at a lovely party, Thursday, May 5th, from 3 to 5 o'clock in honor of the first birthday of her little daughter, Claras Le Sesne. The home was tastefully decorated with sweet peas and roses, a color motif of pink and white being observed. Upon arrival, punch was served to the little guests, after which games were played and stories were told to them.

They were then invited to the dining room where a lovely white birthday cake, surmounted by a single lighted candle, formed the centerpiece for the table. The birthday cake was cut and served with pink and white block cream. The hostess was assisted in entertaining and serving by Mrs. P. A. Holland and Miss Dora Jane Lumpkin.

Mr. T. H. Whitley Recorder's Court Died Here Monday

All Business Houses In City Closed For Funeral Tuesday Afternoon—Interment Took Place In The City Cemetery.

The town of Selma was saddened Monday morning when it became known that Mr. Thaddeus H. Whitley had passed away. He died at 1:00 a. m. He had been in declining health for some months, and had recently undergone an operation at the Johnston County Hospital. Two weeks ago he was brought home, where he gradually weakened until the end came.

Mr. Whitley was 80 years of age on April 25, 1932. He was one of Selma's pioneer merchants and had extensive farming interests before he retired several years ago. For 45 years he had lived in Selma and had made his contributions to the civic, social and religious life of the town and community. He was a true friend, a good neighbor, and until the infirmities of age prevented, he was most helpful and sympathetic in the sick room. 30 years ago he joined the Selma Methodist church and remained a faithful, loyal member. He showed by his regular church attendance that he could say with David: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

On April 12, 1882, he was married to Miss Ida Belle Fuller, of Earsboro, and as a result of this union six children were born, one baby daughter dying in infancy and a grown son passed away several years ago. Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. M. R. Wall, Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Mrs. R. E. Suber of Selma, and Mrs. W. F. Black of Roanoke, Va. Ten grandchildren, one brother, Mr. W. G. Whitley of Durham, and one sister, Mrs. Lula B. Christman, of Robersonville, are left to mourn their loss.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by his pastor, Rev. L. T. Singleton, and interment took place in the family plot in the Selma cemetery. Pallbearers were: G. N. Siler, A. V. Driver, N. G. Blackman, W. T. Woodard, G. C. Hinton and C. L. Richardson. Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. Geo. D. Vick, Dr. J. B. Person, C. P. Harper, J. J. Deans, W. H. Etheredge, J. H. Griffin and W. H. Call. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended the funeral and the floral offerings were very beautiful and numerous.

Among those from out of town here to attend the funeral were: Mrs. D. L. Brock, Mrs. M. R. New, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Whitley and E. C. Whitley, of Durham; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitley, Mr. Philip Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson, of Wendell, and Mrs. J. W. Markham, of Greensboro.

War Veterans To Give A Fish Fry

Notices are being sent out by the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion announcing a Fish Supper to be held at Catch-Me-Eye Friday night, May 13th, at 6:30 o'clock. It is announced that all World War Veterans are invited to attend this supper whether they are members of the Pou-Parrish Post or not.

BUSINESS ON WAY UP

Washington—Star. Dr. Robert Thompson, author, lecturer and business analyst, declared before 250 local bankers at the Columbia Country Club last night that business has already hit bottom and turned upward and that by the end of 1932 there will have been an upswing of real proportions. Col. Ayres of the Cleveland Trust Co., and many other bankers and economists believe the worst over, the speaker said, and "from my travels around the country I believe they are right."

Dr. Thompson's address was most entertaining and instructive. He is a very rapid talker and did not stop to give any figures to back up some of his broadest statements, but he left no doubt in the minds of the financiers present that he is sure better times are coming during the remainder of the year. Bankers hold the same views about the recovery, but it is hard to get

Recorder's Court Has Busy Session

Three Young Men From Selma Found Guilty Stealing Chickens—Cooke Given Four Months On Roads While Earp and Crumpler Were Given Suspended Sentences.

State vs. Cary Watson, colored farmer, aged 30, for an assault upon a female. Guilty. Defendant is given 4 months on roads.

State vs. John Henry McLamb, colored laborer, aged 25, for violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession of whiskey for purpose of sale. Defendant given 60 days on roads.

State vs. Early McLeod, white farmer, aged 40, for assault with car. Guilty, and \$15 fine with cost.

State vs. Ira Dixon, white merchant, for operating slot machine. Plea of guilty. Discharged upon payment of cost.

State vs. Jack Pilkington, white farmer, aged 39, for violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession of home brew for purpose of sale and given six months road sentence, suspended upon condition that defendant does not violate prohibition law in any manner during the next two years, and upon condition that he pays a fine of \$25 and cost. Copies to issue at request of solicitor.

State vs. Needham Cooke, white laborer, aged 20; Howard Crumpler, white laborer, aged 19, for larceny of chickens, value less than \$20. All defendants found guilty. Cooke given 4 months on roads. Crumpler and Earp given a six months road sentence to be suspended upon condition that they do not violate any criminal law in North Carolina during the next 2 years. Crumpler and Earp to pay one-half cost each.

State vs. Needham Cooke, for larceny. Nol pros with leave.

State vs. J. Willie Carroll, white farmer, aged 33, for violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession of 60 gallons of beer. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Jessie Williams, colored, aged 20, for carrying concealed weapon (razor). Guilty. Defendant given jail sentence of 60 days.

State vs. Tom Lewis, colored laborer, aged 32, for violation of prohibition law. Guilty of possession of one and a half quarts of whiskey for purpose of sale. Defendant is given suspended road sentence of 60 days upon condition that he does not violate prohibition law again in North Carolina during next six months and upon condition that defendant pays \$10 fine and cost.

State vs. Theodore Atkinson, colored laborer, aged 23, and Willie McLain, colored laborer, aged 24. Atkinson guilty of operating car while intoxicated and careless driving. Willie McLain guilty of being publicly drunk and disorderly and using profane and indecent language on public highway. Atkinson given 4 months on roads. Notice of appeal. McLain given sentence of 30 days to be worked as sheriff sees fit, to be suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and cost.

State vs. Golden Wood, white laborer, aged 22, for violation of prohibition law. Guilty of possession of whiskey for purpose of sale. Defendant given six months road sentence to be suspended upon condition that defendant does not violate the prohibition law again in North Carolina during the next six months and upon condition that defendant pays fine of \$25 and cost.

Meeting of P. T. A.

The P. T. A. will meet on Tuesday evening in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Mrs. J. T. Hughes is program chairman and will present a program on "The Pre-school Child." There will be a play given by pre-school children, as well as other interesting features. This is the last meeting of the year and it is hoped that every member will be present. We will be glad to have any one interested in our school to attend.

them to say just when the happy days will come. Dr. Thompson does not hesitate to say the change will be this year.

He spoke on "Looking Ahead Twelve Months." "Don't follow the mob," he said. "Don't sell your stocks at the bottom. The mob is always wrong. Take exactly the opposite course. The mob bought stocks at the top in 1929 and is now selling at the bottom in 1932."

Bad Hail Storm Visits Bladenboro

Tobacco and Cotton Crops Are a Total Loss and Gardens Ruined. Storm Came From Southwest and Was Three Miles In Width.

Bladenboro, May 11.—The worst hail, wind and rain storm ever seen here visited this section Tuesday afternoon about 6:15 o'clock. A terrific wind accompanied the hail, which ranged in size from marbles to hen eggs and lasted for more than 20 minutes. The rainfall was one of the heaviest ever recorded here. Large trees were uprooted, roofs torn from houses, houses destroyed, chickens killed and all gardens and farm crops totally destroyed.

The tobacco and cotton crops are a total loss and the gardens which were the means of existence for hundreds of families, absolutely are gone.

The storm was reported to be about three miles in width, coming from the southwest and increasing in velocity as it passed over here at 9 o'clock Tuesday night. Hail was reported to be one to two feet deep in some places.

Dogs! Dogs!

Selma is infested with dogs. Infested is the word. Mr. Webster says infest means, "to trouble by numbers or by frequency of presence; to visit persistently and molest, to vex, to annoy."

The dogs in Selma are a perfect nuisance, by day they romp over vegetable and flower gardens; by night they prowl in back yards and run on the streets, barking, yelping, snarling and fighting. They go in singles, doubles and groups.

If our city "Dads" would put a tax of \$3 on each dog to be paid not later than June 1st, the funds derived therefrom would repete the town coffers, or else there would be a wholesale killing of worthless dogs. There are people in Selma who do not hesitate to say that their families do not have sufficient food, yet they keep from one to three dogs. Will not those in authority take action?

CITIZEN.

Johnston County Hospital News

Smithfield, May 10.—Mrs. H. M. Evans, of Micro, was admitted the 29th of April for treatment. She left the hospital the following Sunday, much improved.

Mr. John Ransom Bain, of Four Oaks, was admitted April 30th for a major operation. He returned to his home yesterday.

Mrs. J. R. Blackman, of Smithfield, Route 2, was admitted May 1st, for a major operation and is improving nicely.

Mr. Millard Southerland, of Selma, was admitted the 1st, with a broken leg and is getting along fine. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cade Suggs, of Four Oaks, son, on the 2nd. Mother and child doing nicely.

Mrs. Gardner Johnson, of Four Oaks, was admitted the 2nd, for treatment. She is improving.

Leroy Blake, colored, was admitted the 2nd with a gun shot wound. He is getting along fine.

Mr. Walter Godwin, of Pine Level, was admitted the 4th for a major operation. He left for his home today.

Mrs. M. T. Hinton, of Princeton, was admitted the 4th for treatment. She is getting along fine.

Miss Nora Adams, of Four Oaks, Route 2, was admitted the 5th for a minor operation. She returned to her home today.

Mr. W. R. Barefoot, of Pikeville, was admitted the 9th for a major operation. He is improving.

Mrs. Anna Creech, of Smithfield, was admitted yesterday and underwent a minor operation today.

Mr. Walter Creech, of Four Oaks, was admitted yesterday for a major operation.

In a tonsil clinic held in the hospital the 3rd, the following patients had their tonsils removed: Little Miss Pattie Lee Jackson, of Clayton; Master Odell Faison and little Miss Nellie Norris, of Clayton; little Miss Susie Bryant, of Wilson Mills; little Miss Doris Pounds, of Clayton; little Miss Lucile Pearce, of Wendell, Route 1.