

Two Selma Youths Are Killed When Auto Hits Train

Accident Occurred At Grade Crossing In Selma Tuesday Night When East Bound Southern Passenger Train Demolishes Auto In Which Two Youths Were Riding.

A most pathetic accident occurred in Selma last Tuesday night when Buddie Brewer and Johnnie Ange, Selma youths, were fatally injured about 9:30 when a Pontiac coach in which they were riding was struck by passenger train No. 22 at highway 22 crossing, just a block from the business section of the town.

After an examination was made by Dr. Geo. D. Vick, local physician for the Southern Railway, the two boys were rushed to the Johnston County hospital, where Brewer died about 45 minutes later, having suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. Ange lived until 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. His neck was broken.

Both these boys had been out to Catch-Me-Eye where they had taken two girls and had stopped at the Sinclair Filling Station just across the railroad and gotten some gas. They were both employees on the night shift at the Cotton mill here and were hurrying back to their duties. When they reached the railroad crossing, train No. 22 was approaching, but being unable to cross ahead of the engine the driver of the car seemed to have cut his car to the right and ran into the locomotive of the train. The drive shaft came down on the car crushing it. Both of these unfortunate youths were locked in each others arms when found under the automobile.

The bodies were brought from the hospital at Smithfield to the Bailey Undertaking Company in Selma and prepared for burial.

The funeral services of Johnnie Ange were held from the home of his sister, Mrs. W. W. Willis, in this city, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment was made in the Watson cemetery, near Pine Level Young Ange only lacked a few days of being 20 years of age. He came to Selma about three years ago and accepted a position with the Selma Cotton Mills. His mother resides at Red Springs.

The funeral of Buddie Brewer was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer. The remains were interred in the Watson cemetery. Brewer was 21 years of age. He also held a position with the Selma Cotton Mills.

In speaking of the unfortunate affair shortly after the tragic occurrence Tuesday night, a prominent business man of Selma was heard to remark that the crossing where this accident occurred is the only one this side of Greensboro where a State or National Highway crosses a railroad that does not have either a watchman or a danger signal burning to warn the traveling public. He thinks that the State Highway Commission is highly negligent by not protecting the public at this point.

Court House Janitor Accused of Larceny

Smithfield, Nov. 25.—P. W. Stevens, colored janitor of the court house, 29 years of age, was placed on trial at the term of the Recorder's court held here this week, and charged with the larceny of government flour and cloth, valued at less than \$20.

A search was made for the missing flour and cloth, and it resulted in one and a half barrels of the Red Cross flour being found stored away in a sugar barrel in the defendant's home, and two bags of the flour were found in a basement room in the court house building, to which the defendant alone had access.

The defendant was adjudged guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of eight months and assigned to work upon the public roads, and from this sentence he appealed to the Superior court and placed under bond of \$200, for his appearance at the term which convenes on December 12th.

Recorder's Court For Wednesday, Nov. 23.

State vs. P. W. Stevens, colored laborer, aged 29, for larceny of government flour and cloth, value less than \$20. Guilty, and given 8 months on roads. Notice of appeal, bond fixed at \$200.

State vs. Jarvis Stencil, colored laborer, aged 20, for A. D. W., is found guilty and given 60 days on the roads.

State vs. Jarvis Stencil for trespassing and A. D. W., not guilty.

State vs. Riley Rains, careless and reckless driving and assault with auto. Plea of guilty, and fined \$25 and cost.

State vs. John Frank Norris and A. M. Jernigan, both white, for larceny of two tires and wheels from auto, value less than \$20.00. Both guilty, and each sentenced to 30 days on roads.

State vs. Minnie Rue, colored, A. D. W. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs. Bertha Rue, colored, aged 17, A. D. W. Guilty and sentenced to 60 days in jail to be worked as sheriff sees fit.

State vs. Melton Creech, Burlon Humphrey and Hob on Humphrey, or house-breaking and larceny. All defendants plead guilty. Probable cause found as to all and each is bound to Superior court. Bond of each fixed at \$300.

State vs. Harvey Barnes, colored farmer, aged 31, for V. P. L., is found guilty of possession of still outfit and manufacturing whiskey. Defendant sentenced to 90 days on roads. Appeal, bond \$200.

State vs. Melvin Creech, white laborer, aged 19, who was in court in capias for violation of suspended sentence in former case. Defendant sentenced to serve 6 months on roads.

State vs. Silas Toole, white laborer, aged 16, for A. D. W., is found guilty and given 6 months on roads, to the suspended upon payment of cost and upon further condition that defendant does not violate any criminal law of North Carolina during next two years.

State vs. G. A. Biggs, false pretense. Not guilty.

State vs. Kermit Toole, white farmer, aged 22, for A. D. W., is found guilty and sentenced to 60 days on roads.

State vs. Walker Wadsworth, a white farmer, aged 24, for A. D. W., is found guilty and sentenced to 60 days on roads. Notice of appeal. Appeal withdrawn.

Tuesday, Nov. 29th.

State vs. C. E. Stephenson, white auctioneer, aged 26, for operating motor vehicle while intoxicated. A plea of guilty. Fined \$50 and cost and defendant ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days.

State vs. Charles McDoughal, colored laborer, aged 31, for careless and reckless driving. Plea of guilty, and fined \$25 and cost.

State vs. LeRoy Creech, Oscar Wallace, R. A. Daughtry, A. H. Lewis and L. D. Daughtry, for violation of prohibition laws, possession of still outfit and manufacturing whiskey and possession of one gallon of whiskey. R. A. Daughtry, L. D. Daughtry and LeRoy Creech not guilty and discharged. Oscar Wallace and A. H. Lewis guilty on all counts. Defendant Wallace sentenced to 90 days on roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and one-half the cost. Lewis sentenced to 60 days on roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and one-half the cost.

SAYS DICKINSON DIDN'T RESIST RETURN TO N. C.

"The statement that 'Red' Dickinson, under charges at Smithfield, was extradited from Biloxi, Miss., was a mistake," says W. I. Godwin of Selma, Dickinson's attorney. "It was true that extradition papers were issued by Governor Gardner, but it was not necessary for the governor of Mississippi to honor them. Dickinson did not resist being returned to North Carolina."

Dickinson is charged with robbery and is at liberty under \$1,000 bond for appearance for trial.

Advertisement Lured Girls To Home of Dr. Dan Harris

As Aftermath 66-Year-Old Raleigh Unlicensed Physician Now Faces Serious Charge—Johnston County Girl One of Many Involved.

(News & Observer, Nov 28)
"Wanted—Needy young woman with no home or incumbrance to stay in good home, immediately for trial. P. O. Box 649, Raleigh."

It was the lure of such an advertisement as this, appearing in an afternoon newspaper of November 16, that led blue-eyed Sallie King, 12-year-old Johnston county girl to the home of "Doctor" Dan Harris, who is 66.

And the result led "Doctor" Harris to jail, charged with carnal knowledge of a girl under 16 years of age. Arrested last Friday, the self-styled "cancer doctor," who operates over numerous counties from his office and home in Raleigh, was jailed in default of \$2,500 bond to await a hearing in Municipal Court this morning.

It will be a sordid tale that is unfolded from the witness stand before Judge Wiley G. Barnes, but it will be a story that probably never will be related in full.

Apparently Sallie was just one in a long procession of destitute girls and young women who answered the ads inserted in various papers by "Doctor Harris. The full extent of the hopes and longings, the tales of woe and honest pleadings for a "good home" that passed through P. O. Box 649, Raleigh, may never be known, according to those familiar with the case of "Doctor" Harris.

But some of them will be related in court this morning when Sallie and her mother, Mrs. Myrtle King, and probably others take the stand to testify against Harris, who without a license to practice medicine has acquired a reputation for prescriptions for cancer and other diseases.

Some of them were prescribed for Mrs. King and Sallie, during the latter's two-months residence at the home of Harris and his wife on South Blount Street.

According to the mother, Harris said Sallie was in the last stages of tuberculosis and he gave medicine to the child, claiming that his treatment was saving her life. But Sallie with rose-red bloom of health in her cheeks, sparkling eyes and laughing lips, looked yesterday as if she'd never seen a sick day in all her dozen years.

As for the mother, she said that the "doctor" got his wires crossed while diagnosing her.

"He told me I had heart trouble," related Mrs. King, "and he give me some kind of medicine that made me plumb sick. Later on I got a real doctor to examine me and he said there wasn't anything ailing me but my liver."

The seven Kings, the mother and her six children, live on a stretch of flat open country near Wilson Mills, which is about eight miles from Clayton in Johnston county. All of the young ones are healthy, active boys and girls, the eldest a boy of 17 and the youngest, a girl about a year of age. Sallie will be 13 on December 13, Mrs. King said.

Traffic Accidents Killed 33,500 In 1931, Say Report

Washington, Nov. 27.—A toll of 33,500 deaths and injuries to more than 1,000,000 people was exacted by traffic accidents in the United States in 1931.

The national conference on street and highway safety, Secretary Chapin said in his annual report today, estimated the economic loss of the accidents, together with traffic congestions, at more than \$3,000,000,000.

"Reports for 1932," the secretary continued, "so far as available on June 30, show for the first time in automobile history a decrease in the fatality rate but this decrease is small and is attributable in the main to reduction in automobile registrations."

Changing of School Books Is Extravagant

A City Superintendent's Point of View In Regard to the Proposed Change in Geographies or Any Textbooks.

Ever since the State Elementary textbook commission held its secret session in Greensboro last June and it leaked out that it contemplated making a change in Geographies and State wide protest has been voiced in the press and in several resolutions by various bodies that have met from time to time, and passed resolutions opposing changes in any textbooks at this time.

Since the change being contemplated at the present time is Geography, I am going to confine myself largely to the subject under discussion.

The practice of having two books adopted each year instead of all at one time is another matter that is very difficult to explain. It keeps the schools constantly changing textbooks and the teachers themselves are hardly able to keep up without the "change in style" of books. For some mysterious reason it seems that the value of the teacher as such has been entirely overlooked in our schools and that the textbook is supposed to be all-sufficient provided it is one of the late models.

It has been hoped that the Commission would have some regard for the feelings of the people who would have to foot the bill of the change in school books at this time and would recommend a carry-over of the books now in use at least until times considerably improve.

But such is not to be the case. The Chairman of the Textbook Commission has just placed in the hands of the State Superintendent a report which has been ready for some time but was evidently withheld from the public for political reasons until after the election. This report recommends a sweeping change in geographies in all the Elementary grades above the third, and according to the records of enrollment as recorded in State School Facts would force over 300,000 children to purchase new books. Only the State Board of Education now stands between the patrons of the Public Schools and this enormous addition to the people's educational bill next year.

We notice that the State Board of Education, of which the Governor is Chairman, has issued a call for bids on the books recommended to be submitted on December 1st, at which time the Board will decide as to whether a change in geographies will be made.

It is unbelievable that the members of the State Board of Education, who are heads of the various departments of the State Government and who lay awake nights worrying about where the money is coming from to keep the old State on an even financial keel, will be a party to what is generally thought of as being absolutely unnecessary and wasteful. To make \$300,000 worth of school books now in the hands of the children and pitch them into the rubbish pile when thousands of children are kept in school today only because their books, food and clothing are furnished by Federal, State and local charities, is more than most people can imagine.

The following headlines have recently appeared in daily papers of North Carolina: "Says Thousands in Wilmington Do not Get Enough to Eat"; "Food Demanded by Mill Hands, March Into Sheriff's Office and Asked for Something to Eat"; "Serious Conditions Prevail in Edgecombe County"; "Discuss Plan for Feeding Needy"; "Special Prayer for Employment"; "North Carolina Crop Values Drop \$77,000,000, says Graham".

With such headlines screaming at them every day from the State Press it is not thought that the State Board of Education will make itself a party to this wasteful procedure.

One studies in vain the Commission's report for a good and sufficient reason for making a change in geography at this time. Their criticisms of the books now in use are only general and matters of personal opinions. They are punctuated with such terms as, "Obsolete", "Uninteresting", and "encyclopedic". The question arises as to whom these books are uninteresting. Its true that the teachers have been teaching them for ten years and they may not get the thrill out of them they did the first time they opened the books. But to the children who haven't studied the books before, they are new and interest-

Citizen Says Selma Is A Church-Going Town

For whom do the schools exist, teachers or children? Must the patrons spend hard earned money for something with which to amuse the teachers rather than to instruct their children?

The only specific criticism of the books is with reference to the population figures given for some insignificant Canadian provinces on which none of the recommended books agree. At this time most people in North Carolina will think it more important that the school authorities consider the finances of the children studying geography than those same children shall miss the last count of a few Canadian Indians or Eskimos living in the Arctic Circle.

The State Course of Study outlines the following Geography course for the different Grades: For the Fourth Grade, "North Carolina Geography and Regional Geography of the United States"; Fifth Grade, "Western Hemisphere"; Sixth Grade, "Eastern Hemisphere"; Seventh Grade, "World Powers". Do the recommended books conform to the above outline which the state school law directs that books must conform? Does it mean that if books are changed at this time an enormous printing bill will be the result because of the changing of the detailed course of study which must necessarily be in the hands of every teacher in North Carolina?

In view of the fact that in so far as I am able to see none of the recommended Geographies are what the Commission said five years ago in its outline course of study geography books should be, the impression is that the members of the Commission can hardly qualify as being sufficiently expert to say that any book is \$300,000 better, or in fact is any better, than the book now in use. The content and method in geography may change but they do not change as fast or as often as this Textbook Commission would have the public believe. Arithmetics were changed recently and certainly mathematical facts have not greatly changed. There must surely be other reasons.

Realizing the expense of making a change in geography, textbook, and knowing from the records that the State has always kept its geographies for at least fifteen years, the State Board of Education waited until 1922 before adopting the present books. This was after the World War boundaries had been determined and only minor changes have been made anywhere in the world since that time. An examination of the books now being supplied by the American Book Company shows that they have the latest census figures which anyone may verify by a brief examination. It is understood that the company proposed to furnish free, to any one who already has an older book, tables giving new figures. To go to the small trouble of adjusting these to use in connection with the book the child now has and thereby saving him the cost of the new one would seem not to be asking too much of the teacher.

As a matter of fact an examination of the Edition of the books submitted for re-adoption on which, according to the press, it is understood the company proposes a 25 per cent reduction in price, show that treatment is given of some geographical development even more recent than in some of the books recommended by the Commission. In one of the books recommended the statement is made that Byrd is planning to make an expedition while the 1932 edition of the book now in use tells of the expedition.

The National Society for the study of Education three years ago appointed a committee composed of the Nation's leading geographers and teachers of geography to study the problems and to compile their findings in the Societies Thirty-Second Year book to be issued February 1st, 1933. This will be a seven hundred page document and may safely be taken as representing the consensus of those personally concerned with the teaching of geography in the United States on such matters as its place in the curriculum, its content and methods of its presentation at all levels from the elementary school through the college. It is expected that the findings of this committee will eliminate (Continued on Second Page)

Census of the Number of Attend-ants In Sunday School Last Sunday Reveals That An Amazingly Large Per Cent of Our Population Were In Sunday School

NO SPECIAL DRIVE IS MADE

It has often been noted and commented on, that Selma was not a Church Going, Church attending town. A statement of this kind has never been known to help any town. Let us suppose that a good family of standing and good rating, for cause, had occasion to change their place of residence, they had been used to good churches and schools, in the town they were leaving, and they certainly would not be willing to locate in a town that might be lacking in these important matters, now let us see how our town stands and compare with other towns of equal size.

On Sunday, November 25th, the writer took it upon himself to inquire from the Superintendents of the Sunday Schools of the town, just how many were present. This was made after the close of the day, when there had been no special effort, or means used to boost attendance for the day, and found the following very encouraging facts on the day's attendance:

Lizzie Mill Sunday School	123
Ethel Mill Sunday School	119
Selma Mill Sunday School	193
Church of God No. 1 School	84
Church of God No. 2 School	42
Free Will Holiness School	35
Total 601, these six schools, tribu-taries to the Mills of Selma.	
Selma Baptist Church School	196
Edgerton Memorial School	155
Presbyterian Sunday School	50
Free Will Baptist Hall school	40
Episcopal Sunday School	18
Total 459 plus 601, white	1060
Colored	
First Baptist Sunday School	156
Di-ciples Sunday School	61
A. M. E. Sunday School	28
A. M. E. Zion Sunday School	12
Total	227
Total for the entire town	1287

It was found in visiting among several of the smaller schools of the town that a rather unusual thing was taking place, to the effect that less than one-third of the attendance was children under 16 years of age, certainly a well balanced school, especially in town, ought to have as many children as adults.

The fact that on this Sunday there were nearly as many people in the Sunday Schools of the town, as the combined attendance in the Graded Schools, we think this speaks well for the Sunday School attendance in our town, and certainly speaks well for the future. But it would indicate that our greatest effort should be to build up larger attendance in the Lower Classes. It would seem from the above that greater effort should be put forth in the Colored Schools in proportion to their population.

We might draw the conclusion, from State Records of growing criminality, when we learn that about one-third of our State prisoners are between the ages of 14 and twenty, that greater effort should be made in behalf of the younger people and for the future citizenship of our State. It would seem that we are making commendable progress in our Sunday Schools during the past year, so lets resolve to press on for a better and safer future for our younger generation.

SELMA CITIZEN.

A New Way to Help the Church.

The Lone Star Service Station, located one mile north of Selma, and operated by "The Three Musketeers," Put, Blackie and Whit, is giving 5c in cash to every customer purchasing five gallons of gasoline. The 5c will be placed in an envelope and given to the church of which you are a member.

These boys are doing a splendid business and will pay your church dues out of their profit. It will help the church financially as well as yourself. Ride out to see them.

Twenty-five Alamance county farmers bought 7 1-2 tons of fish meal co-operatively as poultry feed at a saving of \$112.50.