

Seven Lives Are Lost As Truck Hits Train

Victims All From Lenoir Community—Driver's View Partly Obstructed by Small Buildings Along Railroad—Worst Tragedy in History of Lumberton.

Lumberton, Aug. 22.—Haywood Smith, 26, driver of the truck in which seven farmer-passengers were killed by a train today, was placed under arrest tonight and ordered to appear at an inquest before Coroner D. W. Biggs tomorrow.

Smith, confined to Baker sanatorium with slight injuries, was not placed under guard nor bond. His condition will permit attendance at the inquest, requested by Solicitor T. A. McNeill, who returned from superior court at Raeford tonight.

Lumberton, Aug. 22.—Lumberton was still shocked tonight over the worst tragedy in the history of the town when the lives of seven people were wiped out and five other people were injured, one probably fatally, in a truck-train collision on the Fairmont road crossing southern edge of Lumberton, at 8:30 a. m., today.

The dead have been identified as: Jessie Davenport, 26; Louis Davenport, 32; and Wesley Davenport, 14, sons of Furnie Davenport; Burchard Smith, 23, and Walter Smith, 20, brothers; Dick Harper, 19, and Clyde Taylor, 12, three of these were killed instantly, their bodies ground to pieces beneath the train wheels and strewn for 300 yards along the track; two others died by the time they reached Baker sanatorium and another two soon after being admitted.

The injured are Furnie Davenport, 58, who is suffering with a lacerated throat and internal injuries and is in a dying condition; Millard Davenport, 61, brother of Furnie, who has a scalp wound; Haywood Smith, 26, driver of the truck, the least injured of any sustaining only a cut face and bruised leg; Zeb Brown, 28, with scalp wound and broken arm; Wodrow Taylor, 20, suffering with fractured pelvis, scalp wound which may be a fracture, and broken arm. Wodrow is in Thompson Memorial hospital; the others injured, in Baker sanatorium. All except Furnie Davenport are expected to recover.

The truck, loaded with tobacco in which all but Haywood Smith and Wesley Davenport were interested, belonged to J. R. Davenport of the Deep Run community of Lenoir county. All of the 12 people were from that section. They spent most of the night getting up their load of tobacco and were on their way to the Fairmont market at the time of the accident.

Two hundred yards from the scene of the wreck, they turned a sharp corner and were traveling slowly when the car approached the S. A. L. railway track. The driver said he did not know of the railroad, that he heard the train blow but thought it a factory whistle. A Negro, seeing the danger of the truck, jumped into the road and began trying to stop it. The driver was watching the Negro, and his view was partially obstructed by small store buildings beside the railway. The train was slightly damaged.

"The first time I glimpsed the train it looked like the radiator of the truck was going right into the side of it," Haywood Smith, driver, stated from his hospital bed. Smith said the train was "really balling the jack."

Furnie and Louis Davenport were riding with him in the cab and the others were standing on the back of the truck body behind two rows of tobacco. Bodies of some of those on the rear were thrown directly under the train as the truck crashed into the baggage car of the motordriven train of three cars. The head of one was cut off, the remainder of his body served in several places.

Bodies of the dead were removed by two Kinston ambulances this afternoon to the Garner funeral home, Kinston, to be prepared for burial.

The moment the American people discovered that President Roosevelt had a real program aimed at the restoration of prosperity and that something actually was going to be done, they began to bound high from the depths of pessimism.



MISS EUNICE FULGHUM

Winner of Second Place in Co-operative Cotton Essay Contest. She was a guest of the local Kiwanis Club Thursday night and gave some of the high spots in her prize winning essay.

Corbett Funeral Was Held Friday

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon for W. H. Corbett, who was killed in an automobile accident Wednesday night between Selma and Smithfield. His pastor, Rev. L. T. Singleton, of the local Methodist church officiated, services being held at the home. Several songs were sung by the Warrick quartet, composed of Mesdames Lester, Luther, Almond and Miss Theresa Warrick, of Wilson's Mills.

The flag draped casket was borne from the home to the cemetery by the following pall bearers:

Messrs. W. L. Etheredge, Robert Jones, Jim Mitchell, W. E. Branch, A. L. Bradley and H. D. Benson. Mr. Corbett was a World War veteran and served for 18 months in France. He is survived by his widow, four children, two brothers and two sisters. For several years he has held a responsible position with the Dunn Furniture Company, of Dunn, and Selma, and had hosts of friends all over the county.

A very large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral and the new made grave was completely covered with lovely floral designs. Among those from out of town who were here for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Massey; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Smith; Mrs. B. D. Jones and Mrs. C. L. Smith, of Newport News, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. Sexton; Mrs. C. L. Smith and Mrs. C. T. Smith, of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Corbett and Miss Eula Mae Rose, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Corbett and Miss Mabel Rose, of Raleigh; James A. Corbett, of Cheraw, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Strickland and daughter, of Smithfield; Mrs. D. S. Parrish and Miss Minnie Smith, of Wilson's Mills.

Mrs. E. R. Jones opens Sewing Shop

Mrs. E. R. Jones opened a sewing shop today, (Aug. 24), located next to the Dunn Furniture Company, in the building formerly occupied by the Hat Shop. Mrs. Jones says her prices on all sewing is very reasonable.

A Family Reunion

The descendants and friends of Miles John and Noah Barefoot, deceased, will hold their annual family reunion at the Bythan Barefoot homestead place about six miles south of Four Oaks, one half mile east of Oak Forest Primitive Baptist church near Barefoot Memorial Freewill Baptist church on Friday before the first Sunday in September, being the first day of September. All relatives and friends of those ancestors are heartily invited to attend this Reunion and carry well filled baskets and enjoy the day together. There will be some good singing and other religious services. Come and meet your relatives and friends and enjoy the day together, it may be the last time you will meet on earth.

N. G. BAREFOOT.

Solicitor Williams Kiwanis Speaker

Mr. Williams Used As His Subject Citizenship and the Courts, Stressing the Importance and Dignity of Jury Duty—High Compliment to One's Intelligence and Moral Character.

Solicitor Clawson Williams, of Sanford, was the principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Selma Kiwanis Club Thursday night. He was introduced by Kiwanian C. P. Harper, who said he was the best solicitor in the state of North Carolina and when he got tired of that job his district would send him to Congress. Mr. Williams made one of the best talks the club has had the privilege of hearing for a long time.

Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, editor of the Smithfield Herald, was called on for a few remarks. Mrs. Lassiter made a short but very interesting talk.

Miss Eunice Grey Fulghum, of Kenly, was also a guest of the club. Miss Fulghum, winner of second place in the Statewide essay contest sponsored by the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, gave some of the high spots in her essay.

Mrs. W. J. Crain rendered two beautiful vocal solos, accompanied at the piano by Miss Ellen Singleton.

The attendance prize, a five gallon carboy of Carolina Pines Mineral water, donated by the Carolina Pines, Inc., was won by T. S. Krahenbuhl. The ladies' guest prize, donated by Kiwanian Crain went to Miss Eunice Fulghum, and the gentlemen's guest prize was won by Gordon Whitaker.

Among others at this splendid meeting were William I. Godwin, mayor of Selma; G. C. Whitaker and R. A. Jones.

The program was in charge of H. H. Lowry.

Mose Godwin Breaks Ankle

While playing a game of tennis in Smithfield, Tuesday afternoon, Mose Godwin had the misfortune to fall and break his ankle. He was taken to the Johnston County Hospital where the break was X-rayed and a plaster cast put on. At this writing he is still in the hospital and doing as well as could be expected. He will probably be brought to his home in Selma soon.

Give Them A Call

We have been requested to announce that Circle "C" of the Methodist church will have on sale at Dean's & Sons Saturday, candies, cakes, etc. The ladies will appreciate your patronage.

World's Largest Balloon Coming

World's Largest Balloon to Be Sent Up in Selma Some Time During Day August 26.—Old-Time Thriller by "Daredevil Diavolo" is Expected to Draw Large Crowd.

The Southwestern Balloon Co. of Kansas City, Mo., co-operating with the Selma Boosters association and merchants of Selma, is arranging for an oldtime balloon ascension and a 3,000 foot parachute jump, in Selma Saturday, August 26. This is an event that is sure to attract a large crowd from Selma and surrounding country, for the town has not had such an exhibition in many, many years.

Final arrangements for the event were completed by Mr. John B. Davis, general representative of the Southwestern Balloon Co., here Monday. Mr. Davis stated that the balloon, which is the world's largest, being 75 feet high and 48 feet through, and its crew would arrive in Selma early Saturday and would be unloaded on a vacant lot near the center of town. A short address will be made there by someone representing the Boosters association. Within a few minutes the giant air monster will be filled with air and allowed to shoot into the air with "Daredevil Diavolo" as its only occupant. After reaching 3,000 feet, this acrobat will jump from the balloon and sail to the ground with a parachute.

Mr. Davis pointed out that half a century ago no fair or circus was complete without the balloon and parachute jumper, that since the day of the airplane the balloon is almost extinct and there are

Employment Bureau Opens In Johnston

Central Office Is Located In Smithfield With Auxiliary Offices in Selma, Clayton and Four Oaks; Those Desiring Employment Should Register at Nearest Office.

The Johnston County Re-employment Bureau has been set up, and Monday the central registration office in Smithfield, and three auxiliary offices located at Selma, Clayton and Four Oaks were open for business. Miss Mary Pierce, who has had experience in the Smithfield employment bureau of the Federal Aid, is in charge of the Central Bureau of Re-employment and headquarters for the present are located in the office formerly occupied by E. J. Wellons over W. M. Sander's store. The Selma registration place will be in the mayor's office, and Miss Margaret Mazingo will be in charge. The Clayton office located in Weisner Farmer's office will be operated by Miss Frances Barnes. The Four Oaks office at the mayor's office will be kept open by Mrs. Martha La-siter.

All these offices will be kept open for six days each week as long as the work justifies. All persons desiring employment are requested to go to the most convenient employment bureau and register. Also, employers are asked to cooperate with the bureaus in notifying them when extra help can be used.

The arrangements for setting up the Johnston County bureau were completed at a meeting of the County Re-employment committee, held in Smithfield Friday morning. The committee as appointed by Capus M. Waynick of Raleigh, state director of unemployment, is as follows: Everett S. Stevens, chairman, and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, of Smithfield; C. H. Beddingfield, of Clayton; C. P. Harper and Dr. E. N. Booker, of Selma.

Mother's Club Meets

The Selma Circle of the C C Club of America met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. G. Waddell with Mrs. Waddell presiding. The subject for study was, "The Parent and the School." Interesting papers were read by Mesdames C. B. Fulghum and J. T. Hughes after a business session a social hour was enjoyed. In a unique drawing contest, Mrs. W. D. Fields was declared winner and was presented dainty handkerchiefs. Ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Erby Holt Is Given 20 to 25 Years For Killing David Price

Fatally Injured In Car Collision

Mrs. Albert Mitchell, of Johnston County, Victim of Crash Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Mitchell, who lived near Clayton, was fatally injured and four other persons were hurt in an automobile accident Sunday morning at 10 o'clock on the Dunn road near the Godwin intersection.

Mrs. Mitchell was a passenger in a car driven by her son-in-law, Wayland Jones when a car driven by Miss Ruby Stell of Zebulon attempted to pass them southbound.

In passing Miss Stell's car partially left the pavement and as she attempted to right she collided with the front portion of the Jones car causing it to overturn.

She picked up the injured and took them to the Johnston County Hospital at Smithfield but Mrs. Mitchell who was 70 years old, was dead upon arrival.

Mrs. Mattie Stephenson of Smithfield, a passenger in the Jones car suffered cuts, bruises and broken ribs; Wayland Jones was slightly cut and bruised; Mrs. Wayland Jones sustained a broken right arm; Wayland Jones, Jr., was slightly cut and bruised.

The accident was investigated by Sgt. D. T. Lambert of the State highway patrol. Dr. J. V. McGougan, county coroner, announced that an inquest or investigation would be held as soon as the injured persons were able to testify.

Pending the inquest or investigation no charges have been preferred against either of the drivers.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mitchell were held Monday afternoon at 3:30 from the Corinth Baptist church in Johnston County.

Boy Scouts At Camp Atkinson

The Selma troop Boy Scouts—23 strong—left Monday for Camp Atkinson, ten miles north of Selma, where they are spending this week. The boys will be in charge of Jesse Barden, assistant scoutmaster. Roy Liles, of Goldsboro, will be in charge of instruction in merit badge work. It is planned to hold a Court of Honor on Friday night to pass this work and award the merit badges. Thursday evening at 7 o'clock the scouts will entertain the local Kiwanis Club at a picnic dinner. The program during the dinner hour will be put on by the scouts.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the scouts will give a program to which the public is invited.

Selma Mill Village

On last Saturday afternoon about one o'clock, most everybody on the village and the surrounding country had a picnic in their bones, anyway, the news leaked out some way and they began to gather at the office at one o'clock. All was ready about two o'clock to start for Holt Lake and before you could say scat, everything from six months old to eighty, was in the water just having a glorious time. After tiring of that sport you could see longing eyes turned toward a truck that was filled with boxes and baskets of every size but there were tubs and tubs of lemonade to drink and then a lot of games to play, (Well I believe their idea was to tire everyone down so that they could not eat so much) but they were just working up a good appetite. Finally someone said spread the dinner and that was what everyone had been wanting to hear for six hours, there was everything good to eat on that table. Rev. Waddell of the Presbyterian church returned thanks and everybody was busy for the next hour. Well now we were all ready for home, wondering if we would sleep well that night and voting it a perfect success as a picnic.

Notice of Revival Meetings

The Annual Revival at Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian church will commence Sunday, August 27, at 11 a. m.

Elder R. L. Isbell, of Lenoir, N. C., will be the evangelist, assisted by the pastor, Elder N. W. Harrison.

The meetings will continue for two weeks, closing the second Sunday night in September.

Come brethren, for the harvest is ripe. Let us be found in our places around about the camp, prepared for the great task of gathering the sheaves.

SELMA IS GROWING

During the past six months there were twenty-nine births and thirteen deaths in the town of Selma.