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Brother Smithfield Men Killed In Auto Wreck

Dick Upchurch, 17, of Apex Is Killed Near Clayton Sunday When His Motor Cycle Collided With Automobile—Brother of Dr. T. G. Upchurch, of Smithfield—Auto Driver Being Held.

Funeral services were held at the Apex Baptist church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Richard Morris (Dick) Upchurch, 17-year-old Apex youth, who was fatally injured near Clayton Sunday night about eleven o'clock, when the motor cycle he was riding in company with J. B. Regan, Jr., of New Hill, crashed head-on into an automobile driven by Carl Simmons of Clinton, who pulled out from a filling station directly into the path of the motor cycle. Simmons is said to have been having trouble in starting his car and it was pushed away from the filling station. Simmons, 25, sustained head and body injuries, and after receiving first aid treatment he was placed in the Johnston county jail where he was held without bond on charges of assault with deadly weapon and careless and reckless driving.

Upchurch, whose neck and one leg were broken and his skull crushed, was rushed to Rex Hospital in Raleigh where he died about an hour and a half later. Regan who was riding with Upchurch on the motor cycle, suffered serious injuries. The two were on their way to White Lake for a week-end outing when the accident occurred.

Surviving are his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Rufus Crumpler of Clinton and Miss Muriel Upchurch of Apex; three brothers, Dr. T. G. Upchurch and M. Upchurch of Smithfield, and T. A. Upchurch of Raleigh; and one nephew, Rivers Upchurch of Smithfield.

Brings Trick Bomb

To trick British airman into throwing away bombs the Nazis in Holland built a fake airfield of wood, with hangars and planes painted on it. The night after it was finished a British plane flew overhead and dropped one wooden bomb.—Answers, London.

Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

ERNEST V. WOODARD, SR., while on a recent visit to his son-in-law's father in Deerfield, Ohio, made quite a reputation for himself in target practice. His popular druggist hit the bull's eye three times for three, defeating Carrio, an expert, at his own game—who knew we had such a crack-shot in our midst?—seven Selma boys are now living in Baltimore, working for the GLENN L. MARTIN AIRCRAFT CORP.—they are WILSON BROADWELL, GEO. SUBER, JIMMIE LANE, WILLARD JOHNSON, R. G. PARKER, CARL RYALS, CARL AVERY—the boys spent the past week-end here with their respective families—we welcome to the Maindrag MR. R. A. GRAY, of Jacksonville, N. C., who has accepted the position of head bookkeeper for FLOYD C. PRICE & SON—that was a good program W. T. WOODARD, SR., put on last Thursday night at the local Kiwanis club—MR. WOODARD had for his speaker DR. WILLIAM HOWARD CARTER, of Goldsboro—those who were fortunate enough to hear the address by this well known minister pronounce it one of the best ever heard at a Kiwanis gathering—the front of the NORTON 5c to 55 STORE presents a much better appearance since it underwent a coat of paint—BILL CREECH'S NEW DRUG STORE opened its doors to the public Wednesday—BILL and his assistants were busy all day receiving the congratulations of friends on his handsome new place of business—BILL GODWIN left the Maindrag Saturday morning and did not show up until Tuesday morning—BILL refuses to disclose his whereabouts during those days—tonight is the big night at the Kiwanis club in Selma when the club members and merchants of the town entertain around 100 farmers—this is an annual event with the club and one which is always looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

H. B. HUGHES HAS FINE CORN CROP

Capt. H. B. Hughes of Selma, who lives about one mile from town, brought two ears of corn to the office of The Johnstonian-Sun Wednesday, which are certainly fine. The corn is of the yellow variety and the ears are each 10 inches long and each one weighs one and a quarter pounds.

Capt. Hughes says he raises yellow corn because it ranks higher in nutrition than other varieties, and in addition, he said, it will bring more money in the open market, he having sold one lot of yellow corn for 70 cents per bushel when white corn was selling for 50 cents per bushel.

Scott Sees Shortage Of Farm Implements

Owing to a present shortage of materials and labor for the manufacture of farm machinery, North Carolina farmers are urged by G. T. Scott, Johnston County farmer and chairman of the State AAA committee, to plan carefully before placing their orders for 1942 requirements.

"It is becoming increasingly apparent," he said, "that shortages of labor and supplies will occur in many lines of production as the defense program increases its scope. Plans are underway to increase the production of iron, steel, and other raw materials but for the next year we need to economize on materials used in the manufacture of farm machinery."

The State AAA committee chairman explained that this means farmers must estimate now their absolute minimum needs for machinery and repair parts for 1942.

To aid in determining requirements, the Secretary of Agriculture has requested the County Defense Board, acting as a group, to make a survey of farmer's minimum wants for the coming year. A questionnaire listing all types of machinery and implements has been mailed to each county for filling out.

Scott suggested to all chairmen of county boards that they check with implement dealers, community AAA committeemen, businessmen, and farmers before making final estimates of 1942 requirements.

"Farm machinery manufacturers have been given priority rating for securing necessary materials," Scott said, "but in view of the present crisis farmers should hold their orders to a discreet minimum."

W. O. Fields and Family Enjoy Automobile Tour

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fields and children left Selma on Wednesday, August 20th, for a sight-seeing trip to points north. They spent one night in Alexandria, Va., with a niece of Mr. Fields. They spent one day in Washington, D. C., where they visited many points of interest. They also visited Arlington and Mount Vernon, Va.; also Glen Echo, Md. They went to Pittsburgh, Pa., and took the Skyland Drive south, stopping off at the Luray Caverns to take a trip into the bowels of the earth where they saw something of what old mother nature has carved down through the millions of years.

They arrived back home Saturday, August 23, declaring they had spent a most enjoyable outing.

Bill Creech Opens Up New Drug Store Here

One of the newest enterprises for Selma is the new drug store just opened by our townsman Bill Creech, which is located in the building formerly occupied by Woodard's Drug Store.

Besides being a registered druggist himself, Mr. Creech has secured as his assistant Mr. David, who comes as a registered druggist from Dillon, South Carolina. Other members of the personnel are Louis and Bennett Creech.

A million-pine farm, operated by a Negro near Log Cabin Center, Ga., has more than 1,000,000 pine trees on 866 acres.

Revival Begins At Methodist Church Here

A series of revival meetings are now in progress at Edgerton Memorial Methodist church here.

At the first service Wednesday evening, the Rev. F. B. Joyner of Fairmont, who is doing the preaching, used as his text the 29th verse of the 9th chapter of Matthew—"According to Your Faith Be It Unto You". His theme was "Faith". We have NOT because we ASK NOT. If we want a revival in our community, we must pray earnestly for it. We are denied many blessings because we do not ask for them. We live in spiritual poverty when we might have the wealth of heaven. Our greatest need today is prayer. Ask God what he would have us do. These were some of the thoughts which the visiting minister left with his congregation Wednesday evening.

Services will be held each morning at 9 o'clock (Daylight Time) and each evening at 8 o'clock (Daylight Time). Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services, which will continue through Sunday, September 14. The visiting minister is being assisted by the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, pastor of the church.

Death Damage Suit Is Set For Trial Soon

Smithfield, Sept. 3.—The suit brought against The News and Observer and Miss Violet Jordan, their distributing agent in Smithfield, for \$25,000 damages for the death of James Stephenson, delivery boy, is set for trial at the next term of Superior court to be held here.

Court will convene on Monday, September 22, with Judge John J. Burney scheduled to preside, and the damage suit is set for Tuesday, September 30. Young Stephenson was struck by a car driven by a Negro while on his delivery route. He had been standing on the running board of the Jordan car, which was parked temporarily, when the approaching vehicle seemed destined to strike him. He jumped from the running board, attempting to reach safety behind the car, but was struck and fatally injured, dying in a short time.

Twenty-seven divorce suits are set for the first day of court, besides twenty other cases on the motion docket and 12 on the trial docket.

Dunn Hosiery Mill To Quit Operation

Dunn, Sept. 3.—The Braswell Hosiery Mills here will end operations this week due to the shortage of silk, it was announced today by B. G. Braswell, owner of the firm.

Braswell pointed out that because of government's ban on silk that it is impossible to secure the materials needed for the manufacture of hose at this time.

He said, however, that his machines are especially adapted for manufacture of cotton and rayon hose as well as silk, and said the plant may reopen as soon as these yarns can be obtained here.

Selma Clothing & Shoe Co. Has New Front

The new front to the Selma Clothing & Shoe Company is one of the most attractive in town since the old front has been torn out and an entirely new one put in. One by one we find Selma's business firms taking on a more city-like appearance, and this is a pretty good index to the progressive spirit of our merchants. There are others who could follow suit with profit to themselves and credit to the town. Who will be next?

First Bale of Cotton At Benson Brings 19c

The first bale of cotton of the 1941 crop to be offered on the Benson market was sold Thursday, August 28, by E. S. Turlington and J. M. Frye. It was bought by Medlin & Dorman for 19 cents a pound and netted a clear check for \$97.85.

Cooperation

Cigarette manufacturing companies are cooperating with the United States drive to sell defense bonds by printing appeals to the public on the backs of cigarette packages.

Must Vaccinate School Children For Smallpox

H. B. Marrow, superintendent of public instruction of Johnston county, called attention this week to the regulation requiring all beginning school children to be immunized against smallpox by being vaccinated.

For the information of parents who have children preparing to enter the first grade of school this year the requirements are given below, as adopted by the County Board of Health in March, 1930:

Sec. 1—No parents, guardian, or householder, in the order named, shall permit any child from their family, household, or institution, to enter for the first time any public or private school in Johnston county unless and until such child shall have been immunized against smallpox by:

(a) Having recovered from an established case of smallpox.

(b) Having been successfully vaccinated against smallpox. Provided, that children may be admitted for a limited period, not exceeding one year immediately following three successive unsuccessful vaccinations administered not less than one week apart by a licensed physician of a public health officer.

Sec. 2—A well-defined vaccination sore shall be deemed sufficient evidence of vaccination.

Sec. 3—Any parent, guardian, householder, or any person violating the above rules and regulations shall be liable to the penalties imposed by law upon those violating the rules and regulations of the county board of health.

Negro Resists Deputy; Draws Term On Roads

Smithfield, Sept. 3.—George Currin, 29, Smithfield Negro, was sentenced to the roads in Recorder's Court Tuesday for 12 months for resisting an officer, Deputy Sheriff M. J. Whitley, when the latter was attempting to arrest him last Sunday.

Currin was charged with assaulting a Negro woman and driving an automobile while intoxicated; and while the officer was reading the warrant to him, Currin attempted to snatch it from Whitley and also tried to get his gun. He was drunk at the time and pleaded guilty in court. He was convicted of the assault and the driving drunk charge and given ninety days on the roads in each case, but all sentences are to run concurrently. He has given trouble on several previous occasions.

Paul Crech of Elevation township was convicted of assaulting his wife and non-support of her and five children. She charged him with treating her so badly that she had to leave home for peace and protection and said he had not contributed to her support since.

Judge Larry Wood, recorder, gave Crech an eight-month sentence to be suspended on condition that he turn over his household furniture to her, pay \$25 immediately and \$10 per month for her and the children until further court notice and pay the cost of the court.

Archer Lodge Faculty Completed For Session

Charles Woodard, principal of the Archer Lodge school, has announced his faculty, as follows:

Besides Principal Woodard, high school teachers include Miss Novene Moore of Washington, D. C., and Miss Virginia Rhodes Farlow of Laurinburg. Grade teachers are Miss Eva Butler Packer of Clinton; Miss Clara Hill of Smithfield; Miss Myrtle Thompson, Smithfield; Miss Mary Agnes Alston, Inez; Miss Janet Mayor, Fremont; and Miss Louise Wood, of Wallace.

Dry

Dry weather and shrinking pasture feed has retarded raw milk production in Durham county, reports County Agent W. B. Pace.

Army

A small "army" of experts, numbering more than 4,000 persons, is conducting the British Lease-lending buying program in this country.

Davidson County farmers will complete orders for 100 cars of AAA grant-of-aid limestone by September 15 says County Agent P. M. Hendricks.

Body Young Man Is Cremated In Trash Pile

CARL GOERCH IS SELMA VISITOR

Carl Goerch, editor of The State magazine at Raleigh, was in Selma Monday and paid a friendly visit to the management of The Johnstonian-Sun.

Mr. Goerch was "nosing around" for some information regarding the early history of the Town of Selma, or any other information about the town which might prove interesting to the radio audience during his weekly broadcasts of "Carolina Chats", heard over WPTF each Sunday evening.

We do not know what Editor Goerch was able to learn about Selma but we hope he picked up enough information to include Selma in his "Carolina Chats" program at an early date. He might have something to tell us next Sunday evening. Anyway, you might tune in on his program, for he always has something of interest to tell you. One citizen remarked to us not long ago that Mr. Goerch is doing more to inform the people about the State of North Carolina and its people than any other medium being used today, history books not excluded.

Schools In Johnston To Open September 18

Thursday, September 18, has been fixed as the opening date for all the schools in Johnston county and H. B. Marrow, county superintendent, has announced that there will be a general meeting of principals and teachers on Wednesday, September 17, in Smithfield.

White teachers will meet in the graded school building at 10 o'clock a. m., and Negroes in the Johnston County Training School building on the same day at 2 o'clock p. m. Every teacher is urged to be present at the general meeting to hear plans for the year's work and announcement by principals with regard to teacher's meetings to be held in the separate schools.

Evangelist M. F. Ham Says Christ Coming Soon

Asserting that today there is an emergency in religion greater than the emergency in national defense, Dr. M. F. Ham, Louisville, Ky., evangelist, addressed a group of nearly 1,000 persons Wednesday night at the Senior high school in Greensboro.

The speaker warned, further, that "America is headed for a war that will never end until Christ comes." The latter event, he predicted, will come within the lifetime of the present generation.

Dr. Ham traced the fight for religious freedom back to John Bunyan and told the part the Ham family has played as evangelists. He urged that Americans stop "listening" to anti-American, anti-Christ agitators and prepare themselves to receive Christ. He stressed the "need for a simple revival in the name of Jesus Christ."

Prominent Smithfield Man Dies Suddenly

F. B. Smith, prominent business man of Smithfield, who was associated with the Sanders-Mims Motor Co., died Monday night from a heart attack while driving his car along one of the streets of Smithfield. He succeeded in stopping the car but died within a few minutes afterward. He was 60 years of age.

Surviving are his wife, one son and two daughters.

Johnston County NYA Gets Allotment \$2,880

A total of \$2,880 has been allotted the public schools of Johnston county by the National Youth Administration, State Administrator John A. Lang announced this week. Funds allocated will be used in carrying on the NYA student work program in the local schools during 1941-42.

James Tyndall Makes Confession to Officer In Smithfield Jail Soon After Arrest, But Later Denied—Charged With Murdering Odie Adams, 16, Brother-in-Law of Tyndall.

Clinton, Sept. 3.—Tales of a confession made and later denied by James Tyndall, as told by a deputy sheriff before Magistrate Carlisle Jackson at a preliminary hearing here Wednesday morning, prompted the magistrate to hold Tyndall and Paul Bass, another young white man, on charges of murdering Odie Adams, 16-year-old brother-in-law of Tyndall and burning the body on the town trash pile.

The crime is said to have occurred on October 23, 1940, Deputy Sheriff Perry B. Lockerman told the court of the confession Tyndall made in the Johnston County jail several days following his arrest on August 21 on a warrant sworn out by H. W. Zimmerman, State fingerprint expert. The deputy said Tyndall had made several other statements but that one he admitted hitting Adams with a heavy stick and knocking him down and later covering the body with a piece of corrugated cardboard. He said Bass helped him cover the body with the cardboard.

The deputy said Tyndall retraced the confession Tuesday night. When questioned the night of the finding of Adams' badly burned body on the edge of the municipal trash pile, Tyndall and Bass admitted having been at the trash pile with Adams on that morning at which time all three of them were searching for bottles with which to raise money to go to the fair.

However, they denied having been with Adams later in the afternoon of October 23.

Prolonged questioning after their arrest brought the admission from both that they had gone past the trash pile to hunt for wood but denied having seen Adams at all during the afternoon. Bass stuck to his original story during all the questioning with the exception of the above statement.

Lockerman said Tyndall explained the attack on Adams as having come after Adams was advancing on him with a knife following an argument over the division of the bottles.

When he retraced the confession, Tyndall told that he would tell the truth about the matter, according to Lockerman, who testified that he had not been able to get any further statement from Tyndall.

Other witnesses included Bud Thompson and Isaiah Herring, Negro employees of a junk dealer, who said they saw Tyndall, Bass and Adams on the pile that morning and saw Tyndall and A. D. Bass there that afternoon. The coroner, Dr. D. M. Royall, told the court that death apparently was from burning.

Chief of Police Ernest L. Cherry, first officer to reach the trash pile, said there was no fire nearer the spot where the body was found than 30 feet with the exception of the spot where it was found.

Sheriff C. C. Tart said Tyndall told him the same story of the blow with the stick and the covering of the body that his deputy related.

The men were taken to Smithfield jail so they might be kept apart; Bass was taken to Raleigh later and placed in jail.

The defense did not offer any evidence but Attorney Paul D. Herring made a strong plea for dismissal of the charges. Solicitor J. Abner Barker assisted in the hearing.

First Bale of Cotton Sold Here Wednesday

O. B. Mitchiner, of Selma, Route 1, sold the first bale of cotton of the 1941 crop to be sold in Selma. It was bought by the firm of Floyd C. Price & Son at 17 cents per pound. It was a cash sale and brought Mr. Mitchiner \$95.71, the bale weighing 563 pounds.

The Rural Electrification Authority now is making possible inexpensive local storage of fresh meat, eggs and vegetables formerly wasted, as a contribution to the national defense effort.