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### 43 ARE INJURED WHEN CRACK FLYER WRECKS AT ENFIELD YESTERDAY

Five Pullman Cars On Number 84 Thrown Into  
Swamp When Part of Train  
Is Derailed

#### TWO WOMEN SERIOUSLY HURT

Ambulances, Doctors, Sightseers From Here and  
Other Sections of State Rush to  
Scene of Accident

Between forty and fifty persons were injured, several seriously and at least two fatally, when passenger train Number 84, crack flyer of the Atlantic Coast Line, northbound from Florida to New York, hit a bad rail and whipped five steel Pullman cars into the swamp, one mile north of Enfield Wednesday morning.

Mrs. A. T. Averill, Tampa, Fla., suffered a severe fracture of the skull and may not live. Miss Myrtle Sherwood, Brundidge, Ala., received terrible cuts about the face and head. One hundred stitches were necessary and if she lives, doctors say she will be disfigured for life.

The worst train wreck ever to occur in this county and one of the worst in the history of the Atlantic Coast Line took toll of human life, because of one thing: steel coaches.

The five rear pullman cars were whipped across the track and "cracked the whip," spilling their human cargo into the wet and swampy ditch several feet below the track level. The force was great enough to snap the wheels from the bottom of the cars. The coaches were sliding on their sides with terrific speed. The only damage to the coaches was in broken glass.

Many of the injuries were from this source. Flying glass cut nearly every occupant of the five cars. Several persons suffered broken limbs and two women were so badly crushed that little hope is held for them.

The engine and seven coaches in front passed over the danger point safely, although one baggage man says he felt his car, near the front way as it crossed the bad rail. The train was traveling at a fast rate of speed, having slowed up only a little bit for Enfield where it did not stop.

The wreck occurred at a sharp curve and railroad officials lay the blame to the expansion of a rail due to the excessive heat. The exact cause may never be known as the entire expanse of rail for several hundred feet was torn from the ties and the ties themselves were crushed beyond recognition.

Further up the track for 100 yards the ties carry a deep bitten trail to show where the last car staying on the tracks had been pulled off by the five unlucky coaches. The rear truck only left the rails, the balance of the wheels holding fast.

This rear truck of the last car, a diner, was later said to have been the cause of the wreck. It was shown that it dropped off the tracks, sliding the cars to the rear off at the curve. The car was supposed to have been examined at Rocky Mount and an official investigation has been started there to ascertain the fault.

That the engineer must have felt the track give is evidenced by the tight grip on the wheels of the overturned cars by the emergency brakes. They were as white as if turned on an emergency wheel.

Cries and shrieks of the wounded filled the air as the first rescuers reached the pitiful scene. Here and there lay a quiet body, apparently lifeless. Pleas for help came from within the cars where passengers lay pinioned and helpless. Immediate rescue work was accomplished by the train crew and passengers on that part of the train saved.

Two negro porters distinguished themselves by their heroic work in crawling into the derailed cars and rescuing many of the injured passengers. They were W. Wyatt and H. Price.

Hurry up calls were sent to Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Weldon, Rocky Mount and other points for doctors, nurses, ambulances, medical supplies. Right of way was given ambulances, cars with doctors and nurses, and soon most of the injured were being given the proper attention.

The more seriously injured were rushed into Rocky Mount to the Hospital. Others were taken into homes in Enfield, while some twenty rested under the shade of an improvised tent on the side of the wreck, a tent

held by sightseers, while others fanned the wounded. It was terribly hot out there on those open tracks.

The news of the wreck spread throughout this and adjoining counties and by eleven o'clock there were 500 persons at the scene. At noon, the number had increased to at least 1,000. They came in rushing motors from Littleton, Roanoke Rapids, Rosemary, Weldon, Halifax, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Scotland Neck, and all way stations.

Grim reports spread over the country. 18 persons were taken to Rocky Mount in ambulances and the report went out that 18 were dead.

Even as the doctors and nurses applied their splints and bandages, the railroad company was making plans to open up traffic. Trains from north and south puffed aimlessly away, awaiting the high ball. The falling wreck had broken wire connections. The first step was to rig up new wires for carrying the never-ending stream of messages so vital to railroad life. A crew of negroes began hacking away at the ruined ties and rails. Late Wednesday night, new track had been laid and trains were again speeding thru the night.

Number 84, due in Richmond at 12:30 p. m. arrived there at 5 o'clock. It was a special train made up at Weldon to carry on. Traffic was paralyzed for several hours, but was resumed on schedule today.

The wrecked train was one of the fastest on the line. It made only three stops between Rocky Mount and Richmond, at Weldon, Emporia and Petersburg. Yesterday, it also stopped at Enfield.

#### List of Injured

In addition to Mrs. Averill and Miss Sherwood, the seriously injured were:

Miss Elsie Hock, of Detroit, Mich., a broken left wrist.

Miss Solie Cowell, of Washington, D. C., abrasions and contusions of the back.

Mrs. Sarah Hawkins, of Jacksonville, Fla., contusions of the back.

Mrs. Tedwig E. Bohm, of New York City, contusions of the back.

Miss Dorothy Sissons, of Edgewood, R. I., an invalid, sprained left ankle and contusions of the abdomen and back.

Mrs. Lottie W. Meredith, St. Petersburg, Fla., contusions of the back and chest.

Mrs. Sanford H. Borden of St. Cloud, Fla., contusions of the chest and abdomen.

Mrs. Ada Hammond, of Baltimore, Md., sprained left ankle and lacerations of the scalp.

Mrs. Alex Burnett, of Brooklyn, N. Y., contusions of the chest and back.

Mrs. S. B. Sissons, Edgewood, R. I., contusions of the body.

Henry Hillman, of Portman, Alaska, fractured ribs.

Mrs. Lucy B. Hanson, of Leesburg, Fla., contusions of the back and hips.

C. B. Sissons of Edgewood, R. I., lacerations of the scalp.

James H. Burwell, of Connant, Ohio, lacerations of the scalp.

#### AT FLIGEL'S FRIDAY

The annual July Clearance Sale of Fligel's, Rosemary, will begin Friday morning and the management, under the direction of Mr. Paul Fligel, has spared no time or money in getting this sale before the public. At much extra expense Mr. Fligel has had printed by The Herald a two-color poster. All day Wednesday and Thursday an extra force was busy going over the entire stock and marking prices down for the annual mid-summer sale. The selling will start promptly at nine o'clock Friday morning and there is a splendid gift awaiting the first 50 customers entering the store.

Miss Margie Collier, who has been spending some time in Graham, N. C., has returned home.

### Arrests Daughtry On Liquor Warrant

Quite a bit of excitement was caused in the Sanitary Barber Shop Monday when officer C. R. Green arrested John Daughtry. It seems the officers had a warrant for Daughtry on a liquor charge and he had been absent from the community for some time.

When officer Green walked into the barber shop, Daughtry was sitting in a barber chair, after having gotten some work. Green walked up to him and told him he had a warrant for his arrest. Daughtry told him to read it. The officer did so and told Daughtry to come on.

The latter is said to have jumped from the chair and said, "Well, get your gun," or words to that effect. When he started for Green, the officer hit him with a blackjack, knocking him out. Four stitches were necessary at the hospital. After the medical treatment, Green took him to jail here. He will probably be taken to Halifax jail today.

#### JUMP SAVES INJURY

Pug Vaughan narrowly escaped serious injury Friday when his car was struck by another car on Railroad street. Vaughan was driving up from the Avenue when a car driven by an unknown boy, shot out from Railroad street, hitting Vaughan's car amidships and turning it completely over. Vaughan jumped as his car turned over and escaped with bruises. His car was demolished. He does not know who was driving the car that hit him.

### BUSY TIME AT MAYORS COURT HERE

Case Dropped Against Rufus  
Tucker Because of Lack of  
Evidence in Assault Case

#### THREE BOYS HELD

Charged With Cutting Negro;  
Chicken Thief Put Under  
\$100 Bond By Mayor

Rufus Tucker, 25, was released of the charge of attempted assault by Mayor Long at his court Monday. The case was thrown out for lack of evidence.

Tucker was charged with being the man who accosted two small girls near Cedarwood Cemetery last week, leading them to nearby woods to "show them a captured rabbit", and then attempting assault.

One of the girls said he was the man, the other was not sure. A negro man who was supposed to have seen the affair, was not present to testify. Owing to the lack of testimony, the case was thrown out on this charge, although Tucker was sentenced to 30 days on the county roads for vagrancy.

Three white boys are charged with the malicious cutting and wounding of a negro boy at a swimming hole in Cheochoyette Creek. Charles Parker, colored, charges that Fred Hunkins, Horace Britt and George Harris cut him with a knife when he refused to get out of the swimming hole at their demand. The negro was pretty badly cut up, it is said.

Each of the white boys pleaded innocence and says if there was any cutting done, it was done by one of the others. They will be tried this Friday before Mayor Long.

Lee Palmer, chicken thief extraordinary, and his running mate, James Johnson, were bound over to the Halifax Criminal Court under \$100 bonds, charged with chicken stealing. Palmer, as reported last week was caught after a hard chase when accused of stealing 42 chickens from Mr. George Pappendick. He then sold the chickens to Mr. O. L. Smith, who later sold them to Taylor and Collier where Mr. Pappendick works. When the owner recognized and proved ownership of the chickens, they were returned to him by Mr. Smith, who, with the officers, lay in wait for Lee and caught him when he returned for his coops.

#### HID IN MATTRESS

Police officers raided the house of S. C. Meadows at Roanoke Junction Tuesday and found 5 pints of whisky between two mattresses and a quantity of bottles and fruit jars. He was placed in jail in default of \$500 bond.

### FAIR WILL BE BIGGER THAN EVER

Halifax County Fair For 5 Big  
Days and Nights To Be Held  
In October

#### WORKING NOW

On Premium List; \$8,000 In  
Prizes and Premiums Offered This Year

The Sixth Annual Halifax County Fair will be held at the Fair Grounds between Rosemary and Weldon on October 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, according to a statement just issued by the officers of the Fair Association, and every effort is being made to make this the most successful fair Halifax county has ever had.

Evidence of this is seen in the fact that more than \$8,000.00 will be given away in premiums and prizes this year and the list is larger than ever before.

The premium list is being worked up now and will be printed about the first of next month in order to better distribute a copy of it in every rural home in Halifax county, where the list may be studied by all members of the family in deciding what each family will enter for exhibition.

More time and space will be given to the farmers of the county and a real endeavor is being made to make this a good old fashioned fair with stress laid upon the exhibits. Therefore, the increased premium list and money offered.

Of course there will be other attractions, too, in the way of free acts, midway, rides and concessions. The horse races will be better than ever and more stables are being built to care for the racers which will be brought here to pace, trot and run for the cash prizes offered.

The mills and factories of the county will be urged to have booths at the people of the county may see it as being manufactured here.

But extreme stress is laid on the farm exhibits and the county officials, especially the county agent and the home demonstrators will be urged to see the exhibits of every nature are brought in from every portion of the county.

Scotland Neck, Enfield, Littleton and other sections of the county will be urged to take a more active part in this county celebration and plans are being made to give these portions of the county special attention.

The schools of the county will find plenty of exhibits to enter, as will the women's clubs, the house wives, boys and girls; in fact, every person in the county will be interested in poring over that premium list and entering some bit of sewing, canning, cooking, handwork, carpentry, gardening, farming, chickens, live stock, drawings, paintings, or what have you.

Under field and garden crops we see corn, cotton, peanuts, tobacco, small grain, legumes, hay, truck fruits; under live stock, horses and mules, cattle, sheep, swine; poultry, every kind of chicken, turkeys, etc.; club prizes to cotton clubs, pig clubs, canning clubs, sewing clubs; flowers; canned fruits and vegetables, jam, jellies, and pickles, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald are working up the premium list for the Fair Association and making a thorough canvass of the entire county. The Fair book this year will be the largest in the history of the Association and will be thoroughly distributed in the county.

#### Over 200 Lots Sold

Messrs A. B. Windham and Charles Laughinghouse of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., are here this week and part of next for the purpose of closing out the lots on Washington, Jefferson and Hamilton streets in Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids. In one week of intensive selling less than two weeks ago, these gentlemen sold more than 200 lots in Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary. They say low prices and easy terms were responsible for the large number of sales. They have their offices in the First National Bank building with Roanoke Rapids Properties, Inc. They hope to sell every lot left in the next few days.

Mr. David Traynham and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grimmer spent the week-end at Virginia Beach. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Traynham and Miss Kathryn Traynham who have been spending some time with Mrs. Frank Williams and Mrs. Sam Patterson.

### DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

On Monday, July 15, the boys and girls of this community between 6 and 14 are invited to come to the Presbyterian church for its second Bible School. The first session starts at 8:30 and closes at 11. The school will run every day except Saturday and Sunday for two weeks.

The "Men of the Church" have sponsored this school this year and it promises to be a big improvement over last year. Miss Julia Barclay and Miss Anne Tacker, both of whom are graduates of Assembly's Training school in Richmond, are coming to conduct the school. Assisting them will be Miss Evangeline Pendleton, Miss Kiki Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bradley. If the size of the school warrants, other helpers will be called in.

The daily program includes a worship period, Bible period, Missionary story, music period, play period, handwork and citizenship periods. This will be varied from day to day by special features of one kind and another.

We ask the parents to cooperate with us to this extent, try and get the boy or girl to attend the first session, and after that it is the hope of the workers that he or she will be interested enough to come back the second day and every day on their own initiative.

### GREAT FUN FOR KIDS ON PET DAY

300 At Rosemary Playground  
Compete For Prizes With  
Many Pets

#### GOAT IS UGLIEST

Ant Is Smallest; Duck, Pony,  
Dogs Win Prizes As Children  
Parade

Over 300 children brough their pets out "Pet Day," at Rosemary Park on Friday afternoon, July 5. Many of the older folks came along to see the pets and tell about the pets they use to have. The children had been urged not to tell before hand what their pets were, and it was nothing unusual to hear one tell another about his pet and then tell him barked but he couldn't tell him what it was.

One boy brought his little red headed brother to compete with a billy goat for the prize as ugliest. The prize for largest went to the boy with the pony when his competitor's mother wouldn't let him bring a cow because she was afraid the cow wouldn't be home in time to milk. And when it came to judging the smallest, the judges sent for microscopes so as to decide between baby ants and full-grown fleas.

The prizes were as follows: smallest, an ant, Margaret Worsham; ugliest, a billy goat, Buddy Edmonson; cutest, a duck, Helen Stuart; most lovable, a puppy, Paul Matthews; largest, a pony, Sam Smith, and prettiest, a dog, Edgar Kirk. The judges were Mesdames C. W. Davis, T. W. Mullen and C. C. Shell.

All children between the ages of five and fifteen are urged to come out and have a good time. Mothers need have no fear about their children's welfare at the playground between the hours of 9 to 11 and 3 to 5. You can show your appreciation for the playground in no better way than bringing your children.

#### BUYING TIME HERE

Midsummer is the time to buy clothing at lowest prices as evidenced by the page ad of the New B. Marks store, Roanoke Rapids, and the half page ad of Chesson's, Rosemary, in this issue of The Herald. Many shrewd buyers of clothing for the family do a major portion of their shopping at this time of the year and watch the papers for bargains.

#### VA-CAROLINA LEAGUE

	Won	Lost
Emporia	8	3
Enfield	6	5
Weldon	5	6
Triple R	3	8

Triple R games: July 12, Weldon at Weldon; July 13, Emporia at Weldon; July 16, Emporia at home; July 17, Weldon at home.

Mrs. Conrad L. O'Brian of Cuba arrived Sunday and will spend the summer with Rev. and Mrs. J. B. O'Brian.

### SIMMONS CO. REPORT INDICATES BIG YEAR

Company Which Controls Local Mills Plans Expansion Says The Richmond  
News-Leader

### OUR COUNTY IS WINNER

Only County In State To Get  
Honorable Mention In Nation-  
Wide Better Homes Campaign

Halifax County, North Carolina, is the only county in the state that has been given honorable mention among the communities which have conducted educational programs of outstanding merit in the eighth nation-wide Better Homes campaign.

Nearly six thousand communities; located in every state in the Union, Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico and Virgin Islands, took part in this campaign. President Hoover, who has headed the Better Homes organization from its inception, continues his keen interest in this educational program and is now serving as its honorary president.

Secretary Wilbur now heads Better Homes in America, the educational organization which annually sponsors an intensive program having for its purpose the promotion of home ownership and the improvement of home and community life.

Greenville, South Carolina, won first prize of \$500.00; Santa Barbara County, Cal., second prize of \$300.00; Pulaski County, Arkansas, and Warren county, Miss., prizes of \$200.00; Crittenden County, Arkansas, prize of \$100.00; Kahler, Wisconsin, prize of \$100.00; Seymour, Ind., prize of \$100.00; Buffalo, N. Y., and Ames, Iowa, prizes of \$100.00.

Each of these awards has been made to the local Better Homes Committee, which is a voluntary organization made up of representatives of civic organizations interested in home improvement. Although prizes are granted only to communities which have demonstration houses, the basis of the award is the whole educational program of the committee; so that in addition to the architecture and construction of the house, the selection and arranging of furnishings, landscaping of grounds, the number of home improvement contests, lecture programs held, the attendance at the demonstrations and the number of local civic organizations cooperating are all taken into consideration in granting the prize.

### OVER HALF MILLION IN

County Tax Collections Gross  
652 Thousands; Unpaid Taxes  
Are 66 Thousands

Ninety per cent of the tax levy in Halifax county has been collected as revealed in a report to the board of county commissioners. J. C. Branch of Enfield led the collectors by bringing to county coffers 99 per cent of the \$77,443 with which he was charged. The public service corporations, represented by railroads, telephones and similar taxes, paid \$75,602.64 to the count, according to Auditor Hawkins.

The total levy for the county was \$651,966.09 and of this amount \$585,041.29 had been paid in by June 30th. The unpaid balance is \$66,924.80. Collections have been in charge of H. L. Bell, J. C. Branch, M. P. Crawley, R. H. Gray, G. M. Hamlet, W. C. Mitchell, N. R. Newsome, and E. C. Ruffin.

Other funds are expected to be collected against the unpaid balance to further reduce the amount. Both the road and school budgets for the coming year were submitted to the county's governing body and were in the main approved. Detailed study of the proposed outlay for the coming year will engage attention before the budgets are finally written into the record.

The commissioners, very favorably impressed with the forest fire protection which Halifax county is taking in conjunction with about 45 counties of the state, renewed its contract. The cost is \$600.

Road officials, headed by Chairman J. T. Chase, reported everything as moving smoothly in their field of endeavor. Other members of the board are P. V. Randolph, F. M. Taylor, W. L. Bailey, and J. W. Harvey.

Mrs. J. W. Ross has returned from a visit to relatives in Ohio.

Excellent reports on the first half-year's business for 1929 by the Simmons Company, indicated that this company, the world's largest manufacturers of beds, mattresses and springs, operating a big plant in Richmond, will come to the close of 1929 with a record business year, says a Richmond paper. The company's directors meet today in Chicago, and it is likely that plans for expansion will be made at this session.

In 1928 Simmons Co., net records with sales of \$36,599,088 and net profit of \$4,275,370, equal to \$3.88 a share on 1,100 shares. The company placed itself in liquid condition and in excellent position for expansion during 1929. Monthly sales so far this year have increased steadily over last year. Simmons June sales to the trade, including subsidiaries 100 per cent owned, totaled \$4,005,915, compared with \$3,090,114 in June, 1928, an increase of 31.9 per cent. This brought six month's sales this year to \$23,011,035 against \$21,008,629 a year ago, an increase of 35.3 per cent.

Simmons Company reports its earnings only semi-annually. In the first half of 1928, profit before federal taxes amounted to \$2,501,438. This figure was substantially bettered in the six months just ended, probably by \$1,000,000. As the last half of the year is normally the larger for Simmons, it would not be surprising to see 1929 sales reaching \$50,000,000 or more and net profit equaling between \$7 and \$8 a share.

For several months Simmons has been experimenting in the plastic field with "molded" products as an eventual aim. While this development is not yet assured, experiments have gone far enough to indicate a commercial success. By this process, it is planned to turn furniture out in molds, aided by certain chemical reactions from gases and supplemented by pressure. The object of the management is to produce a new type of furniture in colors on a basis of mass output at low prices. This would greatly expand Simmons' field and sales possibilities, bringing the company eventually into the general furniture manufacturing field rather than bedroom equipment mainly.

### JURY LIST FOR AUG.

Halifax Superior Court Will  
Convene Monday, August 12,  
For Criminal, Civil Cases

A mixed term of Halifax Superior court will convene at the County seat on Monday, August 12th. Judge W. L. Small will preside and it is presumed that the first week will be given to hearing criminal cases and the second to civil.

Jurors drawn by the board of county commissioners include:

First week—J. R. Wollett, M. H. Mitchell, C. F. Pittman, J. H. Hawkins, J. A. Hous, Jr., J. W. Norwood, F. C. Patterson, J. T. Melvin, J. C. O'Dell, James P. Wilkerson, L. G. Shields, G. C. Fitz, M. D. Cox, P. A. Shell, Dwight M. Harder, E. M. Daughtry, William F. Capledge, J. L. Whitehead, R. B. Robinson, J. W. Leggett, Ben G. Braswell, C. George U. Batten, J. W. Batts, Joe Braswell, W. G. Lynch, Howard Weems, B. F. Lewis, E. L. Pike, J. D. Batts, Dr. J. A. White, N. W. Crawley, D. S. Shearin, B. C. Cook, Clarence Prettymann, S. T. Womack, L. M. Pittman, R. P. Todd, E. M. Wright, B. F. Willis, Sr., H. M. Whitaker, Ernest Bellamy, L. L. Hamill.

Second week—Roy Mohorne, O. C. Vande, Lawrence Bellamy, W. L. Harris, J. H. Boyd, H. M. Harris, E. A. Powell, J. D. Pittard, N. S. Barnes, W. L. Allsbrook, M. G. Drew, George H. Randolph, Claude Allsbrook, W. P. Cook, C. E. Price, H. R. Wollett, Willie Bond, C. E. Davis, J. W. Allsbrook, W. S. Jenkins, Joe Craddock, L. M. Butts, J. L. Ellington, J. J. Ingram.

#### PATROL ON DUTY

Members of the State Highway Patrol for the First District, with headquarters at Tarboro, are 1. Lester Jones, G. W. High, S. H. Mitchell, and G. W. Stone. They went on duty July 1, to patrol the highways in this part of the state.