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CHILD IS VICTIM OF AUTO 4TH

Rosa Lee Johnson Killed Instantly In South Rosemary By Car

One dead and two injured is the sum total of casualties over the Fourth of July holidays in the Twin Cities as reported publicly.

Rosa Lee Johnson, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jete Johnson of South Rosemary, was instantly killed when struck by a car driven by Jack Hux of Rosemary. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McAllister were injured when their car was pushed from the road in Northampton County by another car.

The little Johnson girl was killed at 10:45 on the morning of the Fourth. According to testimony given to the coroner's jury, the child was crossing the road in front of her home which is located on the South Rosemary road just beyond Chooyotte Creek bridge.

Hux was driving a Chevrolet roadster heading toward Rosemary. A truck was passing him in the direction of Littleton. The girl is said to have run out from behind the truck in the path of the Hux car.

Her skull was fractured and one leg broken. Death was almost instantaneous.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict in which it stated the accident was unavoidable. He was later arrested however, by Chief Dobbins on a charge of driving a car with insufficient brakes and brought before Magistrate W. O. Thompson who placed him under a \$200 bond to Halifax Superior Court. Officers say Hux had practically no brakes on the car and could not possibly have stopped.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Johnson home in South Rosemary with Revered C. T. Thrift officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery near Jackson.

Few details could be learned about the accident of Mr. and Mrs. McAllister on the Fourth. It is reported they were driving along and were crowded from the road by another car. Their car was turned over several times and was demolished. They were brought to their home here for medical treatment.

No other accidents were reported except that several beach visitors are reported to be suffering from aggravated cases of sunburn.

Wife Trained And Officers Arrest Missing Husband

A neat piece of detective work was turned in by Chief Gray and a Richmond railroad detective Sunday when Leroy Etheridge, charged with breaking the freight depot here several months ago, was arrested in Richmond.

After the theft, Etheridge had disappeared and was recently located by local police working in Delaware. He was trailed to Richmond. On Sunday, his wife was seen leaving the depot at Weldon. Chief Gray sent a man to get a description of her wearing apparel.

He then called the Richmond detective and described the woman. When she arrived in Richmond she was spotted. She stayed half an hour in the depot and then went to a restaurant nearby where she used a telephone.

A few minutes later Etheridge walked in the restaurant to meet her and was arrested by the detective. Chief Gray went to Richmond and brought the man back here to stand trial.

County Tonsil Clinic Held Here This Week

Dr. Z. T. Mitchell, County Health officer of Halifax County, assisted by a number of nurses is conducting a tonsil clinic at the Junior High School building at Roanoke Rapids this week. Dr. T. H. Royster is doing the operating. It will last for five days and twenty-seven patients are taken care of each day. They come from all sections of Halifax County. Lunch has been served to visiting mothers by the Red Cross Chapter of this community and those partaking have asked The Herald to express their appreciation to the Red Cross.

Misses Mary Cameron, Hazel Talbot, Edna Tickle, Ruth Williams, Susie Webb Thrift and Laura Nell Thrift are spending the week at Leisburg college as delegates to the Epworth League Assembly of the North Carolina conference.

Errand Boy Uses Strong Methods To Secure A Holiday On The Fourth

On the morning of the Fourth, a big crowd was in the Taylor Drug Store at Rosemary, but it took only a split second to clear the store when "Wesley" colored errand boy, dropped a gallon jar of strong ammonia.

For two hours the ammonia fumes held sway and the store was automatically closed. Finally manager O. Griffin donned a gas mask, entered the building and mopped up the ammonia. Later it was possible to enter the store.

Some accuse Wesley of dropping the ammonia on purpose. It was the Fourth and he wanted a holiday. Some of the stores had closed. He got his holiday for about two hours but that was all—the store reopened for business and stayed open the rest of the day.

Final plans for the Daily Vacation Bible School are being made for the opening on Monday morning, July 14, at 9 o'clock. A meeting of the ministers, helpers and department chairmen will be held at the High School Building Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. This will be an organization meeting to go over the daily schedule and make final plans.

The following is the set up of the faculty, subject of course to change if necessary:

Chairman of Daily Vacation Bible School, S. H. Bradley.

Superintendent of the Primary Department, Miss Georgia Keene.

Superintendent of the Junior Department, Miss Beverly Neale; assistants, Miss Julia Bradley and Mr. J. L. Stuart.

Superintendent of the Intermediate Department, Rev. Mr. Shell; assistant, Mrs. L. M. Hall.

Helpers for the different departments: boy's handwork, Mr. R. G. Knight, Edwin Akers, C. T. Thrift, Jr.; girls handwork, Miss Edna Wofford, Miss Alma Vaughan, Miss Wilhelmina Branch.

SCHOOL TO OPEN HERE ON MONDAY

Daily Vacation Bible School Opens For 2 Weeks July 14

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday and set the tax rate for the county fiscal year which began June 30th.

The new tax rate shows an increase of one cent over last year. This year the rate will be \$1.41, divided as follows: general fund .15, county home and outside poor .05, school fund .55, bond interest, redemption and sinking fund .27, road fund .39.

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The school will be free to any boy or girl in the community who has had one year's work in school and who is not yet a member of the Senior High School. Remember the opening is Monday morning and be there early to be registered. No new pupils will be registered after Tuesday morning as this would break into the course and delay the work of the others. Be there on the first day.

On Monday night at eight o'clock at the Senior High School building, will be held the first session of the Teacher Training Class. This is being conducted under the auspices of the Ministerial Association as a Union school and it is the hope of every pastor that a large per cent of the Sunday School teachers and young people will take this course.

Rev. L. M. Hall is chairman of the Sunday School Training Work.

Miss Georgia Keene and Mr. Shell, both of the Methodist church, and both specialists in Teacher Training work are to carry the burden of the teaching. Credit will be given to those who successfully complete the work.

Our community is unusually fortunate to have such a project in Religious Education carried on in our midst in cooperation with the Vacation Bible School. Any one who misses their opportunity in engaging in it will miss a great privilege and joy.

Messrs Allen Zollicoffer, H. L. Bell, W. L. Long, A. N. Martin, R. Hunt Parker, Dr. John Martin and others attended the Democratic Convention in Raleigh last Thursday.

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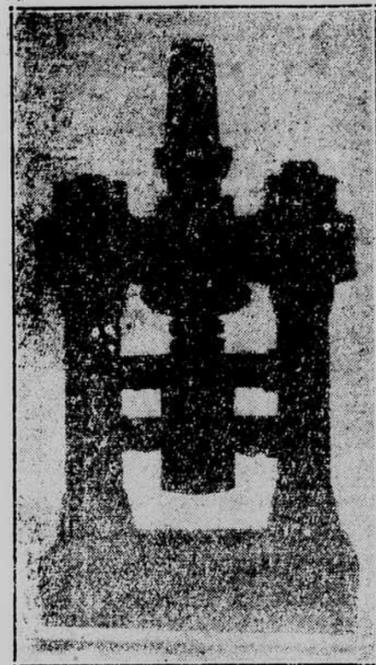
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BECHTLER GOLD PRESS, USED AT RUTHERFORDTON

IN 1829 Christopher Bechtler, a goldsmith of Germany, emigrated to America and settled near Rutherfordton. He began mining in the vicinity for gold, silver and semi-precious stones, and coining money for his neighbors who had the highest regard for his integrity.

The gold used in the Bechtler coins was almost without alloy, being twenty carats fine. They are in two series. The first series was issued before 1834 but the coins bear no date. The second series starts in 1834, the coins of this series bearing the date, the name of the maker, his town, weight, fineness of the gold and the value of the pieces.

Between 1831 and 1840 over \$2,000,000 was coined at the mint in denominations of \$1, \$2.50, \$5 and \$10. Coining of money by private concerns was not authorized by the Government, but in this instance nothing was done to stop it because it was difficult to supply money from the national mint on account of the distance and transportation facilities. The mint was discontinued about 1852. Several years ago the original press was given to the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

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BAKERY IS SOLD

Washington Baker Buys New Bakery at Rosemary From D. W. Etheridge

Announcement was officially made this week of the sale of the New Bakery at Rosemary, by D. W. Etheridge to Martin Iroe. The new owner took charge of the business July 1 and will continue to operate it from its present location. Considerations involved in the deal were not made public. It is understood Mr. Iroe purchased only the physical equipment and good will of the Twin Cities only bakery.

Mr. Etheridge has been identified with the business life of the Twin Cities for the past 8 years. He established his business in Roanoke Rapids, where he operated for a few years, later moving to the location in Rosemary where the business is now located. Mr. Iroe has been engaged in the bakery business for about twelve years. He comes to this section of North Carolina highly recommended in this particular branch of business. Prior to his coming here he operated a bakery business on Pennsylvania Avenue, in Washington, D. C., the Capital's most noted street.

Mr. Iroe will continue to bake the famous "Mammy's Own" Bread, and other products that have become so popular in the homes of this section of the State. The fleet of trucks operated by Mr. Etheridge will continue to be operated by the new management, and delivery of fresh products will be made daily.

District B. Y. P. U. Meeting Is Held

The district meeting of the B. Y. P. U. was held in the Enfield Baptist Church on Thursday July 3rd. The meeting convened at 4 o'clock with Mrs. J. L. Helms of Scotland Neck, presiding. Mr. C. F. Gore of Weldon led the devotions and made an inspirational talk on "The Choice of Life." A playlet given by the Scotland Neck Juniors which demonstrated the duties of officers, committees, etc. of unions was much enjoyed.

The conferences of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Unions proved most helpful.

Rev. R. N. Childress of Rocky Mount, N. C., addressed the meeting on "Growing in Grace Thru Christian Living." Another strong address was made by Rev. R. S. Fountain of Weldon, on the "Value of Young People's Special music by the Enfield Church was beautifully rendered. The efficiency banner was awarded the Intermediate union of Weldon, and the banner for the longest distance was given the Scotland Neck union. Lunch was served in the church and much enjoyed. The next regular meeting will be held at Weldon on September 28th. The Association meeting will be held August 22nd, at the Rocky Mount Baptist Church.

W. C. Billy Williams is confined at home today with sickness.

Several Thousand Yards Of Cloth Lost In Fire At Roanoke Mills Co.

Damaged cloth to the approximate amount of \$3,000 to \$4,000 was the result of a fire in Cloth Room 2 of the Roanoke Mills Company Saturday night.

The fire was discovered by night watchman Jeff Welch, located on the second floor near a wall and behind the stacks of finished goods. One automatic sprinkler was operating but the fire was not hot enough to set off others.

A hose was brought in play and the fire extinguished after burning a hole in the floor. Water stood six inches upstairs while some cloth on the first floor was damaged by water pouring thru the hole above.

The fire was discovered by Mr. Welch at 10:30 Saturday night. Its origin is unknown. The mill had been closed since Thursday last for taking inventory, resuming operations this Monday morning.

CONVICTS CAPTURED 3RD TIME

Men Taken Here Last Week Escaped Again

Henderson, July 7.—John and Bert Hilton and Raymon Brickhouse, three more or less desperate criminals, who escaped from the Granville county jail last Saturday night for the second time in less than a week, were back in jail here today after a little more than a days freedom on this trip out. John Hilton and Brickhouse were taken into custody shortly after 3 o'clock this morning at the home of Wiley Hester at South Henderson, next door to the Southside Drug store. They had just reached there when the officers arrived on the scene. Bert Hilton was arrested at Dickerson, between Henderson and Oxford.

The arrest was made by Police Sergeants J. L. Cash and W. N. Strickland and Deputy Sheriff H. F. Murphy. The men were returned to Oxford and re-committed to jail there. Lintold officers they would get out again at the first opportunity.

In their escape Saturday night the trio, who were kept in a single cell together, picked the lock to their cell door and went downstairs and dug a hole through the brick wall of the jail, according to officers. In their first escape on Monday morning of last week, the trio held up Jailer Arch Clay with a pistol, then knelted him down and robbed him of \$5, and escaped in the jailer's new Pontiac coach. They were recaptured by Halifax County officers between Roanoke Rapids and Littleton.

All three were held at Oxford for store-breaking, awaiting trial at the coming July term of court here. John Hilton and Brickhouse are said to have escaped from State prison and Bert had finished his term there. They were doing time for a similar offense some months ago.

At the sheriff's office in Oxford it was said today that it had not been decided whether to take the three to some other place for safekeeping pending their trial.

Train To Norfolk Is Shifted To Morning

No. 16 Northbound Seaboard train was changed Sunday from 4:50 p. m. to 11 a. m., arriving in Norfolk at 1:35 p. m. No. 17 leaves Norfolk at 8:15 p. m., arriving here at 10:40. This gives those who desire it an afternoon at the beaches. On Friday and Saturday of each week there is a special round trip rate of \$3.25.

Excursion Train

A special excursion train for Sunday Schools will leave Norfolk for Portsmouth early the morning of July 21. The train will pass here at about 6:30 arriving in Portsmouth at 9 a. m. and returning at 9:45 p. m. The round trip fare from here will be \$1.50 for adults, 75c for children under 12.

A huge crowd attended the formal opening at Figel's Style Shoppe on Tuesday night and all visitors were delighted with the remodeled store. Bridge score pads for ladies and cigars for gentlemen were given by the management.

JULY 4 IS SIGNIFICANT IN HALIFAX

Halifax Events Leading Up To Independence Day

July the Fourth is of particular significance in Halifax County. The famous Halifax Resolution, the first of the kind in all America, was adopted unanimously on the twelfth of April, 1776, antedating the Virginia resolves of the same nature a little more than a month.

As is well known, the Continental Congress acted upon this resolution of North Carolina, which was well seconded by Virginia by a like resolve on May 15, and a National declaration of Independence was passed on July 4th, 1776.

When the Provincial Congress met in Halifax on April 4, 1776, it found a sympathetic people to give encouragement to its deliberations. After matters of minor nature were disposed of by the Congress, the discussion of national affairs was entered upon. The sentiment for independence was well nigh unanimous and it was enthusiastically decided that the Congress should go on record in some expression regarding it. Accordingly a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions. Cornelius Harriott was chairman of the committee and made the report on April 12 as follows:

The Halifax Resolution
"It appears to your committee that, pursuant to the plan concerted by the British ministry for subjugating America, the king and parliament of Great Britain have usurped a power over the persons and properties of the people, unlimited and uncontrolled, and, disregarding their humble petitions for peace, liberty and safety, have made divers legislative acts enouncing war, famine, and every species of calamity against the continent in general. The British have been, and still are, daily employed in destroying people and committing the most horrid devastations on the country. The governors in different colonies have declared protection to slaves who imbue their hands in the blood of their masters. The ships belonging to America are declared prizes of war, and many of them have been violently seized and confiscated. In consequence of all which, multitudes of people have been destroyed, or from every circumstance reduced to the most lamentable distress.

"And whereas, the moderation hitherto manifested by the United Colonies, and their sincere desire to be reconciled to the mother country on constitutional principles have procured no mitigation of the aforesaid wrongs and usurpations, and no hope remains of obtaining redress by those means alone which have been hitherto tried, your committee are of the opinion that the House should enter into the following resolve, to-wit:

"Resolved that the delegates from this colony, in the Continental Congress, be empowered to concur with the delegates of the other colonies in declaring Independence and forming foreign alliances, reserving to this colony the sole and exclusive rights of forming a constitution and laws for this colony, and of appointing delegates from time to time (under the direction of a general representation thereof) to meet the delegates of the other colonies for such purposes as shall be hereafter pointed out."

The Town of Halifax

During the incipient stages of the Revolution, the town of Halifax was the home of many stirring events. After the adjournment of the Provincial Congress, the Provincial Council of 1776, of which Willie Jones was a distinguished member, was in session in Halifax for more than a month during the summer of 1776. While in session on July 22, news of the passage of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia was received. The council immediately passed the following resolution:

"Resolved that the committees of the respective counties and towns in this State, on receiving the Declaration of Independence, do cause the same to be proclaimed in the most public manner, in order that the good people of this colony may be fully informed thereof."

While in session July 25, the Council proceeded to change the test oath so as to make it conform to the character of the State as free and independent. By resolution, the preamble to the oath was made to say that the "Colonies are now free and independent states, and all allegiance to the British Crown is now forever at an end." On the 27th of the same month

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