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Ford Car Struck By Train At Orrum

Mrs. Ila Edwards of Barnesville Landed 20 Feet Away With Baby In Her Arms—Mr. Bunyan Floyd of Lumberton Was Driving Car.

NO ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

By H. V. Brown
Orrum, Aug. 7.—A Ford touring car driven by Mr. Bunyan Floyd, son of Mr. J. H. Floyd of Lumberton, was hit by the eastbound Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 97 here this morning at 10:18. With Mr. Floyd when the accident occurred were Mrs. Ila Edwards and infant daughter, who live near Barnesville on the McD. Walters farm. The front of the engine hit the car just to the rear of the center and turned it over sideways into a ditch. Mr. Floyd was knocked out of the car but Mrs. Edwards, who was holding her 18-month-old baby, was knocked several feet in the air and landed about 20 feet from where the car landed. When persons nearby reached her she was still holding her baby in her arms with firmness. The little one had a slight abrasion on the head and Mrs. Edwards was hurt seriously, the extent of which could not be determined.

Immediately after the collision the conductor of the train ordered the engine cut loose from the coaches and sped to Boardman, three miles distant, for medical assistance. Dr. Norman responded and gave first aid. Dr. T. C. Johnson of Lumberton was notified by phone and rushed to the scene, as did Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont, the A. C. L. surgeon for the district.

According to a statement of Mr. Floyd, he overtook Mrs. Edwards walking down the highway several miles south of Lumberton and offered her a ride. Upon reaching Orrum on the main throughfare Mr. Floyd saw the approaching train as it attempted to cross, slowed his car and seeing that the accident could not be avoided turned sharply to make the contact lighter, which eye witnesses declare prevented a more serious accident, possibly saving the lives of the occupants. Another reason for the accident not being any worse was the fact that the train was slowing for the station 50 yards away, and persons in Orrum stated that the train gave the usual station blow, but Mr. Floyd failed to hear it. The Ford was done considerable damage. Drs. Johnson and Norman accompanied the injured to Lumberton, where they were placed in a hospital for treatment. Their condition when reaching Lumberton about noon was reported as favorable, although more thorough examination may prove otherwise. Mrs. Edwards was rendered unconscious and had regained consciousness when they arrived Lumberton. Mr. Floyd was resting well, as was the baby.

This accident was somewhat similar to the one which occurred at the crossing just one mile east of Orrum about a year ago, when the passenger train going west struck a car, injuring several.

An x-ray examination at the Thompson hospital did not show any broken bones, though both Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Floyd are suffering from the shock and bruises received. Mrs. Edwards' baby escaped with slight bruises.

Fire Caused by Leaves in Gutter.
The fire company was called out Thursday at 7 p. m. on account of a blaze underneath a tin roof at the home of Mr. A. P. McAllister, Chestnut and Sixth streets. The flames were extinguished by the use of chemicals before much damage was done. It is thought the fire started from a spark which fell among some leaves which had lodged in a gutter.

Leaves have lodged in the gutters of many Lumberton homes, according to Fire Chief Ed J. Glover, who asked the Robesonian to urge local citizens to clean out the gutters on their roofs.

Co-op Warehouses Receiving Tobacco

Tobacco Will be Received at Warehouses of Cooperatives 2 Days Each Week Beginning Today—Members Pleased With New Method of Handling.

TOBACCO SHOULD BE KEPT DRY AND IN GOOD ORDER

All the warehouses to be operated in the South Carolina belt by the Co-operative Tobacco Marketing association opened for receiving tobacco this morning. While very few farmers had learned the date when the warehouses would open, quite a number of the members of the association brought tobacco to the local co-operative market today and were apparently pleased with the new method of handling their tobacco. The warehouses will be open for receiving tobacco on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week.

Two large warehouses—Farmers and Big Banner—will be operated here by the association. Mr. J. C. Lewis, an experienced warehouseman of South Boston, Va., has charge of the warehouses. Messrs. R. W. Watson and J. T. Penn, former tobacco buyers for leading companies, have charge of the grading, while a competent office force keeps the records. The tobacco is graded as it is brought in and immediately placed in hogsheds and prepared for shipping to re-drying plants. The tobacco is graded by samples. Members of the association are given drafts for the advance to be paid on the tobacco when it is brought, and participating certificates for the balance to be paid when the tobacco is sold. The three local banks will cash the drafts.

Mr. Lewis asks the Robesonian to urge members of the association to keep their tobacco dry and bring it in in good order.

VERY MUCH WANTED MAN

Former Robeson County Man Wanted on Charges of Grand Larceny, Bigamy, Jail and Asylum Breaking.
Some time ago a requisition was made by the authorities of the State of Florida on the North Carolina authorities for Ernest Jackson, a Cumberland county citizen, wanted in Florida for alleged grand larceny. The papers were sent from Raleigh to the sheriff of Robeson county, who sent them to this county. Deputy Sheriff M. A. McLean, hearing that Jackson was working near Elizabethtown, Bladen county, went there to arrest him, only to find that he had been placed in jail on a charge of bigamy. So the matter of taking him to Florida was postponed.

In a few days, Jackson "went raving crazy" in the jail, and his condition apparently was so serious that he was taken to the asylum at Raleigh. And now comes the news that he escaped from the asylum the other day. So there is at large a man wanted for grand larceny, bigamy, jail breaking and asylum breaking.—Fayetteville Observer, Aug. 3.

Jackson formerly lived near Lumberton and is well-known to many Robeson citizens.

In Snow Storm on Mount Mitchell August 2nd.

Mr. H. E. Stacy returned Thursday night from a trip through the mountains of the western part of the State with Mr. T. L. Johnson, in the latter's Cadillac. Leaving here on the night of July 28 with Mrs. Johnson and children, they went by rail to Charlotte, to which place the car had been sent to be "tuned up" for the trip. Mrs. Johnson and the children go on by rail to Hickory to visit relatives. Messrs. Stacy and Johnson drove Saturday to Chimney Rock, spent the night there, and drove thence to points of interest about Hendersonville and Asheville. About the middle of the afternoon on August 2nd they were in a snow and sleet storm on the top of Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Rockies. A postcard from Mr. Johnson mailed at Asheville August 3rd shows the dining room of Grove Park inn and stated that he would lunch there on that day with the Rotary club. Mr. Johnson will return home by rail this week and leave the car for the use of Mrs. Johnson.

17-Year-Old Boy Found Dead in Bed.

Norman Martin, 17-year-old son of Mr. W. B. Martin, who lives in Howellville township, was found dead in bed Thursday morning. Interment was made Friday at Raft Swamp Baptist church. The cause of the young man's death has not been learned.

Field Pasture Meeting Thursday.

There will be a field pasture meeting on the farm of Mr. Spurgeon Jones, near Powersville, Thursday of this week at 10 a. m. Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, will conduct the meeting and all farmers are invited to be present. Mr. Jones has a mixed pasture of Carpet grass and Lespedeza.

Mr. J. C. Barnes of Back Swamp was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

BLACK CRIME COMMITTED BY 3 NEGROES AT SOUTHERN PINES

Criminally Assaulted White Woman After Shooting Husband With Baby in His Arms—Negroes Rushed to State Prison at Raleigh—One of Them Angus Murphy, Who Served a Term in Prison from Robeson. Three negroes charged with criminal assault on a white woman and perhaps fatally shooting her husband as he lay asleep just outside Southern Pines early Friday morning were rushed to the State prison at Raleigh Friday, reaching there barely 20 minutes ahead of a score or more of Sandhill citizens who had followed in hot pursuit. Rumors that an attempt might be made to storm the prison caused Governor Morrison to order troops to the prison for guard duty.

The crime is one of the blackest in the history of the State. As told in the Raleigh News and Observer, A. E. Ketchen, his wife and year-old daughter, making their way from Miami, Fla., to their home in Connecticut by automobile, camped Thursday night just outside the corporate limits of Southern Pines.

At 1 o'clock in the morning Mrs. Ketchen was awakened by a shot. Her husband had been shot through the left breast as he lay asleep on his cot. The baby's head was missed by a fraction of an inch. The bullet passed through the body and through the cot on which he was lying. The wife went to assist her husband, but was dragged away and outraged, first by one negro and then the other.

Money, jewelry and Mr. Ketchen's pistol were stripped away by the negroes, and their victims left at the roadside. Mrs. Ketchen made her way to a neighboring house, where she found assistance. Her husband was taken to Southern Pines and given emergency treatment. Later he was removed to the McConnell hospital in Carthage.

After considerable search the negroes were found in a coal car of a passing freight at Aberdeen. A search of them disclosed all the missing property of their victims, including a monogrammed wrist watch stripped from Mrs. Ketchen's wrist. Later the negroes were identified by the woman. Sheriff D. A. Blue of Moore county commended a Packard and carried his prisoner to Raleigh. 72 miles away, in considerably less than 2 hours.

The negroes gave their names as John Lee, 16, Wilmington; Angus Murphy, 36, Robeson county; Joseph Thomas, 20, South Carolina. Lee confessed to Sheriff Blue but maintained that he was not a party to the actual crimes. Murphy, said to be from Maxton, was tried at the July, 1911, term of Robeson Superior court on the charge of larceny and was sentenced to four years in the State prison. The News and Observer states that Murphy was recognized by Warden Busbee as having served a 4-year term in the State prison. He is regarded as a bad negro.

Home-Coming Picnic in Honor of Rev. A. L. Davis.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Trinity, Ala., Aug. 1.—The relatives, pupils and friends of Rev. A. L. Davis will honor him, now in his 90th year, with a home-coming picnic August 5. A large attendance is expected.

Entertainment at Fairmont Indian School.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be an entertainment at the Fairmont Indian school, house Saturday, Aug. 12, hours 5 to 9. Proceeds for building. The public is cordially invited.

Typhoid Vaccination.

Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, will be at the following places Tuesday, August 8, to vaccinate for typhoid fever: Mt. Moriah 11:30 a. m.; Raemon 1:30 p. m.; Rowland 10:30 a. m.

Mrs. N. A. Thompson and two children, Miss Julia and Master Neill Archie, Jr., will leave tomorrow for Montreal, where they will spend two weeks.

Mr. H. W. Ivey of R. 3, Lumberton, is in town today.

Messrs. W. G. Britt and L. M. Powell of Parkton are Lumberton visitors today.

Mr. N. J. McRimmon of R. 3, Maxton, is among the visitors in town today.

Mr. W. W. Lewis of Fairmont is among the visitors in town today.

Messrs. W. Lennon and Robert Caldwell have returned home from Hendersonville and other points in Western North Carolina, where they spent a week.

Mrs. C. E. Cherry and small daughter returned home Friday evening from Raleigh, where they spent several days visiting relatives.

Average Price of Tobacco Nearly Four Times As High As Last Year

Average First 4 Days of Season \$19.31 the Hundred as Compared With \$5.59 Same Days Last Year. The Lumberton tobacco market sold at auction during the four sales days last week 169,450 pounds of tobacco for \$32,834.01, an average of \$19.31 the hundred for the entire sales. The average for the first four sales days on this market last year was \$5.59, the average this year being almost four times as much as that of 1921.

The amount of tobacco offered on the local auction market is expected to increase as the selling season advances. The fact that the tobacco-growers are grading and tying their tobacco before offering it for sale will no doubt result in slower marketing than under the old system of selling it "in the rough."

FAIRMONT NEWS ITEMS

Tipsy Auto Driver Opened His Mouth and Put His Foot in It—Fairmont Now Has a Baseball Team.

Fairmont, Aug. 5.—A white man giving his name as McKenzie and his home as South Carolina drove into town last Friday afternoon and supposedly lost control of his big Paige six and ran into a large Cadillac coupe and a Ford parked on the west side of Main street. Policeman Lawson saw the accident and thinking it purely accidental said something to the driver, who in turn used some bad language and made some threats. At this point the officer placed him under arrest and found that he was under the influence of whiskey and that he had a pint bottle of the fluid in his car. A large portion of the contents were gone but enough was left for evidence. The trial before Recorder Floyd resulted in the defendant paying out nearly \$20 for his negligence and drinking. The Cadillac belonging to Mr. V. W. Critcher was slightly damaged and the Ford was given a fairly good lick but was not damaged.

Fairmont Now Has Ball Team

Fairmont is at last in baseballdom. The exact meaning of this is that Fairmont now has a baseball team, how good we can't tell you at this writing. However, we have some mighty good players of a good established reputation as diamond workers. The pitching staff has not yet been completed but several good hurlers are in view and the games to be played this week will tell a tale. Monday, August 7th, the local team will play the strong Dillon aggregation here at the Beaufort park, the game starting at exactly 4 o'clock. On Wednesday, the 9th, a game has been secured with the Boardman team. The results of these games will decide just how many more real players we need. Several games are being arranged with the different clubs of the Interstate league. Results of these games will be given in Thursday's ROBESONIAN and possibly announcements of other games.

Creeping Paralysis Begins to be Felt as the Strike Runs.

This Morning's Raleigh News and Observer states that creeping paralysis of practically ever industry in the State that set in with the beginning of the shopmen's strike, now entering its sixth week has already thrown ten men out of work to one striking shopman according to what are believed to be very conservative estimates and the worst of the tie up is just beginning to be felt. "State Highway Commissioner Page declares that the strike is costing the state more than \$10,000 a day."

A Washington dispatch states that leaders of the striking shopmen waited over Sunday in that city expecting to resume with President Harding today negotiations for strike settlement which were reopened Saturday.

5 Strike-Breakers Severely Beaten

Southern Pines, Aug. 4.—Twenty-five masked men, thought by the authorities to be striking Seaboard shopmen, attacked five strike-breakers and a guard at work on a disabled freight engine on a siding at Manly, 2 miles north of here, late this afternoon, bound and gagged them, loaded them in automobiles, carried them several miles from the scene and beat them severely, one of them perhaps fatally.

Mr. Oscar M. Israel left Saturday night for New York city, where he will join Mr. A. Weinstein, who has been spending some time in Chicago. Messrs. Weinstein and Israel will be in New York for a few days buying new fall goods for Mr. Weinstein's department store.

Miss Mary Gibson of Hamlet spent the week-end here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, Second street. Miss Gibson was accompanied from Dunn, where she has been visiting, by little Miss Sarah, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, who had been in Dunn two weeks visiting friends.

Average Price of Tobacco Nearly Four Times As High As Last Year

Average on Fairmont Market Was \$18.22 as Compared with \$5.59 for Same Time Last Year—"Coops" Begin Receiving Tobacco Today.

Fairmont, August 5.—Fairmont sold tobacco this week at prices that were absolutely satisfactory to the farmers. Opening Tuesday with 54,948 pounds selling for the sum of \$7,896.68, and average of \$14.40, Wednesday the market sold 44,222 pounds for \$7,408.84, an average of \$16.75. Thursday 80,113 pounds of the weed were sold for the sum of \$16,894.24, average of \$21.09. Friday the total number of pounds was 79,022, which sold for the sum of \$14,842.76, average \$18.78. The total for the four days was 258,205 pounds selling for the sum of \$47,042.47, an average for the week of \$18.22. The first four days sales last season brought the sum of \$20,148.32, an average of \$5.59.

These being certified figures there can be no doubt as to the veracity of the statement as some have expressed regarding the reports from the markets after the opening sales. On Friday's sale in one warehouse two farmers were heard to kick on the price they had been offered but were told that it was on account of the offerings not being tied and graded. They are working today on their tobacco, tying and grading it, and will offer it on Monday's sale. Just why the average this year is nearly four times that of last year for the first four days cannot be so readily explained, but some of the members of the local Tobacco Growers Co-operative association express themselves as believing the advance due to the presence of the association.

The Tobacco Growers association here has received final instructions to begin receiving tobacco for the pool Monday August 7th. Receiving will be held on Monday's Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. The other days will be given to the shipping and caring for the received tobaccos. Messrs. W. M. Worley and E. Jones, who have the business of the association in charge here, express themselves as being highly pleased with the situation and that they expect a large quantity of tobacco to be pooled this coming week. Mr. W. L. Proctor is expected on every train and will be the official grader for the association.

Messrs. Swanson and Matthews, who have been here before with the auction system, are this year here with the co-operative association. Messrs. E. J. Davis and Sons, proprietors of the Robeson county warehouse, and Messrs. E. J. Chamber and O. A. Reeves, proprietors of the People's tobacco warehouse, doing business under the old auction system, express that they feel confident that this market will sell from four to six million pounds at auction this season.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Sam Stone of Proctorville Section.

Mrs. Sam Stone, aged 26 years of the Proctorville section died Saturday at 10 a. m. at the Baker sanatorium, of internal cancer. Deceased is survived by her husband and one child, 6 w.e.k. old. The funeral was conducted yesterday at 4:30 p. m. by Rev. I. P. Hedgpech, pastor of Big Branch Baptist church, of which deceased was a member, and interment was made in the family cemetery near the home.

Mr. Jas. A. Britt of Clarkton.

Mr. James Anderson Britt, aged 48 years, of Clarkton, died of heart trouble at 1 p. m. at the Baker sanatorium. The remains were taken to the home yesterday and the funeral will take place this afternoon and interment will be made in the family cemetery, near the home.

Death of Mrs. Nancy C. Watson—Visitors.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. East Lumberton, Aug. 7.—Mrs. W. Benson and daughters, Misses Alvina Lee and Johnson Louise, of Spartanburg, S. C., arrived in Lumberton this morning to make a short stay at the home of Mr. Levi Perry of East Lumberton, a brother of the elder lady, after which they will "sojourn" among the highways and byways north of Rosedale in Bladen, where a host of relatives and friends wait to welcome them in their midst.

Mrs. Nancy C., wife of the late Francis Watson, died at Hope Mills R. 2 Thursday morning, the 3rd inst. Interment was made Friday morning at Tenmile church. Deceased is survived by two daughters, two sisters and five brothers.

Lloyd Hardin, Indian

Lloyd Hardin, Indian, aged 25 years, died yesterday at 2 p. m. at his home in Saddletree township, 6 miles from Lumberton, of tuberculosis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White will leave tomorrow in their automobile for Winston-Salem, where they will spend 10 days, making side trips from the twin city.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 20 1-4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCALS NEWS

—Mr. F. L. Cady, manager of the Augusta, Ga., baseball club, spent Friday and Saturday here "looking over" the local club.

—Receipts at the local postoffice for the year ending June 30, last, were \$20,310.35, as compared with \$18,878.93 for the previous year. This was an increase of \$1,431.42.

—Miss Lacy Johnson, bookkeeper in Mr. A. Weinstein's department store, has returned to work after spending 2 months visiting relatives near Hope Mills.

—Mr. DeLeon Britt went last week to Raleigh, where he delivered an address on "Amateur Journalism" before a meeting of young men. The meeting was held Tuesday and Wednesday.

—An annex to the Lorraine hotel has been opened over Efrid's department store. It will accommodate 6 people. The Lorraine has been crowded with patrons of late, necessitating the opening of the annex.

—Mr. Chalmers Boney had an operation performed on his nose Friday by Dr. J. G. Murphy of Wilmington. He was accompanied to Wilmington by his father, Mr. A. E. Boney, who returned home Friday evening.

—Recorder D. H. Fuller and Mr. J. Dixon McLean left Friday in Mr. Fuller's car for New York via the valley of Virginia, Harper's Ferry and Gettysburg. Mr. Fuller will spend some time in the Adirondacks before returning home.

—The Baruch class of the First Baptist church will hold a social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McIntyre, East Fifth street, Friday evening of this week. Mr. McIntyre is president of the class. All members of the class are invited.

—Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, returned home last night from Augusta, Ga., where he spent a week with his mother, who has been seriously ill for some time. Her condition was somewhat improved when Dr. Hardin left her.

—Twenty-two and 8-10 acres of farming lands, belonging to Mr. W. C. Britt and located on the Wildcat highway (Creek road) seven miles south of Lumberton, were sold at auction at the court house door Saturday for \$5,000. Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton was the purchaser.

—Mr. Walter Ivey, who is employed by Messrs. Tucker & Laxton, who are erecting the new reservoir at the local filter plant, was painfully hurt about 10 o'clock this morning when a piece of 4 x 4 timber used in the framework of the reservoir fell and struck him on the head. Mr. Ivey went to the Thompson hospital and it is thought he will be able to return home tonight.

—Mr. F. D. Hackett, Jr., submitted the highest bid—\$15,000—on the Bullock Brothers Auto Co., bankrupt, garage building, Chestnut and Third streets, at noon today. Mr. Hackett also submitted the highest bid on the stock, his bid being \$1,300. The property was bid off at auction, Mr. W. S. Britt, receiver, conducting the sale. It is probable that Mr. Britt will reject the bids, however.

—A Ford coupe owned and driven by Mr. R. McA. Nixon and a Ford car driven by Arthur Lee, colored, of St. Pauls, were both somewhat damaged late Friday afternoon at the corner of Sixth and Pine streets when the two cars met in head-on collision. Mr. Nixon was driving on the right side of the street when Lee turned his car to the left, which resulted in the collision. No one was hurt.

—Mrs. W. F. Fuller returned Thursday night from Wilmington, where she spent a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Moore entertained at a six o'clock dinner at the Oceanic hotel, Wrightsville Beach, Friday, July 28, in Mrs. Fuller's honor. Mr. Fuller spent the week-end at Wilmington and was accompanied home by their small son, W. F. Jr. who went with his mother to Wilmington.

—Considerable excitement was caused at the union station late yesterday afternoon when a monkey belonging to Mr. Ed J. Glover bit a small girl on the leg. The parents of the child were very much enraged and the father, who lives in Bladen county, threatened to bring suit against the railroad company for damages. While the child was running after the monkey when attacked, the monkey was running at large, a thing which should not be allowed.

—Senator Claude A. Swanson was nominated for United States Senator in a primary held last Tuesday in Virginia over former Governor West moreland Davis.

—Mayor J. C. Walton of Oklahoma City, anti-Ku Klux Klan and farmer-labor, candidate in the 3-cornered race for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Oklahoma was nominated in the State-wide primary held last Tuesday. The Ku Klux Klan backed one of Walton's opponents.

—Gastonia voted \$150,000 school bonds last week.