

Robt. Britt Fatal- ly Injured When Struck by Auto

Young Man Lived Only 2 Hours After Being Struck by Auto on W.-C. A. Highway—Stepped from Behind Another Car to Cross Road.

Robert Britt, young white man of Long Branch section, died Friday night at 9 o'clock in Thompson's hospital two hours after being struck by an automobile driven by Mr. J. W. Branch of Lumberton.

The accident occurred on the W.-C. A. highway about 5 miles east of Lumberton as young Britt was crossing the road from behind another car, not seeing the approaching car, which is said to have been running at a moderate speed. Mr. Branch, who was driving the car, stated that he did not see the man until too late to stop, but did everything in his power to avoid the collision.

Soon after the accident the victim was brought to Lumberton and placed in the hospital, but death resulted in less than half an hour after reaching the institution. He never regained consciousness, nor spoke after being struck. Severe internal injuries affected the lungs and heart.

Deceased is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Britt, who live on the highway near the scene of the accident.

As soon as the car could be stopped Mr. Branch got out and helped carry the injured boy to the porch near by, where everything possible was done to revive him. Mr. Branch sent for the boy's father, who was at the next house, and after getting his permission put the boy in his car and brought him to the hospital.

Mrs. Branch and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Lamb were with Mr. Branch when the accident happened and confirm the statement that the accident was unavoidable. They were on their way to the commencement exercises at the Long Branch school.

Mr. Branch has been life-long friend of the boy's parents and is greatly affected by the sad occurrence.

Funeral services were held at the Britt home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. I. P. Hedgpath. Interment was made in the family burying grounds near the home.

Mary Bunn Lewis Dies of Burns

Small Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lewis, Who Live Near Fairmont, Died Saturday as Result of Burns Received March 26—Clothing Caught When She Built Fire in Yard.

Mary Bunn, 8-and-a-half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lewis of Fairmont, died Saturday about noon at the Baker sanatorium as the result of burns received Thursday, March 26, at the home of her parents, while she was building a fire in the back yard. Her clothing caught and before her mother could reach her she was terribly burned. In trying to extinguish the blaze about her daughter, the mother suffered painful burns on her hands and arms.

The burns most serious were on her body between her knees and neck, and so deep were the burns that she would have been badly scarred the rest of her life had she recovered.

Her condition was reported as very favorable for many days following the accident, but her condition gradually grew worse for three or four days prior to death.

PLANNING FOR BIG DAY MAY 10
Legion Men Struck Snag at Fort Bragg But They Will Reach Out in Other Directions.

Legionnaires W. B. Ivey, F. Eli Whaley, I. L. McGill and Elwood Whaley spent Thursday afternoon at Fort Bragg, where they met General Bowley and asked for the Fort Bragg band to be here the 10th of May at the big celebration which is being planned, which request the General refused, stating that he had already engaged the band for that day. Other Fort Bragg features which were asked for were denied the ex-soldiers.

Plans are now being made to get the American Legion band from Wilmington and possibly the Wilmington light infantry band here for the occasion, which will, if carried out as planned, eclipse anything in the line of big days that Lumberton has had in many years.

Names of Candidates for Town Offices Filed.

Names of the following have been filed with the town primary managers by their friends as candidates for office subject to the vote of the people April 24th:

S. McIntyre, commissioner ward No. 1; J. L. Stephens, commissioner ward No. 2; E. M. Johnson, mayor; K. M. Barnes, Geo. L. Thompson and L. E. Whaley, school trustees.

These notices have been filed by friends of these men, all of whom are present incumbents of the offices for which they are nominated.

Teachers' Responsibility Greater Than Ever Before

Dr. Durham in Talk to Teachers Stressing Importance of Inculcating Respect for Law, Love of Country and Reverence for Sacred Things—Successful Meeting of County Teachers.

\$450,000 SPENT DURING PAST YEAR FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

One of the most successful county teachers meetings was held in the Lumberton high school building Saturday.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church. In a short talk Dr. Durham stated that he was no pessimist but that he believed that the responsibility on the part of the teachers of schools was greater than ever before, because of the crisis through which the world is passing at this time. "This is a peculiarly important time for the teachers to have visions and to do better work," said Dr. Durham. "If you are a teacher of my boy or girl, I would want you to teach that child; first, proper respect for law and properly constituted authority; second, proper respect for the flag of the great country in which we live; and, third, reverence for sacred things—the Sabbath day, and the word of God."

In this connection Dr. Durham stated that he did not believe in teaching the Bible in the schools, but that he did believe in teaching profound respect for sacred things.

Prof. W. B. Crumpton then took charge of the meeting and had a song, "Welcome Springtime," sung by members of the Lumberton high school, after which all present sang "Carolina."

Superintendent J. R. Poole made a very interesting talk on the growth and betterment of the schools in the past few years, stating that the Robeson county board of education had spent more than \$450,000 in the past year for new buildings and improvements, and that this item was one of the reasons for the county to now have much better schools, and much better-qualified teachers.

"The Final Report" was ably discussed by Prof. Teague of St. Paul, in which he showed just how important it is to keep a permanent record of everything that happens in the school, especially the average attendance.

Prof. Crumpton discussed the matter of taking census in the schools and showed whereby the county will be saved an enormous amount of money as soon as this census-taking program is begun and carried out.

Approximately 200 teachers were present at the meeting and unusual interest was taken, especially in the program which is being compiled by the committee on the big celebration to be held here May 10th.

The committee consists of Miss I. E. Gramling, Prof. W. H. Crumpton and Prof. J. R. Poole of Lumberton, Professors H. W. Morton, Barnesville, T. S. Teague, St. Paul, E. L. Veasey, Rowland, D. B. Oliver, Barker-Tennille.

Prior to 1923 the county had been paying 3 cents per name for the census of the schools of Robeson county, amounting to approximately \$650 annually, and this is now eliminated by the school census which is to be a permanent census with revision each year by the different teachers, a new filing system having been recently installed in the office of Prof. Poole at the court house.

MASS MEETING AT MAXTON TUESDAY NIGHT IN INTEREST OF CAROLINA COLLEGE

There will be a mass meeting in the interest of Carolina college in the graded school auditorium at Maxton Tuesday night, 10th, at 8 o'clock. This meeting is not for the purpose of soliciting funds. Carolina college has made most encouraging progress under the management of President Ernest J. Green and the outlook for the future is bright. All who are interested in the college are invited to attend the meeting tomorrow night.

LUMBERTON POST MEETS THURSDAY NIGHT.

Committees Will be Appointed for Big Celebration May 10th.

Commander W. B. Ivey is urging all members and other ex-service men to attend a meeting of Lumberton post of the American Legion Thursday night of this week at 8 o'clock. At this meeting committees will be appointed and plans will be made for the big celebration that will be held in Lumberton May 10th.

—There will be a regular meeting of the Business and Professional Woman's club at the tea room on Fifth street Thursday night, 8 o'clock, at which time election of officers will be held.

ROBIN HOOD

18 Robeson Folk Heirs To Immense Fortune In Cal.

Jim Baker, Who Left Robeson County in 1849, Amassed in California a Fortune of Millions Which is Waiting Establishment of Claims of Heirs—Was Uncle of Messdames W. M. Bryan and A. L. Broadwell and Mr. J. E. Tyner of Lumberton.

Eighteen Robeson county people seem to be in line to inherit a fortune of \$50,000,000 which is said to be waiting in California for those who can establish their claims.

Jim Baker went from Robeson county in 1849 to California and died some years ago leaving a large fortune with no direct heirs, both his sons having died without issue. He was an uncle of Mr. J. E. Tyner, Mrs. W. M. Bryan and Mrs. A. L. Broadwell, all of whom live near Lumberton, also an uncle of the first wife of Mr. W. H. Shooter of Lumberton.

Mr. Nolan Speight, 80 or 90 years old, who lives near Allenton, says he remembers when Jim Baker hauled turpentine from near Allenton to the Cape Fear river, and Mr. Dockery Allen, who lives 8 miles from Lumberton on R. 5, says he remembers when Jim Baker left Robeson and recalls that he said he was going to California to get rich.

Rev. Kelly Broadwell, now pastor of a church in Lawrenceville, Pa. while home on a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Broadwell, at the National cotton mill village, last August, told his mother that while in California some time before he heard about this fortune, but he did not know that he was personally interested until his mother told him about her uncle Jim Baker.

Interest in this matter was revived by an item published in The Robesonian of March 15 last, in which item "Aunt Becky" told about some Bland brothers from Wake county being in search of a missing link in a chain which they said would establish the claims of their mother to being rightful heir to a fortune of \$50,000,000 left by three Baker brothers in California, their names being given as John, Joseph and Andrew.

Messrs. Tyner and Shooter are having the matter investigated, being certain that their uncle Jim Baker was one of the men referred to and that they can establish their claims to being the nearest relatives and the lawful heirs.

Squire Small is Still Champion

No One Comes Forward Who Can Dispute of the Eats More Samer Than He'll Baraca Class Has Another Delightful Feast—Judge Devin a Guest.

Squire S. S. Small was again proclaimed the champion eater at a fish fry given by the Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school at the Goat club house Thursday night. It will be recalled that he distinguished himself along this line at a similar affair given by the class several weeks ago.

A feast consisting of shad, potato salad, and relishes, with coffee and cream, excellently prepared, was served and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

A distinguished guest, Judge W. A. Devin, teacher of Baraca class in his home town, Oxford, made an interesting talk in which he complimented the local class for its spirit in the work and stated that it was evident throughout the country that a man no longer was compelled to wear a long face and look grouchy in order to be an active Christian.

After short talks by other visitors, Mr. A. M. Hartley, president of the class, opened the meeting for an hour of amusement, which consisted of singing and clog dancing, and was brought to a close with a joke by the champion.

Superior Court

Court Adjourned Friday—Large Docket Cleared in Four Days.

Robeson Superior court was adjourned by Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford Friday afternoon after one of the largest dockets in the history of the county had been cleared in the four days court was actually in session.

A large number of judgments was signed and very few issues were presented to the jury. Judge Devin left in the afternoon for Fayetteville, accompanying Dr. M. A. Waddell, who spent the afternoon in the Cumberland capital on business.

Township Farmers' Meetings.

Township meetings of co-op locals will be held this week as follows, each meeting at 8 p. m.:

Gaddy, at White Pond school, Tuesday, 10th; Back Swamp at Back Swamp school, Thursday, 12th; Thompson at McDonald school, Friday, 13th.

County Farm Demonstrator Dukes and Mr. J. J. McKenzie of the tobacco co-op will be present at these meetings. Women and children, as well as men, are invited.

Parkton Letter

Evangelist Ham Will Hold a Service in Parkton—Parkton Defeats St. Paul—A Bad Auto Wreck—Easter Was Greatly Enjoyed—Personal.

By C. D. Williamson
Parkton, April 6.—The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church is giving its annual shad supper at the second floor of the Perry building. The usual patronage seems to have been present and a feast of good things of other than shad was enjoyed.

The following committee of five—Rev. V. G. Smith, Rev. C. R. Sorrell, Rev. R. F. Munns L. E. Hughes, W. W. Gainey and R. B. Hutson—went up to Fayetteville today to the Ramsay revival and to see Rev. Mr. Ham in regard to extending the evangelistic party an unanimous invitation to hold at least one service in our town at an early date, or during their revival while at Fayetteville, and the chairman of the committee advises the writer that the date would be arranged and that the announcement of the date would be thoroughly announced in due time, also that the local papers would publish the same.

The first game of baseball of the season was played at Midway Thursday evening with Parkton high school and St. Paul high. This being the first practice for our local team, the boys showed up well. Batteries for the locals were Williamson and Campbell. We did not learn the names of the St. Pauls battery. Umpires, Williamson E. and Berdaux; time of game, two hours; score, Parkton 12, St. Paul 5. The game was quite interesting and some real grand-slam players were made. William Blount, the youngest player on the local team, out of five times at the bat got on bases every time and registered three scores, while young Campbell played an errorless game on first. But Joe Furnidge, the star s. s., did not lose any time crossing the fence in no-man's land and returning every time with the ball. This means no less than going over the top in the late world war, when you play ball at Midway.

Easter Sunday was enjoyed much up our way. Special services were enjoyed at the Baptist church, special Easter anthems by a well-trained choir, and the sermon by the pastor was most fitting and inspiring and enjoyed by a large congregation. Numerous Sunday school teachers gave their young classes Easter egg parties and you know what that means to children. Miss Carrie McMillan entertained her Sunday school class at an Easter party Saturday afternoon. The guests were as follows: Mary Elizabeth McCormick, Janet McCormick, Bonnie and Frances Wright, Mary Florence Hughes, Charles McNeill, Bethune McMillan, Robert MacMillan and Anna Campbell.

The following students from Chapel Hill arrived Saturday evening to enjoy Easter with home folks: Philip McNeill, Vance McNeill, Erle Williamson, Luther Thames, W. L. Calhoun, also two of their friends, Messrs. Berdaux and Hunycutt.

Thursday night at about 8 o'clock Norman Furdage, Joe Blount and Boyd Ferguson left town headed for Red Springs, all seated in Mr. Furdage car, and just opposite the colored M. E. church the steering gear pin came out and the driver lost control of the car and it landed in the bottom of the canal, shaking up the boys right much, but they all escaped without serious wounds. Boyd Ferguson goes on crutches today, suffering from a sprained ankle. The other two only suffered slightly. Blount was thrown through the top, while Furdage and Ferguson were thrown through the wind shield. A very close call for the youngsters. The car is now resting with the Gillis hospital and hopes to be out again in a few days.

We are glad to report Mr. Daniel T. McMillan able to come home Thursday evening from the Highsmith hospital, where he has been for three weeks suffering with a severely cut arm from a circle saw. We are glad that there is now strong hopes of his saving his hand, which was so near cut off.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson, who was taken a week ago to the Cumberland General hospital and who was operated on, is improving.

Court House Square Matter Continued.

At a joint meeting of the town fathers and the Woman's club in the town hall Friday night, the matter of guaranteeing the up-keep of such hedge, shrubbery, etc., which the county commissioners agree to put out on the court house square at their last meeting was continued until after the next meeting of the town commissioners.

Mayor E. M. Johnson stated that he would put the matter before the board and ask for its approval of the up-keep of the grounds after the commissioners made the improvements. The Woman's club will be asked to co-operate with the town authorities in case this matter is favorably decided upon by the commissioners.

Mr. H. M. Bass and family of Chadbourne spent yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cox on R. 1 from Lumberton.

St. Paul News

Miss Annie Wiggins Becomes Wife of Mr. Howard Odom, Both of Raft Swamp—Other Social Items—Personal Mention.

By Bessie G. Johnson
St. Paul, April 6.—Friends of Mrs. A. K. Stevens of Raeford are glad to have her in town this week. She came over Monday afternoon with her brother-in-law and sister, Supt. and Mrs. T. S. Teague, who were in Raeford.

Mr. Fay Caudell has arrived home from Hot Springs, Ark., and will spend a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Caudell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Montague of Winston-Salem are expected in town today, making the trip by motor. While here they will be guests in the home of Mrs. Montague's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam M. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. McEachern and Mrs. L. I. Grantham visited relatives and friends at Raeford Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Bettie Downing was a weekend visitor among home folks at Elizabethtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Odom of Raft Swamp and Mrs. Odom's sister, Miss Wiggins, were in town Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Odom were on their way home from Lumberton, where they were married in the early part of the afternoon. The bride was Miss Annie Wiggins, also of Raft Swamp. Mr. Odom is related to Mr. Opie Odom of our town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones, who resided near St. Pauls, moved in town last Friday, to the delight of their many friends, and are occupying the dwelling recently vacated by Mr. Gurganus.

Little Gene Lindsay has been sick the past 2 days but we hope will soon be well again. Reports today from Mrs. Mary E. Turnage are to the effect that she is out again.

The seniors and juniors of the high school are to have a reception tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Browne Evans.

Miss Annie Louise Fisher, who resides near town, spent last night with her aunt Mrs. T. L. Northrop, going this a. m. to her former home, Tar Heel where she will be a guest of Miss Sadie Robeson for the week-end.

Rev. J. J. Murray, who spent a few days here, returned to Wilmington last night.

Miss Josephine Evans left this morning for Greensboro, where she is engaged in social service work.

Miss Mable McDonald entertained the senior C. E. society at her home on last Friday evening. A business meeting was held and at the conclusion a social hour was enjoyed, Miss McDonald proving a delightful hostess.

Carlyle Hudson in Another Wreck

Turned Over Near Roslin Last Night With Lumberton Party After Collision With a Ford—No One Seriously Hurt—Same Car That Was Wrecked Near Lumberton Recently

A near serious accident occurred last night two miles north of Roslin, Cumberland county, when a Hudson coach driven by Mr. A. V. G. Wishart and owned by Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle turned completely over after having struck a Ford touring car belonging to Mr. John Regan and driven by Mr. Regan's son.

None of the occupants of either car was seriously injured but those in the Hudson were bruised and badly frightened as the glass in the doors and windshield scattered over them in small pieces. Those riding with Mr. Wishart at the time of the accident were Messrs. F. Ertel Carlyle, Ira Bullard, N. R. Kinlaw and David Lambeth. They were returning from Elizabethtown via Fayetteville.

Just how the accident occurred is not very clear except that the driver of the Ford was "hogging" the road and the front wheel of the Hudson struck the rear wheel of the Ford, which swerved the big car across the road into a sand-ridge, turning it completely over. Neither car was running unreasonably fast, it is reported.

This is the second serious wreck this Hudson has experienced in the last few weeks, the first one being a serious wreck when Misses Hazel and Lillian Carlyle were driving on highway No. 23, the car running into the big ditch beyond the oil mill across the river from Lumberton.

7-Year-Old Indian Girl in a Runaway.
Fannie Bell, 7-year-old daughter of Gordon Hunt, Indian, and wife, who live on the Red Springs road near Back Swamp church, had a miraculous escape without serious injury from what looked like certain death the other day. While alone in a buggy to which her father had just hitched his mule the mule ran away across a new-ground and turned the buggy over. The parents looked on helpless to render any assistance, but the little girl escaped with just a scratch or two. Gordon says he'll never again leave a child alone in a buggy to which a horse or mule is hitched.

Prof. R. L. Pittman, principal of the Orrum high school, was among the teachers attending the county meeting here Saturday.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington
Middling cotton today, 38 cents.

Items of Local News

—Cold snap. Something else to worry about: there was a killing frost in Robeson on April 21 last year.

—Special communication of St. Albans lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday night. Work in third degree.

—Mrs. Maggie Norment is recovering from slight injuries she received Friday when she fell at her home on Sixth street.

—The condition of Mr. Clinton Norment, who underwent an operation several weeks ago, is reported as very much improved.

—The annual business meeting of the Woman's club will be held at the club room on Fifth street Wednesday afternoon, 11th, at 4 o'clock.

—Mr. F. Grover Britt, editor of the Dunn Dispatch and secretary of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, formerly a member of The Robesonian staff, spent yesterday here with friends and relatives.

—The names of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Branch of Raleigh were inadvertently omitted from the list of guests at the Stainback-Denmark wedding given in the last issue of The Robesonian.

—Mr. W. H. Ezzell, traveling representative of the circulation department of the Wilmington Dispatch, is spending a few days in Lumberton in the interest of the Dispatch, which recently resumed publication.

—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McIntyre attended Friday in Monroe the funeral of Mrs. A. M. Stack, wife of Judge Stack and mother of their son-in-law Mr. L. P. Stack of New York city. Mrs. Stack died Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre returned home Saturday.

—The condition of Miss Thelma Kooz of Chadbourne, who underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium this morning, is reported as being very favorable. The condition of Messrs. W. M. Snoddy and J. D. Taylor, who underwent operations at the sanatorium recently, is also greatly improved. Mrs. Bullock, who was run over by a "road-devil-hound" on the W.-C.-A highway a few weeks ago, is greatly improved.

—Miss Corline Jones was a guest of her aunt Miss Josephine Breece, East Fifth street, Saturday. She reported that at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neill H. Jones, in Cumberland county, R. F. D. from Hope Mills, last Wednesday night lightning struck a barn, burned 19 bales of hay, killed a fine milk cow and knocked a negro boy off a horse. That was the same night a tornado swept part of Wake and Nash counties.

—A mad dog created a good bit of excitement Saturday afternoon, and after running at large for a short time was killed by Mr. Andrew Freeman near his place of business on Third street. Before the rabid dog could be killed he managed to bite three other dogs belonging to Messrs. Andrew Freeman, John Freeman and Frank Pitt. It is reported that two of these dogs have been killed and the other has been placed in charge of Dr. C. M. Flowers, veterinary surgeon.

—An auto accident in which no one was injured but in which a Ford touring car badly smashed occurred Saturday about noon when a Ford coupe, driven by Mr. Ed. Rancke Jr., was struck by a Ford touring car driven by Mr. E. K. James at the intersection of Fifth and Walnut streets. Mr. Rancke was proceeding south on Walnut and the touring car was running west on Fifth when the accident occurred. Very little damage was done to Mr. Rancke's car while the touring car, the front of which struck the rear of Mr. Rancke's car, was badly smashed.

—Mr. Jim Allen killed in Howellsville township Friday a bird that is rare in this section, resembling a night-heron more than any other birds of which pictures are shown in Webster's New International dictionary. Its color was chiefly bluish gray, with the crown and back greenish black, and several slender plumes depended from the crown. The bird was brought to Lumberton by Mr. Allen, who gave it to Mr. Hector Stephens at the coca-cola plant.

Auto Driven Into Ditch—No One Hurt.

An automobile driven by unknown parties partially buried itself yesterday afternoon in a big ditch on the Fairmont road on the edge of Lumberton, opposite the site where the Baltimore cafe was burned several months ago, in an attempt to avoid a collision with another car.

The driver of the first car attempted to turn across a bridge and drive up to a gasoline filling station at Mary Love's place. As he was near the approach of the bridge he saw the other car approaching from the rear and to avoid the collision ran into the deep ditch. No one was hurt, and the car was only slightly damaged.

Mr. Robert Lawrence of Shelby spent the week-end in Lumberton with friends.

Messrs. Norman Prevatt and Fred Barbour spent the week-end in Richmond, returning Sunday night.