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Horrible Accident to Whiteville Young Man

Leon Simmons Receives Fatal Burns When Gas in Car Explodes; Negro Shows Presence of Mind; Two Cars Destroyed

Leon Simmons, eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Simmons, died in a hospital in Wilmington at eight o'clock yesterday morning from the result of burns he sustained Monday night when gasoline in his car exploded.

The body was brought home on the evening train yesterday evening and lay at the home of his parents last night. Today it will be taken to Tabor, the old home of the family, and interred in the cemetery there.

Simmons was an employee in the blacksmith shop of the Whiteville Lumber Company, he attended the high school here until Christmas and was well esteemed and liked by his teachers and pupils.

The car belonging to Simmons was parked on a back street in the rear of the store of Mr. H. J. Gore. It was completely destroyed and with another car belonging to Benton's garage. A wooden warehouse belonging to Benton's garage was almost alongside of the burning car and six new automobiles were stored in this building.

The ladies of Bladenboro, April 10.—The planting of flowers and shrubbery around the station grounds in this town is about finished up, we are glad to report.

Several of the folks in Bladenboro attended the Sunday school convention in Clarkton Sunday and are speaking in high terms of the unity shown by the other churches in Clarkton which took an active interest in the convention.

Mr. Cassius Deaver and daughters are on a visit to relatives and friends in Waycross, Ga. This is Mr. Deaver's first trip to the Sunny South and it is said to be the first time that his name goes before the public in paper.

Chadbourn is preparing to vote for the building of a high school and improvements on the old building, which will be used for grammar grades.

Charlotte, N. C., firm is advertising corkscrews. What do Tar- want with corkscrews when just pull the cork stopper out their teeth?

The woman's club meets in the rest room at the court house tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock.

New Heavenly Visitor Comes to Mr. Edge

Boll Weevils In Evidence in Large Numbers; The Frost Took Toll of Berries; Still Getting Spirit Visitors

Clarendon, April 8.—It seems that General Boll Weevil already has his army in readiness to make an early attack on King Cotton this year, and the farmer who plants cotton need entertain no doubt that millions of these little pest will invade his territory, for they are here in large numbers, awaiting the appearance of the first cotton bloom.

Our interview with Mr. Frank Edge regarding the appearance of what he says are heavily visitors, in the News Reporter a few weeks ago, has attracted country-wide attention, and the matter has been very much discussed, and visitors from a distance have called to see Mr. Edge in regard to what he has seen and heard. We haven't had an opportunity of talking to Mr. Edge since we gave the readers our interview, but we have heard on good authority that his angelic visitor who has been making regular weekly trips for quite sometime, is not coming any more now, and has made but one trip since the death of his wife, but on this visit she stated that another visitor would come to see him. This new personage from the Spirit World, has already made its appearance to him and, like the former visitor, is represented as being most beautiful and a dazzling brightness.

The two heavy frosts last week took heavy toll from the strawberry bloom, and will give the crop a few more days set-back. With favorable weather conditions from this time, there will be no shipments of any consequence, it is said, before the first of May.—J. D. Frink.

Acme Fisherman Gets a Daddy Rockfish

Forty-Six Pound Rock Fish Hauled Out of Chilly Waters of Cape Fear River By Acme Fisherman Saturday

Fishing with a dip net in the Cape Fear river near Acme last Saturday Mr. Isham Blake brought out a forty-six pound fish from out the muddy waters of this mightiest of Eastern Carolina streams.

Carried to Acme and weighed in the presence of reputable witnesses, one of whom is Dr. T. V. Moore, the jumbo of the rock fish tribe attracted great attention and the lucky fisherman was showered with congratulations. Dr. Moore was in Whiteville Monday and recounted the tale of the big fish and vouched for the truth of the above story and the weight of the fish.

Poultry raisers are registering many complaints about the hawks invading and carrying away their tiny chicks and grown-ups as well. One fellow discussing the matter in the barber shop recently stated that he had given his chicks a dose of medicine which would be almost instant death to a hawk should he kill and devour the chick that took the medicine. This same fellow stated that he must have overdosed his fowls as some of them were in a critical condition for a time but eventually did overcome the heavy doses.

Miss Clarice Barham, of Emporia, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Cadwell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, have been the guests of Miss Helen Kreibaum this week.

Mrs. W. H. Richardson and three children will leave for Raleigh on Saturday after spending two weeks here as the guests of Mrs. D. J. Lewis.

Tabor Music Recital Was Great Success

Little Miss Hughes Made Hit of Evening; High School Graduates; Correspondent Slays Two Big Reptiles

Clarendon, April 8.—The recital of the music class of Tabor high school, Friday evening, April 4, was attended and very much enjoyed by a large number of Clarendon people. Miss DeRotha Hughes is music teacher and the program rendered reflects much credit upon the work done by Miss Hughes during the present term of school.

Among those graduating from the Tabor high school this year are Miss Gladys Irene Frink and Mr. Herbert Williams, of this place. The commencement exercises of the school will be held in the auditorium of the school building at Tabor next Tuesday evening. Miss Frink graduates with the highest honors, while Mr. Williams is second.

Mrs. J. Arthur Thompson, of Chadbourn, is spending a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ray, on rural route 1. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Harrelson and E. R. Bullard, of Wilmington, were Sunday visitors to Clarendon.

Last Monday just before crossing the "Old Mill Stream" at M. J. Monroe Jolly's water-mill, our attention was attracted by a rustling in the leaves, and looking in the direction, we saw a monster snake of the Moccasin specie crawling up the side of the dam. We stopped our car, and about this time we spied another serpent of the same specie, but not quite so large, making its way through the leaves in the same direction.

At the Democratic precinct primary held here last Saturday afternoon delegates were elected to the county convention which meets in Whiteville, and the following gentlemen were elected precinct executive committee: H. G. Harrelson, B. F. Williams, G. C. Hinson, W. J. McPherson and M. Meares.

Miss Edna Edge is visiting with relatives in Laurinburg this week.—J. D. Frink.

HALLSBORO COMMUNITY LOSES FINE OLD LADY

Mrs. Sallie McColsky Smith, widow of the late Stephen Smith, died at her home near Hallsboro yesterday at the ripe old age of 79.

Mrs. Smith leaves two children, Mr. Add Smith and Miss Maggie Smith and a wide circle of other relatives. She was related to the Maultsbys, Baldwin's and Smiths of Whiteville.

The funeral will be at the home this afternoon at two o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Satterfield of the Hallsboro Baptist church. The interment will be in the cemetery at Hallsboro.

Chadbourn Democrats Endorse Paul Brown

Young Chadbourn Man Will Enter The Legislative Race; Mr. Blake Resigns as Township Committee Chairman

Chadbourn, April 8.—A meeting of the Chadbourn township democratic executive committee was called to order in the Chadbourn tobacco warehouse and was attended by the chairman, Mr. J. R. Blake, and the following members: Messrs. Pritchard Lenson, S. F. Hughes, and Joe White. Mr. J. R. Blake resigned as chairman and R. A. Miller was unanimously elected as chairman in his stead.

The committee unanimously endorsed Mr. Paul Brown, a nephew of Senator J. A. Brown, to represent Columbus county at the next session of the general assembly. Mr. Brown's nomination was received with hearty applause and approval by the large audience present and he was the recipient of many congratulations on the streets.

DEATH OF MR. MATHEW J STEVENS.

Bug Hill, April 8.—Our community was shocked and saddened by the sudden death, in the early morning of March 26th, of Mr. MatheW J. Stevens. He was 79 years old, having served in the war between the states. Later he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Love who survives along with six children, who are as follows: Mr. Coy Stevens of Hopewell, Va.; Mrs. John A. Gore of Lumberton; Mrs. Pannine Holden of Shallotte; Mrs. Autance Powell, Messrs. W. W. and S. C. Stevens at home.

Mr. Stevens was a faithful member of Seven Creeks Baptist church. He was a quiet, useful, warm hearted and generous citizen. A tender and devoted husband and a humble consistent follower of the Lord. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. C. Millican and he was tenderly laid to rest in the family cemetery near the home. The floral offerings were beautiful.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

The three act comedy which is to be given by the high school on Friday night, April 11th, bids fair to be one of the local talent affairs given here. It is hoped that every true citizen of Whiteville will show interest in the school by attending the play.

First of all, the school belongs to everyone and it is just what you make it. This play is being given to remove a debt which was made for the benefit of your school. This is an opportunity to help your school, and at the same time spend a very pleasant evening.

The many friends of Mrs. J. O. Ammons will rejoice to learn that she is now regarded as entirely out of danger from the effects of the illness and the serious operations that she underwent in the hospital in Wilmington last week. Mr. Ammons spent part of yesterday in Wilmington with her and reports that she is getting along splendidly.

Brown Bros. Canning Factory at Chadbourn

Young Chadbourn Men to Have Canning Factory in Operation in Two Months Time; Will Grow Much Fruit

In a conversation with Mr. Paul Brown of Chadbourn Saturday, he stated definitely to the News Reporter that he would have a canning factory in operation at Chadbourn not later than June of this year and that it would be of sufficient size to take care of all immediate needs with expectations of increasing the output as conditions will warrant.

To The Members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in Columbus County

It has been brought to my attention that when the second payment was made on April 1st. That some members who had previously paid their membership dues were deducted for their dues on their second payment checks. This office has a record of all members who paid and who did not pay up to the time of the organization of the association in Feb. 1922. If you have previously paid your membership through this office and were deducted for membership dues from your second payment check, please advise me and I will take the matter up with the association and have them reimburse you for the amount deducted from your check.

While the many cold spells during the winter were very damaging to spinach in the Chadbourn section, the fact remains that all growers got handsome returns and the indications are that spinach growing is now firmly established as one of the coming big truck crops of this section.

Canning Factory and Extensive Trucking

Chadbourn Farmers to Grow Tomatoes and Other Truck on Extensive Scale This Year; Twenty Acres in Tomatoes

If the season is favorable and prices will justify the venture, Chadbourn farmers will probably ship several solid car loads of tomatoes to distant markets this summer. And, taking into account the fact that the tomato crop seldom fails in this section when it is given proper attention, and that the price is nearly always good, there is little grounds to doubt but what many car loads will be produced and shipped.

Among the progressive truckers who will plant tomatoes with expectation of shipping co-operatively by car load are Paul and R. E. L. Brown, who plant around seven acres in tomatoes, S. C. Bryan four acres, A. B. Bryan, A. E. Bryan, W. A. Thomas, C. A. Usher and several others will back up the project, each with a considerable tract of land devoted to tomatoes and the intention to care for them properly.

TOWNSHIP CONVENTION HELD AT HALLSBORO

The Bogue township convention was held here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of sending delegates to the county convention to be held at Whiteville Saturday April 12. The delegates named were as follows: R. B. Bullard, G. M. Hickman, A. S. Sasser, Jesse Crawford, and T. J. Batten.

A motion was made to endorse W. Avery Thompson's candidacy to represent Columbus county in the lower house of the next general assembly. Mr. Thompson was given a unanimous vote. Mr. John W. Hall candidate for sheriff was accorded the same splendid vote of confidence by his homelands.

County Prize Winners at 1923 State Fair

Mrs. R. W. Scott Carried Off The Honors With Greatest Individual Prizes; Full List of the Local Prize Winners

State Fair Officials have just announced a full list of Columbus county competitors who won prizes at the last State Fair. Mrs. R. W. Scott, Jr., of Bolton, carried off the honors with the largest individual prizes. One of Mrs. Scott's chickens won a total of \$12.00. Miss Jessie Thompson of Chadbourn won a handsome prize on her splendid poultry.

Miss Mary Jordan, Whiteville home economics	\$ 3.00
Lillie Lanford, Whiteville Home economics	11.00
Mary Kate Thompson, Whiteville home economics	3.00
Mrs. R. W. Scott, Bolton poultry	45.00
Miss Jessie Thompson, Chadbourn, poultry	12.00
Columbus county, Whiteville agriculture product	\$500.00
Total	\$514.00

IN MEMORIAN

Known and loved by eedycone as Uncle William, Wilam R. Daviss was laid to rest on Wednesday, April 2nd in the family burying plot. He having died the day before at the ripe old age of 89 years. There was gathered an unusually large number of friends and relatives to pay their last respects to this beloved old gentleman. For a gentleman he was in the truest meaning of the word.

Uncle William was born April 11, 1835. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Bladen Co., and lived his whole life near Bladenboro. On November 8th, 1858, he took for his life's companion Catherine McLean, of old Summerville, in Cumberland county, now near Lillington in Harnett county. Together they walked life's rugged pathway hand in hand always with God before them, as their leader.

Soon after marriage they set out to build a home. So well did they succeed that for more than 65 years it has truly been a home for neighbors and strangers who might pass that way. And it is a beautiful home. Not in regard to material furnishings altogether, but in its settling of trees, gardens and most of all its happy associations with the rugged pioneer days of Bladen's early history.

This home was blessed with 11 children, six boys and five girls. The following is a summary of the children and grand children. John C. lives at Richardson, has four children: Isaac Franklin, died just as he was growing into manhood, April 19, 1881. This being the only death in the family in nearly 43 years. Mrs. E. Singletary, Richardson, 11 children; William A., Bladenboro, 8 children; Dr. W. Ross, Whiteville, 6 children; Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Bladenboro, 12 children; B. M., Bladenboro, 6 children; Mrs. J. N. Kelly, Bladenboro, 10 children; Charles B., Wilmington, 3 children; Mrs. W. A. Warwick, Richardson, 9 children; Mrs. C. O. Mercer, Bladenboro, 8 children.

Many of the grandchildren are married and have families. His descendants number 140 and are scattered from mountains to seashore. It took nearly 50 years to raise this large family and one by one they left the roof, leaving the old couple just as they had started out together. Their devotion and love for each other had grown so strong all these years until the old home was almost turned into Heaven. Such joy, happiness and love cannot be described. Those nearest and dearest to them say that in all the 65 years they lived together that he was never known to leave the house without first kissing his wife. Just the week before he died he told his wife that she was so beautiful and she in turn would say "My good looking husband." He was a member of the Baptist church and was a loyal, humble Christian gentleman. His life, on earth was only the morning twilight of an eternal day in Heaven, where he has gone to serve God under the radiance of a brighter Sun through endless ages. "He truly lived by the side of the road and was a friend to man," and on his tombstone should be written these words: "He loved his fellowmen."—M. M. B.

Mr. J. G. McCormick of Wilmington, was among the visitors in town Monday. Mr. McCormick is one of the principle owners of the famous Acme fertilizer plant at Acme in this county.