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## SCHOOL BUS CRASH INJURES CHILDREN

ACCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR PINEY GROVE MONDAY—CAR OF ROY HOLE DEMOLISHED IN COLLISION.

A number of children were hurt Monday evening when the bus from the Danbury school collided with a car driven by Roy Hole near Piney Grove.

The Reporter's informant gives the facts as follows:

A child of Chester Flinchum sustained two broken ribs. Vester Bennett, son of Howard Bennett, and Troy Priddy, son of Frank Priddy, were hurt. Odell Smith, who was in the car with young Hole, suffered a broken nose.

The pick-up truck of Hole's was practically demolished. The school bus was not practically injured.

Blame for the accident is not yet fixed. It is learned that Hole will bring an action for damage to his car.

The school bus was driven by Ellis Fagg who it is stated has been involved in other accidents, having turned over a school bus near Moore's Springs a year ago. No children were on the car when this accident happened.

## HOG IN RIVER

As Lem Mabe and Willis Ashby were crossing Seven Island ford bridge Monday, on their way to Danbury, their attention was attracted by something in the water just below the bridge.

The river is very low and the water is very clear.

On investigation they found it was a dressed hog that had been put overboard by somebody.

They reported the matter to the authorities here, and the meat, apparently entirely fresh and uncontaminated, was salvaged by officers, who suspected some kind of foul play. All the meat from a 200-pound hog was there except the midlings, and is now on exhibition at the jail.

## January Court Term Is Continued Until April

The usual term of criminal court held in January has been consolidated with the spring term which is held in April.

This move was made here first Monday at the regular meeting of the Stokes county Commissioners where postponement was made due to the small number of cases on the docket.

## R. T. Spencer Assigns To Creditors

In a proceeding before the clerk of the court here Wednesday, R. T. Spencer of Lawsonville made an assignment of his property for the benefit of his creditors.

At the late term of court a judgment of \$1,000 was given Mrs. James Martin against Spencer for \$1,000, which it is stated has priority over the assignment.

## ALEX JOYCE TAKES OWN LIFE

PATRICK COUNTY, VA. MAN INVOLVED IN STOKES COUNTY MICA MINE MUDDLE, SUICIDES ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH.

Alex Joyce, aged 67, of Patrick county, Va., fired a bullet through his own heart Saturday. The Coroner, Frank Burton, investigated the death and ruled it suicide.

In the last issue of the Reporter appeared a story of the Stokes county Hawkins mica mine muddle, in which Mr. Joyce figured. He had bought a third interest in the property of Henry Whitake, years ago at the price of \$2,000. Recently Mr. Joyce's interest had been bought by Fred Pepper of Walnut Cove.

The following dispatch from Stuart, Va., tells of the suicide:

Alex Joyce, 67, Stuart, Va. Route 2, died at his home at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning immediately after firing a pistol shot through his heart.

Sheriff Frank Mays of Patrick county and coroner Frank Burton investigated the death and ruled it suicide.

Joyce had several months ago attempted to take his own life by cutting his throat, officials said.

Ill health was blamed for the act.

Surviving are two sons, Watson Joyce, of Stuart, Route 3, and Manly Joyce, of the home; two brothers, John and Watt Joyce, of Peters Creek, Va.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock from Aarons Corner Primitive Baptist Church. Elders R. L. Dalton and W. J. Brown will be in charge of the services. Burial will be in the family plot near Claudeville, Va.

## Child Burned Severely When Clothes Blaze

Madison.—Severely burned when his clothes caught fire from matches with which he was playing, a two-year-old Sandy Ridge boy was reported in serious condition in Leaksville Hospital last night.

Attendants at the hospital said the condition of the lad, Dennis Ray Amos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Amos, appeared "favorable at the moment" but that he was badly burned about the chest, hands and arms.

The child was sped first to Madison from his home at Sandy Ridge about 12 miles away and then, after examination by local doctors, was taken by ambulance to the Leaksville Hospital.

Details of the burning could not be learned immediately, but reports said the lad's clothing ignited while he was playing with matches yesterday afternoon.

Attorney P. W. Glidewell of Reidsville was here at the court house Wednesday.

(An Editorial.)

## THE UNCONQUERABLE VASTNESS OF RUSSIA

When Napoleon reached Moscow, the Kremlin was burning.

The master military genius of the world had half a million soldiers at his heels.

But the Russian army was gone, and the civil population of the great city, with the exception of old men and women and children, was gone—disappearing into the giant spaces of northern Russia.

Just then the terrible Russian winter began to descend.

Napoleon started his retreat.

Harried by sickness of his men, desertions and death, the great retreat began back across the limitless wastes of snow and ice and cruel biting winds that swept in unending lethal waves.

When France was finally reached again, less than ten thousand of that mighty host were living. More than 490,000 soldiers had perished. And with the loss of his army went Napoleon's empire.

Ah, the unconquerable vastness of Russia.

Can Hitler survive the lethal waves of the unconquerable Russia?

After more than five months at the head of the greatest military machine the world has ever seen, he still is outside of Moscow, Leningrad, Rostov. He has not had a look-in.

Millions of the flower of his legions have fallen in the great enterprise of conquering Russia—and Russia is still unconquered.

On many fronts the Germans are retreating. On some fronts there is a rout.

Did God lead Napoleon to his downfall in Russia?

Is God leading Hitler to his doom in the terrible wastes of unconquerable Russia?

Has destiny made Russia the rock on which the ambition of ruthless conquerors shall be shattered to their destruction?

## CHURCHILL ASKS 3,000,000 CONSCRIPTS, INCLUDING WOMEN

London.—Winston Churchill called upon the nation Tuesday for 3,000,000 more military conscripts and for power to require young women to serve in uniform.

"The crisis of equipment is largely over," he told the House of Commons. "The crisis of manpower and womanpower is at hand and will dominate the year 1942."

Specifically, the prime minister announced the government prepared with the present limits of age limits to 18 1-2 to 50, as compared with the present limits of 19 to 41.

The method of reservation from military service is to be changed from the present system of exemption by occupational blocs to one of individual deferment. Henceforth, said Churchill, "the sole test should be the importance to the war effort of the work on which they are engaged."

Churchill also asked parliament for power "to require women to serve in the uniform of the auxiliary services of the crown or civil defense," but he said that "for some time to come this compul-

## WILL BE LIGHTED AT CHRISTMAS

FINE ARTS CLUB TO ERECT TREE ON COURT HOUSE SQUARE AS MEMORIAL TO MRS. KATHLEEN TAYLOR—PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR XMAS.

The Ladies Fine Arts Club of Danbury will erect a Canadian spruce or hemlock on the court house square as a memorial to Mrs. Kathleen S. Taylor.

The tree, which will be 8 or 10 feet high and will be planted by a nursery company with their guarantee that it will live, will be electrically lighted at Christmas.

On Monday a committee from the club appeared before the board of commissioners here at its regular meeting and obtained permission to plant the tree on the east side of the square, half way between the maple on the corner and the entrance steps.

It was always a favorite hobby with the late Mrs. Taylor that the club should erect a tree on the square to be lighted at Xmas for the pleasure of the children of the county. After Mrs. Taylor's untimely death, the club expressed its wishes to carry out her idea, and to make the tree a memorial to her, she having been one of the founders of the club.

The club members have appointed a committee to arrange for a suitable program in celebration of the event at Christmas.

The tree will add to the attractions of the square and will be appreciated by the public no less than by the friends of Mrs. Taylor.

## KING NEWS

The many friends of E. P. Newsom, prominent merchant and former Reporter correspondent here will regret to learn that he remains critically ill in the City Hospital, Winston-Salem. He has been in the hospital since early Wednesday morning, E. P., as he is generally known to his friends has been in continuous business longer than any other merchant here.

The following births were reported here this week: To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clark, a son; To Mr. and Mrs. Johny Johnson, a son; To Mr. and Mrs. Johny McClellan, a son; To Mr. and Mrs. Pete Franklin, a son; To Mr. and Mrs. Owen Smith, a son.

Mrs. David Lawson of Rural Hall underwent a tonsil removal operation at the Stone Helsabeck Clinic here Friday.

Relatives here have been advised that Private T. D. (Freck) Tuttle of the U. S. Army, who is stationed at Fort Clayton, Panama, has been promoted to company mechanic and transferred to the motor pool.

Mr. C. D. Slate, Sr., who has been spending a week with his son, C. D., Jr., in Roanoke, Va., has returned to his home here.

Principal Parker of the Francisco school was in town Monday.

## LAW SUITS BREW OVER MICA MINE

PATRICK COUNTY HEIRS OF ALEX JOYCE START ACTION—OPERATION OF MINE STOPPED BY INJUNCTION

Since the death by suicide of Alex Joyce, former part owner of the Hawkins mica mine near Sandy Ridge in Stokes county, litigation has developed over the title to the property.

One of the sons of Joyce, through his attorneys Frank Burton of Stuart, Va., and D. C. Kirby of Danbury, has filed a complaint before Clerk of the Court Tuttle here alleging that his father was not competent to convey his interest in the property, being of unsound mind and memory. It will be recalled, as reported by this newspaper last week, that Fred Pepper and A. J. Ellington bought the rights of Alex Joyce for the sum of one dollar. Now it is reported that Joyce had previously conveyed his interest to his wife, who lives in Oklahoma. It is stated that Pepper and Ellington went to Oklahoma and purchased this lady's interest for \$30.00.

Now the operators of the mine who live in Mitchell county, and who obtained possession of the property by paying the taxes, have been stopped from further activities by an injunction obtained by Pepper and Ellington before a judge at Rockingham court.

## HEADS STUDENTS

Miss Julia Pepper of Walnut Cove, student at Woman's College, Greensboro, was elected president of the Episcopal College students Conference of the Diocese of North Carolina at the closing session of the fifth annual conference at Raleigh Sunday. Other officers elected included: Milton Gammison, St. Augustine, vice-president; Phillip Griffith, University of North Carolina, secretary and William Riedell, Duke, publicity manager.

## Tax Listers Drawn As Commissioners Meet

The tax listers for the tax-listing season which begins January 1st were appointed here first Monday by the Stokes Board of county Commissioners.

The list is as follows: H. G. Alley, Danbury; James L. Moore, Peter's Creek; S. L. Lawrence, Big Creek; Ralph Ward, Snow Creek; J. R. Williams, Beaver Island; T. M. Smith, Quaker Gap; J. E. Mitchell, Meadows; J. C. Craig, Sauratown; C. L. Carroll and W. B. Lane, Yadkin.

## COMMISSIONERS MEET

The board of Stokes County Commissioners met in regular session here Monday. The board consists of H. O. Gibson, chairman; Harvey G. Johnson and J. A. Joyce.