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## News and Personals from Vass

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### Another Fire

Coming on the heels of the fire in the Clyde Cox home reported in last week's news, a blaze started from an exhaust fan motor in the finishing room of Vass Industries, manufacturers of cedar wardrobes, Thursday afternoon and did considerable damage, causing the plant to suspend operation until Monday.

Of the 176 wardrobes in the finishing room at the time, some were a total loss, while others were damaged by smoke and water. No estimate of the loss was given.

### Hand Injury

Dougald Cameron of Route 2 suffered a severe injury to his right hand Monday morning as a result of the cold weather. The water pump on his truck was frozen and after getting the motor started, Dougald caught hold of the fan belt to try to make the fan work. Just as he did so, the fan started and the belt cut one of his fingers off and another one almost off. He and J. W. Smith, who was accompanying him to the hospital in Sanford, stopped in town on their way up Monday morning, but we haven't heard whether it was necessary to amputate the second finger.

### A Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Campbell are happy over the arrival of a daughter, Brenda Jeannette, on January 29 at Moore County hospital. The baby lacked only a half ounce of weighing seven and one-half pounds. Mrs. Campbell and Jeanette left the hospital Monday and are spending some time with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Reynolds.

### Attend Funeral

Mrs. W. T. Cox, Mrs. R. L. Weddell, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Smith, Mrs. W. H. Keith, A. L. Keith, Miss Retha Mae Cox, Mrs. W. C. Leslie, Mrs. H. A. Borst and Miss Louise Leslie attended the funeral of T. R. Moffitt, which was held in Steele Street Methodist church in Sanford at 3:30 Thursday afternoon of last week. Mr. Moffitt died Tuesday night, after a long period of declining health.

Well-known in Vass, Mr. Moffitt had resided in Sanford for many years, going there when the town was little more than a country village. With several brothers he founded the Moffitt Iron Works company which operated until a few years ago. He united with Steele Street Methodist church almost 61 years ago—a month after its organization—and helped organize the men's Bible class, teaching it for a number of years. The class was later named in his honor. His late wife was formerly Sallie Bynum, one of the well-known "Bynum sisters" of Vass. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Ben W. Smith, and one sister.

### Dance For Polio Fund

Defying the sleet and cold, a goodly number assembled at Hotel Chermella Friday night to dance for the polio fund, and in the pleasant get-together soon forgot the weather. Sounds good, doesn't it! We've half a notion to start over and do the whole column in rhyme.) Chairman Callahan raised \$40 without any hollers.

The school hasn't been dancing for the fund, but we hear that a considerable amount has been raised by some of the grades, and we'll let you know about it as soon as it is thought best by Principal West.

### The New Look

The town office, where Mrs. Bessie J. Griffin and her husband, G. E., carry on their work, is taking on the "new look" and it is most becoming. The walls have been painted a light green, the furniture has been given a coat of varnish, and there is a roll of new linoleum waiting to be laid. Venetian blinds are to be a part of the new outfit, also.

### Weather Wins

Vass-Lakeview school did not suspend work the first of last week as so many schools did, but ran through Wednesday. However, the weather won out Thursday, with the youngsters enjoying a holiday, but it was back-to-school for them Friday. The additional sleet and snow which fell during the weekend caused them to get another holiday Monday, with the return to school depending upon road conditions.

### Personals

Little Vonnie Ruth Dickens, two and a half years old, is enjoying a nice long visit with her grandparents, Police Chief and Mrs. A. R. Laubscher, thanks to the weather. She was to have returned to her home near Littleton a week ago last Sunday, but the roads were too slick, and the same has held true since. When asked if she wanted to go home, Vonnie Ruth's reply was "I want to stay in this house."

Mrs. W. A. Muse entered Lee County hospital Thursday night of last week suffering from bron-

chitis and pleurisy. She is getting along well.

Mrs. R. E. Patterson and Marie Adams of Manly were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Keith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Raborn and children of Aiken, S. C., spent the weekend with relatives here. Mrs. Bill Marshburn and baby, Paul Dennis, returned home with them to spend a few days.

J. S. Bundy returned to Raleigh Friday after having spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Edwards.

Mrses Lucille Frye and Hazel Jessup, seniors at Vass-Lakeview Hi, spent the weekend in Coats as guests of Miss Margaret Kelly, who was their fourth grade teacher here. Charles Cameron and "Dutch" Hudson went down Sunday afternoon to bring them back.

Miss Mary Catherine Blue came home from ECTC, Greenville, Friday, suffering from a severe cold. She will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Blue, until she is able to resume her studies.

Mrs. W. D. McCraney is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Hemphill, in Hamlet.

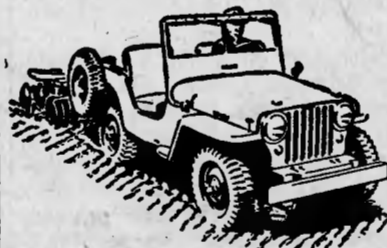
Mrs. C. P. McMillan received a letter a few days ago from her sister, Lillie Edwards Buice of Austin, Texas, stating that she had gone through another operation successfully. This was the second within two years. Lillie's address is Mrs. E. L. Buice, 04 Terrace Drive, Austin 22, Texas, in case any of her Pilot-reader friends would like to drop her a line.

Mrs. Charles Gschwind was called to Mullins, S. C., Saturday due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. Stanton. Howard Gschwind and Henry Klingenschmidt drove down with her and returned Sunday. Mrs. Gschwind remained to be near her mother who is in a Mullins hospital, to which she was taken following a heart attack Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope Lyon of Smithfield are the proud parents of a daughter whom they have named Virginia Tucker, it has been learned. Mrs. Lyon, the former Tucker Lynch, has been a frequent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McMillan and has many friends here.

Miss Lois Smith of Kannapolis spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith on Route 2.

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