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News and Personals from Vass
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Narrow Escape
 Roland Bass of Vass and David Shaw of Cameron Route 1 narrowly escaped death during a storm on Thursday of last week, while sawing blocks for Coynell Cameron on Cameron Route 1. Lightning struck a tree, then jumped to the power saw which the two men were operating and knocked both of them unconscious. Bass fell against the saw and received a number of cuts on the arm. Fortunately, the saw was so badly warped by the lightning that it stopped.

A colored youth working with them, whose name is not available, got the men into a car and drove them to the Cameron home, and Mrs. Cameron rushed them to Moore County hospital. Bass was allowed to leave after having his cuts dressed. Shaw did not require treatment.

Baptist Minister Ill
 The Rev. L. M. Dixon, pastor of the Vass Baptist church, suddenly became ill last Saturday while assisting in a funeral service at Ephesus. He was taken immediately to Lee County hospital in Sanford, where his illness was diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning. Mrs. Dixon, who had recently returned from the hospital following the birth of a daughter, became ill, also, and it is thought that the two were poisoned by some banana pudding which had been kept over and re-heated.

Guest In Finch Home
 Pharmacist Barney Greene, of Chaffee, Mo., is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Finch, of Vass, Rt. 2. He is a former shipmate of Mr. Finch, a lieutenant commander, retired, of the U. S. Navy. With Mrs. Greene and their little daughter, Mr. Greene has just returned from a tour of duty in Puerto Rico. They flew from Puerto Rico to Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Greene and the little girl are visiting in Missouri before the family goes on to their new station, Bethesda, Md.

Friday's Storm Is Worst of Summer
 The severest electrical storm of the summer struck the Vass section last Friday afternoon, knocking out power and telephone service and doing considerable other damage.

Lightning struck the new home of Misses Sallie and Bessie Cameron at the tip of the roof at the rear of the house and played around through the building. It knocked a hole in the plastered wall of the room nearest the place where it struck, then entered the upstairs hall, making holes in two of the walls, and as a parting thrust, jumped to the living room on the first floor and removed some plastering there.

On Arch Blue's place two cows were killed by lightning, according to reports.

Mrs. Lee Thomas, who lives about a mile outside the town limits on Union road, was canning in the kitchen of her tile-block home when lightning struck it. One outside wall had some blocks torn out, and in the kitchen, which was extremely hot, the "eyes" or lids of the wood stove were knocked out of place, causing the room to be filled with smoke. A sugar bowl on the table was broken to pieces. A three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas was on a cot, and her arm, which was resting on the metal rail, was burned.

Mrs. Garland Savage and her children, who with Mr. Savage live in one of the new homes in the Aiken development east of Lakeview, had gone across the road to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Baker before the storm came up, and she was thankful that she wasn't at home, as the lightning struck a tall pine near the back of the house, then proceeded to break off sections of asbestos siding here and there on the house. A dog under the house was killed.

On John William Smith's farm at Lobelia the corn was blown over until it was a tangled mass.

Observes 85th Birthday
 Mrs. W. J. Cameron "Aunt Sue" to scores of relatives and friends, observed her 85th birthday Tuesday. Ill since July 4th, she left home for the first time since then to spend the day with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cameron, at Manly. Although she was unable to sit up all day, she was happy to have her three children, Mrs. W. T. Cox, Mrs. S. R. Smith and Mr. Cameron, with Mrs. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Eveleth Richardson and little Ann, and a sister, Mrs. Catherine Shaw of Southern Pines, there to enjoy the sumptuous birthday dinner with her, which Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Richardson had prepared.

Just after the group began eating, the honoree's two other sisters, Mrs. J. R. Thomas and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, accompanied by the latter's daughter, Mrs. Ned Tyrrell, drove in from Winston-Salem as a surprise to Mrs. Cameron. Two nieces, Mrs. J. W. Atkinson of Southern Pines and Mrs. R. E. Patterson of Manly, called during the afternoon.

Tuesday evening Mrs. S. R. Smith was hostess to a group of local relatives honoring her mother. They sang "Happy Birthday" to her and remained for a short while. Mrs. Cameron opened the lovely gifts brought by the guests and also displayed those received earlier, along with the many cards sent by friends and relatives. The hostess served cake and ice cream.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cox and Clyde, Jr., Mrs. Robert Waddell, Billy and Carolyn Waddell, Mrs. W. T. Cox, Mrs. Sam Lewis, Mrs. W. C. Leslie, Miss Louise Leslie, Mrs. Russell Bullock, Mrs. W. A. Muse, Mrs. C. J. Temple, Mrs. C. L. Tyson, Mrs. W. H. Keith, Mrs. H. A. Borst, Misses Sallie and Bessie Cameron and Mrs. W. D. Matthews.

In Hospital
 Mrs. D. H. McGill was a patient at Lee County hospital in Sanford from Sunday until Wednesday.

Personals
 Miss Catharine Moore of Martinsburg, W. Va., stopped for a visit at Hotel Charmella the first of the week as she was en route to South Carolina to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gschwind and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hicks visited the Gschwind's new granddaughter, Jennifer Haveline Gschwind, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gschwind, in Greensboro, Sunday.

Misses Laura, Ruth, Mary and Lillie White and Brazette White, of Rockingham, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parker and had supper with them.

Mrs. G. W. Brooks, Miss Eloise Brooks, Mrs. Bertie L. Matthews, Miss Jennie Cameron and Mrs. T. F. Cameron were Raleigh visitors Thursday.

Dr. Herman Parker who was called home from Berkeley, Cal., by the fatal illness of his sister, Mrs. Sam Evans, left Sunday for California to resume his summer study there. Dr. Parker, a member of the faculty of Wake Forest college, was sent by the college to a California university for special study. He expects to return around the first of September.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Klingenschmidt, Henry, Edgar and Bobby Klingenschmidt and their guests, Mrs. Thomas Morgan (Bessie Klangenschmidt) and sons, Dennis and David, of Union City, N. J., spent Sunday in Pinehurst with Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCaskill (Helen Klingenschmidt) and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Baker and baby of Sanford spent part of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Baker. Jefferson was nursing a sore finger which he had torn so badly while moving a motor that 12 stitches were required.

Mrs. A. G. Edwards spent Monday and Tuesday in Raleigh with her father, J. S. Bundy, who is ill. Mr. Bundy's condition is improving.

Miss Lois Smith is at her home on Route 2 after spending several weeks teaching in summer school at Kannapolis, where she was a member of the faculty last school year.

Mrs. Sam Lewis of Onancock, Va., arrived Thursday of last week for a 10-day visit in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. T. Cox. Her brother, Sidney Cox, who is here from Miami, Fla., on a two weeks' vacation, visited a sister, Mrs. M. B. Willis, at Accomac, Va., from Friday until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Borst called on Mrs. W. D. Matthews in Southern Pines Sunday evening. Mrs. W. B. Graham went to Graham Friday for a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Graham and son, Bernice, Jr.

Miss Blanche Sturdivant spent Sunday with relatives in Albemarle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Muse spent from Friday until Sunday at Ocean Drive, S. C.

Mrs. A. G. Edwards, Jr., and daughter, Ann, returned Sunday from Chapel Hill, where they visited Mrs. G. M. McDermott, Jr., for about two weeks. Mr. Edwards went up and brought them home.

Mrs. Hattie McMillan of Selma, Mrs. Walter McMillan of Red Springs, Mrs. O. P. Ray of Buie, and Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Steed of Four Oaks spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goodman, Miss Nancy Goodman and Miss Betty Jo Sykes called on Mrs.

Mina Goodman in Cameron and attended a ball game in Chatham county Sunday afternoon. Mrs. C. P. McMillan visited her sister, Mrs. Seth W. Lassiter, and Mrs. Pope Lyon, of Smithfield, Saturday.

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