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DR. HOOKS IN BAD ACCIDENT.

While Crossing Southern Railway Track Near Selma His Car Is Struck By Passenger Train and He and His Son Are Badly Hurt—Dr. Hooks Taken To Wilson Hospital Where He Was Resting Well Yesterday Afternoon.

Dr. Thel Hooks and his son, Thel, Jr., were in a bad accident when they attempted to cross the Southern Railway track at the crossing a mile west of Selma Wednesday about noon. They were riding in a Ford coupe and just as their car was on the track it was hit by a passenger train. The doctor was on his way to see a sick child who was reported to be dangerously ill. They were coming on the Selma and Wilson's Mills road from Wilson's Mills and did not see the train until they were on the track with the train only a few feet away. The front wheels of the car on which they were riding had crossed the track when the train hit it with fearful results. The car was torn all to pieces and Dr. Hooks and his son were thrown some distance away. They landed several feet apart. Each was badly hurt. The train was stopped and a doctor and a nurse on it together with others rushed to their assistance. Upon examination it was found that young Thel was cut about the face and neck and was seen to be bleeding very badly. The hastily given assistance saved him from bleeding to death as it was found that an artery had been severed.

Dr. Hooks was found to be hurt much worse than his son. They were carried by the train to Selma where the physicians rendered all possible aid. The Smithfield doctors were also soon on the scene to aid their fellow physician. It was found that both collar bones were broken and his face cut and bruised. He was carried to Wilson on train 80 and placed in the hospital. An examination showed that no other bones were broken. The patient rested fairly well Wednesday night and yesterday seemed to be doing very well. While the injuries of Dr. Hooks are very serious they are not necessarily fatal. Without complications setting in the physicians at the hospital hope to see him out again before very long.

Young Thel besides having a very bad cut had his ankle sprained also. He had his wound dressed and he was brought home where he has been resting very well.

The boy who is only fourteen years old had rare presence of mind for one of his age. As soon as some of the train men came to his aid though he was bleeding profusely he called on them to save his father and let him go. He saw that his father was in bad condition and thought that he himself, was fatally hurt, still he wanted the first attention given to the doctor.

The accident was a great shock to Smithfield where Dr. Hooks is a general favorite and there are hundreds who will pray that he may soon recover.

A house which was being moved across the railroad was near the crossing at the time and cut off the view of the approaching train.

ENORMOUS DEMAND FOR BUILDING MATERIAL.

The enormous demand for building materials indicates that 1920 will see a building boom of huge proportions. It is confidently expected in the building trades that the record for the coming year will be much better than that of 1919. Building interests may well anticipate a continuance of the large business developed this year and with the construction situation much improved in many respects, 1920 promises to be a banner building period. The need of new buildings of all kinds is still very pressing, and although a fine amount of work was done this year, the country is still far behind its normal requirements and demand is far behind the supply.

The shortage of labor is not nearly so marked as during the first half of 1919 and there is every reason to expect a larger production of building supplies during the new year. The spring building season of 1920 bids fair to develop a volume of structural activity that will far eclipse anything the country has previously experienced.—Industrial and Engineering News.

To Preach in Southern Johnston.

Rev. S. F. Hudson of Sampson county spent last Sunday here. He came at the request of Rev. H. W. Baucum who arranged with him to do some work in the southern part of the county. He is a well equipped young man and Mr. Baucum considers the field fortunate in securing him for the work. His preaching appointments for January will be as follows: Calvary first Sunday at 11 o'clock. Pauline second Sunday morning. Canaan and Glenwood school third Sunday morning and afternoon. Trinity fourth Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon before. Hood Grove fourth Sunday afternoon.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BEULAH.

Kenly, Dec. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Woodard and family spent Sunday in Princeton with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards.

Miss Frances Hales left Sunday afternoon to resume her work as teacher in the Bladenboro school. Misses Inez Edgerton, Gladys Kirby Beulah Bailey and Messrs. Geddy Jerome, Neighbors and Marvin Jerome visited friends in Rose Hill Sunday.

Mrs. S. S. Earle and son, of Spring Hope are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sauls for a few days.

Miss Lucile Kirby is visiting relatives in Dunn. Miss Burrus Sauls of Ayden is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sauls for a few days.

Miss Grace Jerome of Jackson spent the holidays with Miss Inez Edgerton. Mr. and Mrs. Miller Bridger of Bladenboro have come to make Kenly their home and we gladly welcome them here.

Mr. Addie Flowers spent the holidays at home with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Flowers.

Mr. J. Leon Earpe of Raleigh spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Leason.

Misses Barnes and Jessie Leason spent Friday in Raleigh.

There will be a box party Friday night January 2 at Boyette's school, district No. 5. Everybody invited.

Mr. H. M. Grizzard formerly with G. G. Edgerton & Son has resigned and purchased the business formerly owned by the Capps Motor Co. and will do a general garage business.

Miss Jessie Leason returned to Norfolk, Va., Sunday night after spending the holidays at her home in Kenly.

Most of the cotton in this section has been ginned. The gin plant here will only run on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week.

The returned soldier and sailor boys of Beulah township will be entertained here tonight by the ladies of the Red Cross Chapter. Each and every one that possibly can be present is expected to be here to share in the luxurious supper and feast that has been prepared for them.

Christmas Marriages.

Two of Smithfield's popular young ladies took their friends by surprise during the Christmas holidays and were married. The first was Miss Vera Beasley, who had been with Woodall's store all the fall and worked up to night on Christmas eve. She and Mr. Tom Newberry who had charge of the Lyric Theatre several months ago, boarded the 8:26 train and went to Wilson where they were married that night. Both are popular young people who have many friends who wish them all success and happiness. They will make their future home in Fayetteville.

The other young lady who surprised her friends this way was Miss Ella Wellons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wellons. She was with Spiers and also worked up to Christmas. On Friday after Christmas Miss Wellons and Mr. William Randall Johnson, a druggist of Dunn, went to Raleigh where they were married Friday night. They intended keeping their happy venture secret for some time, but an enterprising reporter published the list of marriage licenses and this gave them away since their names were in the list. They will reside in Dunn. Their friends join in extending to them best wishes for much happiness.

Death of a Child.

We regret to chronicle the death of little Alma Holland, the four-year old girl of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Holland which occurred at their home here yesterday morning. The little girl had a bad cold and severe sore throat about two months ago and had not been well since. She had been much worse for the past two weeks and decidedly worse for two days. Her death came as a severe shock to the parents and friends. She will be buried today. The sympathy of many go out to the bereaved family in their sorrow.

Vinson-Jones.

The many friends of Mr. Henry H. Vinson and Miss Lessie Jones will be interested to learn of their marriage which took place Friday afternoon, December 26, at four o'clock. As they tried to keep it a secret the only persons present were the members of the family. Immediately after the ceremony which was performed by Squire Jesse Daugherty, the happy young couple left on the 6:30 train for a short honeymoon trip.

Mrs. Vinson is the daughter of Mr. J. W. Jones who lives near town and has many friends to wish her well on her voyage on the matrimonial sea. Mr. Vinson is the son of Mr. J. D. Vinson who has just moved from Smithfield where he has been living several years to Clayton. He is a very worthy young man and his friends congratulate him on his successful venture. X. Y. Z.

COUNTRY EDITOR GOOD TITLE.

North Carolina Paper Says the Older A Man Gets in the Business, the Prouder he Becomes of His Designation.

The Herald of Hertford, N. C., takes up the cudgels of good old fashioned expressions like "country editor" and thinks that the older a man gets in the newspaper game, the prouder he becomes of his distinction as editor of a real country paper. The Herald's editorial in part follows:

"Colleges which train young men and women in special lines are doing many things for the advancement of the country and the world. There are agricultural colleges which are turning boys out at 21 years of age who are better farmers than their grandfathers at 75. There are domestic science schools which are making better housekeepers of young girls than their mothers and grandmothers ever were. And there are schools of journalism which are putting into newspaper offices boys with training equal to the old fellows who have spent their lives at the desks.

"But, in all these schools there are outcroppings of the callousness of youth. For instance, many young graduates from agricultural schools blush when they are called farmers—they want a name of more dignified tone. Some young women from the scientific courses object to the plain, old fashioned names, and speak of their "domestic science." In the schools of journalism the same spirit prevails among a certain class of graduates. They are "journalists", and they do not want to be known as editors of "country" newspapers. That term has been the pride of the old fellows, because it distinguishes them from the city newspaper man.

"Around the name of "country newspaper" clings much of the romance and inspiration of the business, and the older a man gets in the business, the more he is proud of his distinction as editor of a real country newspaper."

Smithfield Business Changes.

Mr. Raiford Oliver and his wife who have been with the Davis stores for nearly two years have moved to their farm in the country.

Mr. E. C. Naron who has been with the Davis Stores for four years except the time he was with the army has gone to Sanders, Cunningham & Ward Company, wholesale grocers.

Mr. I. Kessler of Macon, Ga., and Mr. Roy Crumpler have accepted positions with the Davis Stores.

Mr. Grover Phillips has taken a position with the Smithfield Hardware Company.

Mr. S. H. Massey who has been with the Citizens National Bank is now bookkeeper for the Austin-Stephenson Co.

Mr. Hugh Austin has gone from the Austin-Stephenson Company to the home of his father Mr. L. F. Austin where he will farm and assist his father in running his store.

Miss Dora Dudley, bookkeeper for Austin-Stephenson Company, has gone to Kinston to work in a bank.

Miss Esther Sanders has gone back to her home in the country.

Mr. J. B. Barwick will not be with the Worley Furniture Company longer but after doing a little work for the Singer Sewing Machine Company will go to his home near Mount Olive to farm this year.

Mr. W. J. Collier has gone from Cotter-Underwood Company to Wilson as salesman for a garage. His place here is taken by Mr. J. F. Thompson of Pine Level.

Miss Minnie Guy of Dunn has taken charge of the ready-to-wear department at W. L. Woodall's Sons store. Miss Virginia Lipps has accepted a position with them also.

Mr. Bobbie Smith will not be with Mr. N. B. Grantham for 1920, but will run a tailoring business upstairs over the jewelry store.

Mr. Pierce With Citizens National.

The Citizens National Bank has secured Mr. Luther T. Pierce as assistant cashier and bookkeeper to succeed Mr. Massey who has resigned his position to accept a position with another firm here. Mr. Pierce was with The First National before he enlisted for service in the World War where he held a clerical position in the army. He has proven himself a very efficient young man and The Citizens National are to be congratulated upon securing his services as bookkeeper and assistant cashier.

Round Dozen Club.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. T. J. Laster entertained the members of the Round Dozen and Sans Souci book clubs. Rook was played at six tables. At the conclusion of the game a salad course with coffee was served. The house was decorated with Christmas greens and all together the occasion was a delightful one. X. Y.

BENTONVILLE NEWS.

Death of Mr. Fuller Boykin on Christmas Eve—Funeral on Christmas Day—Other Items of Interest.

Bentonville, Dec. 31.—Mr. C. M. Massengill, of Princeton, spent Christmas in this part with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Massengill.

Mr. Jim Cruseberry of Rocky Mount spent the holidays in our section, the guest of his brother, Mr. Charlie Cruseberry.

Mr. B. E. Cox had the misfortune to get his arm broken Christmas day. While feeding the township road mules one of them kicked him.

Mrs. Mattie Stephenson and children of McCullers spent Christmas in our burg with Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley.

Mr. M. L. Blackman returned to his home in Charlotte Sunday after spending Christmas in this section with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Blackman.

Messrs. H. V. Rose and Percy Smith of Smithfield attended the box supper at Mill Creek Saturday night. Mr. Smith rendered several selections on the violin while Mr. Rose made a short talk.

Mr. W. A. Parrish and family and Mr. E. J. Williams of Clayton attended the burial of Mr. Fuller Boykin on Christmas day.

Miss Mabel Johnson of Peacock's Cross roads, spent Christmas in this section with her sister, Mrs. L. G. Flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield Rhodes spent Christmas near Princeton with Mr. Rhodes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rhodes.

The Christmas joys of our people were saddened when the news spread over our section on Christmas eve of the death of Mr. Fuller Boykin, which occurred at his father-in-law's, Mr. D. J. Williams, on Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Boykin arrived in this section December 16th from Clayton to spend Christmas with relatives and on the 17th was taken seriously ill with pneumonia from which he died on December 24th. Mr. Boykin was a young man about 22 years old. He was loved by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, a mother and brothers and sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. The writer joins the many friends in sympathy to the bereaved ones. He was laid to rest in the Flowers cemetery on Christmas day in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives.

WHAT ALL SHOULD KNOW.

The Census Taker to Call Soon—Some Of the Questions to be Answered.

The Fourteenth Decennial Census of the United States is on!

Under the immediate direction of Otway B. Moss, Supervisor of the fourth census district of North Carolina, census enumerators will call at every dwelling house in this community to secure the information necessary to fill out the questions contained on the printed census schedules. Questions covering the following points will be asked of every person in the United States:

Sex;

Color or race;

Age at last birthday;

Whether single, married, widowed or divorced;

Birthplace of person enumerated and birthplace of father and mother, giving names of both country and province if foreign born;

Occupation, specifying trade or profession, also industry in which employed;

Whether attending school;

Whether able to read;

Whether able to write;

Whether able to speak English;

Whether home is owned or rented, and if owned whether home is free of encumbrance or is mortgaged;

Persons of foreign birth will be asked questions concerning these additional points;

Year of immigration to the United States;

Whether naturalized, and if so the year of naturalization;

Mother tongue or native language.

Census enumerators also will call at every farm in this community to secure the information necessary to fill out the questions contained on the agriculture schedule.

Each farmer will be asked questions concerning the acreage and value of his farm; whether he owns, rents or partly owns and partly rents the land he farms; the value of the buildings, machinery and implements belonging to his farm; the quantity of all crops raised on his farm during the year 1919; and many other questions which cover all possible farm operations.

An absolutely accurate and complete census vitally concerns the welfare of this community and of every person living in it. The official population for the next ten years will be determined by the census of 1920.

Be ready with your answers when the census man calls at your house.

PRINCETON AND BOON HILL

Princeton, Dec. 31.—Miss Frances Ledbetter from Louisburg College has been spending the holidays at home.

Some of the young lady teachers of the Graded School have been spending the holidays at their respective homes. Misses Myrtle and Vitus Nicholson, Burlington, Miss Leona Fleming, China Grove, Miss Lorena Leonard, Catawba.

Mr. Lester Snipes from Washington, D. C., is at home for a few days. Mr. Jasper Stuckey from Chapel Hill has been at his home several days.

Miss Margaret LeMay from Smithfield is visiting Mrs. E. A. Holt this week.

Dr. J. C. Joyner from Burlington has been here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Joyner the past few days.

Mr. M. B. Massey from Greenville is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Horn from Waha were here with their father during the holidays.

Miss Annie Lee Hines and Miss Lois Cox from Wayne, are visiting Miss Vivian Hastings.

Miss Cora Johnson from Richmond, Va., is visiting relatives near town. Bill Massey from Trinity Park and Joe Boyette from Buies Creek have been at home for several days.

Miss Eunice Peole one of our charming country girls was married a few days ago to Mr. Luby Mitchell.

Mr. Hubert Cox has recovered sufficiently from his serious illness to be carried to his home in Bentonville township.

Edgar Boyett will return to Wake Forest this week.

Caspian S. Holt left here Monday morning for Buies Creek school.

Miss Sarah Blackman is boarding in town and attending the graded school.

Mr. Tom Wellons and wife from Raleigh have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Wellons near town for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Eason from Selma are spending a few days with their parents Mr. and Mrs. William Whitley.

Floyd Wellons from Buies Creek has been at home for the holidays.

Mr. Jodie Langley from Rocky Mount came down to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Tom Sasser.

Rev. J. E. Dupree and daughters, Misses Bessie and Edith from Kenly were here for the Christmas tree exercises at the Baptist church.

Mr. Jessie Holt from Burlington and Mr. John Holt from Wilson's Mills visited relatives in town Sunday, spending the day with Misses Leona and Estelle Holt.

Mr. Harry Watson is spending the holidays in the eastern part of the state duck hunting.

Miss Bessie Horn from Durham has been at home with her parents through Christmas.

Mr. Charlie Johnson was run over and badly bruised up by an automobile Christmas week.

Mr. Bedford Cox, who lives near rural route 2 from Princeton was kicked by a mule on Christmas day, which shattered his right arm and seriously injured him. Mr. L. L. Barrow was badly shaken up near the same place by premature explosion of dynamite when blasting up a big stump in the road.

The only Christmas baby reported was born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Edwards, a boy.

Y. M. C. A. Work in Johnston.

At the request of citizens interested in the boy problems of the town, representatives of the State Young Men's Christian Association have visited Smithfield on several occasions. Recently one of the State Secretaries made a careful survey of the entire county to ascertain conditions and to determine whether Johnston County was organized in the Rural and County Y. M. C. A. work. We are glad to announce that this State organization found conditions very favorable and has decided on a very definite type of constructive work. Mr. C. P. Riegler, District Secretary for Eastern North Carolina, has come to Smithfield and Johnston County to promote the organization work. He has headquarters at Rocky Mount, but it is understood that he will bring his family and reside in Smithfield during the time of the preliminary work. He will immediately begin this work. Further information about the particular type of work for the county will be given through the columns of this paper later.

Off On Trip to New York.

Messrs. L. T. Royall and J. H. Wiggs left Wednesday night for a trip to New York to attend the annual banquet given by the Colt Lighting Company to their representatives. Mr. Wiggs who has been working for this company some time is now closing salesman. Mr. Royall who has been with the company for the past four months, has resigned his position and will not be with them this year.

DANIELS NOT A CANDIDATE.

Secretary of Navy Authorizes Denial That He Is Running for Presidency—Pomerene Backers Had Picked Him as in Race.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels is not and will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States to be made by the Democrats when they hold their convention next June.

Mr. Daniels authorized this statement today when informed that Maurice F. Lyons, campaign manager of the Pomerene for President committee had issued a statement saying that Senator Pomerene would make no contest for instructed delegates in those States in which "favorite sons" are expected to be in the running. North Carolina is in the list of eight and the Pomerene committee says "word has been received" that Secretary Daniels would be the Tar Heel choice.

The Lyons statement, sent to Washington correspondents from Covington, Ky., says:

"Information was given out today by Maurice F. Lyons, National campaign manager of the Pomerene for President committee, that should Senator Pomerene announce his candidacy there would be no contests in the States of Oregon, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Alabama, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Missouri, and North Carolina, from which word has been received that Senators Chamberlain, Owen, Hitchcock, Underwood, Ambassador Davis, Attorney General Palmer, Speaker Clark and Secretary of the Navy Daniels would be 'favorite sons.'"

"The good rules of racing would be used by this committee and the courtesy due these potential candidates would be extended."

In passing Mr. Lyons predicts that if Senator Pomerene's name goes before the convention he will have 325 votes on the first to tenth ballots.

Interest in the choice the Democrats will make is fast rising and, among the leaders, is expected to reach its crest at the Jackson Day dinner at the Willard Hotel on January 8th. This dinner is a quadrennial event for recounting the accomplishments of democracy throughout the nation and while it is not, as might be inferred from many stories, a time for the parade of presidential timber, it is not unlikely that aspiring members of the party will be in attendance.

Places for the dinner, which is price rate with the scale for table reservations in Gotham on New Year's Eve, are in greater demand than ever before. There are three applicants for every one of the available 800 tickets and many enthusiastic Democrats will be unable to attend the celebration.—R. E. Powell, in News and Observer.

Herbert Hoover Declares Whole Problem of Americanization Rests In It—Each Community's Task.

The whole problem of Americanization would be met in 20 years if the nation could systematically grapple with the child problem and insure proper conditions of birth, education and nutrition, Herbert Hoover declared Monday in an address to a child welfare luncheon gathering arranged by the Associated Charities in San Francisco, says an Associated Press dispatch.

"We have amply demonstrated in this country that if this sort of thing is to be accomplished it must be developed out of the conscience of every separate community," Mr. Hoover said.

Due to methods adopted by American and other relief bodies, the disease mortality among Belgian children is below the prewar normal, in spite of the fact they went through nearly five years of famine, he declared.

Of relief measures generally, Mr. Hoover said:

"One feature of organization in these matters is outstanding—that the responsibility of organization has rested almost entirely upon the women. Those American men who had to do with this work can claim but little credit."

"I feel sometimes that we are perhaps more concerned over the cases of mass misery of other nations than in the individual needs of our own," he said. "The appeal of mobs of starving children draws our sympathy to faster action than the scattered minority at home. We must respond to both. The welfare of the children of the nation is our joint responsibility. I believe that the attitude of a nation toward child welfare will soon become the test of civilization."

Eggs At Fifty Cents.

The fair price committee in Topeka, Kansas, have set 50 cents as a fair price for eggs per dozen.