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BODY OF EDWIN POU BEING BROUGHT HOME

**Young Naval Hero Who Lost His Life
In France September 1918 to Have
His Final Resting Place in His Na-
tive Home Town.**

The U. S. S. Nereus is on the Atlantic Ocean speeding its way to New York from Brest, France, bringing home the bodies of 150 naval dead who sacrificed their lives for their country that they may find a resting place in the land that gave them birth. Among this one hundred and fifty is the body of a native son of Smithfield who lost his life in a seaplane accident at Ile de Teudy, France, in September 1918, just a few weeks before the armistice was signed. The ship is expected to arrive in New York on Sunday, May 16. A fitting service will be conducted by Secretary Josephus Daniels after which the bodies of these naval heroes will be shipped to their former homes where interment will be made.

The body is expected to arrive at Smithfield either Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. From the station it will be taken to the Episcopal church where a funeral service will be held conducted by the rector, Rev. H. S. Hartzell assisted by Rev. S. A. Cotton, pastor of the Smithfield Methodist church. The interment is expected to take place in the city cemetery about 3:30 in the afternoon of the day of arrival here.

We hope to be able to make definite announcement of the hour of the service in Tuesday's Herald.

A last resting place for their honored son was offered the family at "Arlington" National Cemetery, but they felt that he, had he expressed himself, would want to sleep "the long last sleep in Smithfield where he loved and was loved."

RECKLESS MOTORISTS AND ROAD SENTENCES

With no intention whatever of passing on the merits of the case appealed from his court to the Superior Court in Wake county, we incline to the belief that City Judge Harris is making a start toward underwriting the life and limb of the local way-faring public that will produce results. A man alleged to have been intoxicated drives his car into another motorist; Judge Harris sentences the defendant to six months on the roads. Never, so far as we are aware, having met either of the two drivers or their cars, we hope that some evidence will be produced that will justify the staying by the Superior Court of the road sentence; but road sentences are just exactly the proper cure for the most glaring of the traffic evils.

Five and ten-dollar fines—indeed, fines of any sort,—have hardly any effect on those who by their wanton disregard for the law endanger the lives of themselves and others. There ought to be a distinction made, of course, between the infraction of traffic ordinances and the deliberate or heedless breaking of general statutes passed for the protection of those who travel the public highways. However, the punishment for rashness or callousness on the part of automobile drivers is seldom half severe enough.

Nor will it suffice to find an isolated and aggravated case; the courts should get a fresh grip and treat all reckless motorists rough enough to teach the lesson due them.—Raleigh Times.

Southern Baptists in Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention is in session at Washington City. Vice-President Thos. R. Marshall delivered the address of welcome. Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, was elected president of the convention for the fourth time, thereby breaking a precedent. Dr. Thos. W. O'Kelly, of Raleigh, presided at the opening session. Six thousand delegates registered for the opening day's attendance. It is expected that there will be ten thousand delegates present.

Price to Hold Meeting in Dunn.

Rev. Thurston B. Price, General Evangelist of the Methodist church, South, will conduct a meeting at the Methodist church in Dunn, beginning May 16. Rev. Mr. Price held a meeting in Benson sometime ago which was very successful. He will be assisted by J. Dale Stentz, singer.

FOUR OAKS NEWS NOTES.

Four Oaks, May 13.—Mr. F. Hunter Creech is at his old home for a few days greeting friends. He came down from New York to be present at the Buies Creek finals at which place he will address the alumni today.

Mr. Reid Adams is at home from Trinity Park.

Miss Julia Thornton of Goldsboro spent Sunday here the guest of her cousin, Miss Onie Lewis.

Prof. Robey W. Adams is at home again for a while, his school at Corneliuss, N. C., having closed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Adams have returned from a visit to friends in Atlanta, Ga.

The Four Oaks junior ball team defeated Benson 14 to 1 Monday.

Messrs. Chester Cole, Bud Lee and Johnny Moore, went to Raleigh Monday on business.

Mr. Moses Adams, a highly respected citizen and farmer of near Four Oaks died Saturday night after a short illness. He had been a member of Primitive Baptist church for several years.

Mr. Jno. T. Cole left Wednesday for Wilmington to visit his brother, Mr. Nathan Cole, a prominent young attorney.

Rev. C. E. Stevens left Tuesday for a few days stay in Washington, D. C. He will attend the Southern Baptist Convention while there.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams went to Morehead City Tuesday for a short stay with their daughter, Mrs. B. F. Royall.

Miss Martha Barbour is in Wilson with her sister Mrs. O. E. Matthews, who is in Wilson Sanatorium.

Messrs. Tom Canady, Dalton Lee, Nathan Keen and N. I. Lee, went down to Cherry Point Saturday for a few days fishing. They report "good luck." Mr. N. I. Lee will remain there for some time.

Mrs. C. H. Wellons left Saturday for Conway, S. C., to see her sister, Mrs. R. S. Wellons who is reported quite ill.

Mr. Willis Parker and Miss Myrtle Barbour were married on Wednesday May 5th at the home of Mr. Willis Barbour, the bride's father, near Four Oaks. Mr. Parker is the son of Mr. Ebb Parker, of the Pisgah section, and a successful farmer. Miss Myrtle is the attractive daughter of Mr. Willis H. Barbour. Our best wishes to the happy young couple.

Mr. Robbie C. Lee left Thursday for Richmond, Va., on a business trip.

Mr. Jas. T. Allen has returned from Washington, D. C., and northwestern Virginia. He reports a nice trip and some exceptional racing.

Mr. M. C. Carr returned to Clinton Wednesday on account of death of his mother.

Mr. Jas. M. Thornton has returned to New York City after a few days here and at Fayetteville where his sister, Mrs. Felix Stewart is in the hospital.

Four Oaks has at last organized a ball team and have hopes of a winning team. Captain Moore says he has the right material if they will get in shape. They play the opening game of the season at Smithfield Friday, May 14th. Go to it boys and show 'em.

Sunday, May 23, will be free day at the Chautauqua in the big tent in Barbour's Grove of the four days—May 21st to 24th inclusive. We are expecting everybody within reach to take advantage of this our first Chautauqua. This includes citizens of Smithfield as the Four Oaks people attend the Chautauqua in Smithfield each year and will again this year. Come on Smithfield; let's see it through.

Mayor Resigns After 24 Hours.

Mayor Charles Rankin after holding office for 24 hours as mayor of Fayetteville, resigned giving as his reason that the board of aldermen had relieved him of all responsibility in their appointment of committees. He alleged that these committees were employees of a local bank which would place the financial affairs of the city in the hands of that institution, thus preventing his administration from being of service to the people.

Carranza Still Fighting.

Reports from Mexico in yesterday's papers say that the deposed President, Carranza, is with a small body of his faithful followers near the village of San Marcos where for eight hours he personally directed the fighting against the revolutionists.

JUDGE A. M. NOBLE WRITES FROM SAMOA

**In Which He Gives Interesting Facts
In Regard to a Divorce Case of A
Samoan Couple.**

The readers of The Herald will be glad to read the following communication from Judge A. M. Noble, of Tutuila, Samoa. From time to time when Judge Noble was in Samoa before he sent some very interesting articles to this paper which quite a number of people appreciated. He promises to send others in the future which are sure to be full of interest and instruction. This article deals with a Samoan divorce case. It is as follows:

Until the establishment of the Government, polygamy was practiced to a great extent among the Samoans. The Missionaries always fought the practice, but could not overcome it. As a consequence of the long established custom of having many wives, marriage is not regarded by them now as a sacred union, but more as a compliance with the regulations of the Government. It is not unusual to see couples marry, separate, secure divorce and marry again all within one year. Some of the old Samoan chiefs would make Dewolf Hopper look like a piker. During the past five years one hundred and forty-six divorce cases were disposed of. In ninety per cent of the cases adultery and desertion afforded the grounds. It was one of the cases that go to make up the other ten per cent, that afforded a great deal of amusement at the trial, and in connection with which the letter given below was mailed to me, and which is quoted verbatim.

"U. S. Naval Station,
Tutuila Samoa,
January 23, 1920.

To: Mr. Judge Noble.
Subject: Request for Sentence of Divorce.

1. Respectfully request, ask permission, would oblige me very much and be kind, Will you let me have the pleasure, I wish to Divorce my wife.

2. The reasons are that I want Divorce.

3. She disobey and dislike me.

4. When I told anything she will do, she said, you go to hell, who are you I obey, and evil speaking.

5. She like fight me always.

6. If I spoke to her anythings, that time she pick up a stone or stick or a knife, and throw me or hit, but myself not beat herself, only rebuke and apologize.

7. She kicked me in my chest, that I was in the Naval Hospital month ago.

8. She pray to the God to die me quick—Execrate.

9. She spoke me at six times, she want to get Divorce from me, but I told her, Abide with me.

10. She want to gone away from me and wander from home.

11. She dislike in my children from another woman. (Step-children).

12. She want kill a herself when I come late in home. I am to serve in the Government, and I am not charge of myself that is the matter what some time I came late in home. She know the time start of the FitaFita's Liberty 4.30 p. m., except Wednesday and Saturday 1 p. m., When I over that time, she get mad and come over me and hit me, but I do nothing only apologize. I am swear in the truth I am very endure for her, and I am slavery and anxious about her. I never unkind conduct to her, I gave to her what she want, money, full rations every day, and good dress, everything that she want, and her parents with all the family. I hope in God's spirit wisdom to explain in your mind every thing what I told, but you not believe me. Will you allow me, to let me have a Divorce, because I full anxious to her, and she is alienate. But that woman of, my wife is useless of the words from our Lord, "Take care and love each other." She bid me by the other Fita Fita who gone to Manua the last trip of the U. S. S. Fortune, to say thus: "When you arrive back in Tutuila, you tell Tamaligi I never, never go down there again, no more. I stay with my mother and father with my family. I no want of him no more." I believe she said that, but I no got no letter from her.

I am the Truth,
Your obedient Servant,
TAMALIGI."

Can you beat it?
A. M. NOBLE,
Pago Pago, Samoa.

April 6, 1920

SECRETARY DANIELS REPLIES TO CHARGES

Shows Sims Failed to Meet Expectations During War, Six of Which He Mentions.

Secretary Daniels in appearing before the Senate investigating committee to answer charges made by Admiral Sims against the Navy Department's conduct of the war, unsparingly arraigned the admiral for violation of regulations and criticism of his fellow officers. Sims, according to Daniels, did not measure up to expectations in various ways. The following six special shortcomings of the Admiral were submitted by Secretary Daniels:

1. He lacked vision to see that a great and new project to bar the submarines from their natural hunting grounds should be promptly adopted and carried out, no matter what the cost or how radical the departure from what ultra-prudent men regarded as impracticable.

2. He seemed to accept the views of the British Admiralty as superior to anything that would come from America and urged these views even when the Navy Department proposed plans that proved more effective.

3. In public speeches and other ways he gave a maximum of credit to British efforts and minimized what his country was doing.

4. He coveted British decorations and seemed to place a higher value on honors given abroad than by honors that could be conferred by the American government.

5. He aspired to become a member of the British Admiralty and wrote complainingly when the American Government declined to permit him to accept such tender by the King of England.

6. He placed protection of merchant shipping, with concentration of destroyers at Queenstown, as the main operation of our forces abroad, failing to appreciate that the protection of transports carrying troops to France was the paramount naval duty until I felt impelled to cable him peremptorily that such was our main mission.

Two Deaths in Oneals.

• Mrs. Adolphus Godwin, who lived near Moore's school house in Oneals township, died last Monday, May 10th after a brief illness of only a few days. Interment was made the day following her death in the cemetery near Noble's Chapel Baptist church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ben Jones. The deceased before her marriage, which took place last July, was well known in her community by her family name, Miss Malissie Wall.

Mr. Lunsford Lewis, a well known and prominent citizen of Oneals township, died last Tuesday, the 11th, after an illness of a few days following a paralytic stroke, which attack he suffered on Saturday of last week while on the way from his home to Selma. Mr. Lewis had lived for a number of years near Antioch Baptist church. The interment was made the day following his death in the cemetery at Antioch church. He is survived by a widow and three children, the children being: Messrs. Milton and Roscoe Lewis, and Mrs. Ramon Creech. Mr. Lewis was a good farmer, a good neighbor and a good man. As such he will be missed and mourned.

William Deans Howell Dead.

William Dean Howells, novelist and man of letters, died in his sleep at his home in New York City early Tuesday. He was in his 84th year. Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, an old friend, will officiate.

In accordance with the novelist's wishes, his body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Howells was in the habit of spending the winter in Savannah, Ga., and three weeks ago, while there, he caught a severe cold that developed into influenza. He was carried to New York to be near his son, John Meade Howells, architect, and his daughter, Mildred. Both were with him when he died.

Population of Mount Airy.

The population of Mount Airy is 4,752 showing an increase of 908 or 23.6 per cent according to figures announced by the census bureau.

BENTONVILLE NEWS.

Mr. J. M. Beasley returned home Friday after a few days stay with her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Stephenson at McCullers.

Messrs. W. A. Powell and L. E. Cox went to Raleigh Friday on business.

Mr. G. W. Massey and family of near Clinton spent the week end in this section with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mashburn went to Mount Olive Saturday to attend the Casey-Lipe marriage.

Mr. Darwin Hayes and Miss Annie Massengill were married Friday afternoon at sunset at Mill Creek church Rev. Mr. Hudson officiating.

Messrs. J. D. Underwood and J. L. Scotton of Smithfield were in our section Friday on business.

Mr. Norman Westbrook spent the week end in Wilmington with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Britt and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stevens of Benson spent Sunday in these parts with relatives.

Mr. Conley Langston and Miss Nora Westbrook were quietly married Sunday afternoon. We wish them much happiness and pleasure through life.

Bentonville, May 13.

Charged With Stealing Soda.

Elmon Wood and Tom Parnell, two white men living a few miles beyond Selma, were lodged in jail here late Tuesday night charged with taking three bags of nitrate of soda from Mr. R. E. Whitehurst's tobacco barn. Mr. Paul Edwards chanced to pass Mr. Whitehurst's place which is just out of town on the road over Buffalo, some time near ten o'clock Tuesday night and saw the men, one on a wagon standing by and the other at the shelter by the tobacco barn. On seeing Mr. Edwards the two men decided it was time to move on. He went and called to Mr. Whitehurst who had gone to bed. Together they went after the men who escaped them for awhile, but later they came near them at the depot. They had an automobile and drove on and overtook the men who were on a wagon with the three sacks of soda and drove around them and stopped them and brought back to Smithfield where they were turned over to the county officials.

They were placed in jail and Wednesday morning taken before the Recorder. On being asked if they were ready for trial they answered in the negative. They were remanded to jail in default of a two hundred dollar bond for their appearance at the Recorder's Court next Tuesday.

They gave bond Wednesday night and returned to their homes.

Parnell has a wife and five children. Wood is unmarried and lives with his widowed mother. Both men farm on the land of Mr. Henry Creech.

Wild West Show.

The sluggers from Kenly and the Smithfield Athletic Association staged a nine act farce of seventeen scenes here Wednesday afternoon, to wit, a base ball game. A total of twenty-nine runs was made, the visitors scoring five in the first frame, three the second, three the third, while the locals did not score until the third. They piled up nine runs before their slugging spell could be stopped, a total of twelve men facing the pitcher. In the sixth they scored two and in the eighth piled up four more.

It took three trials before the local manager found the right man to twirl. Beasley faced the visitors in the first inning, Wallace the second and third and Gordon began in the fourth, holding them to three runs. Holland began for Kenly and Neighbors succeeded him in the fourth. The features were the splendid playing of Boyette (who has but one hand) in the field and at the bat, getting two hits—once a three-bagger with the bases full—and four runs out of five times to the plate; for Kenly, the pitching of Holland in the first and second innings.

Score by innings—

Kenly533 100 110—14
Smithfield009 002 04*—15

Men fanned: By Kenly 7; by Smithfield 4. Hits by Kenly 10; by locals 10. Umpire, Perkins.

Durham Begins Campaign.

The annual anti-typhoid campaign conducted by Durham county and the city of Durham has been started by the county health officer, Dr. A. Cheatham.

FOUNDER OF GREAT INSTITUTION DEAD

**Bishop John H. Vincent Organized and
Developed Chautauqua Literary and
'Scientific Circle.**

The death of Bishop John H. Vincent removes a man who probably did more for the promotion of education in America than any other one man that the country has known. And that he did this not through any development of the formal educational institutions of the country is not the least remarkable thing about the career of a man who summed up in himself a word and a system known all over the world, the Chautauqua Institution. The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle which he founded is an American contribution to the education of the people, absolutely American from start to finish, and of which this country cannot be too proud. For though it grew out of a little summer camping held by several earnest Methodists in August, 1874, at Fair Point, on Chautauqua Lake, New York, in the interest of providing a broader and more effective training for Sunday school teachers, in four years Bishop Vincent and his associate, Lewis Miller, a typical all-around American manufacturer, of Akron, Ohio, and father-in-law of Thomas A. Edison, had hit upon the great idea of education through recreation and social relationships for the grown-ups as well as the young, and absolutely separate from school or academic or collegiate or university influences.

The great fact that education does not stop with graduation or with the completing of a school course, and that even those who have forgotten their school days are neither mentally nor socially beyond the pale so far as acquiring a grasp on things that make for culture, were the twin foundation stones of the Chautauqua movement. That it spread like wildfire over the country, that under the direction of the parent body at Chautauqua, New York, a system of summer courses in addition to the home reading of the winter times was developed, that for ten years it maintained a university granting degrees, that it early made use of the University Extension methods of England, but naturalized them on American soil, and that after twenty-eight years of unexampled success and usefulness it gave up many of its special functions and received its charter in 1902 as the Chautauqua Institution, a model to all summer schools, are only a few of the main facts in the story of the movement. From the first to the last it owed everything to the outlook, the insight and the Americanism of Bishop Vincent. Indeed, by means of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle the Bishop did more than any other influence to give the American citizen that type of self-training peculiarly fitted for a country which is without caste and class and knew neither peasant nor proletariat until an imported radicalism tried to force the ideals with the phrases as if they represented something long inherent in American life.

It was inevitable that the kind of culture produced by Chautauqua movements would be misunderstood abroad and even misrepresented at home. But the movement has weathered all the indifference of the superior, all the sneers of the doctrinaire. Bishop Vincent survived long enough to see the little summer-outing project achieve universal recognition as a great educational influence, while the acknowledged value of his work which early in his career sloughed off all sectarianism, gave a special glory to his position as one of the pillars of a denomination which from the days of Whitefield on has always been close to the people, but never more truly served them than in this movement of John H. Vincent's devising.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

County Clinic in Sampson.

A tonsil and adenoid clinic was conducted at Clinton Thursday and Friday of last week under the direction of Dr. Hollingworth, County Health Officer, in which 38 patients were treated. Dr. J. B. Wright did the operating with the assistance of other physicians and trained nurses. The cost of each operation including anesthetic, operating room, nurse and meals was \$12.50. On June 6 another clinic will be held.