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DOUBLE TRAGEDY OCCURS AT HOLT LAKE GRADE CROSSING

A.C.L. Train Hits Buick Sedan

Bernice F. Smith, Of Goldsboro, and E. C. Bethune, Of Lakeland, Fla., Instantly Killed In Crash;

One of the most horrible accidents to occur at grade crossings in this vicinity, and there have been many, took place Monday night about 9:30 o'clock at Holt Lake crossing when the shoofly which runs from Richmond to Fayetteville, struck a Buick coach in which Mr. E. C. Bethune of Lakeland, Fla., and Bernice F. Smith of Goldsboro, were riding, killing both men instantly.

They were returning to Goldsboro from Mr. Smith's farm near Dunn. Just how they came to be on the track will never be known, but the engineer when he saw the car put on brakes and stopped as quickly as possible derailing the engine and tender of his train. The automobile was carried about 250 yards across the trestle before the train stopped. The body of Mr. Bethune was caught under the train and horribly mangled. Mr. Smith had many bones broken but was not disfigured. The automobile which belonged to Mr. Bethune was a total wreck.

According to Mrs. Bethune her husband had a number of valuables about his person which when she left the city had not been recovered from the wreck. These included about a hundred dollars in cash and a gold watch and fob. He had \$462 worth of travelers checks which were collected by some one at the wreck and later turned over to a local attorney whom Mrs. Bethune retained before leaving for Lakeland.

Mr. Bethune had only been in North Carolina a short time and was looking around Goldsboro with a view to locating there. His wife and baby were with him in Goldsboro. They arrived in Smithfield Tuesday morning after news of the tragic occurrence reached them, and accompanied the body which left at two-thirty in the afternoon, to Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Lula Kornegay of Wilmington. He also leaves two brothers, J. D. Smith of Selma, and Major Smith of Coats, a half-sister, Mrs. Dolly Miller of near Benson, three nephews, B. A. Smith of Clayton, Jim and Bill Smith of Rocky Mount, and one niece, Mrs. Willie Weeks of Rocky Mount.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the residence in Goldsboro after which the body was carried near Dunn for interment.

Another accident occurred Monday.

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me—



When de republikins rool de pe folkles moan.

SCHOOL TAX RATE RAISED 7 CTS.

Additional Tax Rate To Take Care of School Bonds Taken Over By The County Last Year.

At a joint meeting of the county commissioners and the county board of education held here Monday afternoon the budget for schools was approved, and the commissioners agreed upon a tax for county schools of 75 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property. Last year the school tax was 68 cents, and the additional seven cents levy is to take care of the school bonds taken over by the county last year including Selma which heretofore had been a special chartered school.

The tax rate for county expenses remains the same—15 cents, and the courthouse tax is ten cents the same also last year. The road tax will vary for the various townships. In Smithfield township the road tax is 20 cents, making a total tax rate in this township of \$1.20. The town of Smithfield has not yet levied a tax rate, but the special school tax of 79 cents is the same as the past several years.

JOHNSTON COUNTY GIVES THANKS FOR GOOD CROPS

Recorder's Court Has Full Docket

Fines Are Imposed Upon Several Tried For Violating Prohibition Laws and Reckless Driving

The Recorder's Court was in session here on Tuesday, September 7th, and the following cases on the criminal docket were disposed of:

Howard Temple from down Four Oaks was plead guilty to a charge of driving an automobile without licenses and while he was under the influence of intoxicating drink. The court imposed a fine of \$25 and the defendant was taxed with the costs.

Fred Blackman and Lawrence Johnson, two white men of Ingrams township, were charged with reckless driving and driving while under the influence of intoxicants. Johnson was acquitted and Blackman was found guilty. He was fined \$25 and costs and deprived from driving in Johnston county for the next 12 months.

Harry Katinos, a Greek of Selma, was charged with prostitution, found guilty and taxed with a \$25 fine and cost.

D. R. Allen, a white man claiming Raleigh as his home, was found guilty of possessing and transporting liquor in violation of

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Thurman Parrish Dies At Hospital

Mr. Thurman Parrish, of Wilson's Mills, passed away at the Johnston County Hospital Wednesday morning after a lingering illness. He had been sick for about two years.

Mr. Parrish was only twenty-five years of age. At the time of his death he was employed by C. M. & W. G. Wilson. He was a member of the Disciple Church at Wilson's Mills and was a good man.

The deceased is survived by his mother, Mrs. W. R. Parrish; two brothers, Mr. C. E. Parrish, of Goldsboro, and Mr. Herman Parrish, of Salisbury; and three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Lancaster, Mrs. Jim Underwood and Miss Velma Parrish, all of Wilson's Mills.

The funeral service was conducted by the pastor of the deceased and interment was made in the cemetery at Johnson Union church.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the community in their loss.

Opening Dates County Schools

Board of Education Spend Busy Day In Interest of Johnston Co. Schools

In consideration of the fact that the cotton crop is later this year than usual, the Board of Education in session here Monday ordered that all schools running for a term of eight months open on October 13 and all schools running for a term of six months open on November 15. Christmas holidays for all the schools were fixed, beginning on December 23 and ending on December 29. Each eight months school is expected to teach 160 days actual teaching, and the six month schools 120 days.

October 13, 14 and 15 will be extra days in the term of the eight months school, and these three days may be used to supplement the Christmas holidays of one week or used for any other day which the principal of the school allows as a holiday. Except for these holidays, any days lost for holidays or other reasons, in either the eight or six months schools, must be made up at the end of the term.

All seven months schools will open on November 1, and 140 days will be taught.

Besides fixing the opening dates for the schools in the county system, various other matters of business were disposed of.

A large delegation from the Corbett-Hatcher District appeared before the board requesting that plans approved by the boards at the meeting for the purpose of fixing the budget concerning the operation of the Corbett-Hatcher school for the coming year be changed by allowing said district to employ an additional teacher from its local tax and no truck be provided for high school students to Selma. The board instructed the present corps of five teachers in Corbett-Hatcher school to teach the seventh grade at that school for those who wish to attend there and further ordered the truck to Selma to run as originally planned for the high school students and such seventh grade students as wish to avail themselves of this

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Claims Messiahship

The wonderful talent exhibited by Miss Gwendolyn Mitchell as she sang a solo, "Open The Gates of The Temple," was a surprise. Miss Mitchell is a Clayton girl who is this year a senior at Greensboro College for Women. The entire audience which filled the church auditorium thrilled to the notes of melody that flowed as easily from her slender throat as the songs of birds. Tears were in the eyes of many, and it was the consensus of all that she was the

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Truck Turns Over And Several Hurt

Wednesday morning as Messrs. S. C. and J. F. Batten, of Micro, were coming to Smithfield to bring a load of tobacco, the radius rod on their truck broke just before reaching town, causing the truck to leave the road and run into the embankment. It turned around and fell on its side. The men who were in the cab and on top of the tobacco were slightly hurt and were carried immediately to the Johnston County Hospital. It was found that there were no serious injuries.

The cab was torn up but otherwise the truck was not damaged.

Challenges Flying Amongst Channel Swimmers

Mrs. Corson (Cade) Ernest Vierkotter "Trudy" Ederle



A great long distance swim for a purse somewhere between \$25,000 and \$150,000 may be featured on one of the United States waters. "Trudy" Ederle, 14 hrs., 31 m.; Ernest Vierkotter, 12 hrs., 43 m.; and Mrs. Corson (Gade) 15 hrs., 28 m., each have announced a willingness to compete in such an event and it is possible a 25 mile splash will develop.

Name Committee Cotton Members On T. B. Situation Get Back Checks

Commissioners Approve New Road Half Mile In Length From Wiggs' Filling Station To Pine Level Road

Those promoting the movement to erect in Johnston county a tuberculosis hospital are not letting the grass grow under their feet.

At the regular meeting of the county commissioners held here on Monday, the matter of building such a hospital either by Johnston county or jointly with one or more neighboring counties, was presented, and a committee was appointed to make further investigations as to what may be done. This committee is composed of A. H. Morgan, chairman of the county board of commissioners, Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, and Dr. B. A. Hocutt, of Clayton.

Among the various items to come before the commissioners Monday was the building of new road East of here about a half mile in length, and the road was ordered built after a petition of the land owners along said road was duly filed with the county board. This road will lead from Art Wiggs' filling station west to Brogden and Holt's Mill road, and will connect directly with the Pine Level road.

Other items transacted by the county commissioners this week include the following:

Old paupers helped—Annie Mae Childers, \$3 per month; Mrs. Jesse Batten, \$4.50 per quarter; John Whitfield, colored, \$5 for expense in burying his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris, \$4.50 each per quarter; Handy Holder, colored, \$4.50 per quarter.

It was ordered that Mrs. Lillie Edwards be dismissed from the county home because of her ability to make her own way in life.

Ordered that Mrs. Daniel Evans be allowed an operation at the county's expense whenever she has paid over to the county the sum of \$25.

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School Election In Three Districts

Three school districts in Johnston county held elections during the summer as to whether or not a fifty-cent special tax should be voted. On August 3 Sandy Springs, Price and Stilleys districts called an election which was lost by seven votes.

On August 19 an election carried in Pittman's district without a single vote being cast against it.

On September 2 the Carter district carried an election. Only fourteen votes were cast against it.

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ACCIDENT RESULTS IN DEATH OF TWO

Mrs. J. R. Windham and Miss Catherine Windham Fatally Injured When Car Turns Over

Two were killed and one injured as a result of an automobile accident about two miles from here on the Wilson's Mills road last Monday evening. The accident occurred between six and seven o'clock when the radius rod came loose and fell from the Ford roadster which was being driven by Mr. Aaron Windham, of near Wilson's Mills, causing the car to turn over twice.

The mother and sister of the driver, Mrs. John R. Windham and Miss Catherine Windham, were thrown out and seriously hurt. All were brought immediately to the local hospital but Mrs. Windham died about nine o'clock. Miss Catherine Windham, suffering concussion of the brain, lingered between life and death until 12:30 Wednesday-night when she passed away.

Mr. Windham's injuries were painful but were not serious and he left the hospital Tuesday. The funeral of Mrs. Windham was held Tuesday afternoon and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery at Rehobeth church. The funeral of Miss Windham was held yesterday and she also was buried in the Rehobeth cemetery. The friends of the bereaved ones sympathize with them in this tragic accident.

Mrs. Windham lived on the Elijah Talton place near Wilson's Mills.

FIND 5-POUND TOOTH PREHISTORIC ANIMAL

Washington, Sept. 7.—C. S. Gaylord, of Terra Ceia today brought a tooth of some prehistoric mastodon to the city and put it on display. The tooth roughly weighs five pounds and was turned up by Mr. Gaylord while dredging in a canal on his farm. The tooth is thought to be thousands of years old. Mr. Gaylord expressed the opinion that the remainder of the skeleton of the animal is hidden near the spot where the tooth was unearthed and efforts will be made to get scientists from the State university to make an examination.

It is not unusual to find farmers who patronize the home market without a thought of going anywhere else. Such a farmer reports that he has never sold any of his tobacco anywhere else except in Smithfield. It is needless to even think that he will break such a record with prices as they are here now.

Give Progressive Dance

Misses Maude and Nell Meacham were hostesses to their friends Tuesday evening at the home of their parents on Johnston street. The home, which was profusely decorated with golden glow and ferns, was a fitting setting for the occasion. Progressive dancing was the feature entertainment. Punch was dispensed throughout the evening and delicious ice cream and cake were served before the departure of the guests.

Between fifty and sixty young people were present to enjoy the evening.

Smithfield School Has Fine Opening

The Smithfield graded school opened Wednesday morning with an enrollment of 596. Four hundred twenty-two of this number are in the elementary department and 174 in the high school. Others are expected to enroll within the next week.

The opening exercises Wednesday morning were held in the auditorium of the grammar school where pupils and quite a number of patrons almost filled the building. A faculty of twenty-seven teachers was present, and they have already organized their classes for work. At the opening Wednesday talks were made by a number of citizens including Rev. R. N. Ashmore, Rev. S. S. McGregor, Dr. L. D. Wharton, Rev. S. L. Morgan, Rev. A. J. Parker, Rev. Mr. Parker, of Chattanooga, Tenn. These talks were characterized by words of encouragement to pupils and teachers to make this the best year of the school.

A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipherers their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

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Herman Jones recognized his name last issue.