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## ACCIDENT CAUSES DOUBLE TRAGEDY SATURDAY NIGHT

### Lester Whitley of Wilders Township Dies as Cars Crash; Shock Kills His Uncle, Robert Whitley

The death of Robert Whitley of Wendell, which occurred from heart failure on the way to break the news of the death of his nephew, Lester Whitley who was killed in an automobile accident in Wilders township Saturday night, has shocked that entire section of the county.

Lester Whitley, age about 25, left the home of his father, Mr. Needham Whitley, who resides in Wilders township, about eleven o'clock to go to Wendell to carry his brother who works in a barber shop there, home. He was driving a Ford coupe. In front of Clyde's Chapel he had a collision with Dr. C. A. Flowers of Wendell, who was driving a Dodge. Dr. Flowers was answering a call to the home of Mr. Troy Wall. The road is straight and wide where the crash occurred, and those who have visited the scene of the accident are at a loss to explain how it happened. Neither car turned over, but each car was whirled crosswise the road. The bumper of the Dodge car was torn off and it is thought possible that it struck the head of Mr. Whitley when it passed into his car. Mr. Whitley died without regaining consciousness.

Accompanied by Mr. Paul Whitley, a brother, Mr. Robert Whitley, the dead man's uncle, set out from Wendell to break the news to the young man's father. Also in the car were Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Andrews and a daughter of Mr. Robert Whitley. As they were riding along Mr. Whitley made the statement that he felt queer and thought he was going to die. Then he suddenly slumped over the steering wheel and was dead. Mr. Andrews seized the wheel and averted another crash.

Mr. Needham Whitley, father and brother of the dead men, was reported in a dangerous condition from the shock of the double tragedy.

Dr. Flowers was so badly shaken up that he was unable to attend an inquest started by Coroner Jas. H. Kirkman Sunday. The inquest will be completed tomorrow morning in the commissioner's room of the courthouse. Ten witnesses have been summoned as follows: C. Todd, Jervis Hinton, Monroe Barnes, Jr., Clayton Sanders, Dr. C. A. Flowers, Grover Ferrell, A. G. Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Needham Whitley and T. C. Vaughn. The jury is composed of the following: G. R. Barnes, B. W. Hinnant, Andrew Johnson, Waylon O'Neal, J. W. Boykin and W. R. Hinnant.

### HERE LOOKING AFTER REAL ESTATE INTERESTS

Mrs. George H. Brown, formerly of Phoenix, Arizona, but more recently of Asheville, has been spending several days in the city. She is here looking after some real estate interests in Johnston county. Mrs. Brown states that she owns some property in Wilders township and that she is planning to bring there some purchasers from Arizona, who wish to farm in North Carolina.

### Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston county, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to the Herald office, we will present him with a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Mrs. Roger Smith, Jr., failed to recognize her name.

Today's Tantalizer: warleettresrl

### THE FUMBLE FAMILY WILL ARRIVE IN THIS CITY NEXT WEEK

The Fumble Family will arrive in town next week. They are the funniest family in America.

They will amuse the grown-ups as well as the kiddies.

Watch for the funniest of all comic strips, "The Fumble Family" which will appear next week, March 6, in the Smithfield Herald.

### Essay Contest For N. C. Boys And Girls

#### Free Trip To Memphis, Tenn. For Winner; Other Prizes Offered For Best Essay on Cooperative Marketing

Two free trips to Raleigh, a free trip to Memphis, Tenn., a beautiful medal and a total of \$325.00 in cash are some of the awards which are to be contested for by farm girls and boys of North Carolina during the next eight weeks. These awards have been offered jointly by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and the American Cotton Growers Exchange to the girls and boys of school age who write the best essays on the subject, "Cooperative Marketing As It Affects the Cotton Farmer."

The contest in North Carolina is a part of the south-wide essay contest begun by the American Cotton Growers Exchange which is the parent organization of the cotton cooperatives in fourteen states. The Exchange will give an educational trip to Memphis, Tenn., to the writer of the prize essay in each of the fourteen states, including North Carolina.

In addition to this trip to Memphis and the beautiful medal to be awarded the champion in each state, the American Cotton Growers Exchange will also give first, second and third prizes of \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 to the winners in the south-wide contest. The champions from each state will contest for these three cash prizes. In order to select the representative from North Carolina, the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association offers two sets of prizes of \$50.00, \$25.00 and \$12.50 each. One set of prizes will be awarded to the three highest scoring members of North Carolina Boys' and Girls' 4-H clubs; the other set will be awarded to the three highest scoring students of agriculture in vocational classes. The winners of first prizes in these two groups will be taken to Raleigh where they will compete for the state championship, the trip to Memphis and the right to enter the south-wide contest.

April 20, 1928, has been designated as "Essay Day" in North Carolina. On that day the boys and girls entering the contest will assemble at points named by their teachers, county agents or home demonstration agents and write their essays.

Requests for information concerning the essay contest are already pouring into the Raleigh office of the Cotton Growers Association even before the contest has been officially announced and it is expected that thousands of boys and girls will enter the contest. It is announced by the Cotton Growers Association that rules governing the contest are being prepared and will be distributed during the next few days.

### MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT WILSON'S MILLS SCHOOL

The teachers and pupils of Wilson's Mills school will present a musical entertainment in the school auditorium Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Popular songs, jokes, pantomimes and black face acts will be given by a cast of more than fifteen characters. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

## This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

### LABOR SAVING MACHINES— EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL— EDISON A YOUNG MAN— 17,000 YEARS FROM STONE AGE—

"If a drop of salt water could talk it would tell the whole story of the Pacific."

One Santa Fe freight train going through the Kansas City yards to Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas grain fields told the story of progress and prosperity in the immensity and promised a solution of its labor problem, aggravated by immigration restrictions.

That train of thirty-one cars carried \$250,000 worth of "Combine Harvesters" and will soon be followed by a thousand carloads of those labor-saving machines. They cut grain, thresh it, pile up the straw, delivering the grain in sacks or by spout to miniature grain elevators. In Kansas last year they saved the work of 40,000 men.

Employment conditions are not satisfactory in New York State and Governor Smith instructs public officials to help him "take up the slack" by putting men to work on public enterprises.

That should be, automatically, part of National and State programs.

A farmer finds something for his farm hands and his own hands to do in winter, when crops are in. A good farmer keeps his horses at work, earning their keep in the winter, hauling wood or otherwise. National and State governments, all needing roads, canals, drainage, all sorts of improvements, should find work for everybody to work, and at decent pay.

Thomas A. Edison says he is really 162 years old, because he has done two days' work every day of his eighty-one years.

He did ten thousand years' work when he changed man's lighting system from kerosene to electricity. His habit of working two days in one accounts for the fact that mentally he is forty, not eighty-one.

An active mind stays young in man or woman.

Women grow old prematurely because badly organized civilization gives them nothing to do except talk and dress when their children are grown.

Eskimos, within reach of civilization, sell their valuable furs to white traders and wear coats of leather and cheap, ready-made suits. They can sympathize with some farmers that sell cream and butter to cities and eat oleomargarine.

"Flaming youth," dancing, drinking or shooting worries other countries also. Lawyers from Japan, France and Britain are watching a Berlin murder trial. Hans Krantz, aged nineteen, helped his young friend, Scheller, and Scheller's sister, Sildegard, to pass an evening pleasantly with dancing, tobacco and much drink. Hildegard, only sixteen, smuggled a friend, Otto Stephan, into her bedroom, and Hans, attached to Hildegard, told the girl's brother he ought to kill Stephan. He did it, then killed himself.

The question is, did Krantz commit murder when he told his friend, "Avenge your sister's honor by killing the man?"

Americans talk today of many things—prosperity, politics, assorted crimes, sports.

News that will interest future generations is the fact that actual moving pictures of human beings were sent through the ether, without wires, across the Atlantic Ocean.

Human beings actually saw each other, separated by three thousand miles of water.

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### Five Presidential Possibilities

The five possible successors of Calvin Coolidge as Republican candidates for the Presidency, this fall.

Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, Former Governor of Illinois, Frank O. Lowden, Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, Frank B. Willis of Ohio, James E. Watson of Indiana.

### Princeton Truck Drivers Organize

#### Object of Club Is To Make Truck Service Safe and Economical; Elect Officers

PRINCETON, Feb. 27.—At a meeting of the truck drivers of the Princeton school last Thursday, a Truck Drivers' club was organized. It is the purpose of this organization to have regular meetings twice each month for the discussion of all problems relating to the truck service.

This club has as its ultimate goal the accomplishment of the following projects: First, to make the truck service as safe as it is humanly possible for every pupil who uses the trucks as a means of getting to school; Second, to keep the cost of operating the trucks at a minimum.

The members of the club have been clipping newspaper accounts of all school bus accidents for some time and will continue to do this as a part of the regular work of this organization. These accounts will be studied in detail to determine in each case the cause of the accident and find out if possible how it might have been avoided.

The mechanic assigned to this school by the county superintendent to keep the trucks in good running order will be invited from time to time to explain and demonstrate to the club how to determine the source of the trouble when the truck gets out of order and how to keep the cost of repairs, gas and oil as low as possible.

The following officers were elected: Jim Hill, president; Robert Peedin, vice-president; Harvey Jones, secretary; Zettie Kornegay, news reporter.

### WALTER LASSITER IN ALL-STATE HIGH ORCHESTRA

Schoolmates and friends of Walter Lassiter, member of the junior class of the Smithfield high school, will be interested to learn that he has been chosen as one of the three trumpet players of the all-state high school orchestra. This musical organization of 130 pieces which is selected from various high schools of the state, will play in Raleigh on the evenings of March 22 and 23 during the meeting of the N. C. Educational Association. This young man has played with the Midnight Ramblers, local orchestra, for several years, and deserves the honor which has come to him.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Snipes and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hawkins, of Rocky Mount, spent Sunday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Norton.

### Smithfield Folks At Myrtle Beach

#### South Carolina Resort Seeks To Tell Outside World of Marvelous Development Now Going On

Myrtle Beach, S. C.—the name itself has a liquid cadence. It suggests sylvan solitudes and cooling breezes, and while myrtle trees do not greet the eye as one approaches what is destined to be perhaps the most wonderful playground on the Atlantic Coast, a profusion of wax and other varieties of the myrtle shrub does add beauty to the glistening strand that follows the crescent shoreline of the ocean at this point. It can hardly be said in these last few months that there is much solitude in this beauty spot, for the sound of the hammer, the roar of the road building machinery, the honk of automobiles tell the story of a transformation.

And it was this transformation that a party of Smithfield people were taken to see last week by promoters of what, in a sense may be termed, the Myrtle beach development. Miss Leonora Saville and Mr. W. A. Brown who have charge of a North Carolina district for the purpose of letting the outside world know about Myrtle Beach, came to Smithfield early last week and on Wednesday morning eleven ladies boarded the white bus at the hotel here and began the six-hour ride to this charming summer and winter resort. Those in the party were: Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Mrs. H. C. Hood, Mrs. W. D. Hood, Mrs. W. Ransom Sanders, Mrs. C. B. Williamson, Mrs. J. W. Stephenson, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Miss Hattie Sledge, Miss Ruth Jones, Miss Mildred Young and Mrs. E. B. McCullers, of Clayton. The destination was reached in the early afternoon, in plenty of time to be taken for a two hour ride over the main part of the development.

The open sesame to this delightful region so abundantly endowed by nature with beautiful native shrubbery, with a balmy climate, with a beach that has absolutely no undertow, is the name—Woodside. It was Col. H. B. Springs, brother of a former Smithfield citizen, St. Julien L. Springs, who interested the Woodside brothers in the coastal development. Mr. John T. Woodside and three of his brothers two years ago purchased 66, 488 acres with a twelve mile beach frontage at Myrtle Beach and, after spending a year making plans for the formation of a sportsman's paradise, actually began the work which is now going forward rapidly. Mr. Woodside, who is from Greenville, S. C., is prominent in textile and banking circles, owning the largest cotton mill under one roof in the world which is located at Greenville. He is spoken of as the 'Duke' of South Carolina.

And it is because of the money behind this development that makes it different. The place is not being advertised with any idea of speculation. Speculation is discouraged. The place represents a worth while investment, and the thing the promoters want most of all is folks. Everything possible is being done to make Myrtle Beach easy of access. The Atlantic Coast Line Railway has just spent a million dollars improving the line into Myrtle Beach, and within a few weeks pullman service will make it possible to leave New York and within seventeen hours be at this seaside resort. The King's Highway from Boston to Frederica, Ga., famous in colonial days, passes by Myrtle Beach which suggests that the beach is not a thing just discovered. For years, Myrtle Beach has been known in South Carolina for the ocean bathing, hunting and fishing. This King's Highway will in time be hardsurfaced. In fact ten miles from Wilmington to the South Carolina line is already under construction. In addition, the state highway to Marion, S. C., is being improved this road connecting with the Atlantic Coastal Highway at that point.

The books for these courses will be on sale at Hood's drug store in a few days and anyone desiring to do so can read the text before the school starts.

Last year more than a hundred credits were given in the school and it is hoped that the number this year will break all records.

It's easy enough to catch 'em young these days, but it takes a strong fellow to treat 'em rough and tell 'em nothing.

### James Webb Caught At Whiskey Still

#### Choir Singer Wins Fame



Photo shows Grace Moore as she appeared at the Metropolitan Opera House, where she made her debut in "La Boheme." Miss Moore rose to her present fame from a choir singer in Jellicoe, Tenn.

### Officers Take Him At Still Near His Home After a Skuffle; Is Lodged In Jail

Deputy Sheriff R. D. Marler of Bentonville township, assisted by Deputies A. B. Hood, O. H. Barefoot and Lawrence Peacock, arrested James Webb at a whiskey still in Meadow township early on Friday morning about two o'clock. The 60-gallon copper still was located near the Webb home. Three barrels of beer and about ten gallons of whiskey were found. Pits had been dug in the ground around the still for hiding the whiskey, and it is reported that there was space in these pits for sixty or more gallons.

Webb resisted arrest and rolled over the ground for some time with one of the officers in a "flat and skull" fight. Finally the officers succeeded in putting handcuffs on him. Two other men by the name of Tart and Jernigan, both white, were arrested at the same time, and all were brought here to jail.

Webb is said to be a desperate character. About two years ago when Ku Klux visited him to warn him to discontinue his lawless ways, he shot at them several times and two were reported to have been fatally wounded. Webb has a wife and two or three small children.

Early last Monday morning Deputies Marler and Hood captured a still near Mill Creek church. The still was in operation but had been deserted before the officers reached it. Three barrels of beer were found and destroyed.

### To Make Survey Of Battlefields

#### Bentonville Will Be Included In Inquiry Made by the War Department

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—While Senator Simmon has been advised that the establishment of a National military park to commemorate the battle of Bentonville cannot be passed upon until the War Department can make a study of all the battlefields, he has been assured by the Secretary of War that this will be considered in the study and report made to Congress of the results.

Senator Simmons has written Governor McLean and Mrs. John H. Anderson, chairman of the publicity division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy that "it may very well be that the battlefield of Bentonville may be one of those selected and favorably recommended for commemorative purposes by the Secretary."

Senator Simmons and Congressman Pou introduced bills providing for the establishment of the park, but they have been advised by the Secretary of War that this proposed act is in direct conflict with an act of Congress, which was passed in June of 1926 providing for a study and investigation of battlefields generally in the United States for commemorative purposes, and forbidding the purchase of hereafter for military park purposes unless report thereon shall have been made by the Secretary of War through the President to Congress as a result of the study and investigation made under the 1926 act.

Secretary of War Davis, states that funds have been appropriated by Congress for investigations and surveys, which are now being made, and that the battlefield of Bentonville will be considered along with other battlefields and report made to Congress.

Mrs. Anderson has worked zealously in an effort to get this park established, and has had the cooperation of Governor McLean, Senator Simmons, Congressman Pou and others.—News and Observer.

### Entertainment and Cake Contest.

An entertainment and cake contest will be given at the Princeton school auditorium Friday night, March 2, to which the public is invited. After the cakes are judged, they will be sold at auction. The admission is free.

#### A Sign of Spring

"I don't know what's got into that young clerk of mine these days, I can't get any work out of him."  
"That's not surprising. Spring may quicken the sap in the tree, but it slows up the sap in the office."

Many a chap who acts like a caveman before marriage looks like a cave-in two years afterwards.

### BREAKS OPEN COFFIN AND USES SAME FOR BED

"Jim," one of the colored janitors at the courthouse, is much concerned over the fact that one of the coffins kept in the basement of the courthouse for the burial of paupers, showed signs yesterday morning of having been occupied.

When questioned as to why he thinks it was occupied, Jim stammered out that there was a big footprint where the person stepped into it, and two more at the end indicating that the intruder had braced his feet against the ends of the coffin when he lay down.

Jim has not been able to express yet what he thinks of a person who would choose a coffin for a bed before he had to, but from his stuttering, he evidently has some strong feelings about the matter.

### KILLS LARGE PIG

Mr. J. D. Hamilton, who lives near town, was here yesterday attending court. Mr. Hamilton killed a 15-month-old pig Monday that weighed 484 pounds. The pig was a Durce Jersey. At the same time another pig was killed which weighed 284 pounds. Mr. Hamilton keeps thoroughbred hogs.

### Birth Announcement.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Johnson, of the Smith school section, Thursday, February 23, a daughter, Margaret Etheline.

### Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



"Prohibbition wuz follered by cyaars and woman sufferage an' hair-bobbin'."