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## One Killed, Four Injured In Automobile Accident

Rufus Swain Killed Instantly Sunday Afternoon In Crash That Put Four Others In Hospital; Two Other Casualties From Other Wrecks — Train Hits Car At Selma

Rufus Swain is dead and four others lie wounded in the Johnston County Hospital as the result of an automobile accident which occurred Sunday afternoon on highway number 22 about a mile north of Selma. The wounded are Mrs. Rufus Swain, wife of the dead man, Albert Gardner, brother of Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Lina Creech Sasser, and Miss Elsie Meyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Swain, their three-year-old son, and Mr. Gardner were returning to their home near Smithfield from Plymouth where they had attended the funeral of Mr. Swain's brother, Edgar Swain. Mrs. Sasser, Miss Meyers, and H. M. Hight, all of Rocky Mount, were going toward Rocky Mount. The Rocky Mount car attempted to pass a big truck when it crashed into the automobile headed toward Smithfield. The impact of the cars hurled one of the cars in front of the big truck which struck it before it could come to a stop. Mr. Swain was killed instantly. Mrs. Swain, Mr. Gardner, Mrs. Sasser, and Miss Meyers were all found to be injured and they were rushed immediately to the Johnston County Hospital. The little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Swain sustained minor cuts and bruises which were dressed by a physician in Selma. An examination of the wounded revealed that Mrs. Swain had sustained a number of lacerations and bruises and there is fear of internal injuries. Mr. Gardner was lacerated about the face and legs. He also suffered concussion of the brain. Mrs. Sasser was found to have a fracture of the left leg, a fracture of the right arm, and a probable fracture of the right ankle. Mrs. Sasser is a sister of Mr. J. Rufus Creech of the Sanders Chapel section. Miss Meyers sustained lacerated eyelids, abrasions on the face and punctured wounds on both legs. Mr. Hight was only slightly injured and was able to leave the hospital Sunday night. The other patients were resting as well as could be expected yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Swain, who was killed outright in the accident, came to Johnston county from Plymouth four years ago. He married the daughter of Mr. Ben Gardner and they, with their little son, were living on a part of the Burkett Jones farm which they had purchased. Two brothers of the deceased, A. W. Swain and A. L. Swain, of Raleigh, arrived here as soon as they had received news of the tragic occurrence. The deceased is survived by one other brother, J. B. Swain, of Marion, Ohio, and by five sisters: Mrs. Ella Reynolds and Mrs. Emma Bacher, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Mattie Chesson, of Roper; Mrs. Rosamond Latham, of Bath; and Mrs. Josephine Hudnell, of Royall.

The funeral will be held this morning at eleven o'clock at the Baptist church in this city. The deceased was a member of the (Turn to page four)

### May Succeed Huggins



Eddie Collins, one of the coaches of the Philadelphia Athletics, who, according to the latest rumor, is scheduled for Miller Huggins' job as leader of the New York Yankees

### Negro Woman Dies By Hand Of Son

### Boy Attempts To Defend His Mother in Family Brawl and Accidentally Shoots Her Fatally

In an attempt to prevent his step-father from beating his mother, George Jones, a 16-year-old negro shot and fatally wounded his mother, Bessie Jones, Sunday at sunrise at their home near town.

The dead woman and her husband, Henry Jones, had been in a dispute over the week's earnings of the family and the dispute had reached a point of blows. Jones was getting the better of the fight when the woman's son, George, ran to a nearby house and borrowed a gun which he used to shoot his mother. He intended to be unloaded. Returning to the scene of the fight between his mother and step-father he threatened to shoot the older man if he did not desist from abusing his mother and in the scuffle the gun was discharged and the lead buried itself in the right side of the woman. Death followed in a little while.

The family of negroes moved from Pennsylvania about September 1 and settled down on the farm of Percy Smith, about three miles south of Smithfield, where they have since been engaged in picking cotton. The tragic death of the woman and the incarceration of her husband and her son who slew her, left a family of four small children without means of any support. The county welfare officer will have charge of them.

Dr. George E. Parker, coroner, completed his inquest by noon Sunday and both men, the slayer of Bessie Jones and her husband were committed to jail in default of a \$500.00 bond.

Negro Garden Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the following persons for the best gardens showing a continuous supply of vegetables during the spring and summer: J. W. Michener Jr., of Smithfield, first prize; William Kirby, of Kenly, second; Frances McNeill, Smithfield, third; Callie Sanders, Smithfield, fourth; Candace Sanders Clayton, route 3, fifth.

These gardens were judged by Prof. C. R. Hudson, of State College, Raleigh, in August. The prizes will be awarded Friday at noon at the Johnston county colored fair, and all winners are requested to be present on the grounds.

McKAY McNEIL, Local Agt.

### State And Nation News Paragraphs

Albert B. Fall Is Convicted of Bribery in Oil Scandal; First Conviction of Felony By Cabinet Officer In History

Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior during President Harding's administration, charged with accepting a bribe in awarding a lease to the Elks Hill naval oil reserve in 1921, was convicted by a Federal jury Friday. It was the first conviction for felony by a cabinet officer in history, as well as the first of the cases that have to do with the oil scandals of Harding's administration. The transaction involved a \$100,000. Defense counsel filed a motion for a new trial four hours after the jury had reported its findings. If the verdict stands, Fall is liable to a fine up to \$300,000, and to imprisonment up to three years. Fall is sixty-eight years old. He is now broken in health, and attended the trial in a wheel chair. Edward L. Doheny, with whom his name was linked in the famous Dome oil scandal, was present when the jury returned the verdict against Fall.

The grand jury of Gaston county last week failed to find a true bill against the defendants in the mob outrages which took place near Gastonia a few weeks ago. Under investigation were the cases against alleged members of two anti-communistic mobs, one of which shot and killed Mrs. Ella Mae Wiggins, a mother of five children, on the highway in broad daylight, and the other was that in which three textile union organizers were kidnapped and carried about 40 miles for a floozing near Concord. There were sixteen defendants in the two cases and all were released, thus ending the cases without the formalities of a trial. Judge H. Hoyle Sink, who was presiding over the court and who was under the misapprehension that a true bill had been returned, appeared amazed when Major A. L. Bulwinkle, attorney for the defendants, asked that the bonds of all the defendants be discharged. The judge sent for the foreman and told him that the grand jury had "not ended its duty in this matter." He ordered the entire body to continue its investigation until the killing is ferreted out. Friday night Governor O. Max Gardner offered a reward of \$400 each, the maximum allowed by law, for information leading to the convictions of the guilty parties. The governor also called upon the citizenship and legal authorities for aid in the discovery of the guilty.

TWO WEEKS TERM CIVIL COURT BEGINS. A special term of the Superior court was opened here yesterday morning and will continue for two weeks. Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown, was present and presiding. The longest calendar ever prepared for a civil term of court was on the judge's desk when he opened court here at this term, there being more than a hundred cases on the Motion Docket alone. The entire day yesterday was devoted to hearing motions and orders, and many cases went off the calendar in this manner. The court opens today with trial cases, and there are a sufficient number of cases set for trial to keep the court busy for the entire term of two weeks, which has been called at the instance of the governor.

NEW USE FOR STILL. Johnston county officers have found a better use for at least a part of a whiskey still than making liquor. Deputy Jesse Yegerton of Beulah township brought in a seventy-five or eighty gallon copper still Friday, and a part of the contraption was of sufficient size and shape as to make an ash can, so instead of allowing it to be hammered to pieces, it now serves a useful purpose on the courthouse square. Three negroes were at the still when officers appeared on the scene, but they made their escape.

### Poultry Judging Team Wins Prize



Thaddeus Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Rufus Johnson and Garland Smith, 4-H Club Boys of Meadow who won prize of \$15 in Poultry Judging Contest at the State Fair.

### To Pay Tribute To Chas. Aycock Takes 1st Place

Wayne County To Dedicate Tablet in Goldsboro on 70th Anniversary; Exercises At Memorial Community Bldg. November 1st

GOLDSBORO, Oct. 28.—Wayne county will pay tribute to its most illustrious son, Charles B. Aycock, on November 1, his 70th anniversary, with the dedication of a tablet in his honor at the Wayne county Memorial Community Building, according to an announcement by George C. Royall, chairman of the Aycock memorial committee. The tablet was presented to Wayne county by the memorial committee in recognition of the contributions made by the citizens of Wayne toward the erection of the Aycock statue on Capital Square in Raleigh. The services will begin promptly at eleven o'clock and will be conducted in the auditorium of the Community building. Afterward the panel will be permanently located on the north wall of the lobby. A cordial invitation has been extended to all of Governor Aycock's admirers, both in and out of Wayne county, to attend the dedication. Judge Frank Daniels, for years a law partner and associate of Charles Aycock, will deliver the address of the occasion. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, chairman of the Raleigh memorial committee, will present the tablet and W. A. Dees of Goldsboro will accept it on behalf of the citizens of Wayne county. Two of Governor Aycock's grandchildren, Lucile, daughter of W. D. Aycock and Jean, son of Mrs. Clarence Poe, formerly Alice Aycock, will unveil the tablet. The tablet was designed by Gutson Borglum, famous sculptor, to represent Aycock's dream of universal education and of the goal of perfection for his people. On it we see Charles Aycock, Wayne county farm boy, looking into the future with the eyes of a seer, visioning the greater and finer state he later helped to make a reality. The boundary lines of North Carolina are sketched with the figure of Aycock standing in the middle of the panel. Out of the mist that hides what is to be looms the picture of the Parthenon, representing the ideal of perfection which was his vision of his state's destiny. At the bottom is etched the Great Seal of North Carolina. Accompanying the tablet is a plaque which explains the conception of the designer. It says in part: "Young Charles Aycock dreams of a greater North Carolina. The Wayne county farm boy sees a vision he later inspired his people to make a reality." This plaque will be placed on the wall just beneath the tablet. Goldsboro and Wayne county are preparing to make this occasion an impressive one in keeping with the name of the man they honor. The governor has been invited to attend, and many of the state's most prominent citizens are expected to be present. The dedication committee urges all citizens who revere the name of Charles B. Aycock to attend and thus show their gratitude for one of the nation's outstanding statesmen.

### High School Hears Of Daniel Boone

Hampton Rich Tells of Daniel Boone's Wanderings Thru This Section of Country; Would Establish Marker on School Grounds

At the high school yesterday morning, the student body heard Hampton Rich, of Winston-Salem, managing Director of the Boone Trail Highway Association, on Daniel Boone. It was new that Boone in his many wanderings had aided in building Fort Dobbs and then took his family eastward to Tidewater, passing over the old Trail described by Lawson in his early history.

Mr. Rich recounted the story, as told in Thwaite's History of Daniel Boone, of Boone passing eastward then leaving Tidewater went up the James river where he stopped at Fredericksburg where he put up a blacksmith shop. The trail of Boone is a notable one as it carried with it the advance of civilization. Boone carried skins to market at Cross Creek, now Fayetteville" said the speaker. "At one time he went with a commission in his pocket to Florida where he aided in settling that country."

The school heard with interest the account of Boone and the Eastern or Tidewater Trail and concluded the exercises with a vote to try to get a marker on the school grounds in cooperation with the Boone Trail Association. Major Rich expressed himself as highly pleased with the reaction which he observed in the Smithfield high school and expressed himself to the principal that the school compared very favorably to the many he had visited across the continent in the work of the Old Trails.

Orangemen Defeat Garner. Starting off by scoring in the first minute of play, the local high school football team outplayed and outthought the heavier Garner team in a fashion that was pleasing to the spectators.

A long pass from R. Cotter to Bill Norton on the very first play gave the locals a six-point margin. Norton caught the pass on the thirty yard line and ran the remaining distance for a touchdown. In the second period Garner had the ball deep in her own territory. A punt was attempted but the ball went high into the air. Smithfield recovered on her own twenty-five yard line. Johnson and Cotter made a first down on live plays. Then Johnson made three yards through the line. E. Cotter added two more. Register took the ball around right end for a touchdown.

In the third period Garner chose to receive. R. Cotter kicked for Smithfield. Bryant returned the ball to the thirty yard line. Four tries through the Smithfield line gave Garner a first down, but on the very next play an attempted end run was smashed for a ten yard loss. Garner punted to Register, the latter being downed in his tracks. A pass from Johnson to E. Cotter was good for a forty yard gain. Four line plays gave the locals a first down and one yard to go for a touchdown. Eric Cotter carried the ball over.

For Smithfield there was no individual star. The team worked as a unit and each man must be given credit for the win. The line functioned splendidly. For Garner Bryant and Rani were outstanding. These two fellows made some nice gains for the Garner team.

reserved pending further investigations, and in the meantime the evidence will go out into the hands of the solicitor for his review. Then if he so decides he can draw a bill and present the Whitehurst youth to the grand jury at the December term. The boy was committed to the care and custody of his parents and was permitted to do so without bail.

### Popular Visitor



Isabel MacDonald, daughter of Premier Ramsay MacDonald of England. Visiting the United States with her father, she is winning high tributes for her personality and charm.

### Rosenwald Gives Six Trucks Negro Schools

Wealthy Jewish Philanthropist Makes New Contribution to Negro Education in Johnston County

Julius Rosenwald, Chicago millionaire and head of the Sears-Roebuck company, has given Johnston county six new school buses to be used in the negro schools. These trucks will be operated by the county for the Princeton and Clayton negro schools.

Mr. Rosenwald, who is Chicago's leading Jewish philanthropist, has contributed large amounts toward the erection of thirteen negro schools in Johnston county. He contributes over a million dollars each year to negro education in the south. One of the negro schools, Stony Hill, now being transported into Clayton, was erected partly through the Rosenwald fund. When Mr. Rosenwald was asked whether he would approve the giving of the truck that would consolidate this school into a larger school he replied that he was very much in favor of the consolidation and would be glad to give the truck under those conditions.

Mr. Rosenwald contributes to negro education under five heads: (1) erection of buildings; (2) homes for teachers; (3) extending school term beyond six months; (4) new trucks; (5) operation of trucks. Johnston county elected to ask for new trucks instead of the operating cost since the county operates its trucks within the limit of cost set by the state, which cost is paid by the state.

All of the Rosenwald trucks are marked, "Rosenwald Truck."

GINNING REPORT. There were 14,789 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1929 prior to October 18 as compared with 17,417 bales ginned to October 18, 1928.

E. G. HOLLAND, Gin Reporter.

### Aunt Roxie Says



"Don't think de Publikans should have de wether burrow and roads ter speriment wid at dis same time. "P. S. I kaint tel whether Miss Mary's old maid sister is got a spell uv rubbin histeries or is det a pulse-feeler."

### Urges More Care In Ginning Cotton

U. B. Blalock Warns Against Ginning Good Boll Behind Inferior Bale; Suggests Growing One Variety In a Community

RALEIGH, Oct. 23.—The cotton crop in North Carolina is going to be very short and our cotton farmers need every dollar the crop will bring. Regardless of the short crop, however, our cotton producers are exercising very poor judgment and are losing money every day through improper ginning methods," states U. B. Blalock, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association.

"One of the most wasteful practices is the gining of a better grade or staple bale behind an inferior grade and staple bale without 'dropping the bolls.' Thousands of dollars were spent in North Carolina the past spring for seed that would produce a better staple cotton. This is being carried to public gineries, ginned behind the extremely short varieties of cotton, and in this manner giving a two-sided bale of cotton.

In classing cotton according to U. S. Government standards the bale must always be classed by the "low side." A producer may have a bale of 1 1-16 inch staple cotton but if ginned behind a bale of 7-8 inch staple he gets a thin coat on one side of his bale from this preceding bale of 7-8 inch staple and his bale is then classed accordingly.

Almost all public gineries now operate on a flat per bale price for ginning and on this basis it is to their advantage to rush through as many bales per day as possible. This has caused them in many instances not to reduce their speed in ginning cotton of extra length staples as they should do.

It would be profitable for producers growing the better length staples in any community to make arrangements with their public ginner to gin for them on certain days, having the ginner to "drop the rolls" made up of the extra short length staples.

A better proposition still is the growing of one variety of cotton in a community. This avoids not only the two-sided bales at the public gineries but would go a long way towards keeping the seed pure according to the variety in that community. The two-sided bale proposition in long staple cotton is so pronounced that we have found it profitable for our members first to rework (take off the hoops and remove the thin coat of short staple) a large number of bales each season before classing out and selling this cotton.

The two-sided bale loss to cotton producers is far greater than that of gin cut loss. The most of our gin cut cotton comes early in the season while the cotton is green or wet before ginning, but the two-sided bale loss continues throughout the season from start to finish.

It is not time to plant cotton now but most assuredly it is time to select and preserve in the best manner possible our planting seed for the coming season. Professor P. H. Kime, assistant in plant breeding, N. C. State College, some days since issued a note of warning along this line that should be given due consideration by all cotton producers.

### MEETING IN PROGRESS AT OAKLAND CHURCH

The annual revival meeting at Oakland Presbyterian church began last night with Rev. J. B. Kennison of Blackhall Memorial Church of Durham, preaching. Mr. Kennison comes from a busy city pastorate and is a strong gospel preacher. Rev. Chester Alexander will have charge of the song service which will begin each night at 7:15 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services which will last a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cooper spent the week end in Raleigh.

### Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Miss Emma Strickland deciphered her name. TODAY'S TANTALIZER rdaily