

### Smallwood Recalls Boyhood Days Here

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He lay bed-ridden with rheumatism from my earliest recollection of him until he died years and years later. His spinster sister, Ann, and nephew, Henry, a boy about my own age, were his constant and only attendants, except some man of the neighborhood would go mornings and nights and get him to and from bed, if he had been able to take that much recreation. He suffered and bore it with but little if any complaint, always appearing cheerful among his grimaces.

Of the colored population, "Uncle" Tone Bagley was the outstanding character. He loved his dram, and the fact that he was an unrepentable Democrat, always voting "de white folks tucket," laughing off the slurs of his race, begot him all the drams he could handle, and often more. He owned and lived on what he called "Bunkum Hill," N.E. corner Railroad and Smithwick Streets. His son, "Young Tone" went north and got in with the Yankees who kept him well dressed with pockets flush, and on one of his periodical visits to show himself off to the whites, and among the blacks, he remodeled old Tone's Bunkum Hill house, putting a fancy cupola thereon, and which I think still adorns it. The body of the house was also bettered, and old Tone had a comfortable place to dwell while still voting the white folks tucket and sleeping off their drams.

I never heard any explanation, or even discussion as to why he was a democrat, nor did I ever hear him entertain a discussion of the matter. If the Democrats had a political parade old Tone was in the lead. You might as well ask Jim Johnson's dog why he followed Jim Johnson as to ask old Tone why he was a Democrat.

Riley Johnson was the white folks colored barber. While Riley no doubt voted the Republican ticket, he was a good barber, and a good citizen, and the white folks expected no more, they traded with Riley, and pampered old Tone. Each "stood in" in his way.

Riley also ran an oyster saloon for "whites only." Many and many the nights would Mr. Biggs stop by Riley's after closing the drug store about 11 o'clock, buy a quart of oysters, go home and stew them in the open fireplace in a long-handled skillet, and all of us have a midnight feast fit for king. Then creep out to the pantry on the back porch, and while I held the oil lamp, shoot wharf-rats with a pistol. He had bullet holes enough through the weather-boarding to make the windows ashamed of themselves.

Gus Johnson was a colored farmer and liveryman. He lived to the north side of the school grounds. Peter Hassell, a leading colored carpenter, John Hassell, likewise, Buck Crews, good at all trades. All these colored folks, and others to be mentioned later, were highly regarded by the whites. There was one colored individual by the name of Isom, who was picked at by the white boys of the town, much to his satisfaction. I judged Isom just would get drunk. He tinkered at cleaning up most all the bar-rooms, and all he had to do

was to be so inclined, and "tea" was always handy to cause him to want to slumber.

He would generally lay himself down at some back door and forget the ways of the world, but when waked up, nine times in ten, one of the boys had plastered his black face with white flour, and he would thereupon walk up and down Main street "cussin" everything and everybody with his face as white as a ghost's is supposed to be. He would make no attempt to brush it off until he had cussed himself hoarse. No one paid any attention to his cussin, except to encourage it by asking him "Who done it?" whereupon he would break out anew.

Saturdays were days to be remembered. Everybody came to town, white and black. Many of the Negro women would bring in pies and cakes, look up their hidden goods boxes from last Saturday's usage, place them on the side walks at various localities, decorate the tops with paper, spread their wares for sale, and generally sell out before home-going time. Among the regular colored criers was the horn-man, who had a horn four or five inches long dangling from his forehead.

Another character was the one named "Uncle" Alic, a well built, middle-aged Negro, who "teased up" soon after arriving, and was then ready to meet all comers, and generally whipped all who tackled him. If he ever got that one arm around his antagonist's neck, he would drop him by a butt like a billy goat's. I never knew of his tackling one with a head harder than his own. Then, as night came on, all would wait their ways back home, to await another Saturday.

From Monday to Friday is the old-time Negroes' days to work, if he has to. Saturday is his day of rumpus and recreation, while Sunday is his day of religion and recreation, and as a class he is more devout at it than are the whites.

I once heard a story of a young Negro buck who was being tried and convicted for some dastardly deed more exasperating than criminal. With evident impatience, the Judge said: "Boy, stand up, do you know anything I could have done to you, worse than hanging?"

The boy replied, without batting an eye—Judge, Ah don't kno what dat wud be, lessen it be to make me work Saddy ebhins.

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#### Little Progress Made In Fire Investigation

Believed to have been of incendiary origin, the fire that destroyed the five-room tenant house on Sycamore Street here early last Monday morning remains unsolved.

Wanted for investigation, Andrew Jackson, colored, has not been located; officers stating that according to reports he had left town.

Questioned this morning, officers stated that they were still working on the case.

#### Church Woman To Speak Here Tomorrow Afternoon

Mrs. O. F. Murphey, prominent national worker of World's Call, will speak at the Christian Church Saturday afternoon at 3:30 and will be accompanied by Mrs. H. H. Settle. All women are urged to attend.

### Most Of The Suits Were Cleared from Files by Agreement

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Dismissed.

Mrs. Emily E. Smithwick against Johnny James and W. R. James. Case settled and dismissed.

J. R. Campbell against O. G. Lef-ton. Judgment of non-suit.

Jesse Keel against A. L. Keel. Controversy settled and case dismissed.

Wash H. Williams against Johanna-Williams. Plaintiff failed to appear and prosecute action and case was dismissed.

J. B. Cherry against J. G. Godard. Case settled by agreement.

Branch Banking and Trust Co. on behalf of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. Judgment of non-suit.

George Gorham against Alice Gorham. Case non-suited when plaintiff did not appear to prosecute the action.

F. L. Gladstone against Joe Lilley. Matters in controversy disposed of and settled. Case is dismissed.

Samuel Whitaker against James Robertson. Plaintiff failed to appear in court and case was dismissed.

W. L. Bailey against D. G. Matthews. Judgment of non-suit.

Elizabeth H. Dawes against H. M. Stubbs. Matters in controversy disposed of and settled, case was dismissed.

A judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of Henry Page against Venus Case.

H. B. Brown against Amanda Brown. Plaintiff did not appear in court and case was non-suited.

All matters in controversy having been settled, the case of R. O. Davis against H. H. Cowen was dismissed.

Judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of Columbus Brown against Cleo Brown.

Judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of W. C. James against the N. C. Joint Stock Land Bank.

The defendant having failed to appear in court, the case of J. C. H. Johnson against Joe Bunting was dismissed and the costs of the court were taxed against the defendant.

A judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of Fred Barnhill against Slade Rhodes and Co.

D. G. Matthews against Johnnie James. Matters settled and case dismissed.

It appearing to the court that all matters in controversy had been settled, the case of L. B. Culpepper against B. M. White was dismissed.

Slade Rhodes and Co. against Fred Barnhill. Case settled and defendant ordered to pay the cost.

Judgment of non-suit was ordered in the case of Joe Wiggins against Lou Wiggins.

Judgment of non-suit was ordered in the case of Mrs. G. H. Burnett against H. W. and Bettie G. Allen.

Case of Lindsley Ice Company against R. B. Holliday was settled by agreement and ordered from the docket.

All matters in controversy having been settled, the case of Williamson Motor Company against Warner Bailey was dismissed.

The case of Salisbury-Johnson Co. against Jim Pierce was settled by agreement and ordered from the docket.

Thippen and Cherry against W. H. Hopkins. Case settled and ordered from the docket.

A judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of C. M. Burden against Goldie Hyman.

The case of Mrs. Eliza Mobley against Sarah and Baker Purvis was settled by agreement and disposed of by order of the court.

W. A. Bailey against M. D. Taylor. Judgment of non-suit entered.

Frank Barnes against Dan Howell and Mack Moore. Matters settled and case dismissed.

H. S. Johnson and D. G. Matthews against Alphonso Roebuck. Case settled and dismissed.

Z. D. F. White against Jesse Matthews. Case settled and dismissed.

Plaintiff failed to appear and the case of Rosa Godard against Warner Bailey was non-suited.

The case of Mrs. Hazel Harrell against R. C. Brown was settled and dismissed.

Judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of Ethel G. Roberson against M. L. Nables.

Judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of Daniel Miller against Jack D. Frank. Washington Manufacturing Company against Jack D. Frank; Endicott-Johnson Corporation against Jack D. Frank, A. G. Walton Company against Jack D. Frank, Linen Art Novelty Company against Jack D. Frank, Standard Overall Company against Jack D. Frank. In each of the cases the plaintiff was non-suited when he failed to appear in court and prosecute the action.

Case of Lindsley Ice Company against W. C. James was settled, the defendant being taxed with the cost.

Judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of Samuel E. Moore, Admr., against Foreman-Blades Lumber Co.

Judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of E. C. Winslow against J. W. Crisp.

The matters in controversy having been settled, the case of E. G. Anderson against James H. Long was dismissed.

Judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of Joe H. Mizelle against the N. C. Land Bank of Durham.

The defendant failed to appear and the case of Slade Rhodes and Co. against J. S. Johnson was non-suited, the court taxing the defendant with the cost.

Judgment of non-suit was entered in the case of I. P. Allen against R. S. Critcher and Henry Everett.

All matters having been settled, the case of Lindsley Ice Company against Lawrence Lindsley was dismissed.

The controversy having been set-

### All-Purpose Mask



Capt. Joseph Chandler of the Philadelphia police demonstrates a new all-purpose gas mask, which can be used as protection against smoke, ammonia fumes, coal gas or, in event of war, poison gas.

### Mrs. Dorcas Reid In Club Address

At the regular monthly meeting of the Junior Woman's Club Tuesday night a short business discussion was held pertaining to the sale of tickets for the play, "Bubbling Over," presented Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week, and it was decided to assist the Senior Club in serving the Kiwanis and Lions members.

Mrs. J. C. Cooke introduced Mrs. Dorcas W. Reid, of California, new field worker for the State Library Commission, who has replaced Miss Margaret Gilbert. Mrs. Reid gave an interesting talk on the trend of children's literature and book make-up. She discussed the factual and imaginative points in selecting books for particular children, stating that the text and illustrations are now more in common than they used to be. In delivering her speech she exhibited a number of children's books which were placed in the local library by the commission and which will be there until November 22nd.

A large number of members were present for the meeting.

### Making Survey Of Trucking Facilities As Part Of Defense

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Commissioner explained. On a ton-mile basis, trucks haul about a sixth as much freight as the railroads, and taking into account distances traveled, passenger travel is about the same on buses and railroads. These highway facilities also afford a great unused capacity that should be available in the event of a national emergency.

The 5 by 8 questionnaire card each truck and bus owner will receive specifically requests information regarding the season of the year when he most urgently needs the vehicle in his own business and whether in an emergency he would be willing to hire or lease the vehicle to a Government agency. All information on individual cards will be treated as confidential, and will be used only for defense purposes.

"The inventory represents an important act of national defense before a crisis," the commissioner emphasized, "and is strikingly in contrast with England's truck and bus inventory which was forced upon her in the midst of war."

Motor numbers appear on each card and the identification of the individual truck will be by motor numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morris and Mrs. Ora S. Morris will spend the weekend in Raleigh with Mrs. J. R. Knight and Miss Margaret Morris.

### CLARK'S MALARIAL TONIC

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LOST ON WEST MAIN STREET—A ladies' watch of white enamel and black onyx. Opens like locket and worn around neck on black cord. Has radium dial. Kindly return to Enterprise and receive reward. n11-2t

**EXECUTRIX' NOTICE**

Having this day qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of Annie M. Boston, deceased, late of Martin County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned for payment on or before November 12, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of Nov., 1941.

KINKCY HANSEN, Executrix. n14-6t

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### Pitt ABC Officer Painfully Attacked

Burt Dunn, special ABC officer located in Bethel, in the Pitt General Hospital, Greenville, with a fractured skull suffered when struck on the back of the head with a piece of concrete weighing five pounds and six ounces last Saturday afternoon after having arrested a Negro on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Dr. J. L. Winstead reported Monday that the officer had regained consciousness and was showing improvement. Although in a serious condition, he is expected to recover from the blow which crushed his skull.

According to Pitt County authorities, Dunn was struck on the back of the head by Sam Pitts after the officer had arrested his brother, LeRoy Pitts. Roberta Pitts, wife of LeRoy, is also being held on a charge of aiding and abetting. Sam is being held without bond pending the condition of the officer, but bail was set yesterday for LeRoy and Roberta.

After striking the officer and rendering him unconscious, the Negro ran and escaped. Officers from Greenville were summoned with dogs who soon tracked down the Negro only a short distance from where the attack took place.

### WANTS

**UNEXPECTED CHANGE MAKES** available fine Raleigh Route in East Martin County. Splendid business secured in this locality for many years, and has many weeks produced sales of \$75 to \$100 and more. Nearby dealers making exceptionally good records. Good opportunity for man with car to get established in profitable business. Write at once, Raleigh's, Dept. NCK-251-201, Richmond, Va. n7-14-21-21

**AUCTION SALE—I WILL ON SATURDAY, November 22, at 10 o'clock a. m.** sell all my household and kitchen furniture, and a 1934 model Chevrolet at auction at my home on the Williamston-Everetts Highway, four miles from Williamston. Mrs. Frank Gurganus. n11-3t

**TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING** and Christmas. 30c per pound, 3 1-2 miles out on the Hamilton highway. J. B. James, Williamston Route 3. n14-2t

**STRAYED TO MY HOME**—225-pound black and white spotted hog. Here about two weeks. Owner please call for same. V. U. Bunting, c/o J. G. Stator's farm. n14-2t

**Prepare FOR COLD Weather**

**AUTO HEATERS**

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**ANTI-FREEZE**

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**WESTERN AUTO STORE**  
W. J. MILLER, Prop.

### Believe England Is Clearing Decks for Second War Front

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representatives of labor and the steel industry, would offer no comment when he left the White House at noon today. The President may have a statement to offer shortly, Lewis explained. It is believed that a truce will follow, but there'll be a lot of poppin' and snappin' going on in Washington beginning about next Monday.

### Home-Talent Play Is Staged By Club Here

"Bubbling Over," the play sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week, was well received by small but appreciative audiences.

Under the direction of Jack Butler, the high school band played a number of interesting selections.

Little Miss Sally Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Roberson and Master John Hargett, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hargett, were the winners in the baby popularity.

The play was made up of local talent.

### Firemen Called To Grass Fire Shortly After Noon

Local firemen were called to a burning grass plot on Griffin Street, a short distance from the Jamesville Road at 12:15 this afternoon.

Mrs. Ora S. Morris, of Richmond, Va., is here spending several days with Mrs. C. R. Whitaker, and Mr. Whitaker.

Mrs. Clinton House and son, John Clinton, of Robersonville, are visiting her mother, Mrs. John L. Rodgers here today.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd Roebuck and Mr. Haywood Holliday attended a bowling match and dance in Burlington last week-end.

Quality Cash Store.

Mrs. Emily Smithwick against W. W. Walters.

The Upjohn Co. against Clark Drug Store.

Tillie M. Griffin against A. D. Griffin, Jr.

W. R. Everett and Elbert S. Peel against Charlie Baggett, and

G. H. Harrison, surviving partner of Harrison Wholesale Co., against A. W. Alexander.

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**SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**MRS. T. F. HARRISON WILL ON Thursday, November 27**

AT 2:30 P. M. AT THE

**WHITAKER FARM**

Four miles North of Williamston, offer for sale at public auction all the mules, wagons, tractors, and other farm machinery now used on said farm.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD VALUES**

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**Oysters FRESH And FINE**

We Have The Best!

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150 SILK and WOOLEN DRESSES

Taken from our regular stock. Values to \$14.95. Specially priced until Thanksgiving!

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Sizes from 9 to 44

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