

Safety Council Gives The Facts

Home is where the heart is—and where the heart of the accident problem is, too.

According to the 1949 edition of "Accident Facts", statistical year-book of the National Safety Council, there were 35,000 home accident deaths in 1948—which makes the home America's No. 1 accidental killer.

Falls were the greatest cause of home deaths last year, resulting in 18,200 fatalities. Burns, scalds and explosions came next, with a total of 6,000 deaths. Mechanical suffocation caused 1,800 deaths, to rank third in 1948.

Special studies show that more than 25 percent of fatal home accidents occur in the bedroom. The yard and kitchen are the next most hazardous locations at home, causing about 12 and 10 percent of the deaths respectively.

Ocean waves reach a height of 50 or 60 feet off the Cape of Good Hope.

A Patriarch of Indian Woods



Austin Carter, 98 Years Old

(Editor's note: The following account was prepared by Maria Carter Rascoe, daughter of Austin Carter and a practical nurse of Windsor. Her words tell the story so graphically that it is published here as written by her.—Bertie Ledger-Advance.)

Austin Carter was born in Indian Woods township near Quitsna in Bertie County September 18, 1851. Parents, Alfred Carter and Mariah Carter, who were slaves of Sallie Carter and whom she turned over to her son-in-law and daughter, Lewis Clara Bond. Austin Carter was ten years old at the time when the Civil War broke out.

His father, Alfred Carter, took the family, his wife and three children—Austin, the oldest—and started to run away to the Yankees. By nightfall, they got in a small canoe at Quitsna Landing leaving the farm of Lewis Clara Bond. Alfred Carter took a paddle, the only one, to row the boat and little Austin took a stick to help his father paddle the boat. They traveled along through the night down the Roanoke River and had gotten as far as Conine Creek near Williamston by daybreak. They crossed on the Martin County side and as the sun was rising, they dragged their boat along the river bank in the woods to rest and wait for another night as they couldn't travel in the day time.

Later in the day a hog-feeder from the Bertie side reported that he heard children crying in the woods, and a posse of white men went with guns to search for the Negro slaves that had run away. When Alfred Carter saw them, he took Austin by the hand and ran. One of the posse of men said, "halt," but Alfred and Austin didn't stop running so he shot Alfred down and he fell holding Austin's hand. Austin screamed, "He shot my daddy." Lewis Clara Bond and Jack Bond recognized Austin and told the boys not to shoot any more. To their surprise they had put sixteen buckshots in Alfred's hip and leg. So they took him up with the rest of the family and put them on a canoe and paddled them to Cedar Landing, where they took family and all in a wagon to Windsor and put them in jail. Austin's first and last time of ever being in jail.

After being in jail for two days they took Austin, his mother and the two small children, back to Lewis Clara Bond's home to help bring in the kindling and wood around the yard. So there Austin

had to take the responsibilities of a family. He tried earnestly to do his best. They sent his father up the country, leaving Austin home with his mother to care for the family. Alfred, Austin's father, returned three years after the Civil War was over to take over the family.

Austin then was a husky lad of 17. Alfred was very proud of his son, Austin. He presented three of his treasures to Austin, a riving frow, a mallet and a cross-cut saw and taught him how to make shingles for a living. Which Austin took these with pride and he still has the frow as a souvenir.

He worked side by side with his father. At the age of eighteen, he joined the Indian Woods Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon and has been for 53 years.

At the age of 26, he was married to Rena Smallwood. To that union 12 children were born, they reared 11 of them to manhood and womanhood.

After eighteen years his wife died. Two years from then he married again to Rosetta Bryant. They lived together for 20 years. No children were born to them.

Austin decided to leave the swamp and take farming as his family was too large to be taken care of in the swamp. By then most of the children were going to various places to make homes and rear families of their own. Austin being single and having a record of being an ideal husband and a good provider, he was very popular with the ladies. He was often seen holding hands and looking them closely in eyes. However, he didn't propose easily.

One widow from Brooklyn, N. Y., visiting here for the summer fell in love with him and after he didn't propose she went back to Brooklyn, N. Y., and it is said she died of a broken heart. After awhile he met another widow, Mrs. Cloe Bryant whom he married. They were very loving, just as two little children. They lived together 12 years, two months and two weeks, June 6, 1949.

Austin Carter is still very active, somewhat unusual for a man of his age. He celebrated his 98th birthday September 18, 1949, with family and friends. He often tells the boys "work is no trouble and neither are the women if you take them one at a time."

He is still jolly with a good appetite. He can walk a mile, feed his chickens, pigs and horse every day. He has never taken intoxicating beverages, smoked nor chewed tobacco.

He retired from farming two years ago, but still makes his home on his little farm in Indian Woods, about a mile from Indian Woods Church.

He is the only member left, of a family of seven children, although he was the eldest. He has two sons, Theodore of Pittsburgh and Walter of Portsmouth, and three daughters, Maggie of New York, Maria (Rascoe) of Windsor and Ella of Indian Woods. The accompanying photograph was taken last week near the Indian Woods Baptist Church.

Don't Argue

Many reasons have been advanced to show the futility of argument, but few can be more definitely convincing than those offered by Uncle Eben, the patriarch of a certain Dixie village.

"Taint much use o' arguin'," counseled the wise old man. "Ef you's talkin' to a man dat has mo sense dan you has, de bes' thing you kin do is keep quiet an' listen. An' ef you's talkin' to one dat ain't got as much sense as you has, you's jes' wastin' yoh time!"

NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County. In the Superior Court Before the Clerk

J. W. Bembridge, and wife, Cora Bembridge, W. F. Bembridge and wife, Virginia Bembridge, and J. F. Bembridge, unmarried, vs. Harriet Bembridge, T. D. Bembridge, H. G. Bembridge, unmarried, and Mary Bembridge Sawyer and husband, Dewey Sawyer.

The defendants, Harriet Bembridge, T. D. Bembridge, Mary Bembridge Sawyer and husband, Dewey Sawyer, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, for the purpose of selling for division the lightwood post where the Johnson Railroad crosses the Manning road, thence running Southward along said road to the old John Hardison line, thence Northward with said John Hardison line to a water oak in Poplar Branch, thence down the run of Poplar Branch to the Johnson Railroad, thence Eastward along said railroad to the beginning, containing 75 acres, more or less, being the same land deceded to Carthene L. 2nd Tract: Lying and being in Jamesville Township, Martin

County and State of N. C., bounded on the North by the N. C. Pulp Company, bounded on the East by the Poplar Branch, bounded on the South by J. W. Griffin, bounded on the West by the N. C. Pulp Company Arthur Modlin tract, containing 50 acres, more or less, death to her children, by Durham Hardison and wife, Mary A. Hardison, of record in the Public Registry of Martin County in Book XX, page 162.

lands owned as tenants in common by the petitioners and the designated as the James Bembridge land.

The said defendants, Harriet Bembridge, T. D. Bembridge, Mary Bembridge Sawyer and husband, Dewey Sawyer, will further take notice that they are required to appear before L. B. Wynne, Clerk of Superior Court of Martin County at his office in the courthouse in the Town of Williamston

within 10 days after the 5th day of December, 1949, and answer or demur to the petition filed in this action, or the petitioners will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This the 5th day of November, 1949.
L. B. Wynne,
Clerk of Superior Court of Martin County.
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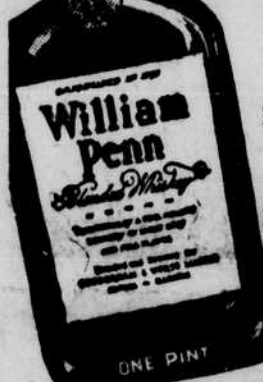
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