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SCANDALS OF 1933.34

Seasonal Scandals of the School Buses opened early with the first show given in Rockingham county by a Wentworth carry-all of school butter, which left the road and overturned while packed to the gills, as usual, with child freight.

Seventeen of the pupils were brought to a Reidsville hospital for treatment of injuries, none of which, miraculously enough, will prove fatal. Most of the victims of the accident sustained nothing worse than cuts and bruises and possibly, some fractures.

This circumstance, in pleasing contrast to all too common tragedies incident to the school bus business, does not remotely obviate the necessity for thorough investigation and fixing of the evident blame where it belongs.

For no matter what defense evidence may be produced, it stands to reason that the driving of a crowded school bus is an occupation calling for the exercise of extraordinary, instead of merely reasonable care. At whatever sacrifice of speed in arriving in time for the first bell, the bus should be so driven as to stay upright and safely on the road, even if every one of its passengers thereby spoil a record for promptness or draws suspension for being tardy.

A school bus crash at the very beginning of the year, without fatality, may save lives during the coming session that otherwise would have been sacrificed. Drivers and the State, which as overlord of the schools is now controller of the buses, should take the warning and example to heart.—Raleigh Times.

WATCH OUT FOR THE CHILDREN

The schools are open for the ensuing months.

Childhood and youth are again going blithely about the business of getting an education.

From this day on to next June they have the right of way on every city street.

During the next nine or ten months the business of going to school is the chief concern of childhood and youth.

And they have the right of way. It is a right which every driver of an automobile is bound to respect, not only in spirit but also in law.

Children cannot be expected to realize and assume the responsibility for their own safety which every driver of an automobile should feel it a duty and privilege to assume.

It must be expected they will romp and play along the way.

That is childhood. We would not have it otherwise.

They may not always watch out for the approaching motor-car. But the motor car driver must always watch out for them.

That is the responsibility which goes with mature years and the privilege of driving one of these modern juggernauts through the crowded traffic of our busy city streets.

Let's watch out for the children and make the streets safe for them all the time.—The Rock Hill (S. C.) Herald.

THIS THING CALLED CASH

It is related on a former Moore county time merchant that he supplied a young Negro farmer through a crop season. The farmer had a good year and settled promptly with the time merchant. After paying his bill he walked across the street to another store and began making extensive cash purchases. The time merchant, who watched him go to the store of his competitor and walk out with an armful of goods, began to chide the man. "Look here," he said, "I have been carrying you all of the year and this is a fine way to show your appreciation, spending your cash with my competitor." "Lawdy, boss," replied the astonished Negro, "I sure am sorry. I didn't know you sold for cash!"—Moore County News.

THOMAS PRICE

If there ever was a man who loved these mountains and the natives, it was Thomas Price, who met a horrible death Sunday afternoon near his cabin on Lick Stone Mountain. He not only loved the people of the hills, but he showed his love for them by giving and providing for many of them the necessities of life.

He spent thousands of dollars in this county among the poor, and he intended to spend even more during the coming years, because the more he stayed among them the more he learned to love them. He was never known to turn anyone away from his door. He maintained a well-filled medicine cabinet which was available to the entire community. His pantry was always filled with food which he generously gave away. His circulating library was the source of much entertainment and educational value to the neighborhood.

During one of his recent visits to Waynesville, he stopped in this office for a chat at which time he remarked, "When I am in these mountains I feel like I am among my people. I feel more at home here than anywhere else." He ended his conversation by saying that when he retired from business he wanted to spend the rest of his life here. He retired in May, and had been here ever since.

The ones that will no doubt miss Mr. Price most will be the children of the Allen's Creek community. Every Christmas he remembered them with candy and during the school term provided supplies for the soup kitchen.

The Asheville Citizen said editorially: "The news yesterday that Thomas Price had been shot to death in Haywood county Sunday afternoon cannot fail to have shocked the people of this section profoundly. That a man like Mr. Price should have been killed as he was killed is a terrible tragedy in itself. It is one which must, for many reasons, cause the deepest distress.

"Mr. Price came to Western North Carolina for a vacation more than twenty years ago. He fell in love then with this mountain country, established a summer home on Lick Stone Mountain in Haywood county, and as he had gradually retired from his duties as one of the most important railroad executives of the nation had been spending more and more time at this home.

"It was not our fortune to know him but all the testimony has been that as a citizen of Western North Carolina he was an exceedingly valuable acquisition; that he was a kindly, generous, genuinely democratic man, deeply interested in the welfare of his mountain neighbors and eager to aid in the advancement of that welfare. He maintained a free circulating library and a free drug dispensary for their benefit. His other philanthropies had made him widely loved.

"That any one should have been moved to take the life of such a man, that he should have been slain as he was slain, is an appalling thing. It is important to note, however, that the news reports make it clear that those who are accused of his death were not natives of the region but newcomers to it. The people of Haywood county who knew Mr. Price loved him. They thronged into Waynesville yesterday to pay their tribute of sorrow at his bier. They will give the fullest support to the authorities in seeing that justice is done in the courts.

"But that the mountains of which he had made himself a part should have been crimsoned with his blood must cover all of us who love these mountains with grief for them as well as grief for him."

"DAD"

He may wear last year's straw hat, his finger nails may need manicuring, his vest may hang a little loose, and his pants may bag at the knees; his face may show signs of second-day's growth but don't you call him "the old man." He's your father. For years he has been rushing around to get things together. Never once has he failed to do the right thing by you. He thinks you are the greatest boy on earth, bar none, even though you plaster your hair back, wear loud clothes, smoke cigarettes and fail to bring home a cent. He is the man who won the love and life partnership of the greatest woman on earth, your mother. He is "some man" and not "the old man." If you win as good a wife as he did, and if you turn out to be half as good a man, the chances are you'll have to go some.—Reidsville Review.

We Americans are queer people. We worry our heads off thinking up bad things on folks until they die, then worry trying to find good things to say about them.

Perhaps it was only to be expected that a back-to-the-soil movement would develop as people began coming back to earth.—Ex.

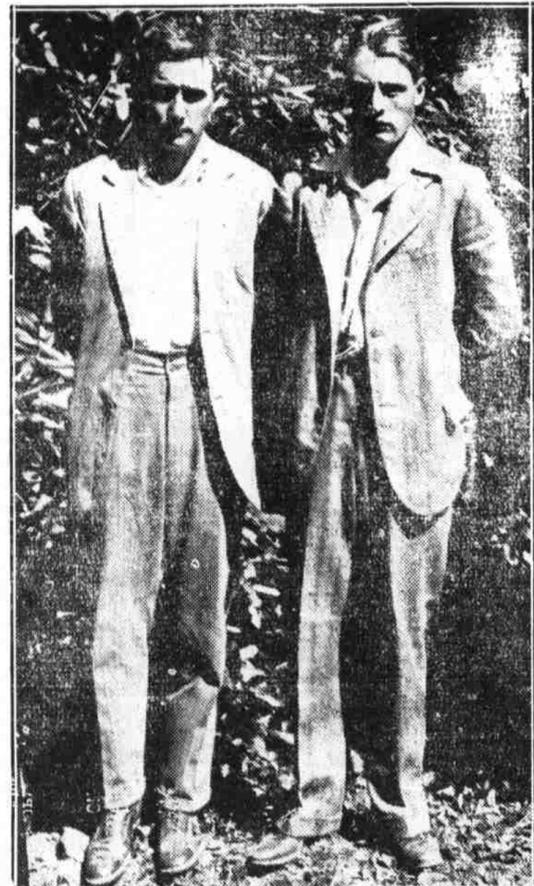
Held In Price Slaying



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Price's Companions



Charles Buchanan, 28, one of Thomas Price's bodyguards, is shown at the left. At the right is Virgo Williams, 22, the other bodyguard. Both were present at the slaying of Mr. Price. Williams receiving a number of pucks in the right side. He was not badly wounded. Buchanan escaped injury.

Cuts Courtesy Asheville Citizen

Fines Creek News

The people of Fines Creek enjoyed the splendid sermon given by Rev. Gay Chambers of Canton, September 24. Mr. Chambers filled the place of Rev. Thomas Erwin, the pastor.

Miss Mabel Clark, Wilson Fisher, and Mark Ferguson spent the past week-end at Cullowhee visiting friends.

Miss Lucy Fisher, Wilson Clark, Foster Ferguson, Glenn Noland, and Frank Kirkpatrick have returned to school at Cullowhee.

Rev. Byron Shankle, Dee Clark, Roy Rogers, and Harley Rathbone attended the Haywood County Methodist Stewards meeting held at Lake Junaluska Sunday night, September 24.

The fellow who claims eternity is too vast for any human being to understand, never bought a home with a small down payment and the rest like rent.

Judge: "It seems to me that I have seen you before." Prisoner: "You have your honor; I gave your daughter singing lessons." Judge: "Thirty years."

"Have you heard what they're saying about the old saloon on the corner having ghosts?" "Oh, a 'spook-easy!'"

An agitator was addressing a band of strikers. "Only \$12 a week!" he yelled. "How can a man be a Christian on \$12 a week?" "How," yelled a voice, "can he afford to be anything else?"

25 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

(From the file of September 25, 1908) Friends in the city have received the following invitation: Mr. and Mrs. Silas Armistead Jones, request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Lura E. Jones, to Mr. Frank Smathers, on the evening of Wednesday, the 25th of October.

Mr. Grover C. Harrison, Jr. and his cousin, Mr. R. L. Ross, who has been in Savannah since time were in town Monday and Tuesday for Winston-Salem and Congressman Crawford, will be at the Confederate Reunion, which takes place at Glenwood, Haywood county, next Saturday.

Mr. G. S. Ferguson, Jr. of Gboro spent a few days here this week.

The democracy of North Carolina and especially of this mountain section has long appreciated the ability and unquestioned integrity of Hon. W. T. Crawford. Mr. Bickett puts it, "The war of the mountains—the war who stands four square to every that blows." Mr. Crawford's exceptional ability as a public man and the prominent position he occupies in the confidence and respect of the people place him at the top of the list of distinguished men in this section of the South. Locke Craig referred to him as a man whom all democrats love. Republicans fear the leading representative of our state. He recently received the honor of being selected as a member of the committee on Bank and Banking. Major Stringfield desires that he will have a fair trial and wants to enroll the name of every Confederate soldier who has been from Haywood county.

22 YEARS AGO IN HAYWOOD

(From the file of October 12, 1911)

Mr. W. L. Hardin, who managed the fair, handled the affair splendidly.

Mr. Ellis Howell's display pares favorably with any at the fair.

Major Hugh A. Love, manager of the races, is giving the public fine trotting and running races, is managing these races to the faction if all concerned. From Iron Duff New's, Mr. Medford has returned to Waynesville, Virginia. We are sorry him go.—A party was given by Macon and Oberia Crawford on day night. Those present were Awa Medford, Herman Jones, Poy Medford, Nona Woodley, Hall and Messrs. Raymond, Goody Howell, Nick and Taylor. Weaver McCracken, Harrison, Nathan Carter.

Hazelwood Notes: Mrs. Ed Scates a fine lady.—The Unagusta and Waynesville furniture factories are turning out a lot of furniture and the material improving some.

So you and your wife are fifty-fifty basis?" Yes, she tells me what to do it.

Wife—Do you realize that I was 25 years ago today when I came engaged?" Absent-minded Prof.—Twenty-five years! Bless my soul, should have reminded you of that certain time we got married.

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