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## SYNDICATE TO SUE S. WADE ALLEDGED DAMAGES $25,000

### Promoters of Admitted Gamble Say Commisaioner Deprived Them of Profit

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Alleging that Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade has singled it out "with a wicked and malicious intent to destroy" and that it has been "deprived of large profits" the Carolina Syndicate will today institute suit in Wake county superior court in the sum of $25,000 for interference with the admitted "gamble in oil" which the syndicate has attempted to conduct in lands lying in Carteret and Craven counties.

The complaint was tendered Clerk Vitruvius Royster last night but that official refused to docket it out of office hours, agreeing, however, to hold the document and enter it at the beginning of business today.

The complaint contains 23 allegations, comprising six typewritten pages, but the principal charges are that the defendant acted "wrongfully, maliciously and wilfully" in refusing to accept the opinion of the Attorney General and in employing Pou and Pou as special counsel; that the defendant singled out the plaintiff while permitting others to engage in "identically the same business" and that the plaintiff's business was greatly damaged by official warnings issued by the commissioner, who is alleged to have exceeded his authority "under color of his office."

The complaint is not signed by Colonel John Hall Manning, son and law partner of the attorney general, who has been chief counsel for the syndicate since his employment, following a ruling by the attorney general that the operations of the syndicate came within the prohibitions of the blue sky law, an opinion which was later reversed. W. B. Jones, who also appeared for the syndicate in the suit of A. J. Shuimacher, who recovered $200 for fraudulent misrepresentation, also failed to sign the complaint, the syndicate being represented by Major Hall, H. Snow and C. P. Holding.

Commissioner Wade, when informeded last night of the suit, displayed no concern over the outcome. He stated that he had already retained the firm of Pou and Pou in all matters growing out of the "oil gamble" and that he would call upon the office of the attorney general, if necessary.

The commissioner, however, took occasion to deny emphatically that he had allowed any other concerns to engage in the same sort of business and to deny particularly that he had told the promoters of "Ravenswood Farm" near New Bern that they could go ahead after he had put the Carolina Syndicate out of business.

The commissioner also stated that he had absolutely closed up the operations of the Eastern Bank and Trust Co., of New Bern, which was selling land at $10 a section and that the concern had agreed to refund all money collected.

## LONG RAINS COST STATE

### Over $25,000, Chairman Page of the Highway Commission Thinks; Orders Out Reserves to Get the Roads in Condition to Travel

Raleigh—Seven days of rain have cost the State Highway Commission upwards of $250,000 in damage to roads and reduced the state road system to a degree of impassability that is reminiscent of the condition of the roads when they were taken over three years ago, declared State Highway Commissioner Frank Page yesterday.

"Two days of sunshine and the intensive maintenance that has been ordered out everywhere would return them to satisfactory condition," Mr. Page added, "but working them under present conditions does little more than aggravate a situation that is already bad enough. Every section of the state has suffered equally, and except where the roads are paved, going has been heavy."

Orders were issued from the offices here to every district engineer in the state last Saturday to put every available resource at work on maintenance, and this Sunday and yesterday made it impossible to replace the situation materially. Little can be done until the weather clears and the roads dry.

### PITT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION CLOSED SUCCESSFUL MEET TUESDAY

Uncommon interest and enthusiasm were manifested in the Pitt County Sunday School Convention which convened in the local Christian church Monday night and Tuesday, September 22 and 23.

Sunday school workers of all denominations in the county were invited, resulting in the attendance of five superintendents, six pastors, 39 teachers and officers and 12 Sunday schools represented during the convention. Greenville Episcopal Sunday school won the pennant for the best attendance according to distance.

Devotional services were held at each session by the different ministers and congregational singing was enjoyed. Strong local committees were back of the plans and arrangements to make the convention a success.

Miss Daisy Magee, childrens division superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, of Raleigh, was on the program at each session and gave splendid talks on the following subjects: "The Challenge of the Young People," "The Challenge of the Young People," "The Masterpiece of Creation," "Accomplishing a Purpose," and "Worship in the Sunday School." Miss Magee has been in this work for several years and enjoys a reputation unsurpassed.

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Mr. Sims has a most pleasing personality and wins any audience in five minutes. He has a passion for Sunday school work and is a wonderful genius in its conduct. His addresses delivered on these subjects were enlivened by a bright thread of humor most attractive and contagious; "Bait That Catches and Holds Men and Women in the Sunday School," "Steps of Progress in S. S. Work," "Lesson Preparation," and "Key to a Greater Sunday School." Mr. Sims believes in developing the finer social sensibilities and in a life at once practical and refined, and above all centering in Christ the Great Teacher.

A basket picnic dinner was enjoyed on Tuesday in the basement of the Christian church.

As a result of the convention a Pitt County Sunday School Association was organized on Tuesday night and the following officers were elected:

W. G. Sheppard, Farmville, president: J. B. Kittrell of Greenville, vice president, A. S. Bynum, of Farmville, sec. and treasurer; Mrs. W. G. Sheppard, superintendent of children's division; Mrs. Fred Smith, Farmville, superintendent young peoples' division; Mrs. J. L. Shackleford, Farmville, superintendent adult division; Will Hooker, Greenville, superintendent administrative division.

Township presidents were elected as follows: Greenville, Miss Lil Wilson; Farmville, J. F. Carr; Fountain, C. L. Owens; Falkland, G. H. Pittman; Chicod, J. C. Galloway of Grimesland; Bethel, H. V. Staton; Beaver Dam, Mac Smith; Carolina, Raymond Turnage of Ayden; Swift Creek, G. T. Gardner.

The executive committee will decide on the next date and place for convention and notices will be sent to Sunday school leaders throughout the county.

### Some Wedding

Miss [illegible] Masters of Winnebago, Illinois, had 10,000 guests and [illegible] at her wedding [illegible] by a [illegible] Miss [illegible] was the bridegroom's [illegible] It was at the home of the bridegroom of the American Legion in session there.

## WALSTONBURG SCHOOL HAS FINE OPENING

### Was Held Sunday Afternoon in Which Teachers, Parents and Students Participated; Despite Wheather a Big Crowd Was Present.

Walstonburg, Sept. 22.—As preliminary to the opening of the local high school, which occurred this morning, exercises in the nature of an educational rally were held in the school auditorium at 3:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, September 21. All of the patrons of the school had been invited to attend this meeting, and in spite of inclement weather an appreciative and attentive audience gathered for the occasion.

Mr. J. E. Craft, superintendent of the Christian Sunday school, acted as chairman. After songs by the members of the audience, talks concerning education and the school were made by Rev. Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Craft, County Superintendent J. H. Workman, and Mr. Winfield Carter, principal of the school. Misses Minnie Dildy and and Ruby Burch treated those present to two excellent duets, while Mrs. Ivey Smith performed at the piano.

After the exercises were concluded an opportunity was given for those who attended to meet the members of the faculty.

The formal opening of the Walstonburg High School took place Monday, September 22. The attendance was good, and the five motor trucks which serve the school were loaded to their utmost capacity. It is very probable that additional trucks must be provided to accommodate the many who will have enrolled by the end of the week. As usual, the first day was spent in classifying pupils, specifying text books and the assignment of lessons. It is hoped that work may begin in earnest Tuesday morning.

Walstonburg has one of the best schools in Greene county and the people to be proud of the splendid buildings which they have dedicated to the better preparation of their children for citizenship. At present it is the only consolidated school in Greene county, and bids fair to be on a par with the very best consolidated schools in the state in the near future.

The prospects are good for having by far the best session of the school which it has ever experienced. The members of the faculty have had excellent preparation for the teaching profession and come highly recommended. There are eleven teachers in the school this year. Their names and addresses are: Mr. Winfield Carter, superintendent, Bryson City, N. C.; Miss Jeddie Mae Bristow, Middleburg, N. C.; Miss Ruth Tyler, Roxboro, N. C.; Miss Sara Farmer, Newnan, Ga.; Mrs. Ethel Smith, Greenville, N. C.; Miss Myrtle Tucker, Greenville, N. C.; Miss Mary Knox, Nahunta, Ga.; Miss Verdie Middleton, Atkinson, Ga.; Miss Ruth Stone, Bassett, Va.; Mrs. A. S. Bryant, Walburg, N. C.; and Miss Julia Merritt, Falson, N. C.

## TRAIN KILLS 2 IN A TUNNEL

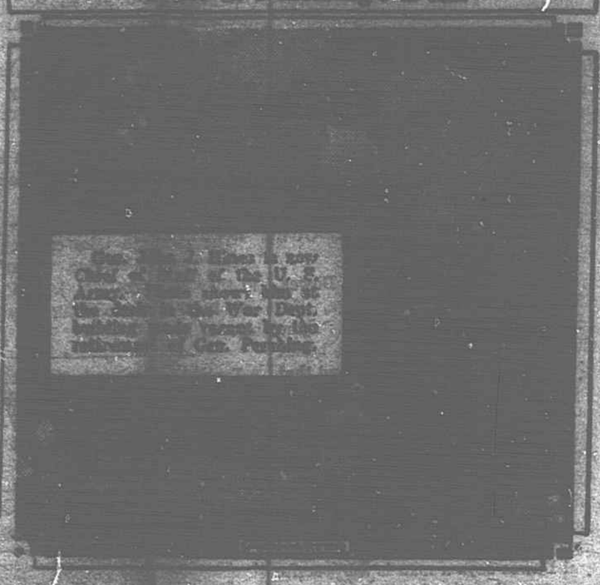
### Three Others Laid on a Plank Midway Between Two Trains and Escape

Lynchburg, Va.—The bodies of J. E. Madrin, 55, and his daughter, May, 16, killed yesterday while walking through the Rivermont tunnel of the Southern Railway were taken to Elon College today.

The father and daughter with Mr. Madrin's son and his 14 year old son and J. W. Phillippie, 26, of Gibsonville, N. C., had left their automobile at the mouth of the tunnel and started to walk through the tunnel. About midway they were overtaken by freight trains coming from both ways. They laid on a plank midway between the tracks. What happened the survivors could not tell as the trains cut off all lights from the tunnel and they were almost overcome by smoke. It is thought the father and daughter moved closer to the track and were caught by a train. They died at a local hospital.

A worn out field in Catawba county planted to vetch, soy beans, cowpeas and crimson clover for three years, doubled its yield of cotton from 300 to 600 pounds of lint, reports County Agent J. W. Hendricks.

### Pershing's Desk



## GATES - HOBGOOD

### Brilliant and Notable Wedding Takes Place in High School Auditorium.

One of the most notable and unusual weddings ever solemnized in the high school auditorium took place on Friday evening last at 8:00 o'clock when "Matt", husband of Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, became the bride of Mr. Geo. W. Gates at a "ladyless" wedding.

The stage was a bower of beauty with decorations formed by stately palms, ferns, asters and zinnias. A semi-circle of chairs occupied by relatives of the couple, formed the background.

As the guests assembled a beautiful musical program was rendered with Mrs. J. M. Hobgood at the piano.

Just before the ceremony a quartet composed of Messrs. Bob Easton, W. G. Sheppard, J. Dwight Holmes and M. V. Horton rendered "A Perfect Day." Mr. John Dwight Holmes, attired in a gorgeous black evening gown and picture hat charmingly sang "At Dawning. John never looked more girlish and attractive and was said by all witnesses to be the most beautiful lady present.

Attorney W. G. Sheppard announced the guests of honor, the bridal [illegible] the bride, wore a black satin back creation with a Paris chapeau belonging to his sister, Miss Hazel. He was indeed captivating. A. W. Bobbitt, uncle of the bride, wore the dress and airs of a Kentucky colonel. Mr. Robert L. Yelverton, mother of the groom, was dressed in deep black, the customary shade worn when handing over an innocent boy to a false hearted vamp. The father of the groom, W. Bright Wooten, wore full dress. The twins, Messrs. Royce Tucker and Sammie Bundy, wore white blouses, dark knickers and white socks which revealed their pink dimpled knees. They also were cherubic expressions but these finally "wore off" and their true natures were found to be anything but angelic. A most distressing fall by one of the twins in the aisle caused some commotion.

Wyatt C. Tucker, mother of the bride, was gowned in silver and black, cut extreme decollette. Strands of topaz encircled her neck, topped with a black velvet band which accentuated her blond beauty. She wore a Hobgoodish sapphire comb and long Morganatic ear rings. She seemed rather sad as anyone would who was giving her tender flower into the care of a cave man like George.

Bob Easton as the jilted lover wore mourning befitting the occasion while G. M. Atwater, the disappointed sweetheart, was dressed in a clinging orchid costume with hat to match tilted at a most coquetish angle. She "rolled her own" and in "one" carried a handkerchief, into which she wept copiously. Jim Joyner, the black mammy, was dressed stylishly in white, and carried over one shoulder the baby, Pete Bynum, who, in spite of his dainty clothes and cunning cap, bawled muchly.

Of the bridal party, first to enter were the groomsmen: Messrs. C. V. Smith, B. L. Stokes, J. O. L. Bailey and John Barrett, looking like Dignity herself in fell dress. Next came the four graceful bridesmaids: M. V. Horton in a handsome Sequin dress with black picture hat; H. W. Turnage in rose georgette with hat to match, he also wore handsome beige hose and spaghetti diamonds; Wiley D. Dildy in a green lace dress which suited his peach and cream complexion, wore a rose hat; W. J. Baker gowned in yellow georgette with tiny hoops in the skirt, wore a black picture hat. All carried arm bouquets of asters in pastel shades.

Next came the maid of honor, Mr. James W. Joyner, wearing a filmy blue and pink chiffon, a pink hat with blue ostrich and a small (?) ankle timepiece. He seemed a butterfly of amazing charm, grace and lissomness. The dame of honor, Dr. P. E. Jones, wore a gorgeous black lace costume and picture hat and was beautiful in his matronly dignity.

He was followed by the dainty flower girls, Messrs. Wm. D. Bryan and Leon E. Jones. They wore exquisite blue and pink "above the knee" dresses, with socks and tiny shoes to match. Bo-Peep bonnets were tied under their dimpled chins. They scattered rose petals along the way. John Hill Paylor was ring bearer and bore the ring in a silver tray. He wore a Fauntleroy suit with ellow tie, black patent shoes, white socks and a timorous manner.

The bride, a lovely petite brunette, who weighs some over 250 was never prettier than in her white bridal robe and long veil caught with a broad satin band, made cap fashion which fell to the hem of her court train. White gloves (?) vied with the milk white skin of her arms. A strand of pearls adorned her graceful neck and on her fair bosom rested an immense platinum pin a gift of the groom. Her rosebud mouth and spit curt added the last note to a perfect song. She carried a bouquet of bride roses showered with petunias. The bride has been under such a nervous strain for the past week due to the many pre-nuptial parties that her gowns were modeled on the famous auditorium leaning on the arm of her beauty Jim Joyner. She entered the [illegible] arm of her father, Mr. Geo. Hobgood, by whom she was given in marriage. They were met by the nervous bridegroom and A. A. Griffin, who acted as best man.

The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by M. V. Horton who casually picked up his pulpit and placed it on a more convenient site across the stage. At the command to salute, a chair was brought and the bridegroom was made to "obey" orders for the first time.

A reception for the bridal party and relatives was held immediately after the ceremony at the Farmville Drug store and coca cola was served.

The bride is a popular tobacco warehouseman here and is quite graceful and accomplished. The groom holds a responsible position with the A. C. Monk Tobacco Co.

## MAN KILLED BY TRUCK

### Fell From Truck Loaded With Tobacco En Route From Home to Greenville

Washington, N. C., Sept. 23.—Last night while riding on a motor truck loaded with tobacco bound for Greenville, Joseph Daniels, a white man and a farmer residing near Jamesville, in Martin county, fell from the truck to the concrete road and the real wheel ran over his head, crushing it and killing him almost instantly.

The accident occurred between Trinity church and Bear creek school house, Chocowinity.

Mr. Daniels, it was said, was riding on a truck in company with a man named Hardison, while behind him was another truck load of tobacco on which the brothers-in-law of Mr. Daniels were riding. It is said that Mr. Daniels stood up in his truck and turned to see if the rear truck was following. As he did so he lost his balance in some undetermined way and fell to the paving, the rear wheel of the truck passed over his skull killing him.

Dr. D. T. Taylor, Jr., county coroner, viewed the body later and decided that no inquest was necessary as he came to his death as above stated.

The body was brought here and after the load of tobacco had been placed in Knott's warehouse the remains were taken to his home for interment.

Mr. Daniels was reputed to be about 40 or 45 years old, is married and one of Martin county's successful farmers.

## Germany Makes Bid For A Seat in The League

### Berlin Government Votes Unanimously to Seek Membership. Delegates Elated.

Geneva, Sept. 23.—Germany held the center of the stage dramatically in Geneva tonight. Members of the council of the league of nations and scores of other distinguished delegates formed little groups in the corridors of the palace and discussed the big news from Berlin that the German cabinet unanimously had voted to apply for membership.

The string which, Germany to the press dispatches, would attach to her application, did not seem to worry over much the members of the council with whom the correspondents of the Associated Press talked.

The prevailing view was that the explanatory note issued by Berlin chiefly was intended for home consumption as well as a sop for the nationalists who were said to be fearful that Germany will be made to suerfer new humiliations.

There seems to be no desire whatsoever here to humiliate Germany, but on the contrary, practically everybody tonight was voicing deep satisfaction over Berlin's decision, coupled with words of hearty welcome.

## $100 PRIZE FOR SAFETY ON HIGHWAY

### By Travellers Protective Association to the White High School Student of North Carolina Who Writes Best Essay on Sacjest, "Safety on the Public Highways.

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—A prize of $100 has been offered by the Travelers Protective Association to the white school student of North Carolina who writes the best essay on the subject, "Safety on the Public Highway," it has been announced by Superintendent of Public Instruction T. A. Allen. The theme of the essay, according to the expressed wishes of the association, is to deal with the necessity of all vehicles to carrying lights at night; the desirability of all pedestrians to walk on the left side of the road; and in what ways the highways can be made more safe for those who travel over them, whether walking or riding.

The rules of the contest as stated by Mr. Allen, limit the essay to 2500 words and demand that all essays be mailed to State Superintendent of Public Instruction not later than January 1, 1925. No mark of identification will be allowed on the papers, which must be typewritten, the name and address of the author himself placed in a sealed envelope and attached to the manuscript.

The Judges will be appointed by Mr. Allen, and the award will be made within 30 days after the judges render their decision.

## PITT CO. FAIR OCT. 14-17

### To Be Held in Greenville N. C Preparations Being Made to Make It Lagest Ever.

The fifth annual Pitt County Fair will be held in Greenville the week of October 14-17. Great preparations are being made to make this the largest and best fair ever held in the county. The indications already point to a splendid collection of exhibits.

Boyd and Singleman Shows will compose the midway. The shows come to Greenville highly recommended as some of the best and cleanest shows on the road. The midway is always an attractive feature of the fair and the public looks forward to its attractions.

The free attractions this year will consist of Heliktrstis Fire Drivers, Renie and Carcass European Bicycle Novelty; Prof. Cenzo and Madison Square Garden band and lady soloist; Swan Wood and her dance review. These promise to be the best ever presented on the local fair grounds.

Tom Tarheel says that the only way to improve the soil in a large field is to grow and turn under legumes.

### Must He Die?

Bernard Grant, nineteen, a Chicago boy without money, has been sentenced to hang for a murder to which he denies all guilt. His case compared to the recent Loeb-Leopold life imprisonment for conceded murder has aroused public [illegible] and a great effort is being made to save him from [illegible]

## E. CAROLINA TO BE INDUSTRIAL CENTER

### Chamber of Commerce Planning Large Advertising Campaign Throughout State.

Eastern Carolina is sure to become an industrial section as well as an agricultural section, if the plans of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce are carried out. It is the belief of those closely connected with the textile world that Eastern Carolina should have more industries and will get more industries if she goes after them in a systematic way. There isn't any better way to do this than through an organization, section wide. This organization is the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. When each town is played up in one big industrial review as the plans call for, with advertising space to back this up, results are sure to follow. The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce will furnish each town with every inquiry that is received, and that town in turn can then send additional information, which will supplement that sent out by the big organization. This will serve to put the local town in touch with the prospect and in that way have an opportunity to land him.

In this industrial review which will be issued this fall, will be every town that has as many as a dozen ten dollar memberships in the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, or the equivalent of that. This will be purely a town affair and not a county affair. The counties will be featured in a separate edition where the county will be the unit and will be supposed to reach the agricultural people who are looking for some place to move. Your town may get in this publication by meeting th erequirements as laid down above. Don't let your town fall down on this membership campaign. The others will be there, to be sure, and why not your town? Ask your county chairman about the campaign.

### LARGE NUMBER MEMBERS OF LOCAL O. E. S. ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING IN ROCKY MT.

A large number of members from the local Order of the Eastern Star attended the very successful district meeting held in Rocky Mount on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. J. W. Parker, district deputy of the Fourth district, and past worthy matron of the local organization, presided at the afternoon session and exemplification of the ballot was by the Farmville chapter.

Those in attendance were: Mesdames J. W. Parker, R. A. Fields, W. M. Willis, Heywood Smith, Nonie Barnett, L. T. Pierce, D. E. Oglesby, J. Y. Monk, W. J. Rasberry, Myrtle Bynum, A. C. Monk, P. E. Jones, B. S. Smith, T. W. Lang and J. L. Shackleford.

The North Carolina State Fair is one of the most educational agricultural fairs in the country, states Prof. C. B. Williams of State College. The dates this year are October 13 to 17 and indications are that it will be better than ever before.