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## The Mouth Piece

The boys around here surely did work on "Junebug" Barwick the past few days. His marriage to Miss Laura West of Warsaw, occurred Sunday afternoon. Junebug said they were going down to Florida on their honeymoon, and he planned to go all the way to Key West, to get as far away as possible from his tormenters here.

Walter Summerlin, of route 2, Seven Springs, who has been crippled by polio almost all his life, lost his pocketbook over the weekend, and he believes it was at Grant's Chapel church Sunday afternoon, while attending funeral services for the late W. W. Price. He sure would appreciate the finder of it returning it to him. Unable to work because of his physical condition, Mr. Summerlin needs his money.

Fishermen in this area are not able to understand the actions of the shad in Neuse river this year. Back in early March there was one day of good fishing on the river, leading to hopes everything would be swell this spring. Since that day, however, one, two or three fish a day has been the average catch. Yet, down the river from this section the shad are reported "running" fine.

We haven't yet heard any reports from the ambulance which passed through here, on highway 117, headed north, Sunday evening with its horn going full blast. Evidently the ambulance's siren wasn't working, but it was in an awful hurry!

Jack Lister and Robert Smith were fishing on Roanoke river, between Weldon and Halifax during last Thursday night's storm! The wind was blowing something terrific and the river was running almost a mile-a-minute, and when they decided it was time to get out of there—their motor wouldn't crank.

Lister pulled and pulled, wore a tear on his finger and bursted it, the motor finally caught. At that time, though, they'd drifted some two miles down the river. And it was raining cats and dogs all the time.

When they finally made the dock each man's thoughts were of the extremes one would go just to do a little fishing.

But they caught about 15 rockfish, so they'll probably go back this week!

Folks from the country tell us that the ground is plenty wet now. In fact, it's moist enough, for the first time in many months, that even just a little rain will make water stand on the ground.

Growth of tobacco plants have been rapid the past few days, too, and this week is expected to see many of them transplanted, where the ground and the plants will allow it.

Members of the Calypso senior class are somewhat resentful of the story that somehow got out about their being destructive at the hotel where they stayed while on their recent Washington, D. C., trip.

Mrs. Robert Martin, their teacher, who accompanied them on the trip, received a very nice letter from the hotel thanking the seniors for making it their headquarters on their trip, which would hardly have been sent them if the seniors had not behaved.

To make doubly sure, however, we understand the Calypso school has written the hotel asking for a letter outlining just how the class conducted itself while there so it could be published and put an end to the unfair rumors which have been circulating around.

From the number of "flying box-cars" which passed over Mount Olive yesterday morning, Seymour Johnson field, near Goldsboro, must be a hub of activity this week for the army maneuvers, "Flash Burn."

Cecil Kornegay, postal employee here, went to a local pond Saturday afternoon, caught three chubs, two or three jacks, and one open-mouth perch. He admitted that, with luck like that, he'd probably be wanting to go fishing again some time—say, the next day or so!

We predicted some such future as this for Cecil when he lucked up on a bass weighing five or six pounds several months ago.

## MONEY STILL TALKS

An angry man should count to ten before he speaks—if his wife is angry he should count out ten and let them speak for him.

# Number of Persons Feared Dead in Goldsboro Blast



CENTENNIAL PRINCIPALS — Bishop Paul Garber and the Rev. Paul Maness, pastor of the Smith's Chapel Methodist church, which observed its 100th anniversary Sunday, meet a couple of the church's old timers, Mrs. Belle Journey, whose husband, N. M. Journey was pastor of the church from 1892-1896, and Mrs. Minnie Smith, who joined the church in 1902, being one of the five oldest members in point of membership. Bishop Garber was principal speaker at the celebration.

## Rain Fails to Dampen Spirit of Folks Gathered for Church's Centennial Day

The Smith's Chapel Methodist church, in an all-day celebration Sunday, observed its 100th anniversary. Highlighting the occasion was an address by Bishop Paul Garber of Richmond, Va., who reviewed the history of Methodism, and the presentation of a well by members of the congregation and friends of the church.

A large crowd packed the church and benches were moved into the vestibule to accommodate as many as possible, while chairs were placed in the aisles of the sanctuary. Among those present were Mrs. Belle Journey, whose husband, N. M. Journey, was pastor from 1892-1896, and Mrs. Minnie Smith, one of the oldest members in point of membership.

During the 100 years the church has been founded, it has had 50 pastors. W. E. Howard, who was pastor from 1942-1946, was present for the centennial celebration.

Luncheon was served in the building following Bishop Garber's talk, and in the afternoon special music was presented by visiting choirs, and former pastors and church members were recognized. Choirs taking part in the morning service were the Smith's Chapel and Bethel groups.

Also recognized were the church's five oldest members: Mrs. Sallie Wolfe, who was received into membership in 1882; Walter Flowers, 1888; Miss Alice Flowers, 1890; Mrs. Taylor, 1887; and Mrs. Smith, 1902. Mrs. Smith was the only one in this group braving the rainy weather to attend.

The Rev. Paul Maness, present pastor, in reviewing the history of the Smith's Chapel church, said founding fathers of the present church first met in school buildings, but in November of 1853 a deed was made between Michael Barfield, who gave the land where the present church is located. At first, the church was on a circuit.

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FOUR EAGLES—Dave Wilson, Milton and Dave Gillis, and Stuart Patten, left to right, recently were awarded the Eagle badges during the same ceremony, at which Bryan, Tuscarora Council president, represented Arthur A. Shucks, chief scout executive, and read a letter challenging the boys to great service.



SCENE OF EXPLOSION—These photos, supplied to The Tribune by Ronald Anderson, of Mount Olive, who happened to be in Goldsboro Monday afternoon, shows four scenes of the explosion which wrecked Edwards & Jernigan furniture store, on East Mulberry street about 2 p.m. Preliminary reports from the area indicate several persons probably lost their lives in the explosion, which completely wrecked the building, and caused a fire which was raging out of control an hour or more after the blast. Estimates of death, coming from the blast and fire, ranged from at least six to "25 or more." No way of knowing accurately will be possible until the fire is under control.

## Good Friday Services at Local Church

Protestant churches of Mount Olive will hold a united Good Friday service at the First Baptist church Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. B. E. Dotson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will deliver the address at the Good Friday union service.

## Service Is Planned

A pre-Easter prayer service will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the First Christian church of Mount Olive. Members are urged to help meet the attendance and offering goals.

## Furniture Store Demolished Monday Afternoon; Local Man Was Employe

Another in a series of explosions which recently have rocked Goldsboro yesterday afternoon flattened Edwards and Jernigan Furniture company on E. Mulberry street in that city. When The Tribune went to press late yesterday afternoon, officials had not been able to determine the number of dead, but belief is a number of persons perished in the blast. The cause of the blast was not known, but early reports indicated it was caused by gas explosions. Men in several business places near the demolished building said there was a sudden explosion and the building collapsed. They said they saw no one get out. Firemen and Air Force personnel stationed at nearby Seymour-Johnson field battled the flames for several hours, but still were unable to cool the rubbish enough to start a search. Police had the street blocked off to hold back hundreds of spectators who gathered in the vicinity. (See No. 1, Page 2)

## Salem Church Will Hold Com. Service

The pre-Easter Communion Service, which has come to be an annual event on the calendar of Salem Advent Christian church, Mount Olive, will be held Wednesday night at 7:30. The Rev. R. C. Joyner, pastor, said the service will be held by candle light and invited all members and friends of the church to attend.

## Not Marion, Jr.

Marion Hargrove of Florida listed in the court news last Tuesday is not Marion Hargrove, Jr., the author, but his father, Mrs. Emma Hargrove, the author's mother, said in asking for a clarification.

## ROUGH SCHOOL

The school of experience has an ever increasing alumni who receive dishonorary degrees.



SENATOR LENNON HANDSHAKING — Senator Alton Lennon of Wilmington, was in Mount Olive Thursday in behalf of his candidacy for re-election to the U. S. Senate. Here he is shaking hands with James Davis, while Rusty Flowers, left, grins his approval. Charlie Cowan, at Lennon's side, is introducing the Senator to Davis.