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Harry Daniels And Albert McNeill Die When Car Crashes Thru Bridge

Bridge Beam Driven Through Car Pierces McNeill and Pins Him To Car.

Albert McNeill was instantly killed and Harry Daniels was drowned when their car plunged through the railing of Blue's bridge over Rockfish creek on the Raeford-Vass road Friday afternoon.

The men, both negroes of Raeford, were evidently traveling at a high rate of speed when their car swung from the right road side to the left rail of the bridge and plunged over into the ten-foot deep stream.

Dickson McCormick, working some 200 yards away, heard the crash and turned in time to see the car plunge over the side of the bridge. He reported the crash to authorities here.

Rescue workers with wreckers were rushed to the scene but it was two hours before the car was removed from the muddy waters of the creek, which were swollen from recent rains. The rescue work was directed by Sheriff D. H. Hodgin and Chief W. R. Barrington.

A 2 by 6 railing of the bridge which had been driven through the radiator and instrument panel of the car hit McNeill, who was apparently the driver of the death car, below the right shoulder and the force broke the seat loose and drove it and McNeill into the rear of the sedan.

A coroner's jury found that both men came to their death on account of drunkenness and careless and reckless driving, with McNeill's death being caused by the railing, while Daniels died from drowning.

Chief Barrington was appointed coroner by Clerk Edgar Hall, of Superior court. The following composed the jury: W. C. Odom, E. E. Friddell, D. H. Yarborough, T. N. McKeithan, J. A. McQueen, and H. A. Currie.

This was the second fatal accident for Hoke county for 1941, according to Highway Patrolman J. B. Murrill, and the fifth and sixth deaths since Mr. Murrill came here a little over a year ago.

Duncan Williams Held For Superior Court On Capital Charge

Duncan Williams, charged with ravishing Blanche Mae Jones, 13-year-old negro girl, was ordered held without bond for trial in the April term of Superior court, by Judge W. B. McQueen of the county court Tuesday.

Williams, a married negro about 25 years of age, did not testify at the hearing at which Judge McQueen sat as a magistrate.

The girl and her mother, Maggie Jones, told the court that the alleged offense took place in the J. H. Poole peach orchards on the Aberdeen highway. The girl was working in the orchard with a number of others clearing away trimmings from the trees, when Williams had her called away from her work, according to the testimony. Mr. Cruse, foreman of the farms, it was said surprised them in the act, and Williams ran.

Williams was an employee of the State Sanatorium and lives near Montrose.

Kills Dog Driving Through Newton Yard; Pays Costs

J. D. Terry was convicted of careless and reckless driving charges in county court Tuesday, after Ira Newton told the court of the killing of his dog by the car driven by Terry. Terry pleaded not guilty to the charges, but was taxed with the costs by Judge W. B. McQueen on completion of his session of the evidence.

Gus Thompson and Malcolm Campbell pleaded guilty to charges of violation of the road laws and were given 30 day sentences, which were suspended upon payment of costs.

Hezekiah Munroe was found guilty of driving a car under the influence of intoxicants. He was sentenced to serve 3 months on the roads, which was suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs, and his drivers license was revoked for one year.

Miss Fectig To Talk Raeford Garden Club

The April meeting of the garden club will be held Tuesday, April 8th, at 3:15 in the Kiwanis hall. All the members of the Woman's club are cordially invited to be present and hear Miss Allie Fectig of Wilmington speak on how to grow azaleas. She has had much experience in this subject and her garden was one of the show places last weekend when gardens in Wilmington were open to visitors.



BACK TO THE KLEIGS: Winsome Anna Shirley, after a nod to motherhood, has returned to the RKO Radio lot for a role in the fantastic drama under production from the Stephen Vincent Benet story, "The Devil and Daniel Webster". Thomas Mitchell, Walter Huston, Jane Darwell and James Craig are other featured players.

J. Pender Moore Dies Wednesday

J. Pender Moore, aged 42, died suddenly in the office of Hoke Oil & Fertilizer Co. at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mr. Moore was a valued employee of this firm. He was just off duty and looking as if he were going to fall, a friend caught him. He said, "turn me loose, I am all right" and almost immediately he fell. Lewis Upchurch, manager of the plant came and brought a doctor who pronounced Mr. Moore dead.

The deceased was reared in Raeford, the son of John W. and Lucy Suggs Moore, a prominent family in the building of Raeford. The family moved away from Raeford a number of years ago but Pender loved Raeford and came back to work and live here. He was held in the highest esteem, was a dependable citizen, friendly and always ready to do one a kindness. He was injured about the head several years ago, and often complained of his head hurting.

He is survived by his father, J. W. Moore, a brother, David, and a sister, Mrs. Jackie Moore McGowan, of Tarboro. Three other sisters also survive. They are Mrs. Herbert Quinerly (Martha Macon) Griffon, Mrs. Robert Corbet (Margaret), Jackson, and Mrs. Graham Boykin (Evelyn), Bailey.

Pender Moore was a member of the Presbyterian church and funeral services will be conducted today by Rev. H. K. Holland, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. W. C. Brown. Funeral services will be at 3 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McGoogan, kinspeople. Burial will be in Raeford cemetery. He will be buried near his beloved great aunt and benefactor, Miss Pat McDowell, who was one of the best loved characters that ever called Raeford home.

Kiwanians Give Barbecue Supper To Williamsport Team

The Raeford Kiwanis club was host to the Williamsport baseball club at a barbecue supper at the armory hall Thursday night. It was a program of good eats and good fellowship with members of the Kiwanis club dishing out barbecue to all comers. Mayor Brown welcomed the Williamsport boys to Raeford in behalf of the town. Kiwanians and members of the ball club also interspersed the program with short talks.

Raeford High Defeats Hamlet Red Rams

Raeford high school scored its initial baseball victory of the season by turning back Hamlet, 3-2, here Monday afternoon.

Ellis pitched five-hit ball for Raeford and led at the plate, with a triple and a single in three trips. Hamlet scored its runs in the ninth inning, on three successive hits.

Yarborough caught for the locals. Porter and Gregson pitched for Hamlet and Land caught.

Mrs. A. J. Fuller has returned from a visit with her two sons, Paul and Leo, in Reidsville.

Emma Brooks Tapp spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Tapp.

Five Safety Signals Being Installed On A. & R. Route

Modern Flasher Signal Lights To Be Operating About April 20th.

Five of the most modern flasher-type safety signals being installed at principal grade crossings on the Aberdeen and Rockfish Railway right-of-way will be in operation about April 20th, according to D. J. McDonald, installation contractor.

The signals are being installed at Ashley Heights, Raeford (at Raeford Mills crossing), Dundarrach, Owens and at the Highway 211 crossing near Bethesda. They are of the latest design and have two lights facing each direction which flash alternately.

The work of installation is being supervised by Ralph Coble, engineer of the safety division of the North Carolina Highway and Public Works commission. The Duncan J. McDonald company of Pontiac, Mich., has the contract.

These installations are being made at the request of the railroad and funds for their installation come partly from the Federal treasury from an appropriation especially for grade crossing protection and elimination.

Mr. McDonald states that all local labor and materials obtainable are being used.

Army Day To Be Observed At Ft. Bragg April 7th

Fort Bragg, April 2.—Troops at Fort Bragg will observe Army Day this year on Monday, April 7, for the purpose of giving relatives and friends of men stationed here as well as the general public of the Carolinas some idea of the work, equipment, living conditions and facilities for recreation provided here. Major General Jacob L. Devers, commanding general at Fort Bragg extends a cordial invitation to all interested civilians to visit North Carolina's largest army camp on that date.

As a part of the observance, a memorial service for soldiers killed in battle on what is now the Fort Bragg reservation, during the Civil War, will be held at Longstreet Church. Representatives of troop units and descendants of original members of this historic church, located on the reservation have been invited to the services. Due to the extremely limited seating capacity of this ancient church, the general public will not be admitted to these services. A Division review will however be staged during the day by the Ninth Division on the newly built Honeycutt Review Field, north of the division area at 11 A. M. to which the public is welcome.

Certain buildings within each unit area, with the exception of the hospital area, will be open for inspection by all visitors. These buildings will be marked with signs "Open for Inspection," and will be under appropriate supervision. Interesting items of equipment will be displayed and informed personnel will be present to give any explanations about the equipment which may be desired. Buildings which may be inspected will include: theatres, service clubs, guest houses, barracks, mess halls, kitchens, day rooms and recreation rooms.

Appropriate signs will be placed along the streets so as to direct visitors to the various unit areas over routes supervised by Military Police. Information Stations will be established at the principal entrances to the post to enable visitors to obtain directions.

Due to local limitations in procuring meals, and the fact that only upon individual invitation by members of an organization may a visitor eat with the organization, visitors who come to Fort Bragg on Army Day are advised to bring their own lunches.

Army Polo Team To Play At Pinehurst

Pinehurst, April 2.—Pinehurst's No. 1 polo team, composed of Earl Shaw, Merrill Fink, Stanley Taylor and B. R. Brown will meet Fort Bragg for Sunday's polo feature on the No. 3 field. The game will open at 3 o'clock.

I. Mann Lights Up

Israel Mann has added his store to the list of modern, well-lighted stores. He has put in fluorescent lighting lights, which not only add to the beauty of the store, but make shopping much more pleasant for the customer.

Wilkes-Barre And Reading Play Grays Here

Local Games To Be Broadcast Over WRAL By Woody Wolf.

Two more of the "home" games of the Williamsport Grays will be played on Raeford Field next week. The Reading, (Pa.) team of the Interstate League will be here Monday, at 3 p. m., and Wilkes-Barre of the Eastern League will come Wednesday. Fresco Thompson, manager of the Grays last season, is piloting the Reading team in 1941. Reading is a farm of the Brooklyn Nationals and because their home city is located in the heart of the great anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, the Wilkes-Barre players are known as the "Barons"—meaning coal barons. Mike McNally, who once played third base for the New York Yankees and has the distinction of stealing home with the winning run in a world series game, is Wilkes-Barre's business manager.

The Gray's schedule for the next week follows: With Harrisburg Friday at Camden, S. C.; Sunday, at Goldsboro, with Hartford, of the Eastern League; Monday, with Reading at Raeford; Tuesday, with Reading at Wilson; Wednesday, with Wilkes-Barre at Raeford; Thursday, with Greensboro at Darlington, S. C. Coming to Raeford on Wednesday, April 16, will be the Scranton "Miners," who are now in training at Bennettsville, S. C., and Greensboro will play a return game here on April 18. Scranton, like Wilkes-Barre, is located in the hard coal fields. It is the third largest city in Pennsylvania. The Miners won the Eastern League pennant last season.

Three of the five Raeford games—those played on Wednesdays—will be wired to Williamsport, play by play, for recreation and broadcast over station WRAL by Woody Wolf, noted sports broadcaster.

Powerful Secret Bomb Weapon Of British

London, April 1.—A secret bomb of devastating explosive power was disclosed tonight as a new British weapon in the air offensive against Germany.

The bomb was declared by one returning pilot as powerful enough to make "houses take to the air" and was used in Monday's overnight raids of Emden, German industrial center and port.

"Masses of debris flying through the air were outlined against the glow of flares," an air ministry communique said in describing effects of the bomb.

"The results appeared to be devastating." Elaborating on the new explosive, the air ministry news service said it is to the ordinary bomb as the howitzer shell is to the field gun shell.

"Immediately after the detonation," the service continued, "the crew saw great masses of debris flung high in the air, from the height they were flying, they (normally) would not be able to see ordinary fragments; therefore they knew enormous damage must have been done.

"To another pilot, it seemed as if the whole building must have been thrown into the air."

The British also reported a heavy attack on the shipbuilding yards of Bremen, and lesser attacks on Bremerhaven, Oldenberg and The Netherlands harbor of Rotterdam, but only in the Emden raid was the new bomb mentioned.

The air ministry also claimed new blows at German sea power and coastal shipping as the British admiralty announced for the weekend of March 23 losses of 17 British, allied and neutral ships totaling 59,141 tons—10 ships and 35,261 tons below the previous week's revised figures and the lowest losses reported for four weeks.

Grays Lose Opener Here Wednesday

The Williamsport Grays lost the first game of their spring training season, 4 to 2, to the Harrisburg team of the Interstate League. Four double killings featured Harrisburg's play and the Harrisburg pitchers had the edge, except for Wolf, who held the visitors scoreless during his three-inning tenure. Only one hit was made off his delivery. Score: Harrisburg0 0 0 1 0 1 0-4 Williamsport ..1 0 0 0 0 0 0-3 Batteries—Clarke, King, Wagenhurst and Gray; Wolf, Cordell, Ehmke and Chosen, Leskowiak.

Raeford Mills Enjoy Successful Year Under New Management; Improvements



BLACK-AND-WHITE, the most effective of combinations, is used to striking advantage in this sophisticated dressmaker suit of adaptable gabardine. Edward Stevenson designed it for Anna Neagle to wear in the title role of RKO Radio's "Sunny." The slender skirt of the black is topped by a fitted jacket featuring the contrast. The zippered front of the white is accented with a diamond clip at the high neck, finished at the waist with a buckle of ebony and diamonds. A long black veil further enhances the interesting hat, its white felt brim sponsoring a scroll effect in front. A small muff of paradise fox, white gloves and black suede pumps complete the costume.

Three Full Shifts Needed For Present Operation; Working On Defense Yarn Contract.

Completion of additional floor space within the next few days will put the Raeford Mills, Inc., in position to deliver regular shipments of combed yarns as well as carded yarns, and give greater assurance of continued operation under adverse business conditions, according to M. T. Poovey, superintendent and general manager of the corporation.

Mr. Poovey stated that the mills had ended their first year as a separate corporation the first of March and that many improvements in machinery, the buildings and accessory equipment had greatly improved the working conditions and the product of the mills.

Manufacturers of the lower priced carded yarns for many years under several managements, Mr. Poovey stated that some combed yarns are now being manufactured and that, with the completion of an extension to the building, additional combing machinery will be installed immediately.

He explained that the combed yarns were of a finer quality and brought better prices. He also added that in case of a depressed yarn market, combed yarns were more saleable than carded yarns.

The mill is now operating approximately 9,000 spindles and has a standing backlog order of 18,000 pounds of yarn per week from the Scotland Sheeting company, of Laurinburg, manufacturers of sheetings and tufted bed spreads. All additional output at the present time is going to fill an unlimited government order for uniform materials. This order is taking the mill's entire production of carded yarns, which output will be increased greatly when a battery of additional combers are installed in the addition now nearing completion.

Mr. Poovey said the plant here was formerly operated as a unit of the Morgan Mills, but that last year Edwin Morgan, owner, had leased the local properties to Raeford Mills, Inc., and that they were being operated as a separate corporate unit. Mr. Morgan is president and James C. McKinnon is secretary and treasurer. At that time Mr. Morgan secured Mr. Poovey as superintendent with the idea of reconditioning the plant and machinery, and building the property into a first-class combed yarn mill.

Repairs and renovations of the buildings have been in progress for some time, and all machinery units have been completely reconditioned during the year, stated Mr. Poovey. A new air conditioning and humidifying system has been installed. A yarn conditioning room was constructed some months ago. This is used for ordering yarns preparatory to delivery to users.

The addition now being completed on the South side of the plant and will provide controlled temperature and humidity conditions for most satisfactory operation of the double-banked combers.

Additions to the office were started yesterday which will triple office space.

Conditions of the village, comprised of fifty or more houses owned by the mill, are being improved stated Mr. Poovey as fast as carpenters and other mechanics for this work can be secured. Practically all of the interiors have been worked over during the past several months and as soon as labor becomes available exteriors, porches and out buildings will be reconditioned and repainted. It is planned to paint all of the houses white and to improve the walks, street and roadways to give the village a more pleasing appearance and make it a more pleasant place in which to live.

"I cannot speak too highly of the wonderful cooperation we have received from our employees in this modernization plan," stated Mr. Poovey. "In every way life at the mill has greatly improved and the improvements have resulted in improved working and living conditions. These improvements have also resulted in a marked difference of the morale of our people here; and their increased pride in the plant has resulted in an improvement in the quality of our product."

"It is the intention of the owners to return much of the profits of the plant toward these improvements and, since we have covered our first year successfully, we hope there will be much more that we can spend in the next few years to add to the physical beauty and value of the plant," Mr. Poovey said.

"We are now running all departments of the plant three full shifts, or 120 hours and some departments operate for 136 hours per week," Mr. Poovey stated, "and already we feel in an automobile."

District Meeting Of U. D. C.

At the district meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held in Raeford last week trophies were awarded as follows:

To the J. E. B. Stuart, chapter of Fayetteville, went the cup for the best report and to the Junior Auxiliary of the same chapter the cup for getting the greatest number of new members.

To the Raeford chapter a beautiful flag for the best historical report (Mrs. William McFadyen is historian).

Mrs. Norman Youngblood, of Fayetteville, was elected district director for the new year. Laurinburg was selected as the place for the next district meeting. Mrs. R. O. Everett, division president was enthusiastic in her praise of the Raeford chapter's hospitality. The success of the entertaining was largely due to the efforts of the chapter president, Mrs. Kate Blue Covington, and her strong committees.

Pages for the meeting were Patsy Blue, Josephine McLaughlin, Leonora Currie, Barbara Stevens, Shirley Sinclair.

Mrs. Matheson Here

Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Jr., is in Raeford this week getting her house ready for new occupants, Lieut. and Mrs. Keach having given it up. Major and Mrs. H. P. Ward, of Georgetown, S. C., have rented it. Major Ward is with the 178th F. A. of the South Carolina National Guard.

Mrs. Matheson drove to Raeford Tuesday from Screven. She said she passed the Raeford boys on their way from Moultrie to Screven.

No C. M. T. Camp This Year

Col. Harrelson, state civilian aide, has notified county representatives of Citizens' Military Training camps that there will be no training camps this summer of 1941.

Beautiful Easter Window

Mrs. C. P. Kinlaw is assisting her husband at their jewelry store. The window of this store, beautifully decorated for Easter, is a credit to Mr. and Mrs. Kinlaw and the town.

In Air Corps

William McFadyen is now taking instruction with the aviation corps at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado. His mother says she has no more anxiety over him as he flies around Pike's Peak than if he were riding in an automobile.

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