

One Dead; 11 Hurt As Truck And Bus Wreck In Washout

**Sandboils Under Highway Fill
At Lake Rim Believed Cause
Of Dam Break; Bus Driver,
Hurt, Rescues Passengers.**

George Albert Mowery, 31, a truck driver, of Wadesboro, was killed when his truck broke through the pavement above a washout at Lake Rim, and eleven persons were hurt as a New York-Miami bus followed the truck into the break.

The double accident happened about 2 o'clock Sunday morning just after another truck, north-bound, had crossed the weakened spot. The driver of this truck attempted to stop the two southbound vehicles, according to reports, but apparently no attention was paid to his frantic warnings.

The pavement gave way under the truck though the cab and tractor cleared the gap and stopped on the bridge. The trailer dropped into the eight foot gap and was then hurled upward and forward and landed on top of the bus, crushing the driver, Mowery, and critically injuring his companion, Hayward Miles, 21, also of Wadesboro.

Heroic Bus Driver

Almost immediately the bus approached the break. The driver upon seeing the truck, unable to stop, turned the bus sharply to the right and dropped the bus into the washout on its side, with the front wheels clinging to the abutment of the bridge. Though painfully injured, the bus driver, R. E. Green, ordered a passenger to break out glass on the upper side and, while holding the emergency brake to keep the wheels from slipping and sliding the bus into the rising waters of the stream, directed the removal of seven injured passengers and the others of his 16-passenger load. Then he crawled out the bus but a minute or two before the dam of the pond gave way and the bus was hurled and tossed some 200 yards by the rush of the pond waters.

Ambulances from Raeford and Fayetteville, summoned by Highway Patrolman Joe Murrill, took the injured to Fayetteville hospitals. Mowery died before reaching a hospital. The injured and other passengers were taken from the bus and truck to the house of a Mr. Davis, chief of the game breeding station at the state-operated game farm and the Stedman Fish Hatchery which owns the pond.

Knew of Seepage

Leakage of water from the pond had been visible on the south side of the bridge for some days, and it is believed that similar sand boils under the highway fill to the north side of the bridge washed out the fill and caused the cave-in. When the fill gave away this is supposed to have caused such a rush of water through the sandboil that the weakened dam gave away but a few minutes later.

It is said that officials of the North Carolina State Department of Conservation and Development, which operates the hatchery and game farm, knew of this seepage and that in response to a highway engineer's request had planned to lower the head of water in the lake as soon as fish could be removed from the breeding ponds below the dam and highway.

A similar break four years ago resulted in a washout but no casualties. Steel piling were used at that time to repair the break which was at another point in the dam.

In the break Sunday waters wrecked two of the breeding ponds and some 70,000 fingerlings were released into Rockfish creek.

Bridge Open

Highway workmen have been at work since daylight Sunday repairing the damage to the highway. A temporary bridge over the 30 foot wash-out, it was widened from 8 feet to about 30 feet when the dam gave away, went into service yesterday afternoon. A seven mile detour takes traffic around the scene. Highway patrolmen have been guarding the approaches to the hatchery to prevent sightseers from interfering with the repairmen and to prevent any possibility of motorists driving into the washout.

Passengers injured in the wreck included one Irving Hollingsworth who told Pittman hospital officials that he was from Raeford. He was treated for an injured jaw. Joe L. Monroe, a colored man of McColl, was praised by the hospital attendants for his attitude. Monroe treated for bruises, shock, cuts and a painfully injured leg, would not permit attendants to touch him until all the others were treated. Other passengers were from Florida and several northern states.

Miss Maggie Jane McBryde spent Sunday in Elerbe visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McInnis.

Poppy Day Set For May 24th

Memory of America's war dead in the first World War will be honored here on Saturday, May 24th, when everyone will be asked to wear a memorial poppy in tribute to their service and sacrifice.

Plans for the observance of Poppy Day are being completed by the Raeford Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Paul Dezerne, Poppy Day Chairman. The memorial flowers, made by disabled war veterans, will be offered on the streets throughout the day by the Auxiliary women.

"This year, with the threatening shadow of a new World War falling across America, the memorial poppy has new significance," said Mrs. Dezerne. "It shows that America still remembers and honors those who fell in its defense twenty-three years ago; that Americans still believe that America's free way of life is worth any sacrifice, and that the spirit of patriotism still burns strongly in American hearts."

"The poppies grew on the battle front in France where the young men of America defeated the military might of autocracy in a gallant display of the strength of aroused democracy. When we wear them on Poppy Day, their bright red blooms will remind us that our democracy has the strength to repel any dangers if we will serve as they served. There is inspiration for us all in the poppy of great memories."

"The poppies which the Auxiliary will distribute here have been made by disabled veterans at Oteen. All Poppy Day workers will serve as volunteers and all of the money contributed to them for the flowers will go into the welfare funds of the Auxiliary to carry forward the Auxiliary's work for the disabled, their families and the families of the dead during the year ahead."

Commencement Program For Flora Macdonald

The commencement program at Flora Macdonald college, beginning Saturday, May 24th, will be as follows: Saturday morning—Alumnae day—the business meeting of the alumnae association will be held in the Epsilon Chi society hall at 11:30, followed by the alumnae luncheon at one o'clock in the college dining room. Saturday evening at 8:15, class day exercises will be held in the auditorium, followed by the capping ceremony in front of the college.

On Sunday, May 25, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. Clare Purcell of Charlotte, Bishop of Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist church. At 6:30 in the evening, President Emeritus C. G. Vardell will conduct the vesper service on the front lawn. At 8:15, Rev. Malcolm Calhoun, pastor of the St. Pauls Presbyterian church, will preach the annual sermon before the Flora Macdonald Christian Association.

Monday evening at 8:15, the commencement concert will be given in the college auditorium by students of the Conservatory of Music, and commencement exercises will be held on Tuesday morning, May 27, at 10:30 when Dr. Shelton Phelps, president of Winthrop college, in Rock Hill, S. C., will make the address to the graduating class. Diplomas will be presented by President H. G. Bedinger, and Dr. Vardell will present the Bibles, as usual.

Col. Parker Describes Field Artillery Training Centers's Aims, Deeds

Fort Bragg, May 20.—"Once the Replacement Centers begin to deliver the men, you should be able to sleep at night," Lt. Colonel Edwin P. Parker, Executive Officer of the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, Fort Bragg, told Artillery Commanding Officers in a Field Artillery Journal article published last week.

"It is the purpose of those directing the Replacement Center to send you (Field Artillery outfits) a group of men who first of all are completely imbued with that true discipline which begets the highest form of teamwork, and who secondly are trained to fill particular places in your military team," Lt. Colonel Parker's article said. It went on: "It is not too early to praise these soldiers. Professional and trainee have met with a remarkable understanding. The spirit of the Service in the cadres, and the cheerful acceptance of duty by the trainees have been an inspiration."

"Of course not all of the equipment promised has appeared. The Replacement Center, like everybody else, has had to improvise to fill gaps."

Little Jimmy Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Baker, has measles.



TITIAN-HAIRED CUTIE: Hollywood's newest Cinderella is Frances Neal, red-haired, 19 years old, shapely, lovely and from Texas. Within a week after being signed to a movie contract by RKO Radio, she was assigned to the romantic leading role in the studio's thriller comedy, "Lady Scarface," opposite Dennis O'Keefe. Brief experience in little theatre work, plus inescapable natural ability, led to her screen career.

T. B. Upchurch, Jr. Offers Helmet For Army Use

**Raeford Man Obtains Patent On
Camouflaged Headgear With
Adjustable Colors.**

Washington, May 16.—T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, N. C., is convinced he has solved the problem of a camouflaged helmet for the army. Mr. Upchurch who was in Washington today and who is a well-known inventor, has obtained a patent on a protective helmet which he has invented.

He submitted it to the War department for use in the field and received a reply that it was probably not practical, because it was not bullet-proof. Mr. Upchurch told the War department supply division that it has overlooked the most important phase of his invention in that it is entirely bullet-proof and is just what is needed in this respect. Mr. Upchurch submitted a design of his patent showing that it is constructed on a steel mesh frame which is bullet-proof, reinforced with cotton and a vegetable compound with some rubber in it, thus making it highly resistive.

Mr. Upchurch pointed out that in the battle of France, the French soldiers soon learned that they were easy targets for the Nazis because of their steel helmets and had to cover them with burlap. Mr. Upchurch's invention is so constructed that its color is chameleon-like and its color can be adjusted to the locality. Mr. Upchurch hopes to make his invention a contribution to national defense.

Older Youth Conference At Millstone Camp

Boys and girls between the ages of 18 and 30 of Hoke county will have an opportunity to attend the older youth conference which will be held at Millstone 4-H camp May 29th, through June 2nd, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. This camp is located only 28 miles from Raeford in Richmond county. The youth of this section should take advantage of this conference. The theme of the program will be, "Youth's Place In Today's Changing World." Outstanding speakers will discuss important subjects. Those desiring to attend this conference should contact the county or home agent.

Wheat Referendum On May 31st

Wheat farmers should take notice that May 31st is the date for the referendum. It will be held from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. in the county agent's office. Since the county has a small number of eligible wheat voters only one voting place is necessary, says A. S. Knowles, county agent.

All producers sharing in wheat on farms that produce 200 bushels of wheat are eligible to vote. The wheat supplies are so great that farmers must vote favorably on quotas in order for the government to support wheat prices by loans.

Coker's Farm Tour

Hoke farmers wishing to tour Coker's small grain farm should notify the county agent's office at once. The tour will be held May 27th. Those making the trip are asked to be at the county agent's office by 8:00 A. M., on May 27th, says A. S. Knowles, county agent.

Officers Get 150 Gallon Copper Liquor Still

**Operators Sentenced To Serve
4 Months; Sentence Suspended
Upon Payment of Costs and
Still Fee.**

Judge W. B. McQueen found Wadell Jones and Davis Jones, Indians, guilty of owning a 150 gallon copper liquor still and 150 gallons of beer mash in county court Tuesday and sentenced them to serve four months on the roads on the still ownership charge and four months on the mash charge.

The still was found on Little Raft Swamp near Newton's Pond by officers of the sheriff's department last week and was raided by Sheriff Hodgkin, deputies Wright and McNeill, at which time the Jones men were taken into custody. Charlie Furnage Jones arrested at the same time, was cleared of any part in the illegal manufacture.

Sentences were suspended by Judge McQueen upon payment of court costs and the \$20 still fee.

Others facing the court Tuesday were: James Jones, operating a car without license, 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs; Herman Smith, violating road laws, costs; William Campbell, Allendale negro, assault on Maggie McPhatter, negro, 4 months on roads, suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for 12 months; Roosevelt Arnold, pleaded not guilty to charges of violation of prohibition laws, but was found guilty and charged with the costs; Ernest Campbell was found guilty of possession of non-tax paid liquor and assessed the costs; Daniel Mae Shaw was assessed costs for possession of illegal liquor.

NYA Area Office Opened at Sanford

Establishment of an area office at Sanford and the appointment of Marcus L. Ham, of Morven, as area director to coordinate the activities and program of the National Youth Administration in 11 counties in this section composing Area six was announced yesterday by State Administrator John A. Lang.

The area office, which will serve Lee, Randolph, Chatham, Moore, Montgomery, Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Hoke, Harnett, and Cumberland counties, will be located in the Wilkins building.

Mr. Ham will organize and supervise the entire NYA program of activity in the area, which will be established with four principal departments in the same manner as the State NYA Office, including work projects, youth personnel, student work and finance departments.

Mr. Ham is a native of Morven, a graduate of the University of N. C. with A. B. and M. A. degrees. For three years he served as teacher and athletic coach at Greensboro city schools since which time he has been superintendent of schools at Morven.

Supervisor's School

A compliance supervisor's school was held yesterday and will end today. The boys of Hoke, Scotland, and Robeson are attending. Those successful in their field work and the examination of the school will measure farms for compliance under the soil conservation program, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent.

It is hoped that measurement of cotton and tobacco will progress rapidly so that farmers will have an official measurement within a few weeks.

Mother Of Dr. P. P. McCain Dies

Sanatorium, May 21.—Mrs. J. I. McCain, of Due West, S. C., died at the home of her son, Dr. P. P. McCain, at the North Carolina Sanatorium early Saturday afternoon. She was 81 years old.

Death was due to a heart attack and was unexpected, although she had been in ill health for several weeks. Just a week before her death Mrs. McCain returned with Dr. and Mrs. McCain on their recent trip south to recuperate at their home.

Mrs. McCain was the widow of Dr. J. I. McCain, who was professor of English at Erskine college for 48 years. She spent several months each summer with Dr. McCain's family at Sanatorium and had many friends here.

Funeral services were held in Due West at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. McCain is survived by one brother, S. V. Todd, of Due West; three sons, Dr. J. R. McCain of Agnes Scott college, Decatur, Ga.; Dr. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium, and Charles L. McCain of Birmingham, Ala., and thirteen grandchildren.

Farmers Signing-Up Rapidly With Government

L. M. Lester reports that the signing up of land for army maneuvers for this fall is coming along splendidly. Already 50,000 acres have been given over for the use of these maneuvers. Those farmers who have not signed the necessary papers are urged to go to Mr. Knowles' office at any time to sign them. In doing so it will save Lt. Miner and Mr. Lester a great deal of trouble and time trying to look up farmers in order to get the necessary papers signed.

There will be a meeting, Friday night, May 23, at 7:30, in the Blue Springs community house. Not only the farmers in the Blue Springs township area are urged to come, but any one is cordially invited to come regardless of what township they may happen to live.

Amusement Company Here This Week

The Central Amusement company is here in Raeford and will stay through Saturday night, May 24th.

The organization carries four riding devices and many amusements for the entire family. It is said that this is one of the cleanest shows of its kind on the road today—just good clean fun and modern rides.

Mr. Husted, manager of the concern, assures a good time for everyone.

200 ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED THIS WEEK

Questionnaires have been mailed this week to the following:

- 401—Jethro Almond.
- 402—Willie Almond.
- 403—John Matthew Gelbreth.
- 404—Hubert Adams.
- 405—Levi McNeill.
- 406—Guss McKoy.
- 407—James Phillip Davis.
- 408—Sam Miles.
- 409—Neill McLean.
- 410—Hardy West Edwards.
- 411—Alvin Jerome Seaford.
- 412—William Taylor Sipfle.
- 413—William Elmore Davis.
- 414—Neil Cannady.
- 414-A—Elijah James.
- 415—Willie Winston McNeill.
- 416—Adell Watson.
- 417—Roy Brown Shockley.
- 418—Arthur Harrington.
- 419—Henry Hiram Edwards.
- 420—Spencer Gilchrist.
- 421—Alexander Wallace.
- 422—Clarence Goodwin.
- 423—William Leonard McAllister.
- 424—Boger Edgar Maxwell.
- 425—William Marvin Garner.
- 426—George Thompson.
- 427—Thomas Saddle Hennings.
- 428—Hubert Knox.
- 429—Louis Vernon Bedard.
- 430—James Garfield Jones.
- 431—Julian Hardy Wright.
- 432—Joe Goodwin, Jr.
- 433—Reuben Pate.
- 434—Nephie Franklin Luther.
- 435—Cleveland Jones.
- 436—Edgar Leander Green.
- 437—William Robert Koonce.
- 438—Wilbur Worth Barnes.
- 439—Harvey Robert Powell.
- 440—Angus Hubert McKenzie.
- 441—Claude McKinley Green.
- 442—Tom McPhatter.
- 443—George McNeill.
- 444—Howard McDonald.
- 445—Percy Cleveland Howell.
- 446—Robert Lee Williams.
- 447—Eddie Laurence Walden, Jr.
- 448—Malcolm Ray McNeill.
- 449—Moses Dillard.
- 450—David Isaac McNeill.

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Auto Wreck At Dundarrach Hurts Five

**Negroes Turn Across Path Of
Robeson Officer's Car Driven
By Soldier.**

Five men are patients in Fayetteville hospitals as a result of a high-way accident Friday night near Dundarrach.

Henry Roy Bullard, Jr., victim of a number of accidents in the past several years, received a fractured jaw and severe lacerations and was taken to Pittman hospital, while Privates Fred Chason and Devron Gates were in the post hospital at Fort Bragg with painful injuries. All of these men are from Lumber Bridge, Chason and Gates are with Company L of the 120th Infantry, Fort Jackson and were at home on furlough at the time of the accident.

James Scurlock, negro of Shannon, and Robert Smith, negro of Lumber Bridge, were injured, both painfully. According to officers of the Hoke county sheriff's department and Patrolman Joe Murrill the negroes made a left turn to leave the highway directly into the path of the Chason car. Private Chason is the son of Rural Policeman Pete Chason, of the Robeson county police.

Finals Held At Sanatorium

Sanatorium, May 21.—Commencement exercises for the ten graduates of the North Carolina Sanatorium School of Nursing opened with a baccalaureate sermon at the Community Church in Pinehurst on Sunday evening, May 11th. The pastor, Rev. A. J. McKelway, spoke of the work of Florence Nightingale and her successors in service to humanity. "The Lady with the Lamp," he said, exemplified the Biblical admonition to "let your light shine before men."

On Thursday evening, Rev. R. E. Brown, pastor of the Hay Street Methodist church in Fayetteville, gave the principal address at the graduation exercises in the auditorium of the Sanatorium. He was introduced by Dr. C. D. Thomas, assistant superintendent of the Sanatorium, who acted as master of ceremonies.

The speaker chose as his subject: "Allies for Every Nurse." The four allies which insure success in the nursing profession, he said, are an understanding of people, a love of beauty, a sense of humor and faith in one's calling.

During the exercises Dr. C. L. Gray of the Sanatorium staff sang several selections, which included "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Hay Malotte, "Duna" by Josephine McGill and the "Kashmiri Song" by Amy Woodforde-Finden. The pianist was Miss Ruth Jones, of Fayetteville.

Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium, awarded the diplomas to the graduates, who took their first two years of training at the Sanatorium and their third year's work at the Moore County Hospital in Pinehurst. In his congratulatory message Dr. McCain said that the nursing profession was unsurpassed in opportunities for service to humanity and personal satisfactions.

In presenting the school pins Dr. C. R. Monroe, surgeon of the Moore county hospital, spoke of the sacrifices and hard work which the graduates have cheerfully undergone and expressed the conviction that they would continue to assume responsibilities happily and cheerfully.

Rev. Harry K. Holland of Raeford pronounced the invocation and the benediction.

Artistic flower arrangements on the rostrum carried out the hospital colors of green and gold.

Following the exercises the audience was invited to a reception at the nurses' home, where the graduates received the congratulations of the commencement guests. The living rooms of the nurses' home were colorfully decorated with spring flowers. The nursing staff served punch and an ice course during the evening.

The following compose the graduating class: Misses Katherine Elizabeth Bos, Robersonville; Evelyn Roberta Crowell, Hamlet; Nancy Ruth David, Aberdeen; Elizabeth Mae Hare, Cary; Ruth Dixon Hinson, Goldsboro; Dollie Elizabeth Richardson, New Bern; Mary Frances Rogers, Murphy; Lula Lee Rogerson, Anandor; Mary Margaret Royal, Winston-Salem, and Lella Wright, Timberland.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Currie, William, Miss Eunice Currie and Mrs. J. F. Smith spent Sunday afternoon in Chatham. They went especially to bring Mrs. Grace Lanny back, who is spending sometime with her sisters, Mrs. Currie and Mrs. Smith.