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## David R. Monroe, 6, Killed When Hit by Automobile Saturday In Smithfield

Johnston county's third fatal automobile accident of 1946 took the life of David Richard (Buddy) Monroe, six-year-old first grade pupil in the Smithfield school, who was killed instantly Saturday at 12:45 p. m. when he was struck by an automobile on Third street.

Driver of the automobile F. H. Brooks, Smithfield lawyer and former state legislator and Recorder's court judge, reported to investigating officers that the child ran in front of his car and that he did not see the boy until he was a few feet away.

Coroner J. Durward Creech said he was holding the case open at present although it appeared to be an unavoidable accident according to all the evidence he had been able to gather. Robert Lee Stafford and J. W. Tyler told the coroner that they witnessed the accident and that the boy ran out in front of the Brooks car.

Returning From Lunch Brooks, with his daughter, Mrs. Carol Schoen of Atlanta, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. F. H. Brooks, Jr., of Greensboro, was returning from lunch when he struck the boy in front of the Johnston County Furniture Store. Buddy—son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Monroe of Rockingham, who had been living here with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Merryman—suffered a fractured skull and broken neck. He died instantly. Surviving are his parents, one sister, Sarah, and a brother, Ray, all of Rockingham.

### Brief Rites

Funeral services were held at the Overby funeral chapel in Smithfield Monday at 10 a. m. Palbearers were Frank Wiggs, H. T. Woodall, Roy Lee Davis and Herman Parker, all Smithfield school students. Music was furnished by the Youth's Choir of the local Baptist church.

Loral bearers included Doris Marie Woodall, Jean Woody, Jean Johnson, Bobbie Mae Strickland, Rose Mae Wright, Mary Rose Dorman, Frances Massengill, Dorothy Ann Day, Dorothy Jean Smith, Romona Gardner and Margaret Hare.

The Rev. P. F. Taylor of Waynesboro, Va., conducted graveside rites for the child at the New Hope Methodist church cemetery near Rockingham Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## MARROW SAYS PINE LEVEL HIGH SCHOOL MAY BE DROPPED

"Pine Level stands a good chance of losing its high school in the near future if some corrective action is not planned now and placed into effect soon," H. B. Marrow, county superintendent of schools, declared Wednesday night.

The county superintendent addressed a meeting called at the Pine Level school auditorium for parents of the children attending the school and citizens of the district who were interested in the education in the community.

"With the present average attendance, the Pine Level high school will lose a teacher as soon as the state's emergency measure, which prohibits the reduction of teachers during the war, is eliminated," explained County Superintendent Marrow.

Sub-Standard School "A loss of a teacher in the Pine Level high school will make it impossible to operate a standard high school, and sub-standard schools are not allowed to continue teaching and graduating students."

County Superintendent Marrow told the audience that there were two corrective measures the school district could pursue to maintain the high school at Pine Level.

"There are approximately 30 children of high school age in this district at present who are not attending the school," he stated. "If these children came to high school and the present students attended more regularly, the average attendance would remain high enough to prevent losing a teacher."

Corrective Measure "The other corrective measure is for the school district to raise the money necessary to hire an additional teacher to replace the one that will be lost. A standard high school could be maintained then, and the Pine Level school would be allowed to operate."

County Superintendent Marrow explained that the board of education was not interested in forcing consolidation upon any school and would go everything in its power to assist the districts in maintaining their present educational facilities.

State broiler markets are glutton because producers expanded production in anticipation of continued red meat shortages, it is announced by H. L. Mescham, marketing specialist of the State College Extension Service.

## Hold On To Ration Book No. 4 - More Sugar Coupons In It

Raleigh, Feb. 25. — Housewives were advised today by the Office of Price Administration to retain in their possession War Ration Book 4, now used only to obtain sugar.

Although the currently valid sugar stamp 39 is the last stamp in War Ration Book 4, that is specifically labeled for purchases of sugar, spare stamps in that book will be designated as sugar stamps from time to time. For this reason, War Ration Book 4 should be retained even after Sugar Stamp 39 has been used, OPA emphasized.

Sugar Stamp 40 was used for the 1944 home canning program, OPA explained.

## Officers Local V. F. W. Post Installed Wednesday Night

### Post Named For the Late Kermit R. Stallings.

The Selma post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars met in their first official meeting February 27, 1946 at the American Legion hut. This meeting consisted of veterans of three wars, the Spanish American War, World War I, and World War II.

The post was called to order by Post Commander Wilbur D. Perkins who gave a hearty welcome address to all present. Commander Perkins introduced the official installation officer, State Adjutant and Quartermaster, A. C. Ingram of High Point. Mr. Ingram has been a member of the V. F. W. for the past fifteen years and for the past three years has held his position with the state department of this organization. He served in World War I with the 30th Infantry Division and saw action in France. In his address to the Selma post Mr. Ingram said, "In my service with the Veterans of Foreign Wars I have never seen any post members respond so well to the call for membership. This post of the V. F. W. has far exceeded my expectations and I am proud to act as installing officer to this progressive unit on behalf of the State Department of the V. F. W. I offer my congratulations."

Following the installing procedure the chair was returned to Commander W. D. Perkins who called upon Mr. C. F. Broadwell who saw service in the Spanish American War. Mr. Broadwell said, "My memories go back to my comrades of 1897, most of whom have passed on but I am sure they would join me in saying that I am honored to be a part of a unit of men who stand for the God-given right of freedom and justice. In conclusion I am as Minnie Pearl, I'm jest proud to be a part of you."

The name of the late Kermit R. Stallings was brought before the assembly as being selected for the official name of the Selma Post 5965. Stallings was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stallings, of Selma, Rt. 1, Kermit, first man from this community killed in action in World War II. He entered the service in 1939 and was stationed aboard the USS Arizona at the time of his death at Pearl Harbor. Prior to his entrance into service he attended the local public school. Kermit was an active member of the student body; participated in athletics and was favorably known among his classmates.

The membership drive is dated to end May 27, 1946 and it is hoped that every eligible veteran of Selma and community will join this organization as soon as possible.

## Lt. Bradley Sasser Has New Assignment

First Lieutenant Bradley B. Sasser, of 307 W. Richardson Street, Selma, has been assigned to the Brookley Field, Alabama, headquarters of the Mobile Air Technical Service Command, according to an announcement from Brig. Gen. C. A. Thomas, commanding general of MOATS.

Before entering the service in November, 1942, he was employed by the W. T. Rawleigh Co., Richmond, Va. Lt. Sasser was stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala. before being assigned to duty at Brookley Field.



G. A. MARTIN

## MARTIN, WORLEY TO SEEK RENOMINATION

A contest for the two representative seats in Johnston county's 1946 political campaign was assured last week when G. A. Martin of Smithfield and Carl Worley of Selma announced that they would seek renomination at the Democratic primary in May.

Three men have now entered the race for the two seats in the lower house of the General Assembly. Alex D. Holman, Smithfield businessman and World War II veteran, made public his candidacy for representative several weeks ago.

Martin, unsuccessful candidate for the state senate in 1942, and Worley, chairman of the county's Democratic executive committee from 1936 to 1938, were the top two men in the five-man race in 1944 and have each served one term in the lower house.

### 1944 Campaign

In the last political campaign the two men defeated R. T. Fulghum, Kenly druggist and house veteran; J. Roscoe Barefoot, Benson attorney, and E. G. Hobbs, Selma lawyer. The 1944 vote was Martin, 2476; Worley, 2351; Fulghum 1815; Barefoot 1218, and Hobbs, 847.

Lawrence H. Wallace of Smithfield who was a representative, did not seek renomination in 1944, but ran for the senate after J. B. Benton of Benson, publisher of the Benson Review and state senator at the time, declined to run because of health.

Martin announced first in 1944 that he was going to run for the senate, but when Benton declined to run and Wallace entered the race, Martin changed his plans, campaigned for a representative seat and was successful.

### No Announcements

Although no public announcements have been made in regard to the possible senate candidates, Wallace is expected to run again, and friends of Publisher Benton persist in their reports that he will seek the upper house seat again.

Wallace defeated Adam J. Whiteley, Jr., Smithfield township farmer and prominent member of the American Legion, by nearly 700 votes in the Democratic primary in May of 1944.

To date eight men have filed or announced their intentions of seeking five of the 17 offices to be voted on by Johnston county citizens at the polls three months from now.

### Eight Candidates

The eight men are Martin, Worley and Holman for state representative; Sheriff C. L. Denning, who is filling the unexpired term of the late Kirby L. Rose, and G. C. Uzzle of Wilson's Mills, former deputy sheriff, for the No. 1 county office;

William I. Godwin of Selma for judge of Recorder's court; Paul D. Grady, Jr., of Kenly for solicitor of Recorder's court; and W. Jack Hooks, who has filed for renomination as Democratic candidate for solicitor of the fourth judicial district.

### Other Offices

Other offices to be voted on and the holders who have not announced their intentions include congressman, Harold D. Cooley of Nashville; state senator, Wallace; register of deeds, W. G. Massey of Clayton; auditor, J. Marvin Johnson of Smithfield;

Treasurer, Narvin Creech of Selma; clerk of Superior court, H. V. Rose of Smithfield; coroner, Durward Creech of Smithfield; county commissioners, R. P. Holding of Smithfield, J. B. Wooten of Boon Hill and Jesse Austin of Clayton, and surveyor, C. B. Fulghum of Selma.

Larry F. Wood, judge of Recorder's court, has announced that he will not seek the renomination this year.

## Revival At Pentecostal Holiness Church

A revival meeting will begin at the Pentecostal Holiness church on corner of Railroad and Raeford Streets March 4th. There will be plenty of old time Holy Ghost preaching and everyone is welcomed. Speakers will be Miss Margaret Smith of Clayton and Viola Benson of Wilson. Services begin each evening at 7 o'clock. REV. MOSES THOMAS, Pastor

## NEW BERN COUPLE PURCHASE THE JOHNSTONIAN-SUN; WILL ASSUME OWNERSHIP MARCH 1

Tomorrow (Friday) The Johnstonian-Sun will cease to wallow in the same rut in which it has necessarily been thrown for the past eight months as Mr. and Mrs. Jack Honrine, of New Bern, N. C., the new owners, take over operation and publication of this weekly newspaper. The new owners are not too well known in Johnston county, however, they have many friends here and welcome this opportunity to become citizens of this section.

Every effort has been made to retain the newspaper since the death of Editor Stencil last men and printers but lack too greatly the qualities of our father as an editor and "an all 'round man". We feel in selling the

## THE NEW OWNERS

By Way of Introduction

By JACK HONRINE

Who are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Honrine, the purchasers of The Johnstonian-Sun and who are known by their friends throughout the State as Jack and Opal?

I shall be as brief as the subject will permit.

Opal Hartley Honrine was born on a farm near New Bern February 15, 19... (You fill in the years; I know what is good for me). Her first schooling was in a two-room dwelling house near her home. There were seven grades and how they kept them separate, puzzles me even until this day. She later attended the Farm Life School in Vanceboro, N. C., making the 13-mile school bus trip over a crooked paved road that was built by the County Commissioners so it would go by everybody's front door.

It was about this time that romance entered Opal's life. A big revival meeting was going on at old Antioch Church near her home. One night the preacher brought out a young man from town who played a consumptive clarinet that would squeal out at the slightest provocation and make all the girls giggle. (The maestro was unintentionally pinching the reed too tight with his lip.)

As the meeting went on and the kerosene lamps on the church walls flickered as each new bug fell into the chimney, Jack and Opal became better acquainted and were seen every Sunday together. Four years later Opal graduated from the farm school, majoring in typing and bookkeeping. The following autumn she was married to the man with the feeble clarinet and they took an extensive honeymoon trip and lived happily ever after. That is, with certain exceptions.

Opal's activities can be broken down into three distinct groups and they are in no wise related.

First—She likes to work in the church and for the church. Many times she has left her poor husband sick abed to dash off to mid-week prayer service. The church comes first with her.

Second—She likes the linotype machine. "I am crazy about it," she says. Her training on the type-setting machine began October 14, 1944 and with a determination to learn has become fast and accurate on this complicated machine. Opal talks to her machine when it misbehaves.

Third—She likes to attend hog killings. Helping to fry out the lard, grind the sausage and mind the children.

## Vocational Training Plans Going Forward For Selma School

Mr. H. B. Marrow, superintendent of Johnston County schools will have a petition drawn up to introduce vocational training in the Selma school district. This will be carried before the County Commissioners on Monday, March 4th by the Steering Committee of the Selma Kiwanis Club.

Prof. O. A. Tuttle of the Selma public school was busy Wednesday of this week getting up the bounty of the Selma school district. This is one of the first active moves in the program to train local young people for the future.

Mr. L. O. Davis, chairman of the Kiwanis Club steering committee interviewed two of the largest taxpayers in the Selma School district Wednesday morning and received favorable comment. One of them said, "I will advocate and work for it."

The people of the Selma school district will be given an opportunity to vote on the project.

## Breaks Ankle

A week ago last Monday Lester Dixon had the misfortune to twist his ankle on some lumber at the Kelly Lumber Co., in Micro. Later it was discovered the bone was broken and now he is wearing a cast on the injured foot. Mr. Dixon says he will not be able to return to work for four or five weeks.

Now, if you will pardon me.

Jack Honrine was born in Goldsboro April 20, 1901. When I grew old enough to navigate without falling my mother took me to Wilson's Mills to show me off. I met my grandfather, John Burns Honrine, now deceased. Then there was Aunt Lill, who promptly took first mortgage and insisted that I spend a part of each year with her. However, I did not make a very good first impression with my Aunt Inez (Mrs. Carl K. Parrish) due to the brutal manner in which I handled her rag dolls.

It was my happy privilege to return to Wilson's Mills many, many times after that and to have my general discipline measured by Aunt Lill's Puritan yardstick. The little dignity that I claim today I owe to this good aunt, now living in Burlington.

On one visit to Wilson's Mills my grandfather made a bow and arrow for me and to settle old scores I shot Aunt Inez square in the side. Aunt Lill presided at the hearing and declared the shooting justifiable.

Mrs. J. V. Chamblee of Selma was one of my Wilson's Mills playmates during the happiest days of my early childhood. I used to think she was one of the most contemptible little girls I ever knew. Did I ever shoot Cousin Maggie with my bow and arrow? No. I just lived in hopes that grandfather would soon build me a shotgun.

Cousin Maggie and I are the best of friends now. It was my pleasure to dine at her home on last Thursday evening. To find a more thoughtful hostess would be out of my realm.

No story about Jack and Opal would be even half complete without a narrative on Frederick, our little eight year old boy. He is a strong believer in Santa Claus and looks forward to the old saint's annual visits. However, the last time he saw St. Nick in a department store he believed Santa's whiskers were phoney.

Frederick is a staunch disciple of Easter Bunny. He thinks the bunny is a good business man. Because each time he has left a milk tooth under his pillow the bunny has promptly removed it and left a shiny new dime in its place. One night he skeptically tucked two teeth under his pillow and was surprised to find 20c the next morning. He was afraid Easter Bunny would try to pull some 2 for 15c stuff on him.

I hope Selma will like us. I am sure we like Selma.

## W. T. Woodard, Jr. Attends Social Work Meeting

W. T. Woodard, Jr., superintendent of public welfare in Johnston county, was among the 75 superintendents and other social workers, who attended a conference on personnel needs and recruitment in social work in Chapel Hill Monday.

Dr. Gordon W. Blackwell, director of Research in Social Science, presided over the conference which was attended by a number of out of state representatives of social work.

## Herbert H. Carter Now In States

Herbert H. Carter, S 1-C, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carter, W. Wadell Street, Selma, is one of 1,098 Navy veterans returning to the States aboard the USS Oneida, a ship of the "Magic Carpet" fleet, and the USS Nauuanu. These ships left Guam, February 12, and were scheduled to arrive in San Francisco about February 27th. The USS Oneida, an attack transport, and the USS Nauuanu, an escort carrier, are participating in the Navy's peacetime task of returning veterans from the Pacific for discharge.

A 50-gallon wooden barrel can serve as a good bed for strawberry plants, says John H. Harris, Extension horticulturist.

## FIRE DAMAGES AT CAROLINA PACKERS AMOUNT TO \$2,000

A fire at 10:30 last Wednesday morning at the Carolina Packers, Inc., of Smithfield did approximately \$2,000 worth of damage to the roof of the slaughtering department. The 15 persons who worked in that part of the building escaped.

J. A. Jones, treasurer and general manager of the local meat packing company, said the fire damage halted operation of the slaughtering department but that repairs were being rushed and operation would begin again either Saturday or Monday.

A truck from the Smithfield fire department was called to the blaze, and approximately 10 volunteer firemen fought the fire for more than an hour before it was extinguished. Damage was confined to the roof of the slaughtering department.

Ed Woodall, fire chief who suffered a minor burn on the lip when some hot tar fell on him during the fire, said the cause of the fire had been determined.

"The company uses bottled gas to singe the hogs," explained the fire chief. "One of the rubber hoses, which was being operated by a Negro worker, came off the connection to the gas container and fire was sprayed until the gas was consumed."

"The roof caught fire and was damaged, but the spray of fire was aimed in a direction so that it did not harm the equipment in the building."

A Negro girl, who was working in the slaughtering department, at the time, suffered a minor injury, and another employee jumped through a window. The others escaped through the entrances to the building.

## OFFICERS DESTROY 500-GALLON STILL

A 500-gallon submarine type whiskey still was destroyed in Boon Hill township eight miles east of Smithfield during a raid Thursday morning by Deputy Sheriffs J. R. Lynch, Lester Hales, J. T. Barnes and G. E. Britt.

No one was found near the still, which was located approximately 500 yards behind the home of Waylon Howell, and no arrests were made, declared the officers, who said the still was "all ready for operation."

Officers revealed that they had received a "tip" that there were at least four liquor stills in that vicinity of Boon Hill township and declared that they found spots where four stills had recently been.

Miss Mamie Bailey C.