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Heavy Property Damage but No Fatalities in These 3 Accidents



This is the scene that confronted investigating officers at Blount and East streets Monday morning shortly after 11 when another expensive wreck took place at that intersection. The car at left, driven by Frank

Casteon of Faison was headed east on Blount Street and failed to stop for the stop sign. The Union Cab at right, driven by Emmett Tyndall of 205 New Street, rammed into the Casteon car, causing it to turn around and head back in a west-

erly direction and finally wind up clipping off power line pole. In the background Officer Fred Bates is directing traffic around the two badly battered flivvers. Casteon was indicted for failure to yield the right of way and failure to stop at a stop sign.



This was the scene Saturday night at about 9:40 when cars driven by Elwood Baaden of 23 C Simon Bright pulled out from a filling station three miles south of Kinston on the Pink Hill highway into the path of

the car at right driven by Susan Griffin of Beaufort, who was driving south. Baaden was indicted by Highway Patrolman Lloyd Pate for reckless driving. Miss Griffin suffered a broken right leg and other less serious cuts and bruises. Her mother,

Mrs. Margaret Griffin, suffered six broken ribs and other minor cuts and bruises. Baaden suffered cuts and bruises about the head and face. His car, at left in the picture above suffered several hundred dollars damage, as did the Griffin car, at right.



This pair of Kinstonians at work pictured here, John Dunn Arnold and Lonnie Buck at right, can put together a record of faithful employment that it would be difficult to match in this vicinity.

With very brief absences this pair has been with the Hines Brothers Lumber company for a total of 87 years — 44 years for Buck and 43 years for Arnold.

And in addition to their continuous record with one of Kinston's oldest and best known firms this pair has much more in common.

They were both born in 1890: Arnold — so Buck points out — is the oldest, but by just 19 days. Arnold arrived on the Lenoir County scene August 31, 1890 and Buck along with a twin sister, arrived in the Vanceboro home of his parents on September 19, 1890.

Buck and Arnold both come from families of seven children. In each family there were four sons and three daughters.

Although Arnold was born in Lenoir County, he grew up in Craven County, the birthplace of his fellow worker, Buck.

Arnold and Buck have just one child each.

Buck beat Arnold to Kinston by four years, arriving in 1908 to work in the Orion Knitting Mill, one of the community's flourishing industries of that day. For three and a half years he worked on in that mill, which is now occupied by shirt factory on East Caswell Street.

Leaving the knitting mill Buck went to work with the Ellis Carriage Works, which was then one of Eastern Carolina's largest buggy manufacturers; but that job lasted just one week. Then the Ellis Carriage Works burned to the ground and Young Buck's job went up in smoke.

Then he first found work at Hines Brothers Lumber Company, in August of 1911, where he remained until November of that same year. Then he went back to work with the Ellis firm to help rebuild the plant, which is now occupied by the W. H. Jones Motor Company at the corner of Blount and Heritage Streets. There Buck remained for a year and three months.

In February of 1913 he went back on the Hines payroll, and there he remains until this day.

While Buck was away for his last fling with the buggy busi-

ness, Arnold moved to Kinston — in October 1912 — and added his name to the Hines payroll.

After about six months at the large sawmill Arnold took a two-year leave and worked with his father who operated a grocery store in Kinston but then in 1916 he came back for what looks to be a pretty steady whack at the Hines payroll, and has been there ever since.

Arnold is the son of the Late William and Christiana Dunn Arnold. His father was a Lenoir Countian and his mother was from Pitt County.

Buck is the son of the Late Charlie Jefferson and Nancy Dail Buck. His father was a Craven Countian and his mother — like Arnold's — was a Pitt Countian.

Arnold waited a little later than Buck to marry.

Buck's wife, whom he persuaded to change her name on Christmas Eve Day of 1912, was the former Aya Waters. They have one daughter, Mrs. Elmer (Edith Mae) Dail, who has in turn presented him with one grand child, a granddaughter.

Mrs. Arnold resisted John's charms until March 4, 1920, when she agreed to change her name from Miss Eliza Croom to Mrs. John D. Arnold. She is a Sandy Bottom Croom, so her Lenoir County ancestry dates back far longer than the county itself. The Sandy Bottom Crooms were living in that fertile area before there was a Lenoir County.

The Arnolds have one son, John D. Arnold Jr. of Washington, D. C., and employee since 1940 of the Navy Department, and he has three grandchildren for the Arnolds to bounce on their knees when they visit.

The Arnolds are members of the Gordon Street Christian Church.

Buck is a Free Will Baptist, but his wife is a member of the Christian Church. Buck is also a Mason, a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge since 1918. He served as Master of the Lodge in 1925.

Buck has served on the Board of Trustees of the Kinston Graded School District since 1937, when he was appointed to fill out the unexpired portion of Dr. Paul F. Whitaker's term on that board. He has since been re-appointed to two full seven year terms and as a member of that board has seen the school enrollment of the city more than double, and the capital investment of the school system more than tripled.

At the November 1, 1911 meeting of East Kinston Hose Reef Company (one of Kinston's two volunteer fire companies) Buck filed application for membership. A committee composed of H. P. Fort, S. E. Brown and J. O. Kennedy was named to investigate Buck's application and the December 6, 1911 meeting his application was favorably acted upon and he served with that company until the volunteer fire companies were disbanded.

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