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## Colored Man Killed Near Nicanor Section

### Elijah Smith, 55, Falls Beneath Rear Wheel Of Truck

#### DEATH ACCIDENTAL

#### Victim Father of Three Children Who Were Burned to Death

Elijah Smith, 55-year-old colored laborer, was instantly killed on Wednesday, when he fell from the running board of the truck on which he was riding as he attempted to catch his hat which blew off, and was caught beneath the rear wheel.

The accident occurred in the upper section of the county, near Nicanor, Smith, who was an employee of the F. D. Cline Construction Company, engaged in constructing the hard surface road leading to Hobbville, was on his way home to lunch when the accident occurred.

The truck, driven by the owner, C. R. Taylor, was being used to haul asphalt for the road.

Dr. T. A. Cox, Perquimans County coroner, who viewed the body, pronounced death due to unavoidable accident.

The victim of the accident was the father of three children who were burned to death when the family home was destroyed by fire a little over a year ago.

## Relief Weekly Pay Roll About \$600

Relief work being carried on in Perquimans County at present includes drainage projects and farm rehabilitation work, with a weekly pay roll of approximately six hundred dollars.

Six four-room houses are being constructed on the Stockton Farm, near Woodville, which is being used as a rehabilitation center, four of the houses being already completed. The houses are models of neatness and comfort as compared with the average farm tenant house. Windows and doors are screened, and each house has its screened porch, with a pump conveniently located in the porch.

## G. C. Buck Scheduled To Address Teachers

G. C. Buck, teacher of Vocational Agriculture of the Perquimans High School, is in Raleigh this week to attend the annual State conference of agricultural teachers, which convened on Monday.

Mr. Buck is a member of the State Program of Work, and on Friday, the closing day of the conference, he will address the gathering on the subject of "Outlining and Putting Across the Y. T. H. F. Program of Work in the Perquimans Chapter."

## Bethel Better Homes And Garden Club Meets

The Better Homes and Gardens Club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. B. Basnight, Mrs. W. D. Perry, vice president, opened the meeting, and the "Friendship" Song was sung. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting read, before the program, which was in charge of Mrs. T. T. Harrell. Miss Virginia Umphlett won the prize in an entertaining contest.

The hostess served ice cream and cake to the following ladies: Mrs. T. T. Harrell, Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, Mrs. W. D. Perry, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mrs. Reuben Stallings, Miss Gertie Chappell, Mrs. Tommie Matthews, Mrs. C. E. White, Miss Virgie Umphlett, Mrs. Neal Sprull, Mrs. W. P. Long, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. Whit Matthews and Miss Virginia Umphlett.

### NEW YORK VISITORS

Misses Louise and Helen Vick and Miss Anne Keidans, and T. H. Keidans and Bill Landis, all of New York, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Vick. Miss Louise Vick and Mr. Keidans will be married in the Hertford Methodist Church at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning.

### WASHINGTON VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard have had as guests this week Mrs. Blanchard's brother, Hon. G. S. Ferguson, Jr., Federal Trade Commissioner, and Mrs. Ferguson; Miss Virginia Ferguson, G. S. Ferguson and George Matthews, of Washington, D. C.

## Junior Home Makers Named For County

Three junior home-makers have been appointed in Perquimans, to have charge of the home demonstration work of those on the relief rolls of Perquimans County.

Miss Helen Gaither, Mrs. M. T. Griffin and Mrs. Young Berry are the three ladies who will look after all of the canning activities and other work of home improvement for the ERA and Rural Rehabilitation clients.

They will be under the supervision of Miss Frances Capell, District Home Economist for the six counties in this ERA district, whose headquarters is Elizabeth City.

## Dogs Vaccinated At Winfall Saturday

Provided the serum is received, the dogs of Parkville Township will be vaccinated in Winfall on Saturday of this week, according to a notice given by A. A. Nobles, who, together with G. C. Buck, was appointed to vaccinate the dogs of the county for the prevention of rabies.

A hundred doses of the serum was received early in the week, and Mr. Nobles has the promise of 300 more doses to follow. If this is received in time it will be used at Winfall on Saturday.

There has been a great deal of difficulty in securing the serum from the Board of Agriculture as fast as the demand has been made by the various counties of the State which are endeavoring to comply with the new law providing that all dogs shall be vaccinated annually for the prevention of rabies.

## Sunday School Class Surprises Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Charles Johnson, teacher of the Judson Memorial Sunday School class of the Hertford Baptist Church, was given a surprise birthday party and handkerchief shower on Tuesday night at her home in Hertford by the members of the class, the occasion being Mrs. Johnson's fiftieth birthday.

Entertaining games were played and there was special music. At the close of a most delightful evening the big birthday cake which was appropriately decorated with candles, was cut and served with ice cream.

Those present, besides the honoree, included Mrs. D. S. Dempsey, Mrs. Ova Strange, Mrs. T. E. Raper, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. Charlie Elliott, Mrs. Clarence Dail, Mrs. William Boyce, Mrs. Sinifred Speight, Mrs. Claude Williams, Mrs. Josiah Elliott, Mrs. Jake Jackson, Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, Misses Ellen Chappell, Mattie Lou Lane, Essie Walker, Ann Barcliff, Lucille Sutton, Ruth Jordan, Bennie Wood, Martha Elizabeth Jordan, Dorothy White and Master Harrell Johnson and Master L. C. Elliott.

## Mrs. Jerry Sullivan Dies In Virginia

Word was received in Hertford Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Jerry Sullivan, of Culpeper, Va. Mrs. Sullivan, who is the grandmother of Henry Clay Sullivan, of Hertford, and of Miss Anne Sullivan, of Baltimore, visited here several years ago.

Her death occurred on Monday, June 18, and funeral services and burial took place at Culpeper on Wednesday.

## Junior Social Club Enjoys Weiner Roast

The "Buccaneers," which is the name given to the social club recently organized by the juniors, were entertained at the home of Pollie Tucker on Thursday night at a weiner roast. Those present included Lila Budd Stephens, Virginia White, Mary Wood Koonce, Jean White, Katherine Jessup, James Divers, Hollowell Cox Nixon and Frank Jessup.

## Church School Day At Anderson Church

The Church School of Anderson Church will observe Church School Day on Sunday morning, June 23, at 11 o'clock. This service will take the place of the usual annual children's day service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## SPINAL MENINGITIS PATIENT AT WINFALL STILL CLINGING TO LIFE

### Hearing Is Affected And Throat Partially Paralyzed

#### NO NEW CASES

#### Quarantine On Household Will Be Lifted Friday

The spinal meningitis patient at Winfall may live. Luther Lamb, the eighteen-year-old colored youth who has been ill with the disease for the past ten days, is still in a serious condition, however. His hearing is badly affected and he has partial paralysis of the throat, as well.

No other case of the disease has developed. The quarantine was lifted on Saturday in reference to the persons who had been in contact with the patient prior to his quarantine.

The quarantine is to be removed for the patient and the other occupants of the house on Friday of this week.

## Camp Leach Closed For This Season

Applicants who had sent in their registration fees to Camp Leach received the following notice last week when their registration fees were returned:

"On account of the infantile paralysis situation in the State, and on the advice of the State Board of Health, the camp authorities have thought it wise to cancel all camps scheduled for Camp Leach this summer. All registration fees that have been received will be returned.

"If the authorities find it possible and practicable to have the senior camp in the late summer an attempt may be made to conduct it in connection with the Young People's Convention before school opens in September."

## Through Capitol Keyholes

By BESS HINTON SILVER

**SPOTTED**—The gubernatorial race (chiefly between Clyde R. Hoey and A. H. Graham) is a bit spotted from the standpoint of public interest throughout the State. You can talk to travelers and one will tell you that Hoey is running wild while another will avow that Graham is far in the lead. Most of the disinterested lads getting about over the State will tell you, however, that the campaign has not progressed far enough to raise many bets. The political gamblers want to see the horses warm up before they lay the long green on the mahogany.

**STIRRING**—When Thad Eure, principal clerk of the House of Representatives for several terms, announced that he would be a candidate for Secretary of State next spring, he didn't stop there. No sir, Mr. Eure is determined to unhorse Stacey Wade, incumbent, and while this is written the contender is up and doing in the little game of vote-getting. On the other hand, Mr. Wade is no slouch at snagging the ballots and a merry race may be expected by one and all.

**IRKED**—Governor Ehringhaus is a mild-mannered man but once you get his ire to the boiling point watch for the steam to pop off. Down at the Governor's conference at Biloxi, Mississippi, a representative of Harry L. Hopkins, head man of the federal relief program, said the money is not being spent politically. North Carolina's own Chief Executive replied that such was rapidly becoming the case, or words to that effect. Of course, Mr. Hopkins nor his representative liked that, but they picked the right man to get them told if they do start in to playing human miseries for votes in 1936.

**SPEAKER**—Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, is doing a bit of letter-writing these days in the hope of lining things up for his campaign for Lieutenant Governor. Meantime, Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gaston, chairman of the 1935 House Finance Committee, is sitting back in his law office in Gaston awaiting the reception of his unofficial announcement for the speakership. Major Cherry says he doesn't intend to plow up the State Capitol in an effort to be made Speaker but if you want a fight on

## WARNING ISSUED BY DR. NEWBY REGARDING INFANTILE PARALYSIS

### Health Officer Urges Children to Be Kept At Home

#### DISEASE SPREADS

#### One Hundred and Sixty-eight Cases Reported In State

Dr. G. E. Newby, Perquimans County health officer, commenting on the infantile paralysis situation in North Carolina, stated emphatically yesterday that mothers should keep their children at home. "The only preventative is isolation," said the physician, "and to isolate children means to keep them at home."

"There is as yet no infantile paralysis in the Albemarle," stated Dr. Newby, "but that does not mean that the Albemarle is immune."

Dr. Newby believes that the time to take precautionary steps to avoid possible spread of the disease, should a case occur in the community, is to keep children from contact with each other now.

Infantile paralysis is not reported nearer to Perquimans than Bertie County, no case as yet having been reported on this side the Albemarle Sound.

The epidemic has spread considerably in the State, however, within recent weeks.

One hundred and sixty-eight cases had been officially reported to the State Board of Health up to Thursday of this week, all these having occurred since January 1 of this year. There have been 7 deaths officially reported from the disease since May 1, two deaths having occurred in Wake County Tuesday of this week.

More than two dozen new cases have been reported this week, two of the new cases being in Bertie County.

The Piedmont section of the State, which was hitherto untouched by the malady, Thursday reported a number of victims of the disease.

## Through Capitol Keyholes

your hands just tackle one of those Cherry boys. It looks interesting from this distance.

**RELIEF**—The State system of textbooks rentals authorized by the recent Legislature is about to become a reality. The Commission named has been sworn in and plans are being made to make books available by the time the first country schools open in July. The task is no child's play and setting up of any decent system will require time. Nevertheless, when parents learn they have to "put out" less for school books next year than formerly, maybe they can spare a kind word or two for the boys who stayed two months or more in Raleigh, at their own expense, trying to make such things possible.

**HOPEFUL**—Dr. Ralph McDonald, who represented Forsyth county in the 1933 General Assembly as an anti-sales taxer, now says that if he can get his hands on about \$15,000 he may consider running for Governor. The Charlotte Observer remarks that Dr. McDonald is an optimist to think that he would have a chance of election with such a small campaign fund. But worse than that Dr. McDonald's anti-sales tax friends are somewhat divided. There's Senator John T. Burrus, of Guilford, who would like to be governor according to current reports, and others that have similar aspirations. If the anti-sales taxers have hope of putting a ticket across the barrier they had best start training one horse instead of encouraging a flock of colts to gallop over the political pasture.

**HORTON**—Senator W. P. Horton, of Chatham, complicated things for one or two people when he definitely announced that he will be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Senator Paul D. Grady, of Johnston, already has his hat in the ring and in addition to Lumpkin Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Washington, and former Senator George McNeill, of Cumberland, both are considered real threats for the post. Some people are wondering why the Number Two post in the State Government has suddenly become so popular.

**ROADS**—The State Highway Commission is making visible use of the

## Better Housing Drive Now In Full Swing

### Progress Made In Widening Highway

The work of widening the State highway through the Town of Hertford is rapidly going forward. Dobb Street, which was surfaced with tarvia, will be paved first, and the work was commenced on this street sometime ago.

The link in the project included from the entrance into the town at Edenton Road, down this street to Dobb; thence to Church street; thence to Market Street, will be finished before the next link, Church Street from the postoffice to the bridge is begun, according to Frank Kugler, Resident District Engineer of the State Highway Commission.

The trees have been removed, eighteen in all on Church Street, thirteen on the east side and five on the west side, and the telephone and electric light poles are being placed. The curbing on this part of the project is also being taken up in preparation of the work of widening the street.

## MOTHERS START "CAMP AT HOME" FOR CHILDREN

### Children Learn to Take Care of Themselves and Gladly Share In Housekeeping Duties

Mothers whose children will not be able to go away to camp this year need not look forward with dread to a summer of distraction trying to entertain bored youngsters, if they follow the clever idea of three mothers who started "Camp Stay-At-Home". It has been such a success, reports Katherine Marchand in McCall's Magazine for July, that it has doubled in size in three years.

"A camp it is, although the children in the group eat and sleep in their own homes, and are supervised at their activities by their own mothers. It all came about because a small group of mothers had refused to be discouraged when they could not afford to send their children to camp. There were three mothers with six assorted children when they began three years ago. There are twice as many mothers now, and a baker's dozen of children who open 'Camp Stay-At-Home' the day school closes.

"One of the basic advantages of a camp, the founders decided, was the way it taught children to take care of themselves and their possessions; to share housekeeping duties gladly with bunkmates, and to do 'chores' for the community good. So they began by putting a premium on these things. In every home there was a rising bell, breakfast and then a busy half hour before inspection. Room, bed, closet, ears, fingernails and hair were looked over, and the day's mark recorded by mother on a card tacked up just inside the room. Honors for high marks were awarded at a Friday camp fire. The morning get-together took place on a back porch, in a barn or under an elm tree in someone's garden, but it always included some singing, inspection reports and a discussion of plans for the day.

"The program was made out first, according to the activities that the individual mothers could direct—the mother who was the best swimmer took the campers to the lake, the mother whose hobby was modeling directed the crafts, and the mother who thought she knew nothing at all said she would take charge of the nature walks, and she learned along with the children. They agreed that each day should be well-balanced—a vigorous morning being followed by a quiet afternoon, and vice versa. There were two activity periods in the day and the mothers scheduled themselves to have charge of the group for one period at a time. They planned their housework so that each was entirely free to be camp mother on certain mornings and afternoons.

An amazing number of possibilities developed. One whole day each week was spent in a hike to some point of interest. Then the midday meal was cooked out-of-doors, and cameras were used to record the trip. A big brother of the group helped make a dark room, and the children had the fun of developing their own pictures. They made a nature garden in the woods, where wild flowers were transplanted; they learned to make fires, clean their camping equipment and cook simple fare. They experimented with clay modeling, free painting batik and wood carving.

## Three Canvassers Begin Collecting Data This Week

#### STOKES CHAIRMAN

#### Office Temporarily Located In Building Used By ERA

The Better Housing Campaign of the Federal Housing Administration got under way here this week, with J. P. Perry, W. N. Ucker and Mrs. Mary Wood, who have been appointed canvassers to make a survey of the county, beginning their work.

Mrs. P. H. Small has been appointed secretary, and the offices of the organization will be located temporarily in the building now used as the ERA office, according to H. C. Stokes, who is the chairman of the Better Housing Campaign in Perquimans.

The canvassers will make a survey of the entire county, covering first the Town of Hertford. Any one desiring to secure loans for the purpose of making repairs to houses or desiring to build houses, may, upon complying with certain regulations of the Federal Housing Administration secure loans through this channel.

J. H. McMullan, of Edenton, who is the District Chairman of the Federal Housing Administration, was in Hertford some weeks ago and held a meeting at the courthouse for the purpose of explaining the workings of the organization, at which time Mr. Stokes was appointed County Chairman.

## Mrs. Newbold Still Continues Weak

Mrs. K. R. Newbold continues very ill. Little change is reported in her condition for the past week, except that she gradually grows weaker.

Mrs. Newbold's five sons who live at a distance and who were called last week to the bedside of their mother, have returned to their respective homes. A daughter, Mrs. Carl Winslow, has also returned to her home at Greensboro.

Two daughters, Mrs. C. A. Wright, of Jarvisburg, and Mrs. Russell Jarvis, of Elizabeth City, are still here.

## Lightning Strikes Wire In Hertford

Lightning struck one of the electric power wires in front of the One-Stop Service Station in Hertford, during the thunder storm late Wednesday afternoon burning it in two. The occurrence caused some excitement as the live wire fell to the ground after it was severed. The down town section was without current for a brief period, while the damage was being repaired.

## Office Hours ERA Slightly Changed

The work day hours of the local ERA office have been changed from 8:30 to 4:30 every day except Saturday, when the hours are from 8:30 to 12:30.

The hours were formerly from 9:00 to 5:00, except on Saturday, when they were from 9:00 to 1:00.

## Sunday School Class Has Regular Meeting

The regular class meeting of the Judson Memorial Sunday School class of the Hertford Baptist Church was held on Monday night at the home of Miss Iris Bass, in the county.

Mrs. Josiah Elliott had charge of the program, which included an interesting report of the work done by the class given by Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Those present were Miss Mattie Lane, Miss Marie Fowler, Miss Ann Barcliff, Mrs. Winifred Speight, Miss Dorothy Mae Hoffer, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Miss Bennie Wood, Mrs. Charles Elliott and the following visitors: Miss Fannie Mae Coffield, Mrs. P. E. Garrett of Virginia Beach and Mrs. Joe Bass.

### SUN PORCH ADDED TO HOME

A most attractive sun parlor has been added to the beautiful home of the Thomas Nixons on Church street. The sun parlor, located on the south side of the house, is formed by enclosing all that section of the large porch.