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School Bus Driver, 61, Held After 5 Children Die in Crossing Crash

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FARMVILLE, Va., Mar. 14.—A 61-year-old school bus driver has been charged with involuntary manslaughter following the collision of his vehicle and a passenger train. Five children were killed and 10 were hurt.

John Oscar Robinson, colored, will face a preliminary hearing on March 27 in Prince Edward County Trial Justice Court. State police say he was the driver of the school bus which was struck late yesterday about 14 miles west of here.

The rear of the bus, loaded with 45 colored students, was ripped open as an eastbound Norfolk & Western train plowed into it. Dead and injured children were scattered along the tracks.

One-fourth of the bus was sheared off and shattered into pieces.

The collision occurred in a driving rainstorm on the N. & W.'s tracks at Elam crossing.

Mr. Robinson told State Police Sergt. L. L. Stanley he did not see or hear the train and had started across the tracks when he felt the collision about 4 p.m.

"I never saw a train at that crossing at that time of day," Sergt. Stanley said he was told by Mr. Robinson. The train was due in Farmville at 3:34 p.m., but was running about 50 minutes late, railway officials said.

Loudoun Board Votes 4-Year, \$1½ Million School Building Plan

Special Dispatch to The Star

LEESBURG, Va., Mar. 14.—A proposed four-year school building program to cost \$1,430,897.97 bore the approval today of the Loudoun County School Board.

In taking their action yesterday, board members said the program will be financed with \$1,099,200 in State literary loan funds, State appropriations totaling \$301,697.97 and \$30,000 from the county.

Projects to be included in the program are a four-room addition to the Aldie School; an auditorium, toilet facilities and an office at the Hamilton School; a central high school for white children; a six-classroom, kitchen and gymnasium addition to the Douglas High School; a school bus garage and warehouse; an eight-room addition at the Douglas Elementary School and a kitchen at the Middleburg Grade School.

Earlier, a group of colored residents urged the board to correct insanitary conditions at Douglas Elementary. The board said it would obtain cost estimates of the work to be done.

Extracted Tooth Is Put Back in Place by Dentist

HOLLYWOOD, MD., March 13 —(AP)—Eight-year-old Jan Dockins has his front tooth back in place after it was pulled by a dentist.

Jan fell on the sidewalk while playing near his home. The tooth was driven far into the jaw.

Dr. Edward J. Slattery had to pull it out.

But he decided to try a transplant.

He cleaned out the cavity in Jan's jaw and put the tooth back.

Now, a month later, it's pretty solidly fixed in position, Jan and the dentist agree.

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