

# Tragic Four Days In City Of Dallas Are Recalled

In brief, here are the happenings of a tragic four days in Dallas, Texas and Washington, D. C.:

Last Friday at approximately 1:30 p. m., President John F. Kennedy, riding in an open car at the head of a motorcade through a crowded street in downtown Dallas, received two head wounds from bullets fired by a sniper through an open window in the sixth floor of the Textbook Depository Building which borders the street.

Taken to an emergency room at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Kennedy died at about 2 p. m. EST. Texas Governor John B. Connally, also injured by the assassin, underwent surgery and was reported to be getting along satisfactorily.

Meanwhile, a Texan described as a Marxist, Pro-Castro, Lee Harvey Oswald, injured a Dallas city policeman, J. D. Tippett, fatally in a gun battle near the scene of the assassination. Oswald was captured soon after in a motion picture theater a few blocks away, charged with the murder of Tippett, and held for questioning in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Vice-President Lyndon Baines Johnson was sworn in as President by a woman judge just before he left Dallas on the Washington-bound plane that bore the body of President Kennedy. The swearing-in ceremony took place at 2:39 p. m. EST.

Johnson returned to Washington, made a brief speech expressing his grief and his firm intentions of carrying out his new duties to his fullest capacities, and immediately scheduled a full round of conferences with Cabinet members, Presidential advisors. Friday night, he issued a proclamation naming Monday as a national day of mourning for the late President.

The late President's remains,

meanwhile, were flown to Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Mrs. Kennedy and the Kennedy children also went to the Naval Hospital.

Late Friday night, Lee H. Oswald was formally charged with the murder of President Kennedy. Saturday morning, it was announced that he was also being charged with attempted murder in his assault on Governor Connally.

President Kennedy's body was flown Saturday to the White House. Sunday morning, the body was moved to the Capitol rotunda where it lay in state until 3 p. m., the casket being viewed only by members of the family, close friends, government officials and visiting heads of state.

Dallas officials had announced that they had an airtight case against Oswald, citing such evidence as ballistics tests, testimony of the man who drove Oswald to the textbook depository Friday morning, palm prints on the murder weapon and on boxes in the sixth floor of the depository building, and handwriting on the form which Oswald allegedly used to procure the murder weapon. The most damaging pieces of evidence seemed to be photographs which were produced showing Oswald holding the rifle used to assassinate the President.

Sunday morning, preparations were made to remove Oswald from the Dallas city jail to the county jail nearby. As officers prepared to lead Oswald out, a Dallas night-club operator named Jack Ruby, who had a rather spotty police record, somehow gained entrance into the basement of the city jail. He ran to Oswald, drew a small pistol, and shot the prisoner once through the abdomen before officers could subdue him.

Oswald, taken also to Parkland Memorial Hospital, died two hours later in an operating room adjacent to the one in which the President had died 48 hours before. Ruby was taken into police custody and charged with the murder of Oswald.

Dallas police stated that, as far as they were concerned, the Oswald case was closed. This prompted immediate investigation of an FBI investigation into the slaying of Kennedy.

At 2 p. m. Sunday, the Capitol rotunda was opened to the public. From then until 10 a. m. Monday, many thousands of citizens paraded past the bier to pay their respects to the late President.

Monday, with all the pomp and ceremony befitting the fallen leader of the free world, President Kennedy was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, just across the Potomac River from Washington. An estimated crowd of 800,000, including most of the world's political leaders, looked on.

## Oak Grove Circle Meets

Circle No. 3 of Oak Grove Baptist Church met Monday, November 25, with Mrs. Mary Lee Hodges as hostess.

Mrs. Jean Cole presided during the business sessions when plans were made to help a needy family at Thanksgiving.

A program, taken from the book "William Wallace of China" was presented by DeDeores Lafone, Mary Lee Hodges and Jean Reese. The meeting was closed with prayer for our national leaders.

A dessert course was served to the 13 members and one visitor, Mrs. Sue Williams.

Mrs. Shirley Fox will be hostess for the December 16th meeting.

## Williams Child Rites Are Held

Graveside services for Nancy Elizabeth Williams, one-day-old daughter of Paul and Nancy Lois Beach Williams, of Rt. 1, Zionville, were conducted at Pleasant Grove Cemetery at 2 p. m., November 25.

Surviving in addition to the parents are one sister, Kathy Ann Williams; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Williams; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beach, all of Zionville.

United States aide, carrying \$40,000, is missing.

## Carson-Newman Wins Forensic Trophy

Carson Newman College won the championship trophy in the 23rd annual Appalachian State Teachers College Mountain Forensic meet in Boone.

Second place affirmative went to Lenoir Rhyne College; second place negative was won by East Tennessee; third place affirmative went to Maryville College; fourth place affirmative and negative were won by Tennessee Tech; and fifth place negative was awarded to Carson Newman.

Appalachian placed fifth in affirmative and third in the negative.

The Appalachian debaters made a fine showing. A negative team headed by Brenda Wallace of Hudson and Carol Dyson of Washington State, scored five wins and one loss to take third place in the negative division. An affirmative team of Bill Bingham of Boone and

Tom Phillips of Carthage had four wins and two losses to take fifth place in the affirmative division.

Ellis G. Boatman, ASTC director of debate, said superior debaters were Jim Moore, Tennessee Tech; Tom Poston, Davidson College; Jane Dodes, Maryville College; George Archibald, Chowan College; Bill Mauney, Lenoir Rhyne College; Catherine Cain, East Tennessee State; Barnett Pearce, Carson Newman College; Keith Stroud, ASTC; John Cole, Carson Newman College; William Mitchell, Maryville College; Ed Ketchie, Lenoir Rhyne College; and Joe Hall, Carson Newman College.

Other colleges attending the forensic meet were North Greenville, Belmont Abbey and Tennessee Wesleyan.

Mitch Miller sings learning to dance.

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