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Teacher In Selma School Killed In Auto Accident

Miss Blanche Evans Dies Instantly When Thrown From Car; Selma Saddened By Tragic Occurrence; Funeral Today Near Greenville

SELMA, Sept. 19.—A most tragic accident happened Wednesday night about eleven o'clock when Miss Blanche Evans, beautiful and popular young teacher in the Selma graded school, was dashed to instant death when the Ford roadster which she was driving was hit by a Pontiac sedan driven by Rudolph Hughes of this city. The occurrence took place at the intersection of Massey and Waddell streets as Miss Evans was returning to her boarding place at Prof. H. Bueck's after having taken two other teachers, Misses Wynne and Talton, to their homes. Miss Evans was alone. Hughes was accompanied by a younger brother, neither of whom were much hurt. The Ford roadster was almost demolished and the Pontiac was badly broken up.

At the time of the accident, Mr. Norman Raiford and Miss Vera Blackman were sitting on the porch at the home of Mr. N. G. Blackman, near the scene of the happening, but paid no attention to passing cars until they heard the crash. The impact was so great that both cars were turned in opposite directions from which they were going. Miss Evans' car was crowded into the sidewalk and she was thrown against the cement curbing around the yard of H. E. Earp. A crowd was on the scene almost immediately. Dr. I. W. Mayerberg was the first physician to reach her and he pronounced death instantaneous. Her neck was broken, the back of her head crushed, her jawbone broken, and a number of teeth knocked out. The body was taken to Bailey's undertaking establishment for embalming.

Hughes was placed in jail to await the coroner's inquest which was held this morning at ten o'clock. The verdict of the coroner resulted in Hughes being held under a \$300 bond for his appearance in court.

Miss Evans, who was 22 years of age, was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Evans, who live near Greenville. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were summoned to Selma and arrived some time last night. Also a sister, Miss Carrie Evans who teaches in Raleigh, arrived here as soon as possible after receiving news of the tragedy. A brother also survives.

The body was taken to the home near Greenville today where the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. Dr. Hillman, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist church, will conduct the service. Active pall bearers have been selected as follows: Messrs. Ben Baker and L. K. Jordan of Smithfield, Don Evans and Arthur Joyner of Greenville, Pete and Bud Jeffreys of this city.

Honorary pall bearers will include H. B. Marrow of Smithfield, county superintendent, F. M. Waters, city superintendent, Prof. H. Bueck, and Dr. I. W. Mayerberg of this city; Dr. Chas. O'H. Laughlinhouse of Raleigh; J. N. Hart of Greenville.

Miss Evans had taught three years in Johnston county, one year at Brogden and the last two at Selma, and had begun her third year at Selma as teacher of the fourth grade. She was a lovely and charming young lady and her untimely death has cast a pall of gloom over the entire town. The Selma schools were closed today and classes will be dismissed at noon tomorrow in order that the faculty may attend the funeral.

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TO MEET AT COURTHOUSE HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Smithfield expects to do its part in preparation for the celebration to be held in Four Oaks on November 11, when the veterans of three wars will be the guests of the citizens of Johnston county at an annual barbecue dinner. Smithfield citizens have been asked to meet at the courthouse here Friday night at eight o'clock to plan their part in the big celebration. Mayors of towns, the county commissioners, the civic clubs, and all those who feel any debt of gratitude to the ex-service men are urged to attend this meeting.

Seeks Help For Tobacco Farmers

In an effort to secure help for the tobacco farmers of Eastern North Carolina who are being forced to sell their crop at a great loss, Senator F. M. Simmons described the plight of these farmers to President Hoover Wednesday, comparing the present emergency to the Mississippi flood of last year. He believes the President will take up the matter with the Federal Farm Board and the Attorney-General.

In an interview later with J. C. Stone, tobacco representative on the Farm Board, he suggested a conference between representatives of the tobacco companies with representatives of growers of tobacco. He told Mr. Stone that if emergency legislation will help toward relief he thought it could be put through the Senate without delay.

The following statement was given out in Washington Wednesday regarding the senator's conference with Mr. Stone:

"In the conference the suggestion was made that Senators from the Southeastern States where the tobacco crop is being taken from the farmers without the payment of anything resembling fair prices might interest themselves in procuring a meeting and conference between the heads of the principal tobacco companies who have buyers on our markets with representatives of the growers of tobacco, and that out of such a conference, backed by public opinion and manifest fairness and justice, there might come results that would prevent the sacrifice of the tobacco crop that is now going on the market. The opinion was expressed that if the responsible heads of the tobacco companies could be made to understand fully the way in which growers of tobacco of North Carolina and other Southern States are being mistreated, and the deep feeling of indignation on the part of our people with reference to the subject, they might take action that would result immediately in the payment of better prices for the farmers' tobacco. Senator Simmons told Mr. Stone that he had no doubt that the Senators from the Southern States would be quite willing to initiate such a conference, if requested to do so by the tobacco growers of the states, or by committees chosen by the growers to represent them."

Early Wednesday another kidnapping and flogging is said to have taken place at King's Mountain when Cleo Tesson was taken half-naked from his home by three self-styled Gastonians, and flogged on his legs, hips and chest. The flogging is said to have taken place in Cherokee County, South Carolina. Tesson and his wife told the story in Charlotte Wednesday afternoon, stating that after Tesson was turned loose by his kidnapers and shoes and made his way back home. Tesson's wife thinks she would be able to identify two of the kidnapers.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and so the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Bill Joe Stallings deciphered his name last issue.
TODAY'S TANTALIZER
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Gastonia Is Still Center Of Interest

Woman Striker Is Killed By Stray Shot When Mob Stops Truck On Which She Was Riding; Other Trouble

The eyes of North Carolina and of the Nation are still turned toward Gastonia, Charlotte, Bessemer City, and now King's Mountain. The interim between the Aderholt case which resulted in a mistrial in Charlotte and the new trial which has been characterized with plenty of action. Another killing has added tragedy to the situation, the victim this time being a woman, Mrs. Ella Mae Wiggins, mother of five children, who had joined the union and who was killed en route from Bessemer City to South Gastonia to attend a strikers' rally. The rally had been advertised and more or less trouble had been anticipated. It developed after the meeting did not come off that troops were mobilized at the Gastonia army in the event a disturbance did arise when the strikers met. Trouble, however, occurred before time for the meeting. Union members riding in a truck to Gastonia were stopped by a mob and a stray shot proved fatal to Mrs. Wiggins. Labor organizers planned to stage a spectacular funeral for the dead woman, whom they characterized as a martyr to the communistic cause. Pouring rain dampened their plans. They are said to have been planning to use the five motherless children to further their cause, but some ministers obtained permission from the next of kin to place them in the Presbyterian orphanage at Barium Springs, and another plan did not materialize. Seven employees of the Lorry mill at Gastonia alleged to have been in the mob were ordered held for a hearing at Superior court each of whom gave a \$7,500 bond which was signed by the resident manager of the Lorry mills.

An interesting development in another mob case which grew out of an occurrence which took place at Gastonia on Monday night of last week and which was heard by Judge Thos. J. Shaw, was the exclusion of the testimony of Ben Wells, communist labor organizer, because he does not believe in God and does not believe he would be divinely punished for telling a lie. Members of the Gastonia mob were alleged to have kidnapped and flogged Wells. The incident has been noted in legal circles and Judge J. Crawford Biggs of Raleigh has made some investigation concerning the decision. Judge Biggs states that in his thirty years' experience at the bar this is the first time he has known the question to be raised. Investigation revealed that although the testimony of witnesses attacked on that ground has been invariably admitted in the reports of cases in this state, that an opinion squarely supporting Judge Shaw's decision was rendered in 1856 and had since been cited three times.

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B Grade.
B3L, \$24.25; B4L, \$19.50; B5L, \$17.25; B6L, \$14.00; B7L, \$10.00; B2F, \$33.00; B3F, \$25.00; B4F, \$20.50; B5F, \$16.50; B6F, \$12.75; B7F, \$6.25; B5M, \$11.00; B6M, \$9.50; B7M, \$5.50; B5G, \$19.00; B6G, \$10.00; B7G, \$5.50.

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C4L, \$22.75; C5L, \$19.75; C6L, \$17.25; C4F, \$23.50; C5F, \$20.00; C6F, \$18.50.

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There will be services at St. Paul's Church Sunday night at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

E. D. McDOWELL TALKS TO KIWANIANS HERE

Mr. E. D. McDowell, in charge of the system of government grading of tobacco on the local market, addressed the Kiwanians at their regular luncheon yesterday, on the fine spirit of cooperation of the business men of Smithfield and the farmers of this section, relative to the matter of tobacco that is being graded under his supervision. His remarks were highly commendable for the fine spirit of cooperation that exists between the buyers, the farmers, and the business men on the local floors. He urged the members of the club to continue to visit tobacco sales during the entire season.

Messrs. Frank Wood and Charley Coates, of Upper Cleveland township, were visitors of the club at yesterday's luncheon.

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Beautiful Wedding In Clayton Church

Marriage of Miss Dorothy Young and James Matthew Edwards, Jr., Marked By Elegance and Simplicity

A wedding of great beauty, characterized by elegance and simplicity, and of unusual interest in Wake and Johnston counties owing to the social eminence for generations accorded the families, was solemnized in Clayton Baptist church at 8 o'clock last Saturday evening when Miss Dorothy May Young became the bride of James Matthew Edwards, Jr., of Raleigh. Dr. Ira E. D. Andrews, the bride's pastor, officiated.

Polens, ferns, bamboo and trailing cedar were used as a background for a mass of golden rods, enhancing the loveliness of the church adorned with Easter lilies and a gleam with lighted Cathedral candle in seven-branched brass holders. Ushering were Richard Greaves and Jack Kellar, of Raleigh, and John Battie Robertson, of Clayton.

Mrs. C. H. Beddingfield, wearing green velvet with corsage of mixed flowers, presided at the organ, while Mrs. Charles G. Guiley, soloist, gown in yellow crepe Elizabeth with corsage of mixed flowers, sang "At Dawning," by Cadman and "Sweetheart," by Kinder.

The grooms men were Dr. Borden Hooks and Dr. Weston Bruner, of Norfolk, Va. The bride's maids were Miss Ann White, of Raleigh, and Miss Pauline Broadhurst, of Smithfield. Both were charming in Le Long models of green crepe Elizabeth, and carried arm bouquets of mixed flowers. The maid of honor, Miss Louise Young, sister of the bride, was exquisite in a Le Long model of yellow crepe Elizabeth, and carried a shower bouquet of yellow perit roses. The flower girls and the ring bearer, little Misses Lilburn Barnes and Joyce Talton, were dainty figures of child-like beauty in ruffled white tulle embroidered in seed pearls.

The bridegroom, Mr. Edwards, was attended by Dr. Henry McLeod, Jr., of Raleigh, as best man. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Dr. Joseph J. Young. She was an entrancing vision in a gracefully draped Le Long model of white crepe Elizabeth, with veil of handsome rose point and duchesse lace. She carried an arm bouquet of Easter lilies. During the impressive ring ceremony the organist played Liszt's "Love Dream," "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" were used as processional and recessional.

Mrs. Edwards is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Judson Young, of Clayton, and numbers among her ancestors, from Colonial times to the present, many of the oldest and most prominent names in Johnston county. Her maternal grandfather, Dr. James B. Robertson, was Clayton's pioneer physician and was widely beloved, while his wife, nee Ellington, was the foremost musician of her generation and a great beauty. The bride's father, a leading physician, is also prominent in business circles. Mrs. Edwards is a graduate of Peace Institute, Raleigh, and a member of the Beta Pi Delta sorority. The numerous pre-nuptial parties at which she has been honor guest attest her popularity with a wide circle of friends.

The bridegroom James M. Edwards, Jr., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Edwards, of Raleigh. He is a graduate of State College, Raleigh, and of Yale University, and is a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

After their wedding trip north Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will be at home in Albany, N. Y., where Mr. Edwards is connected with the firm of Gander & Gander. The bride's going away costume was a tweed ensemble of brown, with accessories to match. Immediately following the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Young (Turn to page six)

TROY MUNS PASSES AWAY AT HAMLET

Friends here and in Johnston county were grieved to hear of the death of Mr. Troy Muns, which occurred at his home in Hamlet Sunday morning about ten o'clock. Mr. Muns had been ill for several weeks and was unconscious during his last hours. Had he lived until November he would have been 75 years old.

Mr. Muns was born and reared in Johnston county. He married Miss Rebecca Wood of Pleasant Grove township, who together with five children survives him. Several years ago he moved to Hamlet where he spent his declining years. All his children reside at Hamlet except one daughter, Mrs. Pruitt, who lives in Durham. Other relatives surviving are a brother and sister, Dr. L. A. Muns and Miss Sallie Muns of this city.

The funeral was held at the home Monday afternoon conducted by the pastor of the Baptist church at Hamlet and interment was made in the cemetery there. Miss Sallie Muns attended the funeral, returning home yesterday.

Dr. W. L. Potat To Speak Sunday

Two Addresses by Dr. Potat Will Open School of Missions at Baptist Church; Program For Week

With two addresses next Sunday by Dr. W. L. Potat, President Emeritus of Wake Forest College, the Smithfield Baptist church will begin its annual school of missions. At 11 a. m., he will speak on "Two Realms of Reality" (Science and Religion), and at 7:30 p. m., on "World Peace." Widely known as a profound thinker and an eloquent speaker, his coming will be a matter of interest to many outside the Baptist congregation.

The School of Missions, extending through a week, has been made an annual event by the local Baptist church, and an effort is made to bring to the community each year speakers of ability, including one or more returned missionaries. Mrs. S. L. Morgan, as superintendent of missions in the church, is director of the school of missions, and has secured this year, in addition to Dr. Potat, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Braun of Chapel Hill, and Rev. W. D. Bostic of Wake Forest, Chinese missionaries, Rev. E. Gibson Davis, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church of Raleigh and Dr. McNeill Potat, lately arrived from China, but now pastor of Pallen Memorial Church, Raleigh, are to appear with addresses next Monday and Tuesday nights. Beginning Monday, classes will be conducted each evening for men, women and children, with a general period with music and a popular address. The public is cordially invited to these public addresses and to classes as well. A nursery has been fitted up where parents may leave their small children each evening during the study periods.

The general program is as follows: Daily, 6-7 p. m., Stories to children at Parsonage, Mrs. Braun. 7-7:30, General Class, "Pioneer Women," at church, Mrs. Braun. 7-7:30 Games for Children at Parsonage, Mrs. T. C. Jordan, John K. Davis. 7:30-8:00 Solo, Mrs. Braun, Public Address. 8:00-9:00 Primary Class, "Lamp-lighters Across the Sea," Mrs. J. Victor Ogburn; Junior Class, "Chinese Lanterns," Miss Maude Creech. 8:00-8:30 Young People and Adult Class—"Pioneer Women." 8:30-9:00 General Class—"China."

It is to be noted that two general classes are to be provided for adults, men and women and for young people from 15 years up, besides primary and junior classes. Different speakers will be used for public addresses and for teaching the several classes.

At the appointed hour Mrs. R. E. Henderson sang two lovely wedding party entered the church "Truly," and "All For You." She was accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Henry Zachry, who played all of the wedding music. To the processional, "The Bride's Chorus," from Lohengrin, the wedding party entered the church by the two main doors, two by two, meeting at the center aisle and forming an interesting tableau at the altar. First came the ushers, Hubert Johnson and Buster Brown, followed by the matrons, Mesdames J. Waldo Riley and Otis L. Vaden, Mrs. Arthur Scott Grundy was matron of honor, and Miss Vera Sadler of Gatesville was maid. The groom was attended by Albert Lee Riley of this city as best man. The ringbearers were Master Keifer Marshall Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Keifer Marshall; and Master Maxwell Campbell Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, who carried the wedding rings in the hearts of gorgeous cranium lilies tied with bows of gold maline. The bride's ring was a lovely platinum circlet set with diamonds. Following the ringbearers was the lovely little flower girl, Betty Lou Hendler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hendler who scattered rose petals from a tiny wicker basket. The bride was escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her step-father, C. D. Blackman. During the very solemn and impressive ring service conducted by the bride's pastor, the Rev. T. Edgar Neal of the First Methodist church, Mrs. Zachry at the organ played very softly and sweetly, like a benediction, "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life," from one of Victor Herbert's operas.

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Popular Couple Weds In Texas

Miss Constance Harrelson Becomes Bride of Mr. Greer Glenn; Will Be At Home Near Benson After Oct. 1

Temple, Texas, Sept. 19.—The marriage of Miss Constance W. Harrelson of this city and A. Greer Glenn of Benson, N. C., was solemnized at the First Methodist church Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, in the presence of a large number of friends.

Rich autumn tints of gold, red, russet, brown and orange were used in the beautiful decorations. Against a background of dark green ferns and stately palms were luxuriant sprays of oak and other autumn leaves, and the pretty flower baskets held a profusion of golden chrysanthemums and marigolds. Autumn shades were reflected in the ribbons used in the wrappings of the pots of ferns placed about the chancel rail, and in the markings of the pews reserved for family members and special guests.

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Record Opening At Selma School

Enrollment of 825 on First Day; Several Speakers At Opening; Other Selma News

SELMA, Sept. 19.—The biggest opening in the history of the Selma schools took place Monday morning, September 16, when 825 pupils enrolled for the ensuing school year, 191 in the high school and 634 in the elementary schools. Supt. Waters, Prof. Bueck and their corps of 25 teachers were busy during the morning with enrollment and classification. A large number of parents and interested friends were present for the chapel exercises. "America," sung by the whole school was followed by prayer offered by Rev. D. F. Waddell. The scripture lesson was read and an inspirational talk made by Rev. D. M. Sharpe. Mr. Geo. F. Brietz, representing the Selma school board, made a few appropriate remarks; Mr. W. H. Call, representing the county Board of Education, made an explanatory talk, and Rev. W. J. Crain, welcomed the teachers to the school, the churches and the town.

Just at this season of the year flowers at Mill Village. It is worth anyone's time to drive over the Selma mill village and view the beautiful flower yards, shrubby vegetable gardens and clean yards. For the past several years Mr. Geo. F. Brietz, superintendent of this mill, has been offering prizes to the people of the village for the best flowers, gardens and yards. The results have been very gratifying. Flowers, clean yards and vegetables are taking the place of tin cans, rubbish, etc. Friendly rivalry is keen and the interest growing with each succeeding year.

Pomegranates Growing in Selma. A recent issue of the Smithfield Herald carried an interesting account of pomegranates growing in Hoke county. Although Hoke county is near the South Carolina line and several degrees warmer than in Johnston county, still we have pomegranates growing within her borders. In Selma, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Deans have three trees growing in their yard on the corner of Pollock street and Gertrude Avenue. The largest, about seven feet high has now about fifty pomegranates in all stages of growth and development, a number of them ripening a rich, dark red which combined with the dark green foliage, green fruit and white blooms presents a beautiful sight. The pomegranate is a tropical fruit and is edible and considered very choice in Florida where it grows in quantities and without protection.

Special Music Methodist Church. The congregation of Edgerton Memorial Methodist church had a rare treat at the Sunday evening service when Mr. Richard Trotter, formerly of Columbus, O., now instructor in mathematics at Carolina, Chapel Hill, sang "Open the Gates of the Temple," and his bride, Mrs. Trotter, sang "Hear Me, O Father." Mr. Trotter is a musician of unusual ability and Mrs. Trotter is a graduate of the conservatory of Cincinnati. Since her graduation she has been soloist in one of the first churches in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Trotter being choir director for this church, a romance began which culminated in their recent marriage. Since they are to be in Chapel Hill for the ensuing year the people of Selma look forward to their return. While in the city they were guests of Supt. and Mrs. F. M. Waters.

Presbyterian Services. Oakland Sunday 11 a. m. Community 3 p. m. Smithfield 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation has been extended the Smithfield congregation to hear Dr. W. L. Potat at the Baptist church at the morning hour.

Miss Virginia Williamson left Wednesday for Lynchburg, Va., to resume her studies in Randolph-Macon College. Miss Williamson is a member of the senior class this year.

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