

J. F. OATES FUNERAL IS HELD TUESDAY

John Farrar Oates, 58 years old, died Sunday morning here at his home on Jackson Street. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the All Saints Episcopal Church of which Mr. Oates was a faithful member.

The Rev. Charles U. Harris officiated at the church. Masons assisted in the services with interment in Roanoke Rapids Cemetery. Mr. Oates was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Allepo Temple, Boston, and Sons of St. George, Providence, R. I.

Pallbearers were George N. Taylor, Clayton Gurley, Dr. W. E. Murphrey, Lee Wheeden, A. Meikle and R. I. Starke.

The deceased was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England, the son of Samuel J. and Annie Farrar Oates. He is survived by his wife, the former Nellie Holt of Lancashire, England; two daughters, Mrs. George Batton and Miss Edith Oates of Roanoke Rapids; a brother, Fred W. Oates of Pensby, Wimal, England; and two sisters, Mrs. Victor Craig, Halifax, Yorkshire, and Mrs. Ronald Gawthorp, "Oatsroyd", Falmouth, England.

Mr. Oates had been a resident of Roanoke Rapids for about fifteen years, coming here from South Carolina. He was formerly an employee of Roanoke Mills Co. and Patterson Mills Co. in the Dye department.

FARMERS HEAR MANN AT HALIFAX TODAY

Halifax County members of the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association met in the Court House today at 2:30 o'clock for their annual meeting.

The principal speaker was M. G. Mann, General Manager of the Cotton Association, who in addition to giving a full and complete report of the past year's operations of the Cotton Association, discussed the outlook for cotton prices and the use of better cotton seed for planting purposes.

Mr. Mann, who recently participated in the cotton meeting sponsored by the National Cotton Council in Raleigh, discussed the movement for increased use of cotton, which is headed by Oscar Johnston, world's largest cotton producer. He also discussed the Smith Bill, now pending in Congress, which he termed "one of the most important

pieces of legislation that has been introduced in a long time."

One of the purposes of the meeting is to elect delegates to the district convention, at which time candidates will be nominated for Director of this district. The nominees will then be voted upon by post card ballot by the entire membership in the district.

Moore Odom Dies At Potecasi, N. C.

Moore Odom, 76 years old, died last Wednesday at his home near Potecasi. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Potecasi Baptist Church with interment in the family cemetery. Deacons of the church served as pallbearers. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Davis and five grandchildren.

Neal - Whitehead

Miss Edith Harrison Whitehead and Gilbert Cooper Neal were married in the Enfield Methodist Episcopal Church Saturday afternoon, March the fourth, at four-thirty o'clock with the Rev. Carlos P. Wommack performing the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony.

The church was lovely in decoration of ferns interspersed with baskets of calla lilies and white snapdragons, and lighted candles in branched candelabra.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. G. L. Crump. Her numbers included "Moonlight and Roses", "Schubert's Serenade", "Lullaby", and "Ava Maria". Mrs. Charles Miller sang "At Dawning" and Mrs. R. E. Shervette, Jr., sang "O Day of Golden Promise". Between the solos Mrs. Crump played "The Rosary," and during the ceremony "To a Wild Rose". The traditional wedding marches were used.

Mrs. Jack Marston Christian, of Williamsburg, Va., sister of the bride, was her only attendant. She was gowned in pink marquisette over pink taffeta with hat and slippers to match and carried an arm bouquet of pink roses, sweetpeas and delphinium.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Jack Marston Christian. Her wedding dress was blue hyacinth lace, matching slippers, and hat of halo style with shoulder length veil and long lace gloves. Her bouquet was of delicate pink roses and sweetpeas, centered with palma violets, and showered with valley lilies.

The bride-groom was attended by his brother, Marion Neal, of Enfield, as best man. Willis Kramer, of Norfolk, Dr. W. P. Joyner, Francis Timberlake and W. F. Dickens served as ushers.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple changed into their going away suits and left for an unannounced honeymoon, after which they will be at home 347 Macon Street, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Neal holds a responsible position there in the Electrical Department of the Bethlehem Steel, Inc.

Hedgepeth Home Burns

Sunday afternoon, March 5, the home of J. S. and R. S. Hedgepeth of Darlington was burned to the ground. The fire, thought to have originated in the upper story from a defective chimney, was discovered at about two-thirty in the afternoon by William Harris II of Roanoke Rapids. Through the assistance of "Red" Smith of Darlington, a gang was quickly organized, and the house was cleared as quickly as possible of furniture and clothing. Because of the high wind, the fire gained headway rapidly, and it is known that a valuable piano as well as the entire furnishings of the upper story were lost.

Two women were found in the house when the rescue squad entered, and in spite of the clouds of smoke pouring from the roof, these two were completely unaware that the house was in danger. Although Sunday was an unseasonably warm day, a fire had been lighted in one room for the benefit of the four canary pets of the household. It is believed that this stove fire in some way broke through the chimney near the roof and was responsible for the outbreak. The force of the wind was such that the house was burned to the ground before a full half hour elapsed. A portion of the loss was covered by insurance.

Cooper - Stainback

E. S. Stainback of Roanoke Rapids announced the marriage of his daughter, Iola Belle, to Mr. Braxton Cooper in Emporia, Va., December 25th, 1938. At home, 326 Monroe Street, Roanoke Rapids.

LETTERS from Our Readers

HONEST ELECTION LAWS

To the Editor: The issue before the Legislature as to election reform is, as you say, "crystal clear." There are vast numbers of people in North Carolina who are opposed to "stealing in elections" as well as anywhere else. I note that Mr. Wilbur M. Darden of Washington is quoted as saying yesterday that "there always will be corruption in elections." There certainly will be as long as the election laws of North Carolina "invite fraud."

There are men in our Legislature who are openly and brazenly stating that they stand for corruption. They have branded themselves thus. If they can defeat election law reform then the Legislature of North Carolina announces to the people of this State and the world: "We stand for corruptin." If the people of North Carolina tolerate this then the State which boasts

the Mecklenburg Declaration and "first at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg and last at Appomattox" should hang its head in shame as it shouts to the world: "North Carolina and political corruption are one and the same." I do not believe that the people of this, my adopted State, want corrupt politics. If they do not they ought to bombard the legislators till they enact honest election laws. If they refuse then the people ought to dig for them graves in the political graveyard and bury them without benefit of clergy or hope of resurrection. "Carthage must be destroyed."

C. T. THRIFT.

Halifax.

February 28, 1939
Hopewell, Va.

Roanoke Rapids Herald,

Dear Sirs:

A few weeks ago I wrestled in your town as the Red Devil. I don't like to alibi, but Eddie Pope who was my opponent did several things not recommended by Mr. Hoyle.

My manager was very peeved about Pope's tactics. He first tore my mask and choked me with it. Mr. Schaeffer, the referee, seemed to think, however, that choking is

O.K. so long as Mr. Pope is doing the choking.

My manager and I both feel that with a disinterested referee I would have no trouble in defeating Pope.

So anxious was Mr. Dise, my manager, to get me a return bout, that he accepted the fight without consulting me. He informs me that the bout is to be held on the night of the 3rd.

It is going to be impossible for me to be in Roanoke Rapids on that date as business arrangements which I have already made will require my presence in Washington, D. C. However, I am sending in my place a veteran of the mat (Rough House Nelson).

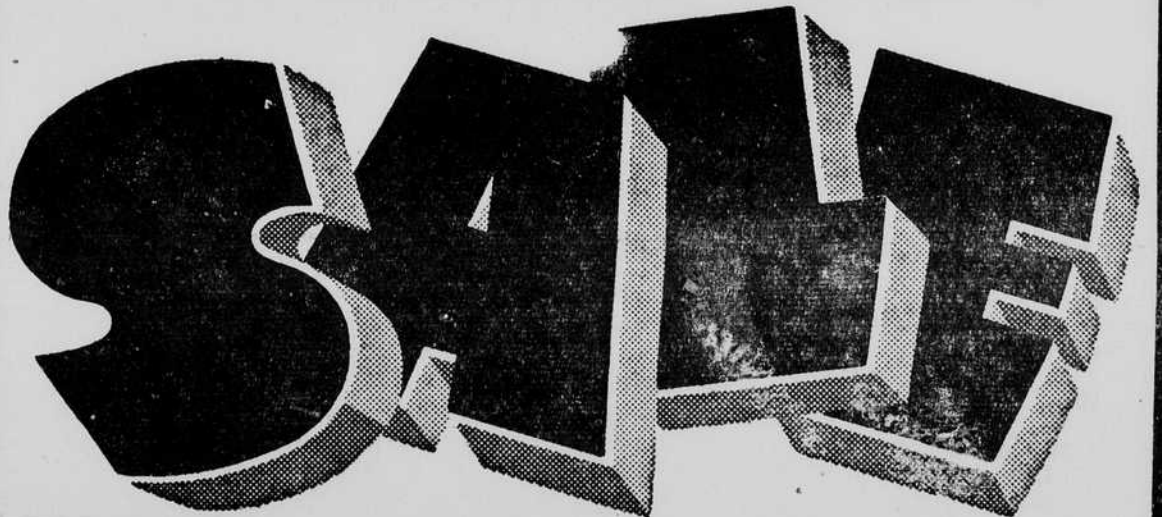
He will throw any one in N. C. or the South his weight.

The management of the show has been notified of this arrangement by my manager. I am just taking this means to give the newspaper the first hand information because after all the newspaper is an athlete's best friend.

Yours in Sport,
Red Devil.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hasty, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Deberry attended the funeral of Lonnie Edwards at Brunswick Monday afternoon.

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