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## ATLANTA PASTOR KILLED AND FIVE OTHERS INJURED IN AUTO WRECK ON LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

### CAR LEAVES ROAD; HITS EMBANKMENT

Party Containing Father, Mother Of Murphy Pastor Were Returning From Funeral Here

Tragedy followed a funeral party out of Murphy last Friday night, and as a result one person is dead, and five others are in hospitals in Atlanta and Gainesville, Ga., three of them said to be in a critical condition.

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, 53, pastor of the Kirkwood Baptist church, and one of the most prominent ministers in the Southern Baptist Convention, was hurled through the windshield to instant death when the car he was driving left the road and crashed into an embankment about 15 miles above Gainesville, about 9 o'clock Friday night. Mr. Jackson had been to Murphy and conducted the funeral service of the little daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Steele that afternoon.

With Mr. Jackson at the time of the accident were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Steele, father and mother of the Rev. Steele, Richard F. Steele, a brother; J. A. Hall, 74, grandfather, and Miss Georgia Mae Stovall, a friend of the family who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Steele in Murphy for the past several weeks.

Mr. J. A. Steele suffered four broken ribs and other injuries, while Mrs. Steele suffered several broken ribs and a crushed shoulder. Mrs. Steele was removed from Gainesville to Atlanta Wednesday morning, while Mr. Steele has developed pneumonia and is still in the hospital at Gainesville, his condition is reported to be critical.

Miss Georgia Mae Stovall was removed from the Gainesville hospital early Saturday morning to the Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, where she was found to have sustained a fracture of the skull. She was operated on Tuesday, and was reported as being somewhat better Wednesday morning. However, she has been unconscious since the accident and her condition is considered serious.

Richard F. Steele sustained a broken leg above the knee, and Mrs. Steele's father, J. A. Hall, received injuries more or less painful. The condition of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Steele and Miss Stovall is considered serious, but physicians are hopeful of their recovery, while Richard Steele and his grandfather, Mr. Hall, are improving rapidly.

All the injured, save Richard Steele, were unable to talk of the accident Friday night. Steele stated that Mr. Jackson lost control of the car when something seemed to break in the steering apparatus, and before he could halt it, the machine plunged into the embankment. Those who surveyed the wreckage stated that the car was completely demolished.

The fatal crash occurred when Mr. Jackson and his party were returning to Atlanta from Murphy. The minister had been to Murphy to conduct the funeral services for the small daughter of the Rev. LeRoy Steele, pastor of the Murphy Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Steele were the grand parent of the child, Mr. Hall the great grandfather, and Richard Steele its uncle. Mr. Jackson was a former pastor of the Rev. Steele, of Murphy, and neighbor of the family. It was in Mr. Jackson's church and under his direction that the service was conducted ordaining LeRoy Steele as a minister of the Gospel.

Mr. Jackson's birthday was last Saturday, when he would have been 53 years old. He was hastening to Atlanta in order to be on hand for Mother's Day exercises Sunday. His morning talk was to have been "Behold Thy Mother" and in the evening he was to have used as his text "A Wife's Solicitude for Her Husband."

Mrs. Jackson, his wife, was in church affairs at the time the accident occurred, attending choir practice at the Kirkwood church. She was not told of the accident until she returned home, when Dr. Louie Newton and Dr. W. H. Major, close personal friends of Dr. Jackson, informed her of the tragedy. She collapsed on hearing of her husband's death, and was placed under the care of a physician.

Funeral service for Mr. Jackson was conducted Sunday afternoon at his church, the Kirkwood Baptist, with Dr. Louie D. Newton, Dr. W. H. Major and J. M. Haymore officiating. Pallbearers were six members

of the board of deacons, and the honorary escort was composed of the other members of the board, the Atlanta Baptist ministers, and the Kirkwood Lodge A. F. and A. M., of which Mr. Jackson was chaplain.

### Commencement Murphy Schools Begins Sunday

Dr. Sevier To Deliver Sermon Sunday Morning—Thirty Seven To Get Diplomas

The closing exercises of the Murphy Graded schools will get under way Sunday morning in the high school auditorium when Dr. Joseph R. Sevier, president of the Eastern School will preach the commencement sermon. All the local churches are being invited to take part in this joint service. On the following Wednesday night, May 20th, at 7:30, the music class in charge of Miss Emma Cardwell Lively will give a short recital. This will be followed on Thursday night by the class exercises by the Senior class of the High School. On Friday night thirty-seven seniors will receive diplomas or certificates. The feature of the Friday night exercises will be the address to the graduating class by Dr. Calfee, president of the Asheville Normal school.

Appropriate exercises will also be furnished by those completing the elementary school, in the school auditorium on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, May 21st.

No further exercises will be observed by the elementary grades as the May Day exercises recently observed on the school grounds were planned as their contribution to the closing exercises for this year. The class play has also been given, the senior class having given "Anne What's Her Name" on last Friday night to a large audience.

The session for this year will close with Friday night's exercises. The public is cordially invited to all the exercises.

### Russell Submits Letter From Stikeleather

Editor Cherokee Scout: I am enclosing herewith a letter from Hon. J. G. Stikeleather in reply to my letter to him of May the first, 1931.

You will note some suggestions in Mr. Stikeleather's letter that should be of interest to the people of Cherokee county, which I will kindly ask you to publish in your next issue.

Respectfully,  
D. S. RUSSELL.

May 6, 1931

Mr. D. S. Russell, Andrews, N. C.  
Dear Mr. Russell: Upon my return from Raleigh I find your letter dated May 1, awaiting me. I assure you I greatly appreciate the sentiments you express. Expressions like yours are some compensation for the 12 years I have given to the Highway commission in Western North Carolina.

As you know now Western North Carolina was not considered on the new commission. I, of course, greatly regret that this is the case, but we will have to make the best of it. I am still hopeful the Commission will give Western North Carolina her full share of the road funds.

There is one thing in Cherokee county that you people ought to get behind, and that is the surfacing of No. 28, from Murphy to Copperhill. I am in communication with the people of Chattanooga and they are very anxious to establish relations with us. They are completing the road up the Oconee River which will greatly shorten the distance between Chattanooga and Western North Carolina, and by all means the stone that has been put on this road should be surfaced with a binder. As you are probably aware I am President of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and I shall think in terms of all Western North Carolina. I do not believe even my enemies have said, or can say, that I have ever been selfish as to Buncombe, and I am still of the same view point, and as one who loves Western N. C., and who wants to promote her interests I want to bring about, wherever possible, the thought that our interests lie along the same lines.

I recently called a meeting at Bryson City to promote the placing on the park to park maps that will be issued by the park surveys, a road

### Last Rites For D. W. Swan Held At Andrews 6th.

Was Prominent Business Leader And Cherokee's Representative In Legislature In 1925

Funeral rites for David W. Swan who died Monday, May 4th, from a prolonged illness were conducted from the Andrews Methodist church Wednesday, the 6th, at 11 o'clock. The service was in charge of the Rev. Walter J. Miller who was assisted by the Rev. R. W. Prevost of the Andrews Baptist church, and the Rev. J. R. Church of Kings Mountain. The choir of the town were combined to render music for the occasion.

Numbers rendered by the choir were "The Old Rugged Cross" and "I am Resolved." Mr. R. C. Andrews sang Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" as a solo.

Mr. Miller read the Old Testament Scripture, and Mr. Prevost read the New Testament Scripture and offered prayer. A very beautiful and appropriate memorial tribute to Mr. Swan was read by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Church, who is a former pastor of the Andrews Methodist church and who was an intimate friend of the deceased, spoke touching of Mr. Swan as a Christian gentleman, a loyal father and husband, and as a friend to man.

"If I were going to write Dave Swan's epitaph," said the speaker, "it would be, 'he went about doing good.'"

The speaker then paid eloquent tribute to Mr. Swan's loyalty to his church and family mentioning the fact that often when duties connected with his timber operations kept him far away in the mountains for many days he would at the week end take the long tire-ome trek home to be with his family at his place in his church on Sunday.

Mr. Swan was the son of John and Elizabeth Swan and was born in Clearfield County, Penn., August 31, 1876. When he was at the age of 13 his parents moved to Robbinsville, N. C.

He was educated in the public schools and at Young Harris College, Young Harris, Ga. After leaving school he identified himself with various lumber manufacturing concerns in Western North Carolina and East Tennessee and soon became an expert timber cruiser. He was connected at different times with the Rumbarger Company of Cherokee County, the Whiting Manufacturing Company of Graham county, the Buffalo Realty Company, and at the time of his death had been for six years with the Nantahala Power and Light company.

In 1925 he served Cherokee county as representative in the General Assembly and was marked for his integrity and loyalty to the interest of his constituency. As a public spirited citizen he was foremost in every enterprise that promised betterment of his community. He served as a trustee of the Andrews public schools.

As a church man he was prompt and faithful in the performance of his duties. He was a member of the Andrews Methodist church and served on its board of stewards for a number of years.

He is survived by his widow who before her marriage was Miss Katherine Wiggins of Robbinsville, and four children, Mrs. G. Rosendale of Andrews, Misses Katherine and Louise Swan and John J. Swan of Andrews. Two brother and four sisters also survive. They are Ralph Swan of Marion, N. C., Captain F. Swan of Andrews, Mrs. Roscoe Ledgerwood of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Charles Fleming of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mrs. E. M. Johns of Waddington, N. Y., and Mrs. Dan Ramer of Washington, D. C.

In the passing of Mr. Swan Andrews, Cherokee county, and Western North Carolina loses one of its most useful and progressive citizens. His broad sympathy and generous spirit of helpfulness made him the friend of the needy and beloved by all who knew him.

The immense crowd that attended his funeral and the profusion of floral tributes bear eloquent testimony to the esteem in which he was held. He was a Mason and a member of Andrews lodge No. 529 A F and A M and of West Gate chapter No. 55 R A M. The local Masonic lodge was

starting at Mammoth Cave, coming by Nashville, Chattanooga, Copperhill, Murphy, and on to the park. I hope you will bring this to the attention of the people of Murphy and Andrews, and that you will help promote it. Clarence Angel is working for this same end from Bryson City. Get in touch with him.

Sincerely yours,  
J. G. STIKELEATHER.

## SAYS FIGURES INCORRECT AND MISLEADING

Letter From Mayor Russell Gives Bonded Indebtedness of Andrews

May 9, 1931.

Editor Cherokee Scout, Murphy, N. C.

Dear Sir: We notice in this week's issue of Cherokee Scout certain unauthorized figures and comments respecting the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Andrews, which are incorrect and misleading. Bonded indebtedness of any government unit is changed at intervals through retirement of outstanding bonds and sale of capital assets represented by bonds, and it is unjust to assume and publish information not based upon facts which exist at the time of such publication. The following schedule sets forth the facts in detail of all outstanding bonds of the Town of Andrews at this time:

**Maturities:** Term Bonds Funding Bonds, \$ 6,000.00 Feb. 1, 1936.  
Waterworks Bonds, \$20,000.00, Jan. 1, 1940.  
Waterworks Bonds, \$20,000.00 Dec. 1, 1941.  
Watershed Bonds, \$30,000.00 Dec. 1, 1951.  
\$76,000.00 Total outstanding term bonds.

### Serial Bonds

Str. Imp. Bonds, \$22,000.00 maturing serially, \$2,000 per year Aug. 1, 1931 to Aug. 1, 1935 both inclusive. \$3,000 per year Aug. 1, 1936 to 1939 both inclusive.

Str. Imp. Bonds, \$29,000.00 maturing serially, \$1,000 per year Nov. 1, 1931 to 1935 both inclusive. \$2,000 per year Nov. 1, 1936 to 1947 both inclusive.

\$127,000.00 Total Outstanding term and serial bonds, other than the Electric Light Bonds.

Elec. Lt. Bonds, \$315,000.00 maturing serially, \$7,000 Oct. 1, 1931, \$8,000 Oct. 1, 1932, and \$15,000 per year Oct. 1, 1933 to 1952 both inclusive.

Elec. Lt. Bonds, \$50,000.00 maturing serially, \$5,000 per year Mar. 1, 1946 to Mar. 1, 1955 both inclusive. \$492,000.00 Total Bonded indebtedness of the Town of Andrews.

The purchasers of the Andrews Hydro-Electric power plant assume payment of the \$365,000.00 electric light bonds, both principal and interest leaving only \$127,000.00 to be retired by the taxpayers. There is at this time a cash sinking fund reserve of \$28,844.96, and a flexible cash fund reserve of \$10,000.00 making a total cash reserve of \$38,844.96 accumulated for the purpose of retiring term bonds. Should this cash reserve be used now to retire outstanding bonds at par there would remain only \$88,155.04 to be retired by taxes. Please be kind enough to publish the above, in the next issue of the Cherokee Scout by way of correcting the misleading information in this week's paper.

Yours respectfully,  
D. S. RUSSELL, Mayor

### Eye Specialist Here Monday and Tuesday

Dr. J. R. McCracken, well known eye specialist of Waynesville, will be in Murphy at the Regal hotel Monday and Tuesday for the purpose of examining any eye condition.

Assisted by members of the order from Murphy and Marion in rendering the impressive Masonic ceremony at the grave.

Pall bearers were chosen from among his intimate friends and neighbors. They were Brue Bristol, John Christy, Weimer Conley, Luke Ellis, W. D. Whitaker, and Bert Tatham. Honorary pall bearers were Bruce King, John Brooks, William Penn, J. Frank Bristol, Weaver Gray, W. T. Latham, Forest Denton, J. W. Walker, Z. L. Whitaker, H. M. Whitaker, L. B. Nichols, J. W. Brown, B. P. Grant, W. H. Hamilton, T. J. Bristol, Mell Matheson, Lee Watkins, W. T. Holland, C. H. Jarrett, L. O. Caldwell, D. H. Tillitt, J. M. Archer, Lush Ledford, T. M. Jenkins, R. L. Phillips, J. M. Boone, C. F. Woodward, J. W. S. Davis, W. T. Moore and G. B. Hoblitzell.

**Greatest Fault**  
Of all faults is not, for a man to repentance the most divine? The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.—Carlyle.

## LITTLE FRANCES STEELE LAID TO REST FRIDAY

Funeral Held From Residence At 3 O'clock; Interment in Sunset Cemetery

Funeral services for little Frances Steele, five year-old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. LeRoy Steele, who died early last Thursday morning following a brief illness of Scarlet Fever, were held last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the parlor with interment in Sunset cemetery.

The services were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Jackson, pastor of the Kirkwood Baptist church, Atlanta, assisted by the Rev. Howard P. Powell, pastor of the Methodist church, and Dr. J. P. Anderson, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

It was a beautiful and impressive service. The room which contained the little white casket was literally filled with flowers. Large crowds of sorrowing friends filled the room, hallway, porch and out onto the lawn. Every eye within the sound of the speaker's voice was filled with tears.

The choir sang "I Must Tell Jesus" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer was offered by Dr. Anderson, and scripture was read by the Rev. Powell.

The three preachers stood immediately behind the bier. Dr. Anderson on the right, the Rev. Powell on the left, and the Rev. Jackson in the center.

Mr. Jackson's words were comforting, soothing and sympathetic. He told of the occasion 21 years ago when he had stood beside a little white casket that contained the form of his little boy, and somehow he had never conducted the funeral of a little child but what he felt the presence of his little boy. He said that it seemed hard to understand why such a precious, beautiful flower was allowed to enter the home and then be taken away so quickly, but that the life of little Frances had not been lived in vain. He said Mr. Steele would never conduct a funeral, never enter the pulpit to preach but that little Frances would be by his side, and the presence of her little spirit would be with him always.

Mr. Jackson himself broke down and wept, and little did he realize that he was weeping for himself.

Some of the last words of the service, spoken by Mr. Jackson, were "Good-bye, Little Frances. Goodbye, and goodnight!" Just a few short hours later, Mr. Jackson himself was suddenly and tragically snatched into eternity, to join little Frances on the journey to that land from "whose bourne no traveler e'er returns."

The active pallbearers were members of Mr. Steele's Sunday school class, as follows: Reid Mallonee, Ben Palmer, Cliff Passons, Ross Adams, Joe Dyer and Buell Adams. Honorary pallbearers were: C. M. Wofford, W. H. Murray, C. W. Bailey, Cyrus White, Homer Ricks, Dr. J. N. Hill, Dr. E. E. Adams, J. W. Davidson, Elbert Mallonee, T. A. Case and T. S. Evans. C. B. Hill, local funeral director, was in charge.

Surviving Frances are her mother and father and one sister, Dorothy Steele, seven years old.

### City Fathers Take Office and Organize

On last Thursday night, May 7th, the newly elected city fathers took the oath of office and assumed the reigns of city government, and Mayor Lovinwood named a number of committees by way of organizing.

Retiring Mayor McMill, ministered the oath of office to the coming Mayor Lovinwood, following which Mr. Lovinwood administered the oath of office to the commissioners. All members were present except one, A. M. Simonds, and Mr. Simonds will qualify at the next meeting.

Following the installation ceremony, the following committees were appointed:

Finance: Moody, Fain, and Simonds.

Lights: Mayfield, Simon, and Fain.

Street: Mayfield, Gilbert, and Thompson.

Water: Gilbert, Fain and Moody.

Cemetery, Parks and Sanitary: Thompson, Simonds and Moody.

The police committee includes every member of the board, as follows: W. L. Fain, Dr. J. W. Thompson, C. D. Mayfield, T. J. Gilbert, Ralph Moody, and A. M. Simonds.

A motion carried that all former employees continue in their present positions until June 1st. The meeting then adjourned to meet May 14.