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ANGEL OF DEATH VISITS DURHAM.

Age, Sex, nor Youth Escapes, But Answer the Summons.

The grip and colds have been causing many people in our midst inconvenience for several weeks and in many cases such afflictions have developed into pneumonia. The following death roll for the past few days shows that the Reaper has been busy in our midst and our people mourn the result.

R. E. Wilkerson.

After an illness of two weeks at his home on the corner of Liberty and Roxboro streets, R. E. Wilkerson, aged about 35 years, died from Typhoid pneumonia.

Deceased was a member of the firm of O. F. and R. E. Wilkerson, contractors, and had made Durham his home for several years.

About five years ago he was married to Miss Nellie Carver, of Roxboro, and by this union there is surviving one child. There are also two brothers and four sisters, as follows: Messrs. C. B. Wilkerson of Greensboro, and D. N. Wilkerson of Sanford; Mrs. A. M. Wilkerson, of Cedar Grove; Mrs. Frank Beechman, Mrs. Fred Hodgkin, and Mrs. Johnson Brooks, of Greensboro.

This funeral took place from the residence this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, after which the interment took place in Maplewood cemetery.

W. E. Glenn

Early yesterday morning Mr. W. E. Glenn, a prosperous farmer, who had resided near this city for a number of years, passed away. The deceased was about 60 years of age and was well known throughout the country. During the past few years his health had been very bad and he was compelled sometime ago to give up his work, but up to a short time before he died there was hopes of his recovering. Mr. Glenn is survived by five children, four daughters and one son. The funeral services were conducted this afternoon from the home and the remains were interred in the family burying ground about four miles from this city.

Mrs. John Browning

Mrs. John Browning, who was about forty-eight years of age, died at her home near Christian's mill Sunday afternoon. She had been ill only a short while and her death was unexpected.

She left husband and one daughter, Miss Annie Browning besides many friends in and around Durham.

The funeral and burial will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock in New Bethel church, better known as Warren's chapel. Mrs. Browning was for many years a member of this church.

Mrs. Ella Warren

Mrs. Etta Warren died Monday morning about four o'clock at her home in Edgemont where she had been very ill several weeks. Death resulted from complications.

Mrs. Warren was thirty-two years old. She was the wife of Thomas Warren and leaves a son and a number of other kinspeople. The funeral will take place at four o'clock this afternoon.

Death of Mrs. Markham.

After several weeks illness

during the latter period of which the friends and loved ones realized that the end was near, Mrs. Charles Markham, 19 years of age, died at her home in East Durham.

Deceased was a consistent member of the Episcopal church, and Rev. S. S. Bost conducted the funeral Sunday afternoon, after which the burial took place in the Markham burying ground.

Child Dead.

The 13-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Billings passed away at the home of its parents Seeman street, last Saturday morning. Asthmatic croup was the cause of the death. The funeral and burial took place Sunday afternoon.

Jail Breaker Captured.

Monday afternoon Police officer Ferrell captured Albert Crabtree, a young white boy, who was badly wanted by the Orange county officials. Crabtree is a Durham youth, but during the Christmas holidays he left this city and went to Hillsboro where he and Arkis Thompson, a boy about the age of Crabtree broke into a store and stole some money and a number of other articles. They skipped out from Hillsboro but were soon captured in Graham and turned over to the officials of Orange county. They were given a preliminary hearing and sent to jail in default of a \$200 bond each. About two weeks ago these two boys and two other prisoners made their escape from the Hillsboro prison, and drifted down to this city, where Thompson was soon apprehended and turned over to the officers. Crabtree succeeded in keeping his whereabouts unknown until Monday afternoon when he became bolder in his movements and as a consequence is now in Hillsboro jail again, where he will, no doubt, remain until the next term of superior court at that place. There is one other prisoner, a negro, yet at large, but the officials feel confident that he will soon be back in the toils. Crabtree's mother resides in this city near the car barn and it was at her home where the capture was made.

Deaf People Debate

Last Friday a number of deaf people living in Durham, were treated to a unique entertainment in way of a debate. The argument was well rendered, if what those that know is any indication. The question was, "Resolved, That the United States should have free trade with other countries." The debaters were R. C. Fortune and Newton B. Watkins, and the former was said to be the best debater."

Another entertainment of a similar character in the near future, when the question of "Whether Durham should support her public library by direct taxation or not." This debate promises to be more interesting than the former.

Mr. Charmichael in Washington.

Mr. W. D. Charmichael, superintendent of the city schools, is in Washington where he is attending a meeting of the national superintendents' association. They will be in a session three days and during that time President Roosevelt will entertain the gathering at the executive mansion.

So far as is known there are no great questions coming before the association. It is the annual gathering of the great body of educators.

BASE BALL PROSPECTS.

Several Citizens Interest Themselves In Durham's Behalf.

In the Elks hall Monday there was a meeting of the baseball men of Durham to discuss the proposition to bring Durham into the Eastern Carolina league.

Mr. C. H. Gattis, of the Seaboard, was here speaking for Raleigh. That city has raised the necessary amount to get into the league. There are eight towns in the state that want teams and the selection must be made from them, but there are only six that can play. Those towns are Durham, Raleigh, Kinston, New Bern, Rocky Mount, Washington, Wilson and Tarboro.

At the meeting Monday Mr. R. L. Lindsey presided and Mr. W. F. Carr was secretary. Messrs. Claiborne Carr, W. G. Bramham, and S. H. Reams were made a soliciting committee and the canvass in the hall resulted within five minutes in raising \$500 for the purpose of maintaining the team.

To go into the league will require \$1,500.

The purpose is to raise the money by small amounts. There will be no bleeding and every amount is welcome.

In order to make the game a go, the city will have to secure the Trinity grounds as this is the only place where baseball is accessible at all to the car line.

It is understood that several parties at the college do not favor the athletic grounds of that place being used on account of the damage the large crowds would do to the campus lawns.

Republican Convention March 21.

The Republican Executive committee for Durham county met in the office of W. G. Bramham, secretary, last Saturday.

The meeting was called to order by John V. Riggsbee, chairman, with the following present: Messrs. James E. Lyon, W. G. Bramham, D. Z. O'Brian, E. H. Bowling, J. W. Sykes, W. S. Newton, D. C. Mangum, G. W. Gardner, John C. Angier, G. E. Cole, H. T. Barbee, Robert J. Adcock, Elisha Cothran, Andrew Blalock, George W. Flintom, J. N. W. Latta, Joseph T. Green, T. J. Holloway and N. C. Freeman.

The purpose of the meeting was to decide on the date for the county convention. This date was set for March the 21.

Some of the committee were disposed to say that the meeting was harmonious in every respect, while others of the committee said that such was not the case. However, the county convention will show how the Republican organization in Durham county stands.

This is the beginning and soon other meetings will be called and matters relative to both state and nation will come in for discussion on every hand.

Physicians are Back.

Drs. A. Cheatham and N. M. Johnson have returned from a trip down to Florida. They had a great time but Dr. Cheatham suffered one night on his return trip. He was taken sick in Columbia where fortunately he was going to be cared for by relatives. He is completely recovered.

Last Saturday was observed by the postoffice and banks in the city and many people observed the day as a holiday.

Chief Police Killed.

Fayetteville, Feb. 23.—For the second time within a year Fayetteville's chief of police has been murdered. James H. Benton, the head of the police department of the city, was shot about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon by Sam Murchison, a negro 30 years old, and died at 2:45 o'clock, living little more than an hour. The murderer was captured a short time after the shooting occurred and is now safely lodged in jail here.

The circumstances of the murder are aggravated and without palliation. It seems that the murderer, Murchison, had trouble earlier in the day with John Raines, another negro, and Ida Moore, a negro woman, which resulted in his shooting Raines, inflicting a slight flesh wound, and his threatening the life of the Moore woman. The woman, who lives in the neighborhood of Chief of Police Benton's home, fled to the latter for protection, making an outcry as she ran. Chief Benton met her at his back door, and hearing her complaint, was starting out in search of Murchison when the latter appeared on the scene. He and Officer Benton exchanged a few words, when the negro suddenly drew a revolver and fired at Mr. Benton, inflicting a mortal wound just under the eye. Officer Benton staggered and attempted to make his way back into the house, but fell before he reached the door.

Jack Crosswell a lad, hearing the pistol shot, ran up at once and attempted to arrest the murderer but the latter snapped his pistol at the boy and broke away. Mr. J. B. Underwood next appeared and the negro fled, firing a wild shot at Mr. Underwood as he ran. Charles Benton, the 17-year-old son of the wounded man, ran to his father's assistance and he fell and caught up the latter's revolver as it dropped from his belt. As the negro fled the youth fired three shots after him, one of them taking effect, as developed after the capture was made. Officers Benton was carried into his residence, suffering great agony, and lingered for a little more than an hour, passing away about the time his murderer was being placed under arrest.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Receive.

An occasion of much pleasure to the friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bryant of the Southern Conservatory of Music, was a reception last Saturday night, when about two hundred invited guests passed in to pay their respects to host and hostess.

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