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Livingston Britt Dies of Wound

13-Year-Old Son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul T. Britt Accidentally Shot by Marvin Britt With Rifle During Target Practice—Funeral—Attended by Large Crowd.

Livingston Britt, 13-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul T. Britt, who lives on R. 4 from Lumberton, died at the Baker sanatorium Thursday of a wound he received Christmas Day when he was shot accidentally by his cousin Marvin Britt while they were shooting at targets with a rifle in a field near the home of the former.

The fatal shot was caused by the slipping of the stock of the rifle just as Marvin fired at a target which Livingston had thrown into the air. The ball ranged lower than Marvin intended and struck the unfortunate boy in the back of the head. At the sanatorium, to which he was rushed immediately, examination showed that the ball had gone nearly through the head and had lodged near the forehead, an operation being impossible.

The funeral was held from Mt. Elm Baptist church, near Orrum, Friday afternoon, services being conducted by Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, assisted by Revs. I. P. Hedgpeth, E. A. Paul, J. M. Fleming and R. L. Byrd. Such a large crowd attended the funeral that the church was crowded to the doors and many failed to get inside. Interment was made in the Ward cemetery near the church. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Important Meeting For Farmers

State Agronomist in Soil Fertility Will Speak at Orrum Night of January 1st.

By H. W. Bullard.

Orrum, Dec. 29.—Mr. W. F. Pate, agronomist in soil fertility for the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, Raleigh, will speak at Orrum Tuesday night, January 1st, at 7:30, to the farmers of the community on fertilizers, best formulas for different crops in this section, home mixing, etc. Every one interested in getting information on fertilizers that will enable him to obtain best results for money expended is invited and urged to be present. Personal problems will be discussed. Come prepared to ask questions. Meeting will be held in agricultural classroom of new building.

ETERNAL LIFE ON EARTH PREDICTED BY LECTURER

An audience which nearly filled the court room at the court houses yesterday afternoon at 2:30 listened for over an hour to a Bible lecture by Mr. F. H. Dougherty, representative of the International Bible Students association of Brooklyn, N. Y., which association is understood to foster Russellism, which has been denounced by preachers and leaders of evangelical denominations as insidious and dangerous.

Mr. Dougherty attempted to prove that millions now living will never die but will be given eternal life on earth with the faithful who died before Christ, none of whom, he said, went to heaven. He cited numerous passages of Scripture which he claims proves his theories.

On account of much other matter it is impossible to give a report of the lecture in today's paper. Just before closing the speaker asked those in the audience who wanted to hear a lecture on the resurrection and the day of judgment to raise a hand. A number of hands went up and Mr. Dougherty announced that he would discuss this subject, telling how the soldier boys who died in France will again come home, at the court house Tuesday night at 7:30.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES.

Watchnight services will be held tonight at the Gospel Tabernacle, beginning at 9 o'clock, and at Chestnut Street Methodist church, beginning at 11:30. The public is invited to each of these services to watch the Old Year out and the New Year in.

Christmas Fruit and Tobacco for Chain Gang Prisoners.

Those who make up the chain gang, now camping near the Big Swamp, were made happy Christmas morning when Messrs. Ira Bullard, A. V. G. Wishart, W. B. Crumpton, G. B. McLeod and W. B. Ivey visited them and carried a barrel of apples, box of oranges, candy, raisins, tobacco and cigarettes. These men, assisted by Messrs. Nash Kinlaw, and Jesse McCallum, raised a neat sum of money to buy the articles for the prisoners.

While at the camp speeches were made by Messrs. G. B. McLeod, W. B. Crumpton and W. B. Ivey, and the prisoners responded with a number of songs, which were, according to the visitors, very good.

The John West mentioned in court news in the last issue of The Robesonian as having been given a 12-months' sentence for larceny and receiving, is of the colored persuasion, which fact was inadvertently omitted in the first mention.

The banks will be closed tomorrow, New Year's Day.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE.
This beautiful tree, brilliant with many electric lights, was erected on the court house square a few days before Christmas and was the center of the Community sing and other exercises on the evening of Christmas Day.

Community Christmas Tree and Sing Was Occasion of Pure Delight.

First Local Venture of Kind Decried success.

LARGE CROWD GATHERED ON COURT HOUSE SQUARE

Free Was Radiant With a Myriad Lights and a Thing of Beauty—Christmas Carols Were Sung and Santa Gave Candy to All the Children—Talk by Rev. T. McM. Grant—Baskets Distributed Christmas Eve—Will be Annual Event.

It was a happy crowd of children and grown-ups—all children at heart for the nonce—a crowd filled with the Christmas spirit of good will, which gathered in front of the courthouse, on the walks and lawn and on the steps at 5:30 p. m. Christmas Day for the community sing and other exercises in connection with the Community Christmas tree which stood in their midst radiant with a myriad lights, beautiful symbol of beautiful deeds that shine far in a naughty world.

A Joyous Occasion.

A joyous occasion it was, all things working together for good to them who gathered, a goodly host, in this first local community celebration of the sacred festival, a fitting climax to the good deeds of Christmas Eve, when the Community Christmas tree committee of the Women's Club, whose faithful efforts made the occasion such a success, distributed baskets of good things to homes where such gifts would be acceptable, with the assistance of the Goodfellows Club, omitting not a single home about which they could learn.

Principal features of the occasion were singing of Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Martin and distribution of candy to all the children present by Santa Claus, who descended from somewhere suddenly at the right time, his voice being so well disguised that folk who know him well had to be told later that Santa borrowed for the occasion the person of Mr. J. P. Russell. Santa announced from the court house steps, where he first "lit," that it was his purpose to give candy to every child whom he might have missed on his morning trip, and when he adjourned to the tree, a few steps away, where he did that same, doves of children crowding around him to get their share.

Mayor E. M. Johnson was master of ceremonies. He reckoned that this was a sight different from the "plain Tuesday" of Andy Gump, "Uncle Bim," dispenser of Christmas joy to the Gumps having visited Lumberton also. Prayer was offered by Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth introduced the speaker of the occasion, Rev. T. McM. Grant, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church. Mr. Hedgpeth thought this a happy manifestation of the indwelling spirit that makes Lumberton one of the chiefest towns on the map. Mr. Grant a newcomer, freely admitted that he had seen enough of the town to believe the story he had heard about it being necessary to chain people who go to heaven from Lumberton to keep them from returning to the home town. His remarks about Christmas were words fitly spoken and were well received.

Will be Annual Event.

So liberal were people of the community in contributions to this first community Christmas tree ven-

ture of the Women's Club that after supplying all the needs for baskets a small fund was left over for the 1924 Community Christmas tree. For it is the purpose to make this an annual event. For this liberal support the committee is grateful and asks The Robesonian to express its appreciation to every one who contributed.

This being the first venture locally, it was to be expected that something would develop that would show a better way. But everything went off so admirably that the only suggestion so far heard is that the streets should be roped off to keep automobiles from disturbing; and this will be done next time.

The Women's Club will be glad to receive suggestions for an even more joyous occasion of the kind for 1924.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND EXERCISES AT GOSPEL TABERNALE

One of the Most Enjoyable Affairs of the Holidays for a Large Crowd of Children and Grown People.

One of the most enjoyable affairs during the Christmas holidays was the Christmas tree and exercises held at the Gospel Tabernacle church Tuesday evening at 7:30. The program, which consisted of special music, songs, dialogues, etc., was splendid, and the grown-ups, as well as kiddies enjoyed it thoroughly. The musical part of the program was in charge of Misses Carolyn Shooter and Lacy Johnson, while the speeches and dialogues were in charge of Misses Hazel and Sarah Carlyle.

Practically all of the young people took part in the program and each received a present. The distribution of the presents was made by Mr. B. Sam Edwards, assisted by others. On account of the absence of Mr. E. B. Freeman, the exercises were in charge of Rev. Gordon R. Mines, pastor.

Examination for Postmaster at Pembroke.

The United States Civil Service commission announces that an open competitive examination will be held January 26th to fill the position of postmaster at Pembroke. The office pays \$1,000. Mr. A. A. Thagard is postmaster at present. The examination will be held at Maxton.

State Grand Warden D. Gaster of Fayetteville is expected to be present at the regular meeting of the local lodge of the I. O. O. F. Thursday night for the purpose of installing officers for the ensuing year. The officers who were recently elected are: noble grand, G. L. Canady; vice noble grand, E. M. Belch; recording secretary, J. C. Bryant; financial secretary, J. W. Sellers; treasurer, W. A. Lovett. After the meeting refreshments will be served.

Mrs. F. F. Griffin of Fairmont is undergoing medical treatment at the Baker sanatorium. Her condition is improving. Miss Irene Peele, young daughter of Mr. Thad Peele of Laurinburg, was able to leave the sanatorium Saturday after undergoing a successful operation for pus appendix.

Preparatory services will be held at the Presbyterian church Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week at 7:30. Communion will be observed at this church next Sunday morning.

Record of Deaths

MRS. JIM MALLOY.

Robeson County Woman Dies in Florida—Funeral and Interment at Lumberton Bridge.

By Beattie G. Johnson.

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—The news of the death of Mrs. Jim Malloy, who died in Orlando, Fla., Wednesday about 3 p. m. brought sorrow to a large number of friends and relatives over Robeson, where she was widely known and loved. Mrs. Malloy was a daughter of the late Cornelius and Rebecca Little of Lumber Bridge and pleasantly remembered over the county as Miss Mattie Little. The body was brought back to her old home for burial, the funeral services being conducted in the Presbyterian church there at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the pastor, Rev. V. G. Smith of Parkton, officiating. Interment took place in the family plot in the church cemetery. A large number from both far and near gathered at the grave to pay a last tribute of respect to this beloved woman, whose beautiful life has suddenly come to an end. Mrs. Malloy had been sick since the early fall, her condition being at one time considered serious, but after undergoing treatment several weeks in her brother's, Dr. Alex. Little's, hospital in Valdosta, Ga., improved sufficiently to make a trip to North Carolina, accompanying her sister, Mrs. Nell Shaw, to Lumber Bridge where she spent a short while. After her return home she continued to improve until she became very ill Sunday, her death occurring at the home of her daughter Mrs. A. E. Ferrell in Orlando, where they resided since her health had failed and her husband also for some time having been afflicted in a paralytic way, which necessitated the breaking up of the old home at Valdosta, Ga., where a number of pleasant years had been spent. Deceased was 57 years of age and is survived by her husband and 4 children, two daughters, Mrs. A. E. Ferrell and Miss Rebecca Malloy of Orlando Fla.; two sons, Messrs. Howard Malloy of Mt. Olive and Alex. Malloy of Wilson; two sisters, Mrs. Chas. Gay of Wilson, Mrs. Nell Shaw of Little of Valdosta, Ga. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were her sister Mrs. Gay and two daughters, Misses Katherine and Rebecca from Wilson, Miss Rebecca Malloy and the 2 sons, Messrs. Howard and Alex., and Mr. and Mrs. Herring of Mt. Olive, at whose home the former son boarded. St. Paul relatives and friends who were present were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick and son, Daniel, cousins of deceased, Mrs. Jas. A. Johnson, formerly Miss Treva Malloy, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McGeachy, Mrs. T. L. Northrop, Messrs. J. A. McGeachy and J. C. Lindsay.

While the passing of this christian woman brings sorrow to many yet the memory of the sunny sweet disposition which characterized her beautiful life of unselfish, kindly deeds shall ever be cherished long after the "vase is broken."

MISS HARRIETT ANN BOONE.

Daughter of Mr. J. W. Boone Died in Asheville After Illness of Only Four Days—Funeral at Home Place Wednesday.

The funeral of Miss Harriett Ann Boone, who died in Asheville at 10:05 a. m. a week ago yesterday following illness of only 4 days with pneumonia, was conducted from the home of her father, Mr. J. W. Boone, 4 miles from Lumberton on the Carthage road, Wednesday at 2 p. m. by Rev. T. McM. Grant, pastor of Chestnut street Methodist church of which deceased was a member before moving her membership to Asheville.

News of the death of Miss Boone came as a great shock to members of the family and friends here. A telegram advising the family of her illness was not received until Monday morning, just a few minutes before another message advised of her death. She was 30 years old and had been employed in Asheville for several years as a trained nurse. A brother, Mr. J. A. Boone of Raleigh, went to Asheville and accompanied the remains to Lumberton Tuesday morning.

Members of the immediate family surviving besides her father are four brothers—Mr. Chafin Boone, who is in the employ of the American Tobacco Co. in China; Mr. W. C. Boone, who lives at the home place; Mr. J. A. Boone, who has charge of the farm of the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh; and Mr. John Albert Boone, who is a large farmer in Franklin county. A large crowd attended the funeral and there were many beautiful floral offerings. The pallbearers were Messrs. Fred Gray, D. D. French, W. W. Davis, E. L. Hamilton, Frank McMillan and Robert Williams.

MISS MARY JULIA GADDY.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Dec. 28.—Miss Mary Julia Gaddy died Friday evening at 7:40 after an illness of long duration. Deceased was 60 years old, and well known throughout the community. She was a member of Centenary Methodist church.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday a. m. at 11 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. P. D. Woodall, and interment was made in the family cemetery.

Buildings Valued At Over \$250,000 Started Last Year

11 Building Permits Issued in Lumberton During 1923—Outlook Even Better for 1924.

During the year 1923 Mr. Ed. J. Glover has issued a total of 51 building permits for the town of Lumberton aggregating a total value of \$125,420. This amount does not include the new high school building which is being erected and which will cost approximately \$125,000, not including equipment. Of the permits issued approximately 10 per cent were for business houses. The prospect for even more building during 1924 is much better than at the first of 1923.

TREE AND PLAY AT CHESTNUT STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

Large Crowd Attended Entertainment Christmas Night—Church Beautifully Decorated—Each Child Received a Package.

A crowd which overflowed into the Sunday school room attended the entertainment given at Chestnut Street Methodist church Christmas night at 8 under the direction of Miss Lula Norment. The church was most attractive with the tree and appropriate decorations. Nearly all the smaller children of the Sunday school took part in the play, "The Babe of Bethlehem," after which Santa Claus in the person of Mr. F. P. Gray distributed packages to every child present. Presents also were contributed to be sent to children of the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh.

The exercises were opened with prayer by the pastor, Rev. T. McM. Grant, after which the following numbers were rendered:

Reading, "Who Santa Claus Was" (Riley)—Louise Deese; song, "G-Double-O-D Good"—J. W. Sellers; song, "Jesus Loves Me"—Elaine Sawyer; song, "Christmas Carol," and reading—Isabel Gray; Story of the Play—Nancy Pope McAllister.

Those taking leading parts in the play were: Chief Angel—Sarah Hamilton, accompanied by a number of smaller "angels," all in white and with wings; Shepherds—James Stephens, O. L. Deese, Jack Hamilton and Bruce McWhite; Mary—Louise Kirkman; Joseph—Woodward Townsend; Seeker—Jack Stansel; King Herod—Randolph Bullard; Counsellors—James Poole, Woodward Townsend; Wise Men—Wilton Barnes, Robert Deese, R. C. Emanuel; Reader—Evelyn McNeill.

Quiet and Peaceful Christmas—Few Cases in Recorder's Court.

The number of cases tried before Recorder W. B. Ivey during the past few days is so small it shows that Lumberton had a quiet and peaceful Christmas. Only the following cases have been disposed of since the last report:

Charlie Walker, colored, sent to the roads for 8 months for larceny.

Kinnie McGirt, colored, found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and sentenced to 4 months on the roads.

Alex. McNeill, colored, paid \$16 damages and the costs for reckless auto driving.

Jesse Whittington paid the costs for speeding.

She Leaves to Mourn Her Loss Four Sisters and Two Brothers—Misses Lizzie and Addie Gaddy, Mrs. A. B. Balfield, Mrs. R. W. Bullard and Messrs. J. M. and J. W. Gaddy.

Mrs. J. E. Dial and Tommie Lowrey.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 2, Dec. 26.—Many hearts were saddened when news was learned of the death of Mrs. J. E. Dial, whose beautiful life came to a close Saturday a. m., Dec. 22, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Dial was 57 years of age. She was a loyal member of Mt. Olive church. She will be missed in the church as well as in her home.

The funeral service was held at the home Sunday by her pastor, Rev. L. W. Jacobs, assisted by Rev. W. G. Hunt. The text was, "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

The body was laid to rest in the family grave yard. Altho' rain fell during the day, a number of relatives and friends gathered at the grave to pay a last tribute of respect to their beloved friend.

Mrs. Dial leaves to mourn a husband, 12 children and 3 sisters.

The death angel came to Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Lowrey's home Monday and took away their little son, Tommie Jr. Little Tommie was only 14 months old. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Hunt yesterday p. m. and interment was made in the family burying grounds near the home.

Rev. W. G. Hunt's text was, "The eye that saw him will see him no more"—Job. 20: 9.

WE WANT YOU FOR A CUSTOMER

Our prompt service will please you.

FULLER'S FILLING STATION

Corney 2nd and Chestnut Streets

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Harrington.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 32 1-2 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

Robeson chapter, U. D. C., will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. E. J. Britt, Second street.

Mr. M. W. Floyd is a patient at the Thompson hospital, suffering with rheumatism. His condition is somewhat improved.

Mr. R. E. Britt and family moved Saturday from Lumberton R. 4 to Fayetteville, where Mr. Britt has accepted a position with Britt & Gaddy.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church will observe week of prayer this week. Services will be held at the church daily at 3:30 p. m.

Another coat of paint is being applied to the L. H. Caldwell buildings on Elm street. New paint will make a lot of old buildings look new during the new year.

Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Presbyterian church, is the proud possessor of a handsome new gold watch, a Christmas present from some members of his congregation.

Mr. Ingram Hedgpeth left this morning for Mars Hill college to resume his studies after spending the holidays here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. I. P. Hedgpeth.

License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Jessie Byrd and Mr. Homer Warwick; Miss Beulah Floyd and Mr. Artemus Walters; Miss Claudia May Meares and Mr. Charles Parham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Flowers and son, Master Robin, attended the marriage of Miss Minnie Lee Singletary to Mr. Lawrence W. Grimes, both of Hope Mills, which took place there Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in the Baptist church.

Rev. T. McM. Grant pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, Mrs. Grant and their infant daughter are moving today from the house they have been occupying temporarily on East Fifth street into the parsonage on Eighth street, which has been repaired and renovated.

Dr. J. A. Martin returned Thursday night from Winston-Salem, where he went to see his father, who is a patient in a hospital there. It is expected that Mr. Martin, whose home is at Yadkinville, will undergo an operation in a few days, and Dr. Martin may return to Winston-Salem at that time.

Mrs. H. M. McAllister who has been in McColl, S. C. with her mother, Mrs. Francis Ramsey, for the past several weeks on account of Mrs. Ramsey's illness, which remains critical, spent Christmas Day at her home here, returning Wednesday to McColl. Master Hugh Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. McAllister, is convalescing after a sickness of several days.

Mr. H. F. Baxley, who is studying for the ministry at Buie's Creek academy, working his way, and Mrs. Baxley, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ida Baxley, of East Lumberton, with Mrs. Baxley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lamb, and with Mr. and Mrs. Okley Lovett at the National mill village. They will return to Buie's Creek today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Darden of Clifton are guests at the home of their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Huggins, North Pine street. They were married yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, arriving here last night. Mr. Raymond Huggins, cousin of the groom, attended the wedding and returned to Lumberton with them last night.

Dr. E. R. Hardin and family are moving today from Miss Mary McNeill's residence on North Elm street to the residence recently vacated by Mr. Stinceon Powell, which Dr. Hardin purchased from Mr. Grover Page. Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cobb and daughter Miss Mary, will move Wednesday into Miss McNeill's residence from the residence belonging to Mr. H. M. McAllister on East Seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Crofton have had as their guests during the holidays: their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Crofton, and baby of Weldon; daughters, Miss Mary Barden, who is a student at E. C. T. C., Greenville, and Miss Helen Francis, teacher in the school at Gold Point; another son, Mr. Willie H. of Robersonville, and a nephew, Mr. Graves Mumford of Ayden.

A Chevrolet touring car driven by Mr. Quintus Beckwith ran into a deep ditch on the Lumberton-Fayetteville highway Wednesday night. The car was slightly damaged, the occupants escaping uninjured. Had the car been running fast the result would have been more serious, as the accident occurred as Mr. Beckwith was turning into the road at the northern extremity of Pine street from the highway a few hundred yards east of the fair grounds.

On the last day of school before Christmas Miss Emma Norment's First grade pupils of the graded school had a Christmas tree in their room, and the tree was loaded with presents. But it was different. These presents the tots brought and placed upon the tree were not for each other but for sick children at the Baker sanatorium and the Thompson hospital. Needless to say, the sick children were made happy by this kindly act and were grateful.