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Bitten By Snake and Near Death, Mrs. E. J. Cox Kills Her Two Sleeping Children

With Life Ebbing Away, She Shoots Babies To Save Them From Starvation.

HUSBAND WAS BORN IN RANDOLPH COUNTY

Tragedy Enacted on Lonely Arizona Homestead 23 Miles From Other Habitation.

Unable to counteract the spreading poison of a rattlesnake bite and slowly bleeding to death from a wound inflicted in an effort to halt the advance of the venom, and with visions of her two small children starving to death on the desert before the nearest neighbors, twenty-three miles away, could reach them, Mrs. Evans J. Cox, 23 years old, shot her babies while they slept and then turned the gun on herself in her lonely home on an Arizona desert Monday night, May 3rd. Bitten by her little homestead, she applied every antidote of which she knew to stay the deadly poison and as a last resort took a knife and cut around the wound that the poison might run out with her blood. In doing this she severed an artery and began to slowly bleed to death.

All through Sunday night and Monday and Monday night she suffered mental and physical pain. She made every effort to give the alarm to any chance passers-by firing her husband's shotgun until she had used every shot and then firing his 22 rifle. As a last resort she tried to crank the family car, but found she was too weak for the job.

Then cuddling her babies in their beds, death only a few hours away and starvation awaiting her children after she left, Mrs. Cox shot them through the heart and then ended her own life.

The tragedy in the lonely desert home was learned a few days later when her husband who had left home Sunday to work on a distant ranch returned home. He found the lifeless bodies of his wife and children and a blood-stained note left by the mother telling of the tragedy. Almost illegible in places, the note recounted in detail the sufferings, the hopes and fears and the heartaches of the long hours she waited and watched for help and then as a last resort to save her children from starvation after she had died how she had killed them.

Her husband and brother-in-law had spent the week-end at home but had left Sunday morning to work on a ranch several miles distant. He was not expected to return for several days.

This tragic story is of unusual interest to Randolph county people for the reason that the heroic woman was the wife of Evans J. Cox, who was born and reared in the Holly Springs section of Randolph county. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cox, who now reside in Arizona, but who lived up until 18 years ago in this county. The family has a large number of relatives in Randolph.

BAPTIST NEWS LETTER

Prayer services are being held Tuesday and Thursday evenings of this week in different sections of the town, looking forward in a larger way to the revival services which begin Sunday, June 6th. These prayer services will continue each week until the revival formally begins. Put these first in your plans.

The executive committee of the Randolph District B. Y. P. U. met Monday afternoon of this week in the local Baptist church to formulate plans and programs for the future work of the District B. Y. P. U.

The T. T. T. class and their teacher, Mrs. Daisy P. Mobley, in company with the Bethel class and their teacher, pastor Morris, motored to Willomore Springs last Friday afternoon on a picnic trip. All reported a pleasant time.

"Phillip the Evangelist" is the subject for next Sunday morning. "A Mad World Without Restraint" will be used for our consideration at the evening service, 8:00 o'clock. This is the fourth and last of a series being used at the evening services in May. You are invited to be with us.

Mrs. Darby Held Successful Demonstration of Frigidaire

The Frigidaire demonstration conducted by Mrs. K. P. Darby at the show rooms of the Hedrick Motor Company on May 11-14, to the church circles of the different churches of the town were a great success. Mrs. Darby reports that during demonstration week she entertained a total of 255 ladies, and we are particularly glad to state that every church circle had enough members present to win the prize of ten dollars. The object of these demonstrations put on by the Hedrick Motor Company was to better acquaint the housewife with electric refrigeration.

Number of Births
Recently there have been the following births in the town of Asheboro:

May 12th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Harper; May 9, a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hallbrook; May 15, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Brown; and May 16, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wright.

A Champ At 81



Major A. B. Ostranger of Seattle, Washington, is now three cushion billiard champ. This 81 year old veteran of the Civil War realized the ambition of a lifetime when he annexed the title. The three cushion game is the most difficult of all billiard games.

DRIVE TO RAISE \$500 FOR BOY SCOUT TROOP

Must Have This To Participate In National Organization—\$125 Raised.

A drive to raise \$500 for the Boy Scouts in Asheboro was launched Tuesday at a luncheon at the Ashlyn hotel at which fifteen or twenty leading citizens of the town were present. Mr. Gordon Blair, Chief Scout Master, was present and explained the proposition. This amount must be raised for the local Scout troop before it can participate in the national organization. The Asheboro troop is a part of the Uwharrie district composed of High Point and Davidson and Randolph counties.

Approximately \$125 was raised in a short canvass Tuesday and it is understood that the drive will continue until the \$500 is raised.

M. E. MATTERS

(W. H. Willis)
The writer officiated at the funeral of Wm. S. Ringstaff recently.

Rev. L. T. Edens and the writer were guests for supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Presnell Saturday evening.

Rev. John Hoyle, of Ramseur, is assisting pastor Edens in a meeting at Worthville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Seabrook had as their guests for dinner Sunday their pastor, Rev. L. T. Edens and this scribe.

Our membership is now 574. The pastor invites the co-operation of his church in making it at least 600 by conference. Who'll be the first to bring in a recruit?

"What next?" will be the question that the pastor will seek to answer Sunday morning, next. At night, an informal service on "The Making of a good Methodist."

New Machine Shop To Be Located In Asheboro Soon

Asheboro is to have a machine shop. That was definitely decided in the last few days when C. A. Bristow, of Sophia, and H. H. Foust, of Greensboro, came down to look the town over with the view of establishing the shop here. Mr. A. M. Ferris is constructing a building to house the shop on his lot near Asheboro Wheelbarrow Company's plant. The shop will be opened to do general machine work as soon as the building is completed. The business will be operated under the name of the Central Machine Works, the name probably growing out of the fact that Asheboro is well advertised as the center of North Carolina.

WONDERFUL REVIVAL IN PROGRESS AT CEDAR FALLS

A series of meetings has been in progress at Cedar Falls under the direction of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Hill, for the past ten days. Rev. Hill is being assisted by the evangelistic boys at High Point. The meetings have been splendidly attended. Many times the church has been crowded to overflowing. There have been many conversions during the meetings. The services are the most successful recorded in the history of the church and will continue several days. People are coming from other towns, many of them being converted.

An organization composed of Christian workers was organized at the Methodist Protestant church by Rev. Hill Monday evening. Sixty-seven people enrolled with the following officers: President, W. T. Wrenny; Vice President, R. T. Thorp; Secretary, A. L. Briles.

Many of the older people of the community say that they have never experienced such a wonderful revival and Mr. Hill says that this is the most successful revival he has ever known.

MRS. R. Y. PUTNAM BURIED TUESDAY

Died Monday From Complication Of Distress—Funeral At Clover, S. C.

Mrs. R. Y. Putnam, aged 41 years, died at her home two miles north of Asheboro Monday from a complication of troubles. Mrs. Putnam was born and reared in Clover, S. C. She was married to Rev. R. Y. Putnam a number of years ago. To this union there are five children: Irvin, Ralph, John, Clyde and Nettie.

Mrs. Putnam had been in poor health for the past six or seven years but she was stricken two weeks ago seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam have lived near Asheboro for two and a half years, during which time Mr. Putnam has served as pastor of several churches around Asheboro.

The body of Mrs. Putnam was taken to Clover, S. C., for burial Tuesday. Those accompanying the funeral party were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Selwin Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dunlap and Mrs. W. L. Thurber. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. T. L. Hill, of Colfax; C. A. Hendrix, of Gastonia; and C. K. Gentry, of Kannapolis.

M. P. CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The past two Sundays have been great days with us. At the Mothers' Day service extra chairs had to be provided and again last Sunday morning it was necessary to provide for a large congregation.

We were greatly pleased last Sunday to have with us Rev. T. R. Woodford, D. D., and his wife, of Pine Ridge, Ky. Dr. Woodford is the Supt. of a very important Mission School up there in the mountains of that state. He preached for us Sunday morning and spoke on Pine Ridge Sunday evening.

In the absence of the pastor Rev. L. T. Edens led the prayer meeting. Our people were pleased with Brother Edens and will be glad for him to come again.

In the absence of the pastor this week Brother Robert Lloyd will conduct the prayer meeting.

Regular services will be held next Sunday.

RECOMMENDS MR. TALBERT FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

Thomasville, N. C.

The Courier:
As all loyal Democrats have the right to express themselves as to their preference as to nominees that are to be voted for this fall, I want to present to the people the next Register of Deeds for Randolph County, in the name of M. F. Talbert, of New Hope township.

In all my travels in different sections of the county everybody is talking Talbert. The masses are solid behind him and this makes him the logical man.

If we are to win we must nominate men who are clean, honest and upright. Talbert possesses these qualities. In my honest opinion he will have no opposition, and he ought not to have. We can elect Talbert, and we will.

—Tabernacle Voter.

MR. DANIEL T. DICKS DIES AT HIS HOME IN DURHAM

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. H. C. Smith, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist church, for D. T. Dicks, 71 years old, who died Sunday at his home in Durham. The services were at the home of Mrs. Fred H. Stevens, daughter of the deceased. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery.

In addition to his widow and daughter, the deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Cleora Stockton, of Kernersville, two grandsons, Frederick and George Stephens of Durham, and numerous other relatives.

Mr. Daniel T. Dicks was the youngest son of the late James Dicks and Nancy Coltrane Dicks, of Randleman, where he lived and operated the farms on Deep River until a few years ago he moved with his family to Durham. The news of his death will be learned with regret by a large family connection in this section.

Mrs. John M. Vuncannon Died Wednesday, May 12th

Mrs. John M. Vuncannon, wife of John M. Vuncannon, died Wednesday afternoon of last week at her home two miles north of Asheboro following an illness from pneumonia. Funeral services were held at Back Creek Holiness church Thursday afternoon with the pastor of the Asheboro Holiness church officiating.

Mrs. Vuncannon is survived by her husband and five children, Hazel, Clyde, Glenn, J. I., and Frances; also two sisters and one brother. She was a daughter of W. B. Millikan, of Troy. Mrs. Vuncannon had been married 17 years and was 58 years of age at the time of her death.

SEVENTH GRADE IS PASSED BY 37

Examination Unusually Difficult and Many Fail To Make The Grade.

Thirty-seven students in the grammar grades of the public schools in the county passed the seventh grade examination held April first and second and are eligible to enter the eighth grade of the high school at the opening of the fall term. The examination this spring was considered unusually difficult and a large number failed to make the passing grade.

Following is a list of the successful students designated by schools:

- Parks Cross Roads: Herbert Stubbs, Wade Stout.
- Mt. Olivet: Annie Hayes, Willie Hayes, Erclean Davis.
- Marlboro: Ruth Davis.
- Sophia: Margaret Kennedy.
- Three Forks: Lucile Oliver.
- Welch: Emory Hancock, Charlie Luther, Bernie Lawrence, Charlie Cox, Alice Callicott, Grace Strider.
- Shiloh: Cecil Ramsey, Robert Bray, Coleridge, Margaret Davis, James Ward, Abner Rumley, Kathleen Davis.
- Tabernacle: Lizis Hoover, Beulah Younts.
- Shepherd: Fannie Robbins, Lucile Walker, Algene Robbins, Blanche Hunt.
- Pleasant Hill: Ruby Nance, Howard Hoover.
- Belvidere: William Kearns, Walter Trotter, Claude Kearns, Marie Hunt.
- Mountain View: Leona Miller, Paul Miller.
- Walnut Grove: Bum Breedlove, Minnie Ferguson, John Jordan.

NATIVE OF RANDOLPH DIED IN GREENSBORO

John Jones, Formerly of Franklinville, Passed Away Last Sunday.

John Jones, aged 52, died Sunday morning at his home in Greensboro following illness of four weeks from a complication of diseases. He leaves his widow, a son, H. Leslie Jones, of Hartford, Conn., two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Kircheval, of Albany, Ala., and Miss Gertrude Jones, of Greensboro; three brothers, W. L. G. H. and J. L. Jones, all of Franklinville; three sisters, Mrs. P. F. Fields, of Climax, Mrs. J. M. Tippet, of Franklinville, and Mrs. W. B. Fields, of Greensboro, R. F. D.

Mr. Jones moved to Greensboro 22 years ago from Franklinville and was employed as a master mechanic at the Wysong and Miles company plant. He was a member of the Centenary Methodist church for 20 years and was an active church worker.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Centenary Methodist church, Greensboro, and interment made in Green Hill cemetery.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

There will be a memorial service at Pleasant Hill M. P. church the first Sunday in June. Services will last all day and the public is invited to attend. All who have relatives buried in the cemetery will meet there Saturday, May 29th, for the purpose of cleaning up the graves and getting the cemetery in readiness for the occasion.

BIG DAM

Contract has been let by the Carolina Power and Light Company for the construction of a large dam across the Fee Dee river ten miles south of Albemarle. The dam will be 76 feet high and approximately 100,000 horsepower will be generated by the water impounded which will cover 6,500 acres of land and will extend up the river to the lower Badin dam. The new State highway bridge at Swift Island on Route 74 will be submerged and the power company will build another bridge to take its place.

"The Sign of a Nation Without Law Enforcement" Subject Used by Morris

In developing his sermon on "The Sign of a Nation Without Law Enforcement," the third in a series of four which he is preaching at the evening hour during the month of May, Rev. B. E. Morris built on these thoughts: First, The Signal Conditions in America; Second, The Causes of these Conditions and Third, The Remedial Plan.

Below we give in brief his sermon as given to a congregation of attentive and appreciative hearers on last Sunday evening.

The first signal condition is the increase in homicides in America. To every ten murders in London there are 160 in the city of New York. Chicago leads in the number of murders in American cities, having an average of one murder a day or 365 a year. Seven out of every ten persons tried for murder in London are hanged. One out of every 160 in New York is executed.

Bold criminality in the American cities is evident in the increased number of highwaymen, house burglaries, etc. Immorality has been increased, even raised to the nth power in our American cities. In our unethical practice we seemingly forget that we are our brother's keeper. Instead of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us we "do" them for everything they are worth.

The broadcasting of atheism is another of the signal conditions. The recent organization of "Damned Souls" in a northern seminary for the purpose of propagating atheistic views is an indication of the spread of atheism in America, and this is said to the disgrace of our theological seminaries.

The social classification in America was discussed. Although the American government was established on equality among its inhabitants, today the class distinctions are as pronounced as in foreign countries which make no bones about having classes.

The next point bears on judicial corruption. The administration of justice today is too often seen in law technicalities and money. Legislative privileges are abused. Our legislative bodies make laws for the convenience of certain classes, trusts and organizations, and not for the good of the common whole. The fact that only recently members of the Cabinet were asked to resign because of their misappropriation of authority and handling of government finances is an evidence of executive defilement.

Some of the causes of these signal conditions are: The increase of wealth and its diversion; the convenience of getting by with crime, made so by the good roads and the increase of the number of automobiles, the disrespect of authority, same beginning in the home, running through municipal laws, state and nation, and culminating in disrespect for divine revelation, the Bible, the authority of the Bible and even God himself. Then, the non-felt obligation to law by omission and commission; the delays in the administration of justice caused by our bail system; the leniency in the enforcement of certain laws such as prohibition. Some claim that the 18th amendment should be modified because the law is not enforced. We do not expect perfect enforcement of any law. If it is true that we should modify the 18th amendment because it is not enforced, all other laws

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Best Camp Fire Girl



Pretty little 17 year old Mary Murray of Tusado, New York, has been selected as the best all-around Camp Fire Girl. She excelled in all branches of work carried on by the Camp Fire Girls of America, sister organization of the Boy Scouts.

YOUNGER CHILDREN AND MUSIC PUPILS ENTERTAIN

One of the most enjoyable school entertainments of the year was the one given in the auditorium last Thursday evening, by the pupils of the public school music and physical education departments, under the direction of Misses Ruby Huneveut and Frances Barker. In all the songs, drills, and other exercises the children reflected credit on themselves and their teachers.

The piano recital given on Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week, by the members of Misses May's and Stockton's classes, also showed the results of good training.

On Monday evening, the children of the lower grades entertained their parents and friends with piano selections and songs, while the older pupils gave the program on Tuesday evening.

All the exercises were attended by large crowds.

Annual Commencement of Asheboro Colored School

The annual commencement exercises of the Asheboro colored high school will begin Monday, May 24th, at 8 o'clock and will continue at intervals until Monday evening, May 31st. The commencement program includes operettas, plays, exercises by the various grades and the annual sermon. The sermon will be by Dr. H. L. Ashe, superintendent of the Greensboro district North Carolina conference.

The local school is under the direction of J. E. Brower as principal, assisted by four other competent teachers. The graduating class this year includes five who are Dock Arf Hill, Myrtle Rosa Lindsay, Clara Lucile Birkhead, Esther Virginia Walden and Alford Henderson Maness.

MR. AND MRS. C. F. SPAUGH WILL MOVE TO ATLANTA

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Spough, who have for the past few years been residing in Charlotte, will in the near future move to Atlanta where they will reside. Mr. Spough has for several years been district manager of Southern Bell Telephone Co., and is being transferred from Charlotte to Atlanta, Fla., during the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Spough have lived in Raleigh and Charleston, S. C. In each of their homes they have made many friends and the people of Charlotte are loath to lose them. For the past three weeks Mr. and Mrs. Spough have been the recipients of many social courtesies, among which were dinner parties, bridge parties and luncheons. Mr. and Mrs. Spough will spend a week in Asheboro before going to their new home in Atlanta.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Come and enjoy an hour of Bible study. Worth Mackie and Norman Osborne will have charge of the 11:00 a. m. service. Let us encourage these young men by giving them a large audience.

Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m. Belle Gray will be leader. The public is invited to this service. At the 8:00 p. m. service the Stevens Band from High Point will be with us and begin a series of meetings. The public is invited.

Several of the women of the Missionary Society are attending the Missionary conference at High Point this week.

TRINITY NEWS

Mrs. Lucy Haynes, of the Boston, Davidson County section, is spending some time here.

Mrs. Astin, of Danville, Va., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George Craven, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Weeks, who returned to her old apartments here a short time ago, has decided to remain here until fall and then go to Norfolk, Va., and live with her son.

Mrs. Morris Tyndale is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. June Johnson, in High Point.

The high school teachers have all left for their respective homes.

Mrs. Nannie Craven with several others went over to Hopewell Sunday.

Mrs. Johnston continues to improve from rheumatism. She is able to get out some in a car.

LOCKJAW FATAL TO EDNA BEAN

Death Came Sunday Following Intense Pain—Funeral At Shiloh Church.

An unusual death occurred on last Sunday evening at Memorial hospital when Miss Edna Bean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bean, of the Holly Springs section, died from lockjaw. Miss Bean had the misfortune about ten days ago to step on a nail which pierced her foot. The wound apparently healed and she was as well as usual, going to High Point to visit relatives. Suddenly Saturday night she was taken very ill with lockjaw and brought to Asheboro Sunday morning to Memorial hospital. Her suffering was intense and her death was inevitable from the time she was stricken. The funeral service was held at Shiloh Monday, being conducted by Mr. John Allred. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Bean and the young brother of Miss Edna.

MRS. J. C. BULLA DEAD AT AGE 83

One of the County's Most Remarkable Women—Funeral Yesterday Morning.

Mrs. Lydia Henley Bulla, widow of J. C. Bulla, died at her home six miles west of Asheboro Tuesday morning at the age of 83 years. Mrs. Bulla was the daughter of the late Dr. S. A. Henley, of Asheboro. She is the last one of a large family of children. In early life she was married to Mr. J. C. Bulla, to this union there were the following children who survive: Mrs. Minnie Caudle, Asheboro; Mrs. Eugene Ashcraft, Monroe; Mrs. Nora Spencer, Asheboro, Route 2; Mrs. Joseph Purdie, Annapolis, Md.; Miss Mamie Bulla, Asheboro; and Miss Nell Bulla, of Monroe; Mr. N. A. Bulla, of Randleman; and Mr. Tom Bulla, of High Point.

Mrs. Bulla has been one of the most remarkable women the county has ever known, coming as she did from a sturdy, honest, straight-forward family she has kept up the reputation of her forefathers. In the daily walks of life she has taken advantage of her opportunity to serve not only the members of her family but also those in the community with whom she came in contact. She was a veritable Mother in Israel. Many of the younger people looked up to her and sought her advice. Her keen interest in human betterment, her civic pride and her spirituality have characterized her long and useful life. She had been remarkably strong and active until the past few years when the infirmities of old age caused a decline in her health. For the past two weeks she has been suffering from spinal meningitis. While her suffering has been intense there were moments when she could lend cheer and comfort to all of her sons and daughters who were at her bedside for several days before the end came.

On Sunday night Mrs. Bulla seemed to have the curtains between this and the other world drawn and through them she saw the loved ones on the other side. She quoted her favorite Psalm, assuring her children that she was happy in the summons which she had to go to the better world and join those of her relatives and friends whom she knew were waiting on the other side. Her expressions and her happiness have left a lasting impression on the minds of her children who went with her through these experiences.

The funeral service was conducted at Charlotte church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. C. A. Gregory, pastor of the Friends church in Asheboro, officiating.

A large crowd gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to a woman whose influence has meant much to the community in which she lived and to all who knew her.

Rev. J. E. Pritchard Is Attending Pittsburg Meeting

Rev. J. E. Pritchard left Tuesday morning for Pittsburg, Pa., to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Education of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Pritchard is recording secretary of the Board. Rev. G. I. Humphries, D. D., of Baltimore, is president and Rev. F. W. Stephenson, of Pittsburg, is the Executive secretary. Other members of the Board are Rev. E. T. Howe, D. D., of Muncie, Indiana, Mr. Ralph White, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. H. W. Johnson, of Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Pritchard will return later in the week and will fill his appointments at the local church Sunday.

High School Marshals Elected

The senior class of Asheboro high school recently held their election to select marshals for commencement and the other public exercises to be held during the closing days of the school year. The following were chosen from the junior class: Miss Pearl Sykes, chief; Misses Irene Kearns, Pauline Steed, Gladys Hall, Johnnie Adkins, Ruth Cooper, and Ma. Wiley Jones.

JACKSON CREEK ITEMS

Miss Mabel Ridge, from Churchland high school, will be with homefolks for a few weeks. She expects to enter summer school.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yates, Sunday, May 16th, a son.

What is known as Stephen's Gang will hold services at Piney Grove next Sunday, May 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garner visited friends and relatives at High Point last Sunday.

Archdale Community Club Meeting

Mesdames John K. Wood, J. O. Redding, W. J. Armfield and I. C. Moser attended the meeting of the Archdale Community club at the home of Mrs. J. R. Royals, at Archdale, last Wednesday. A number of the members of the Asheboro Women's club were invited but on account of its being the regular meeting for the club here only the above named ladies attended. Mrs. Wood, chairman of the local club, spoke on Civic Work and Miss Clara Cox, of High Point, spoke on Archeology. The meeting was most delightful, much business being transacted. Mrs. David Armfield was an associate business with Mrs. Royals and they were delicious refreshments.