

INFANT SON OF CHAS. BRADY RECEIVES BROKEN NECK WHEN WAGON BED UPSETS

Accident Happens While Playing With Little Brother in Barnyard—Smaller Child is Unhurt—Funeral At Concord Baptist Church Yesterday.

M. LEVI, PROMINENT MERCHANT, DEAD

Well-Known Merchant Died Monday; Presbyterians Secure Building Site.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 17.—The death of Mr. M. Levi which occurred Monday morning at 1:00 o'clock was a shock to the people of Rutherfordton and the county throughout where he has made his home for nearly forty years. He was suddenly stricken Saturday morning at his home with an attack of paralysis from which he never rallied, being unconscious until the end.

Myer Levi was born in Manning, S. C., fifty-nine years ago and when quite a youth came to this state and settled in Polk county where he was engaged in the mercantile business. After a few years he moved his stock of goods to Rutherfordton and opened up a general merchandise store in a building located on Main street about where Simpson Bros., now have a grocery store. Later he bought a lot and built a brick store house which was burned and he then erected the brick building now occupied by the Levi Department Stores, Inc., one of the largest and most successful business enterprises of the town.

He married Miss Ray Bernstein, of Washington, D. C., who survives. To this union was born four daughters, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Mrs. L. M. Walch, Misses Ruth Levi, of Baltimore and Beatrice Levi, of Washington, D. C. He also is survived by two sisters, Mrs. S. Iseman, of Manning, S. C., Mrs. Alfred D'Ancona, of Chicago, and three brothers, Lewis Levi, of Manning, S. C., Fred and Mitchell Levi, of Sumter, S. C. The funeral will take place today at Sumter from the home of his brother. In manner Mr. Levi was quiet and unassuming, attending strictly to his own affairs, but had many friends in his adopted home who grieve at his passing.

Miss Howard, the pastor's assistant and the ladies of the Spindale Presbyterian church, entertained the Rutherfordton Auxiliary and Philathea class on Friday evening at a Valentine party. The room was tastefully decorated with hearts, Cupids and Valentine colors, the games and colors carrying out the Valentine idea throughout. After many amusing games which were enjoyed by each member present several girls wearing attractive aprons and caps served a salad course with coffee and nuts.

Rev. J. C. Grier announced at the Sunday morning service that a lot had been secured at Chimney Rock and the Presbyterians in that section hoped that it would not be very long before we would have a house of worship erected on the lot. We learn that Mr. J. M. Flack, the proprietor of Mountain View Inn, has given the lot which is situated in a desirable location between the Inn and the Freeman House.

Mrs. Annie Carrier Robertson and Mr. Gene Walker, of Farmville, Va., arrived in Rutherfordton Monday on a visit to their former home. Mrs. Robertson is the guest of Mrs. K. J. Carpenter and Mr. Walker is stopping with Mrs. L. D. Miller.

KIWANIS CLUB

Letters from Representatives Roach and Moss were read, relative to increased appropriation for Jackson Training School. Representatives from the Club will attend a meeting in Rutherfordton on Feb. 26.

The Club voted to send telegrams to Senator Roach and Representative Moss to defer passage of act limiting county commissioners' term to two years.

Attendance prize went to Mr. J. M. Edwards.

A deplorable accident happened at the home of Mr. Chas. Brady, living on the Bostic road, Tuesday afternoon, when his four-year-old son was instantly killed when a wagon bed turned over and the sharp edge of the bed broke his neck. A smaller child, two years old, escaped uninjured, the wagon bed falling over his body in such a manner that he was not hurt in the least.

The two children were playing in the barn yard. Spying the wagon bed, which had been turned on its side against the barn, the two children stepped into it, when the bed turned over, catching the older boy as above described. The accident was discovered when the child's father returned to the barn yard with a load of sawdust he was hauling to bed the stables in his barn, when he saw his child's head protruding beneath the overturned wagon bed. Hastily rushing over and removing the body, the father found life extinct.

A physician was hastily summoned, but his visit was of no avail. It was found that the child's death resulted from his neck being broken.

When it is realized that the older boy, had he been lucky enough to have escaped contact with the rim of the wagon bed, as did the younger child, would have been saved, it makes the accident more deplorable.

The mother of the children had called to them just a short time before the accident, but thinking everything would be all right, let them go on with their play.

Funeral services for the child were held at Concord church at 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. M. Teal being in charge. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

DIES FROM ACCIDENT

Mr. William Lowery, of Henrietta, died at his home early Tuesday morning as a result of injuries received last Sunday evening, 7:00 p. m., when he was hit by a car driven by Mr. Charles Wilkins, of Henrietta.

Mr. Lowery, who was 83 years of age, had started walking to preaching. As he was crossing Haynes street the car driven by Mr. Wilkins approached and Mr. Lowery ran into the rear fender injuring himself.

The accident seemed unavoidable. Mr. Wilkins was blinded by the lights of an oncoming car and could not see the old gentleman crossing the street. Mr. Lowery was following some others who had already crossed over.

He was taken to his home where all that could be was done, but the seriousness of his injuries and his advanced age, hastened his death.

He was buried at Providence church Tuesday afternoon. He is survived by a wife and several children.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

The small three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMurry, of the Sunshine section, was burned to death Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock.

Mr. W. J. Long, who lives near Mr. McMurry, was burning corn stalks and rubbish in a field near the McMurry home. The small child, with its brother, was playing near one of the bonfires when its clothing was ignited, burning it to death almost instantly.

NEW FURNITURE FIRM

Mr. Reuben McBrayer has purchased the stock of furniture from the Forest City Furniture Co., and will continue the business under the same name of Forest City Furniture Company. Mr. McBrayer brings a valuable experience to the new store, having served for a number of years with the Cliffside Mills Furniture Store and is thoroughly experienced in the furniture business. He has a wide acquaintance and hosts of friends and should prosper in the new enterprise. Mr. McBrayer believes in printer's ink, as evidenced by an ad in today's Courier.

Scene at Kentucky's Great Cave Drama



Civilians and militia at work at the mouth of Sand Cave, Ky., in the effort to rescue or recover the body of Floyd Collins, trapped first in a narrow cavern by a sliding boulder for a full week, then sealed in by a cave-in as rescue seemed certain. Insert is a recent picture of Floyd Collins, made during one of his previous explorations. More than 5000 people visited the scene the second Sunday of his imprisonment, finally going into a great hillside meeting, singing and praying for his rescue.

RESOLUTIONS BY COUNTY CLUB

Relative to New County Road Law and County Commissioners.

A well attended meeting of the County Club was held at Kiwanis hall, Forest City, Tuesday at 1:00 o'clock p. m. Many compliments were passed on the splendid dinner served by Mesdames R. E. Biggerstaff and R. R. Blanton. Sixty plates were served.

Dinner over, business was delved into in an efficient and business-like manner, with Mr. K. S. Tanner presiding and Secretary Jenkins "on the job."

The most important business coming before the Club was that of a new county road law and the question of a six-year term for county commissioners. Two resolutions were passed, as follows:

Whereas, it has been called to the attention of this Club that a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives for the purpose of amending the present law concerning the selection of Commissioners for Rutherford county and the terms of their office; and whereas the law now in force has met with almost universal approbation; and whereas it is the opinion of the members of this Club that before any change should be made in the existing law that the bill proposing said changes should be published in our county papers and time allowed for our representatives to hear from their constituents before any change in the existing law should be effected:

Now, therefore, we do hereby request the Hon. T. J. Moss and Senator J. G. Roach to defer any action towards amending the existing law affecting the terms of office of the County Commissioners of Rutherford County until the proposed amendments to said law shall have been published in our county papers and a reasonable time allowed thereafter for our representatives to receive an expression of opinion from their constituents as to said proposed amendments. The Secretary of this Club is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to our representatives in the Legislature.

Whereas, at the request of the Board of County Commissioners of Rutherford County the Kiwanis Clubs of Rutherfordton and Forest City and the Rutherford County Club appointed from their membership representative men from all sections of the county to meet with the Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of deciding upon the terms of, and draft a new road law for Rutherford county; and whereas said committee has met and agreed upon the provisions of the said proposed new road law for Rutherford county and said proposed law has been drafted and forwarded to our representatives in the legislature now in session;

Now therefore we the member of Rutherford County Club, in meeting assembled do hereby endorse and approve the draft of said proposed law and request that our representatives in the Legislature procure the passage of the same; and to this end it is ordered that the Secretary of this club shall forthwith transmit to Hon. T. J. Moss and Senator J. G. Roach, copies of this resolution.

FARMERS TO BE FINANCED

Cotton Association Holds Big Meeting and Perfects Organization.

A large body of farmers, members of the Cotton Association, interested in getting money through the Agricultural Credit Co-operation with which to buy fertilizer, met at the Forest City High School last Saturday.

A permanent organization was formed. The executive committee, to handle the problems of the association, was elected as follows:

- J. W. Matheny, Forest City.
- C. M. Walker, Ellenboro.
- Lewis Wells, Bostic.
- M. E. Whisnant, Hollis.
- Chas. Jenkins, Harris.
- J. C. Buff, Rutherfordton.
- Officers were elected, as follows: Ed. Thompson, president.
- R. L. Wells, vice-president.
- P. E. Patton, secretary.

The Farmers Bank will act as agent for the Agricultural Corporation and will loan money to members of the Cotton Association only to purchase fertilizers and supplies. Loans will be made for 6 to 9 months and will be extended in case of crop failure. The bank is anxious to have applications for loans in at once. Applications should be made on Fridays.

Meetings of the organization are to be held in the schoolhouse at Forest City, on Saturday, 10:30 a. m., before first Sunday in each month.

NEGRO MINSTREL

A negro minstrel will be given at the Mt. Pleasant school house Saturday, February 21, 1925, at 7:30 o'clock. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Everybody is cordially invited.

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FLOYD COLLINS IS LEFT TO SLEEP ETERNAL AMID CAVERNS THAT CLAIMED HIS LIFE

Solemn Last Rites Are Held On Hill Overlooking Sand Cave After Officials Despair of Bringing Body Out Without Endangering Lives of Other Men; Concrete Will Be Used to Seal Explorer in Rocky Cave Where He Was Trapped.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 17.—On the hill above Sand Cave this afternoon his family and friends held funeral services for Floyd Collins. There was no casket; no corpse; no grave, and no marker.

Sixty feet underground in the Sand cave trap which closed upon him 18 days ago, lay the body of Collins, discovered a few days too late by the rescuers. Rather than risk the lives of any of the tireless volunteers, his family chose to leave him in the cave for his last sleep.

Physicians, his friends, and officials of the rescue party crept down into his narrow tomb today to gather the legal evidence that Floyd was buried there and that he was dead. None of his family could take a last look, but the thought that Collins would have chosen such a spot, among his beloved caves, comforted them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Collins were there, silent in the last earthly rites for their son. The aged couple sat side by side in small chairs near the edge of the same limestone ledge under which Sand cave disappears.

Choir Sits On Rocks.

Behind them, grouped on large boulders overlooking the valley below, were a dozen members of a choir gathered from among residents of Cave City. Mr. and Mrs. Collins listened with bowed heads while strains of "Nearer My God to Thee," drifted over the hill as the services opened.

The aged father looked often toward the mouth of Sand cave, 125 feet away as the words, "Like the wanderer, the sun gone down," floated away in the distance. Sand cave, naked in the absence of its sheltering canopy, yawned silently.

The Rev. Roy H. Biser, of Glasgow, a neighboring community, climbed to a stump to open a scriptural service and a motion picture camera started to whirl. At the outer fringe of the group stood a sentinel with his rifle. Huge rocks were the benches of the outdoor chapel.

Men who had spent days in the struggle, unshaved and muddy in appearance, bared their heads in the chilling breeze. The prayer was offered. The little gathering of one hundred and fifty men and women heard Rev. Mr. Biser tell them they were "standing on this precipice in midst of death" and listened to him give thanks "for the brotherhood of man as manifested by those who had risked their lives on this site."

Family is Comforted.

Mental comfort for the Collins family was besought and then Mrs. Ira D. Weathers, of Cave City, sang a solo.

Newspaper telephones, but recently installed all over the hillside, rang unanswered from various tree stations. A soft wind rustled the dried brown leaves and carried the song off down the valley.

The story of Floyd Collins, uncertain in its outcome, uncertain even from day to day Rev. Mr. Biser referred to as paralleling the romance of mankind itself. No other incident within memory, he said, had brought so many prayers from the brotherhood of man for one fellow man trapped under ground.

"Floyd loved the caverns and the caves; loved them as some of us love flowers and birds," he said. "Now he is enshrined in his sarcophagus of stone where his body lies in peace."

"It was Floyd's wish to be buried in a cave," the speaker added, and then related a dream which Mr. Collins said his son recently experienced, a dream that angels came and took him away from a cave where he was imprisoned.

Spot Forever Sacred.

"Heroic deeds have laid a permanent monument for the whole country in the exhibitions of courage and stamina revealed for 18 days at Sand Cave," the Rev. C. K. Dickey, of Horse Cave, said. He supplemented Rev. Mr. Biser's statement that the spot forever would be sa-

SCHOOL PLAY GIVEN MARCH 6

"The Flapper Grandmother," By Local Talent, Should Prove Interesting.

"The Flapper Grandmother," a musical comedy, will be given under the auspices of the graded school at the auditorium Friday evening, March 6th and at Cliffside music hall, March 7th. This play has attracted wide attention throughout this state and others. The characters of this play will be coached by a professional trainer of the Wayne P. Sewell Lyceum and Producing Co., of Atlanta, Ga.

The following characters have been persuaded to take part in this play:

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

- Andrew Spriggins, who believes in nothing modern—Mr. T. G. Stone.
- Mat Spriggins, his wife, who wants to be up-to-date—Miss Clara Reid.
- Lena Spriggins, the wild child—Margaret Bostic.
- Daughters of Belindy Spriggins, old fashion type—Miss Ruth Moore, Mat and Andrew.
- Maggie Pepper, The Flapper Grandmother—Miss Juanita Minish. (Who is Mat's mother).
- Dick Tate, A motor Cop—Mr. E. G. Lee.
- Jimmy Swift, Auto Agent—Mr. G. C. King.
- Bobby Smith, A nice, sweet, sissy boy.—Part not filled.
- Dr. Joy, Village doctor in love with Grandma—Mr. A. C. Finch.
- Count Seekem Rich, Eng. man who followed Grandma home from Europe—Mr. F. I. Barber.
- Rastus Jones, Gentleman of color—Clyde Whitlock.
- Lilly White, Lady of color, to be played by man—Mr. Dick Minish.
- Mike Flannigan, An Expressman—To be supplied.

Other characters:

- Debutante Flappers; Matrons; Jelly Bean Young Men.
- Unique Characters: Rag Doll Chorus—Eight little children.
- Girl—Miss Jeanne Moss.

The proceeds of the play will be used to purchase books for the high school library.

NOTICE

W. M. U. workers and officers of the Sandy Run Association will all report to Mrs. T. C. Lovelace, at Henrietta, until further notice.

MRS. A. H. McDANIEL.

cred to the memory of him who had called forth so much loving kindness.

J. F. Van Cleve, of Glasgow, spoke in a voice so low that the trickling of water down an opposite hillside only emphasized the solemnity of the occasion. Faint clicks from cameras were audible as Van Cleve told softly of how men emerging from the rescue shaft had dropped like dead on their cots night after night.

The remainder was short, Rev. Mr. Dickey conducted the committal, and A. F. Pearson, a Glasgow undertaker, dropped a piece of ash, a tiny fluttering fern and a bit of earth as Floyd's unseen remains were committed to his Maker.

Fifty-five minutes had elapsed when the final "Amen" brought the closing of the services. Such was the last hour of spiritual tribute to Floyd Collins. A few hours and his body will have been sealed in its tomb deep in the earth below. A block of concrete will be permitted to solidify in the lateral, leading from the rescue shaft, while the shaft proper will be filled with rock and earth from the vicinity. The entrance to the cave will be closed with heavy timbers and Floyd Collins henceforth will rest undisturbed.