

LITTLE CHILD FATALLY BURNED CHRISTMAS EVE

Ruby Harrill, Aged 7, Playing
Near Grate When Cloth-
ing Ignited.

Mother's Hands Badly Burned
Trying to Save
Child.

A DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT

Falling like a pall of gloom over the holiday spirit Christmas eve morning came the announcement that little Ruby Harrill, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harrill, had been severely burned at the home of her parents on Broadway. Hundreds of friends all over the city paused in the preparations for Christmas to utter a silent prayer that the life of the young girl might be spared, while countless others hurried to the stricken home to offer help and condolences.

The fatal accident occurred about 8 o'clock Thursday morning, Dec. 24th. Ruby, who had arisen from her bed a little late, was in the front room of her home, not yet dressed, playing with her little brother and admiring the Christmas tree that was being prepared for the children. Still in her night clothing, she passed too close to the grate and her gown became ignited. She screamed with fright and her mother, hurrying from another room, discovered her child in a mass of flames. The frantic mother heroically snatched up a small rug and desperately tried to smother the flames. Her hands were badly burned in the vain attempt. The child was so badly burned that she died about 8 o'clock that night.

Her face and body was terribly burned, so badly, in fact, that despite every effort made to save her, the little life was snatched from the dotting parents. Physicians were called, the best efforts of all were in vain. She was too badly burned for mortal hands to save her little life.

Ruby was a brave little soldier, and despite her severe burns, was conscious to the last, trying heroically to lessen the grief of the loved ones trying so hard to save her life. It is said that her burns were so severe, the nerves so deadened, that she did not suffer as much as she might have done had the burns been of less intensity. We hope that she was spared some of the suffering in this manner.

The awful accident, with its tragic ending, has cast a gloom over the entire community. The heartfelt sympathy of everyone goes out to the stricken family.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. W. R. Ware at the home Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Included in the exercises was the singing of Ruby's favorite hymn, "When Jesus Came Into My Heart." Beautiful floral offerings mutely testified to love of many friends. The pallbearers were cousins of the deceased. Interment was in Pleasant Grove cemetery in the presence of a large crowd.

MRS. SANDERS WINS PRIZE

Mrs. J. W. Sanders won a ten dollar prize in a premier salad dressing contest given by Francis H. Liggett, of New York, for best recipe for salad dressing. The contest was open to the world. Mrs. Sanders sent in one of her favorite recipes and was awarded the prize over all competitors. Her many friends are congratulating Mrs. Sanders on her feat.

DEATH OF DR. HARRELL

Dr. J. J. Harrell who dropped dead at Bessemer City last Monday was one of the best loved pastors of the Presbyterian Home Mission field, headquarters of which are in Forest City. He was a man and preacher of the highest and noblest Christian type and his death creates a vacancy in the Bessemer City and old historic Long Creek churches which will be hard to fill. Two daughters and a large circle of admiring friends will mourn his untimely departure, notwithstanding he has been translated from the Church militant to the Church triumphant.

Can You Beat It?



To win the World's speed typist's championship, Albert Tangora clicked the keys at the rate of 130 and a quarter words per minute. George Hossfeld, former champion was but a fraction of a word slower than Tangora's lightning fingers.

LOCAL NEWS

Gathered Here and There By Rev. H. C. Sisk.

The many friends of Mr. Will Gee will be sorry to learn of his leaving here Monday for the Sanatorium in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. A. A. Smart is sick at this writing.

Mrs. Dora Nanney and Mr. Riley Baynard is on the sick list.

The Christmas exercises at the Florence Baptist church was a great success, the tree was beautifully decorated, many nice presents were received.

The Wesleyan Methodist church gave a Christmas exercise which was said to be the best ever known in the church.

Mr. Paul Nanney, of Lexington, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Haynes.

Miss Sallie White spent Christmas holidays with her cousin, Miss Annie Bell White, near Uree.

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Hardin and baby spent the holidays with Mrs. Haggin's mother, Mrs. Seymour Wilson, of Buffalo Creek.

Misses Carrie and Georgia Street spent Saturday night with their uncle, Mr. J. J. Street, of Piney Ridge.

Mrs. Lola Hardin and baby returned to their home in Liberty, S. C., Sunday. They were accompanied to their home by Miss Pearl Hardin, who will spend the week with them.

Mr. Patton Sisk has returned to his home from Julia, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freeman spent last week-end with Mr. Bud Deck near Logan Station.

Mr. C. E. Prestwood and family of Waynesville, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Prestwood's sisters, Mesdames S. E. Blackburn and Mrs. R. T. Sisk.

Miss Nell Flack and Winnie McCracken, Messrs. Albert Blackburn and Jordan Crawley motored to Spartanburg Friday.

Misses Zennie and Indiana Sisk spent Saturday and Sunday in Marion, N. C.

Rev. and Mrs. L. N. Epley and children, Miss Nancy Owens, spent Christmas night with Mrs. Carrie Honeycutt of Shiloh.

Misses Willie and Nancy Owens have been spending a few days with Miss Mary Sisk of Route 2.

Misses Estelle Henderson and Frashour Watkins of Chesnee, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Henderson Sunday.

Miss Blanch Wilson spent Christmas day with her sister of Rutherfordton, Route 3, Mrs. Morton Taylor. She was accompanied by her father and brother, Rev. James Wilson and son, of Ellenboro.

Miss Mattie Lee Condrey had as her guests Sunday Miss Eva Owens and Mr. Yates Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Halford spent Christmas holidays in Inman, S. C.

FLORENCE MILLS GIVES BANQUET TO EMPLOYEES

Office Men, Superintendents
and Overseers Brought To-
gether in Annual Affair.

One of the most enjoyable, as well as profitable of the Christmas functions, was the annual banquet given the office force and overseers of Florence Mills by the management. The banquet was held at Kiwanis Hall, Thursday, Dec. 24, at 5 o'clock p. m.

Plates were provided for about thirty guests, the dinner being prepared by Mrs. R. R. Blanton, who has so splendidly prepared the Kiwanis dinners for some time.

Mr. J. M. Edwards presided as toastmaster in a most happy manner. In his opening remarks he praised the men for their splendid co-operation and told of the appreciation of the management for their good work and loyalty. He made a most excellent point in stating that it was the policy of Florence Mills to give promotions to their employees, rather than bring in new men when promotions were in order.

Mr. G. V. Frye, assistant superintendent, then made a few remarks, telling of his dealings with the men and praising the organization. He was warm in his praise for the splendid co-operation shown by the employees and told of their appreciation of the treatment accorded them by the management. He urged the men to always do their best, improve themselves and be ambitious, saying that in this manner only was there chance for promotion. He attributed the success of Florence Mills during the year to the unflagging co-operation of the men and the management. Supt. N. H. Welch was the next speaker. He told of his appreciation of being present on the occasion and was warm in his praises of the men for their support given him in his work.

Mr. B. H. Price said that there had been a marked improvement in the product, attributing this to the fact that the men were satisfied and appreciative and worked to the best interest of the mill. Among other things, he also stated that in his service with Florence Mills he had never heard a superintendent or overseer utter a cross word.

Prof. C. A. Erwin, county superintendent of schools, made an unusually inspiring talk, emphasizing his appreciation of the good fellowship exhibited and the co-operative spirit of the men of Florence Mills. He brought out many points of value, stressing the value of efficiency and service.

Prof. J. B. Jones, of Caroleen, was the next speaker, making an interesting and instructive short talk. He said among other things that he had often wondered why Florence Mills got such fine men, but after being present on this occasion and noting the fine relationship between employer and employee, he had no more doubts upon this subject. Good management and loyal employees will make for the success of any business, according to Mr. Jones and he found Florence Mills fortunate in this respect.

The editor of The Courier expressed appreciation for the manner in which Florence Mills management and employees always were loyal in their support for every measure of improvement or betterment of our little city.

During the course of the banquet Mr. J. M. Edwards read a list of employees—office men, superintendents or overseers, with the exception of Wilsie Kelly, colored, oldest in point of service—and their terms of employment, as follows:

- Wilsie Kelly (col.) 31 years.
- Geo. P. Doggett, 22 years.
- Fred Y. Hamrick, 21 years.
- C. L. Proctor, 21 years.
- Joe S. Bridges, 20 years.
- L. Spurgeon Nanney, 16 years.
- N. H. Welch (Supt.) 15 years.
- Goode Flack, 11 years.
- M. E. Dorsey, 10 years.
- J. Winifred Webb, 10 years.
- K. J. Walker, 9 years.
- M. G. Smart, 8 years.
- Ernest L. Roberson, 7 years.
- Ray Burnett, 4 years.
- H. E. Neighbors, 4 years.
- Wilbur L. McBrayer, 4 years.
- Gordon V. Frye (Asst. Supt.) 3 years.

HENRIETTA NEWS

Henrietta, Dec. 29.—Rev. R. N. Childress delivered a Christmas message to his people at the Baptist church Sunday at 7 p. m.

The death angel visited our town the 22nd and claimed Mr. John Brown. He had been in bad health for some time but was only seriously sick about two days. He was about 82 years of age, had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Anna Pruitt, for about 16 years. The burial took place at Providence church Dec. 24th. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Anna Pruitt, of Henrietta; Mrs. Nettie Bradley and one son, Mr. Bud Brown, near Rutherfordton and 32 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren.

Death also claimed little Claude, the eleven months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Muncy, Dec. 26th. He had whooping cough and pneumonia. He was buried Sunday afternoon at Henrietta-Caroleen cemetery, the funeral being conducted from the home by Rev. W. M. Reid. Those recently married are Mr. Clyde Fowler and Miss Sue Ledbetter of Henrietta.

Mr. Dewey Workman and Miss Dolie Mosier of Henrietta.

Mr. Arthur Lackey, of Forest City and Miss Myrtle Randolph of Henrietta.

Messrs. M. O. and M. J. Wilkerson and their families have moved to the country between here and Cliffside. We hope they will like their new home.

Mr. Gordon Leverette is still confined to his room with inflammatory rheumatism.

Mr. Tillman Leverette is very sick with pneumonia.

Miss Alice Tate was taken to the Rutherfordton Hospital last Wednesday. She is getting along very well.

Mr. Silas Bradley, of Spartanburg, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bradley.

Mr. Clyde Moss is spending some time with his grandmother, Mrs. Shuford, of Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Biggerstaff and little daughter, of Marion, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Biggerstaff.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Calahan spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Calahan of Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Biggerstaff and family attended the burial of Mrs. Will Humphries of Caroleen at White Pine church above Rutherfordton, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Daisy Brindle and daughter, Miss Ruby and son, Mr. Henry Brindle, spent a few days recently with relatives at Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Brindle spent last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sargee on Forest City, R-1.

Mr. Kirk Ellis, of Spartanburg, spent a few days recently with Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Reavis on Mooresboro, R-1.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Padgett of Pacolet, S. C., spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. Jesse Kimbrell and Miss Addie Kimbrell visited friends at Melvin Hill Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Steadman of Melvin Hill is with Mrs. Loretta and Miss Addie Kimbrell.

Misses Ruth and Vera McMahan spent the week-end with relatives in the Shiloh section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pressley spent last week with his parents at Piedmont, S. C.

Messrs. Wm. Butler, Lewis Robertson, DeWitt and Zeb Harrill were in Charlotte Monday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Harrill, Dec. 30, a fine boy.

Subscribe before February
1st and get your county paper
for \$1.00.

- E. W. Jordan, 3 years.
- C. B. Gurley, 3 years.
- B. H. Price, 2 years.
- B. B. Burnett, Tom M. Brown, J. W. Halford, G. W. Cavanaugh, during 1925.
- The banquet was highly enjoyed by all present. It is an annual affair of good fellowship and in keeping with Florence Mills' policy of showing an appreciative interest in its employees.

New Cue Champ



Here is Edward Horemans, Belgian cue sensation whose skill wrested the World's Billiard Crown from the brow of young Jake Shaeffer. This is the same crown that Willie Hoppe held for so many years. Who's next?

PROVIDENCE NEWS

Forest City, R-2, Dec. 30.—Every one seemed to enjoy Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith and daughter, Miss Mary Francis, spent the week-end at Shelby visiting Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrill Christmas day were Mr. Fletcher Harrill and family from Alabama; Mrs. Lishie Price and family of Shelby; Mr. and Mrs. Avery Grayson, of Shelby; Mr. John McDaniel and family; Mr. W. V. Harrill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen and Mrs. Mattie Harrill and family.

Mr. Coburn Vess of Bowling Springs High School spent Thursday with his brother, Mr. Roy Vess.

Misses Mildred and Louise Wood spent Friday with Misses Ila and Ethel Phillips.

Misses Wilma Harrill, of Alabama, and Ruth Price from Shelby, spent Friday afternoon with Miss Virginia McDaniel.

Mr. Roy Vess and family spent Saturday with Mr. John Sisk.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brindle and Mr. Billy Burns spent Christmas holiday with Mr. Amon Brindle and family.

Mr. Bob Wilson and family and Mrs. R. A. McDaniel spent Saturday at the home of Mr. J. W. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phillips spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McDaniel.

Mr. Roy Vess and family spent Friday in Gaffney, S. C., visiting relatives.

Mrs. Mattie Harrill spent Sunday with Mr. John McDaniel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips spent Saturday with Mr. J. W. Phillips and family.

Mr. Rob Goble and family spent Thursday night with Mr. John McDaniel and family.

Mrs. Mattie Harrill spent Saturday night with her father, Mr. Amon Brindle.

SOAKS NEGRO FOR CUTTING "WIMMIN'" FOLK

Sam Steele, dusky denizen of Smokey Hollow, negro settlement in the outskirts of Forest City, was before Judge Erwin in Recorder's Court last week, charged with cutting his wife and step-daughter.

He was given six months on the roads for the minor charge of cutting his step-daughter and held to the Superior court on the more serious offense of cutting his wife.

This negro went on a rampage before Christmas and when the smoke of battle lifted it found his step-daughter severely cut, but not so seriously as the wife, who was so severely carved that the physician had to take 43 stitches to close the longest cut. She had also been knocked down with a chair. Her life was despaired of at first, but she rallied and is recovering.

KNIGHTS MEET IN ANNUAL BANQUET

Pythians and Their Ladies
Make Merry Monday
Evening.

The annual banquet given by the local lodge Knights of Pythias, was held in their lodge rooms Monday evening and was an enjoyable occasion. Plates were prepared for about 100 guests.

The supper was most enjoyable, while good fellowship and friendliness prevailed in a manner to make the occasion one long to be remembered.

Attorney C. O. Ridings presided as toastmaster. The welcome address was delivered by Attorney T. J. Moss.

He was followed by J. E. McFarland in an inspiring talk, while short talks were made by H. B. Doggett, J. C. Scruggs, Jack Michalove, the editor and others. Dr. W. R. Ware came last with a talk that was inspiring and instructive. Among other things Dr. Ware mentioned that he was present at the initiation into the order of Dr. M. A. Adams, of Rutherfordton. He also praised the fellowship and social side of the order, declaring that we all need to develop the social side of life.

Stove Explodes at Dorton Home in Shelby

Dr. J. S. Dorton, secretary of the Cleveland County Fair association, his wife, and little daughter, Betty, were all burned early Monday morning when the water-back tank of their kitchen range exploded, after a fire had been built in it.

The little girl was the more severely burned, receiving burns on her face and over her legs. Dr. Dorton was burned on the hands and legs, while Mrs. Dorton received burns on her neck.

They were taken to the hospital after the explosion and the burns dressed, Dr. and Mrs. Dorton returning home. Betty, the little girl, may remain in the hospital a day or so for careful attention of her burns, it is understood. Inquiry at the hospital brought the information that although she is burned about the face the burns will not likely disfigure the face or leave bad scars.

The explosion resulted, it is thought from the heat of the range against the frozen water-back, it being similar to numerous explosions that occur during freezing weather. Although they were considerably burned it is only a matter of luck that the family escaped without more serious injuries.—Shelby Star.

Dr. Dorton is a son-in-law of Mr. R. E. Biggerstaff, of Forest City. The many friends here were sorry to learn of the accident, but are thankful that the damage was not more serious.

LOCAL BASKETBALLERS DEFEAT COWPENS 33-27

Forest City basketball team defeated Cowpens by the score of 33-27 Monday evening. This was the best game of the season, the Cowpens boys being a much older and experienced team. A last minute rally by Forest City proved too much for the Cow Boys.

On Dec. 24th Spartan Mills basketball team defeated Forest City 26-30, the game being played at Spindale. Mauneyhan for the visitors being the outstanding star annexing 22 points.

These two teams will play here Friday, January 1st at new High School building.

Weather strips will stop those cold leaks around doors and windows. Farmers Hardware Co. 12-3t

At the Methodist Parsonage in Bostic, on December the 24th, Mr. Howard Spratt, of Ellenboro, and Miss Eva Brackett, of Hollis, were united in marriage, Rev. E. J. Poe officiating.

Mr. R. E. Poole, of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. Robert Poole, of Charlotte, were holiday guests of Mrs. W. W. Poole.