

# SOCIAL

## MRS. NICHOLSON DIED LAST NIGHT

### One of City's Ablest Women Succumbs to Disease After a Month's Illness—Was Prominent in Letters and Club Woman—Native of Mecklenburg, Wife of Rev. Walter Lee Nicholson.

Mrs. Effie Jean Squires Nicholson, wife of Rev. Walter Lee Nicholson of this city, died last evening at 7 o'clock at the Charlotte sanatorium after an illness of four weeks, preceded by a period of several months of ill health. For a week it was evident to her loved ones and physicians, that Mrs. Nicholson was going steadily toward the inevitable, and each day new effort was put forth to discover something that could overcome the trouble which threatened her life, but without avail. The cause was of a very serious nature. An operation was performed, but revealed a condition that skill could not overcome. On Sunday Mrs. Nicholson entered the sanatorium. Monday she became semi-conscious and from that time until the evening shadows of yesterday gathered a'round her bed, there were only flashes of intelligence. She sank rapidly yesterday afternoon, the end coming at 7 o'clock. The news of the passing of this eminently good, this brilliant woman, was a distress to the city, especially to the world of womanhood with whom, as church woman, club woman, D. A. R. and U. D. C., she had been so intimately associated, so valued, so brilliant a helper in thought and action. They all knew, through The News, of her extreme illness, but the death tidings came as they always do—as a shock.

**Biographical.**  
Mrs. Nicholson was born December 8, 1871. She was the daughter of John B. and Mary Ann Stevens Squires, and her birthplace, her parents' home, was twelve miles north of Charlotte, part of the plantation being in Mecklenburg and part in Union county. Her father died 20 years ago. Her mother is still living. Never strong as a child, Mrs. Nicholson grew to girlhood and womanhood with more mental than physical strength, she having an especially alert brain, which she richly developed by study when a student at the Greensboro College for Women, of which she was a first honor graduate, and afterward by exhaustive reading.

November 25, 1896, she married Rev. Walter Lee Nicholson of the Methodist ministry, a native of Statesville. Mr. Nicholson at that time was in active ministry, and was serving churches in this section of the state. He and Mrs. Nicholson moved to Charlotte September, 1908, and this city became their permanent home. Mr. Nicholson's sight failed to such an extent that he gave up active work as a minister and engaged in the real estate business. He built for his wife a beautiful home on East avenue, which was a joy and happiness to her and therein the last years of her life were spent.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols two children were born, the first dying in infancy. The surviving child, a bright little boy, Walter Lee, Jr., is four years old.

**Woman of Brains.**  
Mrs. Nicholson was a woman of splendid brain and a strong, true purpose in life, the latter being ever subservient to the wise dictate of the former. She was broad and comprehensive in her mental scope. As a school girl and afterward when a teacher, of music, in Wilkesboro High school, where she met Mr. Nicholson, she began writing, her first efforts being for religious publications, she being an early and very close student of the Bible. During the past decade of her life she became noted as a woman of letters and learning. For six years she was editor of the Woman's Missionary department of the Christian Advocate, relinquishing the work a year ago on account of her health. She was deeply interested in missions, and had been president of the Woman's Missionary Society of Tryon Street Methodist church, and later of Trinity Methodist church.

The cause for which the Y. W. C. A. stands, appealed to her. She was a member of the board of directors and one of the editors of the Special Edition of The News, the association is soon to issue. She had several splendid articles under way for the Special Edition.

She was gifted, not only as writer, but teacher. She had the gift not only of acquiring knowledge, but so thoroughly assimilated it as to be able, in a very delightful way, to impress

others. For some time she had been teacher of the woman's class, of Trinity Sunday school, numbering about 35—a work which she loved and labored for with intense zeal, and benefit to those whom she taught.

**Prominent Club Woman.**  
From the inception of the Charlotte Woman's Club, Mrs. Nicholson was a prominent and interested member. She was first vice president of the club at the time of her death, and had also held the position previous to this year. She had been chairman of various departments of the club, and under her leadership each had done notable work.

**Patriotism Appealed to Her.**  
Being a daughter of Mecklenburg, the patriotic spirit of the county, sung in song and story, appealed to her. She was a member of Liberty Hall Chapter D. A. R. and also of Stonewall Jackson Chapter, U. D. C., in both of which she was an "ocean to the river" of thought.

To her literary attainments—which were greater—Mrs. Nicholson added the stronger power of a pure, true nature—womanly, wisely, motherly. She loved others, but she loved home, husband, child, best. Her devotion to this tri-universe of love was known to all. Her life was crowned with kindness, with usefulness, with purpose work will go on.

Besides her husband and child, Mrs. Nicholson is survived by her mother, three brothers, and three sisters. The brothers are:

Mr. J. S. Squires, who lives with his mother in the northern part of the county; Mr. Mark Squires, an attorney who is mayor of Lenoir; Dr. John H. Squires, of Wilmington, Del., special representative for the Du Pont Powder Company. He is the only absent member of the family. The sisters are Miss M. Catherine Squires of the county; Mrs. J. W. DeLaney, who lives 10 miles north of Charlotte, and Mrs. Lula S. Clegg of the faculty of the city schools. Mr. Nicholson's brother, died today from AETAOINNNNNN Mr. W. T. Nicholson of Statesville, arrived today from Atlanta to attend the funeral.

**The Funeral.**  
The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Tryon Street Methodist church by Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, pastor of First Methodist church of Asheville, assisted by Rev. Dr. E. K. McLarty, pastor of Tryon Street church, the pall-bearers will be Messrs. A. J. Hagood, J. H. Little, John A. McRae, E. M. Cole, J. B. Ivey and Dr. A. M. Whitsnant.

**City Pays Tribute of Respect.**  
By order of Mayor C. A. Bland, the offices in the city hall will be closed during the funeral hour, 4 to 5 o'clock, the board of school commissioners.

### MR. J. C. SUMMERSVILLE DIED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON—FUNERAL

Mr. John C. Summersville died yesterday afternoon at his residence, 15 W. Palmer street, and the funeral service was held at 1 o'clock today, the service being conducted at the residence by Rev. Hooper Adams, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church.

Mr. Summersville was a native of Paw Creek township, a Presbyterian in faith, and a member of Paw Creek church. He was 66 years of age, and was a man of excellent traits, quiet and unassuming. He had been a great sufferer, but bore up bravely. He moved to Charlotte six years ago. He is survived by his wife and three sons and a sister.

The interment was at Paw Creek.

### CHILD SWALLOWS NICKEL—VERY ILL

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Wilson, of Gastonia, swallowed a nickel yesterday afternoon and was brought to the Charlotte Sanatorium very seriously affected. X-rays were used to locate the coin. It was lodged in the child's throat and she was very seriously ill. Medicine was given and the coin was finally expelled.

Mrs. Rosamonde Lucas is to have as guests during Elizabeth College commencement, Miss Katrina Gose, of Burke's Garden, Va., and Miss Lucille Polzot, of Wilmington. Elizabeth graduates, both of whom arrive Friday.

### CHILD CROSS? FEVERISH? SICK?

A cross, peevish, listless child, with coated tongue, pale, doesn't sleep; eats sometimes very little, then ravenously; stomach sour; breath fetid; pains in stomach, with diarrhoea; grinds teeth while asleep, and starts up with terror—all suggest a Worm Killer—something that expels worms, and almost every child has them. Kickapoo Worm Killer is needed. Get a box today. Start at once. You won't have to coax, as Kickapoo Worm Killer is candy confection. Expels the worms, the cause of your child's trouble. 25c at your druggist.

## MOTHER CLAIMS CHILD AND TAKES POSSESSION OF HER

Through her attorneys, Messrs. Brevard, C. B. Fisher and J. D. McCall, of Charlotte, and W. A. Bristol and W. D. Turner, of Statesville, Mrs. Ella Gaither, of No. 6 Park Court, Elizabeth, is answering the complaint Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carson, of Statesville, for the possession of her child, Ruth Gaither.

Ruth is now about 13 years of age, at what the law calls the age of discretion, and Mrs. Gaither has taken her daughter back to her home in Elizabeth as she claims she has the right to do.

Mrs. Gaither says that some time ago she let Ruth go to Mrs. Carson's, in Statesville to live for a while, and that the Carsons insisted that she let them adopt Ruth; but that she persistently refused to do so; and that when she refused to adopt her to the Carsons the Carsons refused to let the child visit her mother and also refused to let the mother go to their home to visit her child.

Thereupon she further alleges that according to her rights in the matter she went to Statesville to get her child and proceeded to take her daughter in an automobile and bring her to her home in Charlotte.

Mrs. Gaither further alleges that she is not only entitled to the girl as her mother, being able to support and educate her, but that the claimants are not so well able to do so.

Mrs. Gaither further alleges that her daughter, Blanche is now stenographer and bookkeeper at the Charlotte Sanatorium; that her son Claude Gaither is about 18 years of age, is well qualified to take a position in a telegraph office, that he has procured a position in the Western Union office, and that he also desires his sister at home.

Mrs. Gaither says she has the signature of officers of Statesville to a telegram that she is able and competent in every way to take charge of her children.

She further says that she has the affidavits of as many as fifty of the best citizens of Mooresville to the effect that she is competent and able to educate and support her said children and is doing so. She further says that unless the allegations of the said petitioners is absolutely privileged she intends to sue them for libel for defamation of character.

**Miss Ruth Gaither's Statement.**  
North Carolina, Mecklenburg county. In the matter of Ruth Gaither:

Miss Ruth Gaither being duly sworn says:

My name is Ruth Gaither, I am 13 years old, will be 14, 4th of next March. I now reside in Charlotte, N. C., with my mother, Mrs. Ella Gaither. I formerly resided in Statesville, until the 7th of May, 1914, when I came to Charlotte to make my home in the future with my mother. I now live at No. 6, Park Court, Elizabeth, Charlotte, N. C.

As I was going to school, in Statesville, about a quarter to nine on the morning of the 7th, in company with Annie Clarke, and Sarah Moore, who was just behind me, we saw an automobile standing near the school; a boy was standing on the fender or step of the car, and Sarah said, "That looks like Claude." I knew who she meant. My brother, I said, "No it is not him." I had not seen him for two years. I did not recognize him at first, and she said "I know it is him." Then I said: "It does look kinder like him." Then I saw Mamma and knew it was Claude.

He did not get off the step at all. He just stood there. I don't think I shook hands with him. I was too crazy to get to Mamma. I went right by Claude and got in the car and spoke to Mamma, and got in the car, and Claude asked me what grade I was in, and I said I was in the upper in the same grade, and he said he was in the same grade as I had resided, and I would like to go to Charlotte and be in the same grade with him; and I said I would like it fine.

Then we just rode on. I wanted to come on with mother. The only thing I regretted in leaving was missing school, because I would not get my certificate.

I had not seen mother for nearly a year, and of course I had rather have gone with her than to get my certificate from the Statesville school, especially so, since I did not know when I would ever get to see her again.

Uncle Sam Carson, and Aunt Nell Carson, with whom I had resided, would not let me come to see my mother. Not long ago Mamma wrote them on one Friday to let me come to see her and they would not let me. I wanted to go and they would not let me go. Mamma wanted me to go and spend Saturday and Sunday. I begged them to, but they refused to let me go.

I know what kidnapping means, but I was not kidnapped. The paper said that Claude got out of the machine and took me by the hand, and lifted me in. This was not true. I did not give him time to do this. I was in such a hurry to get to mother.

Mother told me she was going to bring me on to Charlotte with her, and keep me there. I was a little surprised at first at this; but my delight in going to Charlotte and being with Mamma was greater than my surprise. The only thing I hated was not getting my certificate.

Last spring before school was out, 1913, one evening when I came from school I said I would be so glad when school was out, so I could go to see Mamma; and then Aunt Nell said, "I don't know whether you will go or not." Then I said, "Why?" Because I had been going every summer. Then she said: "If you intend to make your home with us you cannot be going down there so much." I had been going to see mother every summer and Christmas—Sometimes Christmas, not every Christmas. Before this time they had never said anything against my mother. After this they would tell me all kinds of tales about mother. They seemed to be telling me all this to try to draw my affections from my mother. I did not believe anything they said about my mother, and told them so from the beginning. This effort on their part to destroy my love for my mother

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**A YESTERDAY MARRIAGE.**  
Miss Pioma J. Phillips and Mr. J. Hugh Blackburn were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Phillips on Arlington avenue, Sunnyside, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. R. D. Carroll, pastor of Allen Street Baptist church. Only relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony. The bride wore a gown of champagne moire silk with hat to match and carried white carnations. She is only 16, and looked as pretty as she is youthful. She is very popular in her section of the city. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played by Mrs. Green. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn left for Lincoln, where they will spend several days. Returning they will make their home in the city, where the groom is an employe of the Charlotte Electric Railway Company. He has a host of friends in the city.

**DECLAIMERS' CONTEST.**  
Tonight at 8 p. m. the young men of the Southern Industrial Institute will contest for declaimers' medal. Tomorrow night the young women will contest for recitation medal. The annual debate and awarding of prizes will take place Friday night. All these exercises will be held in Parker Hall, and the public is cordially invited.

**A SUNDAY MORNING MARRIAGE.**  
Miss Edna Ferguson and Mr. R. O. Huntley were married Sunday morning, the 10th, at the home of Mrs. H. C. Gibson, 305 East Ninth street. Rev. L. R. Pruett performed the ceremony. Mrs. L. R. Pruett sang "I Love You Truly" and rendered Mendelssohn's Wedding march.

Miss Sarah Watson, maid of honor, wore blue satin with face overdress. The bride was attired in blue coat suit with black hat and carried white carnations. She was given away by Mr. H. C. Gibson. Mr. J. C. Stokes was best man. During the ceremony "Love and Flowers" was rendered, and after the ceremony "Lohengrin." The bride is highly accomplished, being especially talented in music. She is also very popular. The groom holds a position with the Southern Power Company, and is esteemed by a host of friends. He and his bride are residing at 315 Worthington avenue.

**LITTLE MISS GREEN HOSTESS.**  
For her lovely little daughter, Miss Tunis, Mrs. W. H. Green will give a party this afternoon at her home on Elizabeth avenue.

**MR. AND MRS. WOOD HERE ON VISIT.**  
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wood of Philadelphia, are guests in the city, visiting Mrs. Wood's sisters, the Misses MacNichols—one superintendent of the Presbyterian hospital, the other of St. Peter's hospital. Mrs. Wood, before her marriage, was Miss Hazel MacNichols, a graduate of Elizabeth College and a girl of marked popularity in college and city.

**MISS WOOLWORTH TO BE ASSISTED BY MISS MOSELEY.**  
Cards as follows were received last night:

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