

# S. P. Cooper, Former Mill Head, Dies

Funeral Will Be At 5 p. m. Sunday, Episcopal Church

Sydney Perry Cooper, 67, president of the Henderson and Harriet Cotton Mills from 1921 to 1941, until he retired as a result of ill health in January, 1942, died suddenly of a heart attack about a o'clock Friday evening. He had left his quarters in the 1,400 Hotel, where he lived, to go to his daughter's residence, and died near a step leading to his automobile.

He was first employed by the mills in 1917 as head of the sales department. Prior to that time he had been a business man elsewhere. He served as acting secretary of the operations from 1920 to 1921, January, 1921, until he became president, succeeding the father, D. Y. Cooper. Following his retirement from active duty in January, 1942, after a stroke, he had been retained in an advisory capacity and acted as a director until the time of his death.

Funeral services will be held at Holy Innocents' Episcopal church here at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon in charge of the pastor, Rev. Ray Holder, and burial will be in the family plot in Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Cooper is survived by three daughters, Mrs. D. Boyd Kimball, Jr., of Henderson; Mrs. W. B. Waddell, Jr., of Wilson; and Miss Malone Parham, of Raleigh. He was born David Jackson Cooper in Henderson, and Sydney Perry Cooper, Jr., corporal in the Texas 35th Infantry, Ariz. Also surviving are his brothers, D. Y. Cooper, president of J. A. Cooper, president of the Henderson and Harriet Cotton Mills, and sister, Mrs. Claude Douglas Smith, of Asheville. His youngest daughter was given in marriage by him at a ceremony at Holy Innocents' church Saturday night, August 19.

Mr. Cooper's wife, who before marriage was Mrs. Mary Louise Jackson, of Asheville, Ga., by whom he was married in 1906, died several years ago. A brother, Alexander Cooper, was long general manager of the cotton mills, died in May, 1922. His father, D. Y. Cooper, one of the founders of the mills, was president until his death in December, 1920.

Mr. Cooper was born in Henderson July 25, 1877, and lived here all of his life. His mother, Leah Hilliard Perry Cooper, has been several years or more.

The deceased was a member of the vestry of Holy Innocents' church since 1909. For twenty years he was junior warden, and became senior warden eleven years ago. He had represented the church at many diocese conventions in the years before his health failed. He was president of the local cotton mills during several critical periods and held that office during the time the plants were renovated and equipped with hundreds of thousands of dollars of new machinery.

Mr. Cooper was one of the outstanding families of the city and the State and was known widely in textile circles in the South and elsewhere.

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It was reported today that W. R. Vaughan continues ill in his home on Ghosher avenue. Mr. Vaughan has been ill for several weeks.

# Wounded in France



# Sgt. Grissom Dies From War Wounds

B. B. Grissom has received word that his brother, T-Sgt Ernest W. (Buteh) Grissom, died in France on July 11 from wounds received on July 11. Sgt. Grissom entered the army in September, 1940. He was stationed at Camp Jackson, S. C., Camp Blending, Florida, and Camp Atterbury, Indiana, before going overseas in January, 1944. Grissom was a participant in the invasion of northern France on June 6.

Sgt. Grissom, 26, is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of Henderson, and his father, Ernest Grissom, of Henderson. He is also survived by two brothers, E. B. Grissom of Henderson, George Grissom, of camp commanding, Florida, and Bill Grissom, who is in France, and three sisters, Mrs. Calvin Riley, Mrs. Irvin King, and Mrs. Bill Hamlin, all of Henderson.

Before induction Grissom was employed at the Raleigh Granite Company.

# Smith Rites Sunday 4 p. m. At Residence

Funeral services for Thomas Gilbert Smith, 26, will be held at the home of his father, J. T. Smith, on Andrews avenue, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in charge of Rev. H. K. King, pastor of the First Methodist church of Henderson, and burial will follow in Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Smith died at Maria Parham hospital Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock of injuries received when a truck he was driving overturned and burned on Route 1 thirty miles north of Henderson, near South Hill, Va., about 8:30 a. m. Friday. He was a driver for the Overnite Transportation Company, and made his home in Richmond.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Thomas Gilbert Smith; two small sons, Gilbert Vernon, age 14 months, and Joanne Walter, age two months, all of Richmond; his father, J. T. Smith, and stepmother, of Henderson; three sisters, Mrs. George R. Harper, of Newport News, Va., and Mrs. J. L. Eason and Miss Halle Mae Smith, both of Henderson, and one brother, Captain James W. Smith, of the Army air forces, stationed at Avon Park, Fla.

Mr. Smith was a native of Henderson and lived here all of his life until moving to Richmond several months ago.

Funeral services for the funeral were listed as follows: Active—Teddy Roberson, Hubert Mullins, Reginald Ayscue, Jack Griffin, Weldon Curran, William Lloyd.

Honorary—S. B. Rogers, Hubert Barnes, Shelton Renn, Sol Renn, Donald Dike, W. B. Hight, Dr. H. H. Bass, Dr. Vance B. Rollins, Eugene Falkner, Clyde Inscow, Norman Roberson, John Mandy, L. A. Jackson, W. W. Langston.

# MISS BELLE THOMAS DIES AT AGE OF 85

Life-long Resident of County Will Be Buried at St. John's Church Sunday Afternoon

Miss Belle B. Thomas, 85, one of the county's oldest residents, died at her home in Williamsboro at 6:30 a. m. today after an illness of a little more than a week. She was a native of this county, and was born at the ancestral home, "Blossombury," near Williamsboro, December 16, 1858. She had lived her entire life in the county.

Miss Thomas was a lifelong member of old St. John's Episcopal church at Williamsboro, one of the oldest churches in the State. She is survived by one brother, Hamilton Thomas, of Martinsburg, W. Va., and one sister, Mrs. T. H. Carroll, of Washington, D. C. Her parents, John Taylor Thomas and Annie Bullock Thomas, have been dead more than half a century.

Funeral services will be held at St. John's church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in charge of Rev. Ray Holder, rector of Holy Innocents' Episcopal church of Henderson, and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Rev. L. P. Spencer, of Speed, a former rector, will assist in the services.

Active pallbearers were named as follows: Hope Bullock, R. B. Taylor, J. R. Warham, E. B. Taylor, H. G. Taylor, F. B. Roberts, L. M. Bullock.

# DISORDERLY CASES BEFORE THE MAYOR

Disorderly conduct cases were tried in police court today.

Louise Sutton, colored, was tried for cursing and using loud and boisterous language toward Bertha Branch, calculated to bring on an affray. Her sentence of 30 days was suspended upon payment of costs and provided she be of good behavior for the next two years.

Mary Overby, colored, failed to appear in answer to a charge of being drunk and disorderly and loud and boisterous cursing on a public street, and the case was continued.

REV. RAVENELL TO SPEAK AT SHILOH Shiloh Baptist church on College street will have as its guest speaker for the morning services Rev. William Ravenell, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist church of Cambridge, Mass., it is announced. Rev. Mr. Ravenell is a former pastor of Shiloh church and has the reputation of being a dynamic and forceful preacher. All members, friends and the public at large are invited to hear this message tomorrow morning. Rev. B. Westbrook is pastor of the church.

# State Record Proud One As to Soldiers' Voting

Balloting Made by Service Men Might Decide the Result

BY LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—Thad Eure, secretary of state, and ex-officio administrator of the Federal soldier absentee voting law, just back from a conference of secretaries of state at Cincinnati, Ohio, (over which he presided) and which was attended by secretaries of state from nearly forty states, is proud of the record being made by this State. Asked if he was satisfied with the job being done here, he qualified the answer a little bit. "Let's say I'm gratified instead," he remarked, after comparing efficiency of the North Carolina voting machinery with that of other commonwealths. "Our system isn't perfect, and so I'm not entirely satisfied, but it is one of the best and the best service people will fare as well as those from any State in getting their votes counted."

PROBLEMS—While the laws in every State are different from those in others, a great many of the problems are common to all. The conference devoted most attention to these common problems, and Eure thinks it was highly successful. An enthusiastic spokesman for the War ballot commission, the army, navy and shipping administration were present and the fellows "let their hair down" in discussion with the result that somewhat uniform methods of processing ballots were agreed upon.

SURPRISE—Eure found other secretaries as surprised as he has been at the number of applications for soldier absentee ballots. The total for North Carolina stands now at perhaps a little under 40,000—for the nation at over two million. The figures already reached are approximately what final totals had been estimated a few months back. Officials believe the peak has been reached, but there will be several days more of heavy receipts. Estimates have been upped to four million for the nation, around 75,000 for North Carolina.

SIGNIFICANT—Significance in these figures lies in the fact the soldier vote may well hold the balance of power. In recent years the Democratic majority has been larger than the anticipated soldier vote, but there have been times in both the nation and the State when the margin was less than the potential 1944 soldier vote.

DELATED—Capitol Square folk were much interested in a newspaper story Friday that some states would not complete count of absentee votes until December 7. The Square expects Roosevelt's majority to be sufficient to assure his election on the first count after the November 7 voting, but possibility is recognized that we might not know who has been elected President until after December 7.

DIFFERENCE—Most adults and many youngsters are familiar with the Ayscue family of the good old George Patton, assistant attorney general, gave a new version of it Friday. A couple of newspaper men popped into his office and posed the direct question: "What do you think of the law?" Patton was quick on the comeback. "My opinion of the law," he said, "depends entirely upon whether it is after me or some other fellow."

CONFERENCE—It was a closed-door conference and at this time no report on it is available, but Chester Morris, solicitor of the first judicial district, talked with Department of Justice folks Friday. State assumption is the talk had to do with the "marriage racket" at South Mills, Camden county, where one justice of the peace is said to have married the same girl to three service men within six months—without going through formality of nullification or divorce. South Mills, credited by the 1940 census with 479 people, is also credited in recent news stories with being the scene of more than a thousand marriages a year.

APPEAL—The State Department of Justice is concerned in only case to be argued before the Supreme Court next week, the first week of the fall term. That is on appeal by the State from an order signed by Judge Felix Alley in Cherokee county superior court last spring assessing cost of bringing back a defendant from Ohio against the State rather than putting the item in the defendant's bill of cost or charging it to Cherokee county. The amount involved is only \$106.10, but the principle is important, because of its possible influence on other cases that might involve an aggregate of a lot more.

QUESTION—The issue involved is legal rather than popular in its interest. One James Patterson, citizen of Georgia, charged with homicide in Cherokee county, was apprehended in Ohio. He waived extradition and Sheriff Mason went to Ohio to get him. He was convicted on manslaughter in Cherokee county. That being a felony, Judge Alley ruled the cost of his return to North Carolina should be borne by the state instead of the county. (The rule is that misdemeanors are extradited at county expense, felons at state expense.) But in this case there was no formal extradition, since that formality was waived. However, the attorney general holds that the state can be assessed cost only when the state acts through regular channels. In this case the state knew nothing about it until the man had been brought back, tried and convicted. If cost bills for such affairs can be collected from the state, there's no way to figure what the

# Died in France



Pfc. Jesse L. Huff, pictured here, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Huff, Route 2, Henderson, was killed in action in France on July 28. His death resulted from wounds received in action in France on June 17. Huff participated in the invasion of France and since D-Day no word had been received by his family except the telegrams from the War Department advising of his wounds, and later of his death. He is survived by his son, Bobby, age eight, and his parents, one brother and six sisters.

aggregate total might be, there's an interesting legal point involved. The defendant was convicted, so the state can't appeal on basis of the criminal act, but only on the judicial order as to assessment of cost. It will probably cost the state more than the \$106.10 to maintain the action through supreme court; supreme court decision may save (or may cost) many times that amount in future cases.

# Bennie Jordan Is Tried For Driving Without License

Bennie Jordan, colored, was tried in recorder's court today for operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license. He was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$2.50 and costs.

James Edward Lyon, white, was tried for speeding and made to pay a \$2.50 fine and costs.

# WILL BE CLOSED TWO HOURS MONDAY

It is announced that the Christian-Harward Furniture Company will be closed Monday, August 28, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon, in respect to W. H. Crane, vice-president of the company, whose funeral will take place in Philadelphia at that time.

# BARCLAY ON BRIDGE By Shepard Barclay

UNWISE PASS COSTLY IT CAN cost you just as much to pass when you should bid as to bid when you should pass. That is especially true of opening bids. When you are vulnerable it is especially important to bid when you have enough for a sound opening. Failure to do so opens the door for a wily not-vulnerable opponent to begin the auction with a psychic which may talk you and your partner out of a game. Especially be sound when you are in the second hand position, just at the left of the dealer, for then your not-vulnerable foe is in the third-hand spot which is ideal for a confusing psychic call.

At the first table North was one of these players who think your cards won't take as many tricks when you are vulnerable as when you are not. He therefore wants more strength for an opening bid. His foolish cost his side the deal. After his pass, it was pretty hard for South to make a vulnerable spade overcall of the psychic heart. North could not very well bid over West's No Trump bid, and when it reached South again, he could not dare to try spades at the level of two. Can you imagine South's chagrin on contemplating North's original pass, after his side had taken the first eleven tricks? It produced a score of a dinky 250 points for his side.

At the other table East could not bamboozle the opponents after North had opened.

Your Week-End Question If attention has been called to your insufficient bid, what would you figure out before you make it sufficient?

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