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MRS. ROWENA NEAL TAKEN BY DEATH

Prominent Marion Woman
Dies After Extended Illness
—Funeral Held Wednesday

Mrs. Rowena Weaver Neal, widow of the late J. G. Neal, prominent resident of Marion, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Blanton, Tuesday morning.

It was with deepest regret that the community learned of the death of Mrs. Neal. She was a beautiful character loved by everyone and her greatest pleasure was doing for others.

Missed, she certainly will be for her small upright body, though old in years, was a familiar sight each pretty day as she went to and fro in the homes of children and grandchildren so dear to her heart.

Mrs. Neal had been a faithful member of the Methodist Church for many years. She took great delight in doing her share of church work and was always at the meeting of the Missionary Society when possible.

Mrs. Neal was 84 years of age. She had a large family connection who are very prominent in this section of the state. She is survived by two sons, W. W. Neal and L. A. Neal, of Marion; four daughters, Mrs. John B. Newton, of Roanoke, Va., Mrs. Minnie Blanton, Mrs. G. S. Kirby and Mrs. S. H. Yancey, of Marion, and one brother, A. F. Weaver, of Thermal City.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the First Methodist Church and interment made in Oak Grove cemetery.

THAT'S THAT, MUSICAL COMEDY, THIS EVENING

Heralded as the fastest two hours of the year, with a wealth of beauty and music, "That's That," the hilarious musical comedy, will be presented to Marion show-goers this evening at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. It will be repeated Friday evening for the benefit of those who are unable to attend tonight's performance.

A company of over fifty principals and chorus groups are to present this delightful comedy of music, song, love and youth. Every member of the cast is well chosen and many of them have appeared in previous productions of this organization. The show is divided into two parts, both of which are scenes at Palm Beach where romance is supposed to reign supreme. This delightful comedy has everything required in the way of catchy numbers, brilliant costumes, gorgeous scenery, clever dancing, together with a well trained variety of chorus groups and a professional appearing cast.

The sale of tickets has been exceptional and indications are that tonight's performance will be the most popular and the finest of any ever attempted here.

MORE STILLS CAPTURED

Sheriff O. F. Adkins and deputies succeeded in capturing two stills during the week, one in Higgins township on Tuesday and one in Nebo township Wednesday. About two hundred gallons of beer was destroyed in the latter raid.

C. L. Tate, deputy sheriff at Old Fort, has captured five stills and destroyed 1000 gallons of beer, besides pouring out 25 gallons of whiskey, during the present month.

TALKING PICTURES

Oasis Theatre announces that starting today (Thursday) they will show talking pictures and vaudeville acts. The management states that they have secured Vitaphone service, both feature pictures and vaudeville acts, just the same as shown in the Imperial and Plaza Theatres in Asheville.

T. W. Stacy has been re-appointed a member of the McDowell County Board of Education for a term of six years. Samuel L. Copeland has also been appointed a member of the board for six years, and Geo. C. Conley for a term of four years. Other members of the board are J. S. Bradley and Miles P. Flack.

Commencing today, Thursday, VITAPHONE talking pictures will be shown regularly at Oasis Theatre.

RECEPTION AT WOODLAWN FOR MR. AND MRS. LONON

An outstanding event of the early spring season was the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. John Yancey Lonon given by the groom's mother, Mrs. Hattie Lonon, at her old home at Woodlawn last Friday evening from nine to eleven o'clock.

Miss Lila Mae Lonon and Mr. Grayson Neal welcomed the guests at the front door after which they were introduced to the receiving line which was formed in the living room, composed of Mr. D. N. Lonon, Mrs. Lonon, Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Lonon, Mr. and Mrs. Macon Corpening, Mr. and Mrs. John Grayson Yancey, Miss Helen Lonon, Sam Yancey, Jr., Miss Mary Yancey, William Lonon, Miss Rena Neal and Grayson Yancey.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yancey ushered the guests into the spacious old dining room where Miss Alice Roane Cross, Mrs. W. K. M. Gilkey and Mrs. Francis Little, Jr., served plates daintily adorned with yellow rosebuds, yellow and green being the color scheme so effectively carried out.

The dining table, at the head and foot of which Mesdames J. G. Gilkey and W. W. Neal sat pouring coffee for the guests, was beautifully and artistically decorated with twining vines of ivy and scattered with heads of March flowers. It was lighted by a candleabra holding yellow candles which was placed in the center of the table, on either side of which sat vases of March flowers and trailing lace ferns. Other parts of the room, including the archway, were similarly decorated with pine and rhododendron and lighted by yellow candles in silver holders. Mrs. E. H. Dysart and Mrs. J. H. Greenlee served the guests sherbert from another table decorated in the same manner.

Misses Virginia Gilkey and Carolyn Dysart stood at the antique desk in the hall and registered each guest as they came out.

The bride wore a silk lace dress of bluebird blue, caught at the side neck line and in front with rhinestone ornaments, and wore a matching shade of blue satin slippers.

MARION YOUTH SHOT AFTER FAMILY ROW

Francis I. Justice, about 22 years old, employe of the Southeastern Express Company here, was carried to the Marion Hospital on Wednesday evening of last week suffering from a bullet wound as a result of an alleged family quarrel, which occurred when Justice went to the home at Glenwood of his father-in-law, M. E. Goforth, in an effort to effect a reconciliation with his estranged wife. Justice is rapidly improving and is considered out of immediate danger.

Justice claims that he was shot by his father-in-law. Goforth denies the charge, asserting that the young man shot himself.

Mrs. Justice had filed suit for divorce from her husband, and it was said that the husband and father-in-law had quarreled over the divorce proceedings. Justice is quoted as saying that his father-in-law said he would like to shoot both Justice and the latter's lawyer, whereupon the young man handed the older one his gun. As he walked away Justice was shot by his father-in-law, according to the younger man's statement.

Mr. Goforth was placed under a bond of \$500.

C. M. T. C. QUOTA FOR MCDOWELL COMPLETED

Captain Herman J. Rathjen, of the regular army, in charge of recruiting in this territory for the Citizens' Military Training Camp to be held at Fort Bragg June 13 to July 12, was in Marion last week assisting local representatives in filing applications for the summer camp.

The quota for McDowell county has been completed, according to L. M. Abernethy, local representative. The list of boys having signed from this county follows:

Kelly Gilkey, Karcher Clay, Jesse L. Mashburn, George Gardner, Mel Hudson, Charles Sinclair, Sam Yancey, Clarence Rabb, Arthur Lewis Sprinkle, Carl Huffman and J. D. Finley, of Marion; Richard Carter, Vester Teague, Carl Gibbs, Thomas Carswell, Roy Finch, Erwin McGinnsey and William Swingle, of Nebo.

Chas. A. Hensley, of Nebo, was in town yesterday and subscribed for The Progress to be sent to his brother, John Hensley, in Temple City, Cali.

CHURCH SOCIETY GIVES BANQUET

Woman's Missionary Society
Give Mother-Daughter Banquet at Methodist Hut.

A most delightful meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on Tuesday evening when the members of the society entertained at the Hut with a Mother-Daughter banquet.

Forty-six mothers and daughters were present, with Rev. W. O. Goode, the pastor, and Rev. E. O. Cole, presiding elder, as special guests.

The mothers were asked to introduce their daughters and give a characteristic trait in one word beginning with the first letter of their names. This provoked much merriment.

The following toast to "Our Daughters" was given by Mrs. S. L. Copeland:

"I have been an infant in arms, a school girl, a teacher, an office worker, a wife, a mother. The first two are common to all girls; the next two are a matter largely of choice; the last two are the aims of most girls. I have enjoyed all, and recommend all, and my toast is: Here's to our daughters (God bless them.) May their lives be right, bright and complete; right in principle, bright in happiness, love and good deeds, complete that in so far as every woman has a mission in life may each of our daughters early discover her calling and fulfill it by accomplishment. For true happiness comes only from a busy life lived to the full."

To this, Miss Alice Roane Cross responded most appropriately with a toast to "Mothers."

Mrs. J. F. Jones then paid a fitting tribute to the following pioneer mothers of the Marion Society: Mrs. Della Gilkey, Mrs. A. A. Decker, Mrs. Gus Gilkey, Mrs. Joe Williams, Mrs. Emma Chase, Mrs. G. D. Sheppardson, Mrs. Rowena Neal, and read the beautiful poem "Old Mothers", as follows:

"I love old mothers—mothers with white hair, And kindly eyes, and lips grown softly sweet With murmured blessings over sleeping babes. There is something in their quiet grace That speaks the calm of Sabbath afternoons, A knowledge in their deep, unflinching eyes That far outreaches all philosophy. Time, with caressing touch, about them weaves The silver-threaded fairy-shawl of age. While all the echoes of forgotten songs Seem joined to lend a sweetness to their speech. Old mothers! as they pass with slow-timed step, Their trembling hands cling gently to youth's strength. Sweet mothers! as they pass, one sees again Old garden walks, old roses, and old loves."

Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Rowena Neal, the oldest, and one of the best beloved mothers, just passed to her eternal home. The following poem, "In Memoriam" was dedicated to her memory:

"Mother! We have all known her. Not all of us in the same person, but the same glory framed each separate face in the aureole of its own Divinity. And whether it be my mother or yours now crossing into the 'undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns,' we bow our heads in reverent silence while the passing cortege bears the sacred dust to its present rest, and our hearts swell with sympathy and a new sense of fellowship for all who have followed a like procession and suffered a like sorrow."

MISSING MARION BOY FOUND NEAR WINSTON

Winston-Salem, March 19.—A 14-year-old boy giving his name as John Harper, of Marion, who says he ran away from home several days ago and had made his way to Kernersville, is in charge of the Forsyth county welfare department, pending a fuller investigation of his story.

John and another boy, Joe Holland, set out on a merry jaunt to see the world, but within a few miles of home the vicissitudes of life began to overtake them. They became separated and John was picked up in Kernersville.

John's tale of having walked, ridden automobiles, had free rides on the train, and of a kidnapping made a coherent story in some instances and in others it did not.

N. C. ASSEMBLY COMES TO CLOSE

School Equalizing Fund Doubled; Gas Tax Raised to Five Cents; Highway Patrol.

Raleigh, March 19. — The 1929 General Assembly passed into history tonight at 8 o'clock when the gavels of Lieutenant Governor Fountain and Speaker Graham simultaneously pronounced the session ended.

Less than a quorum of members of both the house and senate were present for the close of the 70-day session, the longest in many years.

Both houses finished their work early today but adjournment was delayed until the enrolling offices could prepare for ratification of bills passed in the last-minute rush.

Today marked the seventieth calendar day of the session, and the sixtieth legislative day. The traditional length of the term has been 60 days.

The last of the important bills was made into law when the house concurred in senate amendments to the machinery bill, after which both bodies turned to lighter things, such as farewell speeches, pranks, and presentation of gifts.

Fewer Bills Passed Although it lasted six days longer, the 1929 General Assembly fell short of the number of bills and resolutions made into law by the General Assembly of 1927.

Two years ago, 1,205 bills and 44 resolutions were passed, while 1,080 bills and 34 resolutions were approved during the session ended tonight.

The last official act of the legislature before adjournment was the appointment of the committee to represent the General Assembly at the coming historical pageant at New Bern.

Speaker Graham and Lieutenant Governor Fountain were appointed automatically to serve on the committee under the terms of the resolution introduced by Senator Ward of Craven. House members appointed were Flanagan of Pitt, Hanes of Forsyth, Nash of Richmond, and Grantham of Craven.

MANY OUTSTANDING MEASURES MADE LAW

Raleigh, March 9.— Outstanding achievements of the 1929 session of the North Carolina General Assembly summarized:

School Aid Law — Provides \$6,500,000 equalizing fund, allotted \$5,250,000 to six months' term, and \$1,250,000 for aid of eight months' term special districts, for each year of the biennium. This is double the equalizing fund appropriated at the 1927 session. The act also prescribes administrative changes intended to promote economy in the schools. A 30-cent participating level is established.

County Highway Aid Law — Increases gasoline tax from four cents a gallon to five, and creates a county highway aid fund of approximately \$3,000,000 a year to be allocated to the 100 counties of the state on a population-area basis, on condition that the counties reduce their ad valorem taxes for roads by an amount equal to their quota; also establishes a \$5,000,000 equalizing fund to be disbursed by the State Highway Commission without regard to county or district lines.

Maintenance Appropriation Act— Authorizes expenditures of \$38,000,000 for operation of state government and institutions during the two-year period beginning July 1. Permanent Improvements Appropriation Act— Authorizes bond issue of \$1,972,000 for building at State Educational and Charitable Institutions.

Revenue Act — Provides for increased franchise taxes on railroads and power companies, the rates being doubled, and various other increases, principally in business license rates. License tax on soft drink bottlers doubled.

Australian Ballot Law— Requires secret voting in all primaries and elections, but allows "markers" to be designated to assist illiterate voters.

Workmen's Compensation — Provides for compensation based upon 60 per cent of average weekly wage of injured employee, with minimum of \$7 a week and maximum of \$18 a week, with limitation of \$6,000 for compensation for death or perma-

ent disability; sets up industrial commission of three members to be appointed by the governor to administer provisions.

Executive Counsel Act— Abolishes position of pardon commissioner, and creates instead office of executive counsel to governor, with salary of \$6,500 a year, who will perform duties of pardon commissioner and such other functions as may be assigned to him by chief executive.

Senatorial Vacancies— Authorizes governor to name successor in event either of United States senators dies or resigns before expiration of term, successor to serve until the next General election.

Sterilization of Mental Defectives — Lays down method by which sterilization of mental defectives in public institutions may be ordered, and also conditions upon which same operation may be ordered for defectives not in institutions.

Highway Patrol Act— Establishes force of 36 patrolmen and one chief, to be appointed by and serve under the State Highway commission, with principal duty protection of the highways against too heavily loaded trucks, and other abuses.

Aviation Code— Series of five acts setting forth regulations for the operation of aircraft in the state.

Constitutional Amendments— Submitting to voters questions of adding two Associate Justices to Supreme Court, thus increasing personnel to seven; separation of solicitor and judicial districts; and of authorizing General Assembly to classify property for taxation with view of taxing so-called intangibles.

Marriage Banns — Requires that five days' notice be given before application for marriage license is granted, but applies only to minors. Bar Examination— Restricts privilege of standing State Bar examination to natives of state and to bona fide students of law in state institutions.

Appointment of Revenue Commissioner— Makes office of Commissioner of Revenue filled by appointment of the governor, instead of by election by the voters.

Automobile Licenses— Act requires each automobile to display two license plates.

Robbery Penalty— Maximum penalty for robbery with firearms set at 30 years imprisonment instead of five years.

Divorce — Statutes amended to make five years of involuntary separation, as when husband or wife is in prison, grounds for divorce.

Alcohol and Narcotics — Public schools required to teach evil effects on human system of alcohol and narcotics.

Salaries— Attorney-General's pay raised to \$7,500 from \$4,000 with stipulation that incumbent give full time to duties; act passed limiting pay of any official or employee of State Highway commission to maximum of \$10,000 a year. Frank Page received \$15,000 as chairman of the commission prior to his resignation. Governor's salary increased to \$10,000 a year, effective in 1932.

Prison Industries— Act passed directs state prison to set up plant for manufacture of automobile license plates.

GARDNER NAMES R. A. DOUGHTON HIGHWAY HEAD

Governor O. Max Gardner today appointed R. A. Doughton, state revenue commissioner, as chairman of the state highway commission, and A. J. Maxwell, corporation commissioner, to succeed Mr. Doughton. These names will be sent to the senate at its next sitting for confirmation.

Governor Gardner also said he would offer the corporation commissioner's position to I. M. Bailey, attorney for the commission. Should Mr. Bailey accept, his position will be filled by the corporation commissioner.

Mr. Doughton was lieutenant governor during the administration of Governor Elias Carr. He has held the post of revenue commissioner for six years. He succeeds Frank Page who resigned the first part of the year to accept a banking position. A. S. Hanes of Winston-Salem, highway commissioner from that district, has been serving temporarily until a permanent appointment was named.

Talking pictures and Vaudeville acts at Oasis Theatre today (Thursday) and Friday. Also next Monday and Tuesday, and every Monday and Tuesday and Thursday and Friday thereafter.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS HERE SOON

Thirteen Games, Seven at Home, on Schedule for Season; First Game Here Apr. 2

Marion baseball fans are expecting great things of the high school team this year and Coach Hawn states that he is going to show them the best fielding and one of the smoothest working teams in the state. Last year's battery in the shape of Arrowood and Murray is back and they look to be in great shape. The infield this year will have several new faces in it. Rabb is at first base for the present. Outz, Suttles and Suggs are staging a battle at second. Howard seems to have the inside track at short. Clay and Duncan are furnishing each other with competition at the hot corner. The outfield will be the same this year as last in all probability. Conley and Williams seem to have a corner on their places. Ledbetter is showing up best for the other position.

A schedule of thirteen games has been arranged to be played before the state championship series comes off which Marion will enter this year. Following is a schedule of the games to be played at the Cross Mill park and will be called promptly at 4:00 o'clock.

March 29—Rutherfordton at Rutherfordton.

April 2—Valdese at Marion.

April 5—Newton at Marion.

April 9—Black Mountain at Black Mountain (pending).

April 13—Charlotte at Marion.

April 16—Canton at Canton.

April 19—Rutherfordton at Marion.

April 23—Newton at Newton.

April 26—Forest City at Marion.

April 30—Canton at Marion.

May 3—Valdese at Valdese.

May 10—Black Mountain at Marion.

May 14—Forest City at Forest City.

FOLLOW THE SEASON WITH GARDEN CROPS

Raleigh, March 18.— Timeliness, or planting the garden crop according to its season, is one of the very satisfactory ways of having a good garden.

"This means planting each crop according to its climatic requirements," says E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist at State College. "Such crops as English peas, radishes, spinach, and lettuce require cool weather for their best development. Don't make the mistake of planting head lettuce so late that the plants will go to seed instead of producing heads. Strong plants should be ready for setting now in most parts of the state. Lettuce also likes plenty of plant food and if good heads are wanted, the soil must be rich. Side-dress the crop with readily available nitrogen, such as nitrate of soda, as soon as the plants have become established. This is also a good practice for early cabbage and most of the other leafy vegetables."

Those who have never grown carrots should make a small planting this year, says Mr. Morrow. The seed are planted at the same time as the beets and the Chantenay variety is well-suited to Carolina conditions. The Long Season is probably one of the best varieties of beets. It remains sweet and tender over a long period and is primarily a home garden type.

Ventilating the hot bed on the bright sunny days is important. Mr. Morrow says that where the hot bed has only poor ventilation, the plants will likely damp-off at the ground or tall leggy plants will be produced. Vigorous, stocky plants are best for setting. Where the tomato plants have begun to crowd in the hotbed, transfer them to the cold frame. Set them four inches apart and keep the frame covered at night and on cold days.

Early and thorough preparation of the soil also means much in getting the cantaloupes and watermelons off to a good start. Both of these crops respond to heavy applications of stable manure. Three or four tons of manure per acre and a handful of superphosphate to each hill will give good results, says Mr. Morrow.

Commencing today, Thursday, VITAPHONE talking pictures will be shown regularly at Oasis Theatre.