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Lifelong Resident Passes Suddenly While On Visit

Mrs. Margaret B. Strayhorn Passes Friday Afternoon While Visiting Neice and Husband In Gastonia

FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY

Mrs. Margaret B. Strayhorn passed away Friday afternoon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Huth in Gastonia, N. C. Mrs. Huth is a neice to Mrs. Strayhorn. She left here two weeks ago to visit her neice and husband in Gastonia, and since her arrival at their home apparently had been enjoying the best of health.

Death claimed her at 4:30 P. M. Friday after an illness that lasted only a few minutes. She had complained of not feeling well and asked Mrs. Huth to summon a doctor, but when he arrived she had lapsed into unconsciousness, the end coming a few minutes later.

Mrs. Strayhorn had made her home here with Mrs. Ruth Stephens for a good many years, and the funeral services were conducted there this morning. Rev. E. B. Craven and Rev. J. H. Shore were in charge of the services which occurred at 10:00 a. m.

Pall bearers active: Messrs. Reginald Harris, D. R. Taylor, Sam Merritt, W. H. Adair, Preston Satterfield and W. C. Bullock. Honorary: Messrs. Walter Woody, S. G. Winstead, Will Merritt, John Winstead, Bill Harris, A. M. Burns, George Walker, W. H. Griffin, W. A. Sergeant, W. T. Pass, C. H. Hunter, Hugh Woods, J. D. Winstead, F. O. Carver, W. R. Hambrick, E. E. Bradsher, Ray Jackson, Dallas Long, J. A. Long, G. C. Davidson, N. Lunford, Dr. B. E. Love, Dr. A. F. Nichols, and Dr. B. A. Thaxton.

Mrs. Strayhorn, nee Miss Margaret Barnett, was the daughter of the late S. C. Barnett and Lucy Anne Dickens Barnett. She married the late J. S. Strayhorn and survived him by a number of years. Surviving relatives are two neices, Mrs. P. E. Huth, of Gastonia, N. C., and Mrs. J. P. Docherty of Conneaut, Ohio. Mrs. Strayhorn had made her home here for practically her entire life, living with Mrs. Ruth Stephens for a good many years.

Immediately following the funeral services she was laid to rest in Burchwood Cemetery.

Denning To Meet Seagers Labor Day

Champion Of U. S. Navy Will Meet Champion Of U. S. Marines

Jake Denning, champion of the U. S. Navy, will meet Johnny Seagers, champion of the U. S. Marines, as the feature bout on a card to be staged here September 2nd, Labor Day.

Other bouts that will appear on this program have not as yet been lined up, but it is understood that the promoters are preparing the most interesting and best event that has been put on here yet.

Denning refereed the bouts here of last Thursday, but he said that he would rather be in the ring as a fighter than as a referee.

Fight fans of this section will have an opportunity to see some real fighting on Labor Day. Watch for further announcements.

Returned From Nags Head

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Gentry, and son Read, Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Gentry and son, Zacky, Mr. D. W. Ledbetter, his sister, Miss Willie and Miss Nan Cotran, of Statesville, Dr. J. H. Hughes, Mr. M. C. Clayton, Mr. G. C. Hunter and daughter, Miss Rebecca returned Sunday from a week's fishing trip to Nag's Head, N. C. Most of their fishing was done in Oregon Inlet. They caught much fish, the largest catch of Saturday's effort being a forty-five pound drum by Reade Gentry.

Week-End In Greensboro

Mrs. J. Lee Peterson of New Brunswick, N. J. and Mrs. J. H. Berry of Durham, sister and mother of Mrs. R. H. Shelton, motored to Greensboro on Saturday to spend the week-end. Mrs. Peterson is expected back this week and will probably be joined by Mr. Peterson who has been attending summer school at Columbia University in New York.

Hospital Discussed At Meeting In Court House Friday Night

Mr. G. H. Winfrey, Hospital Expert Of Richmond, Va. Offers Proposal For Local Institution

Sponsored by the Person County Medical Society and the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce a meeting was held in the courtroom Friday night at 8:00 o'clock for the purpose of discussing ways and means of building a hospital in Roxboro.

Mr. G. H. Winfrey, past Secretary of the Virginia Medical Society, and a man who has been prominently connected with hospital work in Richmond, was here to address the group.

He outlined a plan for a fifty-bed hospital that called for an outlay of \$75,000, which included building, equipment, etc. It was proposed that as much money as possible be raised in this trade territory by selling stock at \$100.00 per share, to bear an interest rate of six per cent. The interest would not be payable in cash, but in hospital service. Any person who bought as much as one hundred dollars worth of stock would be entitled to thirty days hospitalization per year at no cost. A further phase of this proposal was that any person who would be willing to subscribe as much as five dollars per year or fifty cents per month would be entitled to hospitalization at the nominal cost of one dollar per day. All others would be charged at the regular rate.

When all the money that could be raised in this trade area under this plan had been exhausted the remaining sum would be applied for under the P. W. A. It is felt that fifty thousand dollars can be raised here without any great amount of trouble.

As soon as the plans are put into shape Mr. Winfrey is going to be asked to come back here and head up the movement.

The crowd at the courthouse, while small in number, was enthusiastic. In the absence of both the president and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce its secretary, Mr. H. A. Sawyer, occupied the chair.

Uncle Sam Gets More Than \$4,000 In Chain Letters

Denver, Colo., Aug. 16—Uncle Sam got more than a flock of headaches and bunions out of the recent chain letter craze.

Postmaster J. O. Stevic disclosed today nearly \$4,000 was impounded here in dimes, quarters and half dollars—all taken from chain letters that had wound up in the dead letter department.

"At the height of the craze people's minds seemed completely unhinged," commented Stevic.

"They would stick into the mailboxes letters containing perhaps dollar bills, and addressed to, say, John Jones, without a street address or a stamp."

The money will be held a year, then turned over to the treasury.

Raised Tobacco For 20 Years Before Seeing Auction Sale

He's raised tobacco for 20 years but saw his first tobacco sale last Thursday in Whiteville. This unusual person is John Lay, prosperous farmer of the Pireway section, who visited the local market last week.

"Mr. Lay has been raising tobacco—good tobacco—for two decades. During that time he has allowed his sons, Bill and Fred Lay, to handle the marketing of all the weed which he grew, and has always been satisfied with their selling."

Last Thursday he took a notion to visit Whiteville's market, "to see how this 'money market' is operated" he said. And, he added, he likes it fine.

—News Reporter.

MR. FARMER

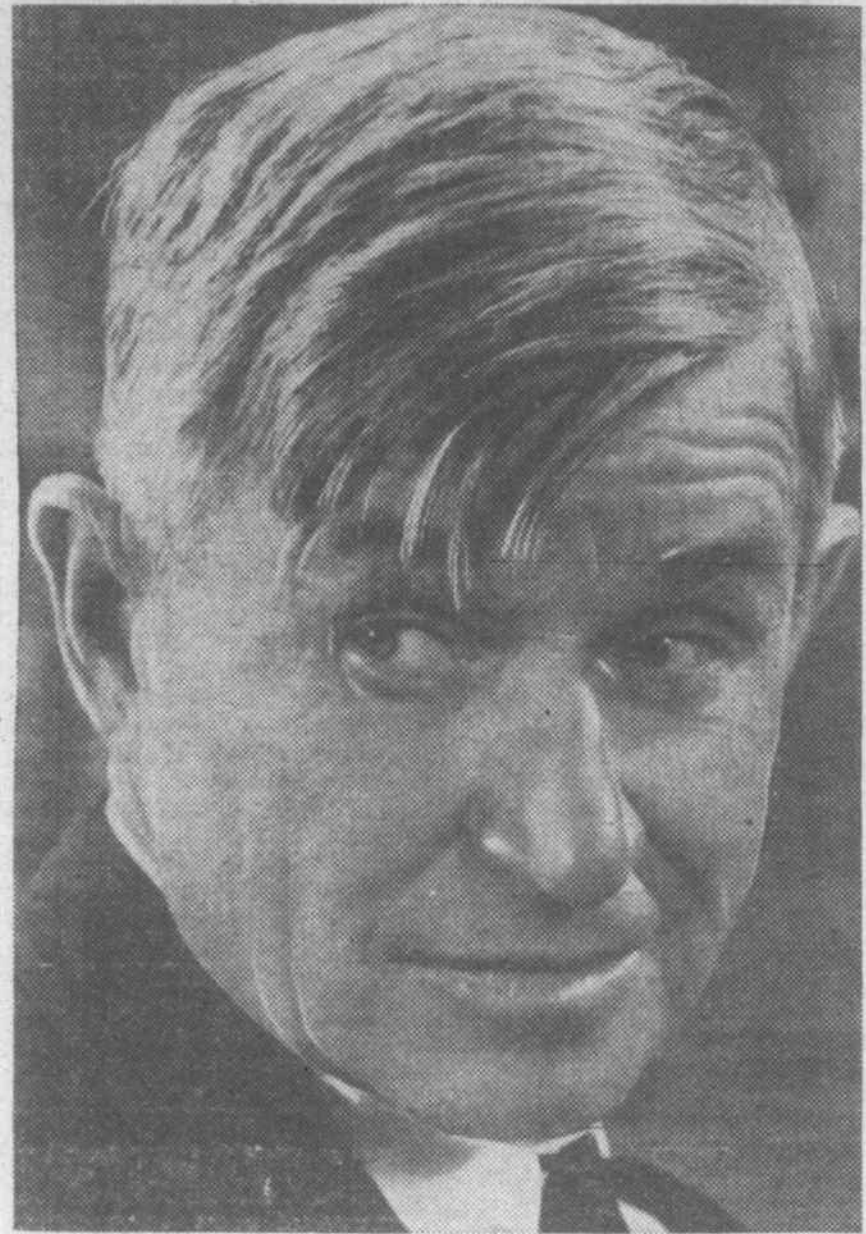
I saw tobacco selling good in South Carolina. They did not take any in. They seemed to be satisfied with the prices.

How about taking out the curing or pack-barn insurance with us.

We can write you a life policy and date it in the fall for you too. We sell all kinds of insurance.

KNIGHT'S INS. AGENCY.

WITTICISMS SILENCED FOREVER



Above is a picture of Will Rogers taken during the production of one of his last pictures. It was snapped while he was in action on the lot.

Will, with Wiley Post, crashed to their deaths last Thursday while touring Alaska.

Tentative plans for his funeral have been set for Los Angeles on next Thursday.

Tenant Farmer Loses Barn Of Tobacco By Fire

Willie Williams, Tenant On Mr. S. G. Winstead's Farm, Has Barn To Burn Friday Morning

Willie Williams, tenant farmer on Mr. S. G. Winstead's farm located just on the western edge of town, had the misfortune Friday morning to lose a barn of tobacco by fire.

The barn had between six and seven hundred sticks of tobacco in it and was in the process of being killed out when the accident occurred. The fire broke out in the top and burned like kindling wood.

The fire department was called out, but the fire was beyond control when they arrived. There was nothing that could be done except to watch it burn and prevent it from spreading to nearby buildings.

The barn and tobacco were a complete loss as there was no insurance on either.

Annual Stew Held Friday Afternoon By Local Community

The annual stew, which has almost become traditional, was held Friday afternoon in West Roxboro. On a high knoll that overlooks all surrounding territory and situated just to the rear of Mr. J. M. O'Briant's property the scene of the occasion was set. All the residents of that particular section were asked to contribute something to go into the stew, and when they arrived, with invited guests, four pots of delicious Brunswick stew greeted their eyes and nostrils.

Mr. Melvin O'Briant, with the able assistance of his neighbors, especially the ladies, had spent practically the entire day in preparation for this event. And the stew certainly did their efforts justice. It was pronounced as the best stew ever.

Practically all of the neighbors and many of the townspeople partook of the stew and all seemed to enjoy it thoroughly.

UNDER THE TEMPLE News And Comment

FATHER AT 82 — Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Zimmerman who live away up in Cunningham Township are the proud parents of a young son, John Henry Calvin Zimmerman. He was born July 29, 1935.

Nothing so remarkable about the birth of a child. But "Uncle Henry", as Mr. Zimmerman is more familiarly known, probably possesses the distinction of being the oldest father of a newly born son in the county. He had passed the eighty-second milestone. His wife is twenty-nine.

They were married fourteen years ago when Mrs. Zimmerman was fifteen and her husband sixty-eight. John Henry Calvin is their only child.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT — With Mrs. Ruth McCollum O'Briant back at her desk in the health office things around the courthouse are assuming a more familiar shape. Mrs. O'Briant had an able assistant in Miss Clara Gentry during the course of her recent illness, but she has become such an institution during her years of service to the county as health nurse that it would not be the same without her.

If you want a rare experience you should just go out with Mrs. O'Briant on her trips she makes throughout the county, into every nook and corner of it. She runs into all kinds of situations and has yet to come upon one which she cannot handle.

FARMING — Miss Bessie Daniel says that she has three hobbies in life... farming, figures and folks. Dropped into her office the other day and saw a bundle of tobacco lying on her desk. When asked whose it was, she replied

that it was grown on her farm. Then she proceeded to show us how to tell tobacco of good quality when we saw it. Yes sir, Miss Bessie knows her onions when it comes to farming.

INSTITUTIONS — Custodian Arthur Long has one of the most regularly attended institutions that is in the county. He keeps house up in the jail on the third floor of the courthouse. It's almost like a hotel up there with so much room. But even at that he is sometimes crowded. Every month that passes there are some twenty or thirty who partake of his hospitality.

He says that he doesn't care how mean they get, he thinks he can handle them. But he hates to handle a crazy one.

Whenever a new prisoner came in the old hands used to have a regular initiation ceremony. These had to be cut out, however, because the process became a little too rough.

POLIO — Infantile Paralysis is on the decrease, reports from all sections of the country indicate. There have been no new cases reported here for the past several days. This is one of the best pieces of news that we have for this issue.

TEXT BOOKS — No one seems to know just what the new text book rental system is going to do for the schools of North Carolina. It is understood that difficulties are being encountered with the publishing houses that furnish the books for North Carolina, as well as other states in the country. Just what plan can be worked out is at this time unknown.

ROGERS AND POST FALL TO DEATH IN AIRPLANE PLUNGE OF SIXTY FEET

Liquor Sales Will Put Millions Into State Treasuries

Chicago, Aug. 18—The national thirst will put nearly \$145,000,000 into state treasuries this year, a survey on state liquor taxation made for the American Legislators' association shows.

The report included actual or estimated revenues of \$92,230,000 in 24 of the 32 states which license beer and liquor dispensaries, and \$51,798,000 revenue in 10 of the 14 states operating liquor stores.

Wide variation in "expectations" from liquor taxes was shown among the states.

New York state received \$14,490,000 from excise and license taxes in 1934-1935, a per capita revenue of \$3.20. California anticipated an annual revenue of \$3,300,000, or 54 cents per capita.

Ohio topped the list of expected annual revenue among states operating liquor stores, with an expectation of \$16,196,000, or \$2.38 per capita. Pennsylvania's anticipated revenue was \$15,000,000, or \$1.58 per capita and Michigan anticipated \$7,579,000, or \$1.50 per capita.

The report pointed out that Alabama was only state in which it was impossible to buy a legal drink since the first of the year.

World Famous Comedian-Humorist And Ace Pilot Killed Instantly When Plane Falls, Impact Drove Motor Through The Fuselage

TRAGEDY OCCURED NEAR POINT BARROW, ALASKA, OUTPOST OF CIVILIZATION

The Master Of Wisecrack And The Ace Pilot Had Taken Off After Stopping To Inquire Way To Destination. Were Preparing To Undertake Trifling Ten Minute Run When The Plane Misfired On Take-off, A Mere Sixty Feet In The Air.

Word was flashed all over the country Friday morning telling of the tragic death of Will Rogers, master comedian and humorist, and Wiley Post, ace pilot. The two men were touring Alaska and had stopped on a small stream about fifteen miles from Point Barrow, tiny outpost of civilization in Alaska, to inquire their way.

On the take-off the plane, piloted by Post, misfired when only sixty feet in the air, and plunged into the stream. The terrific impact drove the motor of the ship back through the fuselage, crushing the pilot and his famous passenger. Indications were that they died instantly.

They had landed on a small river when the Arctic fog had made them uncertain of their bearings on a 500-mile flight from Fairbanks to Point Barrow.

An Eskimo pointed out the way. A few seconds after the take-off the plane's engine sputtered the ship dropped into the river, striking first on its right wing and then nosing into the bank head-on. The Eskimo said that he ran to the bank and called but there was no answer.

Alarmed, the terrified man turned and ran the fifteen miles to Point Barrow and informed Sergeant Morgan. He was three hours running the fifteen miles across the rough Tundra, with many small lakes to encircle and many streams to cross.

Sergeant Morgan immediately proceeded to the scene of the wreck, but darkness and ice made progress slow. When he arrived natives had pulled the body of Rogers from the wreckage and salvaged what personal effects they could. Under Morgan's direction ropes then had to be secured to the wreckage to pull it apart to free the body of Post which was jammed under the wreckage.

The bodies of the two men were taken to Point Barrow where they rested at the Presbyterian Mission warehouse. They were dressed by Charles D. Brower, "King of the Arctic," whom Will Rogers was flying to see, Sgt. Stanley H. Morgan, of the U. S. Army Signal Corps, and Dr. Henry W. Greist, medical missionary.

PRESIDENT LEADS NATION IN EXPRESSION OF SORROW

"I was shocked to hear of the tragedy which has taken Will Rogers and Wiley Post from us," said President Roosevelt. "Will was an old friend of mine, a humorist and philosopher beloved by all. Both were outstanding Americans and will be greatly missed."

Many other expressions of grief were made by men high in the official and business life of the nation. These only expressed the grief that shrouds the entire country, prince and pauper alike, at the tragic end of these two men who reached the top in their respective professions.

Famed For Homely Humor

A cowboy's drawl, a shy grin and a mirthful tongue that convulsed king and commoner alike made Will Rogers an international favorite. At 56 he was known all over the world where motion pictures were shown.

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Sawyer Speaks To Rotary Club About Tobacco Market

Definite Action On Plans Held Over Until Later. Club Hospital Committee Is Appointed

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

Mr. Hugh Sawyer, Secretary of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Rotary Club at its regular meeting on Thursday evening on the plans formulated for the development of the local tobacco market by committees representing the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. The meeting was opened for a general discussion of this subject by the members and due to time limits, the plans were held over to a later meeting at which time a definite course of action will be decided upon.

Bedford Love, on the behalf of Mr. Sawyer informed the Club of a movement to organize a hospital in the city and requested that a committee be appointed to meet with the physicians and various other committees representing all of the civic organizations at the court house on Friday evening. The purpose of this meeting, to which the general public is invited, is to hear the plan which has been offered to the Chamber of Commerce and to determine the wishes of the public in this connection. The following members were appointed to act on this committee: Reg Harris, Geo. Kane, Paul Cashwell, Howard Strang, David Brooks, Moffett Spencer, Joe Kirby, and Nath Lunford.

Two newly elected members, Lee Umstad and Reade Jones, were welcomed into the club by Bedford Love and Jim Walker.

President Jim Walker announced that the next meeting is to be held at the Flock Grove Church on Thursday evening at six thirty. Rotary Annes and friends of the members are to be invited.

Messrs. Hugh Sawyer, W. W. Warren, and James Harris, newly appointed City Manager, were guests of the Club.

Free Attraction Thursday Night

Griffin Motor Company will sponsor an out-door picture show Thursday night on the Central Graded School Grounds, next door to the City Office. There will be talking pictures, and the program will begin at 8:00 p. m.

TOURING IN MOUNTAINS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Noell and Dr. R. H. Noell of Rocky Mount, N. C. left Friday for a tour of the mountains of Virginia and Western North Carolina.

Bowling Alley To Be Placed On Depot Street

Mr. A. E. Jackson is clearing out a building on Depot Street and will establish an up to date bowling alley there. It will be located next door to Morris and Ledbetter's Radio Store, and will be modern in every respect. Watch for announcements concerning the opening of this new business.

TONSIL CLINIC

Dr. B. W. Fassett of Durham, will hold a tonsil and adenoid clinic here at Hotel Roxboro, Aug. 30, 1935. Please see Mrs. B. W. Gardner at hotel for appointments.