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LOCAL GIRL HURT AND 1 KILLED IN AUTO COLLISION

Mrs. Godfrey, formerly Miss Gibson of Aberdeen, in Charlotte Hospital

BROTHER-IN-LAW KILLED

Mrs. T. C. Godfrey, formerly Miss Elmer Gibson of Aberdeen, was seriously hurt and her brother-in-law, Perry Godfrey, was killed in an automobile accident which occurred at about 10 o'clock last Saturday night between Mathews and Charlotte. The automobile in which they were returning to their homes in Charlotte after a visit in Aberdeen collided with a large bus, turning their car turtle. Mrs. Godfrey was hurled some distance while Perry Godfrey was pinned beneath it and fatally injured. He died soon after his arrival at the Charlotte Hospital.

Mrs. Godfrey, whose brother, Carl Gibson of Aberdeen was killed in an automobile accident near Carthage several months ago, was returning to Charlotte with her husband, their small child and Mr. Godfrey's brother. The accident occurred when they tried to pass another car near Mathews. In some manner they were forced into an approaching bus, which they struck with sufficient force to hurl the car off the road and turn it over. The child and its father escaped with bruises, but Mrs. Godfrey suffered a fractured hip, broken wrist and many cuts and bruises. She is in the Charlotte Hospital to which she and her brother-in-law were rushed after the collision.

Decrease in Accidents

There have been many reports of automobile accidents throughout the state during the Christmas period, further demonstrating the urgent need for an increased State Highway Patrol and a law regulating the issuance of licenses to operate motor vehicles. The value of the highway patrol has been clearly shown by statistics just issued by the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the State Department of Revenue.

These demonstrate that though there was evidence a few months ago that 1929 would show greatly increased automobile casualties over 1928, the total has been gradually reducing during the last few months, or since the patrol has become efficiently operative, and the year's total will not greatly exceed 1929.

The wide publicity and appeals of the press of the state for better regulatory legislation have undoubtedly had much effect in bringing about this reduction.

Death by months for the past two years, chargeable to the automobile, —all accidents occurring within North Carolina, —show the following:

In January, 1928, 51, in 1929, 43; in February, 1928, 55, in 1929, 33; in March 1928, 28, in 1929, 47; in April 1928, 44, in 1929, 73; in May, 1928, 47 in 1929, 50; in June, 1928, 37, in 1929, 49; in July, 1928, 51, in 1929, 57; in August, 1928, 62, in 1929, 59; in September, 1928, 64, in 1929, 69; in October, 1928, 74, in 1929, 66; in November, 1928, 77, in 1929, 66; in December, 1928, 106, 1929, uncompleted.

622 Deaths in '29

The 12 months of 1928 chalked up a grim total of 675 dead and 4,768 additional injured, while figures compiled for the first 11 months of 1929 show 622 dead and 5,176 injured. Figures for the entire year will not be completed until the middle of January, but unless December has an unusually heavy toll, the total will not go far beyond that of 1928.

North Carolina motorists began the year by more than doubling the nation's percentage of increase in automobile accident deaths. On July 1, the 295 killed amount to a 12 per cent increase over the 262 killed during the first six months of the preceding year. The average increase for the nation as a whole was only 5.8 per cent for the same period.

By the first of December, however, the percentage of increase was cut down to five, and a material is expected during this month, since in December, 1928, there were 106 deaths reported in the state from automobile accidents, and during the past month observers say there have been fewer than the usual number of holiday accidents.

RETURN FROM GEORGIA

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Spence, their son, U. L., Jr. and Miss Mary Worthy Spence have returned to Carthage after spending the Christmas holidays in Columbus, Georgia, where they were the guests of Mr. Spence's brother, Ken Worthy.

Three B's—Buchan, Betterley and Burt— Plan Chamber of Commerce Dinner

Modestly Announce Themselves as Chief Entertainers for Annual Meeting and Banquet on January 10th

The annual meeting, banquet and election of directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Southern Pines Hotel on Friday evening, January 10th, from 7:30 to 10:00 o'clock. The tickets will be \$1.25, and all members of the Chamber of Commerce and all citizens interested in the development and beautification of the city are invited to attend.

As some madwag stated at the meeting of the directors of the Chamber on Tuesday, it should "B" form the committee in charge, Buchan, Burt and Betterley. When The Pilot representative asked the members of the committee who were to be on the program they stated modestly that they were. Struthers Burt is to sing, according to Frank Buchan, and

Frank Buchan is to speak, according to Struthers Burt, but neither would say what Hugh Betterley is to do and he refused to be interviewed. Dr. L. B. McBrayer, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will preside.

Some outside talent is to be procured for entertainment features. Members of the organization will have tickets on sale within the next day or two.

Only routine business was transacted at the directors' session at Jack's Grill Tuesday, and Mr. Burt in summing up the year's work spoke of the great value of a Chamber of Commerce to any city, but of its special value to Southern Pines where there are so many temporary citizens, without vote, who have no medium of expression or hand in civic government except through such an organization.

Struthers Burt Calls Road Signs Disgrace and Financial Liability

Commends Letter of George L. Stebbins and Scores Merchants who Defile Highways

KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Katharine Newlin Burt writes on Man and his treatment of Woman in this issue of The Pilot. Her thoughtful if controversial article appears on the editorial page as No. 4 of the series of contributions to this newspaper by prominent authors resident in the Sandhills.

Next week The Pilot will offer "Scatterings," a column by Dr. Ernest M. Poate of Southern Pines, contributor to many leading magazines, lawyer, doctor and criminologist.

Southbound Carolina Golfer to Carry Mail

Improved Service Provided in but Not Out of the Sandhills

The request to the Postoffice Department at Washington for closed pouch mail service on the "Carolina Golfer," the new Seaboard train operating from New York to Southern Pines and Pinehurst and return, has been partially approved. Service will start next week southbound, providing improved service to the Sandhills. But the desire for better northbound service, which was the primary aim of local civic organizations in their recent petitions to Washington, seems to be doomed to disappointment.

A communication received by Postmaster J. F. Deaton of Aberdeen yesterday from the General Superintendent of the Division of Railway Mail Service at Washington reads as follows:

"Replying to your letter of recent date suggesting that additional closed pouch service be provided on Seaboard Air Line train No. 197, the Carolina Golfer, I am very glad to inform you that instructions are being issued today providing for space on the southbound train. You will be advised of the date this service is placed in effect, which will probably be about January 6 leaving New York.

"The investigation does not indicate that we would be justified in incurring the additional expense involved for a northbound movement on the Florida Flyer as suggested in your letter in view of the fact that it is thought that reasonable service is now provided northbound with the space now authorized."

Teacher Commits Suicide at Carthage

Miss Myrtle Stewart, 27, Kills Herself While at Home for Holidays

Miss Myrtle Stewart, 27 years old and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stewart who live a few miles outside of Carthage, committed suicide last Friday afternoon by drinking lysol at the home of her parents where she was spending the holidays. She has been teaching school at Snow Hill. Miss Stewart is said to have been in poor health for some time, and to this is attributed the taking of her life.

WOMAN VETERAN OF TWO WARS TO ADDRESS D. A. R.

Dr. Anita McGee, Now Resident Here, Has Spent Life in Army Medical Work

SERVED U. S. AND JAPAN

The January meeting of the Alfred Moore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held at the Southern Pines Country Club, on Tuesday afternoon, January 7th at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. E. Ellsworth Giles will be hostess upon this occasion.

This will be one of the most important meetings of the year and a good attendance is urged.

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee will be the speaker of the afternoon and the guest of honor. Dr. McGee's subject will be "Hunting Ancestors in Europe." She has had much experience in this line, having gathered thousands of her own ancestors, delving into manuscript records in England, France, Germany and Switzerland.

Dr. McGee's associations with the D. A. R. are many and her services great. She has served as Vice President General, Librarian General, and founder of the library, Historian General, Surgeon General and Director General of the "D. A. R. Hospital Corp." which selected women trained nurses for appointment to the Army Nurse Corps in the War with Spain. She also served as Assistant-Surgeon, U. S. Army, on duty as organizer and Superintendent of Army Nurse Corps in the Spanish War and Philippine Insurrection years, serving directly under the Surgeon General of the Army in Washington, and was with the Japanese Army at the head of a party of former American Army nurses, whom she took to Japan by invitation of the Japanese Government during the Russo-Japanese War in 1904. She is the daughter of Prof. Simon Newcomb, eminent astronomer and widow of M. J. McGee, geologist and anthropologist. Dr. McGee is making her home in Southern Pines at present and it will be a privilege to hear her.

According to the new recommendation of the State Regent, the annual election of Chapter officers will take place and also the election of delegates to the State Conference.

All visiting daughters are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

THE REV. MR. LAWRENCE INSTALLED AS PASTOR

The Rev. Charles A. Lawrence was formally installed as pastor of the Vass group of Presbyterian churches on last Sunday, services being held at Union in the morning, at Cypress in the afternoon, and at Vass in the evening, the last being a joint service for Vass and Lakeview.

The Rev. A. R. McQueen preached the installation sermon Sunday evening to a large congregation of Vass and Lakeview people. The Rev. L. Smith propounded the constitutional questions, and delivered the charge to the pastor, and Ruling Elder John W. Graham of Aberdeen gave the charge to the people. The Rev. W. S. Golden of Carthage offered a prayer. A Lakeview quartet rendered special music.

MRS. TRAVIS' MOTHER DIES IN BALTIMORE

Mrs. Augusta Worth Sinclair, wife of Judge Neil A. Sinclair of Fayetteville and mother of Mrs. Frederick F. Travis of Southern Pines, died Wednesday afternoon in the Union Memorial Hospital at Baltimore. Mrs. Sinclair had been ill since early September and was taken to Baltimore before Christmas. She was operated upon last Monday and never regained consciousness.

Mrs. Sinclair was one of the leading women of Fayetteville, active in all civic and charitable enterprises. Besides Mrs. Travis, she is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. James F. Williamson of Charlotte and Mrs. G. W. Harrison of New Brunswick, N. J. Judge Sinclair and Mrs. Harrison were at the bedside when death came.

NEW YORK CAST TO PRESENT PLAY AT PINEHURST TUESDAY

The Parent-Teachers Association will present "Sun UP," a play by Lulu Vollmer, at the Pinehurst School Auditorium on Tuesday night, January 7, with a cast of Broadway players from New York city, headed by Marie Pavey. The play is being produced here at great expense, but a large audience is expected as the production will be one of the feature offerings of the winter.

Death Claims Prominent Southern Pines Residents

S. E. SLAYMAKER
An Appreciation

By Robert N. Page

My own deep sense of loss at the passing of Mr. Slaymaker, has led me to reflect, as in my selfishness I had not before, on what he meant to the entire community.

Coming to Southern Pines some nine years ago, upon his retirement from active business, he immediately became interested in community affairs, leading to his investment in a home here during his second winter.

He was a modest man, never projecting himself into the affairs of others. He liked the section, and was always interested to the point of helpfulness in every enterprise looking to the betterment of conditions. He made liberal contribution to the churches, the hospital, while no worthy charity appealed to him in vain. He loved his Southern Pines home and was continually adding to its attractiveness.

At a time of crisis he came to the financial aid of the Southern Pines Country Club. His optimism, his cheerful outlook upon life, his cheeriness of disposition, his charity made him the most companionable of men.

His early life was by no means an easy one. He had an intimate acquaintance with real work. His most active years were spent in the lumber business, having interests reaching from North Carolina to New York. He was a native of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, in the very heart of the anthracite coal belt of the country; just across the Susquehanna river from the city he owned a beautiful home and farm; was for a number of years an active officer in his bank, and was identified with practically all the leading industries of his town and section. With material success his interest in people grew. It was not what he possessed that drew men to him, but his breadth of vision, and his beautiful spirit of helpfulness that held the devotion of his friends. He went as I am sure he would have liked could he have chosen. The world is much poorer by his going; particularly is this true of this community and the one from which he came.

Clouds came into his life, but he always saw the sunshine through the clouds. His wide business connections had made him many friends in widely separated communities. How we all shall miss him.

Grant Bus Franchise to Safety Transit Co.

Corporation Commission Denies Application of Southern Motor Transport

The application of the Southern Motor Transportation Company for a franchise to operate an interstate system of bus transportation through North Carolina, with headquarters in Southern Pines, has been formally denied by the Corporation Commission at Raleigh, it was announced Tuesday. Another company, the Safety Transit Lines, already operating southward as far as Richmond and holding a franchise through Virginia and North Carolina as far south as Sanford, was granted a franchise through the state because it was already serving most of the route over Highway No. 50.

Under the order the Safety Transit may operate between Sanford and Rockingham, but may not carry passengers in local traffic between those points. It was also granted a franchise to the South Carolina line from Rockingham. The restriction between Sanford and Rockingham was based on the fact that the Greensboro-Fayetteville line already is serving that territory.

Under the new arrangement passengers may board Safety Transit busses here and travel to New York or Florida on regularly scheduled lines.

DR. ANNE SYMINGTON ADDRESSES KIWANIS

Dr. Anne Symington, a native of Scotland and relative of Dr. J. Symington, Moore County Health Officer, talked to the Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting Wednesday noon at the Pinehurst Country Club, telling them of university life in Scotland in a most interesting manner.

The newly elected president of the Kiwanis Club, Frank Shamburger, was inducted into office as successor to Murdoch Johnson.

S. E. Slaymaker, George W. Munroe and Sylvester Beauchamp Die on Successive Days

LIVED HERE MANY YEARS

Death of three prominent residents of Southern Pines occurring during the past week cast a pall of gloom over that city during the holiday period.

Sylvester Beauchamp, proprietor of Beauchamp's barber shop, died on Sunday morning after an illness of only two days. Samuel E. Slaymaker passed away on Monday morning at his home on Connecticut avenue, and George W. Munroe died suddenly on Tuesday morning at Highsmith's Hospital in Fayetteville.

Mr. Beauchamp was 52 years old and came to Southern Pines from Rochester, N. Y., some eight years ago. He complained last Friday of feeling ill, and was taken to the Moore County Hospital on Saturday. Death came at four o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. Beauchamp was known to everyone in the city, and held the respect of the entire community. Surviving him is his widow.

Samuel E. Slaymaker, prominent and well beloved winter resident of Southern Pines, died at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning at his residence. He was 75 years of age and first came to the Sandhills nine winters ago from his home in Sunbury, Pa. Mr. Slaymaker had taken an active interest in Southern Pines and the community and at the time of his death was a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Death came suddenly. Mr. Slaymaker had been in failing health for about a year but not until Saturday was his condition regarded as serious. He leaves two sons. The funeral was held from his late home on Tuesday afternoon.

George W. Munroe, one of the leading citizens of Southern Pines, died suddenly on Tuesday morning at Highsmith's Hospital in Fayetteville where he had been recuperating from an operation performed about five weeks ago. For the last ten days he had been in excellent physical condition, and was about ready to be released from the hospital when death overtook him without warning.

Mr. Munroe was 77 years old. He came to Southern Pines to live in 1908, his former home having been at McKeesport, Pa. He was known and highly respected by all in Southern Pines and the Sandhills section. Surviving him are his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Clinton L. Collette of Greensboro, and one son, Stewart Munroe, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Several brothers and one sister also survive.

The funeral was held at the Munroe home on Massachusetts avenue at 3:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Resolutions Passed

Resolutions of regret and sympathy were passed by the Board of Directors of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce on Mr. Slaymaker's death at its meeting on Tuesday, as follows:

"The Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce wishes to express its regret and sense of loss at the death of Samuel Slaymaker, one of its directors. Mr. Slaymaker, long a resident of Southern Pines, was a man of broad sympathies, wide experience and deep willingness to support and promote all plans for the betterment of his community and its individual citizens. Southern Pines will miss his helpful and pleasant personality.

"To Mr. Slaymaker's family we wish to convey our sincere sympathy."

Senator Brookhart Speaks Here Sunday

Iowa Republican, Defender of Prohibition, at Church of Wide Fellowship

United States Senator Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa, one of the country's leading proponents of prohibition, who early this week in a speech in New York demanded the resignation of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and all those government officials having prohibition enforcement in charge, will be the speaker at the Platform Hour of the Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines, next Sunday night, January 5th. The Senator will speak at 7:30 o'clock, but the doors of the church will be opened at 7 o'clock.

The meeting is open to the public without charge, though a free-will offering will be taken up during the evening. forceful speaker.