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CORNELIA SHAW DIES IN SLEEP AT PAGE HOME HERE

Sister of Mrs. Robert N. Page
Was Davidson College Librarian
For 30 Years

PRaised BY COLLEGE HEAD

Miss Cornelia Shaw, sister of Mrs. Robert N. Page, Sr., of Aberdeen and of the late Judge Thomas J. Shaw, Greensboro and the late Rev. Dr. Angus R. Shaw of Charlotte, died at Mrs. Page's home in Aberdeen on Monday night, leaving Mrs. Page the sole surviving child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cornelius Shaw, one of Moore county's leading pioneer families. She had been ill but a few days and her sudden demise, in her sleep, came as a great shock to an acquaintanceship that was statewide.

Miss Shaw was born February 3, 1867 in Mount Gilead, and moved to Manley in early childhood. She was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cornelius Shaw, and with them was active in church work and civic enterprises throughout this section. Last year she completed an unbroken record of service as librarian at Davidson college, and was honorably retired as librarian emeritus, and had recently returned from Europe where she spent the summer and fall months.

Her sister, Mrs. Page of Aberdeen, is the only surviving member of the once large family. The Rev. Angus R. Shaw who died in Charlotte about two years ago was her brother, as well as the late Judge Thomas J. Shaw, who died in Greensboro a few months ago. Thad S. Page Executive Secretary of the National Archives, in Washington, D. C., Robert N. Page, Jr., of Aberdeen, and Richard Page of Statesville, are nephews, and Mrs. Kate Page Biddle of Warrenton, Va., a niece.

Angus R. Shaw, Jr., Charlotte, another nephew, also survives.

Funeral services for Miss Shaw were held in the Presbyterian church at Aberdeen on Wednesday afternoon, with the pastor, the Rev. E. L. Barber officiating. Interment in the Shaw burial plot in old Bethesda cemetery followed.

Dr. Lingle's Tribute

Miss Cornelia Shaw was known and loved by thousands of Davidson alumni and students and citizens of the Davidson community. She retired from active connection with the college in 1933, when she was made librarian emeritus. A delegation from Davidson attended the funeral services.

"During 30 years of connection with Davidson college, Miss Shaw rendered distinguished service and was honored and loved by the whole college community," Dr. Walter L. Lingle, president of Davidson college, said yesterday in lamenting her death. "She was the author of 'The History of Davidson College,' a book of more than 300 pages representing many years of historical research, which will be one of the monuments to her life."

Miss Shaw went to Davidson in 1905 as secretary to President Henry Louis Smith. Before that time she had been associated with The Presbyterian Standard. In 1906 she was made librarian and registrar and she served in this post until 1921, when she was made head librarian, a position she filled until 1936, when she was made librarian emeritus.

JAMES BOYD TO ADDRESS THE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The annual meeting of the Moore County Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the hospital next Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, at which time James Boyd, president of the hospital, will make a talk and the regular annual reports will be heard. The auxiliary's program for 1938 will be discussed.

COURTHOUSE VACATION

Court house officials and employees began their Christmas celebration by closing their desks at noon Friday, and did not return to their offices until Tuesday morning. No Recorder's Court was held Monday.

At Chapel Hill



ELIZABETH WANG

Daughter of China's Army Chief of Staff, who is enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Says Miss Wang: "China may be overpowered temporarily but she will never be really conquered by the Japanese." She said her people would never submit to Japanese domination. They would then carry on a guerilla warfare and use every means to harass the puppet government. The young lady ranks high. The brown dry stubble seemed about

HEAVY LOSS FROM FIRE IN ABERDEEN MONDAY MORNING

Four Stores in Farrell Block Gutted and Entire Business Section Threatened

2 DEPARTMENTS CALLED

A fire of undetermined origin that started in the rear of the Progressive Grocery Store in Aberdeen at approximately 1:00 o'clock Monday morning, gutted four stores in the Farrell Block, did considerable damage to a fifth, and for a time threatened to destroy the entire business section at the corner of Main and Sycamore streets.

When the fire was discovered at about 1:30 in the morning it had gained considerable headway in the Progressive Store and the Aberdeen Fire Department, despairing of coping with the blaze alone, put in a call for the Southern Pines department. They arrived about 1:45 and the two companies were hard put to bring the flames under control.

From the Progressive Store the flames spread up Sycamore street through Morgan's Barber Shop and the Daniels Jewelry Store, both of which were damaged, and attacked the building of the B. C. Moore store. Firemen were able to save that building, but not before it had suffered considerable damage from smoke and water.

From the rear of the Progressive Store the fire attacked the Lady Clara Beauty Shop and that, too, was badly damaged. The Aberdeen Hotel, adjoining the burned area, suffered no damage.

Fire department officials think that defective wiring may have caused the conflagration.

MRS. ALEX CURRIE DIES AT HOME IN JACKSON SPRINGS

Mrs. Betty McSkill Currie of Jackson Springs, widow of the late Alex Currie, died of angina on Christmas day. Funeral services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church by her pastor, the Rev. R. G. Matheson, assisted by the Rev. A. J. McKelway of Pinehurst. She is survived by two sons, Vernon and Lloyd and two daughters, Mrs. Meredith Herndon of Pinehurst and Mrs. Robert Henderson of West End, a brother and several sisters. Mrs. Currie was a woman greatly beloved and will be sorely missed in the church and woman's auxiliary in which she was an active member. Of a gracious and genial nature she has many friends of lifelong standing who mourn her death.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR SANDHILLEER BANQUET JAN. 11

Address by Governor Hoyt To
Feature Program at Gather-
ing of the Clans

IN CAROLINA DINING HALL

Plans for the big banquet at which citizens of Moore county will gather on Tuesday, January 11th are practically complete. Charles W. Picquet, master of ceremonies, announced yesterday. Only the finishing touches have yet to be placed on the program, headed by Governor Clyde R. Hoyt.

The banquet, expected to be first of an annual "Sandhilleers" gathering, is an "open-to-all" affair. It's being sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce and leading civic organizations of all the towns in the county, and is expected to be the largest and best meeting of residents in the county's history. Mr. Picquet stresses that it's for the ladies as well as the men.

The main dining room of the Carolina hotel in Pinehurst will be the scene. The tickets are only one dollar per person, and are now on sale in drug stores and other places throughout the county.

Homestead Survey Gets Under Way in County

Results To Show Properties El-
igible for \$1,000 Exemption
from Taxes

Mrs. Margaret Penn and S. E. Hannon are now engaged in making a homestead survey in Moore county for the purpose of getting figures to present to the General Assembly before it acts on the property exemption for homes proposition which was presented to voters of the State on last November 3 for an expression of their approval or disapproval. The work is being done as a PWA project, and was organized under the direction of Henry Brandis, Jr., executive secretary of the Classification Amendment Commission.

As will be recalled, voters in North Carolina were at the last election called upon to vote on five amendments to the 68-year-old State Constitution, one of which would give the General Assembly the power to act on a proposition by which it could, at its discretion, exempt each home owner from taxation up to \$1,000. Homes occupied by others than the owner could not be included under the amendment. The legislature would not be required to grant the full \$1,000 exemption, but could grant all of it, a part of it, or more of it, as the members chose.

If the amendment were adopted and the legislature saw fit to grant the full exemption, it would mean that a North Carolinian who owned and lived in his own home would pay taxes on valuation exceeding \$1,000 only, rather than on the full taxable value of the property. The assembly might, however, grant only \$500 exemption following adoption of the amendment, or it might choose not to grant any exemption at all.

At the last meeting of the legislature, it was decided to ask for a state-wide survey before another session of the General Assembly.

The survey in Moore county is expected to be completed by around the middle of February. Mr. Hannon and Mrs. Penn are now working in the office of the tax collector in the courthouse, but it will be necessary for them to visit Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Vass, and some of the other towns to contact the town clerk or some one informed as to the property actually occupied by the owners in the various places to complete the survey.

HIT BY TRUCK

Will Hampden, colored, of Carthage was badly cut about the face and suffered an injury to his shoulder when he was struck by a loaded truck driven by a hit and run driver in Carthage Monday night.

Editor of Ladies Home Journal



KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT

Noted Writer and Wife of Struthers Burt Accepts Position of
Fiction Editor of One of Country's Leading Magazines.—
Leaves Here in February

Katharine Newlin Burt of Southern Pines, one of the country's leading fiction writers and wife of Struthers Burt, prominent author, yesterday accepted appointment as fiction editor of the Ladies Home Journal, a position tendered her several weeks ago. She will leave here the middle of February for Philadelphia, home of the magazine, to assume her duties.

Mrs. Burt succeeds Stuart Rose, who goes from the Journal to another Curtis publication, the Saturday Evening Post. Although Mrs. Burt will make her headquarters at

the editorial offices of the magazine in Philadelphia, she will spend two days each week in New York, where the publication also maintains an office. Mr. and Mrs. Burt will make their home in Philadelphia, "but we hope to be down here a good many week-ends," she said yesterday.

Mrs. Burt is the author of a large number of novels and has for years been a frequent contributor to leading magazines. This will not be her first editorial experience, as she served for some time several years ago on the editorial staff of the Woman's Home Companion.

Mrs. Cliff Johnson of Aberdeen Dies in Sleep

Sudden Death of Prominent Wo-
man Great Shock.—Funeral
on Wednesday

Mrs. Cliff J. Johnson died at her home in Aberdeen Monday night. While she had not been well of late, her condition was not regarded as serious. She had been busy during the day at the Standard Store which she and Mr. Johnson have long operated, and her sudden death in her sleep was a great shock to her wide circle of friends.

She was the former Miss May Allen of Albemarle, and besides her husband she leaves her mother, Mrs. J. R. Allen; three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Jenkins of Albemarle, Mrs. J. H. Cowles of Deep Gap and Mrs. G. C. Gaddy of Laurinburg.

The funeral services were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, with her former pastor, the Rev. W. C. Ball of Durham, conducting the services. Burial followed in old Bethesda cemetery.

MRS. ANNIE E. WHITE, 75, DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Annie E. White, 75, died at her home on South Broad street, Southern Pines, last Thursday evening after a prolonged illness. She suffered a stroke six years ago and had been a semi-invalid since that time. Mrs. White was one of the older residents of Southern Pines, having come here in 1900 for her health. She was born in Philadelphia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reakirt. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Voight O. Taylor on Saturday, December 25th at 3:00 o'clock at the Powell Funeral home. Mrs. White is survived by her husband, John P. White and one daughter, Mrs. Florence Travis.

Colored Man Killed in Accident Near Hemp

James Davis, Well Known Car-
thage Man, Under Bond
Pending Investigation

Ervin Brower, colored man of Hemp is dead, a young colored man named Maness of the same community is in the Moore County Hospital suffering from injuries sustained when the two were struck by an automobile above Hemp Sunday night, and James Davis, well-known Carthage man is under \$500 bond pending a grand jury investigation of the accident, but there is a question as to who really killed Brower.

According to the evidence given before the coroner's jury which met at the hospital Monday, Davis and Henry Seawell, in the former's car, were proceeding toward Hemp on their way to Carthage early Sunday night. As they were passing a second car proceeding in the opposite direction, Davis heard a noise which sounded as if his car had struck some object. Stopping the automobile, he and his companion went back to investigate and found the two men lying on the road. The other car did not stop.

In a sworn statement, Maness related that he and Brower were walking along the highway, Brower a little in advance, and that a car going from Hemp struck Brower, knocking the man against him. Dents in the left side of the hood of Davis' car indicate that the bodies were hurled against it, and it is thought likely that the car whose driver is not known struck the men and threw them against the Davis car.

Brower passed away in the Moore County Hospital Monday morning.

The curb market women wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

OUR ADVERTISING OFFSET BY HIGH ACCIDENT RATE

Col. Hawes Makes Plea For
Safety on Highways in Talk
To Kiwanians

STIMSON TELLS CLUE AIMS

The extensive advertising which North Carolina resorts, such as Pinehurst and Southern Pines, are doing each year is not going to get the returns it should if the free advertising which the state is getting as one of the leaders in the country in highway accidents continues, in the opinion of Col. George P. Hawes. It is vital that something be done about it, he says, and in a plea to the Kiwanis Club on Wednesday he asked the organization to make a "Safety on the Highways" campaign one of its major objectives.

"Let us go before the next General Assembly with facts and figures and demand legislation which will reduce the high mortality rate in this state from automobile accidents," the Colonel said. He told the members North Carolina was at the top in casualties from highway accidents—a nation-wide advertisement which no amount of money expended on luring to the state can offset.

Col. Hawes' proposal was referred by the club to its Public Affairs committee, and will be brought back for definite action after consideration by that body.

Kiwanis Ideals

At the weekly meeting, held on Wednesday at the Highland Pines Inn, the scheduled speaker of the day was the Rev. J. Fred Stimson of the Southern Pines Baptist Church, who told the Kiwanians what Kiwanis is all about. Reviewing the history of the organization, formed in Detroit in 1914, he outlined the principal aims and objectives, stressing the "promotion in practical form of the Golden Rule," the idealistic and humanitarian side of life as against the purely commercial.

"Kiwanis aims to keep the interest of service foremost," he said. He told of the 1938 objectives of Kiwanis International and of the local organization. Locally, the club is supporting a bed in the Moore County Hospital, the venereal and tuberculosis disease clinics, underprivileged children, vocational guidance, and friendly, cooperative spirit between the various towns of Moore county.

F. L. Baker Dies Here at Age of 83 Years

Former Caretaker of Local Ho-
tels Had Lived in Southern
Pines for 25 Years

Fred L. Baker, more than 25 years of whose 83 years of life were spent in Southern Pines, passed away Monday night in his quarters at The Piedmont. Through a quarter of a century of activity here Mr. Baker had made a host of friends and his death, though not unexpected, brought widespread sorrow.

Mr. Baker was for some time caretaker at the Highland Pines Inn, and served in a like capacity at the Hollywood Hotel, and was for many years gardener at the Church of Wide Fellowship.

Born in Worcester, Mass., 83 years ago, he came to Southern Pines around 1910, and during the past 27 years had made his home at The Piedmont. He is survived by a son, Frank E. Baker of Brockton, Mass., three grandchildren, and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Baker, of Lake Helen, Florida. Funeral services were held Wednesday night at Clark's Funeral Home, the Rev. Voight O. Taylor officiating, and the body was afterwards shipped to Worcester for burial in the family plot there.

FOOD SALE WEDNESDAY

Group 2 of the Women's Society of the Church of Wide Fellowship will have a food sale at Mrs. Gifford's Shop on West Broad street, Southern Pines, next Wednesday, January 5th, starting at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.