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BELOVED CLAYTON WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. H. M. Barber Passed Away At Her Home Sunday After Long Illness

The funeral services of Mrs. H. M. Barber, who died Sunday at her home near Clayton, was conducted Monday afternoon at the Oakland Methodist church by the Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor Centenary Methodist church of Smithfield. The interment was in Oakland cemetery.

Mrs. Barber was a lovely Christian character and had been a patient sufferer for quite a while. She was Miss Emma Sophia Austin, daughter of the late Henry Austin, one of the most prominent families of Johnston county. She was born January 22, 1867, and married to Horace M. Barber, November 1, 1891.

Besides her husband she is survived by seven children, Mrs. J. Hugh Johnson, of Raleigh; Mrs. John W. Hobbs and Miss Ethel M. Barber, of Smithfield; Mrs. Clyde A. Massey, of Rosemary; Marshall H. Misses Mary and Ruth Austin Barber, of Clayton, R. 1; two brothers and one sister, L. F. Austin, of Garner, J. E. Austin, of Jellico, Tenn., and Mrs. Vick Austin, Clayton, R. 1.—News and Observer.

Clements-Lassiter

A beautiful home wedding, simple and impressive, took place here Wednesday at 12:30 o'clock when Miss Luna Lassiter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lassiter, became the bride of Mr. Lawrence W. Clements, of Roanoke Rapids. At the appointed hour, Miss Martha Bowers, of Littleton, wearing lavender georgette with corsage of Parmar violets, took her place at the piano, and played soft music while relatives and special friends invited, assembled in the parlor where long leaf pine, ferns and numerous tall white candles, combined to make a lovely setting for the interesting event.

As the strains of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin sounded, the maid of honor, Miss Flossie Cole Lassiter, sister of the bride, attired in a lovely gown of rose chiffon and satin, descended the stairway and took her place by the side of the improvised altar. The bride and bride-groom then entered the room together, and Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church, spoke the words which made them husband and wife. The ring ceremony was used during which Miss Bowers rendered softly "Sousvenir."

The bride always attractive was particularly alluring in her wedding costume of white satin crepe with flowing veil fashioned in bouquet style with a band of pearls. Her bouquets was white Killarney roses showered with valley lilies.

After receiving the congratulations of those present, the bride changed her costume to a traveling dress of black crepe meteor with grey accessories, and the happy couple left on the north-bound train for a wedding trip to Washington and New York. They will be at home after January 5th in Roanoke Rapids.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lassiter. She graduated from high school in Goldsboro where she formerly lived, and then attended East Carolina Teachers College at Greenville. Since leaving school she has taught, having been a member of the graded school faculty here for two years before going to Roanoke Rapids to teach.

The bride-groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clements of Stancil, Northampton County. For several years he has held a position as accountant with the Roanoke Mills at Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Clements have many friends who wish them all success and happiness in life.

Special Sermon Sunday Night

Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, will preach the fourth sermon in his series on the "Authenticity and Permanence of the Scriptures," Sunday night. The public is cordially invited.

C. G. TEMPLE KNOCKED DOWN BY AUTOMOBILE

C. G. Temple, of near Benson, was knocked down by an automobile driven by M. Edgar Watson of this city Monday, but sustained no serious injuries. The accident occurred on Third street, where the traffic was particularly congested at that hour, about 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Temple stepped from behind a car in front of the one driven by Mr. Watson. The accident was unavoidable, but the fact that Mr. Temple sustained no serious injury was no doubt due to the slow moving of Mr. Watson's car.

Happenings in City of Four Oaks

Four Oaks, Dec. 26.—Miss Annie Ford, who is teaching in Fairmont, is spending the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ford.

Mr. Gilbert Grady, a student at the University of North Carolina, is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Grady.

Misses Laeta Potts and Virginia Givens are spending the holidays in Montville, Va., with Miss Givens' mother.

Miss Ule Mae Farmer is spending the holidays in Clayton with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Alderman, of High Point, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams.

Misses Cynthia and Jean De Ford are spending Christmas in Richlands with their mother.

Messrs. Carl Lewis and Victor Cole visited friends in Youngsville Sunday.

Mr. Cleon Sanders, a student at the State University is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Gates, of Farmville, are spending the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sanders.

Miss Sallie Adams, who is teaching Public School Music in Oak City is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Eddie Weatherspoon, of New York City, is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. D. W. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mays, of Dillon, S. C., are spending Christmas with Mrs. C. W. Bandy.

Miss Zora Woody is visiting friends and relatives in Greensboro this week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Shuford are spending the holidays at their home in Black Mountain.

Mr. Charles Creech, of Smithfield, was in town Wednesday on business.

Mr. Gilbert Creech of Roxboro, is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Creech.

Mr. Edwin Creech is spending the holidays in Pine Level with his parents.

Mr. William Manning, of Williamson, is spending a few days here with friends.

Mrs. Hubert Johnson, of near Smithfield and Mrs. Horace Johnson of Smithfield, spent Christmas with Mrs. W. E. Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Massengill are spending Christmas in Fuquay Springs.

Mr. Reid Adams is spending a few days in Richlands with friends.

Mr. Carl Lewis is spending some time in Washington with friends.

Mr. Roby Adams, who is teaching school at Ayden, is spending the holidays here with relatives.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT JOHNSON UNION

The Sunday school at Johnson Union near town, enjoyed a Christmas tree at six o'clock. About 300 were present including about fifty small children. The presents were given out by the teachers of the class as follows: Messrs. S. C. Turnage, S. H. Massey, R. E. Thomas, Miss Vara Underwood, and Miss Pearl Stephenson.

Miss Emeth Tuttle of Raleigh spent Christmas here with her father, Rev. D. H. Tuttle.

W. A. GRAHAM JR. SUCCEEDS FATHER

Funeral Of Late Commissioner Of Agriculture Held On Christmas Day

The funeral of the late Major W. A. Grantham, Commissioner of Agriculture, was held Tuesday afternoon from the First Baptist church, of which he had long been a member. The services were conducted by Dr. T. W. O'Kelley, the pastor. Members of the State Agricultural Department entered in a body with the family.

Dr. O'Kelley spoke in glowing terms of the life and services of Major Graham. One of the things about him that had impressed the speaker most was his devotion to his State. He took the greatest pride in his State, in its resources and in its achievements. He loved to recount the facts which reflected credit upon it and to dwell upon the high rank which it took in the list of the States, particularly as to the extent of its products.

W. A. Graham, Jr., son of the late Major W. A. Graham, who died early Monday morning after having held office of Commissioner of Agriculture for fifteen years will succeed his father for the unexpired term.

The appointment was announced by Governor Morrison last night when he made public a statement explaining his reasons for the appointment. A number of others were urged upon the Governor vigorously yesterday.

"It has been urged upon me," said the Governor, "that Mr. Graham opposed me in the nomination campaign. That is true and for the most part I have appointed the men who were loyal supporters to the offices I have filled. But my friends must remember that had it not been for Max Gardner's supporters, who loyally supported the nominee of the party in the election that followed, my nomination might have been a humiliation."

The new Commissioner of Agriculture is 50 years old and sat in the 1923 Senate, representing the counties of Catawba, Iredell and Lincoln, as the third member of the family carrying that name who has been State Senator.

He has previously served in the Department of Agriculture first as registration clerk, then as chief clerk, then as chief clerk to Commissioner S. L. Patterson and acting Commissioner of Agriculture in the absence of Mr. Patterson.

He has been active in politics in his own county and district and is a member of the Lincoln county executive committee.—News and Observer Dec. 27.

JOE DUGAN WORKS FOR CHAMPIONS YEAR ROUND

Joe Dugan evidently believes in "hooking up" with champions.

Dugan, whom to many critics stood out as the great hero of the last World's championship baseball series between the Yankees and the Giants, is one of the 550 employees who devote their time to servicing Buick cars in New York.

In the Metropolitan district Buick business has grown to be so great that "authorized service" extended to owners necessitates ten splendid buildings aggregating 250,000 feet of floor space, Day and night service is available.

Vocal Union Here Sunday

The Lower Johnson Vocal Union of which Mr. J. B. Beasley is president, will meet here Sunday in the Court House. The exercises are scheduled to begin at ten o'clock, and Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the Methodist church, will make the address of welcome. Other talks will be made by various ones, but the chief feature of the day will be the singing by the various choirs expected to be present.

Last July, the Union met here in the Farmers Warehouse and a record breaking crowd was here. A large crowd is expected next Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend.

CITY SAW BUSY CHRISTMAS EVE

Articles Of Value Given Away By Merchants; Santa Claus On The Streets

Christmas has come and gone, and Smithfield saw one of the busiest seasons of its history. In spite of every admonition to shop early, and a great many did shop early, probably the biggest business yet experienced by the merchants here was Christmas Eve. Automobile lines the streets far out of the business district, and shoppers thronged the streets surging to and fro from one store to another. Some of the stores carrying Christmas toys had to close at intervals in order to wait on the customers.

Probably one cause of the unusual crowd on Christmas Eve was the fact that a number of valuable articles were given away on that day by various merchants in town. Among these was a Star automobile given to the person holding the lucky ticket at Austin's. Mr. O. J. Allen who lives at Pine Level proved to be the man and had the pleasure of receiving from this popular business firm, a brand new car. At Cotter-Underwood Co. a one-horse wagon was given away. This firm had conducted a special sale for several weeks, tickets being given with cash purchases. If a lady had drawn the lucky ticket she would have received a sewing machine. Mr. W. C. Strickland, who lives between Smithfield and Clayton, drew the lucky ticket, however, and was presented with the one-horse wagon.

W. L. Woodall's Sons also conducted a sale, a feature of the closing day being the giving away of \$20 in gold Mrs. T. W. Ives, who lives on Smithfield, Route One, was the lucky person in this instance.

A bicycle was the attraction at the Coates Hdw. Co. and when the tickets were drawn it was found that Mr. Junius Hobbs, of Smithfield, Route One had won that.

But while all these articles attracted the attention of the older flocks, every thing paled into insignificance for the children, when Santa Claus made his appearance on the streets. Decked out in his gay red suit, with his long white beard waving in the air, blowing a horn that attracted the little folks like the Pied Piper of old, waving at his friends in passing automobiles, Old Santa was the happiest person to be seen that day, unless it were the little folks themselves, who followed him around as he dispersed his Christmas greetings. Many of the throng recognized the genial tones of the Judge's voice, but just as many a child went home to sleep and to dream of having seen "Old Santy" himself that day, and to await his visit which the full stocking next morning was proof conclusive that he had made the rounds as scheduled.

Captain Springs Returns

Captain St. Julien Springs, who has been at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for the past three months, has returned to the city. Captain Springs says that

"Field Artillery Commanders duties are quite different in comparison to the duties of those who command other units of the army. As a National Guard officer of Field Artillery I realize now that the three months assignment to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where the War Department established a Field Artillery School for the purpose of training Regular Army, National Guard and Reserve officers, helped me to become better equipped to do the work as Battery Commander of Field Artillery and render more efficient service to the people of North Carolina and their National Guard.

"Returning to North Carolina and every where I've been in the State I find evidence of prosperity. The entire state is running on four wheels viz; the wheel of education and religion, the wheel of commerce, the wheel of construction and the wheel of employment. The tires of all of these are well pumped up and she's going good."

An Appeal Taken in Leon Hill Case

THREE STILL WITH OPERATORS CAPTURED

R. T. Barham, deputy sheriff in Wilders reports the seizure and destruction of three complete outfits designed for the manufacture of "Rukus Juice" during last week, and the arrest of three of the operators. His section of the county is to be congratulated upon having Mr. Barham to look after the enforcement of the dry law.

News of the City of Princeton

Princeton, Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. N. I. Snipes, from Washington City, are spending the Christmas holidays at the old home place near town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hinton have gone to Wilson county to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Rena Odum was married to Mr. Addie Eason at the office of Justice of the Peace Chas. H. Holt in Princeton Saturday evening December 22nd.

Miss Thelma Toler, who is in school at Greenville, is at home for the holidays.

Raymond Snipes and Miss Clara Pearce, from Trinity College, are spending the holidays with their respective parents.

Miss Sadie Boyett, from Greenville college, and Mr. Edgar Boyett, who is teaching at Wise, are spending the holidays with their parents near town.

The young lady teachers in the Graded school here have gone to their homes for the holidays as follows:

Miss Celia Saterfield, to Edenton; Miss Nell Kirkpatrick, to Lake Junaluska; Miss Eula Harris, to Stedman; Miss Elizabeth Uzzle, to Wilson's Mills; Miss Ethel Royster, to Henderson; Miss Ethel Winstead, to Roxboro; Miss Maud Westbrook, to Bentonville; Miss Lelia Straughan, to Selma.

Frank Pearce, Joe Boyett, Robert Oliver and Caspian Holt, from Chapel Hill, are spending the holidays with their parents.

Messrs. Bill Massey, Moulton Massey and Elmer Holt, our three young men who will soon finish their course in the Medical College in Atlanta, Ga., are at home for the holidays.

Miss Lissie Pearce, who is teaching at Angier, is at home this week. Miss Myrtle Game, from Greensboro College, is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Miss Mary Massey, from Buies Creek Academy, is spending the holiday vacation at her home here.

Mr. W. I. Pearce, Miss Lissie Pearce, Henry, DeLeon and Teressa Holt went to Smithfield shopping Saturday.

Miss Estelle Holt has returned from Norfolk, Va., where she has been visiting relatives the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mitchell, Mrs. Flossie Wells and little Franklin from Greensboro are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert M. Cox, from Bentonville, were visitors in town Christmas day.

Miss Temple Hinton has been visiting relatives in Nash county the past week.

Messrs. Malcom, Paul, and Oliver (Continued on page four)

COLORED WOMAN LOSES HOUSE BY FIRE

Aunt Mandy Hood, a respected old time colored woman who lives near Mr. A. J. Whitley near Smithfield, had the misfortune to lose her house and its entire contents by fire Sunday night. The fire was discovered about nine o'clock, but too late to save anything.

Miss Leone Sanders, of Sanders Chapel, is spending a few days in the city with relatives.

J. E. Lewis Gets a \$500 Fine; Other Cases Disposed of.

The December term of Superior Criminal Court adjourned last Saturday afternoon after a full two weeks docket. Chief among the cases tried last week was that of the State vs. Leon Hill charged with seduction under promise of marriage. In our last issue a resume of this case was given, with the verdict rendered by the jury which pronounced Hill guilty. The sentence, however, was not given by the judge until Friday, when Judge Daniels gave him an indeterminate sentence of from two to three years in the penitentiary. When the judge pronounced sentence he delivered a very forceful charge to the defendant, which will be published in a later issue. The lawyers for the defendant took an appeal to the Supreme Court, and the case will probably come up in March, the spring term of Supreme Court convening the last week in February, and cases for this district being scheduled for the third week. Mr. Hill is out under a \$10,000 bond.

Another case of considerable interest here was that of the State vs. J. E. Lewis, proprietor of The Busy Bee Cafe, charged with transporting and having in his possession whiskey. This case was tried in Recorder's Court some time ago, and the defendant was given a road sentence. An appeal was taken with the result that the defendant gets off with a \$500 fine on the charge of having whiskey in his possession, and prayer for judgment being continued for two years on the transporting count.

Other cases tried before court adjourned Saturday were State vs. Henry Jernigan and Joe Corley, charged with breaking into a car on a siding near the Ivanhoe Cotton Mill about three years ago. Jernigan was sentenced from 18 to 30 months in the penitentiary, while Corley was given eight months on the roads.

State vs. W. D. Lee, charged with blockading. Found guilty and sentenced to 18 months on roads.

Funeral Of Mr. Peacock

The funeral of Mr. Hugh Peacock who died in Chicago last week, and whose body arrived in this city Saturday afternoon, was conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of his sister, Mrs. W. L. Fuller, by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of Centenary Methodist church. After a simple funeral service, the body was laid to rest in the family plot in the old cemetery. The pall bearers were: Messrs. H. D. Ellington, J. D. Spiers, N. B. Grantham, R. O. Cotter, W. N. Holt, W. D. Hood, W. T. Adams, and W. H. Call of Selma.

The deceased was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Peacock. He was born in Smithfield and lived here until about 18 years ago when he went to Chicago. He has lived in Chicago since that time having held a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company during that time. He was married soon after going to Chicago and is survived by his wife and one son. He also leaves three sisters and a brother as follows: Mrs. W. L. Fuller, of this city; Mrs. A. S. Chesson of Wilson; Mrs. Guy Willis of Porto Rico; and Mr. Clyde Peacock of Chicago. The family has the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Kills Big Hog

Mr. W. S. Earp of the Thanksgiving section was in town this week and gave good reports of hog killings in his section. Mr. Earp himself has salted down 2,600 pounds of pork. His neighbor, Mr. S. P. Parker killed on the 17th a Poland China hog, two years and ten months, which weighed 697 pounds. This is the best record yet of any one in the Thanksgiving community.