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## Miss Leone Bailey Takes Own Life

Shoots Herself As Result of Unhappy Love Affair; Funeral in Corbett-Hatcher Section Yesterday.

A tragic occurrence took place at Selma Wednesday afternoon about five o'clock when Miss Leone Bailey, aged 19, took her own life with a shot gun. The tragedy was enacted in her bedroom at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wade Corbett, with whom she lived. Neighbors heard her fall, the first to reach her being Mr. Phelps who summoned a physician. The young woman lived about thirty minutes after firing the shot which took effect in her body just below her heart.

The act was committed apparently on account of unhappiness in a love affair. Instructions were found concerning funeral and burial arrangements, and also a letter directed to Willie Brown. She is said to have called for Mr. Brown during her last moments, having been conscious after firing the fatal shot until the end.

The sheriff was summoned out after making inquiry into the manner of her death, it was decided that no coroner's inquest was necessary.

Miss Bailey was the daughter of Mrs. C. V. Bailey, of the Corbett-Hatcher section. She leaves besides her mother and sister, Mrs. Wade Corbett, four other sisters, Misses Neva, Louise, Hester and Estelle Bailey, and three brothers, George, Braxton, and Norman Bailey.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the D. T. Bailey place in the Corbett-Hatcher section. The service was conducted by Rev. D. F. Wadell, of the Selma Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. J. Craun of the Baptist church.

## "GOLD DIGGERS OF BROADWAY" AT SELMA

And now the gold digger is glorified in song. In "Gold Diggers of Broadway," Warner Bros. 100 per cent nature color, singing, talking, dancing Vitaphone comedy special in technicolor which comes to the famous Broadway dancing-sing Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, a huge musical revue, which beside the all-star cast includes a dazzling beauty chorus of 100, is presented as part of the colorful background of the story.

One of the song hits of the musical revue is "The Song of the Gold Diggers." Ann Pennington, Playhouse theatre in Selma next star, sings the number. "The Song of the Gold Diggers" and eight others, were written especially for this Vitaphone production by Al Dubin and Joe Burke, well known composers of popular melodies.

In addition to Miss Pennington, the all-star cast of "Gold Diggers of Broadway," includes Lilyan Tashman, Conway Tearle, Nick Lucas, Albert Gran, Nancy Welford, William Bakewell, Helen Foster, Winnie Lightner, Julia Mayne Gordon, Gertrude Short and others. Robert Lord adapted the story from Avery Hopwood's successful stage play. The stage presentation is by Larry Cebaloz Roy Del Ruth directed.

## MISS LELIA ROBBINS WINS IN SAFETY CAMPAIGN

County Superintendent H. B. Marrow has received a bronze medal and a check for five dollars which will be presented to Miss Lelia Robbins of the Pine Level school, as one of the prize winners in the last National Highway Safety Campaign. Miss Robbins won one of the third prizes. The medal will be publicly awarded at the first public entertainment to be held at the Pine Level school, this being a request of the committee.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church. There will be services at St. Paul's church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30. Rev. Duncan Thomas, rector.

## THIEVES BREAK INTO STORE OF W. J. LEWIS

FOUR OAKS, Jan. 8.—Officers are trying to apprehend the thieves who broke into and robbed early Tuesday morning W. J. Lewis' store, from which forty-five boxes of silk hose, silk underwear, four dresses and coats were taken. The thieves broke in through the side display window, smashing the glass. The loss is estimated at \$2,000.

This is the second robbery at this store within a month.

## Rev. E. Frank Lee Dies Of Injuries

Methodist Minister Succumbs To Wounds Inflicted By Negro Without Cause; Funeral In Durham Wednesday.

DURHAM, Jan. 7.—Rev. E. Frank Lee, who was attacked at his home last Friday night by a large, ginger-colored Negro, died Tuesday morning at 3:10 o'clock at a local hospital where he was being treated. News of his death came as a great shock to Durham, as physicians had stated Monday that his condition was more hopeful.

However, on Sunday an infection had set in which, according to physicians, made recovery almost impossible, at least highly improbable. Monday they became more optimistic over his condition, but late Monday night he took a turn for the worse and died during the night. He had been shot through the abdomen, the bullet puncturing his intestines, and it was the nature of his wound that resulted in the infection.

The county commissioners, in session here Monday, took cognizance of the shooting and offered a reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant.

Friday night about 9:30 o'clock the minister, who was pastor of the Calvary Methodist Church in North Durham, went to the coal bin to bring in some fuel. On his return he spied a Negro prowling around the bathroom window. He inquired as to the Negro's business, and was answered by two rapidly-fired pistol shots, one taking effect in his hand and the other in his abdomen. However, despite his injuries, Mr. Lee picked up the coal bucket and continued into the house. He retained consciousness, and declared he could identify the Negro, but physicians Monday declared it inadvisable to carry suspects before him for identification. Three men are being held.

The deceased came here in December from Fayetteville, and since taking up his work here had made many friends.

Mr. Lee was 50 years old, and had served charges in Fayetteville, Kinston, Greensboro, Birmingham and other places. In addition to his widow, formerly Miss Elsie Barbee, of this city and one daughter, Elsie Lois, aged 7, two brothers, A. P. Lee of Newton Grove, and N. B. Lee of Danforth, Newton Grove, and Mrs. Avery Britt of Bentonville, survivors.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Duke Memorial Methodist Church, with Dr. J. C. Wooten, presiding elder of the Durham district, in charge. Interment will be made in the Municipal Cemetery.

## Death Mrs. James F. Stephenson

A sad death occurred in Four Oaks on December 12, when Mrs. James F. Stephenson passed away. She was found dead in bed by the side of her 21-month-old baby. The deceased was 39 years of age. She leaves a husband and three children, Valton Stephenson, a student in college at Aurora, Ill.; Mrs. Myrtle Moore, of Four Oaks; and the twenty-one-month-old baby.

Moving From D. C. To Warsaw Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pittman, who have been living in Washington, D. C., are moving to Warsaw. They have been visiting relatives here this week.

## Planning For New System Of Voting

Commissioners Place Order For Voting Booths; Other Transactions of Board In Session Here Monday.

In view of the adoption of the Australian ballot, county officials are making plans for its use in Johnston county. An order by J. D. Parker and John A. Narron of the county board of elections, authorized the county commissioners at their meeting held here Monday to employ Mr. Dail of Kenly to build voting booths for use in Johnston county elections. An order was placed for 24 master booths at \$3.75 each and for 126 booths at \$2.50 each, with the privilege of ordering more booths at the same price.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board of county commissioners from a resolution adopted by the board of aldermen of the town of Clayton that an error was made in listing real estate belonging to the estate of J. A. Griffin, therefore it was ordered that this estate be released of \$2,000 valuation on the Page lot designated in said resolution.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board of county commissioners that when the affairs of the Bank of Kenly have been finally settled and liquidated that depositors of said bank will receive at least 50 per cent; therefore it was ordered that all persons who had money on deposit at the time it failed, pay taxes on 50 per cent of amount on said deposit, and the residue of said tax be held in obedience pending the final liquidation of the affairs of the bank.

It was ordered that J. R. G. G. Creech be released of \$88 valuation on his real estate by reason of the fact that prior to May, 1929 the timber on said land had been cut and removed.

It was ordered that W. J. McLamb be released \$1,000 valuation on real estate on account of an error.

It was ordered that Emily S. Smith and R. B. Smith be released of \$500 valuation each for reason that the timber has been cut off the land.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the board that H. V. Faulkner sold to T. H. Rhodes a certain tract of land as a home and took back a note secured by a mortgage deed for the balance of the purchase price in the sum of \$1,500; therefore it was ordered that in accordance with chapter 109 Public Laws 1925 that said Mrs. Faulkner be released of one half value of said note to wit: the sum of \$750.

It was ordered that J. A. Pecis of Selma township be released of \$220 valuation because the timber has been cut off the land.

It was ordered that Tryo Brown be allowed \$1,000 valuation on account of timber having been cut.

## BEAUTIFUL PAGEANT AT ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH

SELMA, Jan. 9.—On Monday evening, January 6 at eight o'clock a most impressive pageant, "The Nativity," was given at St. Gabriel's church by the young People's Service League from the Episcopal church at Erwin, Va. Mr. Duncan, rector of the church, directed the pageant assisted by Mrs. Duncan who also served as organist. A beautifully illuminated star pointed out the place where the Little Lord Jesus lay in the manger. Little Miss Duncan, daughter of the rector, sang "The Little Lord Jesus." Approximately forty persons took part in the pageant, including the well trained choir. Mr. Duncan who has a splendid voice, took the solo parts. The appropriate costumes and lighting added greatly to the effectiveness of the pageant. Near the close of the ceremony small tapers were passed to each member of the congregation. Children passed down the aisles lighting one candle at the end of the pews. Each person was then directed to light his neighbor's candle. Everybody left the church with a lighted candle.

## MRS. N. M. LAWRENCE HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. John White Ives spent Monday in Raleigh with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence was in an automobile accident in Raleigh about ten days ago and suffered a fractured collar bone. She was in Rex Hospital for several days but was sufficiently improved to return to her home Monday. Her son, Mr. Herman Lawrence, and Mr. Zo LeMay of this city, were in the car with her when another automobile ran into them. Neither Mr. Lawrence nor Mr. LeMay was hurt.

## Quiet Wedding Antioch Church

Miss Norma Sanders Becomes Bride of M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, Wednesday Morning.

A quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock at Antioch Methodist church a few miles east of Four Oaks, when Miss Norma Elizabeth Sanders became the bride of Mr. Manly Glenwood Mann, of Raleigh. The ceremony was performed by the brother-in-law of the groom, Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the Methodist church of Red Springs, in the presence of only the immediate relatives, the impressive ring ceremony of the Methodist church being used.

At the first strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin rendered by Miss Mary Sanders of Tarboro, cousin of the bride, the bride and groom entered unattended. The bride was becomingly attired in a dark brown tail crepe dress, princess fashion with uneven hemline, with French felt hat and accessories to harmonize, and her flowers were a shouler bouquet of sweetheart roses and lilies of the valley.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Mann left for a motor trip to Georgia and Florida, at the conclusion of which they will be at home in Raleigh.

Mrs. Mann who for the past several years has made her home in Tarboro, is the daughter of the late Mr. John Sanders and Mrs. Annie Snead Sanders, of Johnston county.

Mr. Mann is assistant general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, and secretary-treasurer of the Cotton Growers Supply Company of Raleigh.

## WILSONS MILLS NEWS

WILSON'S MILLS, Jan. 6.—Dr. and Mrs. Robert Stretcher have returned to their home in Waynesville after spending the holidays here with their mother, Mrs. Lula L. Uzzle.

Miss Odessa Massey, who teaches in the Zeb Vance School near Henderson, is spending her vacation here with her mother, Mrs. Clara Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan B. Bailey spent New Year's eve in Dunn with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl K. Parrish and little daughter, Carolyn, have returned to their home in Black Mountain after spending a week here with relatives.

Mr. Millard B. Parrish spent a few days in Lynchburg, Va., visiting friends, last week.

Miss Imogene Murray, graduate nurse of Stuart Circle Hospital, Richmond, Va., is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. D. O. Uzzle.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Uzzle and children, of Henderson, are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Todd, of Rocky Mount, spent the holidays in town with relatives.

Mrs. Sallie Spruill, of Tarboro, is visiting her nieces, Mesdames Raymond and Harry Wilson.

Misses Beatrice and Johnnie Smith, of Durham, spent the holidays near town with their mother, Mrs. Minnie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Turnage have returned to their home in California after a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Turnage near town.

Mr. Jack Vinson, who holds a position in Durham, spent a short while here Christmas with his family.

## Mrs. H. A. Parker Passes At Benson

Prominent and Highly Esteemed Woman Is Taken By Death After Brief Illness.

BENSON, Jan. 8.—Mrs. H. A. Parker, well known and beloved woman, passed away Sunday night at 1:30 o'clock at her home here on Church street after a brief illness, suffering from pneumonia, asthma and other complications. Her condition was critical for several days and her death was not unexpected.

Mrs. Parker was 36 years of age, and before her marriage she was Miss Perol Sutton of Edenton. She was a woman of splendid character and a devoted Christian mother.

Mrs. Parker is survived by her husband, two daughters, Minnie Perol and Alma, one brother, Mr. Lenwood Sutton of Chapel Hill, a half-brother, Mr. Sutton, of Edenton, and a half-sister, Miss Sarah Sutton, of Elizabeth City.

Impressive funeral services were held at the Baptist church of which she was a devoted member, conducted by Rev. A. L. Brown her pastor, assisted by Rev. R. H. Houston of the Methodist church. Interment was made at the Benson cemetery. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

The town and community sympathize with Mr. Parker and family, although their loss is her gain.

## CLEVELAND NEWS

GLAYTON, Route 1, Jan. 6.—Miss Addie Barber spent the week end at the home of her mother, Mrs. P. W. Barber.

Miss Mary Booker who spent the holidays at her home has returned to her work in Statesville city schools.

Mr. Samuel Booker left last week for Davidson College where he is a senior this year.

Mesars. Joe Sanders, Wilbur Turner and Walton Booker, with Miss Virginia Melchor attended a bridge party at the home of Mr. H. D. Rand at Garner Saturday night.

The people of Oakland community are deeply grieved to hear that they are soon to lose the pastor, Rev. Chester Alexander, and wife. Mr. Alexander has endeared himself to people of all denominations, but we wish him success in his new field in Tarboro.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Oakland Presbyterian church will be held at the home of Mrs. E. N. Booker on next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All ladies of the church are invited.

People of our section were grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Hunter Ellington last week. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Yelvington and others attended the funeral in Smithfield.

The death of Mr. A. D. Taylor, of McCollers, removes one of the old landmarks from his church which he has faithfully served for over fifty years. Such a life has been a benediction to his family and to his many friends. He was buried in the old Leach cemetery near Mount Zion church on Saturday afternoon. Many friends were at the funeral and lovely flowers attest the high esteem in which he was held.

## Entertains Bridge Club

Benson, Jan. 8.—Miss Neta Turbington was hostess to the Tip-Top bridge club and several other guests at her home Thursday night at eight o'clock. Potted plants of various kinds were used throughout the rooms which made a very pretty setting. Miss Mabel Johnson was awarded top score prize, a vase, and Miss Chellie Mae Royall second high, a candy jar. At the conclusion of the game the hostess assisted by her sister, Miss Sarah Turbington, served baked apples, with whipped cream, fruit cake, coffee and candy. Each plate bore a miniature cedar tree covered with snow, as favors.

Out of town guests were Misses Gladys Harrell of Statesville, Lailah Rookh Stephenson, Lucile Lee and Sarah Turbington of Smithfield, and Chrystelle Lucas of Frontenac.

## W. E. Tucker Talks To Kiwanis Club

Stresses Reduction Cotton Acreage; Club Presents Rev. Chester Alexander With Gift; Program Committee For Three Months.

Yesterday's Kiwanis luncheon was full to overflowing. Glenn Grier, chairman of the program committee for the current year, announced a committee from the club membership to take care of the program for each weekly luncheon for the next three months in the club's activities. Speaking of the classification of the club's members by which classification it is the purpose of Kiwanis to have two members with kindred souls representing every industry, profession, and occupation in the community, it was pointed out that the classification for the local club members is as follows:

Professional: One minister, two pleading lawyers, one civil lawyer, two physicians, two surgeons, one pediatrician, one dentist.

Business: One merchant, one tobacconist, one auto dealer, one advertising, one oil merchant, one manufacturer, two bankers.

Agricultural: One farmer, one county agent.

Institutional: Public education, one one public health, two city officials.

Bob Holding was called on to explain the purpose of classification of the members of the Kiwanis club. Speaking with absolute clearness, it was pointed out that an analysis of a civic club should reveal a cross section of all the interests of the community. With two members in each classification, representing the various community activities, sitting together once a week at luncheon hour produces the ground work for the Kiwanis motto—"We Build."

At this time Elmer Wellons, in a most effective manner and with a splendid choice of words, paid respect to Chester Alexander, immediate past president, who is leaving to make his home in Tarboro. Chester was also presented with a nice gift.

Miss Sarah Hooks, popular sponsor of the club, was presented with a gift.

W. E. Tucker, representative of the American Cotton Growers Association, was introduced to the club by Glenn Grier. Mr. Tucker explained the activities of the association which he represents, stating that it serves to eliminate the middleman in the business of marketing cotton by turning the cotton directly to the manufacturer. This function by the above named association explains why the farmers are receiving as much for cotton at the present time as they are, for without the activity of the association the price of cotton would not be more than thirteen or fourteen cents, the speaker pointed out. This association also works in a cooperative plan with the government. The speaker stressed the importance of reducing cotton acreage this year, giving good reasons for the acreage reduction.

The county board of education in session here Monday in accordance with the law which requires a meeting to be held on the first Monday in January. Six members of the board were present, Mr. C. G. Holt being absent.

## COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

There was little business to come before the board. The county superintendent made a report which showed that the schools are being operated within the budget.

The only action taken by the board was to order that all of the old school sites in the county be disposed of at once. There are about fifteen which will be advertised and sold.

## NOTICE TO CRIPPLES.

The next cripple clinic in Gollisboro will be held January 16. This is for free examination and treatment of cripples and all cripples who have not availed themselves of this opportunity are urged to attend.

## Baptist Church.

Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45. F. H. Brooks, superintendent. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

## NEW ORDINANCE FORBIDS SKATING ON PAVED STREETS

At the regular meeting of the town board held here on Tuesday night an ordinance was passed forbidding children to skate or play ball on the paved streets of Smithfield. The law will be enforced and no children will be allowed to skate or play ball on any of the paved streets. The passing of this ordinance came as a result of two tragedies which have occurred on the streets here in the past two years. Parents are urged to cooperate with the town in observing the new ordinance.

## State And National News Paragraphs

Chief Justice Taft Forced To Take A Rest; Birmingham, Ala., Chosen As Headquarters For Labor Organization; Coolidge In Florida.

Chief Justice Taft has been forced to take a rest. He is in a weakened physical condition and has finally consented to go to a hospital for treatment for a week after which he expects to be sufficiently relieved to come to Asheville. His physician has expressed the confident belief that after a rest, he will be able to resume his official duties.

Birmingham, Ala., has been chosen as the headquarters for the American Federation of Labor in its campaign to organize the south. It had been expected that a North Carolina town would have been selected. The conference just held at Charlotte is said to have been an enthusiastic one, and the prediction was made that January 6, 1930 would be written large in the history of trade unionism in the south.

## Davey Tree Radio Program.

(Sunday, Jan. 12, 5 to 6 P. M.) Pilgrims' Chorus—Tannhauser (Ensemble) Wagner. The Girl I Left Behind Me (Mixed Quartette) Lover. Juanita (Male Quartette) Norton. Poet and Peasant (Organ) Suppe. Sweet and Low (Male Quartette) Barnby. The Campbells Are Coming (Mixed Quartette) Old Scotch Air. Old Kentucky Home (Violin, Cello and Organ) Stephen Foster. Kerry Dance (Ensemble) Molloy. Souvenir (Organ) Drilla. Laving Trees That Breeze, Martin L. Davey. Song of the Vagabond (Ensemble) Friml. Abide With Me (Male Quartette) W. H. Monk. Yankee Doodle (Mixed Quartette) Anonymous. Gypsy Love Song (Violin, Cello and Ensemble) Victor Herbert.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement was made yesterday that the General Education Board of New York had authorized grants to the Duke University School of Medicine totaling \$500,000, and running through a five-year period. This announcement made by Dr. W. P. Few is regarded as an indication that American philanthropy does not intend to withhold gifts from Duke University because one benefactor as made such a great financial contribution to its development. The new Duke school of medicine will begin operation on next October 1 with facilities for a maximum of 300 students. The Duke hospital with 400 beds will begin operation on July 1.

## MRS. W. H. SPEIGHT PASSES AWAY IN RALEIGH

The death of Mrs. W. H. Speight occurred Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Barnes, wife of the superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. She was 84 years of age. She was a native of Kentucky, but taught school in this state for a number of years. She was the widow of the late William Haywood Speight of Green county. Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Methodist church at Fremont by Rev. J. C. Wooten, presiding elder of the Durham district, assisted by other ministers.

Mrs. Speight visited in Smithfield a number of times during the four years her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Barnes, lived in this city while Rev. A. S. Barnes was pastor of the Methodist church here, and she is well remembered as a woman of fine personality and character.

## Freewill Baptist Church.

Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:30. F. C. Fitzgerald, superintendent. Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at night at 7:30 by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Alford. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at seven. Public is cordially invited to these services.

## Hundreds Attend C. L. Sanders Sale

Antique Furniture Brings Good Prices; Gin and Sawmill Purchased By Robert A. Sanders.

Considerable interest was manifested in the sale of personal property of the late Claude L. Sanders which took place Wednesday at the old home place near Elizabeth church. The fact that a quantity of antique furniture was to be disposed of attracted several antique dealers as well as members of the Sanders family who wished to keep these articles in the family.

Between 800 and 1000 persons from various sections were present at the sale which lasted throughout the day. S. T. Honeycutt of this city was the auctioneer. Among the pieces of antique furniture, an old secretary which had been in the Sanders family nearly 200 years and which was brought here from England brought the highest price, \$500. This went to W. Ransom Sanders of Raleigh. Other old-time pieces of furniture which sold well were a four-poster bed, sideboard, chests of drawers, tip-top table, and several chairs.

The gin and sawmill located at the home place were sold Wednesday, Mr. Robert A. Sanders, who received the home place in the division of lands, being the purchaser. He will continue to operate both the gin and the sawmill.

Among other personal property sold were ten mules, a quantity of feedstuffs, and farming utensils.

The sale Wednesday probably totaled seven or eight thousand dollars. It was the biggest sale of the kind perhaps ever held in this community.

## REVIVAL MEETING AT FOUR OAKS

A meeting of special interest to the people of Four Oaks and adjacent communities will be held in the Four Oaks Methodist church beginning Sunday, January 12. Mrs. C. L. Steidley, of High Point, will do the preaching. Mrs. Steidley is a consecrated Christian and will be a blessing to all who come in contact with her. Come and join with us in these meetings and may the occasion be a spiritual feast for all.

N. C. YEABBY, Pastor.

## NOTICE

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Smithfield Building and Loan Association will be held at ten o'clock a. m. on Monday, January 13, 1930 in the commissioner's room of the Johnston county courthouse in Smithfield.

C. F. GORDON, Sec-Treas. Dec 20 27 Jan 3 10

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