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ALFRED MORGAN DIES IN ATLANTA

Former Franklin Newspaper Publisher Died on May 26—Had Lived in Murphy for Several Years.

Mr. Alfred Morgan, a well-known resident of this section, and for many years a resident of Murphy, died at a private sanitarium in Atlanta Monday afternoon, May 26th, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was brought to Murphy Tuesday afternoon and his remains laid to rest in Sunset cemetery, after funeral services had been held in the Episcopal church by his pastor, Rev. Alfred H. Stubbs, of Asheville.

Mr. Morgan was a native of Macon County, having moved to Murphy about thirty-five years ago, where he was for a long time interested in publishing a local newspaper and doing general printing. Later he became interested in lumber operations in the county. At the time of his death he lived about a mile from Murphy on the Bellevue road. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Siler, a sister of Mrs. William Beal. She preceded him to the grave by about twenty-one years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, R. S. Morgan, of Waynesville, and A. R. Morgan, of Chester, S. C.; four daughters, Mrs. H. E. Freas, Mrs. John M. Barr, Mrs. Ben Warner, and Miss Lucy Morgan, and a host of relatives and friends throughout all southwestern North Carolina.—Cherokee Scout.

Mr. Martin Jones Faithful Service Praised by Official

Washington, D. C., May 27, 1924.
Mr. Martin F. Jones,
Rural Carrier No. 1,
Franklin, North Carolina.

My dear Mr. Jones:

I have before me your request for retirement as rural carrier at Franklin, North Carolina. I note that you were appointed to the service January 1, 1907, and have served continuously since that time for more than seventeen years.

The efficient and faithful service rendered day after day by men of your type has developed the postal service into an activity upon which the public can depend utterly, and enables this service to continue as a great human enterprise. I congratulate you for having had a part in this great work and for having performed your duties well.

At this time of the relinquishment of your duties as rural carrier I sincerely hope that in addition to the personal satisfaction which must be yours as you look back over the years of faithful service, you will find new and interesting experiences which will pleasantly occupy the leisure which you have justly earned. The Department appreciates your accomplishments and I consider it a duty and a privilege to approve your request for retirement.

Very cordially yours,
(Signed) H. H. BILLANY,
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

E. L. Collins' Mother Dead.

Mrs. Sarah A. Collins, mother of E. L. Collins of the Collins feed store on Spring street, died last Saturday morning at her home at Afton, Okla., and burial was made there yesterday afternoon. Mrs. E. L. Collins had been at Afton assisting in the care of her mother-in-law the past five weeks, while Mr. Collins was called there last Thursday. Mrs. Collins and Mrs. R. H. Giespie and the latter's daughter, Burdell, returned last night from Afton, while Mr. Collins and daughter, Mrs. R. G. Brooks of Wichita, are expected to return tomorrow. The deceased was 73 years of age. Her husband, A. Collins, is expected to make his home with his son Clem, an internal revenue collector with headquarters in Denver, Colo.—Coffeyville (Kans.) Journal.

Mrs. Collins had many relatives and friends in this county. She was the daughter of J. D. Franks, and the sister of Mrs. John Henry, of Holly Springs, Mrs. P. C. Wild, of Burningtown, and Mr. E. H. Franks, of Franklin. A letter to the Press states that heart trouble was the cause of her death.

MAKE PLANS TO BEAUTIFY HOME

Improve Home Grounds By Planning in Advance, Is Advice Gived by the State Extension Workers.

Raleigh, N. C., June 2.—Improvement work on home grounds, especially planting, seems to be undertaken by most people when the spring season comes on. This is the wrong time of year if one wishes to get far along with such work. The time to begin is then far past.

"In order to accomplish anything enduringly satisfying with the home grounds it is first necessary to have a plan to follow," says Prof. J. P. Pillsbury of the State College Horticultural Department. "This plan should be begun in the spring and continued during the summer and fall. As the seasons advance, study the roads and walks and the service they render; find out where improvement in this service can be secured by slight alterations, if any; study the trees, shrubs and vines, to see if alterations and additions are needed for shade, for flower beauty, for background, or for screen planting, and determine where these changes are needed. All these observations should be set down on a map of the grounds made at the very beginning; and by fall the plan should be pretty thoroughly digested and fixed upon."

"With such a plan in hand, the work of improvement planting will follow in natural and most effective course during December and January. The alterations will then be accomplished without the effect of having the grounds all torn up in the late spring. With this method, the grounds will have a finished appearance in spring when growth starts, and there will be realized a much greater satisfaction over the result than if undertaken as a last thought.

"If a landscape architect is to be employed, call him in during the spring, summer or fall, and do not wait until winter and the best time for planting."

Stiles Locals.

Mr. Roy Davis and Miss Nellie Duvall, of Almond, were visiting relatives and friends here Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Furman Anderson met the misfortune of getting his leg mashed at Forney with a log. Dr. Siler was called to dress his leg.

Mrs. E. B. Byrd is on the sick list.

The farmers here are behind with their work on account of rain.

The weather is cool for the time of year, and crops are growing slowly.

The Sunday School at the Bridge is increasing in attendance and interest. We invite everybody to attend.

Mr. H. D. Dean has begun teaching singing on Saturday evenings. We wish him much success in the work.

Messrs. T. J. Carnes and A. A. Duvall have been to various counties buying walnut timber.

The Ramsey brothers are working on the road again. It is hoped the road will be opened soon, as traveling is a disadvantage over the old road.

Messrs. C. L. Ingram and Robt. Patton are calling on the Democratic voters every few days. We suppose they are electioneering.

Messrs. Clyde Morgan and R. C. Anderson went to Franklin on business Friday.

Dr. Siler was called to Mr. E. B. Byrd's home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith were visiting Mrs. Joseph Morgan Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Morgan was the guest of Mrs. T. J. Carnes Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Dean and daughter, Mrs. J. C. Higdon, were at Stiles Friday shopping.

Mr. Ralph Morgan went to Forney to work Monday.

Mr. L. W. Waldroop, of Barnes Cove, was in this section Monday on business.

Mrs. Bell Childers and Mrs. Ida Young were in this section Saturday shopping.

It is reported that Miss Lolita Dean has been assigned the Bridge school. GUESS WHO.

Memorial Day



NEWS OF WEEK OF HIGHLANDS

Brief Items of Interest from Macon's Pretty Mountain City as Told by Correspondent of The Press.

Highlands, June 2.—Last week we failed to send the news, and so we probably will double up and tell some things that are old to Highlands, but will be news to subscribers away from here.

Highlands was glad last week to welcome home her high school and college boys and girls, Miss Elizabeth Rice and Joe Hays from Cullowhee, Messrs. Willie Hays, Clyde Rice and Joe Richert from A. & E. College at Raleigh, the latter of whom graduated this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rice are enjoying the visit of their children and grandchildren, Dr. and Mrs. Bennett, of Hendersonville, with their little son, Edmond; Clyde, who has just returned from college, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rice with Lewis, Jr.

A wonderful revival under the leadership of Rev. W. L. Hughes, of Statesville, N. C., has been in progress at the Baptist Church during the past week, with most gratifying results.

Messrs. William and Joe Hays left today for Knoxville, Tenn.

The host of friends of Mrs. Corinne Froeneberger, here and elsewhere, will be sorry to know that on Sunday morning she passed from among us. For the past few weeks she had suffered and been unable to devote herself to the task of teaching, which she so dearly loved and in which profession she has been most efficient. With her passing has gone a lady of charming personality, a friend in the truest sense of the word, whom one could confide in, a conversationalist far above the average, to whom the privilege of listening was always an education and joy, and above all a Christian of unusual faith and trust in her God. Mrs. Froeneberger, as all who knew her can testify, had a good word and kind thought for and about all with whom she came in contact.

The Masons from Highlands went to Glenville, Sunday, June 1st, to bury a brother Mason, Rev. John Owens. Rev. W. T. Poits conducted the funeral services.

Picnic at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Houston

On Sunday, May 25th, a most enjoyable picnic was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Houston, in honor of their seventy-seventh birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston were gladly surprised Sunday morning when their children began gathering at the old home with well-filled baskets. Their children were all present except one son. A delicious dinner was spread under the spreading branches of the old maple tree near the Houston spring. There were sixty-five present. Everybody enjoyed the day and were all sorry when time came for us to go home. All joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Houston many more happy birthdays. H.

WATERMELON IS NICE EXTRA CROP

Have a Little Fun and Excitement Along With Your Other Work by Planting a Watermelon Patch.

Raleigh, N. C., June 2.—Along with the other work, how about a little fun and excitement this year in watching that extra fine melon grow and ripen? The fun comes in beating your neighbor by raising the largest melon and the excitement comes in keeping the boys away from it until it is safely in place on the back porch.

"To raise good melons," says R. F. Payne, extension horticulturist, "a sandy loam soil that is well drained and thoroughly prepared is the first essential. Lay the rows off in checks 10 feet apart each way. If well rotted stable manure is available, about one peck should be used per hill, placing it in the furrow half on each side of the hill intersection. Four hundred pounds per acre of a high grade fertilizer, preferably an 8-4-4, should be used with the manure. The manure and fertilizer is best put out a few days before planting. When the vines have begun to spread, but before the melons have formed, side dress with 100 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre."

Mr. Payne states that the best varieties for home use and local markets are Kleckley Sweet and Florida Favorite. About 10 to 15 seeds should be sown per hill and when the third and fourth leaves appear, the plants are thinned to one or two to the hill, otherwise the melons will be small.

The soil should be cultivated frequently to conserve moisture and it is a good plan to sow cowpeas between the rows at the last cultivation to be used to anchor the melon vines and later cut for hay.

Leatherman Locals.

Rev. G. A. Cloer filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday at Liberty Baptist Church. There was a large congregation present.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Fannie Holbrooks, of Cowee, has flu. Miss Della Lou Dalton was visiting Miss Connie Shepherd, of Goshen, a few days ago.

Mrs. Mayme Reynolds and little son, Dan, of Harmony, were visiting Mrs. Eloise Ilust recently.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Leatherman gave Mr. Leatherman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Leatherman, a dinner Sunday, as they are in their seventy-fifth years. Quite a crowd of relatives was present. Mrs. W. E. Ammons and son Lonnie, Messrs. Arvan, Harve and Hayes Beasley, of Sylva, were also present.

Mrs. M. M. Beasley was called to Jackson County to the bedside of her brother, Mr. Nick Green, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Robert Gibson made a business trip to Franklin Monday.

BROWN EYES.

ADJUSTMENT OF LIGHTS ON AUTO

Mistaken Idea That Driver Is Showing Courtesy To Others by Dimming—Better to Adjust Lights.

"If you are willing to ride with a blind man driving at 30 miles an hour, go on and continue to dim your light in the mistaken idea that you are being courteous to the drivers you meet on the road," said Major R. E. Carison, engineer of the United States bureau of standards, Washington, during a recent visit to Indianapolis as a guest of the Indiana section of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

He said that statistics show that more fatalities and accidents are due to lack of light because of dimming than are caused by glaring headlights of automobiles. With a proper adjustment, which the bureau of standards recommends, the glare can be entirely eliminated.

Dimming the lights when driving at 30 miles an hour makes the man with the dimmed lights drive with practically no vision for at least 100 feet. It takes that long for the eyes to adjust themselves to the lessened light. He cannot see, said Major Carison, and then is when the accident occurs. Proper adjustment of headlights will make the lights cast a flat, broad beam of light, which, at 25 feet, will concentrate below a horizontal line 3 feet above ground.

The door of a garage or a prepared screen, furnished by the Bureau of Standards to the American Automobile Association for distribution, will facilitate such adjustment. Such a light will not glare or interfere with oncoming drivers. In spite of this simple method only 5 per cent of 400 cars examined by the bureau were properly adjusted. Seventy-five per cent glared, and 30 per cent did not give adequate light for safe driving.

On this point the driving public, the dealers and the manufacturers are more neglectful than they are of any other motor car detail. Demonstrations showed that with the modern type of lamp equipment provided by most manufacturers, adjustment is very simple, and can be accomplished in a very few minutes by focusing the beam of each light, proper placing of the lens and proper aiming of the path of the light so that it will go straight forward and not cross the path of the other light.

He suggested a lamp adjustment committee in every community and state to be composed of representatives of the traffic department of the city or state, members of the engineering societies, and motor club and dealers' organizations. "It is rather a matter for education and information than of law," he said.

River View News.

Rev. Mose Woodard filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Haskell Arvey is wearing a big smile. It's a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Childers, from Franklin, were visiting home folks Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning, from Needmore, N. C., were here for preaching Sunday. We were glad to have them with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Browning, of Needmore, passed through this section Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Shepherd, of Franklin, was the guest of Mrs. Jones Bradley Saturday night.

Mr. Jess Grant, of Franklin, was visiting relatives in this section Saturday night.

There was a large crowd of boys and girls from Alford visiting this place Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Caro E. Wall, of Tellico, were the guests of Mrs. Lum Icenhower for dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Lou Tippet was the guest of Mrs. Charlie Truitt Sunday night.

We were sorry to hear of Miss Essie West being ill. Hope to see her out again soon.

Mr. Edgar Queen made a business trip to Alarka Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hall, from Franklin, were visiting friends here Sunday.

Mr. Jud Icenhower made a flying trip to Bryson City last Monday.

Miss Bettie Icenhower made a trip to Burningtown last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dalton, from Liberty, were in this section Sunday.

Mrs. Etta Queen went to see her daughter, Mrs. Haskell Arvey, Monday, as the Arvey family are all sick at this writing.

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