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TUBERCULOSIS CAUSES SUICIDE

Prominent Banker Commits Suicide So As Not to Give This Disease to Family or Friends.

The daily press of January 14th, 1925, reports that a bank official in a prominent town in this State committed suicide that day, and gives as the cause the fact that he had tuberculosis and was afraid of transmitting the disease to his wife and children. This report brings forcefully to the attention of our people the question at the head of this article.

In some instances I think the question could be answered in the affirmative for example: An intelligent man has a wife and four children. He and his wife have been looking forward to the time when their children would be large enough to enter college, and have planned to give each one of them a college education. Against that day, they began early to be economical, and out of every month's salary, except when there was sickness in the family they laid by a small part for this particular purpose. Likely, too, some of the savings were being placed in Building and Loan, and perhaps some in Life Insurance, to help provide for the family in case of accident, and to help toward the education of the children. Possibly they had a little home with a mortgage still plastered on it for perhaps the last one or two payments. And now before he had gotten well started on this plan, he finds that he has tuberculosis.

He knows that in all likelihood he must stop work for a year, maybe two or three years, at the best. He sees his income stopped his life insurance forfeited, his savings used up, debts accumulated, his home sold under mortgage. While, if he had died quickly, (and the truth that tuberculosis does not kill quickly like diphtheria, typhoid fever, and pneumonia makes it the most expensive disease there is; in fact more expensive than all other preventable diseases put together) the insurance paying the wife to pay off the mortgage on the home, and with the savings would become available, probably earnings pull herself to gether, go to work, and raise her family.

Is there any greater tragedy than this? The fact that the bank cashier committed suicide makes this particular tragedy "news" as the newspapers say, but the greater tragedy still is that it is happening every day in our state, and some times several times a day. There is one bright side to this tragedy, and only one, to wit: With the small amount of money being spent in the fight against tuberculosis in North Carolina only one-half as many tragedies of this character are occurring today as occurred eleven years ago when the state began feebly to do active work in the fight against tuberculosis.

Surely tragedies of this kind ought to be sufficient to cause the people of our state, through the legislature now sitting to multiply many times the amount of money being so well used in the fight against tuberculosis.

Hyatt-Davis

The marriage of Miss Evamae Hyatt of Franklin and Nathaniel Donald Davis of Sylva which took place at high noon on Wednesday, January 21, at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. Ada Hyatt, was marked by beautiful simplicity and holds the interest of many friends in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Q. Wallace, pastor of the first Presbyterian church, in the presence of the family and a few close friends.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march played by Miss Ann Mitchell of Clayton, Ga., the bride entered with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Ramsey, who was matron of honor. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Lewis Baumgarner.

The bride was radiantly lovely in a handsome gown of russet brown back crepe satin with hat and accessories to match.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for Atlanta and points of interest. They will return to Sylva about January 28, where they will make their home.

The bride possesses a charm of manner and is of the beautiful brunette type which together with an attractive personality makes her an admired figure in a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Davis is very popular in social and business circles of Sylva.

A. M. and M. H.

GREAT NEED IS FILLED BY TEACHER TRAINING IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The school at Franklin was recently favored with a visit from Mrs. Hetty S. Brown, of Rock Hill, S. C. Mrs. Brown is one of the authors of the Child's World series, having helped to prepare the text books for the primary departments of the public schools. She gave a most interesting demonstration of her work on December 10th, in Mrs. Hurst's room.

Miss Helen Burch who is in charge of teacher training at the Franklin High School extends a cordial invitation to all parents and tax payers to visit her department with a view to ascertaining just what is being accomplished. Miss Burch is doing excellent work and visits of inspection would not only land her encouragement, but would acquaint the visitors with the class of instruction prospective teachers are receiving.

Following is an article which appeared in the Greensboro Daily News describing Mrs. Brown's work during her six weeks' tour of the state:

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Hetty S. Brown, educational leader of considerable note and one of the joint authors of the series of Child's World Reader, the state adopted reader in elementary grades, has just completed a six weeks tour of the teacher training department in the high schools of the state in the interest of establishing higher standards in the teaching of Reading.

Mrs. Brown came to North Carolina at the instance of Mrs. T. E. Johnston of the state department of education, who directs teacher training in the high schools of the state, a department offering to high school graduates whose purpose it is to become teachers, a year's intensive and concentrated study of the work of the elementary grades. She spent several days in each of the 13, teaching modern and approved methods of teaching reading by actually teaching classes of children, this work being followed by an analysis of lesson procedure and helped discussions on methods of teaching reading.

As high educational authorities approving this method of supplying this shortage of teachers by giving one year's intensive training in teaching to students who have graduated from high school, Mrs. Brown mentions Prof. Mabel Carney head of the department of rural education at Teachers' College, Columbia university, who has herself successfully carried out this plan in Minnesota, and Dr. David Snedden, education expert at Teachers' College.

"In my tour of the teacher training department," said Mrs. Brown, "I was impressed at the outset, with the inaccessibility of the schools and I wonder why these teacher training classes in the main had been placed in schools so inaccessible. Later I learned through Mrs. Johnston that was a part of the plan—to avoid admitting as students to these institutions and take college or normal school work.

Mrs. Brown was greatly impressed with the course of study that has been planned to meet the needs of teachers of rural schools, a course that has been worked out for teacher training classes by Superintendent A. T. Allen and Mrs. Johnston from their knowledge of the needs of the teachers in the rural elementary schools. A definite amount of time is allotted to each subject to be taught and professionalized subject matter is given. "There is nothing fixed about either the course of study or the manner in which it is being done," she observed. "Through personal observation and through the instructors in charge of the classes for the training of teachers Mrs. Johnston keeps in touch with the work of the teachers who have received the training and are now in the field. This follow-up work reveals the strong points and the weaknesses the weaknesses indicating when the course of study or method or handling it should be modified."

A significant point brought out by Mrs. Brown in her observation was the fact that professional books and other materials of instruction are provided for these student-teachers. They prepare their work in rich environment. They learn to use and rely on the best professional books. When they get out to schools of their own they know where to get help and they either buy professional books or borrow them from some library. They learn to use materials of instruction in their teaching—maps, globes, charts that have become a necessity for good teaching. They know what to order and where to order.

"On a visit to a school said Mrs. Brown, "I noticed first the professional attitude of teacher and stu-

dents. The students seemed to say, 'Here is a certain piece of work we have chosen to perform. We are given an instructor to direct, books and other teaching materials to use, a course of study to guide the work and supervision from the state department of education. Let us proceed to make the best of our opportunities.' Not only willing but anxious to stay until 5-or 6 o'clock in the afternoon and to work on Saturday in order to get a certain work done. This professional spirit is encouraged by each student's becoming a teacher the minute he or she enters the class. A real teacher's desk is given him and he learns to use it. This desk is an indication of the way in which he is regarded throughout the course—as a real teacher not as a student."

She is convinced that the teacher training classes have helped the schools in which they are located. The knowledge of the fact that students being trained to teach are constantly observing their work, makes the teacher of the schools in which teacher training classes are located more careful of their methods. Teachers who have not kept up with the latest methods of instruction get help from the instructor of the teacher training class through conference and advice and through the use of modern equipment. The pupils in the elementary schools profit by the instruction given them. They learn to adapt themselves to different people and to different methods of instruction and school becomes more interesting to them.

This plan of giving one year of training to high school graduates was begun in 1922-23 in a small way and as an experiment through the establishment of four of these departments. The number has increased now to 13 with 160 students-teachers enrolled. The departments are located over the state from the seacoast to the mountains. The instructors are as follows:

Miss Muriel E. Groves, Atlantic, in Carteret county.
Miss Juanita McDougal, at Whiteville, in Columbus county.
Miss Clara Taylor, at Salemburg, in Sampson county.
Miss Louise Gillis at Cary, Wake county.
Miss Ruth E. Berry, at Pittsboro, Chantant county.
Miss Mary Louise Brown at Sandhill Farm life school, Moore county.
Miss Florence Holton, at Churchland, Davidson county.
Miss Grace Gladstone, China Grove Rowan county.
Miss Madrie Simpson, at Harmony, Iredell county.
Miss Mary Keller, Shelby Cleveland county.
Miss Patty Dowell, at Farm Life school, Catawaba county.
Miss Meta Liles, at Grassy Creek school, Ashe county.
Miss Helen Burch, at Franklin, Macon county.

Little Coweeta News

We are having quite a bit of sickness in our neighborhood. Mrs. Ora Carpenter is improving after a long illness. We are glad to see her out as she is one of our best Sunday school teachers.

We are all a little lonesome since our meeting closed. We had a wonderful meeting with about 26 confessions, closing on the 5th of January. After the meeting eleven were baptized their names being: John Gray, Elbert Williamson, Earnest Long, Miss Edna Holbrooks, Edna Hodlen, Nita Childers, Selma Long, Stella Brown Edith Cloer, R. Carpenter. We are always glad to have such a meeting in our section and we hope to have with us again Brother Smith and Brother Stallcup.

Our Christmas was also very pleasant as the meeting continued through the holidays, closing on January 5th. Our hearts were some what saddened when the death angel came in our midst and took away two of our neighbors at the same time—Mr. Harley Bates and Robert Bates. A double funeral took place at Coweeta church on the 10th of January. Our hearts go out in sympathy to their loved one.

Birthday Dinner

On Tuesday, January 20th, Mr. W. P. Deal celebrated his 72nd birthday by having a number of his friends to dinner.

Those who enjoyed the hospitality were Messrs M. D. Deal and family L. A. Berry and family, J. B. Deal and family J. C. M. Bolick, J. W. Williams H. G. Cobe, J. B. Justice, Theodore Henry and Rev. A. S. Solesbee.

F. H. SCHOOL GETS ATHLETIC FIELD

M. E. Cozad Donates Field Work Will Begin in Near Future Clearing the Field For Spring Playing

Within the next few days work will begin on the High School's Athletic field.

The field is located to the rear of the school building, was donated to the High School by Mr. M. E. Cozad to be used for outdoor sports, Mr. Cozad being a great lover of athletics.

Plans have been made for draining this field and putting it in good condition so that it will be ready for baseball in the spring.

The prospects are excellent for a winning baseball team and immediately after the close of basketball the candidates for the baseball teams will be called out to begin practice.

This field will be used jointly by the High School and town as this movement is being financed by the town board and the following public spirited citizens:

Zeb Angel, J. S. Porter, C. W. Hames, T. H. Porter, L. H. Calloway, F. H. Higdon, F. T. Smith, L. T. Houser, Lee Crawford, J. W. Roper Sam Franks, J. S. Conley, W. H. Crawford, Alvah Pearce, A. L. Epps Frank I. Murray, John V. Arrendale T. W. Angel, Maj. S. A. Harris, E. W. Ailfather, F. S. Conley, Franklin Hardware Co., Reece's Restaurant.

The above named citizens have agreed to donate ten dollars each to this fund on the condition that the High School basketball team win five games during the present season.

The following are scores of games played:

Franklin 15, Sylva 31.
Franklin 20, Andrews 25.
Franklin 17, Hayesville 30.
Franklin 42, Andrews 6.
Franklin 36, Hayesville 4.
Franklin 27, Sylva 22.
Franklin 24, Bryson 20.
Franklin 23, Baldwin 17.
Franklin 13, Dillard 15.
Franklin 15, Baldwin 40.
Franklin 18, Carolina All Stars 11.

Ellijay News

Today, Mr. Robert Henry began a ten-day singing school in the Ellijay Baptist Church. He invites all who can do so to attend. We have a supply of James D. Vaughn's latest song books and hope to have a splendid class soon.

Miss Helen Moses made a week end trip to visit relatives at Cullowhee.

One of Mr. Jim Keener's little children fell into the fire with a rocking chair on top of it, a few days ago. It was severely burned, but will not be blind as a result of its injuries as was feared at first.

The weather was so bad that Rev. Frank Bumgarner failed to come to Mountain Grove and Ellijay at his regular time the past Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Olney Moses and family, Miss Delena Peek, and Miss Marea Moses left for Gastonia a short time ago. They write that they have found desirable jobs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dills spent last Thursday night with Mrs. Dills' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Henry. Mr. Charlie Henry left for some point in Jackson county a few days ago.

Messrs. Fred Mincy and Abert Rogers are on a business trip to Sylva.

Cullasaja News

Mr. Will Bryson is at work at Walnut Creek.

Miss Hester Gregory from Walnut Creek was a welcome visitor on Standfield Branch one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell from Smokemont, N. C. are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Russell at Cullasaja, N. C.

We are sorry to report Miss Mary Watkins on the sick list.

There is lots of chicken pox in this part of the country now.

Mr. Fred McGuire who has been at Philadelphia for some time is at home again.

Mr. Taylor Bryson from Franklin was the guest of his parents last Sunday.

Messrs. Pritchard and Dewey Russell returned home from Seaburst, N. C. Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Bryson was the guest of Mrs. A. J. Evans last week.

Mrs. Huldah Holland and little daughter, Mary were the guest of Mrs. Ruth Holland.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT FARMERS DAY

The Town Was Filled With Farmers on the First of a Series of Similar Monthly Occasions.

Last Saturday the town was filled with farmers from all sections of the county who braved the almost impassable roads, to be present at the first Farmers Day ever held in Franklin. It is seldom indeed that one sees such a large number of people in Franklin at the same time. The sidewalks were crowded and the stores that had advertised certain articles at cost were filled with those who were taking advantage of the exceptional opportunities to replenish their larders or wearing apparel. It was a great day for the farmers and a great day for Franklin.

This was the first of a series of similar monthly occasions. Evidence were plentiful that these Farmers Days are going to be the means of bringing the country and town people closer together. It no other result is accomplished the efforts will be well worth the time of County Agent Arrendale who is solely responsible for the unique idea.

While the program last Saturday was not extensive as it will be in the future nevertheless the farmers voted it as one well worth while. Regardless of any set program occasions of this kind are always beneficial in that way they give the farmers and their families an opportunity of seeing their friends and relatives from other sections of the county, to dispose of their surplus farm products and to buy at cost staple foods and other necessities of life. However, Mr. Arrendale intends on each occasion to have interesting programs arranged and it will be of benefit to the farmers to come in and see and hear matters pertaining to all kinds of farm activities.

News from the Grove

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dills were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holland Sunday.

Mr. Dewey Gregory had the misfortune to get blown up with dynamite, on the Jackson County Highway, he wasn't seriously injured excepting his eyes. He started Monday to Asheville, N. C., to have an eye specialist to treat his eyes.

Misses Estel and Ruth Gregory spent Sunday with Miss Hollie Dills. Miss Leona Stanfield was visiting Miss Bida Holland Wednesday.

Mr. Norman Holland spent one night last week with Mr. Homer Moss.

Misses Mattie Bowers and Hallie Houston spent Saturday night with Mrs. J. R. Houston.

Mr. Tom Dills spent one night last week with Mr. Homer Moss.

Mrs. Ingram Houston gave her oldest son Claude, a birthday dinner January 20, all present reported a nice time.

Miss Ester Gregory spent Wednesday night with Miss Leona Stanfield. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dills spent the week end with Mr. Dill's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henry.

Miss Ella Keener was visiting Mrs. Mrs. A. B. Potts Sunday.

Mrs. Jerry Holland and Mrs. Nell Keener were visiting Mrs. Lewis Gregory Saturday.

Messrs. Luther Holland Jerry Holland and Richmond Russell returned from Smokemont, N. C., where they have been at work.

Mr. Lewis Gregory has returned from Jackson county Highway where he has been at work.

Mr. J. D. McCoy has been doing some carpenter work on his house recently.

Mr. Luther Tilson was visiting his brother, Lewis Saturday.

Mrs. John Russell is visiting her son, Tom at Gastonia, N. C.

Miss Ilora Holland and her little brother were visiting their sister, Mrs. Cora Mashburn last week.

In Memory of Pauline

Little Pauline departed this life, Saturday evening, January 17, 1925, at 6 o'clock.

Pauline and her little twin sister Irene was born December 11, 1924, she was five weeks and two days old at the time of her death.

She was laid to rest in the Sugar Fork Cemetery on Monday January 19.

She leaves to mourn her loss a father and mother, five brothers and seven sisters besides a host of friends.