

## YOUNG MAN, GIRL VICTIMS IN WRECK

### KILLED ON SPOT AS CAR CRASHES

**Mattie Stanfield And Gary Tuck Die When Auto Hits Bridge**

### GIRL'S FUNERAL HELD

**Remains Of Man Sent To Relatives At His Home In Virginia**

Crushed to a pulp when the touring car in which they were riding careened to the left of the highway and crashed into an abutment on a concrete bridge 11 miles south of here at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, Mattie Stanfield, 18, daughter of S. W. Stanfield of Franklin, and Gary Tuck, 24, of Muleville, Va., were instantly killed. The automobile was demolished.

The car was traveling at a high rate of speed an instant before the accident, according to witnesses, and

the straight down-grade stretch leading toward Franklin just beyond Norton bridge on Highway No. 285. The youth and girl were pinned in the front seat by the crash. Their legs were crushed and the bodies of each were badly mangled. The girl was instantly killed. Tuck was removed from the wreckage and died within two or three minutes. Fred Arnold of this county, the first to reach the wreck, attempted to render aid to Tuck, but could do little.

A blown-out left front casing was thought to be a possible cause of the wreck by mechanics who brought the damaged car to Franklin, although the tire probably blew out after striking the bridge, witnesses stated.

**Younger Sister Escapes**  
It was learned that a younger sister of the Stanfield girl was riding in the car a few minutes before the accident, but became frightened and refused to ride further when Tuck, who was driving recklessly, and who is reported by residents of the Norton section to have been partially intoxicated, ran into a ditch.

Miss Stanfield lived with her parents at Franklin and was well known here. Funeral services were held for the young woman at the Sugarfork Baptist church on Cullasaja on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. A. S. Solesbee officiated.

Tuck was the driver of the steam roller used by Pennell and Harley, contractors who finished paving Highway No. 28 between Franklin and Gneiss this week. Tuck had completed his work on the highway on Saturday afternoon, and was ready to leave for his home in Virginia for a visit, it was stated. The body of the young man was sent to relatives at his home. No inquest was held.

### REV. R. F. MOCK IN SANITARIUM AT BLACK MOUNTAIN

Rev. R. F. Mock, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, is in a sanitarium at Black Mountain where he will remain for an indefinite period in order to recover from a nervous disorder from which he has suffered for several months. Mrs. Mock and little daughter, Robbie Gay, are also spending some time with friends in Black Mountain in order to be near Rev. Mock.

The pulpit of the Franklin Methodist church will be filled by local ministers and by Duke university theological students until the pastor is able to return.

### YOUNG NEGRESS BADLY WOUNDED

**Shoots Self Through Right Shoulder In Suicide Attempt**

wife of Weimer Wikle, attempted to take her own life at her home two miles west of Franklin on the Murphy road at five o'clock on Monday afternoon, following a quarrel with her brother, Ned Shaver, according to neighbors who were near at the time.

Becoming angry at her brother, who is about two years older than she, the negress attempted to attack him with a buggy spoke. Her father, Jim Shaver, stepped between the two, and the woman is reported to have struck him a severe blow on the back of the head. The attack was at Jim Shaver's home, a few hundred yards from the Wikle residence.

Thwarted in her attempt to attack her brother, the negress went to her own home where she is reported to have propped a 12-gauge shotgun against a door and to have asked a small nephew to pull the trigger. When he refused she herself fired the gun and received a severe wound in the right shoulder. She is at Angel Brothers' hospital, and is expected to recover.

The negress is the mother of four small children.

### CUNNINGHAM RETURNS

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cunningham made a trip to Baltimore last week for the purpose of buying fall goods for the Leader Department store. Mr. Cunningham reports that business conditions in Baltimore are improving and that the industrial leaders of the Maryland city expect a decided pick-up in economic affairs by the beginning of the fall season.

## MOUNTAIN DUEL FOUGHT BY PAIR

**Lambert And Felix Talley  
In Hospital With Dangerous Wounds**

### OLD GRUDGE IS CAUSE

**Fight Is Result Of Quarrel  
Last Christmas Between  
Two Cousins**

Two young men are in the Angel Brothers' hospital here, both seriously wounded, as a result of a long standing feud that culminated Sunday afternoon in a strange duel, fought in the presence of 15 other young men, high up in the mountains near the Georgia line, seven miles from the little town of Highlands on Clear creek.

Lambert Talley, 20, son of Harrison Talley, is in a critical condition from a fractured skull. He is said to have been struck on the head by a rock during the fight. Felix Talley, 21, son of Albert Talley, who lives across on the Georgia side of the line, was stabbed three times with a knife, the blade entering the tissue of his left lung. His condition is considered serious, because of loss of blood and the possibility of further lung complications.

According to relatives, the young men, who are first cousins, quarreled at a party during the Christmas holidays last year. The immediate cause of the disagreement was not learned. As the weeks passed the bitterness is said to have increased between the two, resulting in a spirit of antagonism between two groups, one composed of the "Georgia gang" and the other from the North Carolina side of the line.

When they got together Sunday afternoon the old hatred was fanned into new flame and the fight which resulted in the serious wounding of the Talley boys occurred.

The extent of the fracture in Lambert Talley's skull is not as dangerous as was at first believed, but his condition was pronounced by hospital attaches as serious.

The blade that entered Felix Talley's chest on the left side penetrated the lung tissue three times, it was reported. His condition is considered serious.

### Leader To Speak At Local Church

G. L. Morelock, secretary of the Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will speak at the Methodist church in Franklin next Sunday, July 20, at 11 o'clock, a. m. and 8:30 at night. Mr. Morelock is the leader of the work of the laymen in his church, and his addresses will be of interest to the laymen of all denominations. It is hoped that large audiences will hear Mr. Morelock, and the people of Franklin and other parts of the county are invited to attend the services.

## ROAD COMPLETION CELEBRATED TUES.

**AUTO IS STOLEN  
FROM F. B. COOK,  
HIGHLANDS MAN**

Theft of a new Ford touring car, belonging to Frank B. Cook of Highlands, which he left parked at 10 p. m. last Saturday night in front of Highlands Inn, is reported by the owner. The automobile was stolen between the time it was parked and 8 a. m. Sunday. No clue that might lead to the recovery of the touring car has been discovered.

Mr. Cook has offered a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft. The license number is 48621. This is the first theft of an automobile ever to occur in Highlands, it is said.

### FEDERAL ROUTE FINALLY FIXED

**Highway No. 23 Comes This  
Way; Route No. 19  
By Murphy**

World Carolina have been corrected and permanently established, it was learned Thursday in an announcement from the America Association of State highway officials, of which James G. Stikeleather, ninth district commissioner, is an associate member.

The two highways are Nos. 19 and 23.

The permanent corrected route for Federal Highway No. 19 is as follows: beginning at Swiss, in Yancey, it runs via Asheville, Waynesville and Bryson City to Murphy, thence to the Georgia line and on to Blairsville, Dawsonville, Cumming, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Camilla, Thomasville, to the Georgia-Florida state line. From Asheville west to the North Carolina-Georgia line, the Federal highway follows state Highway No. 10.

Federal Highway No. 23 also begins at Swiss, passes through the Forks of Ivy, Weaverville, Asheville, Waynesville. From Asheville to Dillsboro, a short distance beyond Sylva, the highway follows state Highway No. 10. From Dillsboro it follows state highway No. 285 to the Georgia line. Thence it continues to Clayton, Clarksville, Gainesville and Lawrenceville to Atlanta.

The new routes will be mapped on federal highways immediately, Mr. Stikeleather announced.

A number of other federal highways recently created were included in the announcement of the association.

### Water Situation Is Relieved Here

Discovery and repair of a broken valve in the main pump which forces water into the two tanks which supply the town of Franklin, has relieved the scarcity of water here. Restrictions for the excessive use of water have been removed.

It was believed that dry weather had caused the acute water shortage until the discovery of the broken valve. The water tanks are now full to capacity.

### Maxwell Students Sell Blackberries And Wood

The students of Maxwell school, a Macon county institution for orphan boys, have for sale blackberries of good quality, and a number of loads of good stovewood, it is stated by Mr. Crockett, superintendent of the school.

Proceeds from the sale of the berries and wood are to be used by the boys personally. Those interested in either of these products of the Maxwell farm should get in touch with Mr. Crockett.

### C. OF C. SUPPER IS CHIEF AFFAIR

**James G. Stikeleather Tells  
Group Work Is To  
Be Continued**

### SMATHERS IS SPEAKER

**President Of Chamber At  
Asheville Offers Aid To  
Trade Body**

In celebration of the completion of hardsurfacing the stretch of Highway No. 28 which lies between Franklin and Gneiss, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce held a community banquet on Tuesday night at the Scott Griffin hotel at which James G. Stikeleather, district highway commissioner, and W. M. Smathers, president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, were the chief speakers.

Discussion of the type of hardsurface to be used on the 13 remaining

the length of time before this work will be completed constituted the main subject of Mr. Stikeleather's talk. J. C. Walker, district highway engineer, also spoke at the meeting, and described the type of tar-bound macadam which is to be used on the 13-mile stretch. Mr. Walker stated that the cost of hardsurfacing by this method is approximately \$5,000 a mile. This type of hardsurfaced road, he said, can be constructed at a lower cost than any other of its class.

**Ready In 18 Months**  
Mr. Stikeleather explained that travel over the road will not be rerouted during the 12 to 18 months that will be necessary to surface the distance. The macadam will be laid in layers of about two inches in thickness, he stated, and will be of a depth of six inches when completed. At the end of approximately one year after travel on the completed macadam has been going on, a bituminous binder will be added, the highway commissioner explained, which will make the road virtually as substantial and as smooth as concrete.

The highway between Murphy and Copper Hill, Tenn., is being hardsurfaced with this type of material, and is proving very satisfactory, according to Mr. Stikeleather and Mr. Walker.

The part of Highway No. 28 between Franklin and Hayesville will probably be surfaced with the same type of macadam, Mr. Stikeleather said, but added that it is possible that concrete will be used as far as the foot of the Nantahala mountains, about 10 miles west of Franklin. The highway commissioner would not state when work on this part of No. 28 would begin, but intimated that it would start within two years, probably earlier.

**Equalization Fund**  
Funds for this work must come largely from the highway equalization fund, Mr. Stikeleather pointed out, and reminded the Chamber of Commerce members that he was spending \$45,000 in Macon county from the \$145,000 secured for district No. 19 in the last allotment from the equalization board. The remaining \$100,000 is to be spent on No. 28 in Jackson county. This will complete the highway to the vicinity of Sapphire, to which point it is all hardsurfaced from the east.

Referring to the \$325,000 to the amount of which the county voted bonds and lent the state six or seven years ago for road building purposes in the county, Mr. Stikeleather declared that the state would not again pay the interest of \$10,000 a year due annually on this sum until 1951, nor would the state pay any part of the principal until after No. 28 is completed.

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## Southern Need For Research Station To Be Met By Macon Biological Research Station

HIGHLANDS, July 16. — The Highlands-Museum and Biological Laboratory which by the decision of eminent southern scientists which met in Highlands recently, is soon to be established here, will be financed by memberships taken out by the botanists and zoologists of the southern universities represented at the meeting, according to Dr. E. E. Reinke of Vanderbilt university, although memberships are not to be limited to these botanists and zoologists alone. Institutional memberships will also be taken which will entitle graduate students of the universities to the use of the laboratory for experimental and research work.

Dr. Reinke, professor of biology

in Vanderbilt university, states that the organizers expect to apply to the Philanthropic Board for endowment. At the recent meeting a resolution was passed to present the project to the National Research Council at its meeting in August seeking the endorsement and aid of that body. Application has been made for articles of incorporation for the laboratory.

### Central Location

The botanists and zoologists of the South have been needing, more than any other single agency for promoting research, a more or less centrally located station where they could congregate in the summer, exchange ideas and pursue their own investigations under

the most favorable conditions.

Prof. W. C. Coker of the department of botany of the University of North Carolina states that he looks upon the establishment of the biological laboratory as an event of great significance. For a number of years, he says, he and other instructors and students of natural history subjects in the university have felt the pressing need of such an institution.

The purpose of this movement is to promote biological research, particularly among southern scientists. In opening up the southern Appalachian region it should offer a unique service to the scientists and to the country at large.

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