

GORDON RUDISILL KILLED INSTANTLY IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK NEAR MARION

Returning Home Near Marion
Car Strikes Bus

FUNERAL THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Gordon Rudisill, younger brother of Mr. Craig Rudisill, both of Marshall, was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon near Marion when the car he was driving collided with the Asheville—Charlotte bus. Our information is that Mr. Rudisill's neck was broken and he died almost instantly after the collision. He had been visiting his relatives near Lincolnton and was returning home, a brother, Percy L., accompanying him. The bus driver claims that Rudisill's car was on the left side of the road at a "blind" curve. Members of the family in Marshall left and we understand the funeral and interment will be at the old home place near Lincolnton Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Rudisill is well known in Marshall being associated with his brother, Mr. Craig Rudisill in the Feed and Fuel business. He leaves his wife and two small children, who have the sympathy of the community.

SHOOTS HIMSELF CHRISTMAS EVE

WILLIE TWEED OF GRAPE
VINE ENDS HIS OWN
LIFE

Willie Tweed, who would have been 35 years old in February, shot and killed himself about three o'clock in the afternoon of December 24, 1926, near his sister's on Grape Vine in Madison County. He leaves his wife and two children.

It seems that he and his wife had been separated for some years and he has been gone out of the state. Recently he came back and according to reports, they were about to become reconciled. However, at the time of the tragedy, he was stopping with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Fisher. In the morning of his death he was seen in Marshall and seemed to be acting rather mysteriously. He returned to his sister's and in the afternoon he and Mrs. Fisher's 12-year old son, Haskle, walked off with a shot gun, saying they were going hunting. The boy was carrying the gun, and according to the boy, as they neared an unoccupied house near Mrs. Fisher's, Tweed stopped or knelt down and prayed and in closing the prayer, he said "and this is where I die." He then asked the lad for the gun to shoot himself with and Haskle refused to let him have it. Tweed then overpowered the boy and took the gun from him, set it between his legs with the muzzle under his chin

and, as the boy ran away, the fatal shot was fired. He lived about an hour or more finally bleeding to death.

The body was taken to the home of his father-in-law, Adolphus Fisher, where it was prepared for burial.

The funeral was from Grape Vine church at three o'clock Sunday conducted by Rev. Mr. Bullman. Interment followed in the Grape Vine church cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his father, M. D. Tweed, who lives at Blackjoy, Ky., his mother being dead. He also leaves three brothers—Irvin Tweed of New York, Stokely Tweed of Black Mountain, and Gray Tweed of Craggy and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Fisher of Grape Vine.

NOTICE!

The annual Stockholders meeting of Citizens Bank will be held in Marshall, N. C., Wednesday, January 5th, 1927 at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

E. R. TWEED,
President.

Prayer of the Horse

Translated from the Swedish.
To Thee, my Master, I offer
my prayer:

Feed me, and take care of me.
Be kind to me. Do not jerk the
reins; do not whip me when
going up hill.

Never strike, beat, or kick
me, when I fail to understand
what you want of me, but give
me a chance to understand you.
Watch me, and if I refuse to do
your bidding, see if there is not
something wrong with my harness.

Do not give me too heavy
loads; never hitch me where
water will drip on me. Keep
me well shod. Examine my
teeth when I fail to eat; I may
have an ulcerated tooth. That,
you know, is very painful. I
am unable to tell you in words
when I'm sick; so watch me,
and I will try to tell you by
signs.

Pet me sometimes; I enjoy it
and I will learn to love you.

Protect me in summer from
the hot sun. Keep a blanket on
me in winter weather, and never
put a frosty bit in my mouth,
but hold it in your hands a
moment first.

I carry you, pull you, wait
patiently for you long hours,
day or night. I cannot tell you
when I am thirsty; give me
clean, cool water often in hot
weather.

Finally, when my strength is
gone, instead of turning me over
to a human brute, to be tortured
and starved, take my life
in the easiest and quickest way,
and then God will reward you
in this life and in Heaven.
Amen.

THE LIVING SERMON

Anonymous

I'd rather see a sermon than hear
one any day;
I'd rather one would walk with me
than merely tell the way.
The eye's better and more willing
than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but ex-
amples always clear.
The best of all the preachers are the
men who live their words,
For to see good put in action is what
everybody needs.
I soon can learn to do it, if you'll let
me see it done,
I can watch your hands in action, but
your tongue too fast may run.
The lectures you deliver may be very
wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by ob-
serving what you do.
I may not understand the high ad-
vice you give;
But there's no misunderstanding how
you act and how you live.

Large Beef Cattle Not Wanted Now

No matter how well finished
the large beef animals are,
they will not sell at good prices
on the market at present. The
best selling animals range from
800 to 1050 pounds in weight.

"The International Livestock
Show recently held in Chicago
has been responsible more than
any one thing for bringing this
situation to a head and impress-
ing farmers with the fact that
no longer are large, coarse, un-
finished cattle needed or want-
ed on the market," says Prof.
R. S. Curtis, of the animal hus-
bandry department at State
College. "In fact, large cattle,
no matter how well finished,
will not sell at fair prices."

Prof. Curtis states that the

handy weight beef animal
ranging from 800 to 1050 lbs.
and well finished is the new
standard insofar as beef ani-
mals are concerned. This
means, he states, that under
North Carolina conditions,
more attention must now be
paid to quality, good feeding
and early maturity. Regard-
less of the fact that a poor qual-
ity of beef animals may be pro-
duced and sold at the less dis-
criminating markets, the fact
remains that the price paid for
beef cattle is set by the large
central markets and these mar-
kets determine the kind of ani-
mals which sell best. This con-
dition must be reckoned with in
any plans being made for build-
ing a beef cattle industry in the
State.

MARSHALL HAS FINE SCHOOL BUILDING

BUILT TO CARE FOR IM-
MEDIATE FUTURE

Marshall has a school build-
ing of which its citizens may
well feel proud. Aside from
danger from floods, it is the
most desirable spot in the
whole section for such a school
building. Situated on a prac-
tically flat lot of several acres
surrounded by water and in
clear view of most of the resi-
dences in Marshall, a spot ap-
art from interruptions in
school life and yet a spot easily
beautified and sufficiently
large to afford a delightful
playground—baseball diamond,
tennis court, and all sorts
of out-door games and amuse-
ments—and at the same time
convertible into a park of un-
excelled beauty from which
the mountain scenery sur-
rounding is beyond descrip-
tion, Marshall's school has nat-
ural advantages of which few
if any schools in the State can
boast, and the building com-
pleted is even greater than one
could have hoped for after see-
ing it in the making. The writ-
er being away when the finish-
ing touches were being applied
was more inclined to appreci-
ate it than those who saw the
development from day to day.
It was with a smile of satisfac-

tion and gratification that Sup-
erintendent Dillard took us over
the building, pointing out
its modern plans and conven-
iences.

Starting at the boiler room
where ample provision is made
for heating and storing fuel,
we visited every room on all
three floors. On the first floor
is a large basement about 40
by 100 feet which can be used
for a gymnasium adjoining
which are toilet and shower
baths for each sex. On the
second floor, recitation rooms
and the elementary library of
some 300 books surround the
auditorium.

On the third floor, more rec-
itation rooms and the depart-
ment of domestic science and
the high school library have to
be seen to be appreciated.
The auditorium has 911 chairs,
besides the stage chairs, which
in all affords accommodation
for around a thousand people.
This is fine for a town the size
of Marshall to have such an
auditorium which can be made
comfortable and used for the
larger gatherings of the coun-
ty as well as for school pur-
poses. A word picture of the
school and its site is inade-
quate—one must see it to un-
derstand.

As much as has been done

MARSHALL IN THE 1916 FLOOD

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NEWS-RECORD OF
THAT DATE

ON SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1916.

The river commenced to rise
at about 8 o'clock A. M., and at
about 9:30 A. M., it was over-
flowing the rock wall along the
Southern Railway tracks. At
10 o'clock the water was in
Main Street and the people liv-
ing along the street were carry-
ing to places of supposed safety
such of their household
goods as they could get out.
Many people carried their fur-
niture into the upper stories of
their buildings. At 12 o'clock
everyone had crossed the street
and taken refuge in buildings
above Main Street. The water
came down with tremendous
force carrying with it the evi-
dence of the great destruction
that was taking place along its
course.

Houses, logs, lumber, barrels,
boxes, bridges, all were carried
away. The old bridge at Bridge
Street here gave way and noth-
ing of it was left save the rock
piers upon which it rested for
many years. Above the first
span of the new bridge a drift,
that reached for more than one
hundred feet up the river, gath-
ered. The structure held for
probably an hour but the pres-
sure of current and the drift
proved more than it could
stand. Three spans of this
bridge were broken loose but
all of them lodged close by and
will be taken back. Two of the
concrete piers were lost. The
current cut a great channel
through the island.

An immense drift gathered
at the east end of the Southern
depot and turned a current a-
gainst the houses on the North
side of the street in that section
of the town. Soon after 12 o'-
clock houses commenced to
rise from their foundations and
float down the river. The sight
was one that cannot soon be
forgotten by those who wit-
nessed it. On either side of the
river great crowds of people
were gathered watching the
destruction that was being
wrought. Perhaps three milli-
ons of dollars worth of property
came down the river during
the day, men and women in
Marshall whose homes and prop-
erty were being destroyed
stood the strain with a nerve
and courage as fine as was ever
displayed under such trying
conditions. No one wept but all
appeared stout hearted and
cheerful.

At 4:30 o'clock P. M., the
water began to go down and at
the Baptist Church where
many people had gathered a
short prayer service was con-
ducted by Rev. S. T. Hensley.

Homeless People Cared For

Stout hearted and cheerful,
Messrs J. H. White, Dr. Frank
Roberts, John A. Hendricks,
James West, Natt Holcombe,
Guy V. Roberts, R. N. Caton,
E. B. Gilbert, Posey Fisher,
John Jarrett, Reuben Ramsey,
J. C. Ramsey, E. R. Tweed, P.
V. Rector, Rev. S. T. Hensley,
others living on the hill opened
their homes and, in fine style,
cared for those who had been
driven from their homes by the
flood. A good dinner Sunday
and lodging and meals until
the waters had gone down were
provided by these good gentle-
men and their wives. People in
the surrounding community also
opened their homes and dis-
played a most generous spirit
toward those who were tempo-

already, much more is yet to
be accomplished and the Par-
ent-Teacher Association is tak-
ing these matters under consid-
eration.

Death List

Only two people lost their
lives in the flood. They were
as follows:

James Guthrie, Miss Estelle
Briggs. Both parties were re-
covered on Mon., and brought
to the Baptist church where
they were prepared for
burial. It is stated that both Mr.
Guthrie and Miss Briggs had
left the house and gone to a
place of safety but later think-
ing there was no danger, re-
turned to the house and when
it began to move they became
frightened and in trying to
make their escape were lost.
They were in the Ball & Gud-
ger Restaurant at the depot.

Washed Away

Quite a number of buildings
were washed away. The fol-
lowing is a list:

Southern Railway pump
house at depot, two tenant
houses at depot owned by Ball
& Gudger, Livery stable at de-
pot owned by Ramsey & Rector
Erve Bailey's two houses, Erve
King's building on Bridge St.,
in which was located the
Central Telephone office, H.
L. Banks & Company's store,
Posey Fisher's Pressing Shop,
and Alfred Lowe's home, coal
bins and cotton house owned
by Capicola Manufacturing Co.
Rector and Ramsey's lumber
plant, stable and tenant house
owned by J. G. Ramsey, tenant
house owned by Citizens Bank,
stable and garage owned by C.
B. Mashburn, Reuben Ramsey's
warehouse, owned by F. Shel-
ton, small garage owned by
Mrs. Claude Allison, stable,
wood and coal house owned by
Mrs. Nanny, corn crib owned
by Barnett Fortner, Marshall
woodworking plant owned by
J. J. Redmon & Son and a
dwelling house between the river
and railroad just below the
old church at West end of the
town.

Flooded

Every building on Maint St.,
except the residence of P.
A. McElroy, the Court House
and the Baptist Church were
flooded and filled with mud.
Household furniture and
merchandise in the stores and
stores were badly damaged.
Windows in many places were
broken loose from some of the
residential buildings along the
street. A few buildings were
moved from their foundations
and left close by. A few others
were floated for some distance
but lodged against other build-
ings.

Damages

No one can at this time, give
an accurate statement as to the
damage sustained by the town.
However, a rough conservative
estimate figures in sound num-
bers, a total damage of \$125-
000.00 sustained by citizens of
the town, aside from this the
Southern Railway and Madison
County have been heavily dam-
aged. No bridges along the river
in this county are left.

Clearing The Wreck

On Monday morning when
the people came down to their
homes only a small part of
Main Street in front of the Baptist
Church was visible. The
Street was full of drifts and pre-
sented a most forlorn appear-
ance. But everybody went to
work and gradually the street
has been cleared of the rubbish
and dwellings and business
places have been cleaned up
and the town is again alive
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