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THE UNFINISHED LETTER

Aged Minister, Rev. James R. Lamb, Of Grape Vine, Drops Dead While Writing His Children Farewell Letters

Tuesday morning, March 25th, at about 10:30 o'clock the unusual occurred in the passing of Rev. James R. Lamb, pastor of the Grapevine Baptist church. He left to his children what will be known as their unfinished letter, for in the midst of writing "God has my life in His care, and" at this point he died suddenly. We are publishing the letters to his children in full:

My dear little sweet Dovie:
I have not informed my children of my critical condition for the past year, because I did not want to distress them. Last March 6th I was totally paralyzed, but partially recovered; then again last August 1, lightly; then on the 14th of February again totally, and came near dying for 24 hours. I can now walk about the house and I was carried to the church and helped into the pulpit and preached to my church. I expect to preach as long as I can talk. I am under the care of a specialist on paralysis, said to be the best in the State. But now I have 3 incurable diseases: Bright's disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure. My doctor says the fight for life is now with the blood pressure—that if he could get control of that, I may live from two to five years yet. But if there is any improvement on that line I can not tell it. My pressure was 225 ten days ago, 75 too high, and is no lower yet. I am likely to go suddenly any hour, and have come to feel that I should not let my death take my precious children by surprise. It is owing now as to whether God will do a miracle on my prostrated body; for it is certain that no earthly power can cure me. I am writing Grace today of my condition. I wanted to write Sanford but have lost his address; and now listen little sweet, I want you to show this letter to Bill and all his family. Give them my heart's deepest love, and then send this letter on to Sanford just as it is, quickly as possible. Now my dearest sweet baby, I do not want you, or any of my children to shed even one tear for me, but I want you, every one, to meet me in Heaven, where we will all be together forever. I have prayed for this daily since our sad separation. I am not only ready and willing, but anxious to go over and be with my dear Ida and my Saviour. Now baby I commend you to God for His care, with the request that you live and die in His service.

My Dear Sanford:
Thanks for your pictures. By reference to Dovie's letter hereon, you will learn of my state of ill health. Please note this fact—If I get well, I want to give God the praise, and to know that it was God himself who cured me. My specialist thinks my case hopeless. Yet we cannot tell what God may do in the matter. You know he has taken me out of death's embrace in times past, and may do so again. Sometimes I think He will. To Him I cheerfully yield, and gladly accept His decision whatever it may be: for I love Him, and I know he loves me. I have many things for which I love my God. (1) I believe He saved my children, unless it is Erman, from the oldest to the youngest. This is greatest possible blessing. (2) For many years, I had the best family I ever knew, and the best organized; the best to work; the most obedient, and the most religious. (3) God's choice of Crawford to preach His gospel, and Crawford's recent obedience to the call, as he wrote me a few days ago. Notwithstanding the weakness and sickness

of some of our children, I had a good family, of which I am thankful and proud. In the most essential things, they have chosen the right. I want to insist on you, my dear son, to adopt the same rules in your home that you were raised under, only be a better father than I have been in avoiding whatever mistakes you think I have made. To aid you in excelling me as a husband and father, I suggest the following: (1) You and Iva adopt Eph. 5:22-25, 33. Col. 3:18, 19. 1 Pet. 3:1-7, to govern you in your relations to each other. (2) As parents, Eph. 6:4, Col. 3:21, PROV. 22:6. (3) Teach the child, Eph. 6:13. MAT. 15:4. My precious boy, it gave my heart joy when your letter informed me that you are doing your very best to live right. Please always make Heaven your chief riches, and God your chief friend, and right living your chief concern. Now I will make a few suggestions for your temporal happiness: (1) Take plenty of time to study your business plans, and your larger trades before you make them, and as to how you think the deal will affect your other interests in the future: always take time to look ahead. (2) Set a goal as to how much you hope to be worth when you are 50 years old. (3) Stay out of debt as much as possible and pay what you owe. Do you remember how good was your credit in Eufaula? (4) Spend only enough money to keep your family comfortable. Lay up each month as much as possible. (5) Attend your church regularly and help bear its expenses as much as you are able; but be careful about signing pledges putting you in debt. (6) Never get discouraged about making a livelihood; steady work (not overwork, not exposure) and looking after the pennies, and sensible trading will bring it by and by, even independence.

Son, I want you to keep this letter, practice and teach the Bible laws of family government. I hope your children will encourage Crawford in his ministerial work. Please write me at once, and I will answer as long as I can. Your loving father, J. R. Lamb.

My dear daughter Iva:
I have planned to visit you all some time in September, and might do so, but the prospect is far from hopeful now. My hands and arms are so weak and clumsy that I have spent all this day writing this letter. Daughter, I know women are usually more concerned about religion in the home than men, and give it more attention, therefore I request that you study the Scriptures which I have cited in this letter, and give all the encouragement and help you can. I feel certain that you will do this: for I regard you as a refined Christian lady, and want a good truly Christian family happy in the blessings of home religion. Sanford was always active in our family worship, and was noble, plous boy for a long time, until the low class lured him into drinking just before his mother died, but he did not continue long in that destructive habit, proving what Solomon said—"Train up a child in the way it should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

Now my dear boy is back in the arms of his saviour, and no doubt will make for you an active partner in guiding your home in the honor, peace and blessing of the Godly family. As a young wife and mother, I have great concern for you, my dear child, and until my last breath has failed me, I shall continue to ask God's providence upon you and your family, as I have done daily in the past. I have prayed, and still pray, that yours might be a godly, happy and prosperous family. Yesterday I had to stop before finishing, and am concluding this letter this morning. Am feeling a little better this morning. As to my recovery, I have little choice as to whether God heals me or calls me to rest. I have lived too long to grieve much of life's fierce struggle, and know my salvation is sealed by God's eternal decree of love. You see, nothing strange is happening to me, only that which must overtake us all. I can tell you, my dear child, that I am not in distress. I am with Mr. A. H. Sams, Marshall, N. C., Rt. 2, Box 88, and am treated with the most attentive care. Of course sometimes I feel the disappointment in the visit I have planned for September to all my children; but I take a little cry, and then pass it off in the happy reflection that God has my life in His care, and

At this point he dropped dead.

Rev. Mr. Lamb was well known in Madison County where he had spent a large part of his life. Recently he had made his home with Mr. Horace Sams just beyond Grapevine church. He was elected pastor of the Grapevine church in August, 1929. He was born in Tennessee April 25, 1862 and came to Madison County in 1880. He went back to Tennessee and has spent time in Alabama, Georgia, and Oklahoma. His children, 12 in number, are scattered, most of them living in Oklahoma. He has two brothers living at Marion, N. C.—N. D. and R. M. Lamb, one brother, S. A. Lamb at Chucky, Tenn., and one sister, Martha Tarlton at Greenville, Tenn. The funeral sermon will be preached the second Sunday in May at the church, of which he was pastor. The body was interred at the church cemetery Wednesday afternoon, the following pallbearers serving: Sherman Dell, Neal Sams, John Brown, Wesley Hunter, R. O. West, Jack Rice, J. L. Gosnell and J. A. Burrell. During his brief pastorate at Grapevine he had held two revivals, resulting in nine baptisms, and was preaching twice a month. He was the author of some booklets on the cover of one of which is printed "Bible Account of Origin of Races, or Baptism vs. World Evils by Rev. J. R. Lamb, founder and national president of the True American League of the White Brotherhood of the World."

HOME DEMONSTRATOR'S COLUMN

SCHEDULE
Monday—Will not meet clubs.
Tuesday—Will not meet clubs.
Wednesday—Meeting at C. O. W. House. Mr. W. P. Jackson will address Ministers on Recreational Work.
Thursday, 10:30—Beech Glen girls.
2:00—Pioneer women.
Friday, 2:30—Walnut women.

CIVIL COURT IN MARSHALL

Superior Court convened in Marshall Monday for the hearing of civil cases, Judge McRae presiding. Three divorces had been granted up to Thursday morning—Annie Landers vs. Hoy Landers, Laura Shelton vs. Hubert Shelton, and C. A. Fortune vs. Cleo Fortune. The case of Myers Dry Goods Co. and other creditors vs. Logan & Beacham was non-suited.

As we go to press the case of John White vs. Tom Moore et al is being tried. Quite a number of people have been in town this week attending court.

5TH SUNDAY MEETING PLACE CHANGED

The 5th Sunday Meeting for District No. 3 listed on program to be held at Peck's Chapel has been changed to Madison Seminary and will be held there on Sunday, March 30.

TILSON ANDERSON SILVER

BY WILLIAM WORLEY

T—Times are not as they used to be;
I—I feel what has befallen me.
L—Long a friend in him I had;
S—Since he has left me, I am sad.
O—Of him through life the good was said,
N—Nor are false tributes paid him dead.

A—A heart he had to help the poor;
N—None turning empty from his door.
D—Deeds louder than professions talk;
E—Each soul is judged from daily walk.
R—Regarding gifts the church to aid,
S—Some part in that he always had.
O—Of those whose names the church record,
N—Not all are givers to the Lord.

S—So much for one who served his race
I—in private and in public place.
L—Let me thus live, and keep away
V—Vain wishes at the Judgment Day.
E—Each must appear before the throne,
R—Rejected be, or hailed His own.

MRS. SAFFORD'S ESTATE SETTLED

JESUIT ORDER GETS HALF OF ESTATE BY COMPROMISE

A compromise, whereby the Order of Jesuits accepted all real estate, and Mrs. R. L. Garrett, of Wemblem, Alberta, Canada, receives all personal property, or approximately half of the \$250,000 estate of her mother, the late Mrs. Bessie M. Safford, was reached in Madison County Superior Court Tuesday. Judgment was signed by Judge Cameron F. MacRae, of Asheville, presiding.

Mrs. Safford died in Jacksonville, Florida, last January. She left a will bequeathing all of her estate, with exception of a \$37,000 trust fund for her only daughter, to the Order of Jesuits which maintains an organization in Madison County. Mrs. Garrett, through counsel, A. C. Avery, of Asheville, filed a protest and the compromise grew out of this action. The Jesuit Order was represented by Judge Frank Carter of Asheville.

Under the agreement, the Order of Jesuits receives the valuable Mountain Hotel site, the beautiful Safford home, 192 acres of mountain land, and several valuable lots in Hot Springs. All of the property is located in or near Hot Springs.

Mrs. Garrett is to receive all money, securities, diamonds, and other jewelry and the magnificent furnishings of the home. The collection of jewelry includes a number of historic and valuable gems, while the furnishings of the home, which itself has quite a history, are largely the contents of a French chateau, formerly owned by a Parisian nobleman. Antique furniture, glass, silver, china, rare portraits and rare books are among the contents. The greater part of the collection is to be sold.

Mrs. R. L. Garrett is a sister-in-law of Mrs. W. N. Garrett, of Asheville, and also has a number of other relatives in Asheville who have taken an interest in final settlement of the estate.

P. T. A. MEETS NEXT TUESDAY

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. will be held in the library of the school house on Tuesday, April 1, at 3 p. m. All the parents and those interested in the school are urged by the president to be present. Every one please come to this meeting.

FOR COMMISSIONER

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner subject to the will of voters in the Republican primary.

If I should be one of the choice of the voters I pledge myself to do my duty in helping to handle the affairs of Madison County to the best of my ability and with fairness to all.
Very respectfully,
GUY ENGLISH.

W. C. SPRINKLE PASSES SUDDENLY

Mr. William Collis Sprinkle, formerly of Madison County, and for the last ten years a resident of Weaverville, N. C. died at his home at Weaverville almost suddenly Thursday night of last week. Mr. Sprinkle had been in rather poor health recently, having returned the Sunday before his death from a trip to Florida, where he went for his health. The night of his death he had eaten a hearty supper and was stricken soon after, dying within thirty minutes after being stricken. News of his sudden going brought grief and quite a shock to his many friends in Madison and Buncombe counties.

What was said to be the largest crowd ever to attend a funeral service in Weaverville was present at the final rites in the Weaverville Baptist church Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Zeno Wall, of Shelby, and the Rev. H. B. Denny, pastor of Weaverville Presbyterian church, officiated. The body was carried from the home of the Sprinkles to the Baptist church by the pallbearers. Immediately following the service, burial was held in the family cemetery near Marshall.

Active pallbearers were members of the Bible class of Weaverville Baptist church, of which Mr. Sprinkle was teacher at the time of his death. Honorary pallbearers were: C. J. Ebbs, Thomas S. Rollins, D. J. Weaver, Dr. A. C. McCall, Dr. Grady Morgan, of Asheville; C. B. Mashburn, and E. R. Tweed, of Marshall; Dr. R. L. Moore, of Mars Hill college; R. E. Carmichael, T. W. Blackstock, Pierce Roberts, W. D. Robinson, H. B. Williams, W. M. Reagan, J. F. Reeves, C. C. Leonard, W. W. Shope, Glenn West and C. C. Brown, of Weaverville.

Having served as mayor of Weaverville for three terms and as chairman of the board of county commissioners of Madison county, Mr. Sprinkle was well known throughout western North Carolina. He also represented the district of which Madison county is a part, in the state senate. For the World War he was chairman of the Madison county draft board. At the time of his death, he was deacon of the Weaverville church as well as teacher of the Bible class.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, Lee Sprinkle, of Fredericksburg, Va., and Dr. C. N. Sprinkle, Weaverville; three daughters, Mrs. C. R. Allison, Mrs. W. B. Ramsey, Marshall; and Mrs. W. C. Pope, Weaverville.

Mr. Sprinkle was quite a successful business man and one who used his wealth for the best purposes, having given liberally to the building of the Marshall Baptist church as well as to the Weaverville Baptist church. The floral offerings, numerous and beautiful, were evidences of the popularity of this great and good man.

MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT ASHEVILLE

A group of 14 high school students from Marshall with their teacher, Miss Casey, head of the teacher training department of Marshall high school, spent yesterday morning in the Park Avenue kindergarten observing the work being done by the children, and later holding a conference with the director, Miss Mary Leeper, in which equipment was examined, questions asked, and various phases of the work discussed. This demonstration was arranged last week by Miss Juanita McDougald, State Supervisor of Teacher Training, who spent a day in Asheville on her way to Marshall and is one of the steps in preparation for a six week kindergarten or pre-school training class to be conducted this spring in Marshall by Miss Casey and her students in their practice teaching work.

These pre-school sessions are being held throughout the state in all teacher training centers in the high schools, for groups of children who expect to enter school in the fall, in order to give them some preparation for entrance into the first grade. This work is under the direct supervision of Miss McDougald, who is in the State Department of Education in Raleigh.—The Asheville Citizen.

News From Teacher Training Department

During the last two weeks we have been doing our Practice Teaching in geography. Before beginning this we felt that we must know something about geography—the aim, scope, and methods of teaching. Each of us read many reference books, outlines and suggestive projects. To help us in our work we made outlines and lesson plans, outlining the entire unit of work so that it would be better organized and better taught. Two girls worked together in the various grades. Given below are some of the summaries of work done.

The Second Grade A has been working on a Dutch project with the help of Miss Wright and Mrs. White. The study of Dutch life in comparison with our life was made under the following heads: Appearance of the country, climate, characteristics and appearances of the people, occupations of people, modes of travel, and queer customs. The girls have enjoyed dressing their dolls in the Dutch fashion. The boys have enjoyed making windmills. The entire class made an attractive black-board border showing scenes of Dutch life. Wednesday morning the project ended with a chapel program consisting of three songs, a story, a poem, and a little Dutch dance.

The Third grade has been working on a Japanese project with the help of Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Morrow. To add interest to this study Japan was compared with America. The following comparisons were made: location of Japan, climate, modes of dress, how they travel, the food they eat, and other interesting customs. To add to the interest of this study the children made an exhibit. In this exhibit they had the following things:

- Japanese tea set.
- Japanese tea table.
- Japanese parasols.
- Pictures of Great Fuji Mountains.
- Japanese calendar.
- Tea and rice.
- Japanese scenes (pictures).

The Fourth Grade A has been studying the cereal grains grown in the United States. The problem method was used in this study. An interesting collection of these grains and their products. A large map was drawn and the different grain belts were indicated by placing the grains on the map. An interesting collection has been made which the pupils will carry on in the study of "Foods We Eat".

From what are our breakfast cereals made? From what do these products come?

Fourth B has been studying and trying to solve these questions.

Text books have been used and reference books from the Teacher Training Library. After the problems were solved, the pupils learned their cereals were made from corn, wheat, oats and rice.

Booklets in the shape of an ear of corn, containing facts learned, were made by each child. An exhibit of cereals was collected, also other products made from the grains. The exhibit was classified into three groups: Use to Man, Use to Animals, and By-Products.

We were pleased to have the children of other grades come in to see and hear about the collection and booklets.

The Fifth Grade has been taking an imaginary trip around the world. For the past two weeks they have been visiting Switzerland, the work being supervised by two members of the Teacher Training Department. The pupils have read a great many reference books on Switzerland. They first made an outline map of the world, tracing on it the route they would follow in visiting Switzerland. After arriving in Switzerland, the pupils were much interested in comparing it with our own Western North Carolina. They worked out a Swiss scene on the sand table. This gave them a very vivid picture of the mountains, glaciers, snow, tunnels, Swiss shepherd life, the lakes, and many other interesting features of Switzerland.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

JITNEY DINNER A SUCCESS

The Jitney dinner served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church Wednesday was quite a success, more than \$30.00 being realized by the effort. The dinner was served in the school house and was well attended. All well prepared and much enjoyed by those who partook.

NOTICE!

TO REPUBLICANS OF MADISON COUNTY:

Precinct meetings will be held in each voting precinct of Madison County, on Monday, March 31st, at 2 o'clock P. M., at polling place, to elect a township committee of three (3), one of which to be designated as Chairman of committee.

Also to elect delegates to County Convention. Your voting precinct is entitled to — delegates. County Convention to be held at 2 o'clock P. M., April 2, 1930, County Court House in Marshall, for the purpose of electing Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and delegates to State and Congressional Conventions. And to transact any other business that may properly come before the convention.

This 18th day of March, 1930.
J. H. HUTCHINS, Chairman.
P. S. The Executive Chairman of each Precinct will please deliver to me a full list of Precinct Committee and delegates elected to County Convention by 12 o'clock Wednesday, April 2, 1930.

TAX LISTING

The tax listers appointed for the various Townships and Wards will be among you for the purpose of listing your taxes during the month of April, and not the month of May, as heretofore. It is urged by the commissioners that all taxpayers be sure and list your taxes in May to your listers, as failure to list is a cause for double taxes, and a fee for listing of \$1.00 will be charged all persons who fail to list in April. So please attend to this important matter in May, as the commissioners are your friends and don't want to put you to any extra cost; hence this notice.

Respectfully,
J. W. ROBERTS.