

Garrett's Have Competent and Experienced Staff

Miss Robinson Is Assistant Bookkeeper At Store



Helen Jewel Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson, of Boundary Street, who went to work for Garrett's last June, two weeks after she graduated from high school, still looks like she might be a high school student.

She weighs 93 pounds, has brown eyes, a pleasing personality and does not look her eighteen years that she claims to be. However, her ability should not be judged by her youthfulness, for she is making good.

Miss Robinson is the assistant bookkeeper and does an accurate and satisfactory job. To her falls the posting of accounts and daily receipts, as well as the keeping of the records of the funeral services.

"This is such a nice place to work. They are all so considerate of me," said Miss Robinson, who plainly shows her pride in working for Garrett's.

With her gracious manner, it is easy to see that Miss Robinson gets back from her associates the consideration and interest she gives to them.

"When I'm not at work, I love to dance, and I like the movies and to read," she added after explaining her interesting job.

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Food Waste

In normal times Americans waste 125 million pounds of food daily from farm to table.

Ernest O. Edwards Back After Three Years In Service



Ernest O. Edwards, native of Georgia, who has spent the greater part of his life in Anderson, S. C., came to Garrett's in 1933, and remained until 1937, with the exception of six months when he was in High Point. He returned to Waynesville in 1941 and the following May he entered the service.

Mr. Edwards was educated in the city schools of Anderson and is a licensed embalmer, being a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming. He holds license in both North Carolina and Georgia.

The years he spent in the armed forces gave Mr. Edwards a greater appreciation of this section for he said:

"My wife and I think Waynesville is the best place we know in which to live, and we made up our minds when we had a chance we would come back here for good."

Mr. Edwards has taken over where he left off to enter the service in 1942 and resume his place in the firm.

Outside of business hours, Mr. Edwards says he devotes his time to his wife and small son, Edward, Jr., who make up his best interests.

Color Gauge

Films, like those of oil on water sometimes seen on wet streets, afford scientists a valuable thickness gauge by the color they reflect. A thin film of oil on water has a yellow color when the film is six millionths of an inch thick, red for seven millionths and blue for eight millionths. By using this information a color gauge has been devised for measuring to millionths of an inch.

Hugh Frazier Is Installation Man Of Garrett Store



Hugh Frazier, who has been with Garrett's for the past five years, has made a place for himself with his customers during his period with the company. Being an expert in laying linoleum on kitchen floors and both rooms, he is known far and wide among Haywood's best housekeepers.

He is a graduate of the training school of the Armstrong Corporation in Lancaster, Pa., where he was sent by Mr. Garrett who always wants his customers to have the best work in service.

When Hugh lays a kitchen floor cover, there is no cupping or turning of corners. He puts it down to stay and only time and the tread of many feet can break or wear it down.

"One thing you know, people have found out that it does not pay to buy cheap linoleum. It does not last and they all now want the best on the market (when they can get it), for they know it will be something to be proud of and it won't have to be laid over next year," he said in the interest of his work.

"Then people are more keen about having their homes look good. Everybody wants to fix up their homes and that is our job," said Mr. Frazier, who is such a good salesman that even in a brief interview he had to put in a word for his firm.

"There is just one thing that worries me about my job. I don't have time to go fishing as much as I would like, but I guess none of us who work get around to all we want to do on the outside," he said.

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A. P. Ledbetter Has Many Years Of Experience



A. P. Ledbetter, graduate of Gupton Jones School of Embalming, and a licensed embalmer, has worked for the company at three different times, with a total of seven years in all. He started with the firm when the burial services were first inaugurated.

Easy going, "Old" Ledbetter, as he is known throughout the county, is a native of the Pigeon section and a graduate of Western Carolina Teachers College. He has lived in the community since 1922. In addition to his work in connection with the funeral home, he is also a furniture salesman and has had a wide experience in selling.

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Mrs. Garrett Is Playing Important Part In Company

Admitting that Mr. Garrett has been the genius of the company in establishing it on its solid foundation that has gone forward with promise for even greater expansion of service and profit, Mrs. Garrett might well be known as the heart of the company.

As Mr. Garrett explains, she has nothing to do with the business end of things, yet she is a valued member of the firm.

She has no special title or rating, but she plays an important part in the services rendered when the shadow of death has been cast over a home and funeral arrangements are to be made.

With tact that is inborn and ready and generous sympathy that all who contact her feel, she can enter any home and give comfort at a time when it is not easy even for those most intimate with the family to offer understanding.

A native of Haywood county, with a wide family connection and circle of friends, Mrs. Garrett, despite the time she has devoted to the upbuilding of her husband's business, has been a leader in the religious and civic life of the community, as well as maintaining a home where her family and friends are always welcomed.

Fred Moody Keeps Books For Firm; Was In Service



Fred Moody, bookkeeper, son of Mrs. B. A. Noland and the late Henry E. Moody, of Dellwood, came to the store in 1938, and was with the firm until Sept. 10, 1941, when he entered the service. He is now back on the job and happy at his work, where he found a welcome awaiting him among the employees and customers.

"I like bookkeeping, for some how figures just naturally come to me. I also like this country. I had a chance at a good job in California, but it did not take me long to decide that I wanted to come home, for I had rather live in Haywood county than anywhere I have been so far," said the veteran of 19 months in the Army Air Corps.

Always neat in appearance, Mr. Moody is an asset to the business. He likes definite organization and to carry forward his work with precision.

While in the service he was stationed for 31 months in the West Indies. He was discharged on Oct. 8, 1945, and was back on his old job before the month was out. He did not want to rest long before he started to take up his post-war life.

Like the other employees he also serves as a salesman and clerk in the furniture department. For relaxation from his routine of figures he likes to read better than anything else, and does not confine his interests to any one field, but is versatile in his tastes.

Janitor At Garrett's



Tom Forney, whose family have lived in Haywood county for over a hundred years, is a handy man about the Garrett Furniture store and funeral home. His grandmother, Mary Cox, died in 1938 at the age of 97 years.

Tom has been with the firm since 1941 and considers himself a permanent fixture. He is janitor and

Owners of The Garrett Firm



MRS. N. W. GARRETT



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HERBERT BRAREN



NOBLE GARRETT

Herbert Braren, An Embalmer, Has Several Degrees

Herbert Braren, native of Maryland, was formerly a teacher before he became a member of the firm. Son-in-law of Mr. Garrett he asks no favors, but stands on his own merits.

He is a graduate of the University of Florida and a licensed embalmer, having graduated from the Gupton Jones College of Embalming. He is a charter member of the Florida Academy of Science and president of the Florida Astronomical Society.

He has lived in Florida, Ohio, New York and Maryland. Prior to coming to North Carolina, he was a member of the faculty of the high school of Ormond, Fla., where he taught biology.

Having made many friends during his residence here, Mr. Braren has also brought many customers to the business, who have confidence in his judgment and advice.

"When I am not on the job, gardening gives me more pleasure than any other of my hobbies. I am never happier than when I am working in my garden," he said.

In his profession he is of necessity on call for duty day and night but is always ready to give the services expected of him.

Mr. and Mrs. Braren have three children, two sons and one daughter, any one of whom would easily carry off the prize for good looks in a baby show.

He keeps the fires burning and the buildings warm. He sweeps the floors and puts up the equipment for funerals at the cemetery. He helps dress graves, and assists in loading up and moving the furniture.

Tom likes his job and thinks he's a lucky person to have such fine employers.

TO HELP IDENTIFY WAR DEAD

NEW YORK — Detective John Aievoli, identification expert of the Missing Persons Bureau, will go to Europe to assist in the task of identifying American war dead.

Granted a four-month leave by Mayor William O'Dwyer, upon receipt of a request from Major General Robert M. Littlejohn, commanding general of the American Graves Registration Command, the detective will aid in identifying the 2.8 per cent of the 150,087 Americans buried in European cemeteries still unknown. Most of these men, he said, are aviators, tankmen and members of isolated patrols.

HOEY NAMED

WASHINGTON—Senator Clyde R. Hoey has been named to report to the Senate a bill providing increased penalties for flue-cured tobacco quota violations which was approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee Friday.

Hoey, who said the bill has his complete support, declared he hoped to win quick Senate passage of the bill. He says he will report it to the Senate Monday.

The bill, which has been passed by the House, would increase to 40 per cent of market price the penalty for acreage allotment violations.

Noble Garrett, Jr., In Navy, Anxious To Rejoin Firm

Noble Garrett, Jr., junior member of the firm, is banking on coming home some day and taking his part in the business, but right now he is serving with the navy, with the rating of Hospital Apprentice, second class.

He took his boot training at Baltimore, Md., and upon completion of which he was transferred to Bethesda, Md., and then assigned to duty at Shoemaker, Calif., his present post.

Noble, who has great capacity for making friends, has considerable musical talent, and made a name for himself in the high school band as a top drummer of local fame. He possesses rhythm in the modern sense of the word, and his drum was often the center of interest when the school band played.

A leader among the younger group in the community, when he is released from the navy and completes his education he will take his place in the business that his father has built up.

Joe Swayngim Is Salesman And Collector of Firm

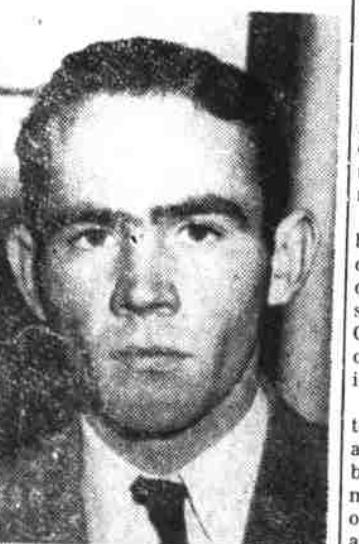
Joe Swayngim, 20, veteran of World War II, and son of Raymond Swayngim, who served in both World War I and II, is employed by the firm as a salesman and collector.

"I am glad to be back here. In the battle of Guadalcanal, I made up my mind, if I lived through it, I would come back to Waynesville and never leave here again. I have seen enough of the world and am content to stay right here the rest of my days," he said with feeling.

Like all young veterans who have lived through combat, Joe has grown much older during the three years and nine months he was in service. He was with the First Division of the U. S. Marines and was in the Pacific for 26 months, where he saw enough to bring quick maturity.

He wants to make good with his new job and feels mighty lucky to be associated with Garrett's, for he knows he is with a well organized business. In his off hours he likes to read and listen to the radio.

Joe volunteered in the service at the age of 16, with the permission of his parents while a student at the high school.



JOE SWAYNGIM

Firm Opened Business Here Years Ago; Steadily Grows

Each Member Specially Trained Their Work Years Of Experience

"This has been a steady growth in which to contribute for right here people have had a great deal of credit and progress made by Garrett's funeral home since it was established," said Mr. Garrett of his business.

The Garrett Furniture Store established in 1923 by N. W. Garrett. It is one of the oldest firms on Main Street.

The first store was a building next door to the Cleaners and was later the building now occupied by Union Clothing Company, operated for several years. From here it next home in the building being renovated for the Hardware Company.

Five and a half years ago the present site, opposite the house, was bought by N. W. Garrett and the present large building, 18,250 feet floor space, was built.

With each move the business has made both for stock and service.

In 1927 the funeral home was added and in 1931 the home, the first West of Asheville, was established. In 1935 a first to be established in Blue Ridge. Today there are more than 300 burial associations in the state, but at the time the funeral home was established only one other in North Carolina.

While it is operated in connection with the store, it is under the leadership of the late N. W. Garrett, who organized the Blue Ridge Association has over 200 members and its business record is excellent.

Garrett's is one of the business firms of its kind in Asheville. All types of funeral services are provided and shown on the map of the city.

The funeral home is a short distance from the former residence of Dr. Rufus L. Allen.

The growth of the business has been steady from the time Mr. Garrett, who formerly practiced in this area, opened a funeral home, and a small business which grew to one of high rating and commanding the confidence and support of the public. The quality of merchandise and services rendered.

Noble W. Garrett, son of the late N. W. Garrett, Haywood county, having in early youth with abilities by the death of his father with others much younger himself to provide for the same success that has carried him through the years of his career.

"I have worked hard time for me to show my going to work and my efforts from now on," said Noble in discussing the continuation of the firm.

Mr. Garrett owns the best farms in the county. His chief recreation is to spend every day off work and spend it at his place on Creek, which he is sure is one of the best in this area.

During the years of his to his own business, he was a former president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is mindful of his responsibility to his own community as a citizen and has served in various capacities for the betterment of the community.

GRAIN SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON—The nation's meat shortage likely to come from a likely quarter—increased of farm livestock as a tightening feed supply.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson told the United States that "if farmers do what they would do with meat on the market, Anderson expressed the force that the grain war exports to Europe wheat areas.

Wheat normally is a but when other grains and oats are scarce, farmers to wheat to piece out their Agriculture Department show that this is happening.

Surveys show that the plus wheat is being held. The department is planning to jolt loose stocks it can in order to foreign relief goal of bushels of wheat by

