

Funeral Rites Held Wednesday For Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, Prominent Civic and Religious Leader

Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, a talented and capable administrator who dedicated her organizational ability and qualities for leadership to beautifying her home, increasing the influence of her church and improving her community, succumbed at 6:40 Monday morning, in a Wilson hospital, to an illness with which she was stricken several months ago.

Endowed with the charming characteristic of being able to guide and direct while remaining in the background and with no penchant for personal gain or glory, Mrs. Hobgood during her life-time was the recipient of many honors, ranging in importance from college medals to the presidency of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Describing herself as "having been born in a Presbyterian manse" and "marrying into another," Mrs. Hobgood was the daughter of the Rev. Andrew Morrison and Sarah Rebeckah Taylor Hassell, a family that was established in the Colonies by James Hassell who came from England in 1752 and settled in Bertie county, North Carolina. Her father enlisted, at the age of 16, in the Confederate Army and after the Civil War was ordained a minister of the Southern Presbyterian church. Mrs. Hobgood was born August 7, 1888, in Cross Hill, S. C., and was christened Elizabeth Lucile.

After receiving her education in the public schools of North Carolina and spending one year at Flora MacDonald college, she entered Fredericksburg college in Fredericksburg, Va., and was graduated in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Music. In 1908 she was awarded a medal for proficiency in public speaking and in 1909 was awarded another medal by the college, this one for proficiency in piano. Following her graduation she taught music at the college until her marriage, in Richmond, Va., on January 2, 1913, to the Rev. H. Flournoy Morton, a Presbyterian minister who died of influenza in 1920.

Mrs. Hobgood came to Farmville as the wife of the promising young minister, who succeeded, before his untimely death, in securing the construction of the church still used by the congregation. To this union was born one son, William Dennis Morton, a student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Her marriage to Mr. Hobgood, a well-known tobaccoist who died April 29, 1940, was solemnized in Battle Creek, Mich., June 7, 1921.

Although her home had always been her major interest, Mrs. Hobgood found increasing opportunity to participate in civic and religious affairs. In cooperation with Mrs. Sallie Southall Cotten, a close friend who lived in an adjoining community, she organized the Farmville Women's club in the early 1920's. She served as president for three years, resigning to accept the chairmanship of the 15th district, an office she held until 1926. A year later, she was State chairman of the Federation's division of public welfare and at the state convention in Charlotte in 1929 she was elected second vice-president, a position which automatically placed her at the head of the districts. At the state convention in Greensboro in 1931, she was elected president of the N. C. Federation.

She served as president of the Farmville Parent-Teacher association in 1922.

In addition to these connections, Mrs. Hobgood became vice-president of the North Carolina United Dry Forces in 1933. She was affiliated with the Order of Eastern Star, was one-time organist of the Fredericksburg chapter and later worthy matron of the Farmville chapter. She was a member of the Colonial Alexander McAllister chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, and belonged to the Merry Matrons and Literary club.

In 1932, through her efforts, the Farmville Junior Woman's club was organized. It was to her church work, however, that Mrs. Hobgood devoted a majority of her time and it was in this field that she gained additional respect and love. She was historian of the Albemarle Presbyterian from 1927 until her election as president for a three-year term in 1945. In 1933 she served as synodical secretary of orphanages, and at the time of her death was a member of the Board of Regents of Barium Springs orphanage. In 1934 she served as chairman of the Presbyterian nominating committee. In 1945 she was presented an honorary life membership in the Presbyterian by the local auxiliary. For many years she served as organist and director of music in the local church. She taught in the Sunday School and until her death she had an excellent record.

At The Kiwanis Club

The Rev. R. L. West, pastor of the Fountain Baptist church and a school teacher, spoke to the Kiwanis club on Monday night. He paid a touching tribute to the late Senator J. M. Broughton and made a earnest plea for the Kiwanians to use their resources toward stimulating the development of thinkers. Rev. West was introduced by Earl Holmes, who substituted for Charles Edwards as program chairman. Zeb Whitehurst was introduced as one of the Junior Kiwanians of the month. Harry Albritton, selected as the other, was unable to attend because of illness. J. P. Jones, Jr., celebrating his 12th birthday, was the guest of his father. The club will meet Monday night at Bell Arthur in the Bethlehem Methodist church. Sam Bundy will have charge of the program and all members are urged to attend. The meeting at Bell Arthur is in lieu of the regular meeting in the high school lunch room.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Attending the funeral of Malcolm Hathaway of Norfolk, Va., Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hobgood, R. L. Joyner, Leon Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shackleford, Mrs. Leon Little and Sam Wainwright. Mr. Hathaway was employed in Farmville a few months and was the brother of W. C. and G. D. Hathaway.

BASEBALL MEETING TONIGHT

In preparation for the season which opens April 16, the Farmville Baseball club will hold a meeting tonight (Friday) at 7:30 in the Town hall. Those interested in the team are invited to attend.

MISS HATTIE CARR DIES

Funeral services for Miss Hattie Carr, 55, who died last Thursday morning in a Wilson hospital following an illness of only six days' duration, were held from the Farmville Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 3:30, conducted by Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor of Farmville Methodist church, to which Miss Carr belonged. Rev. Robert Bradshaw, Methodist minister of Wilson, assisted. Interment was in Forest Hill cemetery, Farmville.

A native of Greene county, she was a widely-known nurse, having received training in Goldsboro, Wilson and Washington.

Surviving are three sisters, Miss Winnie Carr and Mrs. Mamie Joyner of Wilson, Mrs. Ruth Teel of Farmville; four brothers, Fred, Leslie and Carlton of Farmville, and Frank of Raleigh. From 1922-1929, she was a public health nurse in Washington. She was the daughter of the late P. L. and Sula Barrow Carter of Greene county. She was friendly and her wit and generous nature lightened the hearts of those who knew her. Wherever there was sickness in the family or among her friends, she disregarded any personal feelings and generously offered her services. Outside of nursing, one of her main interests was raising flowers.

Funeral services were the following: nephews: Mark W. Joyner, Charles Carr and Robert Teel of Farmville; James W. Joyner of Wilson; Howard Carr of Plymouth and E. C. Carr, Jr. of Newport News, Va. Flowers girls were Mrs. Robert T. Monk, Mrs. Eli Joyner, Jr., Mrs. Irvin Morgan, Mrs. M. W. Joyner, Mrs. W. C. Murray, Mrs. Graydon Liles of Farmville and Ahoake, Misses Louise and Virginia Harris, Mrs. Carroll Oglesby, Mrs. J. T. Windham, Mrs. Alfred Lewis, all of Farmville, Mrs. Wayne A. Mitchell, Jr., of Kingston, and Mrs. Erwin Pittman and Miss Thelma High of Wilson.

Among the out-of-town friends and relatives here for the funeral were Miss Sula Carr, the Bronx, New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Jr., Misses Myra Maxwell, Ruth Hales, Gertrude Bundy, Inez Finch, Audrey Matthews, Elizabeth Nowell and Bessie Dixon, Mrs. E. D. Petteway, Mrs. Paul Stokes, Mrs. Walter Robinson, Mrs. Sam Agnew, Mrs. Reese Deans, Mrs. Groves Raper, Mrs. Jack Applewhite, Mrs. S. G. Hamilton, Mrs. John B. Wright, Jr., Mrs. Mollie Flanagan, Mrs. Wade Pridgen, Mrs. A. C. Joyner and Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Sr., of Wilson; Mrs. Alton Clapp and Mrs. S. B. Tucker of Greenville; Miss Eva Cratt and Mrs. Elizabeth Warren of Washington; Mrs. Enoch Ludford and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ludford of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Filbert Joyner of Henderson; Mrs. D. E. Oglesby and Mrs. Ann Oglesby Harvey of Kingston; Miss Katherine Cobb of Flatops; Mrs. A. F. Hammond, Jr., New Bern; Mrs. Emma Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carr, Bethel; Mrs. Hadley Bryan and daughter, Lou Alice, Rocky Mount; Miss Alma Hamilton, Raleigh.

Governor Scott Will Make Talk In Greenville, Apr. 29

At the March meeting of the Ballard's Home Demonstration club, the members voted to sponsor a barbecue and chicken stew supper to raise some money to help furnish the club house.

The date for the supper has been set for Thursday evening, March 17. The clothing leader, Mrs. Lloyd Allen, presented several ladies who modeled different type dresses made at home. Among them were sport dresses, house dresses, suits and afternoon clothes. The club members voted on the different type dresses and those receiving the most votes will model them in a fashion show which will be held in the Woman's club in Greenville on Saturday afternoon, April 2.

The demonstration for the afternoon, "Proper Arrangement of Furniture in the Living Room," was by Miss Lowery, assistant home agent. There were several splendid book reviews given by Mesdames James Moore, Lloyd Allen, H. D. Moye and J. R. Gowan.

The secretary, Mrs. Moore, read the minutes of the last two meetings and called the roll, answered by 17 members. We were glad to add to our roll the name of Mrs. Roy Bowling, who has recently moved in the community.

Mrs. G. S. Nichols presided. During the social hour, the hostesses, Mrs. P. J. Elks, assisted by Mrs. C. C. Harris, served iced grape juice, cakes and ritz.

The two highlights of the council meeting of the Pitt county Home Demonstration clubs in Greenville Tuesday afternoon were the announcement that Governor Kerr Scott will speak at the district meeting in Greenville on April 29 and a talk of the art of staying young by Mrs. Corinne Justice Grimsley, extension specialist on family relations, from State college. Governor Scott will deliver his address in Austin auditorium at East Carolina Teachers college.

The literature given out by Mrs. Grimsley will be used by the family leaders in programs during the April meetings of the clubs.

Mesdames A. J. Garris, J. R. Gowan, J. D. Jones, James Moore and Gilmer Nichols attended the council meeting from the Ballards club.

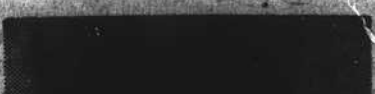
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowen of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones of Danville, Va., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Jones. Mrs. Chester Worthington, Mrs. Noah Barber, Mrs. P. J. Elks and Mrs. C. B. Moore attended the World Day of Prayer service in the Farmville Presbyterian church last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Childress of Greenville spent Sunday with Mrs. Childress' mother, Mrs. Verna Joyner. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tyson were Wilmington visitors last week. Mr. Tyson attended a jewelers' meeting and Mrs. Tyson visited Mrs. Lloyd Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck of Hamilton, Martin county, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Jones of Greenville, Miss Frances Jones of Woodard-Herring hospital in Wilson and Harry Albritton of Greene county were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Moore were Goldsboro visitors Sunday afternoon.

Willis Fleaman of the United States Army, who is stationed in Missouri, Miss Edith Tyson, teacher in the Black Creek school in Wilson county, was a week end visitor at her home.

Dies Suddenly



North Carolina junior senator, J. M. Broughton, died suddenly Sunday morning shortly after he was seized with a heart attack. Senator Broughton was 60 years old. He was stricken at his apartment in Washington and died a few minutes after being admitted to the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Miss Betty Rose Wilkerson of Greensboro college, Greensboro, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilkerson. Nancy Drake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Drake, is recuperating at her home after undergoing a tonsillectomy at Pitt General hospital, Greenville, Wednesday morning. A. P. Foree of Newcastle, Ky., father of Mrs. L. W. Allen, is ill in the Baptist hospital, Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Edward W. May is slowly improving at her home after being a patient at a Greenville hospital.

Sandra Wainwright is able to be out after undergoing a minor operation at a Wilson hospital Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brock and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pittman of Tarboro visited Mr. and Mrs. B. Robert Moore near Walsenburg Sunday afternoon.

ATTENDS RALEIGH MEETING

Sam D. Bundy attended a Kiwanis district committee meeting last Saturday in Raleigh. The committee is composed of Paul Reid of Raleigh, T. E. Ready of Roanoke Rapids and N. G. Bryan of Graham. It met to judge achievement reports of the district. As a past chairman of the International committee on achievement reports, Mr. Bundy was acting adviser to the committee.

SERVICE RESTORED

Around 100 telephones in the Wilson and Church street sections of town, on the Wilson highway and in the Walsenburg section were out of order Monday on account of water from a heavy rain Sunday night leaking into the cable. Service was restored to all the phones by Tuesday noon.

PERMIT ISSUED FOR ONE-NEW RESIDENCE IN FEB.

James A. Smith was issued a permit for the construction of an \$8,000 residence and R. B. Fields was issued a permit to erect a \$100 shelter, according to a report for February submitted by Clerk Cleveland Paylor.

is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beaman. Mrs. Earl Bowen and Mrs. C. J. Tyson are visiting relatives and friends in Danville, Va., Greensboro and Troy this week. Mrs. Letha Edwards spent last week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Skinner, in the Belvoir section. Mrs. J. D. Jones spent Monday in Goldsboro. Mrs. Nettie Nichols is spending this week at the home of her brother, Johnnie O'Neal, in Greenville.

At The Rotary Club

Program leader John M. Stanall read a number of old poems to the Rotary club Tuesday night.

Walter B. Jones was winner of the attendance prize. Rotarian Marvin Swartz of the Greenville club was a visitor.

FORMER MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT BANQUET HERE

Miss Aida Grayson, former missionary to China, will be guest speaker at the Federation of Business Woman's Circles of the Roanoke Baptist association which convenes in Farmville next Thursday. Miss Grayson will speak on present conditions in North China.

The WMU of the Farmville Baptist church will be hostess for the banquet, which will be served at 7 o'clock in the lunchroom at the high school. Reservations are being made with Mrs. Joseph Batchelor, reservation chairman.

The Federation was organized in Rocky Mount last April 5, and meetings are held semi-annually. The Federation includes all churches in the Roanoke association having a Business Woman's circle. More than 100 delegates are expected to attend the Farmville meeting.

The officers of the Federation are: President, Mrs. Chester Walsh, Greenville; first vice president, Mrs. A. J. Melton, Farmville; second vice president, Mrs. Daisy Pope, Williamson; secretary, Miss Grace Smith, Greenville; treasurer, Mrs. Williams, Rocky Mount; mission study chairman, Miss Annie Perkins, Farmville; community missions chairman, Mrs. Margie Turner, Rocky Mount; literature chairman, Mrs. Harry Munford, Winterville; advisor, Mrs. J. A. Nettison, Greenville; publicity chairman, Elvira Tyson, Farmville.

FARMVILLE MAN COMPLETES COURSE WITH HONORS

Elan Carlton Carr, Jr., of Farmville was one of the 17 outstanding men honored with awards in the 1948 graduating class of the Apprentice School of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, which held its graduation exercises in January. Certificates were awarded the 131 men who completed the four-year course.

Mr. Carr received one of the seven craftsmanship awards, his being in the pattern shop and foundry division.

A graduate of Farmville high school, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carr.

PRE-EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULED BY CHURCHES

A five-night series of pre-Easter services will be held in four local churches, beginning April 11, according to plans of the Farmville Ministerial association. Participating will be the Missionary Baptist, Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian churches. Rev. Clyde E. Bauman, pastor of the First Baptist church, Wilson, will conduct a week's revival at the Baptist church the week after Easter.

POSTPONED

Circles One and Two of the Presbyterian church, the Merry Matrons, the Woman's club and the New Deal club postponed their meetings on account of the death of Mrs. J. M. Hobgood. The circles and the New Deal club met Thursday and the Merry Matrons will hold their meeting at the next regular date, March 22. No date has been set for the next meeting of the Woman's club.

SEE PLAY

More than 200 Farmville grammar school children attended the play, "Peter Pan," presented in Greenville Monday afternoon at E. C. T. C.

DAR Dedication Plans For Chapter House Go Forward

Community Requested And Urged To Join In Making Day One Of Historical Significance

(Eva Horton Rouse)
With recent gifts of additional handsome furnishings and substantial donations received by the Benjamin May Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in connection with the proposed dedication of its chapter house in late April, a new enthusiasm and impetus have been given to plans now fully underway to make the event a real homecoming affair and the day one of historical significance to this community and to North Carolina.

According to Mrs. T. C. Turnage, Regent of the local chapter, invitations have already been accepted by Mrs. Roscoe O'Byrne, President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. Julius Young Talmadge of Atlanta, Ga., the immediate past President General; Miss Gertrude Carraway, State Regent; Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory of Salisbury, Past Vice President General, present National Vice Chairman of Resolutions Committee and State Regent at the time of the organization of the local chapter, and other distinguished guests including National and State officers.

The theme of the dedication program will be "This Land Of Ours—Its Soil, Its Homes, Its Churches, Its Schools and Its People," a notable figure, prominent in national life and well qualified to address the gathering on domestic and foreign affairs, has been extended an invitation to attend as a special guest.

The various committees, appointed in connection with the dedicatory program, which are meeting weekly, report progress and amazing results of their labor in relation to interest and cooperation on the part of those approached, for while this is to be primarily a State affair, the privilege and responsibility of upholding the traditional spirit of cordial hospitality of the true Southern variety will rest of course on the Farmville community.

Every organization with patriotic, civic and cultural intent will be invited to share especially in the celebration and all citizens will be expected to participate and to contribute time, talents and financial assistance to underwrite its success.

Since 1926, when the ideal of a cultural and social center of discriminating taste and grace had its inception, it has been the heartfelt desire of the chapter membership to make the chapter house a shrine and a sanctuary, and to have it stand out in North Carolina as well as a beautiful and living memorial to the progressive citizenship of the Eastern section of this grand old State.

Band Presents Concert Tonight

Farmville high school band will be presented in a full dress concert tonight (Friday) at 8:15 in Perkins hall.

Features of the concert include selections by the boys' and girls' swing bands and a demonstration by the majorettes.

Various members of the band will be featured in solo parts. The band has been highly complimented, both on appearance and on the quality of its music.

There will be no admission charge.

JAYCHES HAVE LADIES NIGHT

The Farmville Junior Chamber of Commerce observed Ladies Night on Wednesday, Feb. 23, with a banquet at the high school lunch room.

Jim Danchik served as master of ceremonies.

Attending were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDaniels, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Speight, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Darden, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chandler, Miss Louise Bolus with Ellis Rabi, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brock, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Darden, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner Walston, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Outland, Charlie Raspberry, Charles Townsend and Mary Ann Townsend.

Entertainment was furnished by talented local colored artists, with singing and dancing.

NEICE OF FARMVILLE WOMEN DIES THURSDAY

Mrs. Sidney Morris of Winston-Salem, the former Miss Myrtle Bynum of Farmville, died yesterday morning after an illness of several weeks. She was the niece of Mrs. W. C. Holston, Mrs. R. O. Lang, Sr., and Mrs. M. E. Dixon. Her parents were the late J. E. and Myrtle Kael Bynum.

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