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DOUBLE FUNERAL SERVICES HELD WEDNESDAY FOR MOTHER AND SON

The Horton Apartments, formerly the Farmville Academy, a landmark of this section, with its huge oaks which a century ago shaded students of the school, was filled to overflowing with a host of sorrowing friends, Wednesday afternoon, assembled to pay a last tribute of love and esteem to Farmville's grand old lady, Mrs. Dora Horton Keel, 79, and her son, Marvin Vale Horton, 60, who had succumbed, the son on Monday to an illness of several months' duration, in Park View hospital, Rocky Mount, and the mother on Tuesday to heart complications of a three week period.

The final rites were conducted in a joint service at 2:30 by Elder E. B. Denison, Primitive Baptist minister of Rocky Mount, the Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor of the Farmville Methodist church, and the Rev. J. R. Rountree, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal church.

The service, characterized by a triumphant note, carried the theme of victorious living and a victorious passing and reached its climax in the reading of the 23rd Psalm by the Rev. Mr. Davis with its theme of sustaining power and comfort and of the 31st chapter of Proverbs 10-12, which eloquently enumerating the attributes of Christian womanhood, were exemplified, as pointed out by Elder Denison, in full measure in the life of Mrs. Keel. "She layeth her hands to the spindle and her hands hold the distaff... she stretcheth out her hand to the poor... she is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet... strength and honour are her clothing... she openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness... she looketh well to the ways of her household and esteemeth not the bread of idleness... her children arise up and call her blessed... a woman that feareth the Lord... give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

A quartet, composed of Arthur F. Joyner, J. E. Shearin, Maurice C. Brinson and Albert C. Holmes with Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner as accompanist, sang "Near To The Heart Of God and A Charge To Keep I Have at the home and My Faith Looks Up To Thee at the graveside. As the procession wound its way to Forest Hill cemetery, other favorite hymns floated out from the carillon bells of the Methodist church belfry played by the organist, Mrs. Haywood Smith. Interment was made in the family plot beneath one of the largest and handsomest floral tributes seen here.

Active pall bearers were Jack Horton of Greenville, Lt. (jg) Frank M. Adams, stationed at Norfolk, Va., Wayne Mitchell of Kinston, Harold Sugg Askew and John B. Wright, Jr., of Wilson, Herbert Horton Rountree of Chapel Hill, Leth Morris, Carroll D. Oglesby and Cyril B. Askew.

Born on the Askew plantation, two miles north of Farmville, on June 23, 1870, Mrs. Keel was the daughter of the late Victoria Sugg Askew and William Columbus Askew, descendants of pioneer families of Lenoir and Greene counties. She had a younger sister, Mrs. Lillie Askew Horton, a brother, William Columbus Askew, Jr., and a half-sister, Mrs. Vivian Parker Harris, all of whom preceded her to the grave.

She was married to Moses Tyson Horton on December 5, 1888, and to this union were born three sons, the late Marvin Vale Horton, the late J. Loyd Horton, who became a judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina, and the late Moses Tyson Horton, Jr.; two daughters, who survive her, Mrs. Madeline H. Rountree of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. W. C. Murray of Washington, D. C., together with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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At The Rotary Club

Russell Foster of the Kinston Rotary club, in a vigorous and forcible manner, Tuesday night reminded the Rotarians that wearing the Rotary badge is not necessarily indicative that an individual is a Rotarian. It is possible for a Rotary club to have many members but only a few Rotarians. Said Mr. Foster, if the "Four-Way Test" of Rotary were applied more often, and the questions, "Is it truthful, is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better fellowship? Is it beneficial to all concerned? Can it be done with a clear conscience?" were answered in the affirmative, then our goal of full consideration of others will have been achieved and the maxim "Service above self" will always be in its honored position.

Joe Basherby, program director, introduced Mr. Foster.

Three members were absent. Marvin Jones received the attendance prize and LeRoy Rollins was awarded the fellowship prize.

Walter Jones presided in the absence of President Charlie Fitzgerald.

Christian Church At Bell Arthur Has New Pastor

On December 1 Rev. Zeph N. Deshaields came from the pastorate of the First Christian church in Montgomery, W. Va., to begin his pastorate with the Bell Arthur, Eden and Southwood Memorial churches. Montgomery is an educational and industrial city on the Kanawha river, which runs through a great part of West Virginia and joins the Ohio at Point Pleasant, W. Va., and Kanawha, Ohio.

Rev. Deshaields, a native of Scuppernon, Washington county, states that he accepted the Bell Arthur pastorate because it offered a real opportunity for progressive service and because he wanted to again enjoy the fine, rich fellowship with the people of his native section.

The new Bell Arthur pastor says he comes from a long line of the "Disciples of Christ" and is the second in a family of 32 children. Mrs. Deshaields is a native of Princess Anne county, Virginia. They have four sons, two of whom live in Suffolk, one in Norfolk, and one, Forrest, is a student at Atlantic Christian college in Wilson.

Rev. Deshaields was trained in the public schools of his native county, and at the following higher institutions of learning: Industrial Christian College, Atlantic Christian College, Lynchburg College, Eugene Bible University, Oskaloosa College and Pike Peak Bible Seminary.

He has held pastorates in Belhaven, Mathews, Va., Harlingen, N. C., Mowattstown, Ohio, Hagerstown, Md., Sandusky, Ohio, South Norfolk, Va., Newton Grove, Patego, Hopewell, Va., and Montgomery. He has also done a considerable amount of evangelistic work and has been a public school teacher and a social worker. He has served as president of the Western Maryland Christian convention, vice president of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Christian convention, a member of the State Board of that area, president of the Mill Creek (N.C.) Christian convention, president of the Tidewater Ministerial association, composed of all the Christian churches in Richmond, Petersburg, Hopewell, Norfolk, Newport News, Portsmouth and Hampton, Va.

Mrs. Deshaields received her training in the public schools of Norfolk and at Lynchburg College. She has been active in the work of the women and young people of the church, having served as co-director and teacher in the young people's camp.

The Farmville Glee club will sing Tuesday night from 10 to 11:15, immediately following the basketball game. All in the community who like to sing are invited to join them.

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Grade Mothers Are Appointed

It was announced at the December meeting of the Parent-Teacher association that grade mothers for the first six grades in the grammar school had been selected as follows:

Miss Danen's first grade—Mrs. K. H. Cannon, Mrs. J. Y. Monk, Mrs. Edison Moore, Mrs. Lewis Allen, Mrs. R. E. Pickett.

Miss Lewis' first—Mrs. Ben Lang, Mrs. T. S. Ryan, Mrs. B. M. Lewis, Mrs. C. M. Paylor, Mrs. J. M. Wewborn.

Miss Herring's second—Mrs. W. C. Hathaway, Mrs. R. E. Mayo, Mrs. David Harris, Mrs. Jack Lewis, Mrs. J. B. Hockaday.

Mrs. Wooten's second—Mrs. Bonnie Allen, Mrs. J. T. Windham, Mrs. A. C. Leitchworth, Mrs. M. W. Rollins, Mrs. Dalton Williams.

Miss Hardy's third—Mrs. Irvin Morgan, Mrs. Jake Joyner, Mrs. J. T. Nolan, Mrs. Sam Wainwright, Mrs. Mark Joyner.

Miss Stansill's third—Mrs. W. A. Allen, Mrs. M. J. Gregg, Mrs. S. A. Roebuck, Mrs. Noah Allen, Mrs. C. A. Joyner.

Mrs. Batchelor's fourth—Mrs. Nais Cannon, Mrs. H. D. Johnson, Mrs. John King, Mrs. S. D. Bundy, Mrs. Glenn Newton.

Mrs. Mathis' fourth—Mrs. Abe Wooten, Mrs. J. D. Dixon, Mrs. John Easton, Mrs. R. L. Joyner, Mrs. Deward Nichols, Mrs. Charles Walston.

Miss Baker's fifth—Mrs. Ernest Guthrie, Mrs. Nathan Bullock, Mrs. Robert Joyner, Mrs. C. E. Modlin.

Miss Robinson's fifth—Mrs. A. C. Monk, Jr., Mrs. Lynn Eason, Mrs. Ben Walton.

Miss Johnson's sixth—Mrs. Elbert Holmes, Mrs. C. C. Simpson, Mrs. F. A. Williams, Mrs. Adrain Paramore, Mrs. Clayton Sutton.

Mrs. Joyner's sixth—Mrs. R. T. Williams, Mrs. Z. B. T. Cox, Mrs. Jos Willoughby, Mrs. Gordon Lee, Mrs. Melton Allen.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Rev. W. F. Elliott and daughter, Mrs. Louis Taylor and Little Jane Taylor of Roanoke Rapids were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mayo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Joyner and daughter, Pat, and Mrs. J. M. Ward spent Sunday in Columbia with Mr. and Mrs. James H. McClees and Mrs. H. N. McClees.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Case and daughter, Ann, of Suffolk, Va., have returned to their home after attending the funeral of Mr. Case's brother, C. E. Case.

Jean Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen, returned home from Pitt General hospital last week and is recuperating from an operation.

Mrs. Eli Garner of Elm City, mother of W. C. Garner and Mrs. Charles E. Fitzgerald, entered Carolina General hospital, Wilson, Sunday. She is ill with pneumonia. Her condition is improved.

J. M. Gibbs, Joe Flake and Lynwood Carraway, who are on the Greenville, Tenn., tobacco market, and John Andrews and R. F. Wood, who are on the Rogersville, Tenn., market, spent the week end at their homes. Mr. Carraway remained here.

Mrs. J. H. Paylor and Mrs. Henrietta M. Williamson attended a tea in Rocky Mount Saturday afternoon for Miss Margaret Fountain, bride-elect. Tuesday they were guests at a coffee hour. Mr. and Mrs. Paylor and sons, Bob and Jack, will attend a dinner party and cake cutting Thursday evening. The wedding of Miss Fountain and Jack Paylor will take place Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Moore of near Walstonburg had as their dinner guests Sunday the following: Capt. and Mrs. Leo Moore and son, Paul, of Ft. Pao, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Moore and daughters, Ann, Bettie Jane and Lynda, Ahoakie; Mrs. Ben Edgerton, Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pittman, Tarboro; Mrs. J. D. Holgood and son, Johnnie, Wilson; and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pittman, Fayetteville, who were week end guests.

Mrs. Marvin Spight, Jr., and Mrs. J. C. Brock, Jr., spent Tuesday in Kinston.

Friends will be glad to learn that Elder J. B. Roberts, pastor of the Deacons Primitive Baptist church and other churches in this section, is slowly improving at Duke hospital where he underwent an operation.

Mrs. George Wilkerson of Greenville, the former Geraldine Gardner of Farmville, is a patient at Pitt General hospital where she underwent an operation.

Miss Margaret Coster, teacher in the Scotland Neck schools, will arrive Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Coster.

Interesting News Items From Ballard's

Sunday, December 4, will always be remembered very pleasantly by the congregation and friends in the community of Ballard's Presbyterian church. The date is really a milestone in community history, the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the organization of the church with the dedication of the building and equipment. This is quite an achievement and reason for rejoicing on the part of the congregation and of every one interested in the church.

We really feel that the Lord added His blessing upon our efforts and may this beautiful church always be an inspiration to the Worship of God to everyone who enters the doors.

At the meeting of the Women of the Church on Friday afternoon, the treasurer, Mrs. P. J. Ellis announced in her report that this organization had raised \$1500 on furnishing the church auditorium, the largest item purchased was the pews which cost approximately \$800.

The meeting opened by the group standing for a few minutes of silent prayer, closed by Mrs. Josie McArthur.

The Bible study, taken from John 15-17, was led by Mrs. G. S. Nichols, with other members taking part in the discussion.

Mrs. Josie McArthur, program leader, used the top "that your joy might be full" and it emphasized the ministerial relief fund which at the December meeting is always stressed and a special offering taken. The program closed with the group singing "Joy to the World" and a prayer by Mrs. Annie Flanagan.

At the business session, presided over by Mrs. W. B. Crawford, plans were made for the Christmas program to be given at the church on Friday evening, Dec. 23.

During the social hour, refreshments consisting of Christmas candies, roasted peanuts and fruits were served by the hostesses, Mesdames Moses Tyson and G. S. Nichols.

J. C. Hall of near Hillsboro was a week end guest of his aunt, Mrs. C. C. Harris.

Miss Mavis Cobb of Fairfax, Va., was a recent guest of Mrs. Annie Flanagan and attended the dedication of Ballard's church. She also visited on a uncle, Tom Norman in Chapel Hill, who is very ill. Mr. Norman and his family made their home at Ballard's about 40 years ago.

Roy Smith of the U. S. Navy arrived home Monday and will spend several weeks with his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Nichols have returned to Charlotte after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Nichols.

James R. Crawford and Noah L. Edwards were Washington, D. C., visitors during the week end.

Mesdames Verna Joyner, Gilmer Nichols and Chas. Nichols visited Mrs. R. N. Childers on Tuesday evening and attended the first in a series of three Christmas tableaux being presented by the Presbyterian church in Greenville.

The congregation of the Bell Arthur Christian church announces that the preaching services have been changed to the second and fourth Sundays so as not to conflict with the other church services. The new pastor, Rev. Deshaields, and his family from West Virginia have arrived and are making their home in the parsonage at Bell Arthur. He will preach his first sermon on Sunday, Dec. 25, and everybody in the community is invited to attend.

Friends of Mrs. Sue Roberson will be sorry to learn that she fell from a ladder and is ill at her home from injuries received in the fall.

Ex-Farmville Couple Killed Saturday Afternoon In Wreck on Greenville-Falkland Highway; Two Other Victims

Two former Farmville residents and two other persons were killed Saturday afternoon on the Greenville-Falkland highway in a single two-car collision which sent three others to the hospital with serious injuries.

The wreck, which occurred on a stretch of road known as "Dead Man's Curve," was one of four accidents in the Greenville area during the week end. This wreck brought to 12 the number of persons killed in Pitt county this year.

The occupants of one car, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Skinner of Greenville, formerly of Farmville, who were on their way to visit relatives here, were killed instantly when their car was struck in the side as they were headed west. Mr. Skinner was reported to have been the driver.

The second car, said to have been operated by Grover Lee Smith of Greenville, carried two persons to their death. Ray Dunn, one of five persons in the Smith car, was killed outright. Wilbur Charles Drake was taken to the hospital where he died several hours later. Members of the Greenville fire department's rescue squad, who responded to the emergency call, found Drake in the middle of the front seat with his leg wedged between the heater and the radio. His shoe had to be cut off before he could be taken from the car.

Two boys who had just hitchhiked a ride with the Smith car not more than two miles from the scene of the accident were taken to the hospital and treated for head injuries. The boys, Elias and William Braxton, cousins, were described by doctors at Pitt General hospital as having serious head injuries. Smith also suffered head injuries.

State Highway Patrolmen Dick Chadwick and Cpl. John Laws, investigating officers, said that the crash was "one of the worst accidents in ten years on the highways of this section."

Both cars were damaged on the right side.

Funeral services for the Skinners were held in Greenville Monday morning and burial was in Farmville.

Mrs. Skinner, 46, was the former Mary Allen, daughter of Paul Allen, who died last December. Both Mr. and Mrs. Skinner were born near Farmville and had made their home in the community until moving to Greenville about 10 years ago where Mrs. Skinner worked as a carpenter.

They are survived by three children, Mrs. Aubrey Taylor of Greenville, Mrs. Kenneth Strayhorn of Chapel Hill and Rufus Skinner of New Jersey. Two grandchildren also survive. A fourth child, Bruce, lost his life several years ago when a cave on the river fell in on him.

Mrs. Skinner's survivors include six brothers, W. G. Allen, Sr., Melton Allen, Howard Allen, Paul Allen, Jr., Wade Allen, all of Farmville, and Horace Allen of Jacksonville; three sisters, Mrs. Allen Smith and Mrs. Jack Marshburn of Wilmington and Mrs. Woodrow Gatling of Newport News, Va.

Mr. Skinner, 51, is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Frank Manning of Greenville and Mrs. Preston Phillips of Wilson; three brothers, Guy Skinner of Farmville, RFD, John Travis (Tab) Skinner of Greenville and Roy Skinner of Snow Hill; eight half-brothers and sisters, Cecil of Wathie, Sterling of the Marines, Marvin of Dublin, Carlton Skinner of Bladenboro, Mrs. Elva Davis of Bladenboro, Mrs. Elbert Averette and Mrs. Carlton Avery of Greenville, and Mrs. Lynn Heath of Winterville. He is also survived by an aunt, Mrs. Appie Flanagan of Farmville, and his step-mother, Mrs. Hulda Skinner of Greenville.

One of his half-brothers, Alton, was killed late in the summer in a motorcycle accident in Japan.

POST OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN SATURDAY TIL 6

To accommodate the Christmas rush, Postmaster Henry D. Johnson announces that the office will be open Saturday afternoon until 6 o'clock.

The office normally closes at noon on Saturday for the week end.

VISITORS FROM TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Lowe of Houston, Texas, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Lath Morris.

Calendar of Our Neighbors' Events

Tonight
7:00 p. m.—Seven Pines H. D. club has family party at clubhouse.
7:30 p. m.—Mrs. Fannie Carr, Mrs. Joe Murphy and Mrs. Moses Jones are hostesses to Mt. Herman, WSCS, at church.
Monday, 19
3:30 p. m.—Circle 1, Walstonburg Christian, meets with Mrs. W. L. Mann.
7:30 p. m.—Greenville sub-district, MYF, meets in Ayden Methodist church.
Thursday, 22
7:30 p. m.—Melton-Holloman rehearsal at Howell Swamp church near Walstonburg. Mrs. Richard Holloman entertains afterwards at cake cutting.
8:00 p. m.—Circle 2, Walstonburg Christian, meets with Mrs. Morton Rabhan.
Friday, 23
10:30 a. m.—Wedding of Miss Edna Earle Holloman and Allie Melton at Howell Swamp Baptist church.

Basketball Team Wins Two Games From Grimesland

The Farmville high school basketball girls defeated the Grimesland girls 27-16 there Monday night in a game that was exciting from the start. Dot Hathaway made the first two points for Farmville. At the end of the first quarter, the score was tied, 4-4.

At halftime the score was 9 to 8 in Grimesland's favor. Another tie, 12-12, in the third quarter was broken by Voncell Moringo.

Dot Hathaway scored 14 points; Raye Hathaway, 8; Voncell Moringo, 3; and Joyce Morgan, 2.

Hodges was high for Grimesland with 6 points.

Farmville high school Red Devils, playing in their new red uniforms with white stripes, Monday night in Grimesland defeated Grimesland 61-34 in a basketball game that wasn't close after the first few minutes of play.

Grimesland made the first goal. At the end of the first quarter the score was 11-7 in favor of the locals. The half-time score was 22-18 and the third quarter score was 43-28.

Carl King was high scorer with 16 points. Guard Harry Albritton was close behind with 15. Jackson made 9 points for the host team.

Council Distributes Gifts For Needy

Members of the Farmville Council of Church Women met Wednesday morning to divide the gifts and the \$26 collected at the community white Christmas service Sunday afternoon on the lawn of the Christian church.

Needy families will receive the packages in time for Christmas.

Albert Holmes led the group in singing "O Come All Ye Faithful." The high school mixed chorus sang "The First Noel," "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night."

Rev. Z. B. T. Cox read the Christmas story and offered prayer. Mr. Holmes directed the singing of two hymns, "Joy to the World" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The crowd gathered around the large lighted tree for the dedication of the gifts by Rev. W. W. Holloman.

PERSONALIZING CHRISTMAS CARDS

With Christmas fast approaching, stress Corinne Calvert gets a few pointers from Beverly Hills artist Albert Krasser on how to personalize Christmas cards. She tried to better by making pictures of herself.

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