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EARL MORROW KILLED

NET DEATH IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Former Gastonia Boy Hurled to Death in Moore County Tuesday When Motor Car Turned Turtle—Brother-in-Law, Wilson Page, Seriously Injured—Was Prominent Young Druggist of Hamlet—Funeral and Burial Yesterday.

Great sorrow was occasioned here Tuesday night by receipt of the news that Mr. Earl Morrow, an old Gastonia boy living at Hamlet, had met instant death that afternoon about 4 o'clock in Moore county in an automobile accident, which occurred near the town of West End. His brother-in-law, Mr. Wilson Page, also of Hamlet, was in the car with him and sustained such serious injuries that he has not yet been able to give any clear account of how the accident occurred, according to information received in a letter to a relative here this morning. Mr. Page is confined to his bed at his home and so far has only partially recovered consciousness. According to the bits of information obtained from him the accident occurred when one of the tires burst while the car was running at a good rate of speed. Mr. Morrow and Mr. Page were on a hunting trip, having gone in the former's car from Hamlet to West End the day previous.

The body was taken to Hamlet yesterday morning and the funeral took place at noon yesterday, burial being in Hamlet with Masonic honors. Deceased was a prominent Mason and Elk.

Surviving Mr. Morrow are his widow, who was Miss Marjorie Page, and a three-year-old daughter; one sister, Mrs. Robert Clark, who had been married only a month; and his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Pelham Morrow, all of Hamlet.

Earl Morrow was known to a large number of Gastonians. He spent the largest part of his life here up until about seven years ago when he went to Hamlet to make his home. He was 30 years old. Prior to going to the State University where he graduated in pharmacy, he held positions here with the Adams Drug Company and the Lory drug store, the latter now owned by his cousin, Mr. Norman Morrow. While at the University he gained some distinction as a ball player. After working for two years in a drug store at Hamlet he established a drug business of his own there and had been quite successful. Five years ago his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pelham Morrow, moved to Hamlet to reside. He was popular with all with whom he came in contact and was closely identified with the business and social life of his town. His untimely death in so tragic a manner has brought great sorrow to a host of friends.

Mr. Norman Morrow, of Gastonia, attended the funeral as did also Mrs. Fannie Morrow who has been at Hamlet for the past two months.

WEST GASTONIA NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. WEST GASTONIA, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Mollie Gier and little son, Ralph, of Bessemer City, spent Thursday with her aunt, Mrs. B. E. Dalton.

Miss Bezzie Grigg, of High Shoals, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Lula Grigg.

Mr. Charlie Gregory, of Tuckahoe, S. C., has accepted a weaving job at the Lory.

Mrs. George Taylor, who was brought home from the hospital last week, is improving rapidly.

Miss Cora Baker, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is better at present.

Miss Annie Bradbury left for Charlotte Saturday.

Mr. Boss McSwain, of Shelby, was a Lory visitor Friday.

Mrs. J. P. Boyter, of High Shoals, spent last week with Lory friends, and Mr. J. P. Boyter, of Mayesworth, spent Saturday with Mrs. Boyter and Mrs. L. E. Dalton.

Mr. Sam Sisk, of Bessemer City, has accepted a weaving job at the Lory Mill.

Mr. Allie Callier, of Charleston, S. C., has accepted a position at the Gastonia Foundry, and is boarding with Mr. Pink Leonard.

Mrs. Maggie Boncaster, of Charlotte, visited her sister, Mrs. John White, Saturday.

Miss Ida Blackwell, of Kings Mountain, visited Miss Gertrude Sheppard Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Jim Hicks left last week for Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fletcher, of Abbeville, have moved to the Lory.

Mr. Carter Barker visited Mr. Broom Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Ed Conrad's parents moved back to the Gray Mill last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. P. Glover is numbered among the sick this week.

Mr. Lon Webb, who has been sick for some time, is slowly improving.

Mr. Fny Lockman is visiting his brother, Mr. Charles Lockman.

Mr. L. E. Dalton and daughter, Maggie, spent Sunday in Waco, where they attended the burial of Mr. Loss Parker, the brother of Mrs. Dalton, who died suddenly near Charlotte Saturday morning and was carried there for burial.

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SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers.

—Mr. C. W. Fuller, of Bessemer City, was a Gastonia visitor Wednesday.

—Rev. R. H. Cline, of Stanley, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. W. D. Dameron, of Lowell, route one, was in the city on business Wednesday.

—Messrs. J. L. Burke and H. C. Fronberger, of Bessemer City, were here on business Wednesday.

—Mr. P. T. Heath, of Atlanta, Ga., a popular travelling man formerly in business here, spent yesterday in the city on business.

—“A Kentucky Belle”, a comedy in three acts, will be presented in the auditorium of the Dallas public school tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

—Mr. P. E. White, of Bessemer, Ala., was the guest last night of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Quicker. Mr. White is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Quicker.

—Saturday at Lowell the Girls' Basketball Team of the Lowell high school defeated the team from the Belmont high school by a score of 37 to 14.

—Mr. R. K. Carson, of Spartanburg, S. C., president of the South Carolina Bar Association, spent several days here this week on business, being a guest of the Colonial Hotel.

—Elsewhere in today's Gazette will be found the annual statement of Clerk of the Court C. J. Cornwell for the year ending November 30, 1913. It might be of interest to you.

—George Kleine's production of “Quo Vadis” in moving pictures will be presented at the Gastonia Opera House Thursday afternoon and night December 18th. For prices see display advertisement elsewhere.

—A series of special revival services is in progress at the Avon Wesleyan Methodist church. Preaching is being done by Rev. J. A. Clement, of Central, S. C., and the services will continue every night through next week.

—Mrs. Florence T. Moore, of Spencer Mountain, has qualified as administratrix of the estate of her husband, the late Mr. J. W. Moore, and gives the required legal notice thereof through the columns of The Gazette.

—A house belonging to the Clara Manufacturing Company caught fire yesterday afternoon and the fire company was called out. The blaze was a small one and was extinguished before doing much damage, the loss being only a few dollars.

—The Gazette is requested to state that there will be regular preaching services Sunday at Ozark Methodist church at 11 a. m., at West End at 3 p. m. and at Franklin Avenue church at 7:30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. N. C. Williams.

—In the account of the meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association, published in Tuesday's Gazette, the name of Mrs. S. A. Kindley as corresponding secretary was inadvertently omitted from the list of officers chosen for the ensuing term.

—Clover correspondence York News, 8th: Miss Mattie Turner and Mr. S. S. Whisonant were married at the home of Mr. J. C. Jenkins last Thursday afternoon. Rev. H. Grady Hardin officiating. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only a few close friends being present.

—Mr. Jacob McGinnas, formerly a well-known citizen and merchant of Cherryville but residing for the past two or three years at Erwin, Tenn., died at the latter place last Saturday and his body was brought to his old home town for burial. He was about 64 years old. A widow, three sons and one daughter survive.

—Work has been begun on an addition to the building owned by the First National Bank and occupied by the Harry-Baker Co. The addition will be 30 by 60 feet, two stories high and will be in the rear of the bank building. It will be used by Harry-Baker Co. as a warehouse and its erection is made necessary by the rapidly growing volume of their business.

—The first accident of any consequence on the local street car system since the inauguration of regular service several weeks ago occurred Tuesday night about 6:45 when a local car ran into an interurban car which was standing between the city hall and Main avenue on South street. Blinded by the strong headlight on the interurban car the motorman on the local car failed to observe that the interurban was a double-header and was standing on the north side of Main avenue as is customary. As a result of the collision the ends of both cars were badly battered but fortunately no one was seriously injured. The local motorman sustained a few slight cuts on his hand from flying particles of glass and the passengers on both cars were considerably shaken up. Traffic was delayed for more than an hour by the accident.

RESIGNS AS ALDERMAN

MR. V. E. LONG QUITS THE CITY COUNCIL

Presented Resignation Tuesday Night—Mr. R. G. Rankin Chosen to Succeed Him—Alderman Elliott Mayor Pro Tem—May Change Channel of Long Creek—New Ordinances.

Somewhat of a surprise was sprung Tuesday night at the regular monthly meeting of the city council when Alderman V. E. Long from Ward One presented his resignation. No reasons were given by him for his action but it is understood on the outside that he was not altogether in sympathy with some of the policies of the present administration. Mr. Long was elected last May on the “reform” ticket. He is one of the city's best and most prosperous business men. There was much regret that he saw fit to relinquish his position on the council. Mr. R. G. Rankin, one of the city's younger prominent business men, was elected to take Mr. Long's place. Mr. Rankin is connected with the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co. and the Home Building & Loan Association.

Alderman A. B. Elliott was elected mayor pro tem to succeed Mr. Long. A donation of \$100 was made by the board to the Gastonia Public Library for the ensuing year on condition that the teachers of the city school be accorded free use of the library.

The water and light committee, together with City Attorney Mangum, were constituted a committee to confer with the Long Creek Drainage Commission with reference to changing the channel of Long Creek, the source of the city's water supply, in the vicinity of the intake. This committee held a meeting last night to take up the consideration of this matter.

NEW ORDINANCES.

Three ordinances were enacted as follows:

1. That no carriage, hack or other vehicle for hire shall be permitted to stand within 200 feet of the Southern passenger station in the City of Gastonia, except on the macadam drive at the east end of the said Southern passenger station. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of \$10.

2. That no person, firm or corporation shall permit his, their or its dray for hire to stand or stay within 200 feet of the Southern Railway passenger station in the City of Gastonia except for a reasonable time while loading and unloading. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of \$10.

3. That no person or persons shall solicit for any hotel, boarding house, livery stable, hack or carriage or dray for hire, or any other business within 100 feet of the Southern passenger station in the City of Gastonia while passenger trains remain standing for taking on or off passengers at the said Southern Railway passenger station, except on or in the space on the east and west ends of said depot or station covered by the sheds of said depot or station. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of \$10.

A report was submitted by the committee recently appointed to investigate the advisability of extending the city fire limits. The report was in favor of no change in the limits at present. It was discharged.

The mayor was invested with plenary powers to fill vacancies on committees caused by the resignation of Alderman Long.

Petitions for lights at the corner of Chestnut street and Franklin avenue, on Pryor street and on Pine street, were referred to the water and light committee with power to act.

WEBB EXONERATED.

Investigating Committee Finds Charges Made by Lobbyist Mulhall Against Congressman Webb Entirely False.

A special from Washington to Wednesday's Greensboro News says: The house lobby committee's report made public today, completely exonerates Representative E. Y. Webb, of North Carolina, of every insinuation made by the lobbyist, Mulhall. The report says:

“There is no evidence of any kind or character indicating that Webb was reached or influenced by the National Association of Manufacturers in any of his official acts for business, political, or sympathetic reasons or otherwise.”

Referring to an alleged call Mulhall is said to have made upon Mr. Webb, the report says: “The only call or calls he ever made upon Mr. Webb in regard to any question—in fact the only call he ever made upon him—were at the time he was conducting this general canvass seeking to ascertain the sentiments of all members he could interview relative to a tariff commission. As a matter of fact the record shows that in the house Mr. Webb opposed and voted against the tariff commission proposed in the sixty-first Congress.”

LOCAL GLEANINGS

Held Meeting Last Night.

In the Clara Mill office last night the committee on constitution and by-laws of the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting for the purpose of completing a draft of the constitution and by-laws to be submitted to the body at its next meeting for adoption. President T. L. Craig has called a meeting of this body to be held in the city hall next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. A number of matters of importance are to be considered and every member is urged to be present promptly at 7:30.

Harper in Jail.

Following a preliminary hearing before Judge Jones in Municipal Court Wednesday morning C. G. Harper, the white man arrested Tuesday morning on a charge of stealing cotton from the city platform and reselling it, has been committed to jail without bail. Harper confessed, before the preliminary hearing, that he took four of the eleven bales missing. A butcher from Charlotte came over Wednesday and identified Harper as the man who recently sold him a cow which was stolen, the owner recovering the cow from the butcher.

Three Days on Same Case.

Superior Court has been engaged since shortly after noon Wednesday on the case of Albert Ford, administrator, vs. Southern Sulphur Co. and the case will probably require all the remainder of today. The case of C. M. Robinson vs. Melville Mfg. Co., of Cherryville, in which the plaintiff was seeking to recover damages in the sum of \$12,500 for injuries sustained by his son was non-suited Wednesday. There are still many cases on the docket which will not be reached as court adjourns tomorrow until January.

Medicos Elect Officers.

At its regular monthly meeting for December held Wednesday at the city hall the Gaston County Medical society held its annual election of officers which resulted as follows: President, Dr. H. F. Glenn, of Gastonia; first vice-president, Dr. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia; second vice-president, Dr. C. H. Pugh, of Stanley; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Bessie B. Puett, of Dallas; delegate to State Society's annual convention, Dr. T. C. Quicker, of Gastonia; alternate, Dr. E. E. Rhyne, of Mount Holly. This was altogether a business meeting.

TO GIVE PLAY AT TANYARD SCHOOL HOUSE.

The Woman's Betterment Association of Tanyard School will give an entertainment at the school house on Tuesday evening, December 23d. The principal feature of the entertainment will be the presentation of a play entitled “Doctor Cure-All.” The cast of characters for the play is as follows: Dr. Cure-All, Mr. T. Lee Falls; Maria, (The Irish Maid), Miss Eunice Robinson; Miss Jane S., Miss Blanche Robinson; Mrs. Brown, Miss Carrie Hoffman; Mrs. Blooming, Mrs. John C. Robinson; Miss Seraphina Paddington, Miss Gertrude Moton; Alphonso De Jones, Mr. O. B. Robinson; Pete Murphy, colored, Mr. Carl Robinson; Mrs. Rotchkins, Miss Ruth Dixon; Mrs. Sarawney, Mrs. C. P. Robinson. There will be an admission fee of 25 cents for adults, and 10 cents for children between six and twelve years old. The proceeds of the play will be for the benefit of the improvement fund of the betterment association.

THIEVES RAMPANT.

Several Places of Business Recently Broken Into—Police Arrest Negro Who Confesses.

Policemen Craig and Conrad yesterday afternoon arrested a negro boy, Paul Hicklin, aged about 15 years, on a warrant charging him with breaking into the Ideal Grocery Company's store on Main avenue Wednesday night and rifling the cash drawer of three or four dollars in small change. The boy confessed his guilt and endeavored to implicate another person in the robbery whom the police are holding as a witness. It is not thought that the boy had any accomplice. Entrance was gained by breaking one of the rear windows.

The same night the store of W. P. Bell was entered and a pair of shoes taken. The police think it possible that Hicklin is also guilty of that robbery but so far have been unable to implicate him.

Two other robberies have occurred recently in the business part of town. Last Friday night Craig & Head's harness shop on Main avenue was entered and the cash drawer relieved of a small amount of change. A few nights previous the fruit stand of John Ferris, in the same block was entered and about \$40 secured from the cash drawer. So far the parties who committed these last mentioned crimes have not been apprehended.

THE STATE CONVENTION

BAPTISTS IN ANNUAL SESSION AT SHELBY

Eighty-Third Annual Session of North Carolina Baptist Convention Began Monday Night at Shelby—Proceedings of Unusual Importance and Interest—Strong Educational Sentiment Prevails.

The eighty-third annual session of the North Carolina Baptist Convention met Tuesday night in the beautiful First Baptist church of Shelby, with Rev. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton, presiding. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. W. N. Johnson, pastor of the Wake Forest church.

Hon. O. Max Gardner delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to on behalf of the convention by Dr. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte. The election of officers resulted in the choice of Rev. C. H. Durham as president for the fourth consecutive term; N. G. Broughton and Prof. C. E. Brewer as secretaries. A beautiful gavel made from the wood of a hickory tree cut from the summit of Kings Mountain near the spot where Ferguson fell was presented to the president of the convention by Representative E. Yates Webb. Other officers elected were, E. Y. Webb, C. F. Meserve and J. A. Oates, vice-presidents; Walter Durham, of Raleigh, treasurer; Rev. Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh, corresponding secretary. The trustees are Messrs. W. C. Tyree, H. C. Bridges, Noah Biggs, W. N. Jones and D. L. Gore.

Wednesday, the second day of the convention, was largely given up to addresses and discussions on probably the most important matter to be acted upon by this session, the question of placing the educational institutions of the church in this State upon the convention's annual budget, to receive the regular support of the church just as the other benevolent funds are now raised. This movement has been agitated for several years, being pushed with great vigor by the Wake Forest alumni and other friends of the church colleges, and there is every prospect that it will be carried through successfully this year.

Thursday's sessions were taken up fully with reports and discussions on missions, secondary schools and the Orphanage. At the morning session Dr. J. H. Eaker, of Louisville, Ky., presented the claims of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of Stateville, read the report on foreign missions, which contained among other valuable information the following interesting statistics:

During the past year there were 4,532 persons baptized, an increase of about 300 over the previous year, or more than one-third as many as were baptized within our own State with her 2,000 Churches and 1,200 preachers. With the exception of Mexico, the report adds, never before have conditions in foreign lands been so favorable for Christian work as they are today. Heathen nations are coming to realize that their ideals are nothing, that their long-cherished traditions are false, and that their religions are without power and they are ready to be won for Christ.

Of the 23,659 Churches within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are 10,923 which gave not a penny to foreign missions during the past year. Of the 2,021 Churches within our own State, there were 602 which gave nothing to this work during the year.

Going further, the report says, Southern Baptists agreed to raise \$618,000 for foreign missions last year. The amount they did raise was \$543,000, a decrease of \$75,000 over the preceding year. This deficit caused the board to face its new year with a total indebtedness of \$76,400. The North Carolina Baptists have paid their apportionment of \$50,000 for the year.

Prof. G. E. Lineberry, educational secretary of the convention, presented the report on secondary schools to the afternoon session. The list of secondary schools includes Meredith College, Chowan College and 15 high schools, all of which have had a successful year. Rev. R. L. Gay read the report on the Biblical Recorder.

Last night's session was Orphanage night. The work of the Woman's Missionary Union was also considered. Rev. J. S. Snyder, of Fayetteville, read the report on Woman's work, showing an increase of more than \$5,000 in the amount contributed this year over last. There are now in the convention 1,471 societies, 239 having been added to the number during the past year. Mr. M. L. Kesler, superintendent of the Orphanage, was then heard on the work of the past year at this institution. Since the beginning, 28 years ago, there have been 1,445 children enrolled. Of these 414 are now in the institution. Other speakers on the orphanage work were Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, Stephen McIntyre, of Lumberton, and President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College. The convention is in session again today, and will probably close tonight.

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NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

News Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

TEACHERS MEET.

Riverbend Township Association Holds First Regular Meeting at Mount Holly.

Correspondence of The Gazette. MOUNT HOLLY, Dec. 6.—The first regular meeting of the Riverbend Township Teachers Association, which was held in the Mount Holly graded school building Saturday, December 6th, was a very delightful and profitable meeting. At the roll-call twenty-one of the 24 teachers in the township answered present. The others were unavoidably detained at home.

The program, which had been previously arranged by the president, Mr. Ray Funderburk, was successfully carried out. Mrs. L. D. Henderson read a paper on “The Work of the Betterment Association”; Miss Myra Nixon read one on “Discipline”; Miss Annie Rutledge gave a practical drawing lesson and Mr. Funderburk discussed the first two chapters of “Everyday Problems in Teaching.”

One of the most enjoyable features of the meeting was the dainty lunch served by the faculty of the Mount Holly school.

The next meeting of this association will be held in Mount Holly on January 24th. It is hoped that every member can attend this meeting.

Hickory Grove News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

HICKORY GROVE, Dec. 11.—The wedding bells are ringing in this section. Mrs. Della Howey and Mr. Bert Clark were happily married Monday evening.

There was another wedding Sunday when Miss Dovey Smith became the bride of Mr. Clifford Rayfield.

Mr. Lester Reep and sister, Miss Annie Reep, spent last week with their Aunt, Mrs. Jane Lackey, at Newton.

Mr. Gold, of Virginia, spent Wednesday with his sister, Mrs. Biggerstaff.

Miss Hattie Dellinger spent Monday with Miss Kathleen Howey.

Miss Kathleen Howey and sister, Fay Bell, spent Saturday with their grandmother, Mrs. Miller, of Kings Mountain.

Miss Mavin Carpenter spent Sunday with Mrs. Hasten.

Misses Lola and Nancy Carpenter spent Sunday with Mrs. Kelley.

Mr. C. J. Reep spent Saturday and Sunday in Kings Mountain with his cousin, D. C. Caldwell.

Miss Annie Reep spent Wednesday with Miss Della and Ocie Clark.

Mr. Earl Clark is quite ill at present. He has a bad case of pneumonia.

Mrs. Biggerstaff is very sick at present.

Mrs. Callie Carpenter is sick at this writing.

Boiling Springs High School News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

SHELBY, Route 6, Dec. 10.—On Friday evening, December 19th, the music department will give a mid-winter music recital. The chorus class consisting of 100 voices will render one or two choruses. The pupils in instrumental music will give a pleasing selection of the most famous authors. Best of all will be some selections by Miss Radcliffe, the director of music. Miss Radcliffe has a very sweet lyric soprano voice and the selections which she rendered at the last recital were enjoyed to the fullest. A small admission will be charged for the defraying of expenses. Adults 25 cents, children 15 cents. Reserved seats 10 cents.

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