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## DEATH CLAIMS MERLE SCROGGS MONDAY, JULY 30

Prominent Young Man Passes Away  
At Home Of Parents After  
Lingering Illness

Merle Moore Scroggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Scroggs of Hayesville route 2, died Monday, July 30, at midnight. Funeral services were held at the Hayesville High school Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Chas. S. Plyler and W. F. Sinclair, of Hayesville. Interment was in the Hayesville Methodist Cemetery.

Merle was born September 13th, 1896, being at the time of his death, 31 years, 10 months and 17 days old. He was known to all his friends as "Ick" and he had many for he was truly a friend to all. He met every one with a smile and a cherry word. When he operated the Hayesville Barber Shop, his humorous jokes and booming laughter was welcomed by all. He was a favorite among his young friends of Hayesville and his passing has cast a shadow of sorrow over the entire community.

When a young boy in high school, Merle sustained an injury to his back when he and other boys were carrying a piano up the stairs of the courthouse in preparation for some school entertainment. He never fully recovered from the injury, although he was able to lead an active life until last fall when he was forced to take to his bed from which he was not able to leave until death. No one will ever know how much this young man suffered; he bore up with so much courage and was always in the best of spirits through all his trials.

He is survived by his parents, three brothers, Longo and Morris of Clay County, and Pat Scroggs of Asheville, and one sister, Gene, who lived at home.

## Saves Soil Fertility By Terracing Fields

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 3.—Spending \$3,000 a year for stable manure alone is a heavy expense, even on a nursery farm, especially when much of the purchased fertility is lost through soil erosion.

"So the Howard-Hickory Nursery of Catawba County began to build a complete system of terraces and is now controlling erosion through the use of the Mangum terrace," says A. T. Holman, agricultural engineer at State College. "This nursery farm is located on rolling land which makes the erosion problem more serious. In the past, the company has attempted to maintain the fertility of its farm by using commercial fertilizers, growing green manure crops and applying stable compost. The annual bill for stable manure alone has amounted to approximately \$3,000. Such attention to soil fertility is important in the production of good nursery stock."

Mr. Holman states that O. Joe Howard, secretary and treasurer of the nursery company, makes the statement that his results with the use of Mangum terrace are so encouraging that the company plans to continue building and maintaining terraces until erosion on all parts of the Hickory farm is controlled. On newly terraced fields, the first setting of nursery stock is planted and curved rows conforming to the contour of the land and the natural curves of the terraces. This is done that the terraces may settle properly and become very firm. Once the terraces are well set, later plantings will disregard terrace lines and straight rows run over the terraces.

Mr. Howard also stated that even when there is no erosion, it is difficult to maintain soil fertility due to the fact that nursery stock requires a fertile soil and second, about ev-

## FORMER CLAY COUNTY MAN PASSES AWAY

Eminent Physician and Prominent  
Citizen Dies At His Home In  
Cornelia, Georgia

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Cornelia, Ga., Sunday, July 22, at 3 p. m., for Dr. J. W. Crawford, the Baptist preacher officiating, assisted by the Methodist minister. Interment was made in the city cemetery. Dr. Crawford died at 9 a. m., Saturday morning, July 21st, hemorrhage of the liver being the direct cause. He had been in failing health for some time, but his almost sudden death was unexpected and was a great shock to his family and townspeople.

Dr. Crawford was born and reared in Clay County, being a son of J. M. Crawford. He resided in the county of his birth until he was 30 years of age, where practically all his relatives live. After graduating from the Nashville Medical School, the city of Cornelia, Ga., etoinnn Nashville, Tenn., he went to the thriving little city of Cornelia, Ga., where he practiced medicine with great success to the time of his passing. No physician had a greater reputation in North Georgia than Dr. Crawford. He was naturally gifted for this great profession and his untiring work was crowned with wonderful success. His kindness, deep sympathy for suffering humanity and untiring service probably endeared him to his people more than any other man. The high and the low mingled together around his bier with broken hearts. The most striking scene was when a number of old men and women, loaded down with the weight of years, and with frail suffering bodies, whom he had ministered to, cheered and consoled, looked for the last time upon the kind face of their benefactor and real friend. Truly "he lived in a house by the side of the road and was a friend to man." The floral tribute paid by friends and loved ones far and near attested the high esteem in which this noble man was held. A vacancy has been caused by the Grim Reaper that will be hard to fill in the medical world. He was at the noon-day of life, being only fifty-six years of age, but the time arrived, as it does, for the Golden boll to be broken and the Silver Cord loosened.

Dr. Crawford was married to Miss Lassie Penland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Penland, of Elf, Clay County, N. C., who preceded him to the Great Beyond about a year ago. Six sons were born to this union, all of whom survive: F. M. Crawford, Vernon, Todd, Dewey, Stranley and Kenith. F. M. and Vernon are druggists; Vernon is a lawyer of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Stranley is taking a course in medicine at Chapel Hill, N. C. He is survived by his father, J. M. Crawford, (Uncle Johnnie) and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Leet Rogers, of Colorado; Mrs. G. T. Berrong of Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Joe Penland of Blairsville, Ga.; M. F., W. S., J. H., and R. W. Crawford, all of Hayesville. He has one deceased brother, Dr. G. M. Crawford, who died thirty-five years ago.

A number of his relatives from Hayesville, and Sylva attended the funeral. Dr. Crawford's five boys, who are all grown, acted as pallbearers, assisted by Frank Crawford, Kenith being too small, only eight or four years a quantity of soil is removed and shipped with the plants. When erosion also takes away some of this most fertile soil, as often occurs on rolling land not properly terraced, the problem is greatly intensified.

Rev. Edgar Price was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Penland Sunday.

## CAMERA SHY



Picture shows John Barna and Paul Stone in front, and Walter Stone and wife (in white pants) with Jailor George Crawford, Chief Willard Cooper and Assistant Chief Neil Sneed in the rear. Walter Stone and wife are held in the local jail charged with breaking into and robbing N. W. Abernathy's Store at Marble several weeks ago. John Barna and Paul Stone are being held charged jointly with Walter Stone and wife in an attempted jail break conspiracy. They were shy of the cameraman when this photo was made as they were being returned to jail last Wednesday from a scheduled preliminary hearing before Mayor Harry Cooper, and which was postponed until the following Thursday night.



Close ups of John Barna, left, and Paul Stone, right, who walked into jail last week and were detained by officers. In Barna's shoes officers found six hack saws cleverly hidden. The Stones and Barna will be tried at the coming term of Cherokee Superior Court, and they have retained Moody & Moody and J. D. Mallonee, local attorneys as counsel.

## MONTGOMERY PLAYERS HERE NEXT WEEK

The Montgomery Players will be in Hayesville all next week showing high class plays and vaudeville under their big tent theatre. They open with the play entitled "The Cave Man." Mr. Montgomery and Miss Mae Howard, comedienne, will have the leading roles of this play. A five piece jazz orchestra is to be one of the added attractions. Mr. T. M. Worthey of Andrews, is joint owner with Mr. Montgomery of this company, they have a reputation of putting on high class entertainments.

## HERMAN SMART DIED JULY 25TH

Mr. Herman Smart died Wednesday, July 25th, after a lingering illness, and was buried Thursday afternoon at four o'clock at Ledford's Chapel Cemetery, Rev. Chas. S. Plyler conducting the funeral services.

Mr. Smart was born April 22nd, 1889, being 39 years, 3 months and 3 days old at the time of his death. He professed faith in Christ at about the age of 18 years, but did not join any church although he lived a consistent christian life until death.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smart and wife and six small children, and three brothers and two sisters.

## MISS CURTIS ENTERTAINS FRIENDS WITH PARTY

Miss Madeline Curtis celebrated her fourth birthday Friday afternoon July 27th, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Curais on Church Street. Sixteen of her little friends were present and delightful games were enjoyed on the lawn, after which refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and lemonade were served by Mrs. Curtis assisted by Miss Marjorie Curtis.

## MURPHY BOY NOW ON DUTY IN HAWAII

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 23.—Private Clyde R. Hawkins, son of Mr. Ernest Hawkins of 444 Valley River Ave., Murphy, N. C., who recently enlisted for service with the Field Artillery branch of the Regular Army has been assigned to duty with troops in Hawaii, and left New York City this week aboard the United States Army Transport "Cambrai" for Honolulu.

Upon his arrival at Honolulu, Private Hawkins and the young men who sailed with him will be assigned to units in the Hawaiian Islands, located at posts which generally lie adjacent to internationally famous resorts and tourist shrines. Soldiers on Hawaiian duty enjoy unusual recreational privileges, there being provided for them summer rest camps where all may go for a two-week period during vacation time. Always within reach is the far-famed beach of Waikiki, and the surf bathing resort at Haleiwa.

Athletics play an important part in the life of the soldiers in Hawaii, and every organization prides itself on a galy of teams in the prospective championship class in every sport. The climate is ideal, for it is a land that knows no winter, and outdoor sports thrive the year round.

Private Hawkins will remain in the Hawaiian Department for approximately two years, when he will be returned to the United States for discharge, having in the meantime enjoyed a ten thousand dollar outing, including a visit to Panama and San Francisco, at the expense of Uncle Sam.

Messrs. W. F. Chapman and J. S. Ford, owners and operators of a large veneer plant at Cleveland, N. C., were in Hayesville Monday and Tuesday on business. These gentlemen are interested in building a veneer plant at Hayesville.

## CLAY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN AUGUST 6

All public schools of Clay County except Hayesville school will open August the sixth. The Hayesville school will open Monday, August the 20th. The following teachers have been elected to teach in the various schools: Hayesville: Mr. T. C. Lingerfelt, Bessmer City, N. C., Principal; Miss Sarah J. Cochran, Blue Ridge, Ga., Math. and Latin; Miss Chole Hearn, Franklin, Ga., English and History; Mr. A. B. Scroggs, Hayesville, Science; Miss Lennis Mann Farnsworth, Greenville, Tenn., Home Economics; Mr. A. L. Penland, 7th grade; Mr. R. E. Crawford, 6th grade; Miss Beulah Padgett, 5th grade, Miss Louise Haigler, 4th grade, Mrs. W. A. McGlamery, 3rd grade; Miss Eugene Johnston, 2nd grade, Miss Ruby McCracken, 1st grade.

The following schools open Monday, August 6th: Ogdens: R. C. Pipes, Principal, Christine Anderson, H. W. Carringer, Geo. W. Stepp, Ada Thompson, (Mrs.) Lona Meaders.

Elf, Principal to be elected. White Mease, H. O. Waldroup, Dair McCracken, Thelma Penland, Dessie Moffitt.

Shooting Creek: Principal to be elected, teacher to be elected, Carrie Moffitt.

Upper Tusquittee: H. M. Moore, Eva Eller.

Lower Tusquittee: Ernest Smith.

Oak View: Leslie Crawford, Mrs. Cross Moss.

Curtis: Roy Gibson.

Sweetwater: Edgar Price, Beulah Penland.

Fires Creek: Narvie Hall.

Pinelog: Aubery Byers.

Colored: Edith Brown.

## COMMERCIAL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Mr. Glenn D. Scroggs, of Canton, Took Charge on Thursday, July 26th

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Thompson who have had the active management of the Commercial Hotel for some time gave up the management on July 26th and moved into their home in West Hayesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Scroggs, of Canton, N. C., are the new managers of this hotel having taken charge when Mr. Thompson vacated.

Mr. Scroggs is a former Clay County man, having been born and raised here. He is a brother of Mr. O. L. Scroggs of this county. Mr. Scroggs left Clay County 28 years ago and spent seven years of that time in Texas, he then came back to Canton, and has been a valuable employee of the Champion Fiber Company for twenty-one years, and for the past five years he has operated a hotel at Canton, making a great success of it. The Commercial Hotel has made good under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, has been filled to capacity with regular boarders and traveling men. We feel sure it will have as great success under Mr. Scroggs.

## OPERATED ON IN ATLANTA

Mr. Luther Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Palmer of this place was rushed to Atlanta by automobile Tuesday afternoon where he was operated on for appendicitis. He was in a very serious condition when he left Hayesville. No report as to his condition since reaching Atlanta has been received here at this time. Dr. J. M. May and Fred Palmer accompanied the young man to the hospital.