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A. BLANTON MET A TRAGIC DEATH

PROMINENT WHOLESALE GROCERYMAN INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN HIS CAR OVERTURNED ON KINGS MT. ROAD — TWO OTHER MEN INJURED.

Mr. A. Blanton of Marion was instantly killed about 7 o'clock Friday on the Shelby-Kings Mountain highway just beyond the Buffalo when the big Hudson super-six touring car he was driving overturned and pinned him underneath with two other occupants, J. B. Allen of Cleveland, Ohio and David T. Simmons of Asheville. Allen was sitting in the rear seat, while Simmons was riding with Mr. Blanton in front. Allen has badly wrenched back while Simmons suffers a broken arm and [illegible] both represent the Nulk Wear-On Wave Company of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Simmons being salesman and Mr. Allen being an officer in the company. The salesmen had been calling on Mr. Blanton's wholesale houses and he took them for a friendly drive to Kings Mountain, returning to Shelby where Mr. Blanton had an engagement to meet Miss Walker who arrived on the train from Marion to meet his father, take supper and go to Charlotte in the automobile.

The accident happened on a straight road. The car struck a bump and the road having a high crown, the machine started in a side slide. In righting the car it went off on the reverse side, hit the ditch and was overturned a time and a half, all three men being pinned underneath. Mr. Blanton was evidently caught by the steering wheel striking the back board striking the back of the head from which he sustained injuries causing death.

A party of Shelby baseball players in an automobile truck came upon the scene within a few minutes after the accident happened. The truck took to remove the heavy car could do nothing with it until a car arrived a few minutes later and furnished a jack which lifted the car from Mr. Blanton's dead body. The traveling party, a semi-conscious condition were brought to the Shelby hospital where medical attention was given. The ball players took Mr. Blanton's remains to his home in Marion and then to the home of his brother, Mr. Ceph Blanton early morning his body was taken to Marion for interment. Mr. C. S. Young, Chief of Police, Mr. and Mrs. Ceph Blanton are accompanying the remains. Mrs. Blanton had sufficiently recovered to attend the funeral at Marion, while Mr. Simmons left for his home in Asheville Monday morning.

Ab Blanton, as he was affectionately known, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Blanton of Marion, and was forty two years of age. In 1898 he was happily married to Miss Charlotte Walker of Virginia, and besides his wife, he leaves a family of two fine sons, Albert, age fourteen years, and Walker, age twelve.

In addition to his mother, two brothers, Cept of Shelby and Dob of Marion also survive and they are both men of excellent business qualifications.

The death of Mr. Blanton removes from this section its very foremost, far-sighted and forward looking business men. In 1903, he commenced on a small scale the wholesale grocery business in Marion, N. C., under the name of A. Blanton Grocery Company, with W. W. Guy and W. Bridge as associates. This was a success from the beginning and in 1906 he opened a similar house in Shelby in which Mr. C. S. Young soon became an associate and local manager, Mr. Blanton divided his time about equally between the two enterprises.

Never before North Carolina has never seen such a wonderful success as attended the growth and development of the A. Blanton Grocery Company. Before the organization of this company, the wholesale grocery business of this section was dominated and controlled by Richmond and Baltimore concerns, and men were amazed at the boldness of Ab Blanton in entering this highly organized competitive field. But this amazement soon gave place to supreme admiration as day by day by sheer merit and keen business acumen and strategy he literally drove his competitors from their long established business trenches, and became in truth and in fact the unquestioned Grocer King of North Carolina. How did he do it? In the first place, he was the natural possessor of a highly developed business instinct. It runs with his race; its in the blood. In the second place, he had a magnetic personality that gripped and held friends with the proverbial hooks of steel, and still greater than these qualities he was absolutely square. His trade soon discovered his superb honesty and complete dependability. His power business diagnosis was unexcelled. He could detect a crook by intuition and by the same token find honest men in the most unexpected places.

The public will never know the vast services he rendered hundreds of honest, but struggling merchants in this section. There was many a silent tear and heart ache in the cross road country store when it was realized that Ab Blanton was no more, but it is indeed fortunate that he surrounded himself with such worthy and competent associates who knew his plans, ambitions and aspirations for the future. His dependable co-laborer in life will carry on the organization with the same foresight and high resolves as actuated their late leader.

Magnificent Funeral

Mr. Blanton was buried in Marion Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. The funeral was a magnificent testimonial of the esteem in which the dead man was held. Every business occupation and profession was there to pay a last respect, and it seemed as though every friend had sent a flower, nothing like it has been seen in this country. from the dogwood blossoms of the poor to the elaborate orchids of the rich that filled his home with perfume of love.

It seems that Ingersoll must have had Ab Blanton in mind too, when he wrote the following beautiful words upon the occasion of his young brother's death, he said.

"While yet in love with life and raptured with the world, he passed to silence and pathetic night. Yet after all it may be best, just in the happiest, summest hour of all the voyage, while eager winds are kissing every sail to dash against the unseen rock and in an instant hear the billows roar above a sunken ship. For whether in mid-sea or among the breakers of the farther shore, a wreck at last must mark the end of each and all, and every life, no matter if its every hour is rich with love and every moment jewelled with joy, will at its close become a tragedy as sad and deep and dark as can be woven of the warp and woof of mystery and death."

Every hour of Ab Blanton's life was rich with love, the love of a thoughtful, generous and noble heart.

Capt. Hartsoe Dead

Cherryville, R. 2, April 22.—Capt. A. C. Hartsoe, one of the most prominent figures of this place, died Friday night. Funeral services will be held at Salem Church in Lincoln county at noon Sunday. Mr. Hartsoe was 73 years of age. He had been in Cherryville for five years with the Cherryville Roller Mills, previous to which time he operated the Rhyne Roller Mills in Lincoln county for thirty years.

He leaves three sons and one daughter, all of whom live here, or near here, except one son, who lives in Alabama.

Men With Dependents Discharged

Notification was received from the War Department Monday by the Adjutant General's office, Raleigh, that men in the army and in the National Guard with dependent familes must be discharged. Heretofore, the understanding has been that dependent families are grounds for obtaining a discharge if desired. The present order leaves no alternative, and the ranks must be thinned of men who have dependents, whether they wish it or not. It is set forth that dependent mother, wife or children, or all of them, constitute reason for discharge.

Mrs. Hull's Sister Dead

Friends of Mrs. J. H. Hull will sympathise with her in the death of her sister, Mrs. George Costner at Lincolnton Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, following a patient and brave fight for life extending over several months. The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon at 4:30 and the buriel was in the Episcopal Cemetery. The deceased was one of Lincolnton's most prominent families.

Surviving are a husband, Doctor George Costner and four small children; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Abernethy; one sister, Mrs. J. H. Hull, of Shelby, and three brothers, R. S. Abernethy, J. D. Abernethy and James Abernethy of Lincolnton.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Cecelia Music Club Meets Tomorrow

The Cecelia Music club will convene tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. O. Max Gardner at 4 o'clock.

20th Century With Mrs. Kendall

The regular business session of the Twentieth Century club will convene on Friday afternoon with Mrs. H. E. Kendall instead of with Miss Annie Miller as scheduled in the year book. The hour is 4:30.

D. C. Committee Meeting This Afternoon

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the various committees on arrangement for the soldiers dinner May 10th are to meet with the president of the chapter, Mrs. J. C. Smith, the meeting to be held in the court house.

Missionary Circle to Meet Thursday

The Missionary Study Circle of Central Methodist church which held its first study in the church parlor last Thursday afternoon will convene Thursday afternoon of each week at the church.

All the ladies of the church are cordially invited to join the class, as the program of study is a most interesting one, the subject being "The South of Today." Rev. Mr. Chas. Wood has charge of the lectures.

Miss Dover Hostess

On last Friday afternoon Miss Lila Dover was hostess to the members of the Ishpening Literary club at her attractive home on South Washington street.

A most interesting program on short story writers was rendered, after which the hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Helen Dover and Miss Margaret McMurry served an elaborate salad course, punch and stuffed dates.

The next meeting will convene with Miss Blanche Johns.

GASTON NEWS

Dentists Offer Their Services—Soldiers Enlisting—Dallas to Have A Fair.

The Gazette, April 20th:

Nine young Gaston county boys have enlisted this week in the United States Army at the local recruiting station. They were forwarded to Fort Stevens, Ga., for training. All of these young men enlisted for the infantry branch. This makes a total of 49 men who have been sent from the Gastonia station so far this month.

The dentists of Gastonia are no less patriotic and are demanding that they be allowed to do their part in preparing the men to join Company B. for service in the National Guard. They have tendered their services to Capt. A. L. Bulwinkle and will, without cost, do any dental work that is necessary to place young men in serviceable conditon.

The records in Registrar of Vital Statistics W. Meek Adams' office for the month of March are as follows: Gastonia, white, births 22, deaths 11, colored, births, 2, deaths 5; Gastonia township, outside, white, births 13, deaths 4; colored, births 3, deaths 1. Total: White, births 35; deaths 15; colored, births 5, deaths 6.

For perfecting the plans and appointing the permanent committees and to facilitate the greatest success possible for the Dallas Community Fair to be held this fall at Dallas, a big mass meeting of all of the people of the Dallas community has been called for Saturday evening, April 21st, at 8 p. m. and from all prospects a large crowd will turn out on this occasion.

President May Use Hoe

The White House is about to join the increased food production movement by planting a garden of its own in which President Wilson may wield a hoe when he finds a spare moment.

With the approval of Secretary Tumulty, White House employes secured permission from the Department of Justice to use for gardenng purposes a half-acre of vacant land in the downtown section of Washington.

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MILITARY SCHOOL

To Train Citizens for Commissioned Officers, to be Held at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia Fom May 8th, to August 8th, 1917.

A training school for the purpose of preparing American citizens for service as commissioner officers during the period of the present war will be held as above indicated.

Those who satisfactorily complete the preparatory work will be commissioned as officers in the U. S. Army. It is not necessary that applicants should have any previous military training. The purpose of the school is to make officers out of citizens.

The United States is now entering the greatest war in its history and has on its hands the job of raising an army of TWELVE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN, with no other officers than those of the regular army and National Guard to start with. The immediate and imperative need is for additional officers who can train and handle men, and for this we shall require in the next four or five months approximately forty thousand officers in all branches of the service.

North Carolina is called upon to furnish ONE THOUSAND of these, and all that is necessary to start with is a sound body, a clear thinking mind, and the desire for patriotic service. Surely this great State will not fail to furnish her full quota.

Men between the ages of twenty years nine months and forty four who desire to enter, communicate at once with R. W. GLENN, Division Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

Lincoln Notes

The News, April 20:

Toney Ledford and Miss Georgia Howell both of North Brook, were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Howell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. C. Fortenberry at Cherryville.

Messrs. T. Thos. McLean, Jr., and Wm. Huffman, two young men of this city left Tuesday for Charlotte where they stood examinations for admittance into the Navy. This county has several boys already in the navy, and these new additions go forward at a time when the country needs them. These young men will go from Raleigh to Newport, where they will go in training.

The Government Saving

The government has saved already $850,000 on cartridge cases bought for the navy under the recent agreement made with copper producers by Bernard Baruch, of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defence. The government is supplying the manufacturers with copper required to fill the orders instead of purchasing it through the manufacturers at market prices. The copper men have agreed to supply the government with several million tons of copper at the average price of the last 10 years. Mr. Baruch is now working on similar agreements with lead, zinc and oil producers.

Memorial at Sandy Plains

There will be memorial services at Sandy Plains church May 19. Program for the day:

10:30 A. M.—Devotional exercises.
11:00 A. M.—A sermon—By Rev. L. W. Swope of Boiling Springs.

Immediately after the sermon, decoration of the graves. Dinner. At 1:30 o'clock, an address by Rev. D. J. Hunt of Cliffside.

C. R. WHITAKER,
L. S. JENKINS,
G. A. PRICE, Committee.

Marriage is no Shield

Marriage is going to be no shield for the slacker. The war department announced that all men married since the outbreak of the war will be treated upon the same basis as unmarried men in so far as their military obligations are concerned. It is evident that department officials do not want to interfere with Cupid but they are determined that he shall not interfere with the raisng of an army.

The Terrors of English

If an S and an I, and an O and a U,
With an X at the end spells Su,
And an E and a Y and E spell I,
Pray what is a speller to do?
Then if also an S and an I and a G
And a H E D spell side,
There's nothing much left for a speller to do
But go commit siouxeyesighed!
—Hotel Register.

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Bluebell Oil Stoves this week, only twenty-five left to sell at old prices. J. D. Lineberger's Sons. Oil Stove Wicks for National, Boss, Bluebell, Perfection Stoves. adv.

FROM OVER THE COUNTRY

Items of Interest About Various Matters.

Asked if he thought the Confederate reunion in Washington next month should be postponed or cancelled on account of the international situation, President Wilson said he saw no reason for the postponement.

Forty-two men were injured, 14 of them seriously enough to warrant hospital attention, in the collapse of a section of the bleachers at a ball game in Cleveland, O. If they had been working garden patches they wouldn't have been hurt.

Miss Jeannette Rankin, the congresswoman from Montana, failed to state her age in the biographical sketch in the new congressional directory. Her biography is stated in just five words: "Jeannette Rankin, Republican, of Missoula."

Detailing army officers to educational institutions for military instruction work has been ordered discontinued by the War Department, with a suggestion that students of military age can best serve their country by joining the army or navy.

R. J. Wilson was killed at Union, S. C., by the explosion of a barrel of white-wash. Unslaked lime had been placed in the barrel to make a lime spray to be used in whitewashing. Wilson was knocked down by a portion of the barrel striking him in the forehead and his skull was fractured.

After being without food and water 15 days, during which time they saw their five comrades die of thurst, one committing suicide in delirum, two survivors of the crew of the British schooner Annittina reached Baltimore. The schooner took fire at sea and was abandoned by the crew.

Charges that merchants are commercializing the wave of patriotism by advancing the prices on American flags from 100 per cent to 300 per cent., were made in a resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Pomerene, asking that an investigation be made by the Federal Trade Commission.

Farmers of the spring wheat belt, particularly those of North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Washington, Montana and Idaho, are called on by Secretary Houston to plant more wheat immediately to make up the serious shortage threatened by the unpromising condition of the winter wheat crop.

The Canadian government has placed wheat, wheat flour and semolina—the finest wheat flour—on the free list, thus opening the United States markets to Canada and Canadian markets to the United States in these products. This may help consumers in the United States if Canada has a big wheat crop.

New York has the honor of raising the first regiment for the army since war was declared. The organization will be designated the First Reserve Engineers and will be officered almost entirely by men taken from the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps. Its 1,200 members got their training in police construction work in New York.

George Bakhmeteff, Russian ambassador to the United States since 1911, has notified the provisional government at Petrograd that he will relinquish his office and asked that some one be named to take charge of the embassy. Distinctly a member of the old imperial regime, the ambassador's separation fom the new democatic govenment has been a foregone conclusion.

MR. SUTTLE INJURED

Aged Man Run Down by Mr. Queen's Car on Streets of Shelby.

Saturday afternoon, Mr. D. R. E. Suttle was run down by Mr. John Queen's automobile on West Warren street with the result that Mr. Suttle was painfully bruised about the head, arms, knees and ankles. Mr. Suttle had stepped down from the curb at Doggett's livery stable to go over to Mr. J. E. Webb's store when Mr. Queen came along at a moderate rate of speed, knocked him down and dragged him several feet, the car stradling his body. Mr. Queen did ton stop, but friends took victim and called medical attention. He was taken to Paul Webb's drug store where the wounds were dressed. Later he was taken home where he was resting very well yesterday and will recover, unless he has internal injuries from which complications might arise.

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BOILING SPRINGS SCHOOL CLOSES

WALTER N. JOHNSON DELIVERS LITERARY ADDRESS, O. N. LOVELACE ALUMNI ADDRESS AND REV. LEE WHITE ANNUAL SERMON.

Rev. Walter N. Johnson, a superb speaker and one of the most original thinkers in the State, delivered the literary address at Boiling Springs High School Wednesday. With the graduation exercises the school closed its most successful year. The enrollment was very gratifying and the work accomplished in the class rooms will forever reflect credit and honor upon the institution founded a number of years ago by the Kings Mt., and Sandy Run Baptist Associations. Mr. Johnson's address was highly enjoyed by a large crowd. A quartet opened the Wednesday morning exercises, Misses Harrill, Walser, Wall and Thorne singing March Celebre. After the address Misses Gold, Bridges, Simmons, Gold, Green, Wilson, Lattimore and Wright, rendered a chorus, "Come Where the Lillies Bloom."

At the graduating exercises 2 p. m. Wednesday, Misses Gold and Walser sang a duet, "Festival March." J. Y. Green delivered the salutatory while C. Howard Gillespie delivered an oration. Miss Harrill following on the program with a solo, then Miss Rebecca Ritch read an essay. Misses Skinner and Walser sang a duet and Miss Nellie Copeland delivered the valedictory which closed the exercises.

The Boiling Springs Commencement exercises began Sunday morning with the annual sermon by Rev. Lee McB. White, pastor of First Baptist church Shelby who delivered a most helpful and inspiring message to a large congregation. Monday at 11 a. m., was the art exhibi. At 2 p. m. the readers contest program was rendered as follows, Messrs. Burns and Walser singing a duet entitled "Shadow Dancy." The readings were "Engaged" by Mettie Parker; "The Little Rebel" by Marie Mauney; "Prima Donna" by Rebecca Ritch; "The College Oil Can" by Marie Allen; "Music on the Rappahannock" by Minnie Carpenter; "A Pathetic Incident" by Carroll Long. Miss Thorne sang a solo; Misses Skinner and Walser a duet and Misses Gold Bridges, Mauney and Burns a quartet.

Attorney O. N. Lovelace, one of the most promising young members of the Shelby bar and an alumnus of the school delivered an address on The Products of the Institution. His address was a gem in composition and thought and delivered in Mr. Lovelace's matchless manner. Miss Claudia Lattimore read the alumnae essay, her subject being, "The Value of an Ideal."

Class Day Exercise

Duet—By Misses Gold and Walser.
Address by the President—J. Y. Green.
Class History—By Blanche Gold.
Solo—Among the Blossoms— Miss Skinner.
Poem—By Floyd Green.
Charactistic Gifts—By H. O. Champion.
Solo—By Miss Gold.
Prophecy—By Ossie Harrill.
Reciprocator—By Zelia Batchelor.
Duet — By Misses McCraw and Mauney.
Last Will and Testament—By C. G. Long.

Orators Contest

Quartette—By Misses Gold, Harrill, Wall and Walser.
"Emblem of the Tree"—By C. Howard Gillespie.
"Columbia and Her People"— By Wilbur Cash.
Solo—By Miss Wall.
"Our Part in Life"—By Clyde Hawkins.
"The Destiny of Man"—By C. G. Long.
Quartette—By Misses Long, Higgins, Green, Mr. Gardner.
"The Dawning of a Morning"—By Hugh Mauney.
Trio—By Misses Long, Higgins and Padgett.

Marshals were: Paul L. Ritch and Vera Lattimore, chiefs; Clarence E. Dedmon, Mettie Parker, C. Meade Ewing, Eunice Oglesby, Barrett Champion, Ada Ferree, Palmer Harrill and Ollie Green.

Appeal to Germans to Hold Out

An appeal to the German people not to give in for the sake of a mouthful of bread, but "to hold out only a little while longer," is printed in The Norddeutsche Allgemine Zeitung.

"America found out," says the statement, "that England will be beaten, and she entered the war to save what she could of the money put into the munition business. Shall we let America reap the profits? Set your teeth and it will soon be over. Remember, all is at stake."

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