

# Letter 9 Years Late Ends Romance Of War

## Beautiful Girl And Handsome Captain Waited In Vain. He Died.

Forest City.—It took just a few days over nine years for a letter, mailed in April, 1918, at a post-office in a town in South Carolina to be delivered to a beautiful girl to whom it was addressed, says the Forest City Correspondent to The Rutherford Sun. The long delay was explained by the postal authorities with the brief statement that the letter must have fallen behind a partition in the office or behind a box. Anyway it was found when the post office was moved to new quarters in the same town. The Sun, at the request of the recipient, cannot give her name, the post office where the letter was mailed, or where it was delivered in Rutherford county.

Received Too Late.  
It was April, 1918 and a Captain, young and handsome, was on his way to New York to sail from that port to join the American Expeditionary Forces in France at that time. He wrote the letter and trusted it to the mails. He had but a day or two at the port of embarkation and anxiously he waited for a reply but it never came. The question asked remained unanswered. With the bitterness of youth thwarted in love he sailed. With the aching void in his heart, the void caused by an unanswered appeal, he fought and died. And the girl, in the lovely beauty of the spring time of youth, waited and wondered why no letter came, why he had sailed to the war without a word to her. Were all men alike? Were they all faithless? And she knows. Still beautiful, still attractive and lovely, she knows, but it is too late.

### DeCamp Quits As Editor In Gaffney

Veteran Newspaperman Turns  
Tri-Weekly Over To Employees In Gaffney.

Gaffney, S. C., July 1.—Ed H. DeCamp, editor and publisher of the Gaffney Ledger, thrice-a-week newspaper, since its establishment in 1894, yesterday relinquished control of the paper to F. W. Sosaman and S. C. Littlejohn who have been connected with the business for several years. Mr. Sosaman, who is Mr. DeCamp's son-in-law, will continue to be the business manager and Mr. Littlejohn will succeed Mr. DeCamp as editor.

Mr. DeCamp's retirement from active work marks the passing from South Carolina journalism of a sincere, vigorous champion of the right as he saw it. He never hesitated to express his opinions on public questions and not infrequently his views differed from those held by persons in authority. He has been a consistent advocate of improved highways, having written innumerable editorials favoring good roads. Mr. DeCamp generally took a stand in political questions, local and state. At one time he was sued for \$25,000 for alleged libel by J. H. Buice as the result of statements in a political editorial. The suit was settled out of court and later Mr. DeCamp and Mr. Buice became business partners.

Beginning his career as a printer while still a boy in Charlotte, Mr. DeCamp worked on some of the larger newspapers of the country in New York, Atlanta, Columbia and other cities. He helped get out the first issue of The State at Columbia, and resigned the forerunner of The State office to come to Gaffney and start The Ledger.

While relinquishing active newspaper work Mr. DeCamp will continue the publication of Grit and Steel, the world's largest game fowl monthly, which he owns.

### YORK NEGRO WILL GET FAST TRIAL

York, S. C.—(INS)—McKinley Thomason, the negro who is alleged to have attacked and then murdered a prominent York county woman last week, will get speedy justice.  
The negro, who was rushed to the Columbia penitentiary after he had been captured, will face trial at the term of criminal court convening here on July 11.  
A mob of 2,500 searched for the negro here for more than a day. Officers, however, succeeded in thwarting mob violence, and spirited the negro to the state prison.  
The negro is alleged to have made a complete confession.

### WALKS 25 MILES TO GET HUSBAND

Woman Would Have Hiked Back  
Home After Failing To  
Secure Warrant.

Gaffney.—Motivated by a desire for vengeance, rather than any wish to wrest long distance hiking honors from competing members of her sex, Mrs. Lawrence Hughey Tuesday walked from Henrietta, to Gaffney, upwards of 25 miles, to swear out a warrant for her husband, who, she claimed, deserted her at Henrietta a few weeks ago after 15 years of married life.

Application for the warrant had to be refused by Magistrate Floyd L. Baker, as the alleged desertion took place in North Carolina.

Not being acquainted with anyone in Gaffney Mrs. Hughey prepared to start the return journey to Henrietta afoot, but Mr. Baker secured the co-operation of Captain Frank J. Riggs, Salvation Army officer, in making arrangements for her to spend the night here. Captain Riggs early yesterday took the woman back to Henrietta in his car.

Mrs. Hughey told Mr. Baker her husband had married another woman since coming to Gaffney but a search of the records in the office of Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup failed to show license issued to him. Mr. Baker advised Mrs. Hughey to swear out a warrant in North Carolina and send it to Gaffney for service, providing her husband is here.

### PER CAPITA DEBT RATE OF N. C. \$42

Raleigh.—Net indebtedness, per capita, less sinking fund assets increased from \$3.85 in 1917 to \$42.03 in 1926, financial statistics obtained at the state capitol revealed.

The per capita debt of the state increased from \$33.44 to \$42.03 from 1925 to 1926, figures show. Total payments for general department expenses, and public service enterprises, amounted to \$45,804,026, this sum including all payments, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues. The \$45,804,026 was apportioned in the following manner:

General departments, maintenance and operation \$16,292,922 including \$1,923,579 apportioned for education to the minor civic divisions. Public service enterprises expenses \$16,635, debt interest \$5,214,374. Permanent improvement on highways \$24,280,265.

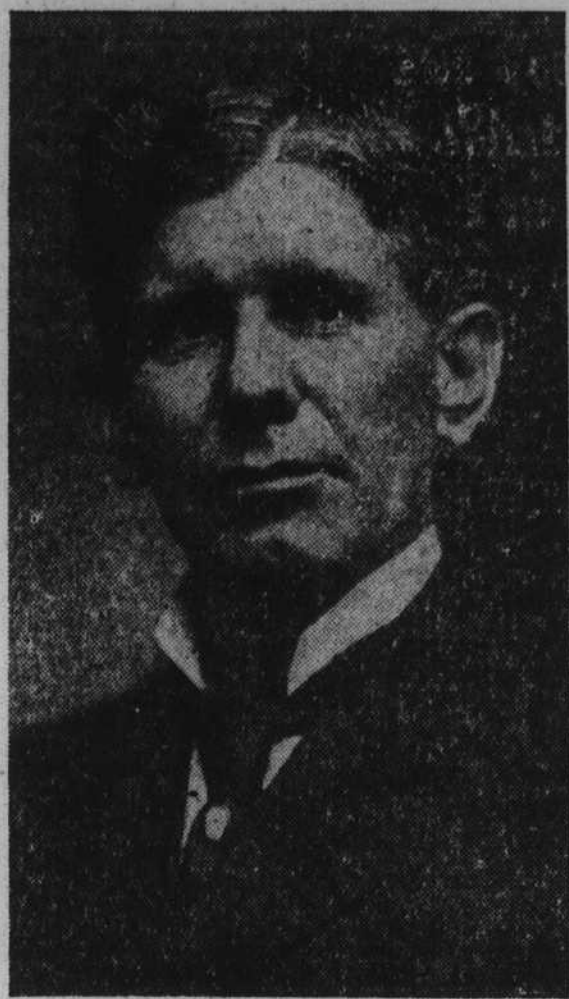
The highway commission spent \$23,990,981 during the year, the report states of which \$21,050,671 was for construction and \$2,940,210 for maintenance.

### Hootch, Haste And Hugging Cause Of Most Auto Wrecks

The State Highway Department of Ohio is using a number of safety-first slogans at safety exhibitions in an effort to reduce motor accidents. Several of these were originated by the department and have found wide vogue. Here are some of them:

1. Don't try to scare locomotives with your horn.
2. A road hog roots up macadam with his nose.
3. Our roads are wide and smooth—don't burn them up.
4. Death is so permanent—take a minute or two at those dangerous railroad crossings.
5. Tragedy in seven words: Speed increases, breath ceases, rest in pieces.
6. Horse sense as well as horse power should enter into the operation of motor vehicles.
7. Live to ride another day by obeying signs—they mean what they say.
8. Drive with care—you may meet a fool.
9. A reckless driver is a criminal.
10. Keep your hands on the wheel—let your girl hug herself.
11. The three "H's"—Hootch—Hugging—haste—cause 75 per cent of the motor accidents.

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### Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Evangelist Talks At Rotary Club Luncheon

The standards of luncheon clubs in promoting higher principles in business and a better fellowship among business men is one of the most gratifying systems in America as an aftermath of the world war, Dr. L. R. Scarborough told members of the Shelby Rotary club at their luncheon today at noon at the Central hotel.

Dr. Scarborough, conducting evangelistic services at the First Baptist church, and Dr. Zeno Wall were guests of the club.

Community Cancer.  
"The business man who succeeds in a community and does not serve his community without selfish motives is a cancer to that community," the evangelist declared.

"We live too fast and keep driving relentlessly for dollars when we should get more fellowship and diversion in our lives," the speaker stated in telling of the value of luncheon clubs.

### Prison "Death Row" Lonely Now With Only Three Occupants There

Raleigh, June 30.—(INS)—State Prison's death row presented a lonely appearance today, with only three condemned men along the row of strong cells. There were four, but executive clemency whisked Joe Andres, Franklin county negro, from the jaws of death, and placed him in the State hospital for the insane (colored) at Goldsboro.

It now appears that there will be no execution at the prison for the remainder of the summer. The lone white man of Death's Row is W. L. Ross, alleged double slayer of Warren county, but he will get a new trial in September.

The other two inmates, negroes from Gaston county, have appeals before the State Supreme Court. Their execution will be stayed until the high tribunal acts on their cases. The Supreme Court is now having its summer recess, and the cases will not be reached until fall.

Ross, the white prisoner, was convicted nearly two years ago, for the murder of an aged Warren county couple, the benefactors of his little daughter. Aleinists are now examining the doomed man for traces of insanity. They are expected to make a report on his case in the near future.

### REPENTANCE IS SUBJECT OF DOCTOR SCARBOROUGH

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heart-breaking concern is shown protected from the wrath of God in forgiveness. They show David Israel's singer and king; Isaiah, the greatest of the prophets, Paul God's foremost man and Christ's chief disciple and Jesus himself all showing their heart-aching desire to see men saved from the guilt, peril and destiny of sin in an endless eternity. These are examples for us who live after them.

There are some vital reasons why Christian people should today learn that compassion for men out of Christ.

- 1.—Christ's and Paul's examples. They were our leaders in religious experience and we should follow them in this deeper life also.
- 2.—The deep soulful meaning of sin, its guilt, its dangers, its perils, its awful consequences, its destiny in eternal separations from God, ought to stir us for interest for our last friends. Sin is real and destiny is unspeakably bad.
- 3.—All the glories of being saved—All the meaning of being God's children should stir us to desire to see our unsaved friends enjoy these eternal blessings.
- 4.—This compassion affecting our interest in men is the finest expression and demonstration of discipleship as we follow Christ.

Wednesday Night Sermon.  
"The Son of Man come to seek that which was lost." The 15 chapter of Luke is the "lost" chapter in God's word. It tells of the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost son and the search for them. These parables are Christ's impressive messages to men of the Father's searching, seeking love for lost men everywhere.

The preacher discussed the Bi-

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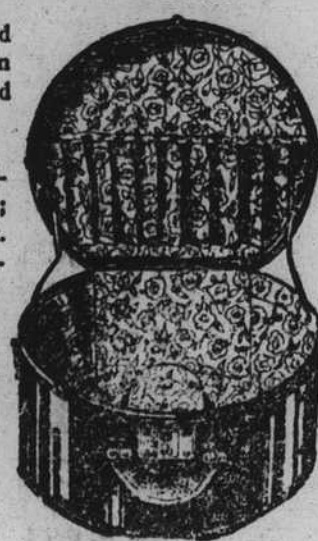
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