

**DEATH OF MR. W. D. PARKS**

3/13/1931  
Mr. W. D. Parks, aged 78, died about 12 o'clock Tuesday night after many years of sore affliction with his eyes and an illness of some weeks. He was a farmer and lived at home. In business he made many friends by his fair dealing.

He was a life long member of Union Presbyterian Church which he served first as a Deacon and for many years as an Elder. For years he was Superintendent of the Sabbath school.

He leaves a wife who was a Miss Timms, one daughter and six sons. He was a good citizen—was interested in all things that affected the public welfare.

Mr. Parks was buried at Union church Thursday at 11 a. m. Rev. G. G. Mayes, his pastor, conducted the services.

**FUNERAL IN WINNSBORO FOR MISS MATTIE POPE**

4/19/1931  
Funeral services for Miss Mattie Pope, who died at her home in the Lebanon section of the county, were held at Lebanon Presbyterian church conducted by the Rev. H. Floyd Surles, pastor, of Bethany Baptist church of which she was a member. Her death is greatly regretted. She spent her entire life in Fairfield county, where she had many friends.

She is survived by two brothers, J. W. Pope and J. C. Pope and one sister, Mrs. J. C. Stone and numerous nephews and nieces of this county.

**JAKE R. PLEASANTS**

5/22/1931  
Whereas our Heavenly Father saw fit to call unto Himself Jake R. Pleasants, a faithful member of the Greenbrier Epworth League, and whereas the passing of this young man has cast a shadow of grief and sadness over the community.

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we thank God for his life among us, for his kindly nature that endeared him to all those whose lives he touched.

Second, that while we deeply mourn his going, we are resigned to our Father's will, and shall ever remember his consecrated life of service.

Third, that a page in our Minute Book be dedicated to his memory, and that copies of these resolutions be sent to his family and to the papers for publication.

C. J. McIVER, President,  
DOROTHY R. LIGON,  
M. KATHLEEN LEWIS.

**RIDGEWAY WOMAN DIES AT HOSPITAL**

1931  
Columbia, Sept. 8—Mrs. Rufus Jones, 40, of Ridgeway, died at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Baptist hospital following an illness of about three weeks.

Mrs. Jones was one of the best known and beloved residents of Ridgeway. She had lived in the same community most of her life and had made many friends there. She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and of the Ridgeway Baptist church. Before marriage she was Miss Mae Baxter, the daughter of W. E. Baxter, of Ridgeway, who survives her.

Besides her husband and father, she is survived by one son, Baxter Jones, 15; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Crumpton and Mrs. J. C. Harley, both of Ridgeway, and two brothers, J. B. Baxter and R. W. Baxter, both of Columbia.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Ridgeway with the Rev. A. L. Willis, pastor of the Ridgeway church in charge. Interment was in Aimwell cemetery.

**WINNSBORO BOY IS KILLED BY A SIDE-SWIPING TRUCK**

1931  
Columbia, March 29.—Columbia, city, Richland county, and state highway police were patrolling roads leading into Columbia early this morning seeking the driver of a hit-and-run truck that fatally injured Howell Jones, 18-year-old Winnsboro youth, Saturday night between 8 and 9 o'clock on the outskirts of Ridgeway, seven miles from Winnsboro. The boy's mother saw him struck down by the truck.

Young Jones was brought to the Baptist hospital immediately after the accident for emergency treatment and died at 1:33 o'clock this morning.

According to Harry Smith, stepfather of Jones, the youth was run down by the truck as he was attempting to repair a punctured automobile tire on the side of the road. Young Jones, his mother and four children, Curtis Sharpe and his mother, Mrs. Ella Sharpe, and a brother, Woodrow Sharpe, were returning to Winnsboro from Orangeburg when a tire on their automobile was punctured, Mr. Smith said.

While the boys were repairing the tire, according to Mr. Smith, the truck speeded toward them and his step-son jumped on the running board of his car in order to avoid being hit. However, Mr. Smith stated, the truck came so close to the car that Jones was crushed about the body and head. Sharpe escaped with a slight hand injury.

The injured youth was picked up unconscious twenty feet from where he was hit, and carried to a negro's house nearby until an ambulance from Winnsboro could be summoned to bring him to the Baptist hospital, witnesses said. Jones suffered a severe fracture of the skull, physicians at the hospital said.

The truck, according to police and eye-witnesses of the accident, carried a cattle body.

Rural Policeman J. M. Jones, of Fairfield county, immediately telephoned a description of the truck to Columbia and Richland county police, and highway patrolmen were notified and pressed into service to find the driver of the truck.

Witnesses told officers they believed the driver of the truck was a white man.

**FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. D. W. RUFF**

1931  
Ridgeway, April 4.—Mrs. Florence Rembert Ruff, 63, died at her home at Ridgeway Thursday morning.

Mrs. Ruff was the widow of D. Walter Ruff, who died July 29, 1929. She was a member of Ridgeway Episcopal church.

She is survived by one son, D. W. Ruff, Jr.; three daughters, Mrs. L. E. Hooten, Mrs. P. R. Scott, Miss Dorothy Ruff, all of Ridgeway; two sisters, Mrs. G. R. Hammett of Bishopville, Miss Emmie Spann of Timmons ville, and one brother, G. E. Rembert, also of Bishopville.

Funeral services were held from the residence with the Rev. R. Sanders Guignard of Columbia and the Rev. W. P. Peyton of Rock Hill in charge.

Mrs. Ruff was a woman of many fine traits of character and she was greatly loved and admired by those who knew her.

**STROKE IS FATAL TO G. W. RAGSDALE**

9/18/1931  
Prominent Attorney and Former Legislator Dies at Home in Winnsboro.

G. W. Ragsdale, prominent member of the local bar and outstanding and recognized in his profession throughout the state, died at his home here last Friday morning. Several months ago Mr. Ragsdale suffered a stroke of paralysis and since that time had been declining, although until recently his friends had hoped that he would recover.

Mr. Ragsdale was born at Jenkinsville, Fairfield county, June 3, 1858. His academic education was received at Furman university, after which he prepared for his profession in the law offices of James H. Rion, and was admitted to the bar in 1882. Shortly after this he served in the legislature for several terms, and was a member of the constitutional convention of 1895. He again served in the general assembly as senator from 1920 to 1924, during which time he was nominated for a vacant judgeship, the contest finally resulting in the election of Judge J. K. Henry. Since that time he had devoted his time to the practice of his profession. Throughout his career he has been a student and philosopher, more interested in seeing that justice was done than personal success, often taking cases which involved a principle rather than for reasons of financial reward.

His parents were Elijah Ragsdale and Nancy Ragsdale. March 16, 1887, he married Miss Inez McMeekin who survives him. From this union the following children were born: Mrs. J. H. McLaurin and Mrs. G. G. McLaurin of Dillon, W. G. Ragsdale, R. W. Ragsdale and Miss Edith Ragsdale of Winnsboro.

Funeral services were held from the home Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, with interment in the Methodist cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were: Members of Winnsboro Bar, Dr. J. C. Buchanan, Sr., Jno. W. Cathcart, W. H. Flenniken, Dr. J. D. McMeekin, C. F. Elliott, D. V. Walker, Sr., A. Lee Scruggs, H. C. Elliott, D. L. Stevenson, C. W. McCants, H. A. McMeekin, K. R. McMaster and F. A. DesPortes; active—A. M. Owens, P. M. Dees, Ernest Gladden, G. F. Patton, U. G. DesPortes and A. E. Davis.

**DEATH OF MRS. E. D. ROU**

1931  
News of the death of Mrs. E. D. Rou of Reddick, Fla., was received here Thursday night, Jan. 22. Mrs. Rou was the former Miss Esther Jennings of Winnsboro. She was the daughter of the late State Treasurer R. H. Jennings and Mrs. Jennings.

Mrs. Rou was buried in Reddick last Saturday. She is survived by her husband and seven children. Nine brothers and sisters also survive. Mrs. M. E. Curlee and J. M. Jennings of Winnsboro are two of them. They attended the funeral services.

**MRS. J. W. SEIGLER'S DEATH CAUSES GREAT SORROW HERE**

8/28/1931  
The entire community was saddened when news was received here Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Minnie Utes Seigler, one of the most beloved women of Winnsboro, at Hickory, N. C., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alex Menzies. Mrs. Seigler had been in poor health for several months, having suffered two strokes of paralysis. About a week ago she had the third stroke.

**J. L. STROHECKER DIES IN GREENVILLE**

1931  
Greenville, Feb. 5.—Funeral services for John Lewis Strohecker, prominent pharmacist of this city, and proprietor of the Sans Souci pharmacy, who died shortly before 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the family home, 110 Brockman avenue, Sans Souci, will be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at the Mackey mortuary. The services will be conducted by the Rev. J. H. Viser, the Rev. A. R. Mitchell and the Rev. M. T. Wharton, and the interment will be made in Springwood cemetery.

The following persons will serve as the active pallbearers and meet at the mortuary promptly at 4:30 o'clock. H. T. Tullis, J. C. Campbell, R. L. Wolfe, G. A. Neal, J. T. McKinney and W. T. Snow.

The honorary escort will be composed of the officers of the Third Presbyterian church, Dr. John M. Fewell, Dr. V. P. Bell, Dr. W. H. Smith and C. O. Shell.

Mr. Strohecker was prominently connected in Charleston, where he was reared. He was deeply interested in religious matters, and active in church work all of his life. Mr. Strohecker formerly resided in Monks Corner, and took a prominent part in all affairs of the town, serving as mayor, and doing much for the community's progress during his administration. During the World war he rendered a distinguished service to his country, heading the Berkeley County Red Cross association as chairman for the Liberty Loan drive in this county. In former years he was associated in business with the first president of the South Carolina Pharmaceutical association. As a young man he was active as a member of the Washington light infantry, of Charleston. He was 63 years of age, and had lived in Greenville for eight years.

Mr. Strohecker was a member of the Sam-Poe lodge, No. 284, A. F. M.

He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Mary Waring Lockwood prior to her marriage. She died on January 12, 1893. Surviving this marriage are two sons and two daughters: J. G. Strohecker, executive secretary of the Greenville Community Chest; W. L. Strohecker, and Mrs. George S. Hudson, of Greenville; and Mrs. C. W. Braswell, of Columbia.

His second marriage was with Miss Laura E. Gerig, of Winnsboro, who survives him.

One sister, Mrs. E. M. Lockwood, of Charleston, also survives him, as do six grandchildren.

Pending the hour of the service, the body will remain at the home, 110 Brockman avenue, Sans Souci.

Mrs. Seigler was born in Charleston but had lived in Winnsboro almost all of her life. She was reared in the home of the late Dr. B. J. Quattlebaum, her parents having died when she was young. About thirty-five years ago she was married to John W. Seigler, who preceded her to the grave. She continued to make her home here except for trips to Hickory and Badin, N. C., to visit her two daughters.

Funeral services were held here Wednesday afternoon at the Episcopal cemetery, the services conducted by the Episcopal rector from Hickory, assisted by the Rev. H. Floyd Surles of the First Baptist church here.

Mrs. Seigler is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alex Menzies of Hickory and Mrs. Jimmie Black of Badin, and two grandchildren, Betty and Jimmie Black, Jr. tokens of love and esteem.