

64. Mary Lou McMaster, 10, Passes After Illness of Weeks

Mary Lou McMaster, 10, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Riley McMaster of Winnsboro, died at 10:30 Sunday evening at the Providence hospital, Columbia, after an illness of five weeks.

Besides her parents, she is survived by a younger sister, Margaret, and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Haynes of Mount Airy, North Carolina.

A fourth grade pupil, she excelled in her school work, and was a talented musician as well. An attractive, beautiful child, Mary Lou was a prime favorite with young and old alike.

Funeral services, conducted by Dr. Oliver Johnson, pastor of the A. R. P. church, were held from the home Tuesday at 12 o'clock and interment was in the church cemetery. Active pallbearers were T. K. McDonald, J. H. Owens, H. E. Johnson and G. M. Ketchin.

Miss Kate Obear, 89, Dies at Home

Beloved Winnsboro Woman, Teacher, Author and Long-time Church Organist, Passes Saturday Afternoon.

Miss Katherine Theus Obear died at her home on South Congress Street in Winnsboro Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, after a brief illness. She would have been ninety years old October 3rd.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. James L. Grant, were held Sunday afternoon from St. John's Episcopal church, and interment was in the family plot in the Episcopal cemetery.

Born in Randolph Centre, Vermont, the daughter of Reverend Josiah Obear, an Episcopal rector, and Mrs. Julia Saffery Obear, a native of London, England, Miss Obear was brought to Winnsboro by her father when she was three years of age, and she has lived here for the ensuing eighty-six years.

For many years Miss Obear ran a private school here and many a native of Winnsboro learned his first lessons under "Miss Kate." In her book, which was published 14 months ago, she listed from memory more than 200 former pupils. Devoutly religious and devoted wholeheartedly to the work of her church, Miss Obear served as organist of St. John's for half a century.

She was the author of two books. The first, titled "Four Months at Glencairn," was published in 1913, and the scene of the story was laid in Winnsboro. The second, "Through the Years in Old Winnsboro," came off the press in December, 1940. It is a delightful record of personalities and events of the town gathered through nearly a century of keen observation.

Miss Obear is survived by two nephews, Josiah J. Obear, of Winnsboro, and Maj. Hugh H. Obear, of Washington, D. C. A niece, Miss Elizabeth Obear, and a grandnephew, H. Norwood Obear, both of Winnsboro, also survive.

A teacher of two generations, as many of her old pupils speak most affectionately of "Miss Kate." A sincere friend and consecrated Christian, she was a woman of unassuming piety and abiding faith whose life and example were an asset to the community in which she lived. The Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Winnsboro, in grateful appreciation of her long and devoted service in the Master's Cause, hereby dedicate this tribute to her memory, and send a copy to her family and The News and Herald and Piedmont Churchman for publication.

MRS. PATRICK LOSES MOTHER

Mrs. Matthew W. Patrick of White Oak was called to Marissa, Ill., last Wednesday by the death of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Jane Nixon.

Mrs. Nixon, a prominent woman who had long taken a sympathetic interest in the civic, social and religious life of her community, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the age of 83. She apparently suffered a heart attack as she was crossing the terrace of her home.

Funeral services, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. McNary of the United Presbyterian church, were held last Thursday.

Mrs. Surlles Loses Father

Mr. Frank Spotts Olmstead, father of Mrs. H. Floyd Surlles, died in Louisville, Ky., on Friday, February 13th, at the age of eighty-four. Mr. Olmstead was the son of the late Charles A. Olmstead and Elizabeth Spotts Olmstead, early settlers of Louisville. His father was the originator of the Olmstead Coal Company which has existed for one hundred years, now being known as the Pittsburgh Coal Company of Louisville.

When a young man Mr. Olmstead was General Travelers' Agent for the Monon Railway. He then became a ticket broker in Louisville, a position which he held for 25 years. Upon retiring from the ticket business he became auditor of the K. & I. Terminal Railroad for a number of years. Thirteen years ago he resigned his position as receiving clerk of (old) Herman Straus Company and retired to private life.

He was a charter member of the Louisville Order of Elks and was the second oldest member of this organization at the time of his death.

Fifty-nine years ago Mr. Olmstead married Miss Emma Howard of New Orleans. To this union ten children were born, nine of whom survive him, together with ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Louisville on Monday, February 16th, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Morris. The service was conducted by Rev. H. Floyd Surlles, who was assisted by Dr. E. F. Estes and Dr. A. K. Wright. Burial was in Cave Hill cemetery.

IN MEMORY OF MISS MARY W. PAUL

A veil of sadness was cast over our community Saturday morning when the news of her death was announced. She was a life long resident of this community, a person whom to know was to love. She was a woman of the most lovable, kind, gentle and considerate of all who came in contact with her. A kind word, a smile for all. While in poor health for some time, she never complained and with a Christian faith bore her pains and suffering and with that faith has gone to be with loved ones who have passed away and rest on the other side, where there is no pain and no suffering. We miss her, Oh! how much but her memory will still linger with those who loved her and we bow to the will of God who gave her to us, and who has taken her again to be with him. Our loss, but another flower closed here but to bloom up there.

We miss you, Oh!
We miss you,
But we shall meet
In the sweet by and by.
ONE WHO LOVED HER

Funeral Services for W. B. Pearson Dies At Home in County

Prominent Fairfield Citizen Passes Sunday Morning at Fonti Flora Plantation.

William Boyce Pearson, 60, died Sunday morning at his home, "Ponti Flora" plantation near Strother, after a lingering illness.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Lilly Holland Pearson, he is survived by three children, William Boyce Pearson, Charlotte, N. C.; George B. Pearson, Strother, and Mrs. George W. Tomlin of Columbia; three sisters, Mrs. J. G. Martin and Miss Emmaline Pearson, both of Monticello, and Miss Nellie M. Pearson of Winnsboro. Also surviving are two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Leavell's Funeral home, Newberry, conducted by Father Murphy of Columbia. Interment was in Rock Creek cemetery in Fairfield county.

Winnsboro Man Loses Father

George Daniel Pearson, 85, well known farmer of the Ogden community, died at St. Philip's hospital Thursday night after a number of years' ill health.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Friday morning at the Bass Funeral home, with interment in Mt. Holly church cemetery.

Mr. Pearson, who was born and reared in York county, had been a farmer in the Ogden community for about a half century. He was the son of the late Charlie Pearson and Mrs. Mary Murphy Pearson of York county. He was married to Miss Julia Ratteree, who died several years ago.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. M. B. Dunlap and Mrs. Olar Strait of Ogden, W. C. Pearson of Winnsboro and Lloyd Pearson of Rock Hill; also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Louise Reid of Little Rock, Ark., and 27 grandchildren.

Poston Infant Dies

Richard Ward Poston, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Poston, died Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Poston home in Winnsboro.

Surviving besides his parents are seven sisters, Hattie, Betty, Helen, Nancy, Doris Jeane, Rebecca and Sandra Poston and two brothers, Lawrence Edward and Billie Poston.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock Friday morning from the residence by the Rev. Arthur M. Martin, pastor of the Sion Presbyterian church. Burial was in the ARP cemetery.

W. H. Reynolds Dies of Burns

Wife Is Critically Injured When Kerosene Can Explodes in Winnsboro Mills Home.

Wade Hampton Reynolds, 21, died Saturday in a Columbia hospital from burns received a short time before when a kerosene can over hot coals exploded in his home in Winnsboro Mills.

His wife, Mrs. Mamie Lee Haggood Reynolds, 20, who was also burned in the explosion, is in a critical condition in a Columbia hospital. Both were rushed there following the explosion.

Resides his widow, Mr. Reynolds is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Reynolds, and an aged grandfather, Travis Reynolds, of Lugoff; four sisters, Mrs. Lula Reynolds of Winnsboro, Misses Mary and Martha Reynolds of Lugoff and Mrs. Ethel Branham of Blaney, and two brothers, James Emanuel Reynolds of Lugoff and Mark Reynolds of York.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Church of the Latter Day Saints at Centerville by the elders of the church. Interment was in the Ebenezer church cemetery at Rabon's crossroads.

Active pallbearers were Albert Watts, Ben Wylie Broom, Travis Reynolds, Tillman Evans, Dock Reynolds and R. J. Humphries.

A. Lee Scruggs Dies Suddenly

Life-Long Citizen of Fairfield Passes at His Home Here Wednesday Afternoon. Funeral Services Thursday.

Amos Lee Scruggs, 73, life-long resident of Winnsboro and Fairfield county, died at his home on High Street Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock after an illness of only two days. Death was attributed to paralysis.

The son of Clough Henry Scruggs and Mary Elizabeth Andrews Scruggs, he was born in the Union section of Fairfield county, Sept. 1, 1869. Mr. Scruggs was a farmer and fertilizer dealer and for sixteen years he served Fairfield as county treasurer. He had retired from active business several years ago. He was an honorary deacon of the First Baptist church.

Mr. Scruggs is survived by his wife, the former Etta Bell, one daughter, Mrs. Gus Mason of Laurens, two grandchildren, Henrietta and Augusta Lee Mason. Also surviving are several nieces.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. H. Floyd Surlles, the Rev. H. L. Kingman, Dr. Oliver Johnson and Dr. G. G. Mayes, will be held from the First Baptist church, Winnsboro, Thursday afternoon at five o'clock. Interment will be in the Methodist cemetery.

Funeral Services For J. M. Smarr

Funeral services for Joseph Madison Smarr, who died at his home on Sunday morning were held at Mt. Zion Baptist church at Mitford Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Wade H. Griffin of Great Falls, assisted by the Rev. D. M. Rivers of Lancaster, a former pastor, and the Rev. J. S. Pettus of the Methodist church of Great Falls.

Interment was in the church cemetery, where wreaths of lovely flowers evidenced the esteem in which he was held.

Pallbearers were Joe Wright, D. C. Robinson, F. H. Davis, M. B. Raines, J. T. Hammett and R. H. Sublett, all of Great Falls.

Mr. Smarr was the son of the late Will and Lizzie Mitchell Smarr of York county. He was employed by the Republic Cotton mills at Great Falls. He had been in declining health for some time but his sudden passing away was a great shock to the community where he had lived for many years, and was affectionately known as "Bully Smarr." His genial disposition and his great warm heart made him popular with a large circle of friends and A. Douglas of Great Falls; Miss Julia Smarr of Columbia, and Mr. Robert Rembert of Bishopville, two sons, Tom and J. W. Smarr of Great Falls, and a number of

Death Claims C. R. Spencer

Former Greenbrier Superintendent Passes at Ridgeway Home Saturday Evening

Clarendon Rivers Spencer, 76, one-time superintendent of the Greenbrier schools, died at his home in Ridgeway Saturday evening. He had been in declining health for a number of years.

Funeral services were conducted from Aimwell Presbyterian church, Ridgeway, Monday afternoon and interment was in the Quaker cemetery at Camden.

He is survived by his widow, the former Jessie Douglas Anicum of Camden; four sons, Clarendon R. Spencer, Jr., of Ridgeway, Capt. Douglas A. Spencer, now stationed in Argentina, and three daughters, Mrs. Charles E. Spencer of Mt. Airy and Mrs. Thomas A. Spencer of Chatham, N. J. Capt. Spencer is naval adviser to the Argentine government, and his son, Douglas, Jr., will graduate from the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, in June.

Mr. Spencer was born in Bishopville, Nov. 16, 1865. He was graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1887, and subsequently he took three years post graduate work in Germany, 2 years at Leipzig and one year at Heidelberg. He taught in various schools, primarily in North and South Carolina, for forty years. At one time he was superintendent of the Camden schools where he was associated with R. M. Kennedy and Dr. L. T. Baker, who are now at the University. More recently, he headed the Greenbrier school system in Fairfield county. Some years ago, his health forced him to retire from his profession.

Mr. Spencer was an elder in the Aimwell Presbyterian church and, up until a short time ago, he conducted a Sunday school class there.

Mrs. J. M. Smarr Dies At Bishopville

Mrs. Margaret Thomason Smarr, widow of the late Joseph Madison Smarr and daughter of James and Addie Steele Thomason, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rembert, near Bishopville Monday morning, December 21st at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Smarr had been ill for many months and suffered much but during this long period of illness, she remained steadfast and patient which were eminent characteristics of her life.

She was a devoted mother, a kind and thoughtful neighbor, and an interested, loyal member of the Mt. Zion Baptist church of which she had been a member for many years, where she will be sorely missed by a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Smarr is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Robert Rembert, of Bishopville, Mrs. Bruce Douglas, of Portsmouth, Va., and Miss Julia Smarr, of Columbia; two sons, Tom and J. W. Smarr, of Great Falls; also two sisters; one brother and two granddaughters and one grand son.

Funeral services were conducted from the Mt. Zion Baptist church at Mitford on Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd, by the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Griffin, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. D. M. Rivers, of Lancaster, and Rev. W. S. Pettus, of Great Falls, of the Bethesda Methodist church at Mitford.

Pallbearers were Evans Dye and Dan Peak of Great Falls, W. S. Keistler, M. B. Raines and Frank Higgins, Mitford.

Interment was in the churchyard, where she was left sleeping under a great mound of lovely flowers, by the side of her husband, who died last April.