

Tragedy at Shelton

Billy McDowell, Henry DeHart Drown Friday in Broad River

Bodies of Young Men Recovered Saturday Afternoon Following Diligent Search, and Final Rites Conducted Sunday. Hundreds Flock to Scene.

Stark tragedy struck Friday at the picturesque little village of Shelton, in northwestern Fairfield, when the swift, treacherous waters of the turbulent Broad River claimed the lives of two young men, W. B. (Billy) McDowell, Jr., 23, and Henry DeHart, 35, a native of Newberry county. Young McDowell is the son of W. B. McDowell, Sr., who is president and owner of the Shivar Springs plant located at Shelton, and a past president of the South Carolina Bottlers' association, and the Fairfield county chamber of commerce.

Although complete details may never be known, the accident is thought to have occurred around five o'clock Friday afternoon. The bodies were recovered approximately 24 hours later by U. G. DesPortes and H. S. Meng, two of a large group of searchers who tirelessly patrolled the river for many hours.

The young men had gone into the river earlier Friday afternoon in a home-made, out-board motor boat. Apparently, they had just completed stretching a trot line at a narrow point in the river, from the Fairfield side to a small island, when the boat overturned. The hooks had not been baited. Both of the men could swim, in fact, Mr. McDowell had completed a Life Saver's course, but each was clad in heavy clothing, boots and coveralls. Mr. DeHart was wearing combat boots and Mr. McDowell half-boots. The boat, which carried a heavy anchor, probably remained at the approximate loca-

tion of the tragedy, some 20 yards from the Fairfield bank, about 200 yards upstream from the railroad trestle at Shelton. The bodies were recovered approximately 100 yards downstream (south) from the boat and were found hardly more than ten yards apart. Mr. McDowell's non-waterproof wrist watch had stopped at 5:05, giving, perhaps, a good indication of the time of the accident.

Since early Saturday morning, when Sheriff E. K. Rabb had been told of the missing men, searching parties had been carefully combing the river. In the sheriff's party were Rural Officers Harvey Weir and Joe Burley. Basil Peake of the South Carolina Law Enforcement department took part in the search and Clyde Hurt of the Columbia Fire department, a veteran of many water tragedies, gave able assistance. It was he who brought the grappling equipment. Scores of people were attracted to the scene and many of them rendered help in one way or another, some on the river, others elsewhere. Among these (and there were probably others) were T. M. Center, Sr., Norwood Obeare, Howard Allen, Mr. DesPortes and Mr. Meng, Dr. J. L. Bryson, Mark Stevens, D. A. Crawford, G. M. Clowney, McGregor Macfie. Earlier, a jacket belonging to Mr. McDowell and the pocketbook of Mr. DeHart had been found.

The elder Mr. McDowell expresses thanks to all who assisted the family in their time of grief.

McDowell Rites Held On Sunday

Funeral services for W. B. McDowell, Jr., 23, were held Sunday afternoon from the Shivar Springs church. Rev. Hubert S. Sinclair, a former pastor, conducted the services and the music was rendered by Mrs. R. W. Bailey, pianist, Miss Jackie Stukes, soloist, and the Rev. Mr. Sinclair and Charles Holland, who sang a duet. 2/1952

Mr. McDowell, the assistant manager of the Shivar Springs company, was a member of the Methodist church, a member of the Winnsboro Lions club, a Mason, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, No. 1661, Chester.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Doris Edens McDowell; two sons, W. B. McDowell, III, and Joe Edens McDowell; his mother, Mrs. Della Wright McDowell; his father, W. B. McDowell, Sr.; one sister, Miss Betty Ann McDowell, a student at Duke University; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Alice Greer of Le-noir, N. C. Three aunts and one uncle also survive: Mrs. Earle Mehaffey, Hendersonville, N. C.; Mrs. Corrine Turner, Greenwood; Mrs. Jeff White, Gainesville, Fla., and J. S. McDowell, Greenwood.

Interment was in the Antioch Methodist cemetery, near Shelton. Active pallbearers were Howard Allen Wright, Grady Wright, Jr., Howard Allen, James Edens, Danny Uram and J. M. Peake.

Captain Parnell, Ridgeway Native, Dies in Jet Crash

Langley Air Force Base, Va., March 30.—Darkness brought to a halt tonight an all-day search for the bodies of three air force officers who perished when a B-45 jet bomber crashed in nearby Chesapeake Bay Friday night.

Searchers have recovered part of the plane, but most of the craft apparently disintegrated and sank.

The navy, coast guard and air force have been conducting a wide-spread air and water hunt for the bodies. Sonar equipment will be brought in tomorrow in an effort to locate parts of the plane.

The crash was the second of a Langley based B-45 within a week, and the third of a Langley bomber within a month.

Victims of the crash were Capt. Roland C. Parnell, 29, the pilot, of Ridgeway, S. C.; Second Lt. Heber J. Whiteside, 26, of Layton, Utah, and First Lt. Phillip R. Dunlap, 28, of Greenville, Ala.

The bomber crashed and exploded in the waters off Plum Tree Island in Chesapeake Bay shortly after taking off Friday night on a local training mission.

Captain Parnell, who served as a bomber pilot in World War II, was the son of Mrs. Bessie Parnell of Ridgeway. He married the former Miss Delle Crouch of Columbia. They have two small children, Sharon and Bobby. A brother, Robert Parnell, formerly of Ridgeway, has recently moved to Greenwood. Capt. Parnell is a brother-in-law of Olin C. Crouch, Jr., of Columbia.

Services Held for Joseph Schmidt

(From The McDowell Recorder—April 24, Marion N. C.)

Funeral services for Joseph A. Schmidt, 58, of Morganton Road, who died suddenly Monday afternoon in his store after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage, were conducted at 11 o'clock this morning in East Marion Methodist Church.

The Rev. V. A. Morton, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Neils Larsen, pastor of the Clinchfield Baptist Church.

Burial was in Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Schmidt, widely known in the county, had been operating Schmidt Grocery Store on Highway 70 east of Marion with his brother, John J. Schmidt, for several years.

He formerly was engaged in construction work for 35 years, during which time he worked on several of the nation's most noted projects in construction.

He was a member of the local Masonic lodge, and Masons conducted graveside rites at his burial. He also belonged to the Eastern Star chapter here.

Mr. Schmidt was born in McDowell County May 18, 1893. His father, the late Jacob Schmidt, was a native of Hamburg, Germany, and his mother was the former Miss Fannie Hawkins of McDowell.

He married Miss Marie Porter, who became the mother of his two children.

Following her death in 1927 he married Miss Lillie Gardner of Marion.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Gardner Schmidt; a daughter, Mrs. Milford M. Motes of Winnsboro, S. C., whose husband is an Army Major presently stationed in South Japan; a son, Joseph Jacob Schmidt of the U. S. Navy, Pensacola, Fla.; one granddaughter, Becky Motes; a brother, John J. Schmidt of Marion; and two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Love of Lancaster, S. C., and Mrs. T. W. Curtis of Lexington.

John Y. Turner Dies Thursday at Daughter's Home

**Well - Known Farmer
Passes After Period of
Declining Health.**

John Youngue Turner, 74, died about 12:45 Thursday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. H. Jennings, in Winnsboro, after a long period of declining health. He was the son of the late Dr. William Kennedy Turner and Mrs. Elizabeth Lemmon Turner and was born and reared in the Lebanon section of Fairfield county where he had spent most of his life, and was a prominent farmer and cattleman until his health failed.

Mr. Turner married Miss Essie Addie Zealy of Augusta, Ga., and she with the following children survive: John Y. Turner, Jr., Wallace A. Turner, Mrs. R. H. Jennings, all of Winnsboro, and Mrs. George G. Willis, Jr., of Gastonia, N. C. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Emma Pope, and one brother, W. K. Turner, both of Winnsboro, Rt. 1.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 o'clock Friday morning at Lebanon Presbyterian church by the pastor, the Rev. Marshall L. Smith, and interment was in the family plot in the church cemetery.

The active pallbearers were: W. J. Stevenson, Julian Martin, John M. Turner, Carroll Turner Ed Stevenson, Jr., and Lewis Pope.

The honorary pallbearers were: John Crawford, J. H. Aiken, Campbell Wylie, E. P. Blair, Dr. John C. Buchanan, J. F. McMaster, Charley Elliott, Robert Boulware, W. W. Turner and the deacons and elders of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

MRS. FANNIE WEIR DIED EARLY SUNDAY

Mrs. Fannie Hare Weir, 74, widow of Thomas J. Weir, died early Sunday at the Baptist hospital at Columbia, following an illness. Her home was in the Woodward Baptist church section. 1/1952

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from Bethlehem Methodist church. The Rev. A. L. Willis was in charge of the services, assisted by the Rev. Conrad Cato and the Rev. Furman O. Kelley. Interment was made in the family plot in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Weir was born in Fairfield county, August 19, 1877, daughter of the late John and Mary Ann McKeown Hare.

She was a member of the Beaver Creek Baptist church.

Mrs. Weir is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ellis Beam; a son, Claude Weir, both of Chester, R. F. D. 2; two grandchildren; two brothers, W. R. Hare of Chester, R. F. D., and H. J. Hare of Rock Hill, and one sister, Mrs. George Hoover of Spartanburg.

Mrs. Barnwell, Ex-Columbian, Dies at Ridgeway

Mrs. Mamie Taylor Barnwell, 78, died Monday morning at her home at Ridgeway. She had been in declining health for several months.

The widow of William Barnwell, she had lived in Columbia for 50 years and moved to Ridgeway six weeks ago. She had been a member of Trinity Episcopal Church for the past 50 years.

Survivors include one brother, Samuel Adolphus Taylor; one sister, Miss Isabell Taylor, both of Ridgeway; five nieces, Mrs. J. C. Miller and Mrs. W. E. Cunningham of Columbia, Mrs. Lawrence Frick of Blythewood, Mrs. Sara Straus of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Isabelle Killian of Chester; two nephews, Jack Taylor of Bluefield, W. Va., and S. A. Taylor, Jr., of Columbia.

She was the daughter of the late Edward Taylor and Charlotte Poole Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Dunbar Funeral Home by the Rev. C. Fitzsimmons Allison of Trinity Church.

Active pallbearers were J. C. Miller, W. E. Cunningham, Jr., Sam A. Taylor, Jr., Jack Taylor, Guy M. Tarrant, Jr., Joseph Crumpton and Archie Thorpe.

Honorary pallbearers were senior vestrymen of Trinity Church, J. S. Edmunds, J. Louis Coleman, D. W. Ruff, Edward J. Tidwell, T. J. Castine, B. Y. Palmer, all of Ridgeway; Dr. John C. Buchanan of Winnsboro, Dr. Harold Miller, Dr. William Weston, Sr., Gustaf Sylvan, Joe Bell, Sr., Guy M. Tarrant, Sr., and Pat Tobias, Jr.

Mrs. Branham, 66, Passes Jan. 19

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Evans Branham, 66, were conducted at The Church of Latter Day Saints, at Centerville, on Friday afternoon at four o'clock by Elder Boyles, Elder Frank Graham and Elder Joyner. Interment followed in the church cemetery in the family plot at Smyrna Church. 1/1955

Mrs. Branham, the daughter of the late Emanuel and Mary Nelson Evans, was born in Kershaw County, but had lived in Winnsboro for 18 years. She died at her home on Wednesday afternoon about 4:30 after several months of declining health.

She is survived by five sons: Frank, Ben Wylie, Woodrow, and Murtick of Winnsboro and Nick Branham of Columbia; three step-sons: Robert of Blaney, Henry of Camden and John Bedell Branham of Kingstree; and one brother, Emanuel Evans of Winnsboro.

Fairfield Native Passes in Tulsa

Charles Feaster Colvin, brother of W. J. Colvin of Columbia, died Friday, January 21, at St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, Okla., after a month's illness. He lived at Sand Springs, Okla. 1955

He was the son of the late D. C. Colvin and Edith Coleman Colvin of Fairfield County.

He attended Feasterville school and was graduated from the Citadel in 1906, after which he taught at the Bailey Institute at Edgefield for two years. In 1909 he went to Oklahoma City and later Tulsa, Okla.

He was associated with the Page Industries of Sand Springs, Okla., and later with the Oklahoma Light and Power Company. He married the former Miss Dorothy Hudson.

He is survived by his widow; one daughter, one granddaughter, two sisters, Miss Eva Colvin and Mrs. May C. Adams, both of Columbia; two brothers, D. C. Colvin of Gastonia and W. J. Colvin of Holly Hill.

Funeral services were held at Sand Springs on Saturday, January 22, and the burial was there.

Mrs. Nettie Cribb, Mother of Mrs. K. T. Gladden, Dies

Mrs. Nettie Baxley Cribb, 56, wife of Charlie A. Cribb of the Pleasant Hill section of Georgetown county, died at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Hemingway at 3:40 Wednesday morning, Jan. 7. She suffered a stroke at 9:30 Tuesday night at the home of her brother, J. D. Baxley, while caring for his wife. 1/1953

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 11 o'clock Thursday morning by the Rev. Thomas E. Waden, pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Poston, the Rev. L. H. Carter and the Rev. Mr. Mozingo, all former pastors of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Baptist churchyard.

Mrs. Cribb, the former Miss Nettie Baxley, was born in Georgetown County November 15, 1896, a daughter of J. Calvin Baxley and the late Mrs. Mary Ellen Owens Baxley. Her entire life was spent in the Pleasant Hill section, where she was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, her father, four daughters, Mrs. Willard Cribb, Mrs. Waldon Owens and Mrs. W. A. Altman, Jr., of near Hemingway and Mrs. Kenneth Gladden of Winnsboro; a son, Jettie Cribb of Florence, a foster son, L. A. Cribb of near Hemingway; 14 grandchildren, a brother, J. D. Baxley and two sisters, Mrs. Dave Cribb and Mrs. Gillie Owens, all of near Hemingway.

A. T. Moore, 81, Dies in Columbia

A. Talley Moore died Saturday night in Columbia after several years of declining health. He was a native of Ridgeway, and was born on January 1, 1872.

Mr. Moore is survived by four sons: Henry A. Moore, Dr. A. T. Moore, of Columbia, Charles C. Moore of Ridgeway and G. Jennings Moore of Greenville. Surviving also are three sisters: Mrs. Alfred E. Kennedy of Lugoff, Mrs. W. D. Williams and Miss Gertrude Moore of Palatka, Florida.

Funeral services were held Monday at eleven o'clock at the graveside in Aimwell Presbyterian cemetery at Ridgeway, conducted by the Rev. E. R. Mason, pastor of College Place Methodist Church.