

DEATH CLAIMS PROF. FANT

Distinguished Member of Pres-
byterian College Faculty Pass-
es. Funeral Here Tuesday.

The great heart of A. T. Fant, which had sustained him through long hours when a eager Death seemed grasping at a new victim, gave way Sunday afternoon at five fifty-two, and the cessation of its feeble pulsations told that a leaf in his story must be turned.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran church, of which Mr. Fant was a devoted member, at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon with his pastor, the Rev. M. R. Wingard, conducting the services. Rev. John McSween, president of the college, read several Scripture selections, and he was followed by Dr. D. M. Douglas of Columbia, who paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased and told of his



PROF. A. T. FANT

friendship and appreciation of his work while president of the college until he went to the university. Dr. A. J. Bowers, a former pastor, offered prayer, and beautiful songs were sung by a choir from the college. The church was packed to capacity with many friends who gathered to pay homage and respect to the memory of one loved so well. The floral offerings were beautiful and varied, many pieces being sent by friends, relatives and various organizations. Interment followed in Rosemont cemetery.

The active pallbearers were: Dr. W. E. Hoy, Prof. H. E. Sturgeon, Prof. T. H. Grafton, Prof. M. W. Brown, Prof. R. L. Coe and W. A. Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were: President John McSween of Presbyterian college, President D. M. Douglas of the University of South Carolina, Dr. S. C. Hays, Dr. A. E. Spencer, Prof. A. V. Martin, Prof. B. Graham, Dr. M. G. Woodworth, Dr. D. J. Brimm, Dr. J. B. Kennedy, Dr. Dudley Jones, Prof. G. W. Gignilliat, Col. E. L. Glasgow, Lieut. A. N. Taylor, L. S. McMillian, Sergeant Parham, W. L. Jones, John Holland Hunter, of the college, and Messrs. J. C. Boland, J. D. Boland, L. V. Pinson, J. D. Deminick, H. C. Sule, Brooks Swygert, R. R. Pinkbeiner, H. J. Eargle, W. M. Shealy, O. I. Shealy and J. A. Slice of the Lutheran church council.

Professor Fant, who was in his ninth year of service as head of the department of physics at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, had been in feeble health for some months, but it was not until some six weeks ago that he was forced to give up his work and go to the bed from which he was never again to rise except for a brief interval. Then, for several days, he was permitted to sit up in his home, but about ten days before his death, he was again severely stricken and was never able to rally.

Death was due to Bright's disease and arterio sclerosis. He had been complaining of the former trouble for some years, but it was only comparatively recently that it became aggravated. He had lost a great deal of flesh just prior to the end, and only the powerful vibrations of an enlarged and slightly displaced heart put off the inevitable hour of dissolution.

At the bedside stood his wife, his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Fant of Rock Island, Illinois, his pastor, the Rev. M. R. Wingard of the Lutheran church where he was a member, and one or two old friends. His brother, the Rev. Carl Fant, also stood by. Breathing which had been interrupted and fitful for many hours, became regular and easy just before the close of the struggle, and his passing was quiet and peaceful.

For several days he had been unable to speak coherently. While conscious, he remained cheerful and patient, glad to greet and speak to the friends that came to see him.

Adolph Theodore Fant, the eldest child of Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Fant, was born June 20, 1894, at Warren, Pa. He

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WOMAN FREED; MAN TO PEN

Helen Gentle Set Free and Jones Gets
Five Years. Last Chapter
of Case Written.

Columbia, Jan. 28.—The case of the state against Helen Gentle, 20-year-old Atlanta girl, charged with the murder of Samuel Bickley, hotel detective, and with being an accessory after the fact, was not pressed in the Richland county court here at 5:11 o'clock this afternoon. Miss Gentle left Columbia for her home in Atlanta directly afterward.

Dismissal of the charge against the 20-year-old Atlanta girl today closed the affair of the killing of the Jefferson hotel detective on October 19. Furman Jones of Greenville, driver of the death car from which was fired the shot that killed Bickley, pleaded guilty this morning to being an accessory after the fact and was sentenced to five years in prison.

Her face covered by a broad smile, Helen Gentle told newspapermen in a farewell statement that "I am going home to my mother in Atlanta, and nothing can take me away. I'm going to be a good girl from now on."

The erstwhile defendant, on whose testimony Charles R. Vaughn was convicted of Bickley's murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, left Columbia at 6:15 o'clock tonight for Atlanta. She was unaccompanied on her trip and apparently unrecognized by other passengers on the pullman sleeper.

Escorting her to the depot were J. W. Richardson, chief state constable who had arrested her in Atlanta last November 6, and Mrs. M. P. Kramer, matron of the city jail here who had, according to Helen Gentle, been "a mother" to her during the time of her imprisonment.

Late today Judge Thomas Mauldin signed an order releasing the automobile which had been driven the night of the killing, to Mrs. Ada May, of Jacksonville, Fla., mother of Vaughn in whose name the car stood. The machine had been impounded at the city jail.

ROAD BILL IS INTRODUCED

House Delegation Provides for Paving
of Clinton-Kinard Link in Near
Future At Cost of \$230,000.

The county delegation has introduced a bill in the legislature providing ways and means for the paving of the Clinton-Kinard stretch of highway No. 2. The bill, it is understood, was prepared by Representative Huff but was introduced as a delegation measure which is taken to mean that all members have agreed to the terms of the bill.

The Clinton-Kinard link is about nine miles in length and the estimated cost of paving it is placed at \$230,000.

This project is to be paved in the same way that other state highways of the state have been paved in many counties recently. The county advances the money to the state highway department, which builds the roads, and enters a contract to return the money to the county in annual installments to pay off the obligation. Meantime the county pays the interest, which will be taken care of out of the county's share in the gasoline tax, so that no additional property levy will be needed.

Members of the delegation are quoted as saying it was "planned to have this work put under way at the earliest practicable moment so that the road can be paved as soon as possible."

JUNIOR ORDER TO BANQUET TONIGHT

Lanford Council No. 257, To Gather
At Festal Board This Evening For
Get-Together Occasion.

Lanford Council No. 257, Junior O. U. A. M., will stage a banquet and open meeting this evening at eight o'clock that will bring many out-of-town visitors here as special guests for the occasion.

The program will open with the serving of the banquet in the Mary Musgrove tea room. At the conclusion of the menu, the members and their guests will proceed to the Masonic temple where an interesting "open meeting" will be held to which all are invited. Several out-of-town speakers are on the program and an enjoyable evening is anticipated. Mrs. Lester, state organizer for the Woman's bureau, will be present and speak on the "Daughters of America."

The local council is in a flourishing condition and is headed as councilor by John G. Pitts, well known citizen and local magistrate. Arrangements for this evening's enjoyable program is in the hands of the following committee: H. Y. Abrams, J. V. Edwards, V. V. Vandiver, J. M. Rowland, Ed Stevens and Bryant Jackson.

TRAINING SCHOOL HAS GOOD YEAR

Eleventh Annual Report of Supt. Whitten Shows Institution
Well Organized and Operated.

(Editor's note—We have just read with interest the annual report of the State Training school of this city, as transmitted to the State Board of Public Welfare by its efficient superintendent, Dr. B. O. Whitten. It gives a review of the year's work by Dr. Whitten and a report on the general health and farm activities by Dr. F. L. Webb, assistant superintendent. The report, somewhat condensed by the writer, is published below because of its interest to the many local friends of the institution.)

To the State Board of Public Welfare:

I have the honor to submit the annual report of the State Training school for the year 1928.

The institution is operating with about the same organization we had when my last annual report was submitted. The personnel is composed of 59 employees, as shown by statistical tables at the end of this report. The average number of children per employee is still high, compared with many other institutions which we have investigated with reference to this question. The shortage lies mainly in the teachers' department and on the farm. With one additional teacher and a competent farmer, we should be able to do much better work. Thus far, the legislature has failed to provide funds for these shortages.

At the close of 1928, the population was 452, there being 218 males and 234 females. This is some 10 or 15 above our normal capacity. The daily average enrollment for the past year was 448 plus. During the year, there were 81 admissions and 12 re-admissions, total 93—males 49, females 44. Discharged or paroled 61, of these 9 have been returned. There have been 17 deaths during the year, 8 males and 9 females. (See assistant superintendent's report.)

School work, chapel exercises and all forms of recreation are still greatly hampered by inadequate school building and auditorium. It is rather remarkable that the institution has been able to employ teachers with the ability, character and personality possessed by our teachers with the limited accommodations we have to offer them. There are 74 boys and 69 girls enrolled for training of all kinds in the school department. Younger and more promising children are given preference in school work. We called attention last year to the importance of an institution of this kind being equipped for giving its children suitable and systematized recreation. We again emphasize the necessity of such facilities if the spirit that is desired in such an institution is to be maintained. The religious activities of the institution are still under the direction of Dr. F. D. Jones, professor of philosophy at Presbyterian college.

The care of the farm and all kinds of live stock is still being apportioned among various attendant-employees. This was made necessary by the withdrawal of the farmer-dairyman on account of reduction of the salary appropriation for this item. We still find it impossible to get hold of a few thousand dollars with which to purchase a few purebred dairy cattle.

The two colonies for men and one for women are still being operated very satisfactorily. These three units take care of 88—68 men and 20 women. It is hoped that we can establish other colonies in the near future. This has proven to be one of the most expensive of our developments and the inmates seem to make a fine adjustment to colony life.

There have been no permanent improvements at the institution during the past year except an extension of the dairy barn and a shed for dairy cattle. \$2500.00 appropriated at the last general assembly were used for making these improvements.

We have endeavored, with the funds at our disposal, to continue the extra-service activity of the institution, our psychometrist having served the various orphanages, juvenile courts, detention homes, etc., when we could spare her from the institution. She has also done some of the psychometrical work in connection with the State-hospital clinics in Columbia, Greenville and Spartanburg. This same employee is expected to visit our paroled cases as often as possible and devote some time to the planning of new paroles.

Applications continue to come in with usual regularity. The success of the institution in paroling a goodly number last year has enabled us to keep the list of those waiting for admission from mounting so high as it has been in former years, although the list of applications for females is still quite large and includes many urgent cases. The waiting list for males

is not so large. There are some very pathetic and urgent cases that we are having to refuse admission and we are calling the attention of the budget commission and general assembly to these facts.

Our maintenance cost has been showing a steady decline every year since the institution began in 1920. The daily per capita cost during the past year for all items of maintenance has been a little less than 77 cents. We are frank to say, however, that we believe this cost is too low to get the desired results, considering the type of buildings, equipment and other improvements that we have. The disposition of the budget commission and legislature to reduce our operating cost has not resulted in any noticeable lack of physical care to our children, but it has caused a lagging in our technique and training of children, and the postponement of certain repairs and improvements that should be no longer neglected if general appearances and up-keep are to be maintained on an acceptable standard. It has never been our intention or desire to relax any effort to reduce operating costs to a reasonable minimum. We find our cost below the average of other institutions of this kind in the United States. Undoubtedly, the assumption should be that we are not running the institution as well as we should. The daily per capita cost of food consumed by children and employees was \$0.1868.

Budget for 1929

Maintenance	
Request in budget for 1929,—\$123,282.50. This is estimated on the basis of a daily average of 448 children at a little less than 79 cents per day, each. We are asking for a little increase in the daily per capita cost over the previous year. We believe that the institution should be operated a little better and we believe that the people expect it.	
Permanent Improvements	
Budget request for permanent improvements is as follows:	
Equipment for school building, auditorium and dormitories	\$ 10,000.00
School building and auditorium	33,500.00
Administration building	17,500.00
Dormitories (2)	37,000.00
Farmer's residence	2,500.00
Colony for colored	9,500.00
Total	\$110,000.00

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

General Health

Except for an epidemic of pneumonia, during the latter part of last winter and a mild epidemic of influenza for two or three weeks preceding the Christmas holidays, the health of the inmates has been remarkably good. We are confident that the majority of these cases of pneumonia and influenza could have been prevented if there had been adequate facilities for isolation. A year ago, we were able to vacate one private room used by attendants, in each building, to be used for isolating certain cases, but the crowded condition in other quarters has forced us to permit the re-occupation of these rooms by employees.

The number of deaths has increased during the past year, but this was due to the fact that we have admitted about 125 low-grade children since December 15, 1927. This type of individual has very little vitality.

Dr. S. C. Hays, consulting surgeon to the institution, has performed a number of operations, including some tonsillectomies and some abdominal work.

Dr. T. G. McCullough spent two months at the institution during the past summer and cared for the dental work of the inmates.

During the year, each child in the institution was given vaccine for smallpox, and most of the children were also given typhoid treatment.

Farm and Farm Products

The farming activities during the past year have been as satisfactory as could be expected under the circumstances. (Continued on page two)

Hayne B. Workman Ill At His Home

Friends in the city, and they are many, of Hayne B. Workman, will be distressed to learn of his continued illness at his country home near here. Mr. Workman has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks, though the report yesterday stated that he was slightly improved. He is one of the useful, upright citizens of his community and his friends unite in wishing for him a speedy recovery from his present illness.

MISSING TEACHER FOUND LIFELESS

Mrs. Rafe King Apparently Suicide
Victim. Doctors Perform Autopsy
Body of Sharon Instructor.

York, Jan. 26.—The lifeless body of Faye Wilson King, wife of Rafe King and teacher of French in the Sharon high school was found in an outbuilding Friday night under circumstances indicating that she had committed suicide. Definitely to establish the cause of her death, however, an inquest will be conducted Wednesday afternoon, at which the medical findings of Drs. J. H. Saye and C. O. Burrus, who performed an autopsy Saturday afternoon, will be heard.

Mrs. King was found lying on her back, with her mouth and throat severely burned from medicine that physicians thought was poison, with an empty unlabeled bottle lying close by.

Her hair was clotted with blood from a gash on her forehead, and there were scratches on her throat. It is thought by those investigating the case that the laceration on the head was caused by the fall and that she might have inflicted scratches on her throat by grabbing it in her agony after taking the burning poison. A hatchet was on the floor close by, but no importance was attached to this fact.

Aside from the physical findings, the suicide theory is given support by the statement of her husband, who is alleged to have told officers that she had often threatened to kill herself. Mr. King was the last person to see her alive. He was confined to bed by illness. He says she gave him a double dose of sedative at 10 o'clock and told him to go to sleep. He awoke at 2 o'clock, and when she did not come home from school at the regular time, he thought she had stopped on the way.

At nightfall, becoming uneasy at her absence, he got up and sounded an alarm. The body was soon found in an outhouse, the door to which was shut. She had been dead six or eight hours, physicians said.

The body was taken to the home of relatives in Kings Mountain, N. C. There the interment will take place.

The result of the autopsy will not be officially given out until the inquest is held.

Mrs. King was reared in the Hood-ton section of western York but had lived at King's Mountain, N. C. for a long period before coming to Sharon in December, 1927. She was 28.

Two brothers and two sisters at King's Mountain and Charlotte survive her.

TEACHERS TO MEET SATURDAY

Dr. Harry Clark of Greenville, To Be
Heard. Demonstration Lessons
By Local Teachers.

The regular monthly meeting of the Laurens County Teachers' association will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Departmental demonstration lessons will be given from 10:30 to 11:30. In the high school department Supt. J. Harvey Witherspoon will teach a demonstration lesson in American history. In the intermediate grades department Miss Anabel Looper, of the Gray Court-Owings school, will teach a demonstration lesson in sixth grade history. In the primary department group discussions will be held under the direction of Miss Margaret Blakeley, of the Clinton city schools, and president of the department. In the department of first grade teachers Miss Aleene Franks will teach a demonstration lesson in number work.

Promptly at 11:30 all the teachers will assemble in the study hall at which time Dr. Harry Clark, professor of education at Furman university, will address the teachers. The usual luncheon will be served.

Old Oil Mill To Liquidate

The legal notice in last week's issue of The Chronicle concerning the Clinton Oil Mill's liquidation, does not in any way refer to the Clinton Cotton Oil Company, local corporation headed by John T. Stevens of Kershaw, as president, and Fred E. Culver, vice-president. These are two distinct corporations under the laws of the state, and the winding up of the affairs of the former company will have no effect on the Clinton Cotton Oil Company, headed by J. H. Pitts, Jr., well known young business man, as local manager.

THORNWELL GIRLS PLAY TOMORROW

The Thornwell orphanage girls basketball team will meet the Abbeville Hi girls Friday afternoon at 5:15. The game will be played in the college gym and promises to be a lively contest since both teams are reported as evenly matched.

BLUE LAW BILL VETOED

Senate Overrides Richards' On
Sabbath Liberalization Measure
By Large Margin.

Columbia, Jan. 29.—Governor Richards' veto of the amendment to the Sunday "blew-laws" was overridden in the Senate tonight by a vote of 50 to 6. The governor with members of his family was in the Senate chamber for the session which was called by special order at 8 o'clock tonight to consider his veto message.

When the question was put before the members it brought forth no debate. It was not until the three measures relative to biennial sessions for the general assembly were brought up that the oratory of the evening was let loose. A motion of Senator Miller to strike out the resolving words of the three measures was carried after several senators had voiced their opinions for and against the proposals. They were rejected by a vote of 20 to 15.

There was a large crowd on hand and the galleries were filled, with many members of the House among the spectators.

Those who on the call of the roll voted to override the governor's veto were: Senators Ard, Arrowsmith, Campbell, Dennis, Desportes, Ellis, Ginn, Goodwin, Gray, Greener, Hammond, Hamrick, Hill, Hodges, Jeter, Jones, Kirkland, Legare, McColl, Martin, Miller, Nash, Robinson, Rogers, Stukes, Taylor, Thompson, Weeks, West and Williams.

Those against overriding were: Senators Anderson, Brown, Bryson, Crouch, Findley and Jeffries. Senator Ward refused to vote.

Senator Miller opened the debate against the biennial sessions of the general assembly when the three measures, which were introduced January 10 by Messrs. Brown and Bryson, came up for their second readings.

Declaring that he could cite many " cogent reasons" why biennial sessions of the legislature would not be advisable for South Carolina. The Darlington senator stated that it would require either that members of the House be elected for four year terms or that the body ever be a green one. To pass such bills, he said, would destroy the principles of bicameral form of government. No saving to the people would be gained by such a change, he said. Declaring that expenses of special sessions and special organizations would have to be added in order for the government to function properly.

Mr. Bryson's reply was that he knew the sentiment of the people of Greenville county and the northern part of the state and that by a large majority they favored the change. Forty-two of the forty-eight states of the Union, he said, were governed under either biennial or quadrennial sessions of their legislatures.

He pointed out that South Carolina was the smallest and should not find it necessary to meet every year. The supply bill carries from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for legislative salaries and expenses each year, Senator Bryson said, and he suggested that every other year that amount could be saved to the people.

Mr. Brown also spoke in defense of the bills of which he was co-author. He stated that the will of the people should be observed and that the people had by a vote expressed their favor of biennial sessions. Senator Martin reminded Mr. Brown that while the proposed change of session scheduled had received a favorable vote its companion tax bill had been voted down by the people.

Getting the tax laws of the state straight should be the first problem of the general assembly, according to Senator Williams, who was against the proposals. He declared that if this could not be accomplished with the legislature meeting annually and that biennial sessions would not improve matters. No saving to the state would be possible, he said, because special sessions, and special boards and commissions would have to be created. There was not long ago a great deal of talk, Senator Williams said, of how smoothly the state would operate if the governor were elected for a four year term. A wave of chuckling swept over the chamber when he demanded to know, "where are those advocates of a four year governor now?"

Slight Increase In Cotton Ginned

The ginners report for the county shows a total of 24,939 bales of cotton covering period of Jan. 16th, this year, ginned. This is a very slight increase over the report for the same period last year, the total figure at that time standing at 24,444.