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Wreck Injuries Fatal to W. H. Milam

William Henry Milam, 79, of Rt. 1, Mountville, died Sunday at 7:20 p. m. at the Laurens District Hospital after being injured some three hours earlier in a one-car wreck three miles south of Lauren.

His wife, a rider in the car, also was admitted to the hospital and was reported in critical condition.

According to State Highway Patrolman A. W. Moore, the wreck occurred around 4:30 p. m. on secondary State Highway 42 about two miles from the Milam home. Their 1954 Chevrolet, traveling south, veered off the left side of the highway on a slight curve and hit a shallow ditch before ramming head-on into a tree, officers reported.

Milam was a native and lifelong resident of Laurens County, a son of the late Llewellyn Wade and Mary Paslay Milam. He was a member of Lisbon Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruby Bearden Milam; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas A. C. (Martha) Brown of Laurens and Miss Mary Leona Milam of Winthrop College; two brothers, Charles L. Milam Sr. of Mountville and Robert E. Milam of Greenville; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. at Gray Funeral Home, Clinton, by Rev. H. B. Fraser and Rev. Jack Beaver. Burial was in Lisbon Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Joanna Masons Elect New Officers

New officers for Joanna Magnolia Lodge 355, AFM, are Harold Russell, worshipful master; Ira Dominick, senior warden; Harold Prater, junior warden; Wendell L. Hair, treasurer; Harmon L. Murrah, Jr., secretary; Ralph E. McCumber, senior deacon; James L. Dillard, junior deacon; W. L. Thomas and J. O. Hueble, stewards; Charlie McCumber, tiler; and James F. Fulmer, chaplain.

County Teachers Hold Banquet Here

About 225 members of the Laurens County Education Association gathered in the Presbyterian College dining hall Thursday night for their annual banquet.

R. Frasier Sanders of Newberry, president, presided at the banquet and recognized the following special guests: Reps. Marshall Abercrombie and David Taylor of the Laurens County Legislative Delegation and their wives; Mrs. Margaret Kelly of Newberry, president-elect of the South Carolina Education Association, and her husband, Prof. Philip Kelly of Newberry College; Leroy Burns, Laurens County Superintendent of Education, and Mrs. Burns; W. L. Patterson of Laurens, a member of the county board of education, and Mrs. Patterson.

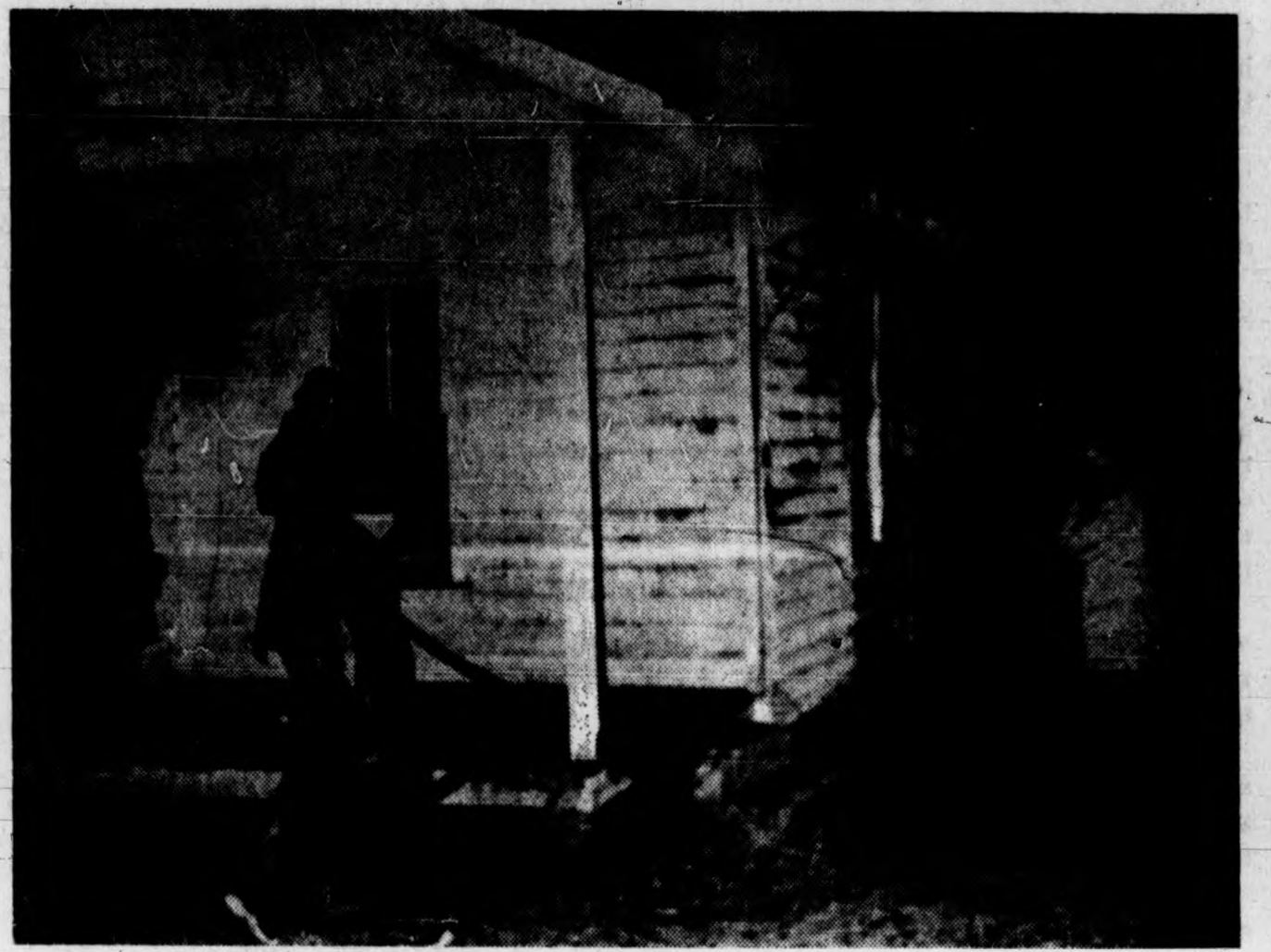
The invocation was offered by R. E. Martin, vice-president of the county group. Special musical entertainment was provided by the "Gleemen," five Presbyterian College students.

Mrs. Hazel Gillfillan led the group in a musical number at the end of the banquet. Other association officers are: Miss Ruth Hair, secretary; and Miss Betty Blakely, treasurer.

Red Cross Appeal Made For Family

An appeal has been made by Miss Irby Hipp, local field representative for the Red Cross, for a white family who lost their home and furnishings by fire on Monday. The family consists of father and two children. The father wears size 38 suit with 34 waist and 29 length size, 16 shirt and No. 8 shoes. The children are 14 years old girl and 16 year old boy.

Mrs. Hipp said any help would be appreciated.



House on Buice St. Damaged by Fire

This house on Buice Street was badly damaged by fire about 1:00 a. m., Tuesday. Owned by B. M. Dutton, the home was occupied by Buck Peyton. The interior of the home and contents were said to have been completely destroyed.—Photo by Paul Quinton.

Charleston Couple, Children Injured

A Charleston couple and two children were injured Thursday about 3:30 p. m. when their Volkswagen apparently went out of control and overturned into the Interstate Highway 26 median 10 miles north of here.

State Highway Patrolman Kibler Bowers said Edgar Lee Wheeler, 24, driver of the vehicle, and his wife, 21, were flung into the median culvert. One child was thrown across the highway into the southbound lane and

another tossed onto the shoulder.

A passerby, Dick Barbour, also of Charleston, rushed the husband and children to Bailey Memorial Hospital, where Mrs. Wheeler was taken by ambulance.

Mrs. Wheeler later was transferred to Greenville General hospital. The children are Michael, 2, and Teresa, 3.

Patrolman Bowers said the Wheelers, of 176 Broad St., Charleston, were enroute to Asheville, N. C.

—Photo by Quinton

65-Year-Old Clinton Woman Killed By Train

Mrs. Ira Ruth Lewis Reid, 65, of Mary Street, died at Bailey Memorial Hospital at 1:22 p. m. Thursday after she was struck by a train about 11 a. m. as she crossed tracks at Broad Street.

Police Chief B. B. Ballard said there were several witnesses to the accident. He quoted Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch of Alabama, visiting here Thursday, as saying they had just left Mrs. Reid and saw her struck by the train from a distance of 50 to 75 feet.

The chief said the Welch told him Mrs. Reid was almost clear of the tracks, walking south from the business area, and that she appeared to lean back, as if off balance, just before she was hit.

R. D. Jackson, a Clinton Negro, said he was only a few feet away from the spot where Mrs. Reid was hit. He said the woman walked slowly and never turned toward the train, although its whistle and bell both were sounding. He said Mrs. Reid would have cleared the track in a few more steps.

Coroner Marshall Pressly, who said he will schedule an inquest,

said the freight, Seaboard Train 85, was headed toward Atlanta, Ga., and was not scheduled to stop at Clinton. W. K. Ritchie of Abbeville was engineer.

Joanna Baptist Choirs To Present Cantata, Pageant

The church choir and members of the Intermediate and Young people's departments will present the Christmas cantata and pageant, "Night of Miracles," by John W. Peterson, on Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:30 in the church sanctuary.

Soloists for the program will be Mrs. Eugenia Byars, Miss Jennie Rae Suratt, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riser.

The program will be directed by Billy Adkerson and accompanied by Mrs. Carson Nabors.

The public is extended an invitation to attend.

Christmas Program At First Baptist Church

A Christmas program will be presented by the First Baptist Church on Christmas Day, December 25, at 10:30 a. m., as announced by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Darr.

The public is invited to attend.

Merchants Event Ends Saturday

Progressive Clinton Merchants who sponsored the "Loyalty Days" trade promotion this fall remind the public that the event comes to a close Saturday, with the final drawing for prizes slated at 6:45 p. m.

A new 1964 Ford Falcon 4-door sedan will be given away as the grand prize. In addition, six \$50.00 bills will go to that many lucky ticket holders, and someone will take home a reclining chair.

So, be on hand Saturday for this closing event.

Nativity Scene To Be At Thornwell

A nativity scene will be presented on the front campus of Thornwell December 22, 23 and 24 between the hours of 7:00 and 8:00 p. m.

Thornwell children will participate in the scene.

Tinkler Drawings Selected By Club

One of the drawings of Jane Tinkler (Mountain Glory) was selected by the National Beta Club and was used on the December Beta Club Journal. Jane was also elected the most original girl in Chose High School. Upon graduation she will attend the University of North Carolina, majoring in art education.

"Jerusalem" Film Be Shown Sunday

"Jerusalem," a color film with sound will be shown Sunday evening, December 22, at Broad Street Methodist Church.

Evangelist Billy Graham tells the story of the ancient city and surrounding countryside.

Car Hits Standing Train

This car, driven by Miss Cathy Bigbee, collided with a standing train at W. Carolina Ave. and Oak St. Sunday afternoon when she swerved to keep from hitting another car at the intersection. The front of the car was considerably damaged, but the driver was said to be not injured.—Photo by Paul Quinton.



End Phil Rogers Going To Clemson

Clinton High end Phil Rogers signed a grant in aid to attend Clemson College next fall. Rogers will be the third in his family to play for Clemson.

He follows two cousins Ken and Rodney Rogers to Tigertown after turning down offers from Presbyterian College and The Citadel. Rogers was also contacted by the University of South Carolina, West Point, Vanderbilt and Georgia Tech.

Rogers, who was selected as an All-Eastern AA Conference end, was a left-footed punter for Clinton. He punted 45 times this season for an average of 30 yards. He also scored 65 points.

While at Clinton High, Rogers has received seven letters in four sports. He received a trophy last year for being the most valuable member of the track team. Rogers took part in pole vaulting, high jump, broad jump, 220-yard dash and the 880 yard relay.

He was the co-captain of the Red Devil football team last year, and did all of the placekicking. Rogers hopes to play baseball for Clemson in addition to football. He played high school and American Legion baseball three years.

Bailey Memorial To Give Cantata

The Bailey Memorial Methodist Church will hold its Christmas cantata, "John W. Peterson, Born of Kings," on Monday evening, December 23, at 8:00.

The public is invited to attend.

Court House Offices Closed During Holidays

All offices of the Laurens County Court House will be closed from 12 noon Tuesday, December 24 until Friday morning, December 27, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. L. B. Stoddard

Owings—Mrs. Lena B. Stoddard, widow of Lander B. Stoddard, died at a Winstboro hospital Tuesday night after several months of illness.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

St. John's Church Candlelight Service

A Christmas Eve worship service of carols, candles, and sermons will be held Christmas Eve night at 9 o'clock in St. John's Lutheran Church, 205 Mampton Street.

The public is cordially invited.

Dr. Allison To Speak At ARP Church Sunday

Dr. L. M. Allison, dean of the Erskine Theological Seminary, will preach at the 11 o'clock service of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on December 22.

The public is invited to attend this service.

Community Chorus To Present Program Sunday

The Clinton Community Chorus will present its third annual Christmas program Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in Belk Auditorium.

The chorus is composed of volunteer singers from throughout Laurens County and this year numbers approximately 60 voices.

Featured as soloists on the program will be Nancy Sadler, soprano, director of the First Presbyterian Church choir; Martha Jones, soprano, director of the choir at the First Methodist Church in Laurens; Margaret Taylor, soprano, member of the Broad Street Methodist Church choir of Clinton; George Cobb, tenor, and Harry Bolick, tenor, both members of the First Presbyterian Church choir; Thomas Taylor, bass, director of the Broad Street Methodist Church choir and R. Michael Turner, tenor, of All Saints Episcopal Church choir. Dr. T. Layton Fraser will narrate.

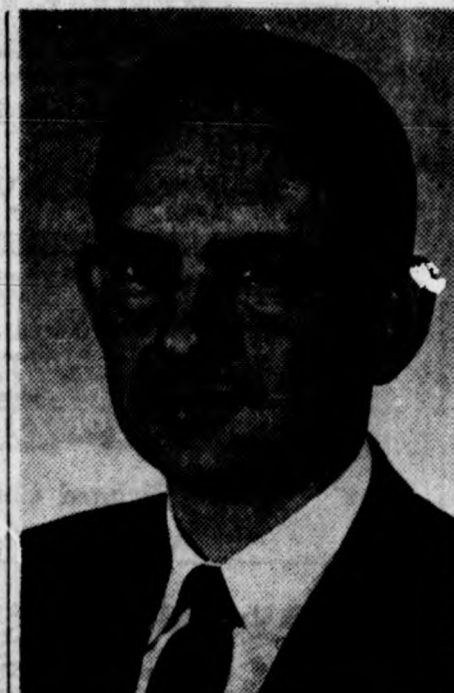
Directing the Community Chorus again this year will be Robert Wassung, manager of The Torrington Company's Clinton Bearings Plant, who formerly directed the 45-voice Torrington Men's Choral Club and the First Methodist Church choir in Torrington, Connecticut, and was assistant director of the 100-voice Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Male Glee Club.

Funds for the operation of the chorus have come from the Clinton Recreation Department and the program will be presented free of charge as a community project.

The musical selections will include both religious and popular numbers and should appeal to all types of musical tastes.

THE PROGRAM

"The Creation" (Willy Richter).
Two selections from the "Christmas Oratorio" (J. S. Bach)—"Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand," "Rejoice and Sing."
"Christmas Day" (Gustav Holst). Soprano solos — Nancy Sadler, Margaret Taylor.
"It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas" (Meredith Willson).
"The Sleigh" (Richard Kountz).
"Go Tell It On the Mountain" (arr. by Harry Simeone).



ROBERT WASSUNG Director

"Snow, Snow, Beautiful Snow" (Sigman and Feller).
"The Song of Christmas" Roy Ringwald).

Chorus Members
Sopranos I—Betty Burnside, Annette Cagle, Collette Coleman, Myrtice Foster, Cornelia Harris, Carol Hay, Sarah Leake, Willa Rae McGowan, Alyson Pugh, Kathy Snelgrove, Rebecca Speake, Margaret Taylor, Marie Weir.

Sopranos II—Mary Creighton, Martha Jones, Frances McSweeney, Sadie Powers, Nancy Sadler, Jan Savelkoff, Nancy Sherrill.

Tenors I—Harry Bolick, George Cobb, Henry Craig, Edsel Culbertson, Allison Pugh,
Tenors II—Joe Delany, Frank House, William Jacobs, Mike Turner.

Altos I—LaRue Bolick, Dot Fakkema, Mary E. Motes, Susan Pitts, Sue Smith, Eileen Sanford.
Altos II—Sandy Cleaver, Naine Copeland, Mary Lou Gettys, Jo Ann Hughes, Clarice Johnson, Linda McCroskey, Polly McKee, Marion Ramage.

Basses I—George Brockenbrough, W. S. Horne, Fred Jacobs, Charles Sanford, F. V. Smith.
Basses II—Ron Burnside, Roy Compton, Carl E. Crisp, A. B. Godfrey, Robert Jones, Perry Moore, Allen Powers, T. W. Taylor, Alfio Undari.

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Seaboard and Coast Line Railroads To Combine

Laurens Textile Co. Plans Expansion

Laurens — The Palmetto Spinning Corporation has announced plans for an expansion program that calls for the purchase of \$200,000 in additional equipment and construction of a warehouse to add 6,500 square feet to the plant facility on the Greenville road.

Fred Davis, treasurer of the company, said Wednesday with installation of the new equipment, production of the plant will be doubled. New employees will be hired to operate the machinery, but the number has not yet been determined.

Construction of the warehouse at a cost of \$25,000 has begun. David Snipes of Laurens, is contractor for the brick and steel addition.

The corporation manufactures synthetic yarn for the production of carpets. The plant began operating last spring in the building leased from the Laurens Industrial Development Corporation.

Week of Prayer Given By Davidson St. Church

The Woman's Missionary Union of Davidson Street Baptist Church began the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions on Sunday evening, December 8.

A pageant entitled "Why Should I Give," was presented by members of the church. Those taking part were Mrs. Leon Collins, Mrs. Theo Ellison, Mrs. Ed Wells, Sr., Mrs. Bobby Joe Meadors, Mrs. Harvey Foster, Mrs. Houston Trammell, Mrs. Marvin DeYoung, Mrs. Oscar Kinard and Miss Judy Abner.

The cries of the church met each evening of the week, and a special Lottie Moon Christmas offering was taken.

Shady Grove Church To Present Program

The Shady Grove Presbyterian Church will give a Christmas program on Saturday evening, December 21, at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Clinton's two railroads will become part of a merged corporation when the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroads complete the merger authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington last Friday.

It was known that the merger had been planned for several years.

The line of the Seaboard operating through Clinton runs from Birmingham, Ala., to Washington, with freight and passenger service, including the fast schedule "Comet" which goes on to New York over the tracks of the New York Central from Washington.

The branch of the Coast Line (formerly the Columbia, New-

berry and Laurens, CN&L) operates over a 75-mile track from Columbia to Laurens.

Lines of both railroads cover the entire southeastern section of the country from Virginia to Florida.

Following is a news story from Washington appearing in papers on Saturday:

Washington — The Interstate Commerce Commission, by a 9-2 vote Friday, approved merger of two railroads which serve the southeastern corner of the United States.

Over objections of the Justice Department and railroad labor groups that the link might create a monopoly, Seaboard Air Line Railroad and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad were given permission to unite in 30 days.

The ruling followed an ICC order last Dec. 13 approving acquisition of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad by the Chesapeake & Ohio, two major eastern lines. A third proposed merger in the east, and the biggest of all—involving the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railroads—is still before the commission.

The new system will be known as the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, with Seaboard the surviving corporation, Atlantic Coast Line will be the holding company.

Commissioners Charles A. Webb and William H. Tucker dissented.

Commissioner Rupert L. Murphy, writing the majority decision, said the merger will result in "significant reductions in internal costs and enable the merged company to effectively meet the ever-increasing competition from other modes of transport."

Murphy said both roads have had a decline in net income since 1955 although they have experienced prosperity recently. He said the merger would eliminate wasteful transport and fully utilize the railroads' potential for efficient and economic service.

The new system plans to handle freight traffic over the existing routes of both lines and to take advantage of lines which are most favorable.

The ICC said the merger will involve abolishing about 4,250 jobs and relocating some 4,400 employees to other posts with the new company.

Annual Caroling By Camp Fire Girls

The annual Camp Fire Girls caroling service will be held on Monday evening, December 23. All groups will meet at the Camp Fire hut at 6:00 p. m. for a short practice session. The itinerary is as follows:

- 6:00 p. m.—Practice of carols with song leaders.
 - 6:30 p. m.—Whitten Village Hospital.
 - 7:00 p. m.—Mary Musgrove Hotel.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Clinton Rest Home.
 - 8:00 p. m.—Bailey Memorial Hospital.
 - 8:30 p. m.—Back to the hut for donuts and hot chocolate.
- Leaders will be responsible for transportation for their own groups.
- It is requested that the leaders report the number of girls participating to the Leaders Association Representative, Mrs. Phillip Abner.

Collision on E. Carolina Ave.

These two cars were in collision on Monday morning on E. Carolina Ave. when one of them was being taken to a garage. The car at right, owned by Robert Lee Attaway, had broken down earlier in the morning, and Frank Simpson came to push it to his garage nearby. It was stated that with Simpson in his wrecker pushing and Edgar Taylor, Sr., steering the car was in collision with one driven by Frank Miles Clark, Rt. 3, Newberry. Taylor was hospitalized following the collision. The accident was investigated by city policemen Horace Horton and Allen Simmons.—Photo by Paul Quinton.