

Williamson Chapel News

By MRS. DAVIES ALEXANDER

Charles Dorion returned to the VA Hospital in Durham Tuesday after spending the week end at his home and Lowrance Hospital.

Mrs. Graham Barnett left Lowrance Hospital Monday and is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norton.

Mrs. Charles Williams and Miss Bonnie Sherrill spent last Thursday with Mrs. Vance Nixon.

Graham Barnett entered Lowrance Hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alley and Kathy of Davidson were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louise Sherrill.

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WILDCAT ON THE LOOSE — This is a picture left over from last week's Christmas parade. We had dozens of pictures left over, but this one has an unusual story, so we'll attempt to justify it this week. What you see is a giant mock-up of Davidson College's wildcat hovering like a mother hen over a covey of Brownies. The scouts are members of the Cornelius and Davidson troops. Dr. Mary Jane McConnell, who lives in Davidson but whose optometrist office

is here, is a troop leader and she wanted to do something to help the Mooresville parade. The Brownies, their leaders and all the help the leaders could muster borrowed a chicken wire skeleton of a wildcat from a Davidson fraternity, they spent long, tedious hours covering the carcass with crepe paper, stuffing the head and making the realistic whiskers. Their labor did not go unrewarded; the chicken wire wildcat was a parade highlight.

Elkin Woman Is Proud Of Old New York Paper

A New York newspaper almost 100 years old that lists the details of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln is included in the collection of Mrs. J. F. McNeely, a local authority on the 16th President of the United States.

It is an extra edition of The New York Herald dated Saturday April 15, 1865, the day he died a few hours after being shot by John Wilkes Booth in a Washington theatre. Between the heavy black borders reserved for death are the details of the tragedy and a sketch of the familiar face.

Mrs. McNeely says the old paper was handed down to her through her parents. She purchased a yellowed Chicago paper of the same month giving another account of Lincoln's death from a descendant of its original owner.

These are among the many papers, booklets, poems, pictures and other items she has on Lincoln. She is using them in preparing an historical scrapbook about the President.

In the first of the six columns on the front page of The New York Herald of 1865 is the headline in bold capital letters: "Important Assassination of President Lincoln — The President Shot at Ford's Theatre." Continuing down past the half fold of the page are sub-headlines labeling other facts of the assassination.

"This evening at about 9:30 p. m., at Ford's Theatre," the article begins, "the President, while sitting in his private box with Mrs. Lincoln... was shot by an assassin, who suddenly entered the box and approached behind the President."

"The assassin then leaped upon the stage, brandishing a large dagger or knife and made his escape in the rear of the theatre. The pistol ball entered the back of the President's head and penetrated nearly through the head. The wound is mortal. The President has been insensible ever since it was inflicted, and is now dying."

A later dispatch in another story describes him "insensible and sinking." Under the one-column headline, "The President Dead," is the item datelined Washington. It says: "Abraham Lincoln died this morning at 22 minutes past 10 o'clock."

Another front-page story says that Confederate President Jefferson Davis fled from Richmond to Danville, Va. "His Latest Appeal to his Deluded Followers," begins the list of sub-heads. "He thinks the Fall of Richmond a Blessing in Disguise as it Leaves the Rebel Armies Free to Move From Point to Point." "He Vainly Promises to Hold Virginia at All Hazards." "The Organ of Gov. Vance of North Carolina Advises the Submission of the Rebels to President Lincoln's Terms."

Reprinted from the Asheville News is a paragraph headlined, "Exchange of Rebel General Vance." It says: "The exchange of prisoners seems to go steadily on. We have seen a large number of our mountain boys who have reached home after a protracted imprisonment."

"Among others we were gratified to meet (was) Brigadier General R. B. Vance, who reached home some days since. He looks rather worried by his long confinement, but as is usual with him, he is full of life, cheerful and buoyant. The General is a great favorite of the people in this section and everybody was glad to see him."

Another story, printed on the last page of the four-page issue, is headlined: "Sherman, 'His Army Moving.'" "Johnston's Army West of Raleigh," "Only His Cavalry Holding the Capital of the State," "He is Reported Endeavoring to Form a Junction with Lee," "The Ram Albemarle Raised in Good Condition," and "Occupation of Murfreesboro, N. C., by Our Fleet."

Datelined Washington, it reads: "Reliable information has been received here from Goldsboro on the 10th instant (April 10). General Sherman started from Goldsboro early on the morning of the 10th, moving on Raleigh. There was no fighting except the usual skirmishing. It was General Sherman's expectation that he would reach Raleigh in four days."

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'DEAD' HUSBAND BACK, ASKS DIVORCE SO HE CAN REMARRY

After being legally dead for 15 years, William Platt, 53, has returned to Mooresville and asked his wife for a divorce so that he can in good conscience marry again and begin a new life with another wife.

Platt disappeared late in 1937, abandoning his wife and 3 young children. In 1947, Mrs. Platt went to court and obtained an order declaring her missing husband legally dead. Later she remarried. The case came to light when Platt and Mrs. Dorothy Wilmer applied for a marriage license, and officials could find no record of a divorce separating Platt and his first wife. Mrs. Platt later said she is happily married and will not oppose her husband's petition for a divorce decree to set the record straight.

The survivors include: the widow, Mrs. Harriett Edwards Honeycutt; three sons, George Mack Honeycutt of Statesville, route 7, Lathan N. Honeycutt of Graysonville, Maryland, and Bobby Lee Honeycutt of Davidson; three daughters, Mrs. Rodgers Dashiell of Statesville, Maryland, and Misses Ollie Mae and Sylvia Jean Honeycutt, both of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Tom Brown, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, and Miss Della Honeycutt, all of Davidson; and four brothers, Clyde, John, and Charles Honeycutt, all of Mooresville, and Vance Honeycutt of Sherrill's Ford. Twelve grandchildren also survive.

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Honeycutt Services Held On Wednesday

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