

Geneva Barton Cooper was born at Chillicothe, Mo., Nov. 11, 1890 and died at her home in Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 30, 1920, age 29 years, 9 months, and 19 days.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barton. The father, an attorney at law, died just a few weeks ago. When about thirteen years of age Geneva moved with her parents to St. Louis, Mo., where the family has since lived. She was married to Rufus Neal Cooper Dec. 23, 1912. To them one child was born, little Ruth Neal, now 2 1/2 years of age.

The death of Neal Cooper about two years ago is one of the sad stories of the ravages of the influenza. He had gone to New Orleans, with a new position and prospects for an enlarged future in a new home. Before the wife could follow, Neal was sick and died. She hastened to his bedside only to be stricken with the same dread disease, in this sad way and in a strange land they were separated by the cruel hand we call death. But their love and devotion lived on, a monument to the integrity and unity of their noble young lives.

The bereaved widow came to Clarence to live with her husband's parents, where she was welcomed, comforted and made happy as one of their very own, little Ruth Neal becoming the cherished treasure and the delight of her grandparents.

It was during this residence in Clarence that Mrs. Cooper volunteered her services as a helper with the boys and girls in our church and loved and served them with an untiring faithfulness and devotion. Many of our young people will never forget Geneva Cooper. She was always their friend. She visited them in their homes, led them in their meetings and planned and worked for their entertainment and benefit. Her heart was in her work. She was modest but never timid. Quiet but always free. She never saw a stranger and was at home among us with an ease of attitude that made us enjoy her presence and fellowship. She is the most missed of any who gone has from us and left our junior boys and girls like sheep having no shepherd. We sorrow her death as we sorrowed her leaving. We appreciate the loss that has come to her loved ones for we have shared that loss ourselves.

It was Mrs. Cooper's ambition to become a specialist in religious work. She was considering a position as assistant pastor of the Clarence Church when it was decided that she should move to St. Louis to the home of her parents. Here she became assistant to Bro. McQuary in the Hamilton Ave. Church and was superintendent of their junior department. Her work there was marked with much success until failing health caused her to move to California.

Mrs. Cooper's character, disposition and service were all Christian in spirit. She was devoted, evangelistic and faithful. Her death means that one of God's best women has gone from a beautiful earthly service to a heavenly reward.

The home of our Bro. and Sister T. L. Cooper is now saddened for the third time in less than two years. The death of Neal Cooper, then Silas Dean and now Geneva Cooper, all of them dying away from home, makes the sadness to tragic and our hearts go

Joseph of St. Louis, and Wirth of Los Angeles; and two sisters, Miss Birdie Barton of St. Louis and Mrs. Inez Asper of Detroit. To these and to all her relatives and friends we offer our hearts and our hands in their hour of sorrow.

The remains were brought here Sunday night and funeral services were conducted at the Christian church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. C. E. Nichols.

Former Clarence Man Dies at La Plata

D. C. Petree Dies of Pneumonia Wednesday Night

D. C. Petree, formerly of Clarence, died at his home in La Plata at 11 o'clock Wednesday night after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was a resident of Clarence for several years and was connected with the business firm of Peel & Petree, Hardware, later entering the pump and plumbing business alone.

In 1926, Mr. Petree moved to La Plata where he was engaged in the plumbing business for some months. Later he became rural carrier on Route 1 out of La Plata, a position he was holding at the time of his death.

Two weeks ago he became ill while on his route near Illinois Bend. He was taken to the Sherman White home and later taken to his home in La Plata, where pneumonia developed. An abscess on the lung broke and his heart being weak was unable to bear the strain, and he succumbed shortly afterwards.

He was 30 years old, and leaves his wife, a little daughter, and two sons, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Petree, of Kidder, Mo., three brothers and two sisters. The parents of Mrs. Petree are with her, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Collins, and her sister, Mrs. Merle Dennis, of Clarence, Mo.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at the home by Rev. J. L. Shoemaker.

Death of J. S. Ward

The death of J. S. Ward, who for a number of years was engaged in business in Clarence, occurred Thursday morning, Aug. 11, at 6 o'clock following a few days illness of complication of diseases. He had been in poor health for sometime, but only seriously ill for several days.

Jeremiah S. Ward was the son of James and Sophronia Ward and was born Dec. 1, 1861 on a farm north of Clarence and three miles south of Cherry Box.

He was united in marriage to Miss Amanda J. Long in Macon county on February 7, 1884. They made their home in Shelby county until 1893, when they moved to Colorado, where they lived for ten years. In 1903 they came to Clarence, where Mr. Ward engaged in the mercantile business for several years, occupying the Heron building on the north side of the railroad. He later purchased the property and erected the building that bears his name.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Nellie Florence and Harry Edward, both of whom died in infancy. He was a great lover of children and about a year ago took into his home one of the orphan children brought to Clarence for homes. The child, Betty Ward, his wife, a sister Mrs. Mollie Murphy, of California, two brothers, Frank and Talbert Ward, of California, and a host of friends are left to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Baptist church conducted by Rev. W. B. Alsbury. Interment in Maplewood cemetery.

Leston F. Cross.

Leston F. Cross, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Cross, was born October 16th, 1875, at the old home two miles southeast of Clarence, Mo. He died Oct. 15th, 1921, lacking as we see but one day of being 46 years old.

He had been ill but a short time though his health had been failing for a number of years. His death came as a shock to the community in which he lived.

He united with the Methodist church in early life and has lived a consistent Christian life. He was a devoted and faithful member of the Wesley Brotherhood, an organized Sunday School Class of his Church. His brethren will miss him and honor his memory.

He was married to Miss Mollie Butner March 26th, 1901. There are three daughters, Pauune, Carmen and Bernice. He was devoted to the best interests of his family and did not in that forget their spiritual welfare. They mourn his going very greatly.

His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Cross, three sisters, Mrs. H. H. Blackman, of Milan, Mo., Mrs. L. H. Bell, of Lexington, Mo., and Miss Perle Cross, and one brother Elmer Cross, survive and mourn his departure. One brother Roy Everett Cross, preceded to the great beyond October 2nd, 1895.

There are many other relatives and a host of friends who join the family in their grief and extend their sympathy in the great loss.

Funeral services were conducted from the Center Street Methodist Church, Monday, October 17th, 1921, by the pastor, Rev. Ward M. Baker, assisted by Rev. J. A. Sneed. Interment was had in Maplewood cemetery. He sleeps

Fatally Hurt By Discharge Of Gun

Asa Snow, Formerly of This Community, Died Tuesday Morning

Asa Snow, 64 years old, was fatally injured about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon when a shotgun he was carrying on his tractor, was discharged accidentally, the load of shot striking him in the breast, just above the heart. Mr. Snow had borrowed the gun from a neighbor with the intention of shooting some crows which were bothering the little chicks of the community. The gun was placed on the fender of his tractor and, in some way, was jarred off, causing the mortal wound.

Mr. Snow started to the house after the accident but fell before he had gone more than a couple of hundred yards. His little son ran to a nearby barn and found assistance. Altho unconscious from the shock and loss of blood, Mr. Snow was hurried to the hospital at Shelbyville where he died Tuesday morning.

Mr. Snow formerly lived north of Clarence, moving to the farm southwest of Shelbyville about two years ago. He is survived by his wife and children: Mrs. Chas. Simpson, of Hagers Grove, Mrs. Otto Simpson, of Clarence, Hazel Grace, Gerald, Bessie Mae and Frank.

Funeral services were at the Mt. Zion church and burial in the cemetery there.

Kills Playmate Wounds Another

Careless Handling of Shotgun Brings Tragedy to Clarence Homes.

Charles Wesley McGlothlin, aged 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McGlothlin, was instantly killed and Glen Snyder, aged 10 also, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Snyder, was struck by shot from a gun fired by Arlie Coleman, a neighbor boy, about 3:30 or 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The charge from the shot gun took full effect in McGlothlin's breast and side. But three shot struck the Snyder boy, who was a few feet in the rear of McGlothlin. The latter was hurried to Dr. Harlan's office and an effort made to find the shot but with no success. However they were found to have struck in the abdomen and pelvic region of the body. It seems that the missiles have not pierced any vital part of the child's body and that he will recover from the wounds in a short time.

The whole regrettable affair seems to have been an accident due to the careless handling of a loaded gun. Coleman had returned from a hunting trip and the two smaller boys had hurried toward him to see his game. Boylike, he told them to get away or he would shoot them and flourished the gun to enforce the order. When pointing directly at young McGlothlin, the gun exploded with fatal results.

McGlothlin was born at Gibbs, Missouri, March 9, 1913, but has lived in Clarence most of his short life. Besides his grief-stricken parents, he leaves two brothers, Leon and Virgil, a sister, Violet; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGlothlin, near Leola, Mrs. Frank Gray, Mrs. Walter Long, Ida and Adie McGlothlin of Fort Madison, Iowa, and five uncles, George Carmen, Charles, Frank, Ralph and James McGlothlin of Fort Madison.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Baptist church.

Funeral Services Held Friday

Clarence Girl, Student at Chicago U., Died Last Wednesday Morning.

The funeral services of Thelma Brewington, who died of heart trouble at Chicago last Wednesday after a few hours of illness, were held at the Methodist church in Clarence last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. Watts, pastor of the Baptist church at La Plata, assisted by Rev. Knupp of Clarence. The services were in charge of the Eastern Star. Burial was in the Maplewood cemetery.

The large number of friends, who gathered at the Methodist church to pay their last respects to their friend, was eloquent of the esteem in which Miss Brewington was held in Clarence and her home community.

Thelma Beatrice Brewington was born March 31, 1902 near Clarence, Missouri. Her death, at the age of 27, occurred at the Billings hospital in Chicago, June 12th, 1929. She graduated from Clarence High school in 1920 and taught in the rural schools of Macon and Shelby counties for four years. Later, she attended the State Teachers College at Kirksville for nine quarters and the college at Aberdeen, S. D., for one quarter. She then resumed her teaching and was selected as instructor in the Indian School at Bismark, N. D.

She remained here two years and was then transferred to the government school at Ft. Hall, Idaho, where she taught a year. Two years ago she entered Chicago University, from which she would have graduated this year had not death intervened. She united with the Metho-