

TRIBUTES TO MISS HAYS

The young ladies of the Y. W. C. A. at the South Georgia State Normal College varied the program for their mid-week meeting last night, changing it to a Thanksgiving service and a memorial meeting for the late Miss Lucile Hays, who was killed by an automobile last Sunday afternoon.

There was a good musical program, led by Miss Mary Young, of the voice department. Several songs were sung by the crowd, while other songs were sung by the college chorus club. There was Scripture reading and a prayer, after which the meeting was opened to the members of the organization present. There was a good talk on Thanksgiving by Mrs. McGorrrh, the assistant matron at the dormitory, and afterwards there were a number of talks by different girls.

The tributes to their former classmate and friend were warm and sincere. The different young ladies recalled incidents in the life of the deceased which showed how thoughtful she was of others and how generous she was. One of them told of an occasion when the girls went on a picnic and of how Miss Hays remained at the dormitory with one of the girls whose brother had died in his country's service, finding an excuse to remain behind in order to **comfort the bereaved girl and cheer her in her loneliness.**

Others spoke of personal experiences which they had had and of how warm-hearted and sympathetic the deceased was to all who came in touch with her. All of them agreed that her young life had been a source of helpfulness to them and that they had gotten a better conception of high Christian duty from the life she had lived among them.

The tributes were merely outbursts of the deep love which her young life had inspired and of the sorrow which her tragic taking-off had caused.

MISS LUCILE HAYS 1915 WAS KILLED ALMOST INSTANTLY SUNDAY

**Was Hit by an Automobile as
She Stood in Street.**

**Auto Driven by Miss Marion
Whittinton in a Mist That
Blurred the Wind Shield,
Preventing Her Seeing Girls.**

One of the saddest accidents that has occurred in Valdosta since the advent of the automobile was that of last evening when the life of Miss Lucile Hays, of Hazlehurst, a junior of the South Georgia State Normal College, was snuffed out almost instantly by an automobile driven by Miss Marion Whittington.

The accident occurred on Patterson street, near the little depot of the street car line in front of the college dormitory, where Miss Hays and Miss Bettie Chichester were waiting to meet Miss Mary Bass, of Dublin, who was coming from the city after spending the day with her mother, who was a week-end visitor to relatives here. Miss Bass had telephoned that she would be on the car and the young ladies went out to meet her.

Standing Under a Light.

Misses Hays and Chichester were standing under a street light, near the car line, as the street car came down the hill to the branch and then started up the grade. They were reading a piece of manuscript for their college magazine, one of them watching the approaching car and not dreaming that an automobile was approaching from the other direction.

Miss Marion Whittington, Miss Margaret Whittington and Miss Bahlah Avera, in Dr. Whittington's car, had been out toward the park to carry a conference delegate to his stopping place. It had been misting and the wind-shield of the car was so covered with small particles of rain which reflected the street light and the light from the approaching car so as to make it impossible for them to distinguish the figures of the young ladies in front of the car. When only a few feet from them, Miss Whittington saw their red sweaters and tried to stop, but it was too late. The automobile, which was coasting along at a moderate speed, struck them and knocked them down, dragging Miss Hay probably 25 feet. The car did not pass over Miss Chichester, though her body was bruised, but no bones broken, and her injuries were not serious.

Carried to the Hospital.

In a few seconds the street car rolled up and came to a stop. In the meantime a minister, Rev. Geo. Haygood, who was in another car, had seen the accident and ran to help the Misses Whittington get the injured girl in their car and carry her to the hospital, which was only about one hundred yards away. Miss Hays was unconscious and was bleeding from the mouth and nose. She reached the hospital in a very few minutes after the accident occurred, Dr. J. M. Smith being called to her. An examination of her body showed that she had received internal injuries. She did not regain consciousness and died within a half hour.

Miss Chichester, who also appeared to be suffering considerably, from the shock as well as from her bruises, was carried to the dormitory by Mr. C. C. Brantley, who happened to be a passenger on the street car and was among the first upon the scene. Miss Chichester's shoes were knocked

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from her feet and she was in her stocking feet as she went to the dormitory, though, in the excitement, she did not realize it. Her mind seemed to be upon her companion, and remarked through her tears several times: "Oh, Lucile did not speak." She evidently realized that Miss Hays was badly hurt.

Takes Blame to Themselves.

Miss Chichester stated that she did not blame the driver of the automobile, as she knew that she and Miss Hays should not have been in the street without watching for passing cars. The little depot there was dark and they were afraid to stop there, going to the street where people who might pass that way would know who they were, and occupying the few moments' wait by reading the manuscript of their paper, on which their hearts were centered. One of them was watching the approaching street car, both of them having their backs to the approaching automobile which was coming down the street from the north.

Were There by Mischance.

It was by the merest sort of accident that the two young ladies went to the street car track to meet Miss Bass. Mrs. McGarrah, the assistant matron at the dormitory, started to go and asked one of the girls to get her raincoat. Misses Hays and Chichester had just walked into the dormitory from the promenade. They had on their sweaters and asked Mrs. McGarron to let them go. The car was due to arrive at the station and Mrs. McGarrah consented. It is a rule of the college that the girls are not to go beyond the last sycamore tree on the avenue leading to Patterson street, but Misses Hays and Chichester did not think that rule was binding under the circumstances, so they went on to the middle of the street, where they could get the benefit of the light and would meet Miss Bass as she stepped from the street car.

Miss Hays Was Very Popular.

Miss Hays was a daughter of Engineer S. J. Hays, of the Southern Railway, running from Hazlehurst to Macon. She was a cousin of Mrs. E. R. Barber and Mrs. J. F. Holmes, of this city. She was in her second year in the college here and was a member of the junior class. She was a favorite with the student body as well as the faculty, being bright, studious and of gentle disposition.

Her father was notified of her death, but was unable to come here before the body could reach him. The remains were taken in charge by the Giddens Undertaking Company and prepared for burial. Prof. J. F. Wood and Miss Ola Barber accompanied them to Hazlehurst this morning over the Georgia & Florida road. The remains are to be taken to Byron, near Macon, for burial tomorrow.

The deceased formerly resided in Macon and is survived by her father, one brother, Jack, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walton, of Macon.

The sad death of Miss Hays caused much sorrow among the pupils of the college, as well as throughout the community.