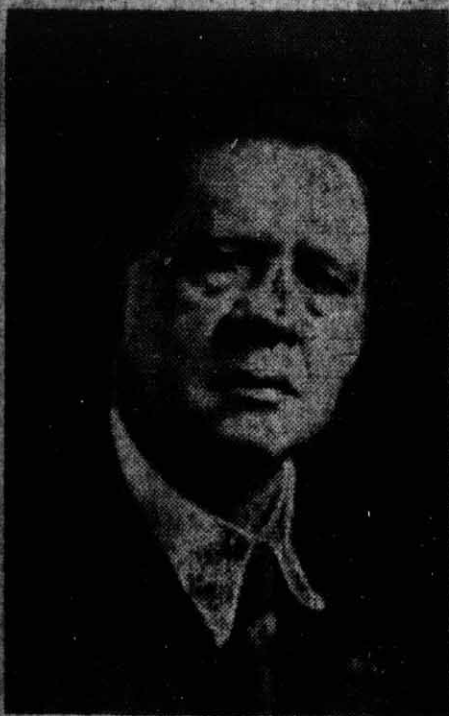


A. M. Grist, York Editor, Laid To Rest



A. M. GRIST

(By Herald Correspondent)

York, March 10.—Funeral services for Albert Mason Grist, editor of The Yorkville Enquirer for the last 16 years, who died yesterday morning at his home here, were to be conducted at 3:30 p. m. today at the First Baptist church, with the interment in Rose Hill cemetery. The Rev. L. G. Elliott was to officiate. Mr. Grist, who was 67 years of age, had been in declining health for a long period. He returned late Saturday afternoon from Columbia, where he had been a patient in a hospital since the previous Wednesday. He became suddenly worse Sunday morning and died at 8:30.

Mr. Grist was a son of Capt. L. M. Grist and Mrs. Frances Vise Grist of York. He was a member of the family that has published The Yorkville Enquirer continuously for almost a century. He grew up in newspaper work, devoting most of his time in early years to the mechanical department and becoming a proficient printer.

The advent of the Linotype, or typesetting machine, was a challenge to his mechanical skill and he soon became an expert operator. From time to time he taught persons who came to York to learn mastery of the Linotype under his expert instruction.

Leaving York when a young man, he worked on newspapers in Charleston, S. C., New York and other cities in the North. But the call of the home newspaper and the old

home town was too strong to resist and eventually he returned to York and settled down to work on The Enquirer in association with two brothers, the late W. D. Grist and the late O. E. Grist. He was foreman of the composing room when called to the editorial chair following the passing of W. D. Grist, in 1925. From that time until his death he served continuously as editor.

Mr. Grist was devoted to The Enquirer. He was proud of its history and traditions and to it he gave all his time, all his energy and all his ability. In the last few months of his life, when unable to be at his desk, he continued to write editorials. As a newspaper editor, he was known for his independence of mind, never hesitating to express his convictions on public issues regardless of popular favor.

Mr Grist was a member of the First Baptist church, was teacher of the Men's Bible class and had served as superintendent of the Sunday school. He wrote a weekly Sunday school lesson for his newspaper.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Oasis Temple. He had served as worshipful master of the local Masonic lodge. For several years he had been a member of the advisory board of the State Department of Public Welfare. Mr. Grist was a director of the York Chamber of Commerce and took an active part in the work of that organization. He lent helpful support to all community enterprises.

Surviving are two daughters, Miss Margaret Grist and Mrs. Bruce P. Robinson, and one sister, Mrs. Jessie Grist Stagg, all of York. His wife, who before marriage was Miss Elizabeth Blair of the Blairsville section, died a number of years ago.

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Beginning a New Year.

With this issue The Yorkville Enquirer begins its seventy-seventh volume.

For seventy-six years—three-quarters of a century—this paper has been giving its best to the "Promotion of the political, social, agricultural and commercial interests of the people."

For seventy-six years its publishers have had no other creed than that. To make that creed a reality it has striven through adversity and prosperity. Just how well it has succeeded it is not for us to say. The record speaks for itself.

To be sure its publishers have made mistakes. Who hasn't? Who wouldn't make some mistakes in seventy-six years? But such mistakes as have been made were mistakes of the mind and not of the heart.

For all of its seventy-six years it has had many steadfast supporters who had faith in The Yorkville Enquirer, and who while not always agreeing with the policies of the paper were big enough and liberal enough to believe that the publishers were sincere and honest in those policies, and were big enough and brave enough to still be friends and supporters of the paper.

The publishers of The Yorkville Enquirer have never looked upon the paper as primarily a money-making machine. Its first publisher, the late Captain Lewis Mason Grist, had a higher conception of the newspaper game than that. His first thought and aim was service to The Enquirer's readers and the people of York county as a whole, and during his nearly fifty years as the editor of the paper he never once got away from that ideal. Those who have come after him have likewise held to his ideal.

The aim of the present publishers of The Yorkville Enquirer is to make it more worthwhile to its readers. To do everything it possibly can do for the upbuilding of York county and South Carolina and for the advancement of its supporters and readers, white and black, rich and poor, high and low. To do more for its readers it necessarily needs the support of its readers and the support of those who are not now readers, but ought to be. Your welfare and advancement and prosperity means our welfare and prosperity. When business depression bears down on you it likewise bears down on The Yorkville Enquirer.

To be sure we want to see you prosper and if you prosper then we know that The Yorkville Enquirer will prosper.

May we extend to you and yours our very best wishes for a prosperous New Year?

PRINTER'S INK THAT WOULDN'T COME OFF Finger — May 6, 1936 So Miss Elizabeth Grist Returns to the Yorkville Enquirer

York, May 4.—There is a saying that "when printer's ink once gets on the fingers, it sticks."

It won't wash off or rub off.

The same rule applies to the front office of the newspaper game as well, according to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Grist, who says she knows from experience.

Miss Grist comes from a long line of newspaper people, four generations of them having published the same newspaper, the Yorkville Enquirer, in this little town of the Palmetto State.

Her great-grandfather, John E. Grist, started a paper here in 1855.

When he died his son, Capt. Lewis M. Grist, continued to carry on.

Then her father, Wood Davidson Grist, conducted the Enquirer until his death, March 10, 1925.

When Miss Elizabeth received her A. B. degree from Winthrop Normal and Industrial College, she entered the Yorkville Enquirer office as proofreader and bookkeeper and for several years kept at it.

But six months ago she was offered a most attractive position in the office of the North Carolina Department of Revenue at Raleigh.

She accepted the position.

The work was easy—far easier than that she had been doing in a country newspaper office.

But today she is back at the old desk in the newspaper office.

"Oh, I just couldn't be satisfied anywhere but right here," she says.

"The work over in North Carolina was pleasant and easy. Everybody was just lovely to me, but—

"Well, it is just in my blood, I guess. I couldn't be happy anywhere but here, and you see I am here."

PUBLISHER MAKES CLAIMS

Commissioners Are Told Yorkville Enquirer Has Smallest Circulation.

Claiming that his publication, The Evening Herald of Rock Hill had the largest York county circulation of any newspaper, A. W. Huckle, publisher, appeared before the county board of commissioners at their monthly meeting in Yorkville Wednesday with the request that the commissioners hereafter order the semi-annual publication of the county supervisor's disbursement report in his journal rather than in The Yorkville Enquirer which has published the report for many years. Mr. Huckle told the commissioners he was willing to swear that his paper had the largest York county circulation.

Asked how he knew his bona fide circulation was larger than that of The Yorkville Enquirer, the publisher said that he had caused his circulation agents to visit every home in York county, both white and colored to ascertain who took the Enquirer.

He informed the commissioners that most of the circulation of The Enquirer was not in York county; but over the state of South Carolina. To prove his contention he took from his pocket a copy of The Enquirer and read therefrom an article from its staff man who "covered" the recent general assembly to the effect that twenty or more members of the assembly had subscribed for The Enquirer.

Mr. Huckle is reported to have also informed the commissioners that what little circulation The Enquirer had in York county was in the "western side" and it was hardly known on the "eastern side."

The commissioners received the claims of Publisher Huckle as information: *Yorkville Enquirer* 5/7/36