

## **SERVICES FOR GRACE SLAUGH HELD TUESDAY**

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### **Large Crowd Which Pays Last Respects to Departed Friend and Classmate, Fills First Ward Chapel to Overflowing.**

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It is estimated that more than 1200 people were present at the funeral services held for Grace Slauch Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock in the Vernal First Ward Chapel under the direction of the Vernal First Ward Bishopric with Warren Richardson conducting.

All classes at the Uintah High School where Miss Slauch was employed as clerk, were dismissed during the services and the students attended in a body. The various student organizations to which Miss Slauch belonged and the Mutual and Sunday School organizations of the Vernal Second Ward where Miss Slauch had been an outstanding member, paid tribute to their departed friend.

A poem was read at the beginning of the services by Mrs. Karl Tenney, representing the Gleaner class. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. One large floral piece, which covered the casket was sent by the House of Representatives of which Miss Slauch was a member.

A special arrangement of "Oh My Father," was sung by a double mixed quartet. The opening prayer was offered by Driver E. Smith. "The Lord is My Shepherd, " was sung by the quartet.

Bishop John Hair of Vernal Second Ward, the first speaker told of the parting of Grace with her father before he took up his duties as a representative from Uintah County in the state legislature. He said the father had paid the young girl one of the finest tributes that could ever come to a daughter, that she had lived a good and clean life and had measured up to everything he had expected her to be. He read a poem "My Wish for My Family."

Bishop Alfred Simper of Davis Ward, an acquaintance of the family for more than 25 years and a neighbor was the second speaker. He said he had always admired the family and was much touched when the mother died 13 years ago and left Mr. Slauch with the large family. He said the family was always happy and cheerful and very industrious. Despite ill fortune their faith and high ideals have always continued constant and steadfast. "The Rosary" was sung as a duet by Miss Meda Walker and Mrs. Alice Fox accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Manwaring.

Fuller Remington, a member of the bishopric was the third speaker. He referred to his acquaintance with the Slauch family when a small child. Mr. Slauch had been his teacher and much valuable counsel had been given him by this man. He said this man was successful in many ways and had contributed much to the development of this community.

J.G. Noble principal of the Uintah High School was the next speaker and said that Grace graduated with the highest honors of her class having been chosen Valedictorian. Besides this honor she had been awarded the Business and Professional Women's scholarship for excellence in school work and attended the USAC the following fall.

In the fall of 1933 Grace was appointed office clerk at the Uintah high school and had been one of the most efficient employees in the entire district. Mr. Noble said she was one of the finest spirits in the entire school and her personality radiated sunshine wherever she went. He talked on the resurrection "Before Thee Lord," was sung by a chorus from Naples and Second Ward, accompanied by Miss Elaine Goodrich.

Wallace Calder the concluding speaker, said he had known Grace since she was a little girl. He referred to the times he had been in the Slaugh home when her mother was alive and the wonderful influence and environment there was to be found. Grace had woven a mother's influence into the home in recent years said the speaker.

When word reached Mark Hall to whom Grace was to be wed in February he was on board ship. He immediately rushed to her side, arriving in Vernal before the end came. Grace spent Christmas in California with Mark.

Closing remarks were by Warren Richardson "Sometime We'll Understand," was sung by Mrs. Manwaring and the benediction was by Archie Johnson.

Interment was in the Vernal Cemetery where the grave was dedicated by Charles S. Carter. Pallbearers were five brothers, Frank, Leonard, Albert, Stanley and Owen Slaugh and Mark Hall.

Grace was born in Vernal on December 22, 1914, the daughter of George Albert Slaugh and Rachel Goodrich Slaugh. The deceased is survived by her father and three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Smuin, Mrs. Gladys Jacobson and Miss Fern Slaugh; five brothers Frank, Leonard, Albert, Stanley and Owen Slaugh all of Vernal and a host of other relatives and friends.

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