

PRESIDENT CROSLAND GENEOLOGY

**NOTE: HIS LAST
NAME IS
CORRECTLY
SPELLED WITH 1
"S":
CROSLAND**

2. CLAYTON EDWARD CROSLAND *m.* IDA HOLLEY
Aug. 19, 1914 *b.* Sept. 16, 1886
b. July 25, 1886, Ala. Abbeville, Ala. Abbeville, Ala.
Biog. Data: Clayton Edward Crosland—A.B. 1907, Howard College, Ala.; B.A. 1913, Oxford University, England (Rhodes Scholar, Ala.) M.A. (Oxon) 1914; Educ. Administration 1914-1926, Virginia and Tennessee; President "Fork Union Military Academy", Fork Union, Vir.; 1915-1916-1917-1918; President "Averett College, Danville, Va., 1918-1919-1919-1920; Studied in France and Germany; Visited Berlin in 1941 for Office of Military Government; One of Florida's most popular speakers; member of "The Associated Call" including many of the world's greatest speakers; noted lecturer; business representative of The Equitable Life Assurance Society" of the U. S. Resides (Nov. 1957) Lakeland, Fla.
*Biog. Data—*Ida Holley: Graduate High School, Abbeville, Ala.; Diploma in Piano Judson College 1906; Organ and Voice, Brenau Conservatory 1910; teacher of piano.
had children:
(1) Barbara Crosland, *b.* Nov. 17, 1916; (2) Marion Holley Crosland, *b.* April 25, 1918; (3) Clayton Edward Crosland, Jr., *b.* Dec. 10, 1920.

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MRS. ERIC GELLERSTEDT, Editor.

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The following account will be read with interest here where Mrs. Crosland was well known:

Marriage of Mr. Crosland and Miss Holley—

Abbeville, Ala., Aug. 19.—A marriage of interest throughout Alabama, owing to the prominence of both young people was that of Mr. Clayton Edward Crosland and Miss Ida Holley which was impressively

solemnized at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at the First Baptist church in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

The church was artistically decorated for the occasion with palms, smilax and cut flowers. A lovely musical program was rendered before the ceremony, Miss Lucile Hawley, a cousin of the bride, presiding at the organ. Miss Irene Jen-

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kings of Bessemer sang sweetly "Because," by D'Hardelot and several other numbers.

To the strains of the Lohengrin's wedding march, the bridal party entered the church led by the ushers, Mr. J. B. Long and Mr. Austin Hawley, of Abbeville; Mr. Dave Crosland and Mr. W. Raymond Cooper, of Montgomery.

Two sisters of the bride, Mrs. Robert Kennedy Stokes, of Abbeville and Mrs. Alexander Terry, of Fort Moultrie, S. C., were matrons of honor. They wore costumes of white lace over messaline, with pink sashes and carried bouquets of pink asters.

The bride entered with her cousin and maid of honor, Miss Vera Holley

of Fort Gaines, Ga. Miss Holley wore a gown of white crepe chiffon and lace, and her flowers were pink asters.

The bride was a picture of beauty in her wedding gown of white embroidered crepe chiffon, trimmed in princess lace and pearls. She carried a bouquet of brides roses and lilies of the valley.

They were met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, Dr. Carey Pratt McCord of Detroit, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. D. Thompson of Birmingham, brother-in-law of the groom, and the Episcopal service was used.

Immediately afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Crosland motored to Dothan where they took a train to the mountains of North Carolina.

The bride's going away gown was of blue silk poplin, and she wore a chic blue silk hat, trimmed with white wings.

Mr. and Mrs. Crosland will be at home after September 1, at Fork Union, Va., where Mr. Crosland is at the head of the Fork Union Military Academy.

The bride is a charming girl, and possesses both rare intellect, and beauty. She is also a talented musician and was educated at Judson College at Marion.

Mr. Crosland is a Rhodes scholarship man, having graduated with high honors at Oxford, England. He is well known throughout the South, and has a host of warm friends who extend to him sincere congratulations.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Crosland, of Birmingham, parents of the groom; Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Thompson of Birmingham; Misses Crosland of Montgomery, aunts of the groom; Mr. Dave Crosland and Mr. W. R. Cooper of Montgomery; Dr. G. R. Mayfield, of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Edward Passmore, of Dothan, and Dr. Cary Pratt McCord of Detroit.

A large number of handsome gifts were received by the young couple. Among the gifts to the bride was a unique necklace of butterflies from India, the gift of Dr. McCord.

Mrs. F. M. Holley entertained the wedding party, delightfully Tuesday evening after the rehearsal.

Dr. C.E. Crosland

Dr. Clayton E. Crosland was originally from Alabama. He graduated from Howard College in Birmingham in 1907 and immediately began a career within the Baptist establishment. He started as a Sunday-School Recruiter for the state of Alabama and quickly rose through the ranks, even moving to Nashville to establish a teacher-recruiting station. His career soared to new heights when he became a Rhodes Scholar and was given the opportunity to study at the Wadham Branch of Oxford University in England from 1910 to 1913.



Prior to his time at Ward-Belmont, Dr. Crosland was the President of Fork Union Military Academy, and then Averett College in Danville, VA

Dr. Crosland, was associate Vice President of Ward-Belmont, (now Belmont University) Nashville, from 1921 to 1923, and during that short time, he worked with Jack DeWitt to bring radio to Ward-Belmont. Dr. Crosland felt that radio would be a great promotional tool for the college. Though the station did not broadcast for long, Crosland's foresight secured Ward-Belmont's place as the birthplace of radio in Nashville.

“This is Ward-Belmont, Nashville. W-A-R-D--B-E-L-M-O-N-T. We have today installed a radio sending station and will tonight broadcast the concert by Mr. Philip Gordon, the distinguished American pianist.” Dr. Clayton E. Crosland, Associate VP, Ward-Belmont, April 18, 1922.

With this speech, Dr. Crosland of Ward-Belmont, became the first person to broadcast on a radio station in Nashville, Tennessee. This feat of electronic engineering was accomplished only with the aid of John “Jack” DeWitt Jr., a 16-year-old high school student, boy scout, and radio enthusiast, who first constructed a radio antenna in his Belmont Heights backyard. Crosland realized the enormous potential of radio to advertise the college and recruited DeWitt. DeWitt set up Ward-Belmont’s station and was instrumental in this first broadcast on the night of April 18, 1922.

C. E. CROSSLAND ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY OF FORK UNION

Cecil Rhodes Scholar and Oxford Graduate to Become Head of Well-Known Military School.

The acceptance by C. E. Crossland of the presidency of the Fork Union Military Academy is a source of great gratification to the trustees of that institution. The new president is said to be eminently qualified for the work he has undertaken. He spent three years at Oxford and other European universities, and was graduated from Oxford, after having won the Cecil Rhodes' scholarship from Alabama for that institution.

Mr. Crossland is a native of Alabama. He spent several years at Howard College in that State, of which institution he is a graduate. For the past session he has been president of the Southeast Alabama Agricultural School and Experiment Station.

Mr. Crossland will enter upon his duties about August 1, and will begin at once a vigorous campaign of preparations for next session. He is an enthusiastic educator, and is commended in the highest terms by prominent educators in other States where he has lived and labored.

FORK UNION

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FORK UNION, VA., September 5.—A brilliant social event occurred when a reception was given to the new president of the Fork Union Military Academy and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crossland last evening. Mr. and Mrs. Crossland stood in a long receiving line and were introduced to the guests by Dr. E. B. Hatcher. The reception took place at Caraby Hall, the home of the late Dr. W. E. Hatcher. Delightful refreshments were served. Mrs. F. J. Wright and Mrs. R. T. Daniel's vocal selection rendered were well received. Mr. Crossland is a Rhode's scholarship man and stands very high in the educational world. Mr. and Mrs. Crossland are from Alabama.

Misses Marie and Nancy Payne entertained a number of their friends at their beautiful home overlooking the James. Among the guests from a distance were Misses Martha, Anna and Marie McGarvey, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Rowland, of Baltimore; Miss Read, of Richmond.

Mrs. Bell Beard and Miss Hazel Snead, of Birmingham, Ala., are visiting Miss Lottie Snead.

Miss Florence Burgess and Miss Marshall, of Charlottesville, are the guests of Mrs. Ludlow Branham.

Miss Lucy Beach, of Roanoke, is visiting Miss Annie Thomas.

Professor F. M. Benton, of Loudoun County, is visiting in this locality.

Professor A. O. Lynch, of the academy faculty, has returned to the institution.

**FOURTEEN GRADUATED
AT FORK UNION ACADEMY**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FORK UNION, VA., June 6.—The commencement exercises of Fork Union Military Academy will be held to-day. Attorney-General John Garland Pollard was on the program for the address, but on account of illness was unable to be present. His place was taken by Judge J. O. Shepherd, of Palmyra. There were fourteen graduates. In the military department the marksmanship medal was awarded to Cadet C. G. Saunders. Cadet Sale won the medal for the best drilled cadet in school.

President C. E. Crossland presented the W. E. Hatcher scholarship medal to Captain P. T. Ancarrow, of Richmond, and Pembroke Pettit, of Fluvanna, presented the second scholarship medal to Alvin Klor.

The graduates were: Captain P. T. Ancarrow, Richmond; Sergeant Yik Tak Cheung, Canton, China; Sergeant E. F. Lambert, South Hill, Va.; Lieutenant R. I. Brown, Belspring, Va.; Sergeant Harry Graham, Fork Union, Va.; Private N. E. Schaumberg, Rio Vista, Va.; Sergeant F. H. Worthington, Newport News, Va.; Adjutant Joe Phillips, Newport News, Va.; Sergeant E. S. Robinson, Newport News, Va.; Major E. F. Jordan, Big Island, Va.; Private P. K. Snead, Carysbrook, Va.; Lieutenant L. A. Brittingham, Newport News, Va.; Corporal T. H. Snead, Cohasset, Va.; Captain J. H. Robinson, Newport News, Va.

**PRESIDENT CROSLAND PRESIDES
OVER FUMA 1910 GRADUATION.**

HIS FATHER, EDWARD, DIED
IN 1915, WHILE VISITING HIS
SON AT FUMA.

WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING BLACK INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.

H. D. V. S. Form No. 12, 200M.—6-15-12.

1. PLACE OF DEATH.
County of Flomona, Va
District of Fork Union
or
Inc. Town of
or
City of

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registration District No.
Primary Registration District No. 3229
(No. St. Ward)

2. FULL NAME Edward Davidson Crosland
Residence In City Yrs. Mos. Days

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
File No. 5664
Registered No. 8

[If death occurred in a Hospital or Institution give its NAME instead of street and number.]

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED. Married
(Write the word)

6. DATE OF BIRTH May 18, 1855
(Month) (Day) (Year)

7. AGE 59 yrs. 10 mos. 20 ds. If LESS than 1 day, ... hrs. or min.?

8. OCCUPATION
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Farmer
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9. BIRTHPLACE (State or Country) Alabama

PARENTS

10. NAME OF FATHER E. D. Crosland, Sr.
11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) South Carolina
12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Elizabeth Woolley
13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) Alabama

14. THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
(Informant) E. D. Crosland
(Address) Fork Union, Va.

15. Filed March 31, 1915 R. J. Lued
LOCAL REGISTRAR

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH March 11, 1915
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Mar 1st, 1915, to Mar 11, 1915, that I last saw him alive on Mar 10, 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8:20 a.m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Apoplexy resulting from
Cardio Vascular Resg
disease

(Duration) ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.

Contributory (SECONDARY)
(Signed) Geo. W. Parry M. D.
3/19, 1915 (Address) Fork Union Va

*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL or HOMICIDAL.

18. LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or recent Residents)
At place of death ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds. State ... yrs. ... mos. ... ds.
Where was disease contracted, If not at place of death?
Former or usual Residence

19. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL. Selma, Ala. DATE OF BURIAL Mar 13, 1915

20. UNDERTAKER J. R. Smead ADDRESS Fork Union Va

COL. CROSSLAND GOES TO DANVILLE

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COL. C. E. CROSSLAND TO HEAD LOCAL COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL OF FORK UNION MILITARY ACADEMY RESIGNS POST IN FLUVANNA COLLEGE TO ACCEPT PRINCIPALSHIP OF AVERETT COLLEGE HERE.

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- Presided over the completion of the name change to Averett College.
- During his tenure, the first Student Government Association on campus was organized (1920).
- In addition to his duties as President, taught German, Latin, French, and philosophy.
- Is the only President or principal in the school's history to be fired for his actions: the Board of Trustees (following a condemnation by a Baptist convention) demanded that Crosland leave after he allowed dancing and dance classes on campus.

Commemoration Service Planned

The late Col. Clayton Edward Crosland, long time resident of Polk County who died March 31, 1972, will be honored Monday at graveside with a wreath laying service at 10 a.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery.

The event coincides with the 75th anniversary of Fork Union Military Academy in Fluvanna Valley, Va. Col. Crosland was the academy's first president and is credited for its success and prominence today.

In memory of Col. Crosland and in honor of his contribution, the academy has asked Jan. L. King, as Col. Crosland's attorney and executor of his estate, to place a wreath at his grave as an official part of the 75th anniversary commemoration. The public is invited.