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MRS. McDONALD BURIED SUNDAY

Final Rites For Prominent Resident Held From Church Of Good Shepherd

Funeral services for Mrs. William H. McDonald, prominent local resident, were held from the Church of the Good Shepherd at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon with Rev. Francis H. Craighill, rector, in charge. Burial followed in the Battle family cemetery in Nash County.

Mrs. McDonald died late Saturday afternoon at her residence on Franklin street after several months of illness. She was 60 years old. She was the widow of the late William H. McDonald and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph John Battle, prominent residents of Nash County.

Surviving are four sons, John McDonald, of Newport News, Va., George McDonald, of this city, Hugh McDonald, of Raleigh and William S. McDonald, of Richmond Va.; one daughter, Miss Flora McDonald, of Baltimore, Md.; one brother, Hugh H. Battle, of this city; three sisters, Mrs. C. Gordon Smith and Mrs. W. E. Spruill of this city and Mrs. W. J. King of Wilmington; and her step-mother, Mrs. Mary P. Battle of this city.

MRS. DOUGHTON DIES AT AGE 96

Mother Of Men Whom Won Distinction In State And Nation Secured

Laurel Springs, May 3.—Mrs. Rebecca Jones Doughton, Allegheny county pioneer woman who helped develop the mountain section of North Carolina and raised a family which brought distinction to the State and nation, died at her home here today. Had she lived until June, she would have been 96 years old.

Mrs. Doughton was the mother of Representative R. L. Doughton, chairman of the House ways and means committee and of R. A. Doughton, of Sparta, former Lieutenant-Governor, highway commission chairman, commissioner of revenue, and a member of the State Legislature for more than a score of years.

A stroke of paralysis suffered a week ago before she had entirely recovered from a siege of pneumonia, was the cause of death.

Mrs. Doughton was the widow of J. Horton Doughton, who died 28 years ago. She was the mother of nine children. In addition to R. A. and R. L. Doughton, four others survive. They are: W. F. Doughton and Mrs. F. Miller, both of Laurel Springs; Mrs. D. J. Carson, of Sparta, and Mrs. W. A. Peer, of Washington. Her children were with her at death.

Mrs. Doughton was buried Friday in the Doughton family grave-yard after funeral services at 2 p. m., in the Laurel Springs Baptist Church.

CADMAN ADDRESS TO FEATURE CLOSING

Wilson, May 9.—The address by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, noted clergyman, author and former president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, will feature the thirty-second annual commencement of Atlantic Christian College, which will begin at 8 o'clock, Saturday evening, May 26, with the joint literary society program and end Monday evening at 8 o'clock, May 28, at which time the address by Dr. Cadman will be given.

Also featuring this year's commencement season will be the annual glee club recital which will be presented at 4:30 in the afternoon of Sunday, May 27.

Dr. H. O. Pritchard, secretary of the board of education, Disciples Church, will also be present during commencement, being here in the interest of the expansion program that the college is now putting on.

Heavy rains in the east have delayed cotton and tobacco planting.

Hope Sales Tax Drive Will Produce 500000

State revenue officials hope to get an additional \$500,000 in sales tax receipts by the close of the fiscal year on June 30 through the drive ordered this week at a meeting of all State revenue deputies, Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell said yesterday.

Governor Ehringhaus, speaking to the deputies Wednesday as a part of the four-day school held here, told them to get out and prod for taxes. The sales tax drive is part of the prodding to be undertaken in an effort to balance the general fund budget for this fiscal year.

The extra \$500,000—if it proves to be that much—will be needed in the general fund budget. Collections for the first 10 months of the fiscal year were \$18,685,988.31 while the general fund budget for the year is approximately \$25,500,000. That means approximately \$7,000,000 must be collected in two months to produce a balanced general fund budget.

The general fund overdraft as of March 31, 1934, \$1,781,501.65, was cared for in the highway fund. General fund overdraft for several years have been cared for from that source.

Total collections in the highway fund for the first 10 months of this year were \$19,386,698.44, more than was estimated for the entire year.

The general fund's chief sources of revenue for the remaining of the year are the sales tax and the schedule B license taxes, which fall due June 1. The license taxes brought in approximately \$1,900,000 last year and are estimated to yield \$2,000,000 this year.

The sales tax, through March, had yielded an average of \$470,000 but during April a total of \$632,515.56 was received.

The Revenue Department some months ago started a drive for the collection of professional license taxes due under schedule B. Collections from that source for the first 10 months of this year were approximately \$60,000 higher than those for the same period last year.

POOL IS OPENED WITH SPECIAL CEREMONIES

Tarboro, May 3.—At the formal opening of the swimming pool here Tuesday afternoon Rev. Chester Alexander acted as master of ceremonies, he congratulated the city commissioners and other citizens on their interest and activity in securing the swimming pool and community house. He introduced Dr. James P. Keech who gave a brief history of the community house which was built by General Thomas Blount, a revolutionary hero and member of Congress. Commissioners Arthur Bass and W. G. Edwards said the commissioners worked hard for the improvements and they hoped the people would enjoy them. Mayor Rawls Howard acted as host of the occasion and gave a barbecue dinner.

CARAMOUNT DEFEATS PUROL PEP OUTFIT

After tying at eight all last Sunday, Caramount defeated Purol Pep here Sunday afternoon 3-2. Both teams showed strength in the field. Lindsey, pitching for Caramount, kept Purol hits well scattered and was never in trouble. Booth, pitching for Purol, pitched good ball, but a couple of errors by his mates were costly. These two teams are members of the newly formed Bi-County League.

Score: R. H. E. Caramount.....200 100 000—3 7 1 Purol Pep.....000 020 000—2 6 2 Batteries: Lindsay and Outland; Booth and Ayers.

FALL INTO POOL PROVES FATAL

Thomas H. Webb, Jr., 37, died Thursday, May 3, in a Concord hospital where he had been since Monday when he accidentally fell into an empty swimming pool at a Concord club and fractured his skull.

Nine killed, eighteen injured in Ohio bus and Bay State car crashes.

Refuse To Limit Term Of Bishops

Conference Votes Heavily Against Plan To Stop Electing For Life

Jackson, Miss., May 4.—Advised that it was subordinate to the College of the Episcopal Bishops, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, voted today heavily against all proposals to limit the terms of bishops.

The delegates, now calmed after days of controversy over retirement and tenure of high ranking heads of the church broke into ripples of laughter at the story of the little woodpecker which was told by Dr. J. W. Perry, of Chattanooga, chairman of the committee on episcopacy, as he closed his plea for life ordination of the bishops.

"The woodpecker pecked and pecked away in the top of the hickory tree," said the minister. "Lightning struck the tree and tore it down and the woodpecker spread his wings and thought he did it."

Dr. Perry sat abruptly down and the "term-ites," as the minority group seeking term bishops has become intimately known in the conference, squirmed uncomfortably as the conference laughed.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., whose proposed retirement on infirmity claims was blocked yesterday by a substantial majority, presided over today's session which was pegged around the bishops.

The conference voted down 131 to 252 a resolution to appoint an administrative officer, which would have deferred settlement of term episcopacy until the 1938 convention.

Then the delegates approved the report of the committee on episcopacy favoring ordination of the church heads until they reach the retirement age of 72 years.

The conference went on record against the election of any new bishops at the current sessions, but it was reported that a move would be made tomorrow to reconsider the action. Many in the conference feel that new bishops should be elected to succeed three who are at the age of retirement.

ROCKY MOUNT'S FASTEST GROWING INDUSTRY

Rocky Mount is the home of The Tidy Company. Tidy is a specially prepared cleaner made from a formula prepared by Professor Vernon Kyser. More than 100,000 pounds were sold last year.

Tidy is used for the general cleansing of everything, specially designed for use in the home as well as all public buildings, for floors, wood work, furniture, and in general use where ever a cleanser is needed.

Professor Kyser has had the assistance of his father, Dr. P. B. Kyser, who is one of the best known druggists in Eastern N. C., having been in business in Rocky Mount for the past 44 years.

While this business has already had a wonderful success yet it is just in its infancy as to what its future growth is expected to be.

BOY WITH MISPLACED HEART DIES AT THREE

Roanoke Rapids, May 4.—William Carlton Spraggins, three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Spraggins, died in the Roanoke Rapids hospital at 7 o'clock tonight. This was the only child of the couple and was the child which attracted so much notice by the fact that his heart was outside of its body. Pictures of the child were printed in a number of state and county papers. It had good health until about two weeks ago, since which time it has suffered attacks of the misplaced organ.

The funeral was held at 2:30 p. m., Sunday at Gasburg, Va., the services conducted by Rev. Z. H. Grantham.

In Wayne county the chamber of commerce has started a movement stressing better quality crops. Large attendances have been recorded at meetings held to stimulate interest in better crops.

City Election

The Primary to nominate Aldermen, City Recorder and Prosecutor for the City Court was held last Friday, May 5.

There was only one Contest for Alderman and Mr. Brake won out over Mr. Weathers by a somewhat close vote. Mr. Thomas won over Mr. Arrington and Mr. Elmore won over Mr. Gold. The contests for Recorder and City Prosecutor were both close considering the number of votes cast, all of the Candidates making strong and creditable runs. This is the first time the people have had the right to vote for Recorder and Prosecutor. The people have wanted this right for some time. They have shown their interest by coming out and voting. The people have spoken. The offices have been filled and under a democracy the will of the majority should prevail. The minority is satisfied at the results because they have had a right to give expression to their will whether their candidate won or not. The officers elected should feel gratified because they have received their election from a majority of the qualified voters who saw fit to cast their vote. The City of Rocky Mount is indebted to Mr. Van S. Watson, Representative from Nash County, for giving them this privilege. We do not agree with the Evening Telegram that the issue was whether or not the voters should uphold the hands of the Board of Aldermen in the matter of choosing a Recorder and an Attorney for the City Court. Nor do we agree that the bill was introduced by Mr. Watson against Mr. Thomas. There has been a general public demand for the change, several petitions having been carried around in previous years. While it was stated and rumored on the streets that the Board of Aldermen had organized a working effort in behalf of certain candidates, as to this rumor this paper is not advised as to whether there was or was not, nor is it our desire to raise this issue. We do not see where this change could have reflected in the least on the Board of Aldermen. Many of the cities of North Carolina elect the Judges of their Courts by popular vote and certainly the citizenship of Rocky Mount is just as intelligent as in any other city in North Carolina and just as capable of exercising the right to vote. Since this issue has been raised by the Evening Telegram and an intimation that at the next session of the Legislature that there will be an effort to change this law again, then we believe that the Candidates should be asked to give their views and whether or not they are intending changing this law.

Salaries

In a former issue of the Herald we carried information on the salaries of the City Advisory Counsel, the Judge and the City Prosecutor. The salary of the City Advisory Counsel being \$200.00 per month since 1927 until changed one year ago to \$150.00 per month. The judge of the Municipal Court receives \$135.00 per month and the city prosecutor receives \$100.00 per month and there was a suggestion that the City Advisory Counsel's salary was not in line with other cities of similar size, it being more.

We have made some recent investigation which is as follows: The County of Edgecombe pays its County Attorney, who advises the Commissioners and prosecutes in the County Court, \$800.00 per year. The City of Kinston pays its Advisory Counsel \$500.00 per year. The City of Goldsboro up to the present year paid its City Advisory Counsel \$50.00 per month but owing to certain services rendered in reducing telephone rents and electric light rates his salary has been increased to \$100.00 per month. The City of Greenville does not have a regular retained Attorney, the Mayor receiving \$100.00 per month and performing this service. The City of Wilmington which has a property valuation of twice that of Rocky Mount pays its City Advisory Counsel \$1,500.00 per year. The City of Raleigh being practically three times the size of Rocky Mount pays its City Attorney \$200.00 per month. In the above instances these Attorneys do not receive additional sums for handling tax suits, except Rocky Mount. The City Attorneys, Messrs. Thorpe & Thorpe, in Rocky Mount now receiving \$1,800.00 per year and our information is \$10.00 for each tax suit handled.

Several of the above cities have had much work in refunding bonds but Rocky Mount has not had much work of this kind since it owns its public utilities and has been able to meet its bonded indebtedness. Most of our bond issues were prepared and prosecuted through to final sale by the late Senator Bassett.

This additional information has been requested and we feel that it is information that the public is entitled to know.

Danger Of Unguarded Lilly Pool

While we admire the beauty of the lilly pool and appreciate the interest and efforts of our home owners in seeking to beautify their premises and making the city more beautiful, we feel constrained to call attention to the danger of constructing these pools too deep and leaving them unguarded. A beautiful pool is a very seductive place and exceedingly interesting to children of tender years. While we know no home owner would be willing to leave a place of danger open on their premises which would hurt a child, yet this is a condition that prevails while not intentionally nevertheless it is true, and if some child should fall in and be drowned it would cause the owner of the pool great sorrow and probably might be called upon in addition to their mental worry to answer in civil damages. The Supreme Court has already decided that the owner of property cannot leave unguarded places of danger which are alluring and inviting to children open without laying themselves liable to damages.

Eagles Out For House Of Representatives

In this issue of the Herald, public announcement has been made of the candidacy of Mr. W. W. Eagles for House of Representatives from Edgecombe County.

Mr. Eagles represented Edgecombe County in the last general assembly, and is well known throughout the county, being one of the largest and most progressive farmers of the county. Mr. Eagles has been interested in all matters affecting agriculture and the general welfare of the farmer, taking interest in all matters effecting the public.

M. O. BLOUNT OUT FOR LEGISLATURE

M. O. Blount, well-known citizen of Bethel, has announced his candidacy for a membership in the House of Representatives. It goes without saying that Mr. Blount needs no introduction to the people of Pitt. For 25 years he has served as a member of the County Board of Education. He is a prominent merchant in Bethel and also is president of the Blount-Harvey Co., in this city.

PWA approves projects calling for expenditure of \$500,000,000.

Propose Big Reduction For Telephone Charges

Switchman Dies As Result Of Injuries

George F. Guill, of Rocky Mount, Fatally Hurt In Uncoupling Cars

George F. Guill, 46, Atlantic Coast Line switchman, who was severely injured while on duty in the north yard here Saturday died at a local hospital Tuesday.

Mr. Guill was said to have been in the act of separating two moving cars when he was jerked from the end of one of the cars and thrown to the ground. He suffered a fractured skull when his head struck a rail. He was rushed to the hospital.

Funeral services were held from his home at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with Rev. K. I. Tucker, pastor of South Rocky Mount Methodist church, in charge. Burial was at Pine View cemetery.

Surviving are his widow; three daughters, Nettie, Margie and Mary Ruth; one son, George F. Jr.; two brothers, J. S. Guill, of Tarboro, and W. H. Guill, of Hendersonville, and five sisters, Mrs. C. W. Bandy, of Four Oaks; Mrs. J. L. Bridgers, of Dillon, S. C.; Mrs. A. W. Wallace, of Dillon; Mrs. E. H. Sapp, of Dillon and Mrs. E. L. Burney, of Benson.

BOY OUTSPELLS TEN GIRLS IN CITY TOURNEY

Three of the ten best spellers in the Raleigh white elementary schools remained standing.

"Parallel," called Miss Mildred English.

Down went the three. Raleigh was without a champion in the first inter-school spelling match. Miss Juanita Matthews, in charge of the event; Referee J. W. Fowler and Miss English put their heads together.

All three were called back and "parallel" was discarded. "Gradually," called Miss English, and down went Frances Thurston, representing Lewis School. Frances is a fifth grader.

"Individual."

Flora Goetze of the Hayes-Barton sixth grade tripped.

That left only Neil Morgan, wearing a placard proclaiming that he represented Fred A. Olds School, standing and made him Raleigh's inter-school spelling champion.

Neil, 10 years old, is in the fifth grade. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Morgan, 3105 Stanhope Ave.

Bravely he entered the battle of words, the only boy against nine girls. Triumphantly he spelled down nine girls. That in itself insures another match next year. The young ladies will see to that, and besides, Miss Matthews has plans along that line already. She is responsible for the revival of interest in spelling matches here, believing that they not only improve spelling but foster school spirit as well. She is a member of the Lewis School teaching staff.

The other seven entrants with their schools were: Ruth Baldwin, Boylan Heights; Clara Wallace, Barbee; Frances Poole, Thompson; Nannie Fraser, Methodist Orphanage; Elizabeth Rogers, Wiley; Bertha Johnson, Eliza Poole School; Margaret Beck, Murphy.

The words that tripped them were: Interest, September, genius, desirous, alcohol, fiend.

The finals contestants were picked in elimination contests in each of the ten schools, 10 best spellers from fifth and sixth grades in each originally entering.

The final contest was broadcast.

MEMORIES

"Your wife does so remind me of my eldest sister."

"She reminds me a good deal of her first husband!"

Most of the farmers in Craven county plan to do a little trucking this year to sell in northern markets.

Winborne Orders Southern Bell to Show Cause Why Rates Should Not Be Cut

SAYS REPORTS REVEAL EXCESSIVE EARNINGS

Investigation of Other Phone Companies Is Being Made Under 1933 Law

The State Utilities Commission Saturday moved to obtain lower telephone rates.

In an order directly or indirectly affecting the 150,000 telephone subscribers in the State, Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne directed the Southern Bell Telephone Company to show cause why its rates should not be reduced between 20 and 25 per cent.

The order is returnable on May 17. The Southern Bell serves approximately half the subscribers in the State. Reports of companies serving the remaining 75,000 subscribers are being studied and action on them is expected to follow the hearing in the Bell case.

Excessive Return.

Commissioner Winborne said in the order, that after investigation of the inventories and other data furnished by the company, "it appears to the commissioner that the income of the company is in excess of a fair return upon a fair value of its properties, and that the exchange rates are unreasonably high in the city of Raleigh and throughout the State and should be reduced."

Should a reduction be provided for Raleigh, he said, rates of the company at other exchanges throughout the State shall be reduced according to telephone population on the basis of the reduction here.

Proposed Reductions.

Present residential rates and the proposed reduced rates are: one party, \$3.25 and \$2.50; two party, \$2.75 and \$2; four party, \$3.85 and \$1.50; rural, \$2.50 and \$2.

Present business rates and the proposed reduced rates are: one party, \$5.50 and \$4.50; two party, \$4.95 and \$2; four party, \$3.85 and \$3; rural, \$3.50 and \$3; auxiliary, \$2.25 and \$1.75; semi-public, \$4.50 and \$3.50.

All extensions for business and residence would be reduced to a flat 50 cents rates from costs ranging from 75 cents to \$1.50.

The Southern Bell filed with the commission last week a segregated inventory of its properties in Raleigh to supplement its general inventory filed previously. The Raleigh exchange is the only one for which a segregated inventory has been filed.

WEST ERGECOMBE GRADUATION SLATE

The dates for the various commencement exercises which will begin soon in the West Edgecombe school have been announced recently by Mr. J. G. Feezor, principal.

On May 11 at 8 o'clock, a primary operetta, "The Wedding of the Flowers," will be enacted as the starting function of the commencement season.

At 8 o'clock on May 13, Rev. W. C. Foster, pastor of the First Christian church of Rocky Mount, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the high school auditorium.

Class Day exercises are slated to get underway at 8 o'clock on the night of May 17, while the seventh grade exercises will take place at 10:15 o'clock on the morning of May 18.

On Friday night, May 18, at 8 o'clock, Hon. W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland will deliver the commencement address.

A play presented by the senior class and entitled, "The Bashful Mr. Bobbs," will be given on the night of May 21 at 8 o'clock as the final event of the graduation week, it was announced.

States enact severe penalties for drunken auto drivers.