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ASA SHELTON MONROE DIES SUDDENLY MONDAY MORNING

One of City's Most Prominent Young Men Answers Final Summons at 5 A. M. Monday, Following Third Successive Stroke of Paralysis—Funeral Tuesday Morning.

Asa Shelton Monroe, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Monroe, died suddenly Monday morning at 5 o'clock following the third successive stroke of paralysis.

This sad news was flashed over the city early Monday morning and was a shock to hundreds of people who had known this splendid young man from childhood and who had come to admire him.

The circumstances attending the tragic death of this noble young man were distressing and have served to add to the shock that has been felt by the whole city. Sunday evening at about 10:30, while calling at the home of Mr. J. W. C. Stewart Mr. Monroe suffered the first stroke of paralysis, falling to the floor in an unconscious condition. After a minute, however, he regained consciousness and started to walk to his home on north Main street. Mr. Stewart followed shortly afterward, fearing that Mr. Monroe might become seriously ill before reaching home.

Just after crossing the Seaboard railroad on north Main street, Mr. Monroe fell, being stricken the second time. This stroke was more severe than the first. Dr. Peter McLean, who was returning from a trip to the country, happened along about this time, and being called by Mr. Stewart, took Mr. Monroe home in the Doctor's automobile. After reaching home, it is stated, Mr. Monroe rallied from the second stroke and stated that he was feeling all right. At this time his condition was not thought to be serious and Dr. McLean, after being assured by the young man that it was not necessary for him to remain longer, left.

Shortly after 12 o'clock the third and fatal stroke came. After this Mr. Monroe never regained consciousness and death followed at about 5 o'clock in the morning.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, services being conducted at the grave by Rev. R. F. Bumpas of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. J. B. Thompson, pastor of the East Laurinburg and Caledonia churches. Special music was rendered by members of the Methodist church choir. The pall bearers were Messrs. R. C. Everett, C. L. Sanford, J. T. Myers, J. W. C. Stewart, C. W. Odom and J. Lester Paylor. These young men were all intimate friends and associates of Mr. Monroe.

Attesting the popularity and high esteem in which the young man was held, was the large crowd of friends and acquaintances who attended the funeral. The floral offerings were most beautiful and profuse, coming from scores of friends in and out of the city.

Asa Shelton Monroe was born September 22, 1881, and would have been 35 years old next September. He lived all his life in Laurinburg, with the exception of 3 years spent at Trinity College, from which institution he was graduated with honors about the year 1901. Before going to Trinity Mr. Monroe, as a boy, attended the well-known school conducted here by the lamented W. G. Quakenbush. After finishing at Trinity he came back to Laurinburg and engaged in business with his father, doing business under the firm name of L. A. Monroe & Son, which by association is one of the oldest business houses in Laurinburg.

Mr. Monroe was a member of the Methodist church and a splendid young man in every respect. He was liked by all who knew him, and as one good woman expressed it, "We all knew Shelton."

Up until Sunday evening Mr. Monroe was in his usual good health. However, he is said to have told some of his friends that he was suffering from a severe headache; and he is said to have complained of an aching in the head after the first and second strokes of paralysis. Otherwise he seemed to be all right. His father, Mr. L. A. Monroe, states that his son had complained of a severe headache for as long as two months, but other than this there were no symptoms that would indicate the fatal attack that was impending.

Shelton Monroe was held high in the estimation of the people of Laurinburg and his friends were legion. His sudden death has brought sorrow to hundreds of people outside his immediate family circle. On every hand is heard words of praise and admiration for this splendid young man, whose passing from this life just in the prime of his manhood seems most untimely.

Here was a young man who always rang true. He was clever, polished, refined, cultured and every inch a gentleman. He knew how to make and keep friends. His ready wit and genial good nature made him the favorite in whatever crowd of friends he chanced to be. And his memory will live long in the hearts of those who knew him best.

His grief stricken parents have the heart-felt sympathy of a multitude of friends in this sad hour of grief, when their heart strings have been mercilessly torn.

LAURINBURG WINS.

Takes First Game Tuesday From Lumberton—Play Again Today.

In a fast game Tuesday Laurinburg defeated Lumberton by a score of 7 to 1. Duncan the first man up for Laurinburg in the first inning, swatted the first ball thrown by Stone for a home run. Laurinburg secured a four run lead in the first holding it until the sixth when Lumberton made their only score. Pelton, third baseman for the locals, sprained his ankle quite seriously while stealing home and will be out of the game for several days. Lamb pitched an air-tight game until the seventh when he retired on account of a cut finger. McNeill, who followed, allowed only one hit. Stone held Laurinburg hitless except for the first and eighth innings, when Laurinburg batters had no trouble in connecting with his fast ones. Features of the game were the hitting of Duncan and Kelly and McKinnon for the locals and Love for the visitors.

Score by innings:

Laurinburg	400 000 [illegible]	8	[illegible]
Lumberton	000 001 000	7	5 1

Batteries: Stone and Carroll; Lamb McNeill and Smith. Home run, Duncan, two base hits, Smith H., Kelly, McKinnon, Smith W. Struck out, by Stone 11, by Lamb, 8, McNeill 3. Umpires, Everett and Prevatt. Time, 2 hours. Attendance, 750.

Perhaps the largest crowd ever gathered to see a game at the local park witnessed the bout yesterday between the Locals and Lumberton. The second game of the engagement is being played this afternoon.

CARRANZA'S REPLY TO U. S. NOTES DELIVERED TODAY.

First Chief Sends Conciliatory Note to Washington—Relieves Tension.

General Carranza has at last replied to two sharp notes from Washington in a manner that for the time, at least, relieves the high tension attending the relations of this government with Mexico.

The First Chief's note will be delivered at the State department today. Whether or not it will prove satisfactory to President Wilson and Washington government, is not known as yet. However, it is understood that the First Chief is sending a rather tame "note" this time, which would indicate a possibility of settlement of the difficulties without resort to the sword.

One fact stood out clearly in the minds of officials familiar with President Wilson's desires and purposes. If General Carranza sincerely desires to find a way for peaceful settlement of the differences between the two governments, he will be met more than half way. No proposal for immediate withdrawal of General Pershing's troops, however, would be entertained as a preliminary to a further exchange of views on joint operations against bandits.

Scotland's Cotton Crop.

Despite the excessive rains of the past few weeks and the unfavorable weather in the early spring, it is stated that prospects for a fine yield of cotton in the county are good. With reasonably favorable weather conditions from this time on, it is expected that the crops will be good.

Some planters, we are told, are selling part of their crops for delivery this fall at prices ranging around 12 1-2 cents per pound. Cotton seed are 60 cents per bushel. Last year cotton is said to have been sold at this season for fall delivery at 10 and 11 cents per pound.

THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE

By Harry [illegible] North.

THE NATION'S BIRTHDAY.

As we come again to celebrate the birthday of our country it will be well for us to consider some of the elements which make a people great, and what it means to be truly patriotic.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." So wrote Solomon in his wisdom. He had ample opportunity to judge of this saying. During his father's reign the nation had gone to the very highest seat because it feared God and did right. His own reign was glorious too as long as he was true to the Lord.

Moral elements are the ones which contribute strength to the United States. We are great to the extent that we are righeous, and nothing beyond that. Just men and Christian institutions are the strongholds of our life. Homes and schools fashioned upon Christian principles; the part of the public press dedicated to the service of men; courts of justice, houses of benevolence, hospitals, orphanages, a government in which the soul has had a part as well as the head and hand, and above everything else the church of Christ which has made these others possible, such are the things that have made our people strong.

These forces furthermore are constructive, they build up, they exalt. It is not enough to have extensive commerce; it must be operated on right principles. Art must be righteous as well as being perfect in its technique. A corrupt picture may come from a master hand, and a bad play be perfectly rendered. Who has not read a book written in the most elegant style yet setting forth the most contemptible teachings. It is very important that righteousness keep pace with advancement everywhere. Mere material gain does not make us a great people. Our modern improvements will curse us unless they are used by people intent on doing good.

But sin is a reproach to any people. Nothing besides sin need cause us shame. Poverty, ignorance and suffering may not be so bad if they are not caused by evil doing. Sin may do big things and bring a sort of fame with it but it will not exalt us. It will not give Milwaukee any pleasure later on to recall that the city was made famous by an infamous thing. Nevada has become a by-word amongst the States because of the lax divorce laws. How many apologies her citizens will have to make on account of such folly. South Carolina does not receive any glory from the fame of her former governor. England would give much if certain pages might be torn from her history, and Germany will surely weep over some of her deeds in recent months.

We may well be thankful that we have had so few national evils to bring shame upon us; yet even one should be too many for us. Our national conscience seems more sensitive than formerly. Our government appears bent to set things right between all classes of men, and to see that all have a fair show. Gigantic evils are not allowed to have their own way as they once had it; bad men in high places are not greatly honored now; the people have but little patience with them. They call for righteous men in office. Public criticism and the law are working speedily these days. The national mind has been much purified during the last two years as we have considered the European war and our attitude toward it. We are more than ever determined to be in practice what we have always been in theory, a God-fearing people. We do not want to become vile in our own eyes.

As a nation it will be with infinite satisfaction that we look back upon the noble deeds of our history, and remember that we lived for God and humanity rather than for self. We shall be glad that we sent back the indemnity money to China after the Boxer uprising; that we did not take Cuba for ourselves, and that we gave a larger liberty to the islands of the pacific. It will seem good to us that we did not take a selfish advantage of the Mexican situation; that we kept remembered our agreement regarding Panama, and held that a scrap of paper was to us as the very word of God. If we make such actions fore these the rule of our life it will not be strange that other nations will consider this as the highest example of just government which God has ever set upon the earth.

Love for our native land does not fulfill itself in shouting for it and even protesting that we are the [illegible]

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[illegible] of them all, nor does it lie altogether in our willingness to die for it. Comparatively few in most of the generations are called upon to die for their land, and it is not enough to hold ourselves in readiness for such an event. It is harder and vastly more important that we should live very earnestly for it. How better can we serve our country than to perform well the daily tasks of our calling, lifting up lofty standards of personal and community righteousness, and setting forth models of excellency of attainment? Love for the country is seen where father and mother rule well the household and rear children who represent the highest kind of citizenship; where painstaking teachers fashion for good the young lives under their care; where trade is conducted upon right principles, and men live in contentment and peace with each other. Our Fatherland is deeply concerned to know how we are spending our lives.

Notice to Cantaloupe Growers.

The Exchange is glad to announce that it has a limited supply of cantaloupe labels on hand, and we will be glad to furnish these to as many of our friends as possible during the next few days. Call early so as to give us time to print them before they are needed.

WILL VISIT GRAVE OF JOHN CHARLES McNEILL.

Party of Charlotteans to Make Trip to Burial Place of Famous North Carolina Poet.

R. W. Townsend of Red Springs, a close personal friend and admirer of the late John Charles McNeill, poet, songsmith of North Carolina, will escort a party of Charlotteans to the grave of the poet at Spring Hill Church next week. Mr. Townsend, speaking reminiscently of Mr. McNeill, said: "I very well remember a time when John Charles was not in favor with quite a large number of people whom he had offended because of ridicule he had cast upon them while attending a Chautauqua in one of the communities near Wagram, and dozens wrote to The Observer protesting to Mr. Caldwell about the matter. But I do not think that John Charles had any intention of offending, and simply wrote his story in a humorous vein. He was a great writer, a magnificent word painter and a linguist of the first mark. I am glad that so much reverence is paid his memory and often I visit his grave to pay homage to the young man we all learned to admire."—Charlotte Observer.

Automobile Laws.

City Attorney Maxcy L. John states that he and prosecuting attorney Goodwyn of the Recorder's Court have received communications from Secretary of State, calling attention to the continued violation of the automobile laws. He states that he has supplied special number blanks for those who lose their numbers and that any automobile now with a pasteboard number is violating the law. He also calls attention to the following provision of the law:

"That for the purpose of enforcing this act it is hereby made the duty of every officer, every marshal, deputy marshal or watchman, of any incorporated city or village and every sheriff, deputy sheriff, and every and all lawful officers of any county, and every constable of any township, to arrest within the limits of their jurisdiction, any person known personally to any such officer, or upon sworn information of a credible witness, to have violated any provisions of the act. * * That each and every one of the officers named, who shall neglect or refuse to carry out the duties imposed by this act shall be liable on his official bond for such neglect or refusal, as provided by law in like causes."

The Moore County News says: Rev. Wilson met with a pleasant surprise on his return from Benaslem Monday, when he found that his fine Jersey cow had presented him with twin heifer calves. The calves are fine little specimens, and seem to be quite a curiosity as very few people have [illegible] twin calves.

FIRST SHIPMENTS SCOTLAND'S CANTALOUPES BEGIN TO MOVE

Express Shipments Going Forward This Week—Expected That Car Loads Will Begin to Move Early Next Week—Prospects Encouraging for Crops and Prices.

The first shipment of Scotland's new cantaloupe crop was made Monday by Messrs. T. T. Covington & Son, brokers. Mr. J. F. Ray, agent for the Southern Express Company, states that this is the earliest shipment ever made from Laurinburg. The Planters Trading Company made express shipments all the week. It is expected that the first car load will begin to move by Monday of next week, and there is the possibility of a car load shipment by the end of this week. However, this depends largely upon weather conditions and the rapidity with which the crop matures.

Last year, according to the best information at hand something over 1100 cars of cantaloupes and watermelons were shipped from Laurinburg. It is believed that this year's crop will go above the record for last year, unless unfavorable weather conditions prevail for the next few days.

In an interview with Mr. T. T. Covington Tuesday, he said that prospects for a good crop this season are good and that unless the excessive rains continue the cantaloupes will be of good quality and well netted. The final outcome, however, says Mr. Covington, will depend entirely upon weather conditions during the next two weeks.

As to prices Mr. Covington says the prospects are good, ranging at present from 50 to 70 cents per standard crate, which is probably 10 per cent better than at the same date last year. Prices last year were from 50 to 60 cents.

The acreage this year is considerably more than last and the yield is expected to be good. However, the cantaloupe is a delicate fruit and very susceptible to excessive rains and changes in temperature. And, as stated above, excessive rains during July, August and September, in North Carolina, on or before the twenty-[illegible] day of June, 1917, or this no-[illegible]

From Monday, July 10 to Saturday, July 22, is expected to be the height of the season. However, the planting period this year extended over a longer time and this will of course mean a longer shipping period.

Buyers from the Northern markets are arriving daily and are getting in touch with the situation.

The railroads seem to have made ample preparation for transporting the crop and it is expected that refrigerator cars will be available for every need. No delays are expected.

McNIAR-AVINGER.

Brilliant Marriage of Popular Couple at Presbyterian Church Wednesday Evening.

At the Presbyterian church last Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock, a most beautiful wedding was solemnized when Miss Ina McNair became the bride of Mr. Geo. F. Avinger, the ceremony being performed by Dr. J. M. Rose, the bride's pastor, assisted by Rev. R. F. Bumpas, pastor of the groom.

Long before the appointed hour the church was filled with friends and relatives of the couple. The church interior presented a most beautiful scene, the color scheme of the decoration being white and pink.

At the altar an artistic bell made of white roses was suspended and under this the impressive ring ceremony was performed. Directly over the pulpit formed by electric lights, were the initials, "MacN-A," and as the words that made the couple one were spoken, the initials faded away, thus uniting "Two souls with but a single thought; two hearts that beat as one."

Just before the ceremony the following musical program was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Walter McEachin and Miss Lena Wade of Jacksonville, Fla.: Organ—"Nocturne," by Faulker; voice—"Because" by D'ardelot, and the "Nightingale's Song" by Nevin; organ—"Caprice" by Sturges; voice—"Dawning" by Cadman, and "Silent as Night" by Bohm. Then to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Mrs. McEachin, the first of the bridal party appeared, the ushers, four nephews of the bride, Messrs. McNair Pate, [illegible] and John McNair and Terbly came [illegible] Miss Mary McNair with Mr. [illegible] E. Phillips, Miss Bessie Gibson of Gracewood, Ga., with Mr. J. L. McNair; Miss Rose Duer with Mr. D. K. McRae; Miss Julia Tatum of McColl, S. C., with Mr. J. W. North; Miss Nancy Fairly of Rockingham with Mr. J. M. Caldwell; Miss Bessie Covington with Mr. Roy Sutherland; Miss Louise Blue of Aberdeen with Mr. J. L. Everett of Monroe.

The bridesmaids wore dresses of pink Marquisette over taffeta and carried shower bouquets of valley lillies and pink roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Lila McLean, was dressed in green tulle over messaline and carried pink roses.

Mrs. James A. Jones, sister of the bride, was dame of honor and wore white satin with lace trimmings, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses.

The bridegroom was attended by his best man, Mr. David Clark of Boydton, Va.

Master James Jones was ring bearer and was dressed in a suit of white satin. He was lovely in childish simplicity as he carried the ring in a pure white lily. He was followed by the flower girls, little Misses Elizabeth McNair and Mary Patterson, who were fairy-like in their dresses of accordion pleated chiffon, as they scattered rose petals in the pathway of the bride.

The bride entered with her father, Mr. J. F. McNair, who gave her in marriage. She was strikingly pretty in her handsome wedding gown of white duchesse satin, trimmed in pearls and real lace. Her veil was worn in cap effect with a flower of lace and held by a lovely diamond brooch, the gift of her father. She wore a beautiful diamond pendant, the gift of the groom, and carried a shower bouquet of valley lillies and orchids.

Immediately after the ceremony a brilliant reception was held at the home of the bride's father. Receiving with the bridal party were Mr. J. F. McNair, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. McNair, Mr. G. B. Patterson and Mrs. Gilmer Brown of Sanford.

The beautiful McNair home was artistically decorated in roses and ferns, carrying out the general color scheme of the wedding. The dining table was covered with Madeira lace and in the center of the table was a large cupid with lovely pink roses. An elaborate salid course, with accessories, was served, followed by pink and white heart-shaped cream, with cakes of corresponding colors. Coffee was served in the library, after which the guests passed into the gift room, where they viewed with admiration the many beautiful and costly presents, which attested the popularity of the happy couple.

After many congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Avinger left on a late train for an extended wedding trip to northern cities and points of interest.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. John F. McNair, one of the State's most prominent and successful business men, and is a young woman of many charms and graces. Mr. Avinger is secretary and treasurer of the Dickson, Scotland and Waverly cotton mills and a young man of much promise. The many friends of the popular couple wish them bon voyage through life.

Automobile Sales Picking Up.

The new Ford agency at Laurinburg states that during the past five weeks it has sold 17 Ford cars. Latest sales were Mr. Hiram Norton of Raeford, Route 2, and Mr. Harris Gibson of Gibson.

It is stated that the new 56-inch tread has met with some opposition in this section. However, all makers of cars have adopted this tread and it will no longer be possible to get the 60-inch tread, which was used on the old cars. The Ford people unloaded a car of cars Wednesday.

Recent sales made by Gibson Bros., agents for the Dodge Bros. cars, were: To Mr. D. M. Gillis, Laurinburg, one touring car; Mr. J. W. McIntosh, one touring car; Mr. T. J. Hasty of John's Station one touring car, and Mr. Joe Warwick of the county, one touring car.

Miss Emma Ritch, daughter of Mr. M. M. Ritch, who is at the Charlotte Sanitarium for treatment, is getting along nicely, we learn, and is expected to return home in a very few days.

Mr. R. D. Phillips left Wednesday morning for Bladen county, where he will spend the remainder of the week on business.