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## DROWNED IN CATAWBA

Rev. McNeely DuBose of Morganton Victim of Swift Current.

Morganton, April 15.—The whole town was shocked this morning about 9 o'clock, when the word ran from mouth to mouth that Rev. McNeely DuBose, late rector of Grace Episcopal church, had been drowned in the Catawba river, near the city. The whole community is distressed and shocked beyond words, and great numbers of citizens are at the river trying to find the body.

This morning about 6 o'clock Dr. DuBose went down to the river and crossed at the upper bridge with his two boys, aged about 10 and 13 years, to shoot duck. He walked up the river about a half-mile. An hour or so later the boys returned to town, saying their father had shot a duck nearly across the river and then waded in to get it. The remainder of the story goes that when about half way across, realizing that it was too deep, or the current too swift, he turned back toward the bank, as he was returning, he drifted down a little and was hidden behind a clump of bushes and a turn in the river. The boys, thinking he would come out lower down, walked down the bank, and not seeing their father, began to call, but received no answer. They called some men nearby, and these ran quickly to the scene.

As the news reached town, a great concourse of citizens rushed to the river, but nothing has been discovered to throw any additional light on this sad tragedy. The river is being dragged in a vain search for the body. The river is swollen by reason of heavy rains and the current is quite swift. It may be several days before the body is recovered.

Before Christmas Mr. DuBose was given an indefinite leave of absence by his church on account of ill health. He went to Columbia, S. C., where he has a brother, and from there to Florida. About two months ago he sent his resignation to the church here and it was reluctantly accepted. The report was that he would not be able to resume work for twelve or eighteen months. Early this week Mr. DuBose returned apparently restored to perfect health, and felt so well that he had taken up some church work. He had conducted service in Grace Episcopal church only yesterday.

Rev. McNeely DuBose came of a distinguished South Carolina family and was 50 or 55 years of age. He was rector of Trinity church, Asheville, for nineteen years and was so greatly beloved there that he has been often called back to minister to the sick and afflicted. He was later rector of St. Mary's College for girls at Raleigh, and while there he suffered a temporary breakdown in health. He had been rector of Grace Episcopal church here for three and a half years. He was popular with all classes and greatly beloved. He had a wide circle of friends in this State and elsewhere to whom this news will be a great shock.

Morganton was only recently congratulating itself that this Godly man and his charming family would continue to make their home

here. He is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. I. T. Avery, McNeely DuBose, Rainsford, Saint Pierre and John.

[The body has not yet been recovered.]

Rev. Mr. DuBose was also formerly rector of St. John's church, Marion, and friends here were grieved and shocked to learn of his tragic death. While rector of Grace church, Morganton, he also served St. John's church of this place, dividing his time between the two places. He won the love respect and admiration of all. He was a strong, noble and lovable leader and the members of the church here were attached to him in closest affection. He was loved and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

## Sorrells-Emerson.

The Columbia Banner, Magnolia, Ark., under date of April 13, contained the following account of the marriage of Mr. W. W. Sorrells, son of J. N. Sorrells, of this place:

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Emerson, in this city last Sunday evening at 9 o'clock a beautiful home wedding was solemnized, the contracting parties being Mr. W. W. Sorrells and Miss Alice Emerson. The ceremony, which was an impressive one, was performed by Esquire T. C. Monroe in the presence of a few invited relatives and friends.

This joining of two hearts was the culmination of a lengthy courtship which has been in progress for several months and this union is destined to be among the happiest that has occurred in our city in many years.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Sarah Emerson and looked the picture of contentment as she appeared in company with the groom in the spacious parlor apartment wearing as she did a beautiful light blue satin wedding gown. She has for the past year been devoting her entire time to the management of the estate of her father and is known far and wide as a business woman.

Mr. Sorrells, is one of the very best gentlemen of our acquaintance, having become extremely popular with our people during his many visits to our town. He holds a lucrative position with the P. F. Collier publishing company, which brought him among us often. He always carries a smile for his friends and when he appeared with the bride leaning on his arm and wearing the conventional black suit, usually worn on such occasions, a pleasant smile crept over the face of those present.

Their many Magnolia friends wish for them a long life of joy and prosperity.

The Boone correspondent of the Hickory Democrat says the maple sugar crop has been good in that section this year; that one man made 500 pounds on his land and all told about 2,000 pounds were made in the same neighborhood. The sugar sells readily at 15 cents per pound. When the sap is boiled for a time an excellent quality of syrup is made which sells for \$1 per gallon.

## FOLKS INTERESTED IN THE COUNTY FAIR

Prominent Citizens Write About It—Some of its Attractive Features.

The success of the McDowell Fair Association is assured. The farmers of the county are interested and are planning to make the Fair the biggest and best attraction ever pulled off in this county. In addition to the regular premium list a number of special prizes will be given.

One of the events of interest planned is a big singing contest one of the days or nights of the fair, when an attractive cash prize will be offered the best vocal organization in McDowell.

Letters are already being received from prominent farmers of the county endorsing the Fair project and pledging their support and cooperation. They consider it a forward step, as will be seen by the following letters:

### A Forward Movement.

Ashford, N. C., Apr. 17, 1911.

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The people of the north end of the county are taking great interest in the County Fair Association recently organized in our county. We believe this is one of the greatest forward movements inaugurated. We farmers want something, and some means by which we can not only show what we are doing, but something special which will bring us together for our mutual improvement. Let us learn what all are doing, so that we can select the best from each other and all improve. Also let us have this friendly rivalry by which we can see which can do best. You may count on North Cove taking an interest, and you may count on this very same cove taking some prizes.

Yours for the farmers display,  
J. E. WILSON.

### Garden City Farmers Interested.

Garden City, Apr. 15, 1911.

Prof. D. F. Giles, Sec'y County Fair Association, Marion, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We farmers of Garden City are delighted at the organization of the Farmers Association. Garden City has the lands and we will show we have farmers second to none. We are interested. We won't be hogish about it, but we propose to take some of the prizes. Also we want to learn what others are doing and how they do it. You can count us in.

Yours for success,  
J. E. CONLEY.

### Mrs. Tate Offers Prizes.

DEAR MR. WHITTEN:

It is a good thing—that County Fair—and let us all work together to make it a success. If every man, woman and child in the county will plan something now to make or grow for the fair, our success is assured.

I will do something toward the prizes, too. I will give \$2.00 for the best bouquet of Dahlias, and \$1.00 for second best bouquet (of about 15 different bloom each) grown from bulbs PURCHASED OF ME THIS SPRING.

Let us hear from others on the Fair.

MRS. H. A. TATE,  
Old Fort, N. C.

There will be an entertainment at Bridgewater School the evening of April 28, 1911. Every body is cordially invited. A program will appear in next week's issue.

## HYAMS-ANDERSON MARRIAGE

Dr. J. R. Anderson and Miss Mabel Hyams of Linville Falls Married in Asheville.

The following is from the Asheville Citizen of April 18:

"The wedding of Miss Mabel Hyams to Dr. J. R. Anderson, of Cool Springs, occurred yesterday at noon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hyams, on South French Broad avenue, of whom the bride is a niece. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. D. Sherrill, of Spencer. Miss Hyams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hyams, of Linville Falls. The approaching marriage of the young people was known by their most intimate friends but at the request of the family no mention was made until after the wedding occurred. The residence was charmingly decorated with the spring-like daffodil, with a background of ferns and tropical plants. Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Joseph E. Mears sang, "The Rose Maiden," from Lohengrin, the bridal chorus from the same opera being played by Miss May Kimberley as the wedding party approached. Miss Hyams, who was given in marriage by her father, Mr. J. H. Hyams, wore a handsome gown of blue cloth with a hat of the same tone. Her one ornament was an old brooch of seed pearls, an heirloom of the Anderson family, which had been worn on similar occasions for three generations. There were six little flower girls attired in lingere frocks, with yellow sashes.

"After the ceremony a collation was served in the dining room, which was elaborately decorated. There were numerous handsome wedding presents of silver and crystal. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson left during the afternoon for a several weeks' trip, after which they will reside in Cool Spring."

### A Very Attractive Concert.

The third concert of the Lyceum course given by Mr. Karl Jansen at the graded school auditorium on last Tuesday night, was a very enjoyable concert indeed. Mr. Jansen was born in Sweden but has since become a naturalized citizen of North Carolina.

He is a lecturer of ability depicting most realistically the life led by the Swedish people, also he possesses marked characteristics of a general humorist. His flings at Americans for carelessness of health are timely, forceful and funny indeed. The concert was a good one and those who failed to attend were the losers, for Mr. Jansen's effort can easily be pronounced a successful one.

### To Subscribers.

This notice is written as an urgent reminder to those who are due anything on subscription to the Progress that the money is greatly needed now.

We did not say much about paying during the past year because we knew money was scarce, but now it is more plentiful and having many obligations that must be met at once we are compelled to press the matter upon those who are behind with their subscriptions. If you should by chance see a cross mark on your paper it is a double reminder that we need money.

Without saying more, we shall be greatly delighted if everyone who is owing this office a small amount will call or send it in at once.

Compliance with this request will enable us to meet our obligations, and besides give our readers a much better paper.

## NEWS OF THE STATE

Happenings of General Interest Condensed for Busy Readers.

Secretary Wilson has notified Representative Webb that he will send an expert to Mecklenburg county in May to investigate the drainage question.

Mr. Frank P. Drane, assistant to Col. W. S. Pearson, as director of the mint in Charlotte, has been named as assayer for Charlotte and will take up his duties July 1, succeeding Col. Pearson in office.

Wade Patton, son of T. T. Patton, of Transylvania, was drowned Saturday morning while attempting to cross the French Broad river in a boat near Pisgah Forest. Mr. Patton was 21 years of age.

The town of Ayden, Pitt county, has just voted a \$12,000 bonded indebtedness for the erection of a new public school building, the school system of the town to be completely revolutionized and put on a very much higher plane of work and scope.

The Burnsville Eagle says grade work on the Black Mountain railroad is progressing satisfactorily. With the exception of a half mile the grade work has been completed from Micaville to Galax. The steel bridge is now being put in place across the river at Galax, and the work of laying ties and steel will begin in a few days. The company expect to have trains running to the band mill on Ayler's creek by May 15.

### Bridgewater News.

Miss Cordelia Camp of Gilkey has been here on a week's visit to Misses Kary and Carrie Tate.

Walter Rust of Winston-Salem spent several days here last week with home folks.

Miss Pink Tate has returned from a week's visit with relatives at Union Mills.

Mrs. M. Hildebrand of Nebo stopped over here several days with Miss Sadie Seals, enroute to join her husband at Rio Vista, Va.

Mrs. M. F. Tate has returned home after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. T. W. Wilson, at Glenwood.

Mrs. S. A. Rust is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. Simmons, in Morganton.

Mrs. T. A. Seals has been sick for several weeks.

Misses Kit and Louise Dyart of Marion were in Bridgewater one day last week.

Bridgewater graded school commencement will be the 28th of April, both day and night. The programme will be given out later.

Robbie Conley of near Nebo spent Easter with relatives here.

Ben Seals of Rio Vista, Va., is visiting home folks here this week.

J. R. Patten of Morganton was in Bridgewater on business one day last week.

Mrs. J. N. Yelton and son Fred were shopping in Marion Saturday.

"JACK AND JILL."

On account of the battles between Mexican insurgents and regulars near the boundary line, the President has ordered an additional troop of cavalry to Texas to guard the frontier.

You are again reminded that all the work on THE PROGRESS isn't done in one day. News gladly accepted at any time but persons who make a habit of holding ads. or other matter they want in the paper until day before publication, and sometimes until the hour of going to press Thursday morning, need not be surprised if they are too late.