

Former Citizen County Dies at Norfolk Home

Thos. E. McCaskey, One-Time Populist Leader Died Tuesday

Thomas E. McCaskey, formerly of Martin County, died in Norfolk Tuesday. Mr. McCaskey lived near Dardens until 26 years ago when he moved to Norfolk. He married Miss Mary L. Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Waters, of Dardens. She and three sons and three daughters survive him.

Mr. McCaskey was prominent in politics and fraternities, being a member of the Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World, an Ku Klux Klan. He was a member of Old Corinth Free Will Baptist Church near Dardens.

For many years he had been a justice of the peace in Norfolk and for some time was one of the city councilmen there.

Mr. McCaskey was leader of the Populist party in Martin County when that party was organized. He had been active for some time as secretary of the Farmers Alliance, and when Populism began to build up he assumed leadership for this section, and had much to do with shaping the policies of State politics.

He was elected a member of the State Senate in 1896 from the second district; and it was he that bolted the caucus in the legislature and walked out with the words, "My friends, follow me," causing 21 others to leave the caucus.

It was this legislature that elected Marion Butler fusionist and Jeter C. Pritchard to the United States Senate. The coalition which he and his bolting allies formed with the Republicans was responsible for the election of Pritchard to the Senate, and to McCaskey more than any other man did Pritchard owe his election.

Although he was considered a bitter partisan in politics, he was regarded as a gentleman by his neighbors and friends.

He was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery yesterday afternoon after the funeral service at his residence on 26th Street.

Mr. McCaskey was 69 years old, and leaves a large number of relatives in Martin and Washington counties. He is an uncle of Mayor R. L. Coburn of this place, Mrs. Annie Beatrice Coburn, being his sister. He was educated at the University and taught school for a number of years. He was a "school master" and all his pupils knew it. As a hard worker, he was always pushing the job and his pupils advanced under his leadership. His interest in the church and social uplift was great and he gave much of his time to the spiritual and moral uplift of his community.

Democratic Canvass in Full Swing in County

The Democratic canvass of the county is now in full swing with two appointments practically every night up to election. Every voter in the county will have an opportunity to hear the speakers discuss the issues.

So far only the local candidates have appeared before the voters of the county. They are meeting much encouragement at their appointments where they are generally having large attendance of both men and women.

There will be a meeting tonight, at Dardens and Gold Point.

On Monday night the speakers will visit Lillies Hall near Parmele.

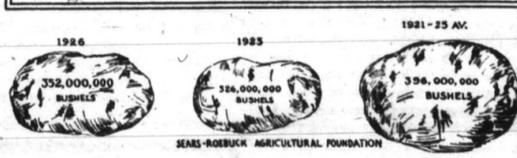
Tuesday night, October 26, the campaigners will visit Robersonville.

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TONIGHT
"Her Second Chance"
A Real Race-Track Picture, and
The PACEMAKERS

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Western, and
"The Green Archer"

Spuds Are Scarce Again



YOU will not be able to eat so many potatoes this year and on an average you will have to pay more for what you eat, according to the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. While there will be 25,000,000 bushels more potatoes than last year, the prospective crop of 352,000,000 bushels is still 50,000,000 short of the five-year average. Farmers devoted 3,202,000 acres to potatoes this year, the Foundation finds, and according to the latest official reports, these should yield on the average 110 bushels per acre. In 1925 the yield was only 108.9, while in 1924 it was 127 bushels. The present prospects are for a crop 15 per cent below normal. Based on studies over a period of 23 years, the Department of Agriculture indicated that prices will be about 37.5 per cent above normal, and while prices are expected to be higher, the extreme high prices of a year ago are not likely.

Miss Ella Lilley Died Yesterday

Funeral at Home in Griffins Township Home This Afternoon

Yesterday morning relatives were summoned to the bedside of Miss Ella Lilley who was stricken with paralysis about 6:45 and died in about an hour. She had been in bad health for many months suffering from kidney trouble and heart disease. She had helped prepare breakfast and was at the time she was stricken, on the porch. She fell to the ground and when they reached her she was unconscious.

Miss Lilley was one of the best women that ever lived, her life was a shining light and an almost perfect example of the Christian teachings. Always doing for others and demanding little for herself, she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

The funeral was held at the home where she was born and reared in Griffins township this afternoon at two o'clock with Rev. A. J. Manning and Elder W. B. Harrington officiating.

She never was united with any church but believed very firmly in the Primitive Baptist creed. She was the oldest child of the late William Henry and Gabriella Lilley and one brother, Bennett preceded her to the grave. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. W. S. Barber and Mrs. Stubbs Lilley and three brothers, Messrs. S. J., Simon, and W. W. Lilley.

Oak City Teachers Make "Blanket Visit"

Oak City, Oct. 21.—(Special to The Enterprise).—Monday afternoon the teachers of Oak City school made what may well be termed a "blanket visit" for attendance. Three cars went out over three different routes, each with a party of teachers. The homes of all students who had been irregular in attendance were visited, and a careful check-up made. Superintendent H. M. Ainsley was in charge of one party, while the other two groups were piloted by Mrs. W. D. Smith and Mrs. Glennie Eakes.

The teachers found the parents willing and eager to do their best in cooperating for regular attendance of the children. Since visiting the homes the teachers understand conditions better and feel that they are better equipped to cooperate with the parents.

Aged Man Killed by Falling Tree Limb

Mr. John Meeks, a 74-year-old farmer, was killed at his home near Contee, in Edgecombe county Wednesday afternoon while sitting in a chair under a tree in his yard.

A large limb fell from the tree without the slightest warning and struck him on the head, crushing his skull. His son, who lives at the same place, reached him before he fell from his chair, but he never regained consciousness and died immediately. His body was buried yesterday in a near by cemetery by the side of his wife.

Under the same tree, three years ago his wife fell dead while she was sweeping the leaves from under the tree.

Mrs. James E. Harrison, a daughter of the deceased with Mr. Harrison and friends rushed to the home near Contee Wednesday.

Woman Made Party Officer

Miss Hattie Thrower Is Named Vice-Chairman County Committee

Mr. Clayton Moore, chairman of the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee, has appointed Miss Hattie Thrower, of this city, vice chairman of the committee. Miss Thrower is a woman of ability and has a very strong personality. Under her leadership it is expected that the Democratic women of the county will attend the Democratic speaking being held over the county in large numbers and that an even greater number will rally to the support of the party on election day.

Interest of women in government should spur on to greater activity that part of our male citizenship which has been so indifferent to political questions; and the continued success of the Democratic party in particular is, in a large measure, dependent on the teamwork of the men and women comprising it. For this reason, it is indeed gratifying that Miss Thrower has been appointed to work with our county chairman in promoting continued good government in our county and State.

Announcements Memorial Baptists

A special sermon will be preached Sunday morning directed especially to the parents of our Sunday school boys and girls. At the evening service, 7:30 o'clock, the subject will be, "The New Commandment."

This church is highly pleased by the many, many people who constantly and regularly come to its services from the other churches, when they have no services of their own. The pastor deems it a rare privilege to preach to these people of other communions. Their coming manifests a fine and wholesome spirit.

This church, officially, says nothing which should in any way offend the denominational sensibilities of these other churches. Rather, an effort is made at all times that nothing emanate from the pulpit except the simple preaching from the open Scriptures.

Corporate Communion for Women Monday

On Monday morning of this week at ten o'clock, in the Church of the Advent, members of the Woman's Auxiliary attended a celebration of the Holy Communion with Rev. C. O. Pardo, celebrant. It was the occasion of the presentation of the United Thank-offering for the second half of the Church Year, another offering having been made in the spring. The Thank-offering of the women of the American Church is presented at each Tri-annual Convention, which will be held next in the City of New York. The amount of the offering at this service on Monday was \$138.77, and the acting Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Carstarphen, reported that more envelopes have been received since to increase that amount. Mrs. James G. Stator is Treasurer of the Thank-offering of the Diocese of East Carolina.

Methodist Program for the Next Week

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Praying service, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Junior Epworth league, 2:30 p. m.
Intermediate Epworth league, 3:00 p. m.
Praying service, Vernon, 3:00 p. m.
Senior Epworth league, Monday 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

Oct. 24.—"Joshua, Israel's New Leader.—Number 27: 12-23; Joshua 1, 1-17.

By C. H. DICKEY
The nation has lost its great leader—Moses is dead! It is a real cause of mourning when a great man goes. Emerson said that we can not let our angels depart. But they will depart.

However, the Lord carries out His promises. And while He is dependent on humanity, He is not limited in His dependence to any one man. If Moses dies, there will be another to take up the torch and lift it high. And whom shall it be? None other than Joshua.

Two things about Joshua: He was the Lord's choice; and he was fortunate in having been Moses' pupil. The Lord's choice is always important; and, His choice may not always be the people's choice. Joshua sat at the feet of a great teacher. It is a red letter day with a young man when he sits at the feet of a master teacher.

Joshua had been serving an apprenticeship under Moses—he was a sort of junior partner, under Moses. And when Moses departed, there was no one else apprenticed and trained to take his place but Joshua, and by a force of natural circumstance, he came to power. This works out even today. The world is looking for men, and it generally hits upon the one best qualified. Your time, young man, may seem a little slow in coming; but if you have been in school studying for an important place that is to be filled, you will "arrive" some day—you must arrive for somebody will be looking for "the man," and there won't be many with the qualifications.

Joshua's work was laid out for him. In this he was fortunate. God had made it known to him exactly what was to be done, exactly where he was to go, and what he was to do. He was also charged, and the heart of the charge was this, "Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed (for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid); only be strong and according to all the law which I command thee to do, turn not from it to the right hand, nor to the left, that thou mayest have good success wheresoever thou goest."

Having Joshua's call of the Lord, his own personal response to that call, he next secured the fealty of the people—they promised to obey him as they had Moses.

With this sort of "line up," there was nothing left for them to do except go forward to the task; and this they immediately proceeded to do.

Something for us of the twentieth century: 1. If God is in what we are trying to do; 2. If He has designated the leader; and 3. If that leader knows where he is going, he must have the 4. Fidelity of the people. This is a religious maxim: If God, the leader, and the people are agreed, they may assume victory!

Telephone Building Nearing Completion

The building of the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. is nearing completion, there being a few minor details to be done before the job is accepted by the company. The Western Electric Co. has been awarded the contract for the installation of the switchboard and its equipment. Material will be shipped here in the course of the next few days, but actual work on the new board will not start before the middle of December. Plans call for the completion of the job about the last of December, giving time to transfer all lines to the new board by the first of the year.

The building will house the manager's office, operating room, besides serving as a home for the manager. The Carolina company arranges its offices of this size so that the manager and his wife can live right in the building and handle the night operating as well as attend to the other regular business of the company.

Singing Contest Here Monday

A singing contest between two colored male quartettes will be held at the courthouse here Monday night. The Church City Four Quartette, of Norfolk, and the Allfour Quartette, of Edenton, will be the contestants.

Coastal Plain Fair Booster Party Here

The young folks as well as many of the older ones of the town welcomed boosters of the Coastal Plain fair here Wednesday to as great an extent as they do Santa Claus almost. The boosters brought various novelties along with them, and of course these attracted the good-will of the children to the fair.

Lester Meeks Badly Hurt When His Car Runs Into Underpass Support Here

Ex-Senator of District Dead

Another miracle happened last Wednesday morning when Lester Meeks and Frank Nelson escaped death when their car was guided into the cement support to the Atlantic Coast Line tracks at the West end of Main street. Meeks is now in a Washington hospital with a broken leg, several bad cuts and a large number of his teeth missing. Nelson, who was riding with Meeks, escaped injury except for a few cuts and bruises. After the wreck it looked as if Meeks would be burned; for when those living near the scene of the accident reached there the car was burning. Meeks was removed with much difficulty through the top, and the fire was extinguished.

As soon as he could, Nelson ran to the Garden Terrace dance hall and called for aid. A colored man crawled from his bed and no sooner than he had done so, Nelson crawled in. He remained there until the ambulance called and removed him along with Meeks to the Washington hospital. The colored man went to the wrecked car and helped to remove Meeks to the side of the road where local doctors offered first aid treatment. Meeks was most desirous of being carried to Dr. Ward at Robersonville, but after learning just how bad his condition was, he asked to be carried to the hospital.

The two men left here after midnight to go to their homes near Robersonville and Parmele in a Ford touring car when they ran head on into the large cement pillar. Just how fast they were going when they hit the post is not known, but, judging from the wrecked car, they must have been going at full speed. The signs of the impact were to be seen at the rear of the car as well as at the middle, there being little of the front left for signs to appear. One wheel was completely missing; the radiator was bent back almost to the rear of the engine; walls of the engine were shattered; the gas tank was knocked half way from its seat; and at the rear of the car the leaves of the spring were jarred out. The steering wheel resembled the brake on a freight car, for it was standing straight up with the gas and spark levers wrapped around the rod, and of course the windshield was shattered and the top torn off.

Respected Colored Man Died Tuesday

... and what if thou withdraw in silence from the living, and no friend Take note of thy departure?"

Tom Roberson (colored) died Tuesday afternoon at one-thirty o'clock at his home at the old John T. Perry place about four miles from town, and was buried in his private burial ground Thursday at four o'clock just across the road in front of his home. He was in his fifty-sixth year. He had for many years been troubled with his heart, and it was the sudden stop without warning of this organ that caused his death, while he was seated in his chair.

Tom's death brings back recollections of youth. Since boyhood days I have known him. It was he and his brother John who organized the colored baseball team here years ago, and the way these black athletes played the game excited the admiration of the boys of that day. Tom and John each could pitch or catch with equal facility. One would pitch until he had bursted the hands of the other, then the other would pitch until he had done likewise.

No heavy padded mitts in those days. The catcher used a gentleman's driving glove into which he placed a piece of beef steak to lessen the force of the impact made by the swift ball. They were truly great players.

Tom was the son of Jesse and Amanda Roberson. Jesse was a sturdy athlete himself, and his prowess was directed at the huge timbers—being known as the best wood cutter in the vicinity, and his wife was famous for the good old persimmon berry she made.

This worthy couple were bitter antagonists of what is called in our day, race suicide, they having fetched into the world 19 children.

I want to say that I have never known a colored man who was more honest or reliable, or had a better character. It was always a pleasure to do business with him. He was fair and square, and put up his produce in honest fashion and you could always rely upon what he told you about it.

The writer dealt with him for twenty-five years, in large and small ways, in adversity and prosperity, when prices were low and when they were high, and can truthfully say that he never caught him in the semblance of a falsehood.

He was deeply religious, and has no doubt gone the way of the faithful.—C. B. H.

Number Cases Disposed of in Federal Court

Most of Cases Were for Violation of Liquor Laws

The session of Federal court held in Washington this week has taken up numerous offences, a majority being liquor cases.

The hardest fought case was that against L. H. Curry, Assyrian merchant of Greenville, which was heard Wednesday and Thursday. Curry was charged with the use of the mails for the purpose of fraud. He rented a store in Greenville under his own name, but seemed that he used stationery of "The Vogue" which is a reputable institution of Greenville, S. C. Many firms extending credit on the ground that Curry was connected with the Vogue company.

There were many witnesses from all over the country to testify against Curry. A large number of Greenville people were present who gave Curry a good character. The defendant was represented by Josiah William Bailey of Raleigh, who is general counsel for North Carolina Assyrians. Mr. Bailey was assisted by Albion Dunn of Greenville and H. S. Ward of Washington. A verdict of "not guilty" was rendered by the jury.

Another case of considerable note was that of Earl Godard of Williamston, charging him with interstate traffic in stolen automobiles.

The jury convicted him and he was sentenced to the Atlanta prison for a term of three years.

Tom Boston, Fleetwood Brooks and Louis Keys, who were caught in the very act of making liquor last week, were all found guilty. Boston was sentenced to Atlanta for two years; Brooks and Keys were each sentenced to jail for the term of four months.

In Serious Condition At Rocky Mt. Hospital

Mr. Andrew Summerlin was rushed to the Park View hospital, Rocky Mount, last Tuesday where he was operated on for appendicitis. Reports from the hospital this morning were very unfavorable, doctors saying that his condition was very serious. The doctors further stated that a turn in his condition either for the better or for the worse could be expected some time today.

Solid Carload of Hogs Arrived Here Thursday

Leaving the southern part of Georgia last Monday, a box car packed with hogs arrived here last night billed to Mr. J. G. Stator. Thousands of hogs are fattened in the peanut fields in this section every year, and it is a paying proposition to place them there even if the initial cost is high along with a high freight rate. The rapidity in growth and increase in weight brings this about.

Mr. Stator will place the most of the shipment in his peanut fields, where they will be fattened and ready for the slaughter pen in the course of a few weeks.

Benjamin Daniel III in Raleigh Hospital

Benjamin, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah T. Daniel of Griffins township, sucked a peanut into his windpipe Wednesday afternoon. The child was rushed to the Washington hospital, but being unable to treat the case, physicians advised the parents to take the boy to Dr. West at Raleigh. Dr. West removed the peanut with instruments Wednesday night, but found that pneumonia had already set up.

The latest reports from the Rex hospital, Raleigh, where the little fellow is, say he is getting along very well and indications point to his recovery.

MRS. STATOR ATTENDS MEET OF EDENTON CONVOCATION

Mrs. J. G. Stator has returned from Greenville, where she attended the one hundred and eighty-fifth meeting of the Edenton Convocation of the Diocese of East Carolina, which was held in St. Pauls Episcopal Church, beginning Monday and ending Wednesday.

The woman's auxiliary of the convocation met during the session. Mrs. Stator, who for so many years was president of the auxiliary of the Eastern Carolina Diocese and is now chairman of the United Thank Offering, attended all the auxiliary meetings.

Mrs. I. F. Ormond of Goldsboro is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee Edwards and Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Joe Taylor Able To Be Out Again

Friends of Mr. Joe Taylor will be glad to learn that he is able to be out again after being confined to his home for several days. Mr. Taylor has been suffering with rheumatism and while not completely well, he will be at the service of his customers at the Brick warehouse in so far as he is able to apply himself.