

Watch Label On Paper
Send In Renewal
When Time Expires

THE FRANKLIN TIMES

An Advertising
Medium That
Brings Results

A. F. JOHNSON, Editor and Manager

The County, The State, The Union

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.50 Per Year

VOLUME LXIII.

LOUISBURG, N. CAROLINA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1932

(EIGHT PAGES)

NUMBER 45

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1933

DISAPPEARANCE OF McCOIN MYSTERIOUS

Buys Bonds For Wife in Raleigh Two Weeks Ago

PROMINENT HENDERSON BUSINESS MAN

Left Home Thursday of Last Week—Letter States He Was Killed Near Petersburg That Day—Car Found At Columbus, Ohio.

Henderson, Dec. 27.—Acting upon an anonymous letter which purported to describe the slaying of a motorist near Petersburg, Va., police tonight revealed they had located in Columbus, Ohio, the automobile of R. S. McCoin, former State Senator who disappeared Thursday while on a business trip to Richmond, Va. The letter was signed "a boy in distress." It was mailed in Chicago Sunday night, and was addressed to the "Chief Judge of the Supreme Court, Raleigh, N. C." It was turned over to Henderson police by Chief Justice W. F. Stacy.

Stagae Collision.
The writer set forth that he and three companions met a motorist, presumably McCoin, near Petersburg, Va., Thursday afternoon, and that after a staged collision of automobiles, they engaged in an altercation with him, demanding money. Upon his refusal, the letter said, one of the men, slugged him with a blackjack.

Within 15 minutes, the letter said, the man died. The body was placed in their automobile and driven to a point near Hagerstown, Md., it continued, where the clothing was removed and burned, and the body buried.

The letter said the man's automobile was left near the Southern hotel in Columbus, O. Local officers communicated with police of that city, and tonight said they had been informed an automobile, meeting the description of McCoin's, car, had been located. In it was found a bloody glove, and a pocketbook.

McCoin, 60 year old attorney here, had been traced to Richmond by investigators, but he had apparently vanished after buying gasoline at a filling station, and inquiring the direction to Farmville and Lynchburg.

Until Judge Stacy received the typewritten letter this morning, the search had apparently been in a blind alley.

Forced To Sign Confession.
The writer of the letter explained that he had been compelled by his three companions, whom he identified only by nicknames, to sign a statement saying he hit the motorist the fatal blow. He wrote the letter, he explained, to offset this "confession" and to tell the truth regarding the supposed homicide.

He wrote that he met his three companions in Jacksonville, Fla., and that the quartet agreed to travel north together, he putting up the \$8 he had, and the others furnishing the automobile.

Near Petersburg, the letter said, they ran low on gasoline, and one of his companions suggested that they side-swipe some passing motorist's automobile with theirs and demand damages.

Struck With Blackjack.
This the writer said, was done. His letter described a sedan corresponding to the one used by McCoin on his trip. The motorist refused to pay \$15 demanded, the letter said, and one of the three men struck him from the rear with a blackjack.

While they were placing the motorist in their automobile, the writer recounted, another automobilist passed, and inquired if anyone was hurt. He was told that the injured man was only the worse for drink, and went on his way.

The letter described the death of the motorist, and the travels of the quartet through Maryland and Pennsylvania to Columbus. The spot where the body was reported buried near Hagerstown was not specifically described, so far as could be learned.

(Continued on Page Four)

LETTER IS QUESTIONED

Police Checking Fingerprints on McCoin's Car in Columbus, O., While Relatives and Henderson Chief of Police Go to Hagerstown Md., to Aid in Search For Body Which Anonymous Writer Says Is Buried Near There; Wife Informed Of Murder Theory; Associate Scoffs At Report That Audit Is Being Made of His Affairs

(News-Observer, Thursday, Dec. 29.)

R. S. McCoin, who has been missing from his home in Henderson a week today, intimated to a close friend here two weeks ago that "something might happen to him."

He sought, obtained and acted upon advice of this friend, a financial expert, upon investing money in a medium from which proceeds would be easily available to his wife "in case something happens to me."

He said insurance wouldn't do, but at his friend's suggestion purchased two \$1000 North Carolina bonds of early maturity through a Raleigh bank.

This revelation, coming on the heels of a crudely typed letter from Chicago purporting to have been written by a repentant young man who claimed that he was present at the murder of the Henderson man on the highway between Petersburg and Richmond, served to remove some of the mystery from the disappearance of McCoin.

Letter Questioned.
The genuineness of the letter was quickly questioned after scrutiny here, and despite its crude spelling, the coherence of the lengthy missive, the correct use of difficult words while simple ones were misspelled, the use of hotel stationery from which identifying traces not completely removed, left the impression that the letter could not have been written by an ignorant youth, but obviously was the work of a man of intelligence and education.

McCoin, highly regarded in State circles, is a former State Senator, the senior member of the State Budget Commission, and a member of the State Board of Purchase and Contract, is also an attorney and business man.

In addition to his practice as an attorney, he is president and principal owner of the Henderson Loan and Real Estate Co., a \$100,000 corporation which handled extensive loan and insurance business.

No Audit Being Made.
McCoin's business associate, L. B. Wester, yesterday scoffed at the report that an audit was being made of the missing man's affairs.

Mrs. McCoin, informed only last night of the theory that her husband is dead, was reported to be taking the matter "hard."

Friends here and in Henderson said that they had noticed that McCoin, usually cheerful, appeared "blue" at times lately. It is known that he suffered with other large property owners as a result of the depression.

Although no definite information was available, it is the opinion of acquaintances that he carried substantial insurance on his life.

Definite clues as to his possible whereabouts await fingerprints from his car, which was left in a garage in Columbus, O., as the letter, received here by Chief Justice W. F. Stacy of the Supreme Court, said it was.

L. S. Harris, head of the State Motor Vehicle Bureau, last night had received no answer from his wire to Columbus officials asking a full report on the car and contents, but Chief of Police J. H. Langston of Henderson received a telegram from F. F. Kundt, Columbus chief of police, stating a black Chrysler coupe had been stolen within a block of

(Continued on Page Four)

C. T. Stokes

Mr. C. T. Stokes, one of Franklin County's most prominent citizens died at Rex Hospital Friday night in his 71st year as the result of a heart attack after being in ill health for some time.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. P. Harris at the Louisville Baptist church Saturday afternoon and interment was at Oakwood cemetery. Active pallbearers were W. J. Cooper, M. S. Clifton, L. L. Joyner, A. W. Person, G. W. Murphy, D. F. McKinnis, H. H. Johnson, R. C. Beck. Honorary pallbearers were F. W. Wheelless, Albert Wheelless, S. T. Wilder, C. T. Banks, F. H. Allen, E. S. Ford, W. W. Neal, T. K. Stockard, Nobe Meglin, E. R. Allen, W. D. Egerton, J. E. Malone, C. P. Harris, J. P. Timberlake, Frank Justice, and the board of deacons of the Louisville Baptist church.

Mr. Stokes was born in Franklin County and lived in Louisville all his life. He was for many years an active deacon in the Louisville Baptist church and a few years ago was made an honorary deacon for life and has held a prominent place in the business circles of the county being for many years one of Louisville's most important cotton buyers. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Miss Grace Hall of Louisville.

New Year Changes

Among the changes taking place in Louisville for the coming year the following are noted:

The Builder's Supply Co., have moved their stock back to Spring Hope.

The Raleigh Salvage Co., have moved their stock to their main store in Raleigh.

White & Hill will move their Frigidaire and Radio business to the Egerton-Ford building on Market Street.

L. P. Hicks will move his grocery business to the room formerly occupied by White & Hill on Main Street, next to Tucker's Hotel.

Possibly the most important change, if rumor is correct, is that the First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., of Franklinton, which has been conducting an agency in Louisville the past year will move its main business to Louisville and will occupy the First National Bank building, corner of Main and Nash Street, and will conduct an agency at Franklinton. The bank officials do not verify these rumors.

The Louisville Dry Cleaners have moved to the Franklin Creamery building on Church and Nash Streets.

Becks Garage is to move to the building vacated by the Louisville Dry Cleaners on Nash and Spring Streets.

To Broadcast Church Services

Beginning Sunday, January 1st, the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal), Raleigh, will broadcast its eleven o'clock service direct from the church. It will thus make a service available for shut-ins and all others who are unable to attend one of their own.

The choir of the Church of the Good Shepherd is noted for the high quality of its music, and the congregation of this parish feels that it is a privilege to share it with the large audience. The rector, the Rev. Theodore Patrick, Jr., will be the preacher at these Sunday morning services, but he expects to invite some outstanding preachers to assist him at various times.

The first service broadcasted will be that of the Holy Communion, with sermon by the rector. On succeeding Sundays the service will be that of Morning Prayer. Episcopalians and others who are familiar with the Prayer Book are asked to follow the service.

This broadcast, which is made possible by the generosity of a layman of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will continue for three months.

Mrs. Gnaggs—Before we were married you used to say you could listen to my voice for ever.

Mr. Gnaggs—Well, at that time I had no idea I'd ever have to do it.

A speaker at a laundry convention urged wives be given \$15 a week salary as home managers. Wives who could manage some husbands we know would earn more than that.

FOR FIRST CLASS JOB PRINTING
PHONE NO. 283

Government Crop Production Loans

Mr. H. P. Stevens, of the local Government Seed Loan office, has the following to say about future loans:

The year of 1932 is fast passing away.

There are a great number of borrowers of Government funds in Franklin County who have paid their loans in full. Their credit is established. Should another loan be made in the year 1933, those borrowers will be in a preferential position to obtain a loan.

There are many who have not paid in full, also a goodly number who have sold their crops and paid nothing on their loans. It is necessary that these two last classes of borrowers make a report of the crops harvested and sold if they may expect help from the Government during the coming year.

Should a loan be made for crop production in the year 1933, any borrower who willfully neglects to make such a report at this time, may be sure that he himself is cutting off the only method he may have of getting financed for the new year.

There is a last opportunity for these borrowers to redeem themselves and thereby be in a position to receive any benefits that may be extended to the people of Franklin County.

The office in the First National Bank Building in Louisville, N. C., earnestly requests every borrower in the County who has not paid in full his loans for the years 1931 and 1932, come in within the next ten days and let us help you, if we can, save your credit. This is very important to you. You are the only one who will benefit or lose by your acts. Bring all receipts for money paid or cotton stored.

We know that the man who wants to do right will do this. He is the man who appreciates his credit.

The man who wants to beat his Government, who does not appreciate his credit, will not come.

In which class are you?

Howell's Store Is Robbed

Robbers broke into the store of J. S. Howell on South Main Street on Wednesday night and took a lot of cigarettes, snuff and tobacco, estimated at about \$125.00. The entrance was made through the garage next door, the thieves climbing to the attic above the store and breaking through the ceiling. No clues had been found yesterday.

Redding-Hicks

The following announcement, which will be of interest to their many friends in Louisville, has been received here:

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sinclair Chesson, Junior, announce the marriage of their niece, Miss Dorothy Egerton Hicks to Mr. Thomas Stanley Redding on Friday, the sixteenth of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

A card accompanied the announcement bearing the following information: At home after the first of January, Ashboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. Redding is a deservingly popular and attractive young lady, formerly of Louisville, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Brantley G. Hicks. She has a host of friends throughout this section of the State.

Mid-Night Show Sunday Night

The Louisville Theatre announces a mid-night show for New Years, Sunday night, January 1st, at 12:03, Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 2 and 3—Jack Holt in "Man Against Woman."

Wednesday, Jan. 4—Clive Brook, Frances Dee and Gene Raymond in "The Night of June 13th."

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 5 and 6—Constance Bennett and Joel McCrea in "Rockabye."

Saturday, Jan. 7—Clive Brook in "Sherlock Holmes."

U. D. C. To Meet

The Joseph J. Davis chapter of the U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. McM. Furgerson on January, 3rd, 1933 at 3 o'clock.
MRS. J. W. MANN, Sec'y.

Mr. Swinson Buys Theatre

Following the fire that was had recently at the Louisville Theatre, Mr. E. L. Swinson, who was its manager, bought the Theatre from Mr. H. P. Howell, of Smithfield, and is now running it himself. Mr. Swinson has through his management before given splendid service to the public in this section and no doubt now that he is the proprietor of the Theatre will increase and make even better his service to the theatre-going public. His many friends extend to him the best of wishes for success in this business and feel that through his congenial service and ability he will find it.

ENTERTAIN CLUBS

The Yuletide holidays were enjoyed at a number of social activities in Louisville last week.

Miss Virginia Beck was charming hostess to the Tuesday Evening Contract Club at her home on Franklin Street, at which guests played at three tables. After the playing of several progressions delicious refreshments were served to the guests, who were as follows: Misses Anna Fuller Parham, Hazel Allen, Mary Malone Best, Felicia Allen, Max Allen, Lina Welch, Kate Allen, Billie Phillips, Helen Leigh Fleming, Anne Taylor and Frances Greene.

The Friday contract club was entertained by Miss Margaret Turner at the Four Winds Tea Room. Following the game the hostess served a salad course and coffee as refreshments. The club members who were present were Misses Lucy Clifton Boddie, Anna Fuller Parham, Max Allen, Louise Joyner, Elizabeth Clifton and Mesdames F. S. Allen, F. N. Egerton and H. J. Lewis. Visitors were Misses Felicia Allen, Lina Welch and Victoria Adcocke.

On Tuesday afternoon the Edwin Fuller Book Club was entertained by Mrs. G. W. Cobb. The afternoon's program on "Arlington" was interestingly presented by Mesdames G. M. Beam and S. A. Newell. Dr. H. H. Johnson gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "Education Today". At the conclusion of the program the hostess served delicious refreshments.

ENTERTAIN AT ROOK

On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock Mrs. P. S. Foster and Mrs. J. B. Beasley delightfully entertained, a number of their friends, at a lovely rook party, at the home of Mrs. Foster. The high score prize was presented Mr. Cranford Beasley, while the consolation went to Charles D. Macon.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Beasley were: Mr. and Mrs. Cranford Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Macon, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Grover Harris, Mrs. F. M. Fuller, Mrs. W. N. Fuller, Mr. P. S. Foster, and Mr. J. B. Beasley.

The hostesses served a delicious seed course.

MT. GILEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The regular quarterly Conference of Mt. Gilead Church will be held on Saturday night, Dec. 31, 1932 at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

During the Christmas holidays the Christian Endeavor has given several programs to the people in the community who are confined to their homes and could not get out. These programs have been greatly enjoyed.

On Sunday, January 1, 1933, which is the regular preaching Sunday the pastor, Rev. H. C. Hillard, will preach at eleven o'clock. His subject will be "The Joy of New Year."

The public is cordially invited to be with us at this service.

Many colleges are banning automobiles. The college authorities are old-fashioned enough to think kerosene, not gasoline, ought to be burnt at midnight.

Poise is something that will keep a man cool and collected when the law of gravity is operating on his garter while making a public address.

The automobile manufacturers have removed the cranks from the front of automobiles, but they can't regulate what handles the steering wheel.

Subscribe to The Franklin Times \$1.50 Per Year in Advance.

BISHOP CHESHIRE DEAD

Funeral Held in Raleigh and Interment At Tarboro Thursday

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—The Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, widely beloved bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, died at Charlotte Sanitarium here at 6:30 o'clock tonight.

Bishop Cheshire, who was in his 83rd year, was brought to the hospital on December 16 to undergo treatment preliminary to an operation, but shortly after he entered he took a rapid change for the worse and the operation was never performed.

From the first his condition was described as serious, but he showed gains at times. His acute illness was ascribed to blood poisoning. However, a heart attack caused his death.

The bishop's body will rest in St. Peter's church here tomorrow from 11 o'clock until 2:15 o'clock, at which time an informal service of prayer will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, bishop coadjutor. The body will be taken to Raleigh, leaving here at 3:15 p. m.

The body will reach Raleigh Wednesday night and will be taken to the diocesan residence, "Ravenscroft."

Funeral services will be conducted from the Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning. Rt. Rev. Bishop Edwin A. Penick, of this city, bishop coadjutor of the diocese, will be assisted by the rector, the Rev. Theodore Patrick, Jr., and the Rev. Milton A. Barber, S. T. D., rector of Christ Church in Raleigh, president of the standing committee of the diocese. A number of bishops from neighboring dioceses will be present. All of the clergy of the diocese of North Carolina will be present and will be vested for the service. Kinsmen of Bishop Cheshire will serve as pallbearers.

Following the service in Raleigh the body will be taken to Tarboro, where interment will be made in the graveyard of Calvary Episcopal Church, of which Bishop Cheshire's father was rector for 50 years, and where many members of the family are buried.

In accordance with the wishes of Bishop Cheshire, simplicity will mark both services, and the family has requested that no flowers be sent.

* * * * *

CHURCH

* * * * *

Announcements

* * * * *

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"The Christian Imperative" is the subject of the morning sermon at the Methodist Church next Sunday by Rev. O. P. FitzGerald, pastor, at 11 o'clock. The evening sermon will be held at 7:30 and the pastor will preach from the subject, "The World's biggest business." Epworth League will meet at 7 o'clock and prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is invited to join in these services.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. D. P. Harris, pastor of the Louisville Baptist Church, states that he expects to return to the regular services at that church Sunday with the services to be as follows: Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. and B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. J. D. Miller states that St. Paul's Episcopal church will take part in the service to be broadcasted from the Church of the Good Shepherd at Raleigh at eleven A. M. Sunday. This will be the only service there Sunday. The Sunday School will convene at the regular hour and the Young People's Service League will meet at 7 P. M.

Expresses Thanks

Mrs. S. C. Foster wishes to thank the Junior Order in the behalf of the Community Hospital for the sheets and pillow cases given for their rooms and also to express its thanks to the entire public for the kindness and service given it during the past year.