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## FUNERAL OF COL. McLEAN.

**Last Sad Rites Over Remains of Robeson's Foremost Citizen—Funeral Friday From First Baptist Church—Floral Tributes Many and Beautiful—Many Out-of-Town People Attended Funeral and Business Practically Suspended for the Day.**

The funeral of Col. N. A. McLean, whose sudden death in Raleigh last Wednesday night cast a pall of gloom not only over his immediate home community but over all of Robeson county, and carried sadness to many hearts all over North Carolina, was conducted from the First Baptist church Friday morning between 11 and 12 o'clock and the remains were interred in what is known as the old Norment cemetery on Fifth street. Long before the announced hour for the service, 11 o'clock, every seat in this spacious building, save the ones reserved for those in the funeral procession, was filled. About a third of the seats in the gallery were reserved for colored people and every one of these seats was also filled, for the deceased was loved by all.

The funeral procession reached the church about 11:30 o'clock from the residence on North Elm street, where the remains had reposed since Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, when they arrived from Raleigh, in the following order: Pastor and visiting clergymen in carriages in front of the hearse; honorary pallbearers, two by two, in front of hearse; active pallbearers, two by two, walking on each side of hearse; family, in order of relationship; committee from State Senate; members of the bar of Robeson county; members of the bar from other counties; Knights of Pythias.

Miss Marion Mooring, one of the music teachers at the graded school, presided at the pipe organ and played softly while the party entered the church. The service was conducted by Rev. A. E. Baker, former pastor of the Presbyterian church of Lumberton, of which the deceased was a member, now of Lynchburg, Va., assisted by Rev. Dr. C. G. Vardell, president of the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs, and Rev. Dr. J. M. Rose of Laurinburg. The first hymn was "Come Ye Disconsolate." This was followed by reading of passages of scripture by Mr. Baker; prayer by Dr. Rose; hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," remarks by Mr. Baker; hymn, "Peace, Perfect Peace." The hymns were read in most impressive manner by Dr. Vardell and were beautifully rendered by the choir.

The order of procession was observed from the church to the grave, where the services were concluded by the reading of the service by Dr. Rose and a touching prayer by Mr. Baker.

The services were held in the First Baptist church because the Presbyterian church was recently damaged by fire, but even that large building failed to accommodate the immense crowd; and the crowd that followed the remains to their last resting place in the cemetery was a touching tribute to the deceased and gave some slight token of the love and esteem in which he was held by the people among whom he had spent his life and by whom he was best known. A large crowd met the train that brought home the corpse Thursday morning, all ages and conditions, both white and colored, being represented, and business was practically suspended in town Friday until after the funeral.

Massed high upon the grave until no earth was shown, the floral tributes, more than thirty in number, were simply exquisite and bore beautiful mute testimony to the hearts left aching because all that was mortal of Col. N. A. McLean, the best-loved and most honored citizen of Robeson county, lay sleeping beneath the sod. The largest and perhaps the most beautiful wreath was given by the bar of the county.

The graded school, of the board of trustees of which the deceased was chairman, serving in that capacity faithfully, as in all others, and with an eye single to

the best interests of the school, was dismissed for the day after the morning exercises, when a brief explanation of the reason had been made by Supt. Sentelle, and one of the most beautiful of the floral tributes was from the pupils of the school, who contributed nearly \$16 for that purpose.

The pallbearers were: Active, Alf. H. McLeod, A. E. White, A. J. McKinnon of Maxton, Stephen McIntyre, R. C. Lawrence, E. M. Britt, L. H. Caldwell, T. A. McNeill, Jr.; honorary, Capt. E. B. Wright of Boardman, Marten McKinnon, A. E. Pearsall and W. F. Williams of Red Springs, Col. E. F. McRae, Maj. T. J. Wooten and W. B. Harker of Maxton, W. B. Snow of Raleigh, J. G. McCormick of Wilmington, S. A. Edmund, ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, W. J. Prevatt.

Rev. W. H. Townsend, of High Point, a brother of the first wife of the deceased, attended the funeral and returned home Friday night. Mr. J. R. Stewart, of Charleston, S. C., a brother of Mrs. McLean, and Mrs. M. B. Spier, of Charlotte, a sister, came Thursday. Mr. Stewart went yesterday to Raleigh and will go thence to his home in Charleston. Mrs. Spier will spend a few days with Mrs. McLean.

Senators Geo. H. Bellamy of Brunswick and J. W. McLaughlin of Cumberland attended the funeral as a committee from the State Senate, and Representative W. A. McPhaul of Robeson attended from the House. Besides those already mentioned, among the out-of-town people who attended the funeral were the following: Messrs. A. T. McCallum, J. G. Brown, B. M. Townsend, D. P. McEachern, Martin McKinnon and Lucius McRae, of Red Springs; Drs. P. McLean and C. W. Regan and Messrs. Hector McLean and W. A. Cox, of Laurinburg; Mrs. Lina and Miss Mattie McLean, Messrs. J. A. and S. B. McLean and J. W. Carter, Capt. G. B. Sellers and Maj. T. J. Wooten, of Maxton; Rev. Wm. Black, of Charlotte; Mr. Fred Brown, of Antioch; Messrs. A. L. Bullock, Graham McKinnon and W. A. Graham, of Rowland; A. D. McLean, of Washington; Mr. R. M. McQueen, of Blue Springs; Mrs. D. C. Sinclair, of Raleigh; Mrs. R. T. McElyea, who lives near Maxton—well known to Robesonian readers as "Aunt Becky," and the following, mentioned in a dispatch of the 17th from Whiteville to the Wilmington Star: "The entire Whiteville bar went over to Lumberton today to attend the funeral of the late Col. N. A. McLean. The party went over in automobiles and consisted of Messrs. D. J. Lewis, J. B. Schulken, H. L. Lyon, Jackson Greer, Donald McRackan, I. B. Tucker, H. M. Schulken, L. V. Grady, J. R. Williamson and E. M. Toon. Col. McLean was greatly admired by the people of Columbus county and his sudden death was a great shock to them. In the mention of Col. McLean's

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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**Commissioner of Agriculture for Robeson—No Recorder's Court for Robeson—Farm-Life Schools Meet with Favor—Torrens Land System Special Order for Wednesday—State Primary Bills—Revenue Bill.**

A sub-committee representing each house has been appointed by joint committees on congressional apportionments to prepare a feasible plan for redistricting the State and report to a joint caucus of the Democrats of the Legislature to be held Wednesday night of this week instead of Friday night of last week.

Representative McPhaul, of Robeson, introduced a bill in the House Thursday to prohibit the sale of pistols and cartridges to minors.

Senator Cobb, chairman of the Senate committee on agriculture, has secured the passage of a bill for a commissioner of agriculture in Robeson county and naming as commissioner Mr. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton graded schools, who will have charge of the agricultural work in the county, including the boys' corn clubs. He will also act as assistant county superintendent of schools, and principal of the farm life high school. Mr. Sentelle was formerly of Wake county and while here served as a member of the House of Representatives. Robeson is the first county to take this step.

Unfavorable committee report has been made on the bill to establish a recorder's court for Robeson county, so that seems to be dead for the present.

The bill of Senator Cobb, of Robeson, to establish State farm-life schools, passed second reading in the Senate Friday and was re-referred to the committee on education to be printed. Sentiment seems to favor the bill. This bill was published in a recent issue of The Robesonian.

Shipman, in the House, and Hobgood, in the Senate, introduced bills for State primaries as to all parties on the same day, to include county and State officials and members of Congress, including expression as to United States Senators. It includes provision to prevent fraud and corruption in primaries and makes it a misdemeanor for a voter to vote one party ticket in the primary and then vote for the opposite party in the election.

In debate on the State highway commission bill Friday considerable opposition developed and further consideration was postponed until tomorrow.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate authorizing any county to levy a special tax to supplement the school fund in the rural districts.

Senator Cotten's bill to provide for the Torrens land title system for North Carolina, hanging fire in committees for some time, gets a

report without prejudice from the judiciary committee. When first introduced it went to the committee on agriculture and received a favorable report with recommendation that it be referred to the judiciary committee, and now, after being in the hands of that committee for two weeks or more, it goes back to the Senate to be fought out on the floor and has been made special order for Wednesday at noon.

The revenue bill, as completed by the finance committees of the Senate and House and just presented to the House in printed form, makes very few changes in the act passed two years ago. It increases the tax on horse dealers from \$25 to \$50; tax on peddlers of clocks, stoves and ranges from \$25 to \$50; reduces the tax on sewing machine manufacturers from \$450 to \$200 and increases the tax on agents from \$2 to \$10; increases the tax on piano and organ dealers from \$50 to \$100 and local dealers' tax from \$10 to \$20; it increases the tax on express companies for municipalities from \$25 to \$50. These are practically all the material changes in the act. Some of the other acts are changed as to wording but not involving actual taxes imposed.

**To Advertise Lumberton or Not to Advertise.**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Fogg, of Boston, Mass., arrived in Lumberton Friday evening from Wilmington and the same evening a meeting of business men was held in the reading room of the Commercial and Industrial Club to consider a proposition from Mr. Fogg, who represents the National Magazine. Disturbed conditions on account of the funeral Friday of Col. N. A. McLean made it impossible to get together a large crowd, but a few business men discussed the proposition, which is simply to take a page advertisement in a forthcoming special North Carolina number of the National Magazine. This page will cost \$200. If the page is taken there will be a write-up of the town in the story about North Carolina in this special number. Mr. and Mrs. Fogg spent Saturday in town and were taken over the town by Messrs. W. K. Bethune and S. A. Edmund in the former's auto and they took many pictures and gained all information necessary to write a story about Lumberton. They went to Maxton Saturday night to make a similar proposition to that town.

No decision was made at the meeting Friday night but a meeting of the business men will be held Thursday evening of this week to decide what to do about this matter. Many who have given the matter some thought are convinced that it would be money well spent for the town.

Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Ida Townsend and J. H. Turner; Jennie Blackman and N. W. Jackson; Dora M. Humphrey and P. P. Smith.

## A Bushy-Headed White Man Walks Boldly Out of McAllister Hardware Store With Two Pistols.

Saturday evening, about the time darkness was spreading her mantle over the land, some bushy-headed fellow whose name seems to be unknown to any one in these parts, walked into the McAllister Hardware store and expressed a desire to look at some pistols, whereupon Mr. Claud Roberts, one of the many hustling salesmen in this store, got busy to show the stranger some valuable shooting "irons." The stranger soon found the pocket-gun that suited him and pulled some blank checks on the Bank of Lumberton from his pocket and asked Mr. Roberts if he could accept his check for the price of the pistol. Mr. Roberts informed the stranger, who chose to give his name as J. A. Cohen, that he would see, so Mr. Roberts went back in the rear of the store to the office and called to the bank and learned that the stranger had no funds there; but while this was going on "J. A. Cohen," the bushy-headed chap, walked out the door with two pistols, valued at \$30, in his hands and Messrs. J. D. McAllister and S. R. Spivey, who were waiting on customers near the door, were looking right at the bold stranger. Mr. McAllister, realizing what had happened, made a dash for the door, where he met two negroes. One said the stranger went up the street and the other said he went down the street and of course Mr. McAllister did not know which way to go. And the stranger is gone with two pistols, which rightly belong to the McAllister Hardware Co. The pistols stolen are Colt's, one a 38-calibre, serial No. 40149, and the other a 32-calibre, serial No. 76170. The company is offering a reward of \$25 for the capture of the bushy-headed chap.

## Notices of New Advertisements.

Using the hatchet on prices—Townsend Bros.  
Builders' hardware in abundance.—McAllister Hdw. Co.  
Your reserve in the battle of life—First National Bank.  
Learn automobile business.  
What the Presbyterians are able to do.  
Crop insurance—Lumberton Cotton Oil & Ginning Co.  
Thoroughbred Brown Leghorn eggs for sale.

"Timothy Denano's Courtship" will be presented at the opera house the last of this week by home-talent. More about the play and time will be given in Thursday's paper.

—Mr. Sandy McLeod and nephew, Master Jno. Blount McLeod, returned Friday morning from Baltimore, Md., where they went several days ago to consult a specialist about some throat trouble Master Jno. Blount has been bothered with for some time. Jno. took some treatment and his condition is greatly improved.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—The Messenger says that there is a move on foot for an oil mill in Fairmont.

—Mr. Ben Edwards, who has a shoe and harness shop on Fourth street, has a curiosity in the way of a 3-legged chicken.

—A regular communication of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Important business, and full attendance is desired.

—The new fire-alarm system was tested Friday and was found to be in good working condition. In Thursday's paper the location of the boxes will be clearly shown, what the whistles will indicate, etc.

—Miss Josephine Breece will leave this evening for Baltimore and New York to purchase spring goods for her millinery store. Miss Grace Redmund will preside over things at the store while Miss Breece is away, which will be about a week.

—Miss Amelia Linkhaw left yesterday afternoon for Raleigh, where she will spend a day or so, and from there she will go to Blue Field, N. J., for a few days and thence to New York, where she will purchase millinery goods for Caldwell & Carlyle's millinery department, of which she has charge.

—At the First Baptist church yesterday morning the pastor, Rev. C. H. Durham, called attention to the famine sufferers in China, mentioned editorially in this paper, and contributions amounting to more than \$25 were dropped in a box which had been placed near the exits for that purpose as the congregation retired.

—The convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance which closed a week's sessions at the Gospel tabernacle last night, was very successful. The collections for missionary purposes amounted to about \$422. The speakers, Rev. W. D. Combe, of Durham, and Mrs. Addie Graham, a returned missionary from Africa, left this morning.

—Sheriff E. C. McNeill left this morning for Raleigh with five prisoners—Dan Wallace, colored, 4 years in the penitentiary; Henry Richardson, colored, 12 years; Geo. Roderick, white, 3 years; James Bethea, colored, 2 years; and Herbert Singletary, colored, to be placed in the insane asylum. The sheriff is expected to return this evening.

—The valentine party which was given at the Glenwood school house on Friday evening under the auspices of the Woman's Betterment Association was quite a success. A large crowd was present and \$42.75 was realized as the net proceeds. Mr. Poole was unable to be there so the principal of the school, Mr. M. N. Folger, made a talk.

—Mr. S. A. Edmund has sold the Robeson Advance, the Republican newspaper which he established here some six months ago, to Mr. Richard Norment, who has been connected with the paper since it was started and has had other newspaper experience. Mr. Norment says he will make the paper independent and will enlarge and improve it.

—Mr. W. S. Wishart, who has been getting more and better attraction to Lumberton since he has been manager of the local opera house than ever before, has leased the opera house at Sanford—the house being owned by another Lumberton man, Mr. S. A. Edmund—and the people of that town may expect that business to look up. Mr. Wishart went to Sanford Saturday to see a production there Saturday night and returned yesterday.

—Coroner G. E. Rancke returned Thursday from Blue Springs township, where he held an inquest over the body of Lewis Purcell, colored, who was shot by Chess Green, colored, at a negro party on J. K. Blue's plantation on the night of the 9th inst., as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, death resulting last Sunday night. Green, who is in jail here, claimed that he had to shoot, but he will have to satisfy a jury of the Superior Court about that matter.