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## MRS. C. H. DURHAM PASSES

**Death Follows Operation For Serious Trouble—Her Death a Great Shock to This Entire Community, Where She Was Loved by All—Remains Taken to Gastonia, Where Interment Took Place Yesterday—Many Lumberton People Attended Funeral.**

Mrs. Essie Moore Durham, wife of Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, died Tuesday morning at 8:45 o'clock at the Thompson hospital, where she underwent an operation last Saturday for a serious stomach trouble. While she had not been well for some time, there had been no intimation of the serious nature of her trouble until the day the operation was performed, and when it became known Saturday that she could not survive the operation this entire community was inexpressibly shocked. The remains were taken Tuesday about noon to the First Baptist church, where they rested until shortly after 5 o'clock that afternoon, when they were taken to the Seaboard station, accompanied by a large crowd of sorrowing friends, and there were placed aboard the Seaboard train to be taken to Gastonia, from the First Baptist church of which place the funeral took place yesterday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Reddish, pastor of the church, and the interment was made in the family lot in the cemetery at that place.

Deceased is survived by her husband and three children—Wilmer, ten years old, Margaret, aged 7 years, and Kathleen, 18 months old; her mother, Mrs. M. J. Moore of Gastonia; three sisters—Mrs. Mary Moore Morrow of Gastonia, Mrs. T. A. Norment, Jr., of Grottoes, Va., and Mrs. Bismark Capps of Lynchburg, Va.—and four brothers, Messrs. H. B., Jno. C., Jas. D. and Chas. M. Moore, all of Gastonia. Mr. H. B. Moore arrived here Monday and his wife and Mr. Jno. C. Moore came Monday night.

Besides the members of the family, the following accompanied the remains to Gastonia: Mrs. H. T. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre; Drs. N. A. Thompson and R. T. Allen; Messrs. C. B. Skipper, Frank Gough, R. D. and L. H. Caldwell, Q. T. Williams, E. J. Britt, Jno. T. Biggs, E. B. Freeman, J. P. Stephens. The pallbearers were: R. D. Caldwell, Frank Gough, C. B. Skipper, Jno. T. Biggs, Q. T. Williams, Dr. R. T. Allen. Messrs. Freeman, Skipper, Stephens and Gough, who compose a quartette that has sung often at the First Baptist church, sang at the funeral Mrs. Durham's favorite, "The Beautiful Land."

The Lumberton people who attended the funeral returned home this morning. Besides the quartette mentioned above, and other songs, Mrs. Pope and Mr. Skipper sang at the funeral "Is It Well With My Soul?" another favorite of the deceased. Mr. R. D. Caldwell, senior deacon of the church here, and Mr. S. McIntyre, made short talks at the church and one of the prayers was led by Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the A. R. P. church of Gastonia, who officiated at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Durham November 24, 1896.

Mrs. Durham's maiden name was Essie Modena Moore. She was a daughter of the late Capt. J. D. Moore and Mrs. M. J. Moore of Gastonia. Her father died five years ago. Her mother was not able to come to her daughter's bedside during her illness. She was born April 29, 1877, and was therefore 34 years old on the day on which she underwent the operation that resulted in her death. Fourteen and a half years ago she was united in marriage to Rev. C. H. Durham, while he was pastor of the First Baptist church of Gastonia. They moved thence to Asheville, where Mr. Durham accepted a call to the French Broad Baptist church, and in the summer of 1900 they moved to Lumberton, since which time Mr. Durham has been the popular and beloved pastor of the First

Baptist church of this place. Mrs. Durham began to suffer slightly about 18 months ago from the trouble which resulted in her death, and during the past three months she was confined at home perhaps half the time. She was always cheerful, her bright smile was always ready for those she loved, and no one suspected that anything serious was the matter. She was taken to the Thompson hospital last Friday and Saturday Dr. H. A. Royster was summoned by wire. After making an examination Dr. Royster said that an operation was necessary at once. Two tumors that had grown into one were found, part of her stomach had to be removed, and there was never any hope of her recovery after the operation. She rallied after the operation and retained consciousness until Monday night about midnight, after which time she was conscious only at short intervals until about five hours before her death.

A realization of the seriousness of the trouble from which Mrs. Durham was suffering came with unexpected and crushing force to her devoted husband, and the grief that bears him down and the loss to his children, who are too young to realize the full force of the blow, have touched this community as it has seldom been touched before; for during their residence in Lumberton Mr. Durham and his lovely wife had won the love and devotion not only of the congregation of the church Mr. Durham serves so acceptably but of the entire town, and all who knew them here feel this peculiarly sad death as a personal loss.

Mr. Durham and the children will remain in Gastonia for a week or more. They have the sincere and tender sympathy of a host of friends here and elsewhere in the State.

## Death of Mrs. Ann Eliza Williams.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Williams, 69 years old, died Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home, Fifth and Cedar streets. She had been in bad health for a year or more, but had been confined to her room only about three weeks. The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence by Rev. E. M. Hoyle and the remains were placed to rest in Meadow-Brook cemetery by the side of the remains of her husband, Dr. Warren Williams, who died Sunday night, April 9th. The pallbearers were Messrs. K. M. Biggs, R. E. Lee, W. J. Prevatt, T. C. Barnes, A. W. Prevatt and Sam Strain. The deceased is survived by four sons, Mr. O. L. Williams of Tampa, Fla., Mr. S. B. Williams of Buie, and Messrs. H. D. and R. W. of Lumberton; and three daughters, Mrs. Chattie Gay of Red Springs, and Misses Ida and Jannie Williams of Lumberton.

## Death of Mr. J. M. Lamb of Fayetteville.

Mr. J. M. Lamb, well known throughout this section as a florist and landscape gardener, died yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock at his home in Fayetteville. He had been afflicted with heart trouble for a year and death was not unexpected. The Fayetteville Observer states that Mr. Lamb was born in Dromhair, Sligo county, Scotland, in 1846. In 1865 he came with his parents to Wilmington and in 1871 he moved to Fayetteville, where he lived the balance of his life. He is survived by his wife, who was Annie Eliza Jones of Lumberton, and 13 children. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from Hay Street Methodist church, of which he was a member. The deceased has done much landscape gardening in Lumberton in the past few years and was well known here.

## Meeting of Civic Association Tomorrow Evening.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lumberton Civic Association will be held tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock in the reading room of the Industrial and Commercial Club. Much business of importance is to be transacted and a large attendance is desired.

## PARKTON SCHOOL CLOSES.

**Finals Over Three Days—Concert, Debate, Recitation and Declaiming Contests, Etc.—Play Last Evening—A Community Interested in Education.**

A successful term of school at Parkton closed with commencement exercises beginning Sunday morning and ending last evening. This series of entertainments was exceptionally good and large crowds attended. The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday at 11 a. m. by Dr. R. T. Vann, president of Meredith College, Raleigh. There was a concert Monday evening at 8:30 by the primary and intermediate grades; and Tuesday evening at 8:30 there was a debate by the Franklin Literary Society, and good debating was done. The subject was, "Resolved that we should have woman suffrage." The negative won, and Mr. Frank Williamson, one of the speakers, was awarded a gold medal for the best debater. Final exercises proper began yesterday at 10:30 a. m. with prayer by Rev. W. W. Daniels, president of Columbia College, Columbia, S. C., then there was some music by the Parkton band, and, by the way, this band played a good part in all the exercises. The next thing was an interesting race for two gold medals, one for the girl reciting best and one for the boy declaiming best. The girls battling in this contest numbered 15 and they all did fine, and 10 boys were in the game, who also did well, every mother's son of them. Miss Eva Stanley and Mr. Ben McDonald won the medals, and Rev. W. W. Daniels, Col. S. J. Cobb and W. K. Bethune acted as judges in the contest. The reciting and declaiming ended something after one o'clock. The band made some music and an intermission of somewhere near an hour and a half was given for dinner. There was no public spread, but most of the people had dinner with them and those that did not had no trouble to find something in Parkton to satisfy the inner man, for the people constituting the population of that thriving village are hospitable; so all were well fed.

At 3 o'clock the crowd reassembled to hear the speaker of the day, Rev. W. W. Daniels, A. M. D. D. of Columbia, S. C. He was introduced by Mr. W. L. Stanley of Parkton. Mr. Daniels used as his subject "Life," and the address from start to finish was a most excellent one. He said that life was full of temptations but that he would not remove one of them, if he could, for they strengthen and help to make a well-rounded life. He said that life has its burdens and tribulations and that the rose has its thorns, but the flower is sweet. Lack of time and space forbids an account of the many good things Mr. Daniels had to say. After the speech there was a presentation of gold medals as follows: Mr. Ben McDonald, best declaimer; Miss Eva Stanley for reciting best; Mr. Frank Williamson, best debater; Miss Marsh Johnson for deportment, and Virginia McCormick, about six years old, received one given by her mother for good attendance. The medals were presented by W. K. Bethune. Mr. Prentiss Stanton and Misses Eva Stanley and Carrie McMillan constituted the graduating class and from the hand of Rev. W. W. Daniels, with a few appropriate remarks, they received their diplomas, and the exercises for the day were ended. Misses Easdale Currie and Margaret and Catharine McMillan were given prizes for good records made, and Mr. Leon Johnson for having made the highest average in school.

The commencement ended last evening, the exercises beginning at 8:30 with a play, "Out in the Streets." The marshals for commencement were as follows: E. P. Stanton, chief; Henry Culbreth, Leon Johnson, Ben McDonald, John D. McCormick, Bruce Parham, Carlyle Cochran, Marvin Odum and T. H. Cashwell.

The average attendance of the school for the year was about 135 pupils, taught by a faculty

## A FREE LECTURE.

**Richard B. Watrous, Secretary of the American Civic Association, Will Lecture in Lumberton Friday Night, 12th, on Making a City Beautiful—Free Tickets Will be Distributed.**

At the invitation of the Lumberton Civic Association, Mr. Richard B. Watrous, secretary of the American Civic Association, the general headquarters of which association are at Washington, D. C., will deliver a lecture in Lumberton Friday night of next week, the 12th inst., on "Making a City beautiful." Mr. Watrous will use pictures illustrating what has been done in many communities along various lines of civic improvement, such as the cleaning up of home surroundings and making them beautiful by the making of gardens, the planting of shrubs and flowers, the wise planting and care of shade trees, the elimination of nuisances and the introduction of features that contribute to make a community attractive to permanent residents and to visitors. He will also use pictures illustrating the housefly and will point out the reasons why the fly ought to be exterminated.

Mr. Watrous, as the position he occupies would indicate, is an authority on civic improvement work, and his lecture will be both entertaining and instructive. Free tickets will be distributed, all expenses being borne by the Lumberton Civic Association, and all who can possibly do so should avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing subjects that are of vital interest to every citizen of the town intelligently discussed.

## A Talk by Prof. I. O. Schaub on Farm-Life Schools.

Prof. I. O. Schaub, of the A. and M. College, who is in charge of the boys' corn club work in this State, spoke at the court house last night to a small crowd on the farm-life school. He spoke yesterday morning at Fairmont and in the afternoon at Orrum. In his talk last night he made some good points in favor of the school. He spoke of the need for a school for training country boys and girls for the kind of life they are going to live. Farmers in this State have been making corn at a cost of about \$1 per bushel when they could buy it at 75 or 80 cents; such a school will teach them how to make corn at a profit. Boys will be taught how to mix and use fertilizers, how to grow home supplies cheaper than they can be bought from the West, will be taught about stock, cattle, dairying, and all that pertains to everyday life on the farm. Girls will be taught all that pertains to practical homemaking, cooking, sewing, how to furnish a home. North Carolina has been a dumping ground for poor seed for the seed houses because the State has not provided for inspection of seed. In a farm-life school tests of seed can be made and thousands of dollars will be saved the farmers from this alone. The teachers must be practical men. The first schools established will get the pick of such men. All such schools that have been established in other States—and many have been established—have proven successful and none has ever been discontinued after once being started. If Robeson votes it down it may not have another chance in several years.

of five—Prof. J. H. Forbis, principal; Misses Mary Stewart, Leta Cable, Mary Janette McNeill and Annie McMillan.

The people of Parkton and that immediate section are greatly interested in the education of their children, all of which was plainly evidenced in an election held there Monday voting bonds to the amount of \$12,500 for the erection of a new school building, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian. There were 104 votes cast for the bonds and 3 against. Parkton has had an excellent school for several years, and especially this year, and with the assurance of a larger and better equipped building this coming city has a bright future.

## Town Election—Town Commissioners' Meeting.

The election Monday of town officers was a tame affair, of course, since there was no opposition to the ticket nominated at the primary held Tuesday of last week. The number of voters registered is about 370, the number voting in the primary was 349, while the number of votes cast in the election was only 114. The following are the officers elected: Mayor, A. E. White; town commissioners, M. W. Floyd, J. Howard Morrison, W. J. Prevatt, for a term of two years—the other members of the board are J. D. McMillan, G. G. French, J. L. Stephens; graded school trustees, L. E. Whaley, W. S. Britt, L. H. Caldwell, for two years, the other members of the board being Alf. H. McLeod, R. D. Caldwell and Q. T. Williams, and C. B. Townsend was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Col. N. A. McLean; board of audit and finance, ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, Frank Gough, A. T. Parmele.

Mr. A. E. White, the newly elected mayor, has been out of town since Tuesday. He will return tomorrow night or Friday and the new town board will meet and organize the last of this week, it is presumed.

The old town board held its last meeting Tuesday night, received the report of the clerk and treasurer of election returns and passed a few bills. The registrar was paid \$10 and the managers of the primary and other election officers were paid \$1 each, so the election cost the town just \$19. Other bills were passed as follows: G. M. Whitfield, rent of houses used for smallpox patients, \$11.68; Crozer Pochontas Coal Co., \$57.09; Southern Electric Co., \$17.51; White Oak Coal Co., \$55.77; General Electric Co., \$11.93; for globes, \$6.95; K. M. Biggs, 25 cts., W. J. Prevatt \$9.36, McAllister Hdw. Co. \$12.50—all for supplies. Misses Emma and Laura Norment and A. T. Parmele and W. P. Barker were allowed sanitary tax rebates of \$2.50 each.

## Slogan Suggestions For Lumberton.

Suggestions for a slogan for Lumberton continue to come in. The committee is going to have a large number to select from. But maybe the right one has not yet been sent in. No one can tell until the committee sifts them, so those who send in suggestions now have just as good a chance to win as those who have already sent them in—better, if anything, for they have the benefit of the suggestions already made. There is no limit to the number of suggestions anyone can make, so if you have tried and think you can better your trial, send it along. The following have been received since Monday:

Keep Lumberton growing.  
Make Lumberton grow.  
Come through, folks, now.  
Watch Lumberton grow.  
You'll like Lumberton.  
A growing, wide awake town.  
Waten Lumberton lead.  
Learn about Lumberton.  
Lumberton's claims bear investigation.

## County Road Superintendent Elected.

At the meeting of the county road commissioners Monday, Mr. C. N. Hughes, of Washington, this State, was elected county superintendent of roads at a salary of \$1,800 the year, as provided for in the new road law for this county. Mr. Hughes was recommended by State Geologist Joseph H. Pratt as a competent road engineer. He has already gone to work and will have entire charge of the road work throughout the county.

The passing of a few bills was the only other business transacted at the meeting of the road commissioners Monday.

## To Hold a Consultation About Taxation.

The Robesonian is requested to publish the following: "The land owners of Blue Springs living in Red Springs will meet citizens of Blue Springs at Antioch Friday, the 12th, at 2 o'clock p. m., to consult about illegal taxation of Blue Springs property."

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Alexander McMillan was appointed postmaster at Dundar-rach, this county, Tuesday.

Mr. A. W. McLean has been appointed division council for the Atlantic Coast Line Ry. to succeed the late Col. N. A. McLean.

Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Ella M. Williams and Jno. H. Kinlaw; Lizzie Johnson and Nash Sibbett; Margaret Odum and James A. Pennington.

The Robesonian is indebted to Mr. F. C. Nye for an invitation to the closing exercises of Winterville high school May 17, 18 and 19. The program is an attractive one.

Mr. W. I. Linkhaw moved his vehicles into his large new sales stables on Fourth street yesterday and is now ready for business. Nothing was saved from the fire and everything is new and up-to-now.

On account of the destruction of the Back swamp trestle on the R. & C., near Marion, by fire Tuesday morning the train was unable to make the trip through Tuesday. The passengers were transferred.

On account of the exercises at the graded school there will be no moving picture show at the opera house tonight. Tomorrow night the pictures will be on as usual and Miss Ruth Whaley and Dr. A. C. Tebeau will sing.

Mr. Earnest Branch, who returned home Monday from Atlanta, where he is taking a course in dentistry at the Atlanta Dental College, will work during the summer in the office of Dr. R. F. Graham. He began work Tuesday.

The Lumberton Motor Car & Machine Co. has a car of autos on the way. Mr. W. P. McAllister went this morning to Charlotte and will drive back tonight a car belonging to the company. He was accompanied by Dr. T. C. Johnson.

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock the fire alarm was turned in because of fire at the home of Mr. Pink Campbell, who lives just across the river on the Fairmont road. The roof of the dwelling was damaged, possibly to the amount of \$50 or \$75. The fire is supposed to have caught from a spark from the chimney.

The first meet of the Lumberton Gun Club was held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the trap in North Lumberton. Eight of the boys were present and out of 20 shots each the score was as follows: Dr. Jehn Knox, 8; J. D. McAllister, 9; R. H. Crichton, 6; E. B. McMillan, 10; L. C. Townsend, 4; W. L. Robinson, 12; L. B. Townsend, 14; John D. McMillan, 9.

Mr. J. Paul Robertson of Rowland was awarded the fourth prize for North Carolina for ten ears of white dent corn at the 4th annual National Corn Exposition at Columbus, Ohio, January 30, February 11, last. The prize is a "Diploma of Honor," nicely engraved, and this was brought yesterday by Prof. I. O. Schaub, who has charge of boys' corn clubs in this State, to County Supt. Poole, who will send it to Mr. Robertson.

Mr. W. H. Shooter began work this morning on the new store building that Dr. W. A. McPhaul and the McAllister Hdw. Co. will place in the 10-foot alley between the hardware store and the drug store of the Pope Drug Co. The building will be 70 feet long and will have skylights. The iron stairway leading to the second floor of the Pope drug store will be taken down and a narrower stairway, which will be farther back from the street, will be put in its place. The front will be of glass and will be very much like the McMillan drug store front. The building will be completed by the first of June, when it will be occupied by Mr. W. W. Parker of Richmond, Va., a jeweler and optometrist.

Sick headache results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by the use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Try it for sale by all dealers.