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MRS. T. A. McNEILL PASSES.

The Grim Monster Claims One of Lumberton's Most Lovely Characters—End Came at Fayetteville, Due to Pneumonia Following an Operation—Funeral Yesterday Attended by Large Crowd—Many Exquisite Floral Tributes.

Mrs. Carolina Elizabeth Smith McNeill, wife of ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, died Monday night at 12 o'clock in Highsmith's hospital, Fayetteville, where she underwent a slight operation two weeks ago today. She was rapidly recovering from the operation when pneumonia set in, which was the immediate cause of death. The operation was not a serious one and it was thought that it would be necessary to spend only two or three weeks in the hospital, therefore her death was a great shock. The entire family were at the bedside when the final summons came. The remains were brought home Tuesday evening and quite a crowd of Lumberton friends went to Fayetteville Tuesday morning to return with the family.

The funeral took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, of which deceased was a member, and the services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Steele, assisted by Rev. W. M. Fairly of Fayetteville; Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church; and Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church. The services were simple, beautiful and sweet. One of the songs so sweetly rendered by the choir was "Lead Kindly Light," a favorite of the deceased. Interment was made in Meadow Brook cemetery and two beautiful songs were softly sung during the filling in of the grave and placing of flowers. The floral tributes were simply grand, yet they were only slight expressions of the devotion and appreciation of the woman that has gone to her reward.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. McNeill was for a long time president, sent a lovely design; and the Ladies' Aid Society, of which she was a member, also sent a beautiful one. One was received from the local chapter, U. D. C., of which she was a member; the Presbyterian Sunday school sent one, and a very attractive one was received from the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of which Judge McNeill is president; but the one that possibly attracted the most attention was sent by the bar. It was magnificent. The grave was more than twice covered. The pallbearers, active, were: Messrs. T. C. Evans, Alf H. McLeod, A. E. White, H. M. McAllister, Stephen McIntyre, J. D. McLean, W. S. Britt and W. K. Bethune; honorary, Messrs. J. A. McAllister, C. B. Townsend, C. B. Skipper, N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville, G. B. Patterson of Maxton, and H. C. McQueen of Wilmington. Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, who is holding a special term of court here this week, adjourned court for the funeral and he led the bar in the procession from the residence, Ninth and Elm streets, to the church. Quite a number of friends and relatives from a distance attended the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNeill, of Raleigh, close relatives of the family, arrived yesterday evening and will spend two or three days. They received notice of the death too late to reach here in time for the funeral.

Mrs. McNeill's maiden name was Miss Caroline Elizabeth Smith. She was born and reared on the banks of the Cape Fear river not far above Fayetteville and had in that section a host of relatives. She was born the 8th of February, 1850, therefore her age was 61 years. She was united in marriage to Judge McNeill on the 24th of October, 1877, shortly after which they moved to Lumberton. She is survived by her husband, two daughters—Misses Mary G. and Cammie McNeill—one son—Mr. T. A. Jr.—and one brother, Mr. Lawrence Smith, of Duke.

Mrs. McNeill was of a kind and gentle disposition and her chief delight was administering to the sick and comforting the

THE GRAND JURY PRESENTS

County Commissioners, Sheriff and Jailer for Failure in Duty Which Resulted in Escape of Prisoners—Road Commissioners for Failure to Work Road—A. L. Stone, J. P., for Malfeasance.

The grand jury last week made quite a number of presentments, four of them being in connection with the escape of four prisoners from the county jail on the night of November 8. The county commissioners were presented for failure to have jail in safe condition. Two presentments were made against Jailer J. H. Floyd for failure to do duty; first, in that he failed to keep certain prisoners locked in cells at night and failed to examine cells he did lock to see if prisoners were in cells at the time; and for allowing a trusty too much privilege, not being strict enough in examining packages carried to and from prisoners and allowing one trusty to stay away from jail all night on the night of the 8th inst. And Sheriff E. C. McNeill was presented for failure to inspect jail as often as was his duty, and for not being strict enough in giving orders and having them obeyed around the jail.

The road commissioners were presented for failure to work Matthew's Bluff road in Britt's township October 2.

Two presentments were made against A. L. Stone, justice of the peace, for malfeasance. He is charged with accepting money on July 4 last to compromise a case—State against Willis Britt for assault with deadly weapon on I. D. Britt—tried before him, in which he had no jurisdiction; also with failure to turn over to proper authorities a fine of \$5 imposed and collected by him on February 1 last, in case brought by Geo. Britt against Mrs. A. R. Price.

Of course a presentment is just a presentment and it rests with the solicitor whether indictments shall be brought under these presentments.

HOPE MILLS NEWS.

A Hole in a Bridge Causes a Bad Accident—Other Items.

Hope Mills, Nov. 13—Rev. W. M. Fairly of Fayetteville will preach in the Presbyterian church here next Sunday at 3:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Duncan are visiting relatives in Lincoln this week.

While passing over a footway across Little Rockfish Saturday night, October 27, Mr. Frank Norton, of Cumberland, fell through a hole in the bridge and his leg was very badly injured. Being unable to get on his feet again, he made alarm, but no one came to his relief until 4 o'clock Sunday morning, when Mr. L. B. Brady and his son hastened to his rescue. Mr. Norton has a host of friends in this community who will regret to note his misfortune.

Rev. J. W. Rowel of Wingate made a very fine lecture in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon to a large and attentive audience. During last summer Mr. Rowel made a series of lectures to the Masonic order of Hope Mills and his many friends are always glad to have him stop over here.

A very beautiful picture of the Baptist church here has been placed in the postoffice and a very cordial invitation has been extended to the public by the Hope Mills Baraca class to be present every Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Misses Barbara Cameron and Maggie Kinlaw have opened a sewing room in the building formerly occupied by Mr. J. W. Leizer.

distressed. She was a noble woman, who lived an active and useful life. She gave no thought for self when friends and neighbors could be served. She was a Godly woman diligent in all the affairs of her church.

"I am pleased to recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as the best thing I know of and safest remedy for coughs, colds and bronchial trouble," writes Mrs. L. B. Arnold of Denver, Colo. "We have used it repeatedly and it has never failed to give relief." For sale by all dealers.

PLAIN TALK BY JUDGE FARNK CARTER

Failure of Juries to do Their Duty Responsible for Large Number of Homicides—System of Keeping County Home a Constant Temptation to Stint the Inmates—Salary System Scored—Meagerness of Salary Allowed Sheriff Surprising—Food for Serious Thought.

At the criminal term of court last week when the grand jury's reports were read in the presence of his honor, Frank Carter, judge presiding, his honor made certain remarks in connection with the public affairs of the county which were of interest.

After commenting with some force and warmth upon the many homicides that had taken place in the county of Robeson within the past five years—58 true bills for murder having been returned by grand juries within that period—his honor stated that this condition was attributable to the failure of juries to do their duty and convict persons charged with murder in a proper cause. He stated that the doctrine of reasonable doubt had a proper place in our system of jurisprudence but that juries were inclined to make a fetish of it and upon the theory of reasonable doubt turned many men loose who were morally guilty and men whom the jury knew were morally guilty upon the evidence. He urged that in the trial of capital felonies it was the duty of the jury to take a common-sense view of the evidence and that if they were morally satisfied from the evidence of the guilt of the prisoner they should not hesitate to convict, leaving the question of the punishment with the court.

Judge Carter further commented at some length upon the system of keeping the county home in this county. It was made to appear to the court that commissioners paid the keeper of the home \$8.50 per month for each inmate and that out of this amount the keeper expended such sums as he thought proper for their foods, etc., and was allowed to keep the balance for his salary, etc. His honor stated that he did not intend to charge anyone with wrongdoing nor did he intend to charge that the present keeper of the home did not do his duty by the unfortunate inmates under his care. He strongly condemned the system, however, upon the ground that it placed a constant temptation before the keeper of the home to stint the inmates in their food, as every cent thus saved went into his own pocket. His honor denounced such a system as this as not doing credit to even a barbarous community, to say nothing of a civilized, intelligent, wealthy county like Robeson. He stated that he knew of no other county in the State where such a system was in force. He had been informed that former grand juries had reported adversely upon the system in force at the county home but that the county commissioners seemed to have paid no attention whatever to the recommendations thus made. He expressed the hope that the system would be changed and that all supplies would be furnished by the county and the keeper placed upon a salary basis. Thus there would be no temptation to the keeper not to furnish the inmates with sufficient food, etc. He stated that he did not believe and could not believe that the people of Robeson county knew of the system in vogue at the present time in connection with the home and that if it was known throughout the county public opinion would be so strong in favor of the abolition of the system that the commissioners would be forced to take some action, notwithstanding the fact that they have continually ignored the recommendations of grand juries.

The salary law in force in connection with the county offices was also brought to the attention of the court through the presentation of a bill from Mr. John W. Ward for \$7 expended in bringing a prisoner from Rowland to Lumberton. It was a question as to whether the sheriff should pay this amount or the

county treasury. His honor examined the salary bill and the supplementary act with care and made some remarks after its examination. He stated that he had always been in favor of strict economy in the management of the public affairs but that there was a limit to economy and that the saving of a few dollars should not be placed above and before efficient management of the public offices. He said that he came from a county which would compare with Robeson in wealth, in area and in population, a county where the salary law had been in force for several years; that he had carefully observed the working of the law and had become convinced that a salary system for county officers did not result in any real saving to the taxpayers of the county; that the few dollars saved did not compare with the lessening in efficiency in the conduct of the offices and that the public lost more than was gained in the small saving that was made. His honor expressed particular surprise at the meagerness of the salary allowed the sheriff. He stated that with his knowledge of conditions as they existed and in view of the extent and population of the county of Robeson and the work to be done, no man could even make a bare living out of the salary allowed by the act for Robeson county. He expressed the hope that the act would be speedily amended at the next session of the Legislature and expressed the belief that if this was not done the sheriff would be without a sheriff, as he did not believe any suitable man could be induced to take the office with the heavy bond required, responsible as he would be for the collection of the taxes, at the salary given in the act passed by the last Legislature. In the matter of the collection of the taxes alone, his honor expressed the belief that the giving of a larger salary to the sheriff would be more than saved in the larger collection of taxes which would result from the paying of a remuneration sufficient to enable the sheriff to make the necessary effort and pay the necessary expense in connection with the collection of taxes.

Judge Carter's remarks covered nearly the entire range of county government and it is regretted that the board of commissioners and other citizens of the county who take an interest in county government were not present to hear them. They were well worth listening to and pondering over. It is beyond question that some reforms are necessary in the administration of justice in this county.

ST. PAUL BUDGET.

New Residences and New Post-office Building—Personal.

St. Paul, Nov. 15—Mr. W. A. McCormick, who has accepted a position with the Lindsay-Butler Supply Co., has moved into his new residence on Blue street. Mr. S. L. Poole, our railroad agent, is having a nice residence erected on Blue street and will move into it as soon as it can be completed. Work is progressing nicely and it will not be long before he can occupy his nice little mansion. Mr. G. R. Thaggard, who has been with the company since September, is also building a nice cottage on Blue street. Mr. and Mrs. Thaggard will occupy same as soon as it can be completed.

Mr. C. R. Hester is building a brick postoffice. This will be an up to date postoffice when the new fixtures are installed. The people are very much pleased with the equipment to be

Mr. S. E. Humphrey was here yesterday—Mr. Joseph Allen of route No. 2 was on our streets Friday.

Miss Sarah Blanchard has accepted a school near Lumberton. A party of young folks went to Red Springs Sunday afternoon in Mr. Semon's auto.

We are sorry to learn of the sickness of Mr. J. P. Schmah, who had the contract of building the postoffice here. He left here for Bladenboro, where he was completing a large store, and was taken while there with an attack of apoplexy. He is at the Thompson hospital now.

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MT. ELIAM MATTERS.

Not Dependent on the West for "Hog and Hominy"—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mt. Eliam, Nov. 13.—We spent Sunday at our old home on the "Mount" and found everything moving on nicely. The old folks seemed to be happy and content, but not so with the young folks, they are all wanting to make a change for better or worse, we are not prepared to say which. The cotton fields are changing their colors very fast, and most of our farmers are through harvesting a bumper corn crop. It makes us feel more happy to see and know our soil tillers are not dependent on the West for their next year's "hog and hominy."

Mr. Norman Perry of Parkton spent the week-end with friends on the "Mount."

Rev. D. C. Barnes filled his regular appointment at the Broad Ridge school house Sunday p. m.

We are pleased to report the condition of Mrs. J. Z. Stone, who has been very ill, much improved.

Quite a number of our folks attended the great rally at Lumberton Friday, and never enjoyed a day better, so they say.

While returning home from seeing his best and most loved friend one night one of our sports was followed by an owl for about two miles, the owl going home with him, and after he got home he secured a gun and shot and killed the owl.

The best semi-weekly paper in the State (The Robesonian) is read and loved by people all over America. We received a card from an unknown friend in Nebraska one day recently, who reads the paper, and we think reading it has made him want to visit the best county in the best State in the Union, Robeson, as he said he was coming to these parts some time soon.

Mr. Kelly M. Britt, who had been visiting home folks for ten days, returned to Hamlet Thursday, where he holds a position with the Parker Railway News Co.

Mr. S. E. Martin of Shannon is spending a few days with relatives and friends on the "Mount."

Mr. Henry Warwick of Orrum filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. Tillman Britt of Hog Swamp spent Sunday with friends here.

It can be truthfully said that The Robesonian has one of the best presses in the State. We printed and mailed four thousand papers this p. m. in two and a half hours.

Everybody remember and go to Sunday school Sunday. 'Twill do you good. Happy Jack.

A Negro Peppered Plentifully in the Back With Shot.

Hardy Bell, colored, was tried before Justice Eli Phillips at the court house yesterday afternoon on the charge of secret assault on John Edmond, also colored. Edmond alleges that between daybreak and sunup Tuesday morning while on his way to his work, entirely unaware of the nearness of any enemy, he was shot with a shotgun in the back by Hardy Bell, who had concealed himself in bushes beside the path. The shooting took place near Fairmont. Fifty-three shot lodged in Edmond's back, inflicting painful wounds. Bell denied guilt and offered evidence to prove an alibi. He was bound to court in bond in the sum of \$250, in default of which he was sent to jail. Last week there was trouble between these negroes about pigs running at large and Edmond alleges that Bell had threatened to kill him.

Superior Court Closes.

The special civil term of Robeson superior court which began Monday, Judge Frank Carter of Asheville presiding, came to a close yesterday afternoon, the docket having been cleaned up. There were no cases of special interest.

For pains in the side or chest dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Liniment and bind it over the seat of pain. There is nothing better. For sale by all dealers.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—The Barnesville Ginning Co., J. S. McNeill of Lumberton secretary-treasurer, has filed proceedings for voluntary dissolution.

—Rev. W. B. McIlwaine of Asheboro has accepted a call extended him by the Maxton and Center Presbyterian churches as co-pastor with Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill.

—There will be an entertainment and oyster supper tomorrow night at Bethesda school, near Barnesville, for the benefit of the school. Everybody is invited.

—A star riding high in the heavens in close proximity to a crescent moon and plainly visible to the naked eye, in the full glare of a brightly-shining sun, was an unusual sight that attracted considerable attention hereabouts about noon today.

—Prof. Frank L. Jernegan of Hawthorne, Fla., who taught a summer school at Causey, S. C., has been re-elected principal of the Oak Dale academy at Marietta, with Miss Rebecca Byrd as first assistant. This school will begin Monday of next week.

—On the editor's desk Tuesday was found an unsigned communication to the effect that on the 24th inst., at 7:30 p. m., at the school house in district 4, Wishart's township, there will be a box supper, that everybody is cordially invited, and that the proceeds will be used on the school house.

—Mr. H. M. McAllister and State Senator W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, have purchased, each, a handsome 36 Chalmers touring car. The two machines were bought through the Lumberton Motor Car Co. and were received Tuesday. Mr. Cobb came over from Lumber Bridge yesterday and drove his home. The cars are beauties.

—A scaffola at the plant of the Acme Brick Co., Fayetteville road, near Meadow Brook cemetery, fell Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock and caught under it James Love, colored, and Mr. John Meares. Love received a broken thigh and Mr. Meares is suffering from a bad scalp wound, though it is not thought to be serious.

—Invitations have been issued reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMillan request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Annie Patterson

to

Mr. Murphy Bethune McMillan on the evening of Wednesday, the twenty-ninth of November at half after eight o'clock Parkton Presbyterian church Parkton, North Carolina.

—Mr. R. H. Davis, who since last January has held a position as local manager of the Bell Telephone Company sent in his resignation some days ago, which has been accepted. His time with the company will be up today and he says that he expects to leave about the first of next week for Atlanta, Ga., where he will begin the study of law in the office of his father, Mr. W. C. Davis. Mr. Davis during his stay here has won many friends who will regret to learn of his intention to leave. He says that he does not know who his successor will be.

A Bunch of Alleged Blind Tigers in Limbo.

Mack McIver, Babe Fenell, Dink Baker, Jesse and Walter Graham, Luke Lilly, Wm. Bennett and James Gilchrist, all colored, were placed in jail here Tuesday by Chief of Police S. H. Dunlap, of Maxton, on charges of retailing. Chief Dunlap arrested 15 on charges of retailing and was able in the preliminary hearing in Maxton to produce evidence sufficient to have the eight above-named bound to court.

Balked At Cold Steel.

"I wouldn't let a doctor cut my foot off," said H. D. Ely, Bantam, Ohio, "although a horrible ulcer had been the plague of my life for four years. Instead I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my foot was soon completely cured." Heals Burns, Boils, Sores, Bruises, Eczema, Pimples, Corns, Sore Feet. Cure 25c at all druggists.