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## JOHN P. McNEILL PASSES

End Came Saturday Night in Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia—Taken There in Hope That Operation for Tumor of Brain Might Save Life—Confined to Bed Only Two Weeks—Death a Great Shock to Community—Prominent Business Man and Mason—Remains Arrived This Morning and Funeral This Afternoon.

Mr. John P. McNeill, a prominent business man and Mason of Lumberton, died Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock in the Jefferson hospital in Philadelphia, the cause of his death being a tumor of the brain. He was taken to Philadelphia, leaving here Friday night, by Drs. W. A. McPhaul and R. S. Beam and Mrs. McNeill, and an operation was performed shortly after arriving in Philadelphia Saturday afternoon. It was found that the tumor was deep-rooted in the brain and that there was no chance for recovery. Mr. McNeill seemed to rally after the operation but soon grew worse and death came about 4 1/2 hours after the operation was performed. The tumor was so deep-rooted that it could not have been removed had the operation been performed even 2 months ago, his physicians state.

The remains arrived here this morning at 10:15 o'clock over the Seaboard, were met at the station by a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends and were taken to the handsome home, Pine and Fifth. The funeral takes place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, as The Robesonian goes to press, from the First Baptist church, of which deceased was a member, Rev. C. L. Graves, pastor of the church, conducting the service. Mr. Graves arrived home this morning from Ridgecrest, where he has been spending his vacation with his family, being summoned home on account of the death. The remains will be interred in Meadow Brook cemetery with Masonic honors by the Blue Lodge of Lumberton and Shriners and Knights Templar from Fayetteville and Wilmington.

News of the death came as a profound shock to this entire community yesterday morning. Mr. McNeill was confined to his bed only two weeks, though he had been far from well several weeks prior to going to bed. On the 5th of July Dr. H. T. Pope was called in and he found that Mr. McNeill was suffering with a severe headache. Dr. Pope learned that Mr. McNeill had been suffering that way for some time and that it had caused him to lose interest in business. Symptoms at first pointed to "walking" typhoid, but tests soon eliminated that early diagnosis and Dr. Pope early decided that the trouble was tumor of the brain. He called in consultation Drs. W. A. McPhaul, Jno. Knox and R. S. Beam, local physicians, and Thursday of last week Dr. J. P. Monroe, a specialist of Charlotte, was summoned. Dr. Monroe confirmed the diagnosis of the local physicians and it was at once decided to take Mr. McNeill to Philadelphia, where the diagnosis was again confirmed.

John P. McNeill was born in Lumberton January 23, 1867, and was therefore in his 49th year. He was the son of Mrs. Susan D. McNeill, who survives, living at the old home place on East Fifth street with her son Mr. Justin, and the late James S. McNeill. He was the first of a family of 12 children to die. Besides his mother, the following members of his family survive: his wife, two daughters—Vivian and Emma Frances—and two sons—Clarence and Vernon—the youngest 6 years old; 6 sisters—Mrs. W. A. Yost of Raleigh, Mrs. J. A. Powell of Lake Waccamaw, Mrs. J. B. Leonard of Newton, Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. E. B. McMillan and Miss Pennie McNeill of Lumberton—and 5 brothers—A. L. of Chipley, Fla., Charles and Frank of Columbia, S. C., James and Justin of Lumberton. All members of the family except Mr. A. L. McNeill of Chipley, Fla., who could not come, are here to attend the funeral.

Deceased had been in the mercantile business in Lumberton for 13 years and was very successful. Prior to entering business for himself he kept books for his brother Mr. A. L. McNeill in Florida and for the firm of Caldwell & Carley in Lumberton. He was loyal to his church, being a member of the First Baptist of Lumberton, and was an enthusiastic Mason. He was on the finance board of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, being one of the most prominent Masons in the State. He was secretary and treasurer of the Blue Lodge of Lumberton.

Mr. McNeill was well known all over Lumberton and had a host of friends who mourn with his family over his untimely death.

Seaboard Officials Will Visit Lumberton Friday. The head officers of all the departments of the Seaboard Air Line railway will visit Lumberton Friday of this week for the purpose of meeting the business men of the town, not for any special business purpose but to "get acquainted". The party will be traveling on a special train and will make all the towns between Hamlet and Wilmington Friday. The officers are making an inspection and "get acquainted" trip over all the Seaboard's lines. It is not yet known at what hour the party will be in Lumberton.

## 40 CENTS FOR GATHERING COTTON AND PEAS

That Price Regarded as Best Farmers Can Reasonably be Expected to Pay at Present Prices—Resolution Adopted at Meeting This Morning. A citizens' meeting was held in the court house this morning for the purpose of fixing a uniform price of 40 cents per hundred for picking the 1915 crop of cotton and peas. This meeting grew out of a meeting held here some time ago. At that meeting the question of making a rule of 40 cents per hundred for gathering cotton and peas was discussed and resolutions were drawn up and put before the farmers of the different townships. A township meeting was held in nearly every township Saturday for the purpose of discussing the rate. 14 townships were represented at the meeting this morning. Dr. L. L. Pate of Rowland acted as chairman. A representative from every township present was asked to give the views of the people in his township in regard to this question and all of the townships heard from seemed to be heartily in favor of it with the exception of Saddle Tree.

The following resolution was drawn up, read and adopted. That 40 cents per hundred should be the fixed price for gathering this year's crop of cotton and peas and that any party or parties who were found violating this rule should be reported to the chairman of the meeting and their names read at a county meeting. It was further agreed that if the price of cotton advanced enough to justify the farmers in paying more for the gathering that another meeting would be called and a price fixed.

## GOOD TOBACCO SALES; PRICES HAVE ADVANCED

Sales on Local Market Last Week From 10,000 to 30,000 Pounds. Each Day and Prices Have Advanced.

Sales of tobacco on the Lumberton market last week at the Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse, E. O. Brunsford & Co., proprietors, were from 10,000 to 30,000 pounds each day. Prices were generally satisfactory to the farmers. As better grades have been showing up prices have materially advanced, tobacco selling from 3 cents for trash goods to 14 1/2 cents for better grades.

## Baraca-Philathea Convention.

Delegates from Baraca and Philathea classes all over Robeson met here yesterday in a convention of the Robeson Baraca-Philathea Union at the First Baptist church. The program of music and addresses was rich and entertaining and it was a pleasant and profitable occasion. Mr. Jno. A. Oates of Fayetteville delivered the principal address. A picnic dinner was served on the grounds. A full account of the convention was written for today's paper but has to be held over for the next issue on account of unavoidable trouble with gasoline engines which made it impossible to set the usual amount of type for this issue.

## Good Crops in Saddle Tree Township as Elsewhere.

Mr. G. S. Harrell, who lives on route 1 from Rennett, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday and he told The Robesonian to say that there are good crops in Saddle Tree township. He says somebody reported to The Robesonian some time ago a doleful tale about crops in Saddle Tree, but that corn and cotton have come out wonderfully in the last few weeks and that good crops of all kinds will be made.

—Messrs. H. H. Anderson & Company, of which Mr. H. H. Anderson is general manager, have accepted the agency for the Studebaker automobile and will carry them in stock, making Lumberton headquarters. While only having the agency a few days this company has already sold two new machines, one to Mr. T. L. Johnson and one to Mr. R. D. Caldwell, both of Lumberton. Watch The Robesonian for ad telling all about the Studebaker car.

Mrs. T. B. Burney of Ruskin is visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kinlaw, Fifth street.

## BROAD RIDGE BREEZES

Series of Meetings Closes—Mr. H. L. Bullard Building New Residence—Marketing the Weed—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Broad Ridge (Orum, R. 1), Aug. 14—Curing tobacco, which has for some time been the order of the day among the farmers, is about over and fodder time has come, which is a time we all dread.

A series of meetings here which has been carried on by the pastor, Rev. J. I. Stone, closed last Sunday with some additions to the church and much good done.

We are very glad to have among us Messrs. A. H. and E. C. Bissell of Bloomington, Ill., who arrived last week and will spend some time at the home of their father, Mr. H. F. Bissell.

Mr. H. F. Bullard is beginning to erect a nice 6-room dwelling on his farm here which will be one of the handsomest on the Ridge when completed.

'Tis all smiles with Mr. Swain Britt: it's a boy.

Mr. Edward C. Bissell was a business visitor at Lumberton and Fairmont yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Broughton Nye of Proctorville visited Mr. H. L. Bullard last week.

Most of our farmers are marketing the "weed" at a fast rate now. Prices are fairly good on some grades but unsatisfactory on others. Misses Flora Lawson, Carrie Britt and Messrs. Hubert Britt and Walter Glover made a trip to Wrightsville Beach last Sunday.

## Notices of New Advertisements.

Fruit jars. Send your orders to N. Jacoby Hdw. Co., Wilmington.

Report of sales on Fairmont tobacco market by E. J. Davis & Sons. If you have beef cattle to sell see T. H. Jones at Fairmont.

Best brick for sale—H. H. Anderson.

Some prices received for tobacco Friday at Fairmont Tobacco Warehouse, T. F. Reeves & Co., proprietors.

Program at Pastime theatre. Buggies, wagons and harness. You save money by buying now from W. I. Linkhaw.

Trunks, suitcases, traveling bags—R. D. Caldwell & Son.

Big Indian picnic at Pembroke Saturday, Aug. 28.

This is clearance sale week at White & Gough's department store. Mr. T. A. Ramsaur will be with the Robeson Auto Co after Sept. 1.

## Appeal to Mexico to Adopt Steps

Necessary to Bring About Peace. Washington Dispatch, 14th.

The Pan-American appeal to Mexico, now being delivered to the chiefs of factions and governors of States was made public here tonight by the State Department.

Without even an intimation of armed intervention, it calls upon the leaders to meet somewhere in Mexico, on neutralized ground, in a conference "to adopt the first steps necessary to the constitutional reconstruction of the country" and to issue a call for immediate elections. The services of the United States or any of the Pan-American countries are offered as intermediaries to arrange the meeting.

## Concert by Singing Class From the

Goldboro Odd Fellows Orphanage Tomorrow Evening.

Attention is called again to the entertainment which will be given at the opera house tomorrow evening, 8:30 o'clock, by the singing class from the Odd Fellows orphanage at Goldboro. The class is composed of 14 girls and boys. These children have never visited Lumberton before but they come with the highest recommendations and they represent a cause which appeals to every true man and woman. The local Odd Fellows ask that they be given a full house and liberal support. Tickets on sale at McMillan's.

## Young White Man in the Toils.

Watus Russ, a young white man, was brought to jail here yesterday from Bladenboro, where he was arrested. He is charged with stealing a watch, fountain pen, ring and also jumping a board bill at the Jennings cotton mill.

## LONG BRANCH LOCALS

Housewives Busy Canning Fruit—Pellagra—Sunbeam Rally—Farmers Proud of Lumberton Tobacco Market—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, Aug. 12—Everything booming around Long Branch now. Farmers are pulling fodder, while the housewives are canning fruit preparing to live at home next year. Mr. Billy Stone has bought a new canner, also Mr. W. L. Thompson.

Mr. S. B. Stone seems to be making right much off of his tomato crop this year. He has sold \$50 of ripe tomatoes and has more than 1,000 cans already canned.

Miss Maude Britt, whose former home was here, but who now lives at Clinton, is spending a while here with relatives and friends before going to Buie's Creek, where she will belong to the music faculty.

Miss Ruth Pope returned home Friday from White Lake, where she spent a few days on a house party.

Among those who went to Wrightsville Beach from here Sunday were Misses Annie and Mattie Carter, Flora Lawson and Corbie Britt, Messrs. Herbert Britt, J. H. Sutton and John Stone.

Sorry to report little Miss Carrie Mae Britt sick with fever. Glad to say she is improving a little.

Mr. Grover Pope of Canton is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pope.

The pellagra subject seems to all low much discussion around here these days. There are lots of cases, some of which seem fatal. It's strange why some of the many who are studying the disease cannot find the cause and cure for it.

Mr. L. J. Britt will leave the first of Sept. for Wake Forest, where he will attend school. We are proud to say he made good during his time in the country school at Long Branch and was a graduate at Orum this year.

Miss Flossie Inez Thompson returned to her home last Saturday from a visit over in Bladen.

Mrs. W. G. Pope and children, Earl and Clyde and Miss Leigh are expecting to leave Saturday for Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend a while.

Mr. L. H. Britt is a head of most of the farmers, he is getting plenty of sweet potatoes.

The Long Branch Sunbeam Band and Broad Ridge Sunbeam Band will unite and have a rally the 4th Sunday afternoon in this month at 4 o'clock. We are going to have Mr. Frank Gough on the program. We know he can't get out of it anyway, because there are too many cars in Lumberton.

Mr. G. H. Pope is having a lot of dental work done for the last month or two.

A crowd of the farmers feel proud of the Lumberton tobacco market. One of the Fairmont tobacco growers carried tobacco to Lumberton one day recently and was offered 8 cents a lb. for it, refused and carried it back to Fairmont and was offered only 6 cents and hasn't sold it yet. Most everybody around here has decided to plant a crop of wheat next year and raise their own flour.

## OUT BARKER'S WAY

Lightning Kills Mule and Chickens and Stuns 3 Persons—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton R. F. D. 1, Aug. 13—We have been having some good showers.

Little Miss Rubie Monroe of Tar Heel is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Powers.

During the thunder storm Tuesday the lightning struck Mr. A. P. Inman's buggy shelter and killed Mr. Avery Powers' mule and stunned Mr. Kelton Powers. They were under the shelter when the lightning struck. Mr. John Powers and Foster McMillan were also stunned. Three chickens and one duck were also killed.

Mrs. Martha McWhite of Tolarsville spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. H. P. Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Riddle of St. Pauls spent last week with Mrs. Riddle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Powers of Ten Mile.

Messrs. Alex Inman and D. T. Kinlaw spent Wednesday in Fayetteville, on business.

Rev. A. J. Groves is holding a protracted meeting at Regan's this week.

Miss Addie Townsend of St. Pauls spent last week with Miss Omelia Powers.

Mr. Roy Kinlaw and Miss Beatrice Inman spent Sunday p. m. at St. Pauls.

## BIG INDIAN PICNIC

All-Day Picnic at Pembroke Aug. 28—Congressman Godwin Will Speak—Great Occasion Expected. James E. Dial, Indian, of route 2 from Lumberton, is in town today and he says that things are taking on shape for a big time with the Indians of Robeson Saturday, August 28th at Pembroke. This is expected to be a large occasion for the Indians of the county. It will be an all-day picnic and Congressman H. L. Godwin of the sixth district will be speaker of the day. He will deliver an agricultural address and it is expected that there shall be nothing political in connection with the program for the occasion.

## GADDYSVILLE GRIST

Protracted Meetings—Fine Crop Prospects—Selling the Weed—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), Aug. 11—This and last week landed us in the midst of protracted meetings at the nearby churches. There is a meeting in progress at Pleasant Grove this week. The pastor, Rev. W. S. Ballard, is assisted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth.

We never saw a finer crop. If rains continue it will excell all. Also the finest peas and potatoes we ever saw. A few of our farmers are beginning to pull fodder.

The farmers are gone almost every day in the week, selling tobacco at the various markets.

Mr. Don Bullock of Bolton is spending some time with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Willoughby of Laurinburg are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gaddy this week.

Mr. Alford Butler spent Sunday in the Oak Dale section.

Mr. D. V. Rodgers spent Saturday in Dillon.

Mr. E. J. Davis and others of Fairmont were here Monday in interest of the weed.

Mr. Bonnie Arnette, a former resident of here, but now of Page's Mill, was here Saturday in interest of tobacco.

Mr. Thomas Williams of Marlboro county is spending this week here with friends and relatives.

Watermelons galore. Everybody seems to have a plenty.

We are sorry to report Mrs. J. M. Shooter's condition is unimproved.

## BUIE NEWS BATCH

Movements of the People Up Philadelphia Way.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, Aug. 11—Mr. Louis Ashley was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Messrs. I. T. Brown, Allen Brown, Walter McMillan and J. B. Humphrey spent Saturday in Fayetteville.

Messrs. Albert Prior, S. B. Williams and Sam and Thomas spent Sunday at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. L. H. Holt is spending a few days visiting relatives in Fayetteville.

Mr. Willie McMillan spent Sunday at Jackson Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Holt spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. Sanford Britt is visiting relatives the past days down in Barnesville section.

Messrs. John and James McLeod are spending a few days visiting friends and relatives near Rockingham.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Hall spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach.

Miss Ruby Melvin and Miss Annie Harris are spending a while with their father, Mr. R. A. Melvin.

Mr. Bascomb Ashley, W. H. Brown and Mrs. Louis Ashley, together with Misses Katie Buie and Lena McQueen attended the marriage of Mr. Alex McQueen to Miss Fisher, which came off Tuesday night in the Presbyterian church at St. Pauls.

## CENTER DOTS

About Through Curing Tobacco—B. Y. P. U. Picnic—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Center, Aug. 11—The farmers of this section are about through curing tobacco and pulling fodder will soon be the order of the day.

The B. Y. P. U. of this place gave a picnic at Atkinson's mill Thursday of last week.

Quite a number of young people visited in this community last week. Among them were Misses Lillie and Donnie Stubbs of Clio, S. C., and Ada Ammonds of Rowland.

Miss Maude Bullock, who has been attending summer school at Greenville, returned home last week.

Mr. B. B. Stubbs and children, Miss Clara and Masters Douglas and Otto of Dunbar, S. C., spent Friday here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Livingstone of Lumberton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Prevatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stubbs of Gibson spent last week here.

Mr. J. Prevatt of Georgetown, S. C., attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Alice (Willoughby) here last week.

There is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hedgpeth—a boy.

Messrs. L. T. Britt and S. B. Culbreth of St. Pauls were Lumberton visitors this morning.

## TROUBLE NOTICE

Gasoline engine troubles Saturday an dthis morning cut down considerably the amount of type that could be set in time for the paper this afternoon, hence much matter that otherwise would have appeared in today's paper must be held over for the next issue.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stephens, at their home on North Chestnut street yesterday morning, a boy.

—License have been issued for the marriage of L. L. Greenfield and Louise Barker; W. K. Burney and Martha Benton.

—Mr. T. L. Johnson returned Friday from Norfolk, Va., making the trip in his new seven-passenger Studebaker automobile, which he purchased at that place.

—Mr. and Mrs. John J. Henderson of Graham are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Proctor. Mrs. Henderson is a sister of Mrs. Proctor. Mr. Henderson is umpiring the ball games played here.

—Mr. E. B. Freeman and family and Mr. W. W. Caldwell and family are spending some time camping in Howellsville township. They rented a house and are enjoying country life.

—Mr. Frank Gough will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Cumberland County Sunday School Association, which will be held at Green Springs Wednesday of this week.

—Mr. C. K. Morgan of route 1 from Marietta was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Morgan says the dry weather of some two weeks ago injured crops slightly, but that since the rains have come they are looking fine.

—Mr. T. T. Hamilton and family moved Wednesday of last week from Lumberton to Hickory. Mr. Hamilton and family only lived here a few months, but made many friends while her who were sorry to see them go away.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Biggs and two children returned Friday night from Hendersonville, where they had been for 10 days. They made the return trip in Mr. Biggs' auto, coming by way of Charlotte and Cheraw, S. C.

—Mr. Kinchen Barnes, who lives about two miles from town on the Fayetteville road, brought to this office this morning three cucumbers which he declared grew on a watermelon vine. He says the vine has at least a peck of cucumbers on it.

—Mr. J. P. Townsend, chief of the local fire department, returned home Friday night from Newbern, where he attended the annual tournament of the North Carolina Firemen's Association. Mr. Townsend says he never saw a better tournament and that the firemen were entertained royally.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holloway and children arrived home Saturday night from Asheville, Hendersonville and other points in the western part of the State, where they spent some time. They made the trip in their auto and Mr. Holloway is enthusiastic about the good roads in Moore county, over which they traveled on the return trip.

—Mr. R. D. Caldwell and son, Master Robert, and Messrs. Jno. Proctor and H. H. Anderson arrived Friday from Norfolk, Va. They made the trip in Mr. Caldwell's new seven-passenger Studebaker automobile, which he bought in that city, making the purchase through Mr. Anderson, who is the local representative for the Studebaker Co.

—Mr. A. H. Bissell of Bloomington, Ill., who is spending some time at the home of his father, Mr. H. F. Bissell, on route 1 from Orum, was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Bissell lives in the greatest grain section of the United States and says there is no panic on in Illinois, or at least he has not heard any talk of anything by that name.

A certain young man who lives near town drove his horse to the ball park to witness a game between Lumberton and Raeford one day recently and was so much carried away with the result of the game—Lumberton winning of course—that he walked home, a distance something like a mile, before he thought of his horse. He then went back to the park and rode home.

Messrs. J. E. Hickman and A. H. Mercer of Lumberton, route 5, were among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Hickman brought to The Robesonian office 12 rattles and a button that he got off of a rattlesnake he killed on his farm Friday. The snake measured 5 feet in length and was 8 1/4 inches around the body. Mr. Hickman was on his way to a watermelon patch when he found the snake in his corn patch.

Bankers Pledge Help to Secure Fair Price for Cotton.

Galveston, Tex., Dispatch, 14th. Representative bankers from eight cotton growing States here today pledged themselves to stand solidly behind the producers in an effort to secure a fair and uniform price for cotton and in this they were pledged the support of the four Southern Federal reserve banks.



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