

MEMORIES OF OLD BETHEL CONGREGATION

(By SNYDER)
Written for The Robesonian.
Some personages of the old Bethel congregation as I knew them many years ago. I have no data to go by, only my boyish recollections, which are being dimmed as the years roll round.

The two McLaughlin brothers were elders when I first began to take note. Billy McDairmid, the father of the two former editors of The Robesonian, was also a prominent elder. I would like so much to know her first elders. I didn't know until I began these notes, that I was anticipating a sketch of the church's personages, otherwise I might have gotten into an automobile and visited some of her most intelligent members and found out all this data.

I will begin with the name of John Purcell, who was one of her prominent members when I first began to ride my little Jack mule to church. He was from the Mt. Pelier neighborhood and was said to have been the wealthiest pew-holder in the church. I don't know how much he contributed to the preacher's salary, but as the usual amount was about \$5, I suppose he gave about \$10, although I don't know, as he had the reputation of being rather closefisted; and besides, he was the pastor's son-in-law.

Next on my list is Angus Gilchrist, who lived just over the river in the then Richmond county. He was the brother of the late lawyer Gilchrist. He was a fine man and exerted considerable influence in his community.

The next on my list is Alexander Purcell, father of T. E. Purcell and grandfather of Wilton McLean. He was said to have been progressive and liberal in his dealings with his church. His brother Arch Purcell, I think, was a member, but took little interest in its management.

Alex. Graham, a fine man and neighbor, took little interest in it. He only attended church twice a year.

I next come to the two Archibald McEacherns, father and son, and as I am rather close kin to them I'd rather reserve my opinion to a later period.

Angus McBryde was a regular member of the church, and was a mighty good Democrat and neighbor.

Now these are the people who attended the church when I was a boy. Up above me were several of the Currie family, who were members, also Daniel Love, father of Robt. A. Love, an old associate of my boyhood and a royal-hearted fellow. All have passed over the river.

Next comes Lauchlin McNeill, brother of the pastor, Rev. Hector McNeill, the father of Judge McNeill, who afterwards became an elder in Mt. Pelier church. Old Duncan McMillan, who was killed in his sawmill, and who came to church regularly once a year.

Next I remember was Malcomb McByde, father of Tom McByde. He was a man of superior intellect and the church suffered a great loss when he moved to Texas. He was a Democrat and his party often insisted on his running for the Legislature, but he always refused.

Henry McNeill and his brother Arch, were loyal members. The latter has now a son in the ministry, who has just started out to preach. Another young minister from that congregation is Rev. Mr. Currie, whose mother was a McLauren from Laurinburg. I can't recall either of their initials.

You see, Mr. Editor, I have undertaken a bigger job than I first intended and before I shall get round as far as Puppy creek and up towards the Galatia neighborhood, if I should keep on, which I very much doubt, as the job is too big. Besides, I have forgotten the names of many of the Scotch on the Rockfish and beyond.

So, for the present please excuse me.

SICK WIFE'S STORY SURPRISES LUMBERTON

The following has surprised Lumberton: A business man's wife suffered from dyspepsia and constipation for years. Although she dieted she was so bloated her clothes would not fit. ONE SPOONFUL buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika relieved her instantly. Because Adler-ika empties BOTH large and small intestines it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. Grantham Bros., druggists.

SUMMARY OF THURS. DAY'S WAR NEWS

British Begin New Drive Along 8-Mile Front

A British drive along a front of 8 miles between the Ypres-Comines and the Ypres-Staden railways was started at dawn Thursday morning. At nightfall the British commander reported the occupation of important positions, the occupation of more than 2,000 prisoners and the infliction of heavy casualties on the Germans.

Heavy artillery preparation for days had been going on and extensive raids in anticipation of a tremendous infantry assault, and when the British left their trenches they were preceded by row upon row of barrage fire, reaching into the German lines to a greater depth than on any previous occasion. Concrete redoubts, hundreds of machine guns, barbed wire entanglements and marshy ground faced the British in their storming operations, but the heavy guns cut down many of the barriers and the British went forward steadily, gaining all the objectives laid down in the plan of operations for the first day of penetrating the German lines in places for a mile or so.

The unofficial report from Field Marshal Haig characterizes the result of the day's battle as a great success and The Associated Press staff correspondents at the front declare that if the British maintain the positions to which they have advanced, "they will have accomplished one of the most remarkable and most important achievements in recent months."

Strong German forces had been assembled for the purpose of holding back the British troops in this tremendous bombardment which had been going on daily, several times reaching drum-fire intensity, pre-arranged a determined effort to break through, and the German resistance at many points was of the fiercest nature.

Peking dispatches say that the Chinese government is willing to send 300,000 troops to France if the Entente powers approve. A Tokio dispatch says Japan has been sounded on this proposition and there are indications that Japan will not oppose such action.

DEVELOPMENTS IN KING MURDER MYSTERY

Attorney Phil C. McDuffie of Atlanta, who represented Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, mother of Mrs. Maude A. King, who was mysteriously killed near Concord on the evening of August 29, served notice on the banks of Concord Thursday that Gaston Bullock Means, former business manager for Mrs. King and with her on the night she was shot, had been enjoined by an order of Federal Judge Boyd, at Greensboro, from transferring any funds of the King estate. It had been learned that a draft for \$5,000 had been drawn through a Concord bank on a bank of New York city by Mrs. Julie Means, wife of Gaston Means. Judge Boyd Thursday made Mrs. Julie Means and Afton Means, the latter a brother of Gaston, parties to the restraining order issued a few days before. Another Concord bank was informed that a draft had been drawn through it for something more than \$3,000 and was ordered to hold any funds that might come into its hands on this account.

A dispatch of the 20th from New York states that information indicating that Mrs. Maude A. King, widow of Jas. C. King, millionaire lumberman, intended this fall to remarry her first husband, Edward B. Hull, has come into the possession of Assistant District Attorney Dooling. Mr. Dooling announced he had received information that the couple met by appointment last year in Chicago, and after several later meetings decided to remarry. He said it was important to establish this point in connection with the inquiry as to whether there was a plot on foot to obtain Mrs. King's fortune which might have been interfered with by her marriage.

Copper prices were fixed Thursday at 23 1/2 cents a pound, about three cents below the prevailing market, by agreement between the government and leading copper producers, effective for four months. Sales to the government, the public and the Allies will be at this price, f. o. b. New York. They also pledged themselves to maintain maximum production and to prevent copper from falling into the hands of the speculators.

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THINGS SEEN AND HEARD

(By The Robesonian's local reporter while on and off his beat)

Where Did the Blood Come From?
Where did the blood come from? A certain young Lumbertonian was riding a bicycle one day recently and when he got off the bicycle both his clothes and the bicycle had blood spattered on them. The young man was very much puzzled about the matter and asked the reporter to explain to him where the blood came from. Of course he could not comply with the request and the young man is still wondering where the blood came from.

Made More Money and Will Save It
"I made more money this year off my farm than I have ever made," said a Robeson farmer to the reporter the other day. The farmer continued, "I am going to save that money, too." There are hundreds of Robeson county farmers who will make more money on their farms this year than they ever made in one year before, but how many will save it, is the question.

Reckless Auto Driving on Creek Road

The reporter is continually hearing complaint from people living on the Creek road, which is a part of the Wilmington-Charlotte highway, about folks driving automobiles so fast by their homes and killing their chickens and even endangering the lives of their children. One farmer recently told the reporter that he was going to sell his farm and move away from the good road. Just after talking with the farmer the reporter had occasion to travel over the road and saw chickens lying in the road dead as a result of being run down by automobiles. The farmer said he had already ordered a stop watch and was going to have folks "pulled" who break the speed limit while passing his place.

Will Shoot to Kill

It is a fact that people living in the rural districts of Robeson are being imposed upon by reckless auto drivers. A man was telling the reporter that some of the women in his section had armed themselves with guns and were going to shoot (shoot to kill) people who run over their chickens and do not stop to pay for them. This man does not live on the Creek road, either.

Paying Old Accounts

This is a year for paying old accounts. Merchants have told the reporter about collecting accounts that were so old they almost felt like the men who paid the accounts were giving them the money without receiving anything for it. Of course those merchants live in the tobacco section.

A Germany

When the barefooted and bare-headed preacher visited Lumberton Thursday one old darkey, after taking a good look at the preacher, was heard to remark "I'll jes bet he's a Germany."

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Uncle Sam is Some Buyer of Food Concord Times

This war has made Uncle Sam the largest buyer of food in all the country. The statement has been made that the board bill of our soldiers is \$800,000 a day. According to the best reports we will soon have two million men under arms, and it costs forty cents a day to feed them. It must be remembered, too, that these men, who were former producers, are now only consumers. Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the National Food Garden Commission, gives these facts which will be of much interest:

"I am told that the reserve stock of foodstuffs at each camp is \$125,000 and there are 33 camps in the country today. That means that food valued at \$4,125,000 is taken out of the regular channels of trade. These figures give but an idea of the need of food conservation on the part of the individual at this time. The National Emergency Food Garden Commission urges every Soldier of the Soil to at once promote himself to a Colonel of Conservation and store and can food as never before.

"Germany reports that its war gardens produce more this year than any year since the war started. This shows the value of experience. We have had one year's experience and have raised \$50,000,000 worth of produce in our war gardens. Next year we will do even better. We will then have more war gardens and the average product of each will be larger. "Housewives of this country this year have preserved and canned at least 460,000,000 jars of



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