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MRS. SUSAN D. McNEILL PASSES.

Died Friday Following Stroke of Apoplexy—Other Deaths.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Mrs. Susan D. McNeill died at her home in the eastern part of town at 12:30 p. m. Friday, January 17. She had been in feeble health for some time and on Wednesday last suffered a stroke of apoplexy, from which she never rallied.

She was born in Robeson county April 12, 1842, and was, therefore, in her 77th year. She was married to Mr. James T. McNeill April 7, 1860. Most of her life was spent in Lumberton. She is survived by five sons: Messrs. A. L. McNeill of Chipley, Fla.; Chas. B. and Frank, Columbia, S. C.; James S. and Justin of Lumberton; and six daughters: Mrs. John B. Smith and Mrs. E. B. McMillan, Lumberton; Mrs. J. A. Powell, Wainwright; Mrs. J. B. Leonard, Newton; Mrs. W. A. Yost, Raleigh; Miss Penne McNeill, Statesville. Another son, Mr. John P. McNeill, died about three years ago.

For many years Mrs. McNeill had been a member of the First Baptist church of Lumberton and was a consecrated Christian woman. Of an unusually sweet and sunny disposition, warm and generous in her nature, she endeared herself to a large circle of friends. The weary months of weakness and suffering only intensified the sweet spirit of patience and forbearance that had characterized her whole life.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by her pastor, Dr. C. H. Durham, assisted by Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Durham paid a beautiful tribute to her Christian character. Dr. Moorehouse spoke of her strong faith and consecration. A solo was tenderly sung by Mr. C. B. Skipper. The remains were laid to rest in Hollywood cemetery beside those of her husband, who died 12 years ago. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Q. T. Williams, C. B. Skipper, Frank Gough, W. L. Parham, C. A. Crump, John T. Biggs, M. W. Floyd and D. W. Biggs. The floral offerings were beautiful.

Mrs. W. A. Yost, Miss Penne McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Leonard and daughter, Eula Nicholson, Mr. J. A. Powell and Messrs. Charles and Frank McNeill all attended the funeral and returned to their respective homes.

Master James Charles Hall.

Reported for The Robesonian.

James Charles Hall, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hall of Lumberton, died at James Walker Memorial hospital in Wilmington Thursday, January 16th, at 7:15 p. m. From the very beginning of his sickness the baby was desperately ill and only lived about 36 hours. Every means possible was used to save life but human skill proved futile. Death was due to intussusception. The home physicians, Drs. Pope, Johnson, and Thompson, were called in and they advised a specialist consulted. Dr. Wood of Wilmington was called at once and after consultation with Drs. Pope and Johnson they said that the only encouragement they could give was an operation at the earliest possible moment. The parents, with Dr. Wood and Mrs. Laura Prevatt, hurried away to Dr. Green, a baby specialist of Wilmington. The baby stood the operation all right but about four hours later he died of blood clot on the brain.

He was brought back to Lumberton Friday morning and was buried in Meadowbrook cemetery Saturday at ten o'clock. Funeral 9:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Prevatt, Sr., conducted by Dr. C. H. Durham.

Mr. Clayton Brice of Fairmont and Mr. W. B. Brice of Wallace.

Mr. Clayton Brice, aged about 36 years, died Saturday night at his home at Fairmont of influenza complications, after a week's illness. He suffered a relapse after apparently being on the road to recovery. He is survived by his wife, who is a sister of Mrs. W. A. McPhaul of Lumberton, and 2 children. Interment took place this morning at 11 o'clock at Fairmont.

Mr. W. B. Brice of Wallace, who was sick with influenza at the home of his son Mr. Clayton Brice when the latter died, passed away there this morning.

Miss Omelia Sellers of Long Branch.

Miss Omelia Sellers, daughter of Mrs. Mary Sellers, died yesterday at her home near Long Branch of influenza-pneumonia.

Mrs. Ella Barnes.

Mrs. Ella Barnes of R. 2, Lumberton, died yesterday of influenza-pneumonia.

DRY AMENDMENT RATIFIED. BY NECESSARY STATES.

38 States Approve It—Manufacture, Sale and Importation of Liquors Must Cease Year After Ratification. Ratification Thursday of the Federal constitutional amendment made the United States the first great power to take legislative action to permanently stop the liquor traffic.

Nebraska's vote gave the necessary affirmative three-fourths majority of the States to make effective the amendment submitted by Congress in December 1917. It was followed by similar action in the Legislatures of Missouri and Wyoming, making 38 States in all which have approved a dry America. Affirmative action by some of the 10 State Legislatures yet to act is predicted by prohibition advocates.

Under the terms of the amendment, the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors must cease one year after ratification, but prohibition will be a fact in every State much earlier because of the war measure forbidding the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages after June 30 under the demobilization of military forces. Under the war-time measure exportation of liquor is permitted but the great stocks now held in bonded warehouses will have to be disposed of before the Federal amendment becomes effective.

Discussion as to whether the new amendment becomes a part of the constitution now that 38 States have ratified it or whether it becomes a part of the basic law only when each State has certified its action to the Secretary of State led to a search for precedent, which showed that the only amendments ratified in the last half century—providing for income taxes and direct election of Senators—were considered effective immediately the 38th State had taken affirmative action.

Senator Sheppard, author of the prohibition amendment, held that national prohibition becomes a prominent fact January 16th, 1920.

New problems of government are raised by prospective stoppage of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor as hundreds of millions of dollars derived from internal revenue will have to be obtained from other sources. Laws of enforcement of the amendment also will have to be passed.

Only a minimum of unemployment is expected to result as the cumulative severity of successive restrictive measures adopted since the war began already has caused many distillers and brewers to seek other uses for their plants.

More than half the territory of the United States already is dry through state action or local option elections. Until recently, the movement of limited quantities of liquor for personal use was permitted, but the Supreme court rules recently that the Reed "bone dry" amendment made traffic illegal.

Western and southern states took the lead in prohibition. In the west only California, Nevada and Wyoming still license the sale of intoxicants and in the south only Louisiana.

Only 8 Veterans Attended Meeting—Election of Officers Postponed.

Eight members of Camp Willis H. Pope, Confederate veterans, attended the meeting of the camp here Saturday. The veterans were entertained at dinner at the Alpine cafe. The matter of electing officers was postponed until May 10, when the Camp will meet again.

Mrs. R. A. Townsend.

Mrs. R. A. Townsend, aged 73 years died at her home, Cedar street, yesterday at 2 a. m. of heart trouble. The funeral was conducted from the home at 3:30 p. m. yesterday by Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which deceased was a member. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. Several children survive. Deceased was well known and had many friends throughout this section.

Junius Hardwick.

Junius Hardwick, aged about 20 years, died at his home in East Lumberton Thursday night of pneumonia.

Death of An Infant.

The 4-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Byrd of White Pond, Fairmont, R. 1, died Friday of influenza-pneumonia.

Lennie Powell, Colored.

Lennie Powell, colored, aged about 18 years, died yesterday at her home near Center church of influenza and complications.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TAXATION REFORM BILL

President Wilson Invited to Speak in Raleigh—Memorial Building For Men Who Served in the War.

Representative Rufus A. Doughton introduced Thursday a bill providing for extension and uniformity of income tax levies. The bill would amend Section 3, Article 5, of the State Constitution to read as follows:

"Laws shall be passed taxing by a uniform rule all real and personal property, according to its true value in money; Provided the general assembly may tax the income from credits, bonds and other intangible personal property in lieu of all other taxes on such property. The General Assembly may also tax trades, professions, franchises and incomes."

Mr. Doughton's amendment is the one recently recommended by A. J. Maxwell, of the State Corporation Commission, in a communication to Gov. Bickett. Unearned, as well as earned, incomes would bear their share of State expenses under this law, permitting the recession of a part of the general State levies now in effect.

Representative W. O. Saunders of Pasquotank presented a bill Thursday designed to abolish capital punishment in North Carolina, substituting therefor life imprisonment.

A joint resolution has been passed both houses of the Legislature to invite President Wilson to include Raleigh in his speaking tour of the country when he returns from the peace congress sessions in Paris. \$500 is appropriated for entertainment.

Resolutions have passed both houses endorsing the movement for a great memorial building in Raleigh by popular subscription in honor of soldiers, sailors and others who participated in the war against Germany. The building is to be used for historic and other State records.

PEACE CONFERENCE OPENS.

French Premier Chosen President—League of Nations to Be First Subject for the Conference.

The peace conference was formally opened Saturday afternoon in Paris with a speech by President Poincare of France.

President Poincare thanked the allied nations for having chosen Paris for their important work and praised the valor of the allied armies, which had preserved the capital of France from the enemy.

Premier Clemenceau was unanimously elected president of the conference. After the election was announced, the French premier delivered an address of acceptance.

Premier Clemenceau acceded that the league of nations would be the first subject taken up at the next full meeting of the conference.

INFLUENZA ON DOWN GRADE.

Peak of Wave Seems to Have Been Reached Last Friday and Epidemic Seems on Wane—Greatest Danger is From Indiscretion After Fever Leaves.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, says that the influenza epidemic seems to have reached its peak Friday of last week and is now on the wane. No new cases have been reported to him since Saturday, though no doubt some new cases have developed since then.

Dr. McPhaul thinks that at least 75 per cent of the fatal cases are due to indiscretion after the fever has left the patient. Indiscreet eating or exposure immediately after the fever leaves is almost sure to cause a relapse, he says, and a patient should remain in bed 3 or 4 days after the fever leaves and remain in doors a few days after getting out of bed.

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.

Splendid Arrangements Have Been Made For Caring For Patients.

Four influenza patients had entered this morning the emergency hospital opened Friday in the high school building and several other applications have been made for admittance. Splendid arrangements have been made for caring for those who go to the emergency hospital. Miss Blanche Melvin, a graduate nurse from the Thompson hospital, is in charge, while Miss Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent, is at the head of the kitchen. There nourishment is prepared not only for patients at the hospital, but is dispensed to others in and about town where it is needed.

LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

Town Fathers Submit Some Whereases and Resolves—Lumberton is Entitled to Common Battery Service—Should be Installed.

At a meeting the other night the town fathers whereased and resolved as follows:

"WHEREAS, for sometime past the local telephone service has been the cause of much complaint and dissatisfaction on the part of our people; and "WHEREAS, instead of being improved the local telephone service has gone from bad to worse until the situation has become almost intolerable; and

"WHEREAS, certain citizens have formally appeared before the board seeking relief from a situation which we all know exists; "THEREFORE be it Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Lumberton:

"1. That the town of Lumberton is entitled to, and must have, better service from the local telephone exchange, especially in the matter of securing reasonably prompt connections, and above all disconnection within reasonable time after the conversation is finished.

"2. That the attention of Mr. M. B. Spier, superintendent for this district, be called to the very inferior service being given by the local exchange, and that he be and is hereby requested to see to it that prompt action is taken to remedy the situation now existing;

"3. That in case of failure on the part of the telephone officials to improve the service, that the matter be referred to the town attorney with instructions to exhaust all resources at his command or of town to secure better service;

"4. That in addition to the matter above set forth, and entirely separate, distinct and apart therefrom, that the attention of Mr. Spier be called to the premises and agreement of his company to install a common battery and other improvements at the local exchange, and to the contract between his company and the town, now outstanding, and that he be requested to advise and inform the town officials when his company expects to comply with the terms and provisions of such contract, especially with reference to the installation of a common battery service."

AVOIDING INFLUENZA.

The Individual Can do Much to Avoid Influenza—State Board of Health Gives Simple Rules for Avoiding Dreadful Disease.

There is no magic cure or prevention for influenza, but the individual may do much to fortify himself against the disease by observing a few simple precautions that all physicians and health officers have admitted to be effective in guarding the individual against the disease. The State Board of Health is offering to the public a few simple rules of hygiene which if they are heeded, will be of value in not only preventing influenza but in lessening its severity in case it is not prevented. The rules in brief, are:

Keep your body in good general condition. This is not only the best preventative, but determines largely your ability to pull through in case you get the disease.

Avoid excesses that weaken the body and lower resistance, such as overwork, overheating and overdrinking.

Get plenty of rest in bed, adequate sleep, fresh air day and night, and nourishing food. Avoid constipation. Keep the hands clean at all times, away from the nose and mouth. Direct contact is a great source of infection. Avoid crowds and close contact with masses of people.

Avoid people who cough and sneeze without the use of a handkerchief. Last and always, keep away from all cases of influenza and colds.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

1918 Best Year in History of National Bank of Lumberton.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the National Bank of Lumberton was held last week. The report of the president showed that the year 1918 was one of the best in the history of the bank. Total resources at the close of business December 31 were \$1,065,877.52 and total deposits at that time amounted to \$823,391.05. All the old officers were re-elected, as follows: A. W. McLean, president; R. D. Caldwell and A. E. White, vice-presidents; M. F. Cobb, cashier; A. W. McLean, R. D. Caldwell, L. H. Caldwell, H. B. Jennings, L. R. Varner, A. E. White, K. M. Biggs, E. J. Britt, Q. T. Williams, Stephen McIntyre, O. C. Norment, C. B. Townsend, directors.

DEATH OF DR. D. HUGHES.

Prominent Man of Parkton Passes—A Great Fox Chase—An Estimate of McLendon—Other Parkton News.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Jan. 18—Last night our town was entertained from 8 to 10 by the first and second sections, combined, which numbers 24 of the fastest fox hounds this side the Blue Ridge. Messrs. McCormick and Malloy, owners. They started out about 7:30 and by 8 had old Reynard on the move, about two miles away, but most of the race was in good hearing of our town, and the best of the race, which was one of the most exciting ever heard was in less than half a mile of town, and the fox was caught right in town, in less than 100 yards of the Presbyterian church just 65 yards from this scribe's home and a little less from Mr. L. Hughe's residence. Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Hall came out and viewed the fur-pulling and remarked that the race was for the benefit and only the night before the same pack chased over part of the same territory and succeeded in forcing old Reynard up a tree. No fox can live many hours in front of this division.

Mr. Leon Perry, who has been attending school at Dell, has come home after suffering a light case of "flu". He says that the school has closed on account of the "flu".

Master Neill McNatt is sick with pneumonia but is getting along nicely at present.

We believe there are no new cases of influenza in our town, although we hear of a few cases in the neighborhood.

Private John D. McCormick arrived safely home Friday morning from France, where he had been since last summer. He can interest you about the war and other matters.

Private L. P. Johnson arrived home Friday night from camp Green, where he was mustered out. Mr. Johnson spent some time in Georgia and the most of his time was spent in Louisiana. He is in the best of health.

Mr. Britt, who moved to our town last week from Buies, is well pleased with his new home, and our town is well pleased to have him.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Hasty of Raeford have moved to Mr. A. M. Stubbs' farm near town. Mr. Stubbs is Mrs. Hasty's father.

This scribe was royally entertained at dinner with his good friend Mr. C. L. Thagard, on R. 2, Monday, Mr. Thagard is a farmer who knows his business, and if I were to mention some of the bill of fare you would readily agree with me. He recently killed more hogs than the ordinary farmer.

We talked over the McLendon revival at Lumberton, as we both were down to hear the evangelist last week and agree that he is the greatest preacher of the age, and accomplishing great good. We will always remember the sermon Sunday p. m., intended for young converts.

Dr. D. Hughes died Friday at 10:30 a. m., in the 83d year of his age. He had been in declining health for a year or more but had been up most of the time and was confined to his room only a couple of weeks.

Deceased had made his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Collier Cobb, for about 5 years.

The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church Saturday afternoon at 3, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. K. Hall, assisted by Rev. W. L. Maness and Rev. J. L. Jenkins. Dr. H. G. Hill of Maxton also was present, and preached an interesting and edifying sermon. The singing by choir was inspiring, also some selections were rendered at the grave. A very large assemblage was present to pay homage to one of our town's and county's most honored and devout citizens. The floral offerings were immense and beautiful.

The pallbearers were: active—T. M. Blue, Murphy McMillan, J. C. Lancaster, C. S. McArthur, J. D. McCall and E. B. Daniel; honorary—Edward Currie, W. L. Thames, Dr. Thomas Stamps, Neill Shaw, H. C. McMillan, J. B. McCormick, I. J. Lancaster, Dr. D. S. Currie, Z. T. McMillan.

Deceased is survived by 4 children—John G., Gilbert C., Luther E., and Mrs. Collier Cobb.

Out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gillis, Archie McLean, Janie Gillis, Misses Effie and Flora McNeill, all of Wagram; and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert C. Hughes and little boy of Homeville, Ga.

Dr. Hughes served in the medical department during the war, and after the war he attended Baltimore den-

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 23 1-2 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The Meadow school, near Lumberton Friday on account of the "flu."

—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Goodwin of Red Springs on the 14th.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Mirk Mercer and Eva Byrd.

—Raft Swamp public school, Mrs. H. W. Baucum, principal, Miss Mary Lee Norment of Lumberton, assistant, closed Friday on account of the "flu."

—Mr. H. E. Thompson of Allenton was a Lumberton visitor Friday. He informed the Robesonian that the public school at Antioch, near Allenton, had been closed on account of "flu."

—Mrs. L. R. Varner and daughter, little Miss Lily Snead, and sister, Miss Elizabeth Snead, and Mrs. J. A. Martin, who were confined with the "flu" at the Thompson hospital for about ten days, were able to return to their homes the latter part of last week.

—Mr. J. S. Cox, pharmacist at the Pope Drug store, is seriously ill with pneumonia following influenza. Mrs. Cox also has influenza. Mr. M. O. Register, who formerly worked for the Pope Drug Co., and who recently enlisted in the U. S. navy, is relieving Mr. Cox at the drug store.

—Mr. A. B. Smith of Back Swamp, who was a Lumberton visitor Thursday, says hogs running at large are playing havoc with wheat out his way. A neighbor of his lost 2 acres of high-priced wheat that was rooted up. Mr. Smith says he has had his hogs up for some time and wishes everybody else would do the same.

—Mr. J. M. Wilson of R. 7, Lumberton, was in town Friday. He has learned that his son Corporal Chapel Wilson, who went to France last summer with the 81st division, had returned to the States. Mr. Wilson received a letter recently from another son, Mr. Von Wilson, who has been working for the government in Pennsylvania for several months enclosing a check to his father for \$1,000, money he has saved while working for the government.

ROBESON CASUALTIES.

Among overseas casualties reported: Wounded slightly: Daniel F. Graham, Lumber Bridge.

Examination for R. F. D. Carrier. An examination for R. F. D. carrier will be conducted at Pembroke Saturday to fill a vacancy at that place. Applicants will be received whether they have admittance cards or not.

Not the least among the insistent claimants for land recognition at the peace conference, states a Paris dispatch, are the Zionists. They want Palestine for the Jews.

tal college. After completing his course he moved to Floral College and practiced dentistry. He married Mrs. Sarah Caroline McKinnon of Lumber Bridge, who preceded him to the grave about eight years ago. After his health began to fail he engaged in farming and lived at Shannon a number of years, after which he moved to Parkton about twenty years ago. His three sons are all successful business men. J. G. and L. E. are here and Gilbert C. of Homesville, Ga., operates naval stores.

I feel that too much cannot be said in his behalf, for I know we have lost one of the best men I ever knew. He united with the Presbyterian church in early life and remained true to his church as long as he lived; was ruling elder, was never absent unless prevented by sickness, was a broad-minded man in that he attended all the churches and prayer meetings, never minded the weather, ever up to just a few weeks ago would go to church or Sunday school, rain or shine; was one of the most inoffensive men I ever saw, had no enemies, was loved and honored by all. He was not afraid to talk religion. On his death bed he would remark that he loved everybody and above all he loved his Lord.

A loving and devoted father has gone to his reward.

C. D. W.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER.

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