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B. F. McLENDON

At least one Lumberton man who has heard Billy Sunday repeatedly, says, after hearing Evangelist McLendon for five weeks, that McLendon is much the better preacher, in many respects. McLendon has been before the public a comparatively short time and if he keeps up his present gait it is safe to predict that in a few more years he will be as well known and as much sought after as Sunday is now. He has a way with him, for a fact, McLendon has that draws men to him and that grips them. During a five-weeks campaign here, in spite of flu, Christmas holidays and unfavorable weather—but the worst of these was the flu—in spite of all, the crowds flocked to hear him. What went they out for to see? A man gifted in soft speech? Nay verily! He uses not soft pedal at all, nor soft soap. He uses vigorous speech, and picturesque, withal, and his speech-gait in the pulpit is running away. Words flow from him in a perfect torrent, and just when you think the words can't stand the pace and a half-dozen or so are going to fall out at once and break their necks, he lands the whole works safely, right side up with care. Mack never has any doubt about where he is going on one of his verbal sprints, and if you keep up with him and see how neatly he always gets there first and the run-away words did not trip up, after all, you are well pleased and settle down to hear the next stunt of fast speech, with a prayer for the safety of any pet words of yours that may get caught in the torrent. But the disaster you momentarily expected at first never happens, and presently you realize that no matter how many adjectives Mack strings on one pole he is going to round out a sentence all right and you become fascinated with the burning message he is pouring out of a heart aflame with zeal for the Master.

It cannot be said that McLendon had the united support of the membership of any church here, yet the people heard him gladly. If he had had a united community behind him in the campaign—but that, to use Kipling's familiar phrase, is another story.

Mr. McLendon is a hard student, an omnivorous reader, and is a long way up from the booze-selling, card-sharp, gun-play Mack of twelve years ago. He will go far, if he can keep up the pace. There are not wanting those who confidently predict that long before he has reached Billy Sunday's length of years before the public he will have passed Billy Sunday's record.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Once more the town fathers lift up their heads and inquire to know when, oh when, will the telephone service in the good town of Lumberton be improved. They express themselves in some formidable whereases and resolves; and all who read and who use local 'phones will say amen and applaud.

Let us hope that this time the town board will not be lulled to sleep by the well-known brand of lullaby of Mr. M. B. Spier et al of the Bell Telephone Co. Those fellows—you have to hand it to them—are past masters of the art of soothingly lulling town boards. They know just how to do the trick. A complaint goes into headquarters, and presently along comes Mr. Spier or one of his pleasant-voiced and winning-man-

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nered assistants and tells the said board how they have been up against a peck of trouble and have it on their heart and mind to give the town a gilt-edged service that will satisfy the most hard-to-please man in the community, but, may it please the honorable gentlemen composing the town board, they must have a little more time. And the town fathers, good-natured and courteous gentlemen, believe in no time that the telephon company, when you come to think of it, has been much abused and begun to wonder if they ought not to apologize, or something to show Mr. Spier how sorry they are for having mentioned the matter at all, and Mr. Spier lets them off, generously forgive them, and they almost promise never to mention the matter again.

There seems to be a sort of fatality, though, about the times and seasons the town fathers pick for entering complaints about the service. Just now the "flu" has everything hereabouts in a deadly grip and has paralyzed all service. So there will be some reason for the reply of the telephone officials that they cannot help the service just now, that the flu has cut down their their help until they consider they are doing well to be able to give any service at all. So it were well not to make any complaint about the service being rendered now, but to base complaint upon the sort of service stop a person from going to his place

that was given before the "flu" mosied around these parts. There, gentlemen, you will have the telephone company on the hip. Let 'em off for present deficiencies and make them make good those deficiencies on the morrow, when the "flu" shall no longer interpose its cold and clammy hand.

LET'S OPEN CHURCHES.

Arises now again the vexed question of whether or not it is meet to close churches during this epidemic of influenza. The "flu" is a strange visitation. No one knows much about it. It goes wheresoever it listeth, and thou canst not tell whence it cometh nor whither it goeth; and you are not sure every time that it "has went" when it seems to have gone. Nor may one say that a contagious disease of any kind may not be contracted as readily at church as anywhere else. Nay, rather, we know that it may be. But all the same The Robesonian inclines to the belief that the town fathers would make no mistake in allowing church services to be held, even though Sunday schools remained suspended for a while. Certainly there is no more danger in holding church services than there is in people congregating in stores. People who are the least bit sick do not, as a rule, attend church services. A cold or

of business or from going to stores to trade is sufficient excuse for staying slight ailment that is not sufficient to away from church. The churches are well ventilated. If it is necessary to keep the lid on otherwise for a while, let's lift the ban on church services, anyway, protecting the children by keeping Sunday schools suspended.

Influenza patients need have no hesitancy about patronizing the emergency hospital at the high school building. It is nicely fixed up. It is not a charity institution. If you are able to pay you will be charged for services, and if you are not able to pay you will owe nothing. The main thing is to relieve the strain upon the physicians. They cannot make the rounds when patients are scattered about. People in various sections have been begging the doctors to go to see them, and they have been unable to reach some of them, though working night and day. If as many patients as possible are placed near together, as at the emergency hospital, it will enable the doctors to reach patients whom they otherwise could not reach.

Miss Eva Whaley spent the weekend at Wilmington visiting at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Whaley.



Life Spent in Development of Fertilizer Business.
Mr. F. S. Royster, president of the F. S. Royster Guano Company, whose advertisement appears in this issue, is a man who has spent his life in the development of the fertilizer business, and is as much interested in the human side of it now as when he used to drive around from farm and sell his output himself. He is always glad to hear, personally, from old customers who have used his goods, with accounts of the results they have obtained, and to old or new customers will be glad to give the benefit of his many years experience or the advice of the technical experts in his employ. If you feel like writing him, just drop a line to F. S. Royster, Norfolk, Va., and he will be glad to hear from you.

CARD OF THANKS.

In this way we wish to thank our friends for the kindness shown us in the recent illness and death of our mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill and Family.

Wm. Russell Oxendine, the man whose picture is shown on the right above, was killed in France on Oct. 14 last. He was a son of L. H. Oxendine of Buie. He was a member of Capt. Ben Dixon's company and Capt. Dixon was killed in the same drive, only 60 of the men getting across. The man on the left is Jno. W. Hardin. The photograph was taken at Camp Sevier. Both went over at the same time.

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The National Bank of Lumberton

Statement of Condition December 31, 1918

Condensed from Report to the Comptroller of Currency.

ASSETS

Loans and Discounts..... \$ 919,243.30
Overdrafts 711.95
Stocks and Bonds 23,347.15
U. S. Treasury Cert. of
Indebtedness..... 25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures..... 8,611.91
Cash and due from Banks..... 218,963.21

\$1,095,877.52

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock..... \$100,000.00
Surplus..... 20,000.00
Undivided Profits..... 14,258.93
Rediscounts..... 133,227.54
DEPOSITS..... 828,391.05

\$1,095,877.52

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We invite your attention to the above financial statement, showing the condition of this bank's affairs on December 31, 1918, as reported to the Comptroller of the Currency and The Federal Reserve Bank.

The encouraging growth and progress made during the past year, in the face of unfavorable conditions, is expressive of the confidence and good will of many satisfied customers.

While this bank is operated primarily for the benefit of our stockholders, we endeavor at all times to make our services as valuable to our customers as we possibly can.

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Buie, N. C., Dec. 24, 1918.

Mr. L. H. Caldwell,
LUMBERTON, N. C.

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Yours truly,

F. L. and J. Q. PARNELL.