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LIEUT. R. A. McLEAN DIED SUDDENLY TODAY

Remains Will Arrive Here Tomorrow Morning.

Lieut. R. A. (Gus) McLean died suddenly this morning at Alexandria, Va. A wire to that effect was received this afternoon about 4 o'clock, after the Robesonian went to press, by Mr. H. B. Jennings, from Mr. A. W. McLean. The remains will arrive in Lumberton tomorrow morning over the V. & C. S. railroad, accompanied by Mr. A. W. McLean. Deceased is a son of the late Col. N. A. McLean and practiced law here for some time before entering an officers' training camp in the summer of 1917.

MORE N. C. HEROES ARRIVE NEWPORT NEWS

115th Machine Gun Company, Which Helped Break Hindenburg Line.

Arrives.

Newport News Special, March 23, to Wilmington Star. "Hell Cats," battle scarred heroes of the world's greatest war, arrived today on the transport Finland, 14 days out from St. Nazaire. Most of them are members of the 115th machine gun battalion, although Carolina was well represented in the 114th field artillery. Captain Robert G. C. Henry, Gastonia, Company A, 115th, told of the thrilling exploits of this organization. The 115th had a hand in breaking the Hindenburg line and took part in some of the most sanguinary engagements of the war.

Coleman Gleason and Lea, both Tennesseeans, members of the 114th field artillery were lavished in their praise of the Carolinians. "They were in the thick of the fight every minute," Col. Gleason stated, "and we always knew before hand that they could be counted on to the death in any emergency."

The Carolinians were met at the dock by Brigadier General Harley B. Ferguson, commandant of the port. General Ferguson is a North Carolina man and was with the Old Hickory when it first reached France.

He looked up most of the officers today and talked over the old times with them. Many of the men knew him by sight and he was given a rousing welcome as he passed the marching heroes in his machine on the way back to headquarters.

Companies B, C and D of the 115th are composed almost entirely of North Carolinians. The men have no idea when they will get away from Newport News, although it probably will be within the next four or five days. They were sent to Camp Stuart, this city, when they landed, and put through the "de-cootiezing" process. As the Carolinians came in this morning the 113th artillerymen pulled out for Raleigh, where they will be given a rousing reception before going to Camp Jackson for demobilization.

A DOUBLE FIND.

Officer Smith Found Whiskey Still While Searching for Stolen Hog—Hog Also Found Buried in Stable.

Rural Policeman W. W. Smith of Maxton found more than he was looking for one day recently when he went to the home of Levey McKay, colored, in search of a hog which had been stolen. He not only found the hog, but also found a whiskey-making plant in McKay's home. The plant was in good condition and the surroundings showed that it had been operated a short time before Mr. Smith found it. He also found a barrel of beer in the house.

The hog which McKay was charged with stealing had been dressed and buried in the stall where McKay kept his mule. McKay was given a 10 months road sentence for stealing the hog by Recorder R. W. Williams of Maxton. One of McKay's children told the officer where the hog had been placed by his father.

THESE MIXED IT UP.

W. D. Stone of the McDonald section had an ugly gash cut in the top of his head when struck with a bottle by Charlie Smith last evening. The row took place at the Olympia Cafe. The affair is being aired before Recorder E. M. Britt this afternoon.

A boy who lives at one of the cotton mill villages near town had a gash cut in his head Saturday night by David Shooter. It is said Shooter threw a brick and struck the boy. The boys were at the union station when the fight took place and Shooter left the scene of action hurriedly and has not been apprehended.

Concert and Fish Pond at Deep Branch March 28.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, March 22.—There will be a concert and fish pond at the Deep Branch school on Friday evening, March 28, at 7:30. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of and you are invited to be present. MARTHA L. LOWRY, VESTIE M. LOWRY, Teachers.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Boys in Service Coming Home—New Supply Company Open for Business—Social and Personal.

BY H. V. BROWN.

Fairmont, March 22.—Last Monday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McIlhenny, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by most enjoyable social. Decorations were carried out with colors appropriate and several contests were in order, which were very interesting. Miss Childs, a member of the Fairmont graded school faculty, recited several pieces which were enjoyed to the fullest. Punch and cake were served with other fine refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wilson have received the following telegram from their son Mr. Percy H. Wilson, who has been abroad for several months with battery D, 113 field artillery, 30th division. "Landed Newport News, Va. Safe and well. Will see you soon."

Mr. Mark E. McDaniel, who has been in service for the past four months with the U. S. S. Mercy U. S. N., arrived here this week, having received his release from the U. S. naval reserves.

Mr. S. Ralph McDaniel, who is with the medical division, U. S. army, stationed at one of the large hospitals near Asheville, spent a few days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. McDaniel.

Friends of Mr. W. T. Sledge, who underwent an operation last week for appendicitis, will learn with pleasure that his condition is very much improved.

Mr. McIntosh of Fayetteville spent a few days here this week as guest of his sister Mrs. E. G. Floyd.

Mrs. Lelia Herring and children of Coffee, Ga., are here visiting at the home of Mrs. Herring's mother, Mrs. W. B. Grantham.

Mrs. Clem B. Thompson of Maxton spent a few days here this week as guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson.

Mrs. J. L. Watson of Dillon, S. C., is here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Floyd.

Mrs. R. L. Pittman and little son, R. L. Jr., of Orum, spent a few days here this week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pittman.

Mr. Frank P. Davis, one of our popular warehousemen, was here this week investigating prospects of the coming tobacco season. Mr. Davis is at present with the Fenner Tobacco Co., Rocky Mount.

The Fairmont Supply Co., Inc., is now open for business, having just received a large stock of goods this week.

The mayor has issued a call to the citizens of the town to observe this as clean up week.

Missouri Legislators Throw Down Gauntlet to Senator Reed.

Fifty Democratic members of the Missouri Legislature Friday offered to resign if Senator James A. Reed, Democrat, from Missouri would resign from the U. S. Senate. The legislators then propose to run for reelection as they suggest Reed should do to force a popular vote in Missouri on the league of nations.

Box Supper at Orum.

Orum, March 22.—There was a box supper at Orum high school last night which was attended by a large crowd. The boxes sold high and also a cake for the prettiest girl. The best box sold for \$16.75; the cake sold for \$53.50, and boxes \$83.50 which made a total of \$137. This goes to Orum high school.

Everybody gave their best attention and everybody gave their best behavior. We all thank the folks for the fire prices they paid and hope they may feel sure to reap what they have sown.

Candidates For Office of Mayor.

While no hats have actually been thrown into the ring, it now appears that at least two candidates will be in the race for mayor in the town primary next month. When asked by a Robesonian reporter if he would offer for reelection, Mayor James D. Proctor stated that while he did not care to make official announcement at the present, his intention was to be in the race. It is understood that Mr. W. K. Bethune is seriously considering the matter of entering the race for mayor before the season for "coming-out" closes.

COLLECTING OLD CLOTHING

A campaign is on this week to secure old clothing of all kinds to be sent to the people of liberated countries of Europe. People living in and around Lumberton who have anything to contribute should send same to the home of Mrs. G. G. French, East Fourth street. This work is being conducted by the various Red Cross chapters throughout the United States.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Presbyterians Will Build New Church—Oyster and Shad Supper Next Thursday Night—Social and Personal.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, March 22.—Friday night at the Perry hall will be long remembered by a full house. The occasion was a Presbyterian social. Invitations were sent out to all their members and an urgent request for their presence and we believe 98 per cent were present, and a most enjoyable occasion. The three pastors of our town—Rev. J. K. Hall, Rev. W. L. Maness and Rev. J. L. Jenkins—all made interesting talks. Subject discussed was "Unity." The Presbyterians are to build a new brick church in the near future and the above social served as a get-together meeting and it was a great success. Refreshments were served to all present, and we have never yet witnessed or partook of a better supper. The children were there in large numbers and they enjoyed themselves beyond expression. We could fill our allotted space an dthen a little were to give the above occasion justice. Such gatherings and socials are only too long between.

Thursday night hotel McNatt was the scene of a magnificent party. Miss McNatt, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. D. McNatt of Wilson, gave the party in honor of her friend Miss Helen Dent of Wilson. A large number of the young folks of the town being present and a good time in general.

We are requested to say that the ladies of the Aid Society of the M. E. church will give an oyster and shad supper next Thursday night at the Perry hall and a great time is anticipated then and there. The best supper of its kind of the season and the proceeds are for a most worthy cause and deserves the best of patronage. So come one and all. Supper served from six o'clock till eleven.

Misses Ruth Odum and Nettie McLean, students at S. P. C., spent the week-end here.

Miss Cleon Odum, graduate nurse has been in town a couple of weeks with friends and kindred.

Dr. and Mrs. Spiro of Syracuse are expected here soon. They came by Baltimore for a few days and we learn Miss Ada McGeachy will accompany them here.

Mrs. L. A. McGeachy spent several days recently in Johnson county with her brother and sister-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. D. McLean McGeachy.

Glad to have Mr. Leak McDuffie home from the navy. Our boys all seem to be coming in one by one. Many hearts will be happy, you may know.

Mrs. Bettie Northrop met her son Francis in Richmond and spent week-end together. Francis is in school in West Virginia this session.

Miss Marie Clegg of the graded school faculty here, spent last Saturday in Lumberton. A revival is in progress at the Baptist church here this week.

We are having regular March wind these days.

Several from our little town attended the Poupal-Hall marriage out at the Caldwell home a few miles from town last Wednesday evening.

St. Paul failed to get the county seat so far, but here's hoping we shall spell "success" yet.

INDIAN TEACHERS' MEETING

Every Indian Teacher of Robeson is Expected to Attend a Meeting to Be Held at the Normal School at Pembroke April 12th.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

There will be a meeting of the Indian teachers of Robeson county at the State Normal school at Pembroke at 11 o'clock on Saturday, April 12. At this meeting, the reading circle requirements for this year, and plans for a summer school, will be discussed. The county farm demonstrator, Mr. O. O. Dukes, will be present and discuss "Progressive Agriculture" and the teacher's duty in its promotion. Miss Plax Andrews, the home demonstrator, will discuss "Our Opportunity in the Period of Reconstruction."

We shall expect every Indian teacher in the county to be present at this meeting.

J. R. POOLE, County Superintendent.

CLEAN UP WEEK.

The week beginning March 24th, has been set apart as "Clean-up week" for the whole State.

All citizens of Lumberton are requested to observe the week by having their premises thoroughly cleaned up and the trash and rubbish placed at convenient points for removal by the street cleaning force. The wagons will make regular calls for the trash during the week. If the wagons should miss your place call phone No. 333 or the mayor and a wagon will be sent.

A clean town not only looks good to the eye but is more healthful and less liable to fire loss.

Yours for a clean town, JAMES D. PROCTOR, Mayor.

"Sleeping Sickness" Claims Victim in Wilmington.

Wilmington, March 24. Wilmington's first and only case of lethargic encephalitis, or "sleeping sickness" proved fatal at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning with the death of Charles T. Cumble, 45 years old, Brunswick county man, who has been a patient with the new disease in the Tankersly hospital, this city, since March 16th.

Recorder's Court—Frink Bound to Court.

John Frink, colored, was bound over to the Superior court Saturday by Recorder E. M. Britt on the charge of distilling spirits. His bond was fixed at \$300, in default of which he was sent back to jail. As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Frink and his still were captured at his home, near Orum, Wednesday by Rural Policeman F. A. Wishart and Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt.

Mr. A. C. McGoogan and son, Mr. Ernest of Rennert are among the visitors in town today. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kirby of Pembroke were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

ST. PAULS NEWS PACKAGE.

Glad to Welcome Boys Home—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, March 22.—The "flu" has quieted off somewhat, so everything seems to be going on as usual.

Dr. Murry and family occupy the manse.

We learn that Dr. J. F. Nash, our former physician, will come next week to resume his practice here. He has recently returned from France. We guess Dr. Rosser will be glad Dr. Nash has returned as there is work enough in our little town for two surely.

Friends are very glad to welcome Mr. Walter Fisher home from France, where he had been in Uncle Sam's service.

Mrs. Flora McGeachy is spending a while in Tar Heel with her daughter. Miss Annie Louise Fisher is visiting at Mrs. Northrop's.

Miss Julia Duke of Hamlet is visiting her sister Mrs. W. D. Johnson. Several from our little town went up to Fayetteville yesterday on a shopping tour.

Miss Mary McNeill of Rennert is at Mrs. Evans'. Her niece, Miss Flora McNeill came over with her and spent a few days among us. Glad to have them.

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SODA EXPECTED THIS WEEK.

Thirty car loads of Government nitrate has been billed to points in Robeson. All this has been loaded and should reach its destination this week. Of this four car loads goes to Lumber Bridge, 4 to Marietta, 6 to Red Springs, 9 to Fairmont and 7 to Lumberton. There is quite a congestion in the shipping at Wilmington at present and it is impossible to say just when these cars can be moved out but on arrival of the nitrate at the different points the farmers will be notified just what day or days to call for same. The authorities at Wilmington are now billing out the nitrate for Robeson and it is expected that there will be no let up until the job is completed.

W. K. BETHUNE, Federal Nitrate Distributor.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Laura E. Martin.

Mrs. Laura E. Martin, aged 54 years, died Saturday night at the home of her brother, Mr. Rowland Mercer, with whom she lived, near Bellamy. The funeral was conducted yesterday at 4 p. m. by Rev. L. E. Daily and interment was made in the family burying ground.

Mr. Carey Jackson Killed by Train.

Mr. Carey Jackson of the Buie section died in a hospital at Fayetteville Saturday night from injuries received Saturday about noon when an Atlantic Coast Line express train struck an auto in which he was riding. The accident happened at Buie's mill crossing, two miles north of Buie station. Deceased was around 35 years old and unmarried. Interment was made at Philadelphia yesterday at 4 p. m.

Have Your Contribution Ready.

The school children will canvass Lumberton tomorrow soliciting funds for Armenian relief. Those who wish to contribute to this worthy cause are asked to have their checks made payable to Mr. H. E. Stacy, treasurer, and turn them over to the children when they call.

Mr. L. W. Smith of R. 5, Lumberton, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Saturday.

Mr. H. E. Thompson and son, Master Melvin, of Allenton were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

ROZIER NEWS ITEMS.

Preparing to Plant Corn—Glad to See Soldiers Coming Home and to Read Their Letters—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rozier (Lumberton, R. 2), March 21.—Our pastor, Rev. A. H. Porter, of Rennert, filled his regular appointment at Rozier Saturday and Sunday, preaching gable sermons both times, which were enjoyed very much. Mrs. Porter accompanied the preacher down here. We were glad to have her and hope that she will come again.

Beautiful spring time has come again and indeed we are glad to see such perfect weather after such a long spell of rainy weather. The days have been real warm until a day or two ago it turned kind-o' cold but we hope it will be warm again in a few days, for some of our farmers are fixing to plant some corn next week.

We are glad indeed to see the soldier boys returning from France, even the ones we do not know, we are glad that they are coming back to their homes and friends and loved ones. We always enjoy reading the soldiers' letters that are published in The Robesonian.

Messrs. Clyde Powers and Floyd M'White of the Powersville section were in this section Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Frank and Norman Davis and Roy Holland and Patterson of Bladen county were in this section Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Fannie Hightower, who has been spending some time with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hightower of Raleigh, returned last week.

Messrs. Harry and Robert East, of Ten Mile were in this vicinity Sunday afternoon. Mr. C. D. Rice of Long Branch was a visitor in this section Sunday afternoon.

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

Relatives of Mr. Leslie King of the St. Pauls section were advised Saturday that he arrived in New York Thursday from France. Mr. King went overseas with the 81st division.

Messrs. Walter and Wade Glover of the Buie section have returned home from France, where they spent several months in the service of Uncle Sam.

Relatives of Mr. Boyd Shooter, formerly of Lumberton, now in the army, have been advised that he was married recently in Atlanta, Ga.

St. Pauls Messenger: Dr. J. F. Nash, Bill Bennett, Ray Deaton and Walter Harris have returned home from France, and we are glad to see them return safe. The doctor is visiting his people for a few days before taking up his practice here again.

Maxton Scottish Chief: Captain Frank McLean, having received his discharge from the U. S. service arrived in Maxton Sunday night and joined Mrs. McLean, who had been a guest of his mother's, Mrs. B. F. McLean, and other relatives for some time before.

Dr. McLean was tuberculosis expert at Camp Dix, N. J. He gave up a fine practice in New York city, where he was a specialist in children's diseases, to enter the service of his country to which, on account of his splendid preparation, he gave most valuable service. Mrs. McLean is an exceedingly pleasant lady who is gaining favor among her husband's friends—and we would doubtless all be pleased if Dr. McLean could get the consent of his mind to give the balance of his life's service to his childhood home; he might have to relinquish a wider field and greater fame, yet we believe, measured in terms of true value, his time would not be wasted in the homeland.

In an address published in the final edition of the record of the last Congress, Representative Alvant Fuiler, of Massachusetts, describes an interview with M. Delaney, French ambassador to Japan, and attributes to the ambassador the statement that Japan is not sincerely pro-ally, but intended to support Germany until a Japanese mission learned how wholehearted America was going into the war.

Bishop James H. McCoy, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at his home in Birmingham, Ala., Saturday night after a long illness.

License has been issued for the marriage of Berry Huggins and Milzie Todd.

A meeting of the colored teachers of the county will be held in Lumberton Saturday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White and daughter, Miss Vashti, and Miss Eppie Fuiler went yesterday to Raleigh where today they witnessed the parade of the 113th field artillery. They made the trip on Mr. White's auto and are expected home this evening.

Mayor James D. Proctor went Saturday night to Graham and is expected to return tonight with Mrs. Proctor and children, who have been at Graham for some time visiting at the home of Mrs. Proctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kernodle.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Good cotton is selling on the local market today for 25 cents the pound.

—A W. O. W. camp will be organized at Broad Ridge school house tomorrow (Tuesday) evening.

—Mr. H. M. McAllister returned Saturday from Richmond, Va., where he went to consult a specialist.

—Mr. Jos Branch of R. 5, Lumberton, returned Friday from Charlotte, where he went to consult a specialist.

—Mr. J. A. Carlyle has accepted the agency for Robeson county for the Southern Life & Trust Co. of Greensboro.

—Mr. A. Weinstein returned Thursday from New York, where he spent several days buying goods for his department store.

—Civil service examination will be held on April 26 to certify eligibles for appointment as fourth class postmaster at Marietta.

—Mr. Lee G. Stone has decided not to sign up with the Southern baseball league for the coming season and will open an electrical business here.

—Mr. H. H. Anderson of Lumberton has added the Fotosho at Maxton to his chain of moving picture theatres, which includes Lumberton, Laurinburg and Hamlet.

—The Raynham school and community contributed \$53.67 to the Armenian relief fund. Misses Mary Lee McMillan and Athesia Powell are the teachers of the Raynham school.

—Mrs. Frank Glover left yesterday morning for Baltimore, Md., where she will enter a hospital for treatment. She was accompanied by her husband and nurse, Miss Sarah Black.

—Miss Maude Perry and Mr. Prentice Byrd, both of Jennings cotton mill village, were married at the home of Justice John H. McNeill, who officiated, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

—Last week furnished good weather for farm work and the farmers made good use of the time. Farmers were very scarce in town all through the week, except Saturday, when they came in large numbers.

—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, and Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, are attending today at Red Springs a meeting in the interest of the Methodist Centenary campaign.

—Mr. John Jones, an engineer on the Southern railway on the Augusta and Branchville branch, was slightly hurt one day recently when his train and another had a head-on collision. Mr. Jones jumped just before the collision. He is at his home here.

—Only two more Saturdays remain for registration for the special school tax election to be held in the Lumberton school district the first Monday in April. The registration books are at the office of County Auditor J. M. McCallum and Mr. Wade Wishart is registrar.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, has left the Charlotte sanatorium, where he spent several weeks under treatment, and is now at Bay Minette, Ala., visiting his mother, Mrs. A. E. McPhaul. He has regained his health and is expected home about April 1st.

—Misses Elizabeth White and Mae Seabolt, members of the faculty of Carolina college, Maxton, spent the week-end here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Whitfield, North Elm street. Miss White sang a solo at the morning service at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, will go tomorrow to Red Springs, where he will meet with the superintendents from the counties of Hoke, Cumberland and Scotland for the purpose of perfecting plans for a summer school for teachers to be held at Red Springs next summer. The school this year will last four weeks.

—There has been great improvement in the service at the Lorraine hotel during the last few months, according to the talk of traveling men. One was heard to remark that the service is at least 50 per cent better now than it was a few months ago. There was a time when Lumberton got some very undesirable advertising on account of the service at the hotel.

—Lieut. Col. Dallas S. Townsend visited his father, Rev. R. Walter Townsend, at Raynham Friday and visited his aunt and uncles here—Mrs. Sue McLeod, Messrs. C. B. and L. T. Townsend—Saturday, leaving Saturday evening for New York. Col. Townsend was promoted to his present rank while in France. He has just been mustered out of the service. His home is in New York.

—Many of the large number of shoppers who visited the new Original Package store last week told the proprietors that they read their advertisement in The Robesonian. The proprietors are well pleased with patronage they are receiving and will continue to use printers' ink in connection with their business. Many farmers visited the new store during the week—and especially Saturday.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER. Optometrist. Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses.