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## Two Small Children Killed By Lightning

**Estella Davis and Bessie Willoughby Were Instantly Killed When Lightning Struck Home of Mr. S. P. Davis at Mt. Elim Late Yesterday—4 Others Stunned by Same Bolt.**

### CHILDREN WERE ON PORCH; HOUSE BADLY WRECKED

Estella, 4 years and 5-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Davis of Mt. Elim, and Bessie, 3 years and 5-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Q. Willoughby of Barnesville, were instantly killed by lightning which struck the Davis home about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Ethel, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby, was stunned by the lightning and was apparently dead for an hour.

Mrs. S. P. Davis, Mrs. Arren Ivey and Mrs. Melvin Pierce were stunned by the bolt. The two children killed were on the porch of the building struck, having just reached the house from a tobacco barn, near by. The lightning first struck an oak tree near the house and apparently jumped from the tree to the house. The building was badly wrecked by the lightning. Mrs. Davis held a baby in her arms when the lightning stunned her, injuring her left arm, but the baby escaped unhurt.

Another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis was standing within a few feet of the one killed, but was not hurt. Mr. Willoughby is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Davis and had gone to the Davis home to assist in burning tobacco.

The funeral of the two children killed was conducted from the Davis home about 2 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle of Lumberton. The remains of the Davis child were interred in the Ward cemetery, near the home, while the remains of the Willoughby child were interred in the Spring Hill cemetery, Barnesville.

## 876 Pounds At \$41 The Hundred

**Much Tobacco is Being Sold—Not Much Good Tobacco Has Been Offered Yet and It is Feared Quality of Crop is Off From What Was Expected.**

Much tobacco is being sold on the local market this week and prices remain about the same. Mr. J. A. Edmund of R. 4, Lumberton, sold 876 pounds today at \$41 the hundred—\$359.16. Very little good tobacco has yet been offered and it is feared the quality of this year's crop is off from what was expected earlier in the season.

## EVERY SIGNER IS URGED TO SECURE ANOTHER MEMBER

**Co-operative Marketing Campaign in Robeson Will Close About the Middle of This Month.**

The campaign for signing up farmers for cooperative marketing of cotton and tobacco will close about the middle of August, according to Mr. L. S. Prevatt, director of the membership drive now in Robeson county. Every farmer who has signed a contract is urged to secure the signature of at least one other farmer. Blanks can be secured by applying to Mr. Prevatt, addressing him at Lumberton.

A meeting in the interest of the campaign will be held at Iona Friday night and Raft Swamp Saturday night.

### Recorder's Court.

Will Clark and wife, Lillie Clark, were before Recorder David H. Fuller yesterday on the charge of keeping dogs believing them to have been bitten by a rabid dog. They were given until 4 o'clock this afternoon to kill the seven dogs supposed to have been bitten. If the dogs have not been killed by that time Sheriff R. E. Lewis will be instructed to execute them.

Harvey Smith, colored, was given a hearing Tuesday on the charge of non-support and was found not guilty.

### Annual Barker's Ten Mile Picnic Will be Held Saturday.

The annual joint picnic of the Barker's Methodist and Ten Mile Baptist Sunday schools will be held at Ten Mile church Saturday of this week. This picnic has been held each year for many years, one year at Ten Mile and the next at Barker's. Large crowds usually attend these annual get-together meetings. Mr. L. J. Britt of Lumberton will be the principle speaker.

### Open Safety Pin Removed from Woman's Intestines.

Dr. H. M. Baker yesterday removed an open safety pin from the intestines of Miss Sarah Tiddy of the Philadelphia section, the operation being performed at the Baker sanatorium. Miss Tiddy swallowed the pin 13 months ago.

Mr. Alexander Barber and daughter, Miss Willie K. Barber, of Port Mill, S. C., are guests of Mr. Barber's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stephens, Fifth avenue and Walnut street.

## Former Judge T. A. McNeill Passes

**Well-Known Lawyer and Jurist Passed Away Peacefully Tuesday—Funeral Yesterday Attended by One of Largest Crowds That Ever Gathered For Funeral Here.**

One of the largest crowds that ever attended a funeral in Lumberton gathered here yesterday afternoon from all parts of Robeson, and from other counties, to attend the funeral of former Judge T. A. McNeill. Services were conducted at 5 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, where deceased had served for many years as an elder, by the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, assisted by Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. Floral offerings, a lavish tribute, were banked high upon the grave.

Judge McNeill passed away peacefully at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. Monday at noon he had a fainting spell and remained unconscious for about half an hour, but apparently he rallied completely. Monday night he rested well and was unusually bright and cheerful Tuesday morning up to a few minutes before his death. He literally "fell upon sleep."

The remains were interred beside the remains of his wife, who was Caro E. Smith of Cumberland county and who preceded him to the grave in 1912. Two daughters—Miss Mary Gilchrist McNeill, who lived with her father, and Mrs. J. M. Russell of Atlanta, Ga.—and one son—Mr. T. A. McNeill Jr. of Lumberton—survive. Mrs. Russell left for her home in Atlanta only last Friday night after a visit of six weeks at the home of her father. She and Mr. Russell arrived yesterday morning for the funeral.

The pallbearers were: active—A. W. McLean, S. McIntyre, J. Dickson McLean, L. R. Varner, T. L. Johnson, David H. Fuller, James D. Proctor, W. S. Britt; honorary—Q. K. Nimocks and J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville; Walter Bridgers of Raynham, L. E. Hall of Wilmington; W. H. Graham, A. L. Bullock, Lynch and ex-Sheriff E. C. McNeill of Rowland; G. B. Patterson of Maxton; A. P. Spell of Red Springs; J. P. Russell, H. B. Jennings, A. T. McLean, C. B. Townsend, H. M. McAllister, K. M. Barnes, M. G. McKenzie, W. K. Bethune, and members of the local bar not included in the active pallbearers: E. M. Johnson, Woodberry Lenson, Erle Carlyle, E. J. Britt, Luther J. Britt, E. M. Britt, F. D. Hackett, H. E. Stacy, W. B. Ivey, C. B. Skipper, W. H. Kinlaw, R. E. Lee, Knox Proctor, Robert McIntyre, H. H. Clark.

Besides those mentioned above, among the out-of-town people here for the funeral were: Mr. Franklin McNeill of Raleigh, member of the State Corporation Commission and former law partner of deceased; Misses Maggie and Ida McKinnon, Mr. H. C. McNair and family and Mr. W. B. Harker, of Maxton; Dr. and Mrs. B. F. McMillan of Red Springs; Mr. A. R. McEachern of St. Pauls, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox of Rowland.

Judge McNeill retired from active practice a few years ago and since then had lived in peaceful quiet and contentment at his beautiful home on Elm street with his devoted daughter Miss Mary McNeill.

Thomas Alexander McNeill was born in Blue Springs township, Robeson county (now a part of Hoke county,) March 28, 1842, and was therefore in his 80th year. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. He entered the university of North Carolina prior to the War Between the States, served four years during the war, was captured at Fort Fisher and spent some time in prison. After the war he returned to the university, where he was graduated in 1868. He was licensed to practice law in the same year and immediately afterwards located in Rockingham, where he was associated with Mr. Franklin McNeill, who later became a member of the State Corporation Commission. In 1873 deceased moved to Maxton, where he remained until 1878, when he moved to Lumberton, which town remained his home until his death. Soon after moving to Lumberton he was again associated in the practice of law with Mr. Franklin McNeill.

Judge McNeill was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly in 1870, 1872, 1874, and again in 1893. When the Bank of Lumberton, oldest bank in the county, was organized in 1897, Judge McNeill was elected its first president, and remained in this position until he was elected judge of the Superior Court for the Seventh district, holding this office with honor and credit for one term of eight years. He declined to offer for re-election, preferring to devote his time to his practice and remain at home with his family. When the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Lumberton—now the Planters Bank & Trust company—was organized, he was elected president and served in that capacity for a number of years, until he resigned. As a legislator he was an incessant worker, honest, faithful and conscientious, quick to discern the right and condemn the wrong. As a judge, dignified, philosophical and of excellent judgment, fair-minded and lenient. In the practice of his profession, standing in the front rank, kind, jovial

EX-JUDGE T. A. McNEILL



Well-known and honored citizen who passed away at his home here Tuesday.

## Chain Gang Split Into Two Sections

**One Section Will Remain in Fairmont Township and Other Will Go to White House—Township Road St. Who Employ Foreman Must Pay Out of Own Salary.**

At their regular monthly meeting Monday the county road board ordered that the county chain gang be divided into two sections, one section to remain in Fairmont township and the other to be sent to White House township. It was also ordered that the township in which a division of the "gang" works be charged \$10 the month. Mr. W. B. Covington, county superintendent of roads, was given power to make the necessary arrangement for the division of the chain gang.

It was ordered that Spencer James, convict, be sent to the Thompson hospital for an operation, the operation being necessary, according to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer.

An order by the board provides that in townships where the supervisor employs a substitute or foreman, the salary of such substitute or foreman be deducted from the salary of the township supervisor and that the supervisor present an itemized bill showing the actual time given by himself to public road work.

The resignation of Mr. V. E. Townsend as secretary to the board was accepted and Mr. L. R. Stephens was elected to fill the position. The salary of the secretary was reduced from \$50 to \$35 the month, the secretary to make bond in the sum of \$1,000.

The secretary was also instructed to only pass for voucher bills as presented in the proper form and showing an itemized statement of supervisor's time in detail. The county commissioners were asked to levy a tax of 15 cents on the \$100 valuation for general road purposes.

### Jury Fails to Name Slayer of Deputy Pate.

Fayetteville, August 2.—A corner's jury investigating the murder of Deputy Sheriff Al J. Pate, who was shot from ambush during a raid on a whiskey still in Black River township on July 22, returned a verdict last night that the officer came to his death at "the hands of some person unknown to this jury." The jurors, however, recommended that Marshall Williams now in Hoke County jail, and R. A. Dawson be held without bail for further investigation by the courts. Dawson was a witness at the inquest and testified that he saw Williams on the road on the morning after the shooting, with a rifle in his hand.

### Excursion to Wrightsville Beach August 11.

The Seaboard Air Line railroad will operate a joint Sunday school and picnic excursion to Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach Thursday, August 11th. This train will start from Hamlet at 6 a. m. stopping only at Laurel Hill, Laurinburg, Maxton, Pembroke, Lumberton, and Bladenboro, and will arrive Wilmington at 10 a. m. On return trip train will leave Wilmington at 7:10 p. m. The fare for the round trip, including war tax from Lumberton, will be \$1.50.

### Frank Locklear Leaves Hospital.

Frank Locklear, Indian, who was shot and dangerously wounded three weeks ago, was able to leave the Baker sanatorium today. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the same bullet that passed through Locklear passed through his wife, who died a few hours after the shooting. A brother-in-law of Locklear's is charged with doing the shooting.

W. L. Pettigrew, 39 years old, committed suicide at his home in Reidsville Monday by firing a bullet through his head. Ill health. His widow and 5 children survive.

and of convenient disposition, an influential member of the Democratic party and an untiring worker for the men and measures he believed to be right.

## Carnivals Barred From Robeson Co.

**County Commissioners Instruct Sheriff to Refuse License to Carnivals and Similar Shows—Regulations Governing Captured Stills—Bills Ordered Paid and Other Business of County.**

At their regular monthly meeting Monday the county commissioners passed a resolution instructing the sheriff of Robeson county to refuse to issue license to any carnival companies, traveling circuses and shows of like character. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas, it is the opinion of the board of commissioners of Robeson county that the public welfare will be endangered by the licensing of all carnival companies, traveling circuses and shows of like character, moving pictures and vaudeville shows, museums and menageries, merry-go-rounds and ferris wheels, and other like amusement enterprises, conducted for profit under the same general management and filling week-end exhibitions, whether under canvas or not, in Robeson county; therefore be it resolved by the board of commissioners of Robeson county, that he is hereby instructed and directed to refuse to issue license to any of the amusements above mentioned. And this resolution is passed under authority of law as contained in sub-section 4 of section 7800 and section 7801 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina."

It was ordered that from and after the first day of August, 1921, that when any rural policeman of Robeson county captures a whiskey still, said still shall be turned over to the sheriff of Robeson county, and by said sheriff turned over to and destroyed by the board of commissioners as required by law; and that the commissioners will refuse to pay for the capture of any whiskey still except when the above requirements have been complied with, and that only on bills made out by the sheriff and approved by the auditor of the county.

Chairman J. W. Ward and Commissioners Rory McNair and C. B. Townsend were appointed delegates to the meeting of the State Association of County Commissioners to be held at Washington, N. C., August 16 to 19.

Bills of registrars of vital statistics for the several townships of the county were ordered paid when presented to the clerk to the board. It was ordered that list takers and assistant tax assessors of each township be paid when bills are filed and approved by the county auditor.

The monthly statement of the Bank of Maxton as county treasurer, and monthly reports of R. E. Lewis, sheriff, and Dr. E. R. Hardin, county superintendent of health, were filed. The regular pauper list was allowed and the following changes were ordered: allowance of Angeline Calder increased from \$1 to \$4 per month; Hannah McEachern allowed \$5 per month and placed on regular list; monthly allowance of Wm. Bridgers reduced from \$8 to \$5; Parson Edwards ordered admitted to county home.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

**R. Cam Lewis, a Native of Lumberton, Died in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 12th—Brother of Mrs. A. Nash of Lumberton.**

Reported for The Robesonian.

Mrs. A. Nash received a letter on August 1st informing her of the death of her brother Mr. R. Cam Lewis on June 12th, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mr. Lewis was first assistant engineer on the U. S. S. "Calceo," which arrived in Rio de Janeiro on May 26th, from New York. He was taken to a hospital on his arrival, suffering from uremia, and gradually grew worse until his death on June 12th.

## High Prices For Good Tobacco

**Fairmont, N. C., August 3, 1921. TO OUR FRIENDS AND TOBACCO GROWERS:**

We wish to state for your information that we sold today, Aug. 3rd, 1921, 70,500 pounds of tobacco for \$10,875.27, an average of \$14.52 per hundred pounds.

We have sold in the last three days 225,360 pounds for \$31,241.00, an average \$13.87 per hundred pounds.

Many big baskets of tobacco sold from \$35.00 to \$52.00 per hundred. Watch Peoples big well-lighted tobacco warehouse for good tobacco, and high prices.

Square dealing, hard work on the sales, and courteous attention await you all. CHAMBERS, REEVES & CO., Fairmont, N. C. (adv.)

## County Tax Levy For 1921 Is 70 Cents

**This Rate on \$45,000,000 Will Raise Approximately Same Amount as 47-Cent Rate Last Year Raised on Valuation of \$72,000,000—Burden Does Not Fall so Heavily on Farm Property This Year as Last in Proportion to Other Property.**

At their meeting Monday the county commissioners fixed the tax assessment for Robeson county for the year 1921 as follows:

Roads	.07 1/2
Road interest	.07 1/2
Bridges	.03
Pensions	.01
Court House Bonds	.01
General county fund	10
General school fund (including 3 cents building fund)	.40
Total	.70

This compares with assessments for 1920 as follows: Roads, .05; road interest, .05; bridges, .03; pensions, court house bonds and funding bonds, one-third of a cent each, making one cent less than the amount levied this year for pensions and court house bonds; funding bonds not included this year; general county fund, .05; general school fund, .28. Total rate last year, 47 cents. Poll tax, \$1.35.

Last year the 47 cent rate on a valuation of \$72,000,000 amounted to \$397,936, including \$16,520 poll tax and \$64,046 special school tax.

This year the 70 cent rate on a valuation of \$45,000,000, is estimated to raise total taxes of \$395,566, estimating the poll tax and the special school tax as the same as last year. Increased poll tax would bring the total levy to approximately the same as last year.

It is well to bear in mind that while the total tax rate has been increased practically 50 per cent, farm property has been reduced in valuation 45 to 50 per cent, while other property has been reduced 25 to 30 per cent, so that the burden will not fall as heavily on farm property, in proportion to other property, as last year. In other words, roughly speaking, and taking the county as a whole, where a man paid last year 47 cents on farm property he will pay 35 cents this year, and on other property, where a man paid 47 cents he will pay this year 52 cents.

These figures of course must be considered merely as approximations, taking the county as a whole. In individual instances the rates would be more in some instances and less in others, depending upon how much one's property was lowered in the equalization process this year.

The 40-cent school rate this year on \$45,000,000 valuation is estimated to raise this year \$180,000. Adding to this the amounts raised last year for school purposes from polls, \$12,390, dog tax, \$3,400, and fines, \$6,566, brings the total estimated school revenue this year to \$202,356, which is very near what the school revenue was last year.

## McKENZIE FAMILY REUNION

**Members of Family of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McKenzie Enjoyed a Delightful Reunion Here Sunday.**

A reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McKenzie was held at the McKenzie home here last Sunday, all the members of the family being present except the oldest son, Mr. J. S. McKenzie of Wilmington, who was ill. Those were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McKenzie of Waumauma, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brewer of Rome, Fla., Mr. G. S. McKenzie and two children, Gaston and Bootsie, of Newport News, Va., Miss Katie May McKenzie of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McKenzie and Miss Monnie McKenzie of Lumberton. The family attended Sunday school at the Presbyterian church at 9:30 a. m. A sumptuous dinner was served at 12:30. Dinner was served in picnic style.

At 4:30 p. m. religious services were held in the home. Old-time songs, including "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," "Shall We Gather at the River," "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," were sung. After the song service, short talks were made by Messrs. Ed. B. Freeman, A. P. Caldwell, W. O. Brewer, J. Q. Beckwith and W. K. Bethune.

The occasion was altogether delightful and will not soon be forgotten by members of the family and others present.

## TRINKLE WINS IN VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 3.—Nomination of State Senator E. Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville, for governor over Harry St. George Tucker, of Lexington, by a majority of between 15,000 and 20,000 votes is indicated today by latest unofficial returns to newspapers from yesterday's Democratic primary.

State Senator Junius E. West, of Suffolk, seems from same returns to have won the nomination for Lieutenant Governor over Julian Gunn, of Henrico county, his closest opponent.

With a majority that may reach 50,000 votes, Berkley D. Adams, of Charlotte, has been nominated over Elben C. Folkes, of Richmond, to the Corporation Commission.

Mr. D. E. Nance of Proctorville was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 10 3/4 cents the pound.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Mitchell are moving today into their new home, Eighth street. The building was recently completed and is one of the most modern 5-room residences in town.

—Mr. C. M. Beach, principal of the well known high school at Wingate, returned home last night after spending a few days in the county. He expects several students from Robeson for the next term.

—Mrs. Ray and daughter, Miss Nanna Ray, Miss Mary C. Brown and Mr. Reuben Brown, all of Philadelphia, are Lumberton visitors today. Mrs. Ray came for treatment of an arm which was injured in a fall recently.

—Miss Vivian McNeill of Lumberton was mentioned in the Winston-Salem Journal Monday as among the out-of-town guests at the wedding in Winston-Salem Sunday of Miss Gertrude Louis Cook of that city and Mr. Braxton Craven Page of High Point.

—Mr. Chas. P. McIntyre of Lumber Bridge will assist County Auditor J. M. McCallum in compiling the county tax books. He began work Monday.

—Mr. Harold Humphrey, who has been in the 21st artillery at Camp Bragg, has received his discharge and has returned to his home in Lumberton.

—Mr. Wilbur West, who was operated on for osteomyelitis at the Baker sanatorium Wednesday, is getting along nicely. The condition of Mrs. Singletary of Clarkton, who underwent a serious operation at the Baker sanatorium yesterday, is reported as very good.

—Mr. W. C. Sessoms of R. 7, Lumberton, who was among the visitors in town yesterday, reported the killing of a large rattlesnake near the home of Mr. C. V. Brown of his section recently. The snake was killed by Messrs. Chas. Smith and Curlee Prevatt and carried 18 rattles. The snake had a cat belonging to Mr. Brown "charmed" when discovered.

—From Thompson hospital: The condition of Mr. Carr Powers, who underwent a serious operation last Friday, is favorable—Mrs. Rufus Hilburn of Bladenboro was brought to the hospital today suffering with injuries received when she fell at her home—Miss Vista Thompson, who had her tonsils removed Tuesday, returned home today.

—The shows given by Melville's comedians here this week are above the average of this kind. Those attending the shows are well pleased, the program being high-class and clean. A show is given each night in the large tent Second and Chestnut streets. While all the members of the cast are clever artists in their line, "Tobie" is the shining star.

—Mrs. A. M. Hartley and small daughter, Frances Elizabeth, returned Monday night from a trip to Batesburg and Columbia, S. C. They were accompanied home by Mr. Hartley's mother, Mrs. J. B. Hartley of Batesburg, who will spend some time here visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law. Mr. Hartley went with Mrs. Hartley and daughter to Batesburg and Columbia but returned home last week.

—The Boy Scouts of Philadelphia passed through town yesterday en route to White Lake, Bladen county, where they will spend four days camping. Mr. I. T. Brown is scoutmaster and he and Messrs. J. A. Stanton and Walter Jackson accompanied the scouts on the trip, Messrs. Stanton and Jackson furnishing cars to make the trip. The troop has 15 members and 13 went on the trip, two members being ill.

—"Stand aside, brothers," said the excited farmer, as he pushed the fruit tree salesman aside, and made a record breaking sprint for the First National Bank. "Please give me credit for this in a hurry, Mr. Mac," said the breathless farmer, as he dashed into the bank, and shoved his check under the bars. "I got thirty cents for my tobacco, and I know darn well that there is a mistake summers but I want the other man to pay for it."

—A singing class from the Odd Fellows orphanage, Goldsboro, will give a concert at the high school auditorium this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The concert given by classes from this well-known institution are always pleasing and the program this season is said to be even better than ever. Grand Master L. W. Moore, of the grand lodge of the Improved Order of Odd Fellows of North Carolina, who lives in Wilmington, is expected to arrive here this evening to attend the concert and confer with local Odd Fellows.

—The Methodist Sunday school at Marietta, Olivet church, enjoyed a picnic at Jennings Beach yesterday. The picnicers numbered about seventy-five, from tots and larger children to young folk with grey heads, and a more happy and gloom-dispelling crowd one could not find. It did one's heart good to mingle with them. A bountiful picnic dinner was served. Many of the picnicers spent most of the time in the river. Mr. W. M. Oliver is superintendent of the Sunday school, which is located in one of the best sections in the State.