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Dr. H. G. Hill Dies After Short Illness

In last week's News Reporter we carried a lengthy article relative to Dr. H. G. Hill, venerable pastor of Maxton, written by Ben Dixon McNeill. Dr. Hill was taken ill last week and the following account of his death will be read with sorrow.

MAXTON, Jan. 15.—The funeral of Dr. H. G. Hill will be preached from Centre church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the interment in the church cemetery. The services will be conducted by the Rev. E. L. Siler, co-pastor with Dr. Hill and Rev. W. B. McIlwain, of Charlotte, former co-pastor with Dr. Hill in the two churches. He will be buried beside his wife who died a little more than a year ago and his two sons and daughter, Mrs. Nell Alford, all the children dying soon after reaching maturity.

The officers of Maxton, Centre, and Minton churches are the honorary pallbearers. The active pallbearers are McKay McKinnon, B. W. Gentry, A. C. McKinnon, Alexander White, John W. Sinclair, D. J. Campbell, Don Phillips and Dan McGirt.

Dr. Hill leaves only one direct heir, Halbert Hill Alford, a grandson by his only daughter, Annie Hill.

Business to Suspend

All business houses will close tomorrow from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. The banks will not open. The officers of the three churches will meet at the residence at 10 o'clock and accompany the remains to the Maxton church where they are to remain in state from 11 to 2 o'clock, going thence to the church of Centre where the funeral service will be held.

The whole section is in mourning for its prophet and leader.

Dr. Hill contracted a cold, Monday a week ago. Soon serious bronchial trouble set in and then pneumonia Sunday. His was a valiant fight against death his rugged, sturdy body battling to the last then he died as one going to sleep and the grand old man was gone. Though in his 93rd year, he was mentally as bright as ever and his step light as a young man's.

Dr. Hill was born in Raleigh, November 20, 1831 and was 92 years old on his last birthday. His early life was spent in Milton, Caswell county, where he went to school until he was 13. Then his father took him into his store and bank. He had reached the position of cashier in the bank at 21, when he decided to enter college. He taught school a year then took the full course of three years at Hampden-Sidney college, graduating in 1857.

In the spring of that year he took charge of a young ladies' seminary at Clarksville, Va., and was made an elder of the church at that place. He married and taught in the seminary for four years when Mrs. Hill died. This sorrow turned his attention to the ministry and he entered Union seminary at about the beginning of the war between the states in 1861. Orange Presbyterian licensed him to preach in 1862 and he became an army chaplain in the 13th North Carolina regiment. His health broke down after two years of service.

In 1864-66 he supplied Griers and Hillsboro churches and taught in the Nash-Kollock school for young ladies in Hillsboro. In '67-68 he supplied the churches of Oxford and Grassy Creek and was principal of the young ladies' seminary in Oxford. In 1868 he was called as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fayetteville. Here he labored acceptably for 18 years. Resigning this work in 1886 he supplied the Second church Charleston, S. C. during the absence of the pastor, Dr. Brackett, and passed through the thrilling experience of the Charleston earthquake in the fall of that year. Finishing this engagement he accepted a call to the pastorate of Maxton and Centre churches which he held for 37 years.

For more than a half century he was a member of Fayetteville Presbyterian. He had been a member of the board of trustees of Union seminary since 1872, a member of the board of regents of the orphanage, home at Barium since the founding of the orphanage, and since the death of the lamented Dr. Rumble was president of the board until about three years ago. He had been a member of the Synod's Home Mission committee since the inception of this work. He had been chairman of the Home Mission committee of Fayetteville Presbyterian since 1869. For seven times he represented this Presbytery in the general assembly and was moderator of the general assembly at Chattanooga in 1889. He was moderator of the Synod of N. C. at Salisbury in 1881, besides moderating his Presbytery on several occasions.

In order to secure public approval or votes for schemes involving large public expenditures, advocates for such measures too often guess at the cost. The fact that actual cost will greatly exceed the estimate seems of little concern if the promoter can be launched and the people obligated.

Magistrates in Office in Columbus County

Everybody knows the magistrates in their own communities but very few people know those in all sections of the county and the list below is given as information for all who may need it. The list is up-to-date and down to the minute in that it carries the name and postoffice of every magistrate in the county, together with the date of the expiration of his commission.

- Boswell, S. H., Tabor, Dec. 1924.
- Butler, J. P., Loris, Aug. 1915.
- Britt, F. T., Chadbourn, Apr. 1923.
- Blake, J. T., Chadbourn, Apr. 1929.
- Bullard, J. N., Cerro Gordo, Apr. 1925.
- Council, David N., Hallsboro, Dec. 1924.
- Cox, C. L., Guide, Dec. 1924.
- Cook, H. V., Whiteville, Dec. 1924.
- Council, K. Clyde, Wananish, Feb. 1926.
- Clark, A. T., Bolton, Apr. 1925.
- Coleman, Henry, Fair Bluff, Oct. 1924.
- Dorman, J. M., Tabor, Aug. 1925.
- Dale, J. W., Bolton, Apr. 1925.
- Frink, C. J., Hallsboro, Dec. 1924.
- Flynn, S. E., Freeman, Dec. 1924.
- Formyduval, J. A., Old Dock, Apr. 1925.
- Gore, W. C., Clarendon, Jan. 1926.
- Gasque, R. K., Chadbourn, Feb. 1926.
- Green, I. L., Cerro Gordo, Apr. 1925.
- Griffin, J. W., Evergreen, Apr. 1925.
- Hardee, K. D., Vineland, Dec. 1924.
- Hinson, W. M., Clarendon, Dec. 1924.
- High, J. B., Cerro Gordo, Jan. 1927.
- Harrelson, C. H., Clarendon, Apr. 1925.
- High, H. S., Whiteville, Apr. 1925.
- Inman, James, Boardman, Oct. 1926.
- Jernegan, F. L., Delco, Apr. 1929.
- Jordan, J. W., Clarendon, Apr. 1925.
- Long, J. R., Nakina, Apr. 1929.
- Marlow, B. A., Old Dock, Apr. 1929.
- Moffitt, H. C., Whiteville, Feb. 1925.
- Maxwell, J. R., Whiteville, Feb. 1925.
- McPherson, W. J., Clarendon, July, 1927.
- McDaniel, G. M., Evergreen, Nov. 1924.
- Phillips, W. H., Vineland, Apr. 1929.
- Reynolds, D. B., Hallsboro, Dec. 1924.
- Register, W. A., Old Dock, Dec. 1924.
- Ross, C. I., Vineland, Apr. 1927.
- Shipman, N. A., Boardman, Dec. 1924.
- Shelly, W. H., Tabor, Jan. 1926.
- Stanley, S. P., Mollie, Feb. 1927.
- Tuberville, J. R., Clarendon, Nov. 1927.
- Wooten, W. D., Clarkton, Dec. 1924.
- Watts, E. C., Tabor, Dec. 1924.
- Wright, H., Tabor, Apr. 1925.
- Watts, E. G., Nakina, Apr. 1929.
- White, V. B., Vineland, Apr. 1929.
- Faulk, I. S., Bolton, Apr. 1929.
- Marlow, B. A., Old Dock, Nov. 1929.
- Jernegan, F. L., Delco
- Tuberville, J. R., Clarendon.

Cooperative Shipping of Sweet Potatoes

CERRO GORDO, Jan. 15.—This week and the next tobacco growers are and will be very busily engaged in preparing and planting tobacco plant beds, while a few of the more earlier ones have already planted.

County Agent J. T. Lazar has been very helpful to the potato farmers in this section in securing a market for the spuds. The agent ordered a car last Friday which he hoped would arrive in time to have been loaded and shipped on Monday of this week. Some difficulty was encountered in securing a car of the proper type for potato shipping and it will probably be the latter part of the present week before the shipment will be made. This will be the first co-operative shipment week before the shipment will be made. This will be the first co-operative shipment of sweet potatoes ever shipped from this town. The potatoes are packed in a small wooden crate and is securely wrapped in heavy weight wrapping paper to protect against freezing.

It will be good news to those who are members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing association, who depend on the News Reporter for all of the news, and there are a great many of this kind of good people, to know that the association made the third payment of the 1922 crop to members in the Old belt of the North Carolina and also in Virginia last week. The next moneys turned loose by the association is naturally expected to be a final settlement with the South Carolina and border counties of North Carolina members. There are many indications that members will be well pleased with the final settlement for the crop of 1922.

The regular monthly meeting of the several locals in this county will meet with the Cerro Gordo local at Cerro Gordo on Monday of next week. Every member is urged to attend. All the latest news of the order can be learned on that day. Among the speakers which are expected to be present are J. H. McIver, county superintendent of Education; Dr. F. Johnson, county health officer; J. T. Lazar, county farm agent, one or more directors of the association and an invitation is extended to Brother Keziah.

Cases Heard Tuesday in County Court

- Matthew Byrd, having wine, not guilty.
- A. E. Bullard, driving automobile while intoxicated, not guilty.
- Tobe Ward, passing bogus check, not prof.
- Beauford Floyd and Clayton Reynolds, larceny, not guilty as to Floyd. Reynolds remanded to Juvenile court and found not guilty there.
- L. C. Nance, driving automobile while intoxicated, pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- Thomas Tucker assault with deadly weapon, two cases, ten dollars and costs in each case.
- Dave Maultsby and W. A. Murphy, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty.
- Fred Cribb and Jessie Richardson, house breaking, transferred to superior court under bonds of \$150.00 each. Ralph Pridden, another party to the case was remanded to Juvenile court for a hearing.
- W. A. Murphy, gambling, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
- W. A. Murphy, operating automobile while intoxicated, not guilty.
- Thomas Tucker, operating automobile without license, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.
- Thomas Tucker, operating movie show without license, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Negroes to Have a New School Building

Plans are now being completed for a new brick school building for Whiteville school district, colored. The building will have six classrooms and a large auditorium and will be fully modern in all of its appointments. It will cost in the neighborhood of five thousand dollars and its erection will be a distinct triumph and a tribute to several well known colored people of Whiteville who have been untiring in their efforts to secure funds.

Nine hundred dollars of the building fund comes from Mr. Rosenwald, the wealthy Jew, who is doing much to secure better schools for the negroes all over the southland. Fifteen hundred dollars is being given by the Board of Education and the colored people have raised twenty-seven hundred dollars among themselves and a few white friends. Perhaps the largest individual contribution, secured by the colored people locally was from Mr. D. L. Gore, of Wilmington, who gave two hundred and fifty dollars towards the building.

"The greatest building year this country has ever had is rounding to a close, and construction under way and uncompleted, with contracts let, assures even greater expansion for 1924," says Pres. Eppich of National Association of Real Estate Builders.

Wife—"The cook's giving notice, dear."

Hub—"What's the matter. Doesn't she like us?"

Wife—"Yes, she's perfectly satisfied, but her family doesn't approve of the quality of what she brings home."

Anderson and Rogers Buy Movie Theatre

A deal of considerable interest was consummated here Monday when Mr. H. H. Anderson of Charlotte and S. G. Rogers of Dillon, S. C., bought the Grand Theatre from J. T. Carroll and took charge immediately.

The theatre was opened about three years ago by Mr. Carroll and he has given the public a good show and been rewarded by a splendid patronage.

Messrs. Anderson and Rogers are both old timers in the movie business. At one time Mr. Anderson owned a chain of seven theatres in North and South Carolina and he is still interested in several of them although he is now devoting much of his time to the automobile business. Mr. Rogers owns the theatres at Marion and Dillon, S. C., and is a thoroughly experienced movie man. In this office Monday Messrs. Anderson and Rogers stated that they would greatly improve their new purchase and give this county a movie theatre that would be a credit to Columbus. It has not been stated who would take charge.

Chadbourn to Have Big New Hotel Soon

Several months ago this paper predicted a big new hotel for Chadbourn. Nothing was at that time being given out relative to the matter but rumors were strong enough to justify the prediction.

It is understood now that the matter has been definitely settled and that the work of tearing down the old Brown Mercantile wooden store building will commence immediately and that a handsome 23-room brick structure will replace it just as soon as the work can be done.

Since the Brown hotel was burned in Chadbourn about three years ago the town has been greatly in need of better hotel facilities. The traveling public will learn with satisfaction that a new hotel at Chadbourn will soon be a reality.

Apparently one might about as well abandon hope of becoming a railway president, if he did not begin his career as an office boy.

Rains Putting Roads in Bad Condition

By J. D. Frink

CLARENDON, Jan. 15.—The continued rains and freezes have put the roads in very bad condition everywhere, and especially where earth has been thrown in recently. In some places, roads have been almost impassable, even for a rural carrier, who has a way of getting through, if it can be done. A great many of the overseers make the mistake of waiting until late fall and winter to do their road work, and about nine times out of ten, the road would be in better condition if such work had been left undone. Clay and mud thrown in the road to fill in holes, and especially where the road is not well-drained, at this season, means trouble for the autoist until the sun and wind dries out the water the following spring. If all roads could be built or repaired in the late spring or summer, they would be well-packed by winter, and would give very little trouble, if properly drained. But here rests another cause of bad roads. The road-bed is oftentimes as low, if not lower, than the drains on either side, and the water has no way of escaping except by sobbing into the road, and under such conditions, we may expect nothing else but wet, boggy roads. Some of the overseers are doing all they can under the unfavorable weather conditions to make their sections passable, by having sand hauled in the mucky places, while others are doing nothing to improve the conditions of their sections, and allowing the traveling public to get by as best they can. We hope the road supervisors will endeavor to appoint as overseers those only who have interest in the welfare of the public, who will work their roads in season that they may be passable the year round.

Brunswick Loses a Splendid Citizen

Brunswick county lost one of its leading citizens Monday morning when Mr. W. O. McKeithan died at his home in Bolivia. From The Wilmington Morning Star the News Reporter clips the following account of his death:

"W. O. McKeithan, one of the most prominent citizens of Brunswick county, died suddenly at 8:30 o'clock at his home in Bolivia. He arose early and opened the freight and express office, of which he is agent for the Wilmington, Brunswick and Southern railroad, and also went to his planing mill and lumber plant in the village and started up operations there. He then went home to breakfast and complained of feeling ill. He lay down on a bad and Dr. W. R. Goley was hastily summoned from Shallotte. The physician reached the McKeithan home in a few minutes, but Mr. McKeithan had passed away before the doctor reached him. He performed his usual depot duties when the morning train passed for Wilmington, and when he went home from his mail, he had hardly been in the house more than 10 minutes till death called him away.

New Jersey Hunters Are Good Sportsmen

Non residents of the state and county are required by law to obtain license from the clerk of court if they wish to hunt in this county.

An examination of the books of the clerk reveals their either very few non residents come here to hunt or else they disregard the law by the wholesale. The latter surmise is probably the correct one.

Some exceptions can be found in the case of Messrs. George Voehl of Dunellon, N. J., Harry Drier of Plainfield, N. J., J. T. Kelp of Bayonne, N. J., and Wm. Smeaton, also of Bayonne. These gentlemen were in Whiteville last Friday to get their licenses and the facts were brought out that they had been coming here each winter for years to indulge in bird hunting and that they had never once failed to take out licenses. They stated that they had never been asked to show them, and that their right to hunt had never been questioned in any way. In taking out licenses they were merely complying with a good law for the protection of game and they regretted that other hunters did not feel under similar obligations.

Accompanying the sportsmen, and whose guests they are, was Mr. A. O. Trust of East Arcadia. Mr. Trust is himself a sportsman of the first water.

It is a fortunate thing for the world that the so-called realism in a lot of our recent fiction isn't realism to a great part of the reading public.

Fords May Come and Fords May Go—This One Goes on Forever

On July 10th, 1916, Mr. M. H. Schulken, a well known lawyer of Whiteville, bought himself a Ford touring car of that years vintage and dedicated it to his own particular use.

If any one has ever seen any one but Martin driving that car during the nearly eight years that have elapsed since its purchase, this paper has no knowledge of their existence. Summer or winter, day or night, in sunshine and in storm, Martin has always been at the wheel when Lizzie took the road on either business or pleasure trip.

Last week Mr. Schulken decided that this ford had served out its full seven years and more of service in his behalf and he accordingly traded it off for a brand new coupe of the same species. He received an even hundred dollars for the ancient vehicle in the course of the trade and as he drives about in his spick and span new machine he is not certain but what he parted with his faithful friend at far less than its actual value.

To The News Reporter yesterday he said that he had driven that Ford just as much during the course of each year as other Fords were driven. That he had did much of the upkeep work himself and exclusive of the tires the car had not cost him upwards of seventy-five dollars for repairs during the nearly eight years that he had it. The machine is still in splendid condition and if it is handled as carefully in the future as it has been handled in the past it will go on forever like grandfathers clock.

Health Department to Help Berry Growers

Columbus county strawberries grown on the lands of farmers who wish it, and who follow some small requirements of the health department, may carry a clean bill of health on each crate when it is placed on the market this year. Dr. Floyd Johnson is posting the following letter at all postoffices in the county and he will be glad to have berry growers consult him about the matter in question:

"The State Deputy Health officer has promised to help us to advertise the quality of our fruit, by allowing me to furnish certificate for each package when the farm and prem-

Fox Hunters Back at Their Old Sport

Messrs. W. R. Potts and R. C. Knox of Davidson, are visiting Messrs. A. Nance and J. T. Wooten in the Western Prong section and are enjoying some old fashioned fox hunting that has already netted them a large number of brushes.

The party has a pack of about 25 fine fox hounds and they are said to be keeping the neighborhood awake with their lusty music. Mr. Potts, Mr. Knox and the late Dr. Wooten of Davidson, started coming to Columbus for fox hunting about 25 years ago. For fifteen years they never missed coming soon after Christmas. Then Dr. Wooten died and his pals abandoned their trips for a few years. They are back now, all a little older but all just as keen for the chase as they were when they first came here years and years ago. It would be interesting to know how many brushes they have hung up as the result of their many trips to Columbus.

Health Department to Help Berry Growers

Offered 42 cents per pound for their wool, farmers in Watauga county pooled their product, waited until December and sold it for 50 cents per pound, states County Agent John B. Steele.

ises of producer have been inspected and the sanitary conditions found to meet the approval of the Health Department.

Any one wishing to take advantage of this, will please communicate with me at once and I will furnish information as to what preparation will be necessary to procure the certificates.

FLOYD JOHNSON, Health Officer