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## HODGES—M'COY

A wedding of state wide interest occurred at the home of Col. and Mrs. C. C. Hodges on South Caldwell street Tuesday afternoon when their only daughter, Miss Nena, became the bride of Mr. William H. McCoy of Greensboro. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Robbins, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, in the presence of about forty guests, close friends and relatives of the contracting parties.

The entire lower floor of the beautiful home was lavishly decorated in honor of the occasion, autumn leaves and cut flowers carrying out a wondrous color scheme of crimson and gold. The stairs, down which the wedding party came, were decorated in ivy, which hung in festoons from the first landing to the punch table, located in the reception hall. The guests were assembled in the drawing room, where the ceremony was performed.

The bride and groom entered the drawing room together, preceded by little Kathleen Glenn and Wex Malone of Asheville, the ring bearers. The children were dressed in white velvet, each carrying an immense yellow chrysanthemum, and each flower bearing in its heart one of the two rings used. The wedding party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by James Estley Peterson of Asheville, taking their places in front of a beautiful bank of autumn foliage where Rev. Mr. Robbins was waiting. The impressive double ring ceremony was used.

The bride wore a beautiful plum-colored broadcloth traveling suit, with skunk furs and a voguish hat of taupe velvet, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley.

Immediately after the ceremony a delightful luncheon was served, the bride's cake being placed on a table in the center of the dining room under a chandelier decorated with festoons of yellow ribbons.

Mrs. McCoy is well known and is very popular throughout the state, holding at the present time the position of president of the Philanthropic Union of the state and is national state secretary of the same organization. Mr. McCoy is a popular traveling man connected with the Beacham Packing Co. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy will probably make their home at Greensboro after an extended honeymoon trip through the southern states.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE PLANS

The administration program for national defense is recommended to the next session of congress in December proposes an expenditure of about \$100,000,000. Secretary of War Garrison's plans, which have been approved by President Wilson, call for \$75,000,000 more for the war department, this to be used to augment the army and bring the total number of well trained men up to 400,000 men and for the organization and equipment of a continental army of 100,000 men, which together with the present militia forces will bring the total up to 480,000 men.

The president has also approved the plans of Secretary Daniels for a five-year naval construction program which will cost the treasury \$500,000,000, giving the navy ten new dreadnaughts, six fast battle cruisers, seventy submarines, fifty destroyers, ten scout cruisers and a host of auxiliary ships.

A recent outburst of sentiment among the members of the United States senate and congress leads one to suppose that this national program of armament will be carried when congress meets, and taking into consideration the weakened condition of some of the foreign nations now at war, it is quite probable that if this policy is adopted the United States will become the strongest nation on the face of the earth.

A German aeroplane sank a Russian coal schooner on the Gulf of Riga.

## THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Transylvania county Baptist Association, held with the Little River Baptist Church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, proved to be one of the most profitable sessions ever held. The sessions of the association were all well attended, the addresses on the various subjects coming up for discussion were for the most part to the point, and the church letters showed that more work has been accomplished during the past year than for the past several.

Nearly all of the churches in the association were represented by delegates, only seven, the usual number, having failed to send in a report of the year's work.

The ever recurring question of the establishment of a denominational school within the bounds of the association came up for discussion again this year, and representatives of the Fruitland Institute were again on hand to renew, for the fourth time, their invitation to this association to join with the Carolina Association in the maintenance and management of that institution, and for the fourth time this association postponed action on the proposition, the leaders believing it possible to establish a school here at home.

The report of the educational committee, which was adopted, recommended that a committee be appointed to investigate the various sites for a school in this county and try to formulate some practical plan of starting a school in the county and report at the next session of the association. The executive committee elected at this session, composed of J. M. Hamlin, W. B. Henderson and W. R. Kilpatrick, were placed in charge of the matter with instructions to give careful consideration to any plan suggested.

The association adopted a resolution thanking Senator Cos. Paxton and Representative Chas. B. Deaver for their efforts in securing the passage of the no shipment liquor law for this county, the association having at last year's session petitioned these gentlemen to secure such a law for this county.

The association was pleased to learn that Boyston church, which was granted a letter to join another association last year, had decided to remain in the Transylvania association. This church is in Henderson county and intended to join the Carolina association, but since the letter of disassociation was granted the church has decided to remain in this association. The Barrett Chapel church, recently organized in the mill section of Brevard, was granted membership in this association, making seventy-four churches.

The statistics from the various churches, though incomplete, in reason of the fact that some churches have not reported, show that there have been 150 baptisms during the past year, that sixty-three have been received by letter, and fourteen have been restored. There have been sixty-one dismissed by letter, seventeen have been excommunicated, and sixteen have died. There has been a net gain of 333, bringing the total number of Baptists in the county, not including the seven churches that did not report, up to 1730.

The financial reports show steady gains along all lines, and although the churches are yet a long way from the goal they should seek, the reports show that the pastors have received more money for their work during the past year than last. A total of \$2164.19 has been paid the preachers during the past year, a net gain of \$545.11. The following amounts have been raised for the various objects: Buildings and repairs \$361.90; incidentals \$594.89; Sunday school expenses \$317.84; for the poor \$100.60; minutes \$12.00; associational missions \$28.70; state missions \$124.21; home missions \$127.45; foreign missions \$143.08; Sunday school missions \$10.00; orphanage \$144.81; ministerial relief \$13.38; other objects \$125.40, bringing the grand total

up to \$4,298.48, a little more than fifty per cent of which was paid by the Brevard church.

The good people of the Little River section, noted for their hospitality, seemed to try to see who could do the most for the comfort and happiness of the associational messengers. One visiting brother stated that he had attended nearly all the associations in the western part of this state this year, but that the splendid dinners furnished by the people of Little River were the very best he had seen anywhere, and this same brother did everything in his power to get the association to hold next year's meeting in Little River. The hospitality shown the visitors was of the old-time Southern style, and each and every one went away with the hope of visiting that section again at an early date.

Next year's session will be held with Rocky Hill Church at Cedar Mountain, and will begin on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, the session having been scheduled a day earlier so that visiting pastors can stay until the meetings adjourn on Friday and get back to their churches on Sunday.

Rev. A. J. Manly was re-elected as moderator, and Prof. T. C. Henderson was re-elected as clerk for another year, these gentlemen having served with faithfulness for the past several years.

## CONDENSED WAR NEWS

During the past several days hard fighting has been in progress on all the important battle fronts. In addition to the many well known battle lines in and near towns and places with unpronounceable names, the public has been learning new names during the past ten days by reason of the Austro-German invasion into Serbia, where some of the hottest engagements of the whole war have taken place. Berlin reports gradual progress in Serbia during the past few days.

As an example of some of the new names sprung on the public in the reports from the Serbian drive, we quote the following dispatch: "The Germans report the storming of Vlasova mountain, south of Semendria and Smoljina villages, east of Pozarevace, while Bulgarian troops have taken the eastern forts at Zajcar, forty miles northeast of Nish."

Dispatches from Nish estimate the German losses in the Serbian campaign at 25,000 killed and 60,000 wounded. These same dispatches state that a German army which attempted to turn the Serbian right wing at Semendria was driven back into the marshes on the Danube river. The Germans have been heavily reinforced in the Pozarevace region.

Great Britain's declaration of war on Bulgaria has been followed by a blockade of all Bulgarian ports on the Aegean sea, and naval vessels were given forty-eight hours to leave the Hockelma station.

On the western front the Germans repulsed a British attack near Vermelles, and also blocked a French assault in the Champagne district. The Germans also declare they have improved their positions in the Vosges, and to have repulsed an attempt to retake positions south of Lezertrey. The French repulsed German advances north of Reillon, in Lorraine.

A vigorous counter attack by the French in the Vosges enabled them to recapture their old positions on the summit of a mountain with an additional German fort near that place.

Forty-five persons were killed and 114 injured in a Zeppelin raid over London last Thursday night. Considerable property damage is also reported. Contrary to most raids of this nature there were more men than women and children killed this time.

Roumania and Greece have both decided they will be spectators rather than participants of the war, and for the present they will not enter the conflict.

## GENERAL NEWS

Dr. R. M. Johnson of Scotland Neck died very suddenly while acting as moderator of the Roanoke Baptist Association last Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Johnson had just read a report on the Thomasville Orphanage when he suffered a severe attack of indigestion and died in ten minutes.

The famous will of Martha Washington has been returned to officials of Fairfax county, Virginia, by J. P. Morgan. The will was stolen from this county during the Civil war.

Cheoah and Yellow Creek townships of Graham county have voted \$10,000 worth of bonds to assist the Graham County Lumber Co. in constructing a railroad from Topton into Graham county.

Sixteen persons were killed when a motor train on the Union Pacific plunged through a bridge near Randolph, Kan., last Saturday.

Unconfirmed reports coming from Mexico state that General Villa, the famous outlaw, has been slain by his own men. Villa has since stoutly denied this report.

As a result of a political argument, Lee Allen, a farmer of Clay county, was shot by a man whose name is unknown.

W. L. Kivett and his ten year old son were killed by an explosion of dynamite near their home in High Point last Friday.

Tristram T. Hyde, who is well known in Brevard, having spent the past summer in this place, has been declared the democratic nominee for mayor of Charleston after a close primary. The nomination is equal to an election in Charleston.

Thomas Taggart, Mayor Joseph Bell and others of Indianapolis have been declared not guilty of election frauds after an interesting trial lasting for more than five weeks.

Secretary Daniels' naval policy recommends the construction of sixteen capital fighting ships, ten dreadnaughts and six fast battle cruisers—a policy that should meet the approval of all American citizens who want to see this country maintain its position of neutrality.

Ben B. Lindsey, judge of Denver's juvenile court, was ejected from the District court of Denver last Thursday when Lindsey contradicted statements made by an official of the court and called him a liar.

Four Admiral William N. Little will be court martialled on charges involving neglect and careless methods in the conduct of his duties while inspector at Quincy, Mass., according to provisions of an order recently signed by Secretary Daniels.

By reason of the fact that six officers of the interned German battleship Keonprinz Wilhelm at Norfolk have escaped, all shore leaves for the men on the interned ship will in future be denied.

Ten tons of licorice for the manufacture of tobacco will be received in this country in a few days, so the tobacco chewers may now rest easy.

## ST. PHILIPS CHURCH

21st Sunday after Trinity, October 21, 1915. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning prayer, and sermon at 11. Subject, "Impressions."

The Arch deacon's visit to St. Philips last week, with daily services morning and evening for six days ending with a united service on Sunday evening at the Methodist church was blessed to St. Philips, and, we trust, to our community. Seeds were sown, which, we hope, may be fruitful of blessings to us all.

Quite a little excitement was caused on the square Sunday night as the large union congregation was coming from the Methodist church, by reason of the fact that Edward Wood declined to go peacefully with Chief of Police Brooks after he had been arrested for drunkenness.

## W. H. ALLISON DEAD

W. H. Allison, one of Transylvania's best known citizens, died at his home, Deer Park Inn, Monday afternoon, and was buried at Oak Grove cemetery Tuesday afternoon. For several weeks he had been in very poor health, and for many days prior to his death no hope was entertained for his recovery.

The deceased was born in a house that stood about two hundred yards from the place where he died about fifty-nine years ago, and has made his home in Brevard all his life. He has been a member of the Oak Grove Methodist church many years and was always prompt in attendance upon its services.

Mr. Allison, familiarly known as "Dr. Bill," was married to Miss Mattie Yongue about twenty-six years ago, and to this union was born six children—W. H., Jr., Eugene, Miss Maude, Haskel and Miss Jessie Ophelia. One other child died several years ago.

The deceased is survived by his wife, his five children and four brothers—John B. Allison of Brevard, Erwin Allison who lives in South Carolina, and Henry and Elisha Allison, who live in the state of Texas.

The funeral services were conducted at the Oak Grove Methodist church, and interment was at Oak Grove cemetery, both the church and cemetery being near the home of the deceased. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Robbins, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church, and despite the heavy rain a large crowd of sorrowing friends gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. All the stores in town were closed during the funeral hour.

## ACQUITTED OF MURDER

The third trial of Waverly Allison and Vellie Parker, which consumed a good portion of the time in the Henderson county Superior court last week resulted in an acquittal of the charges of murdering J. W. Clayton in September of last year. Allison and Parker immediately after their acquittal returned to their homes at Penrose.

This case had become famous by reason of the fact that at the two trials held in this county the jury in each case could not agree on a verdict, standing six and six in both instances.

It will be recalled that the body of J. W. Clayton was found lying in mud and water at the edge of French Broad river near Penrose on Sunday morning, September 18, 1914, following his murder on Saturday night. At first Henry Smith, a negro living nearby, was accused of the murder, there being some evidence against him, but at a preliminary hearing before the recorder he was discharged, and the two young white men were held for trial in the Superior court.

The first trial was held before his Honor Judge E. F. Long, and after the jury had considered the case about forty-eight hours they were discharged and a new trial ordered. The case was tried for the second time at the last session of the Transylvania Superior court, and in this, as in the former trial, the jury stood six and six, when the presiding judge, W. F. Harding, ordered a new trial and a removal of the case to another county. Judge Harding also presided at the last trial in Hendersonville, when the defendants were acquitted.

The acquittal of these two defendants adds another murder mystery to this county's history during the past eighteen months, two men having been murdered while in an intoxicated condition and the guilty parties escaping in both instances.

## Constipation and Indigestion.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere. adv