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## LAURINBURG TO HAVE CELEBRATION JULY FIFTH

Great Preparations Being Made for Big Celebration to be Held Here Monday, July the 5th—Athletic Contest Including Two Games of Baseball Being Arranged—Band of Music and Bargain Day.

Laurinburg does not celebrate the Glorious Fourth often, and when it decides to pull off a celebration, there is no half-way, tame affair planned, and so this year it has been definitely decided by a great number of the leading business men to celebrate this year and to do it right. There will be many interesting features in fact the whole day will be full of genuine celebration spirit, (not spirits, mind you) but the real patriotic, hustling, big hearted, friendly observance of the day.

A program committee is getting a full line of amusements together, there will be a fine band of music dispensing lively airs all day; contests of all kinds including a morning and afternoon baseball game, and other athletic events. All kinds of prizes and awards will be given and to cap the climax every business house in town will be offering special and attractive bargains, including every line of business represented in the hustling, progressive town of Laurinburg.

It will not only be a big celebration of a great day, but will be Bargain Day in Laurinburg. Don't make any arrangements to celebrate anywhere but Laurinburg, for Laurinburg proposes to pull off a big stunt and you will miss a great occasion if you don't come to Laurinburg on Monday, July 5th. Watch the columns of this paper from now until that great day for full particulars.

Great things are in the forming and Laurinburg promises a strict fulfillment of its promise for a Big Celebration and Bargain Day.

Remember the date, Monday, July 5th, and save that day's engagement to come to the best town at all—Laurinburg.

### Elizabeth Lyth.

A pure white bud was gladdening all with its beauty of form and fragrance, making its possession a wondering delight, when God looked down upon it with eyes of far seeing love, and to the angels he said "I will pluck the bud and take it to my breast lest a hint of storm or blight should mar its perfect beauty," and calling the grim angel called "Death," He bade him bring this flower to Him, and hovering ever nearer and nearer, this angel messenger dreaded by all and oftentimes God's messenger of love, bent in tenderest pity and bore the bud away. So passed little Elizabeth Lyth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. McN. Lyth, on Wednesday, June 2nd, after an illness of three weeks. Nearing her fifth birthday, which would have been the 15th of August, she was unusually bright and one of God's trusting little ones, devoted to Sunday School and a faithful little Sunbeam in her society of that name.

Often she would clasp her little hands together and with uplifted eyes make her loving prayer to God, who was very real to her, and often the twenty-third Psalm was repeated with all reverence.

Just a few days before her death, her last conscious act was to stretch out her little arms to her mother and clasping her around her neck kissed her again and again as if she were saying good-bye.

Dark indeed have the hours been since then to that mother, who, with the father, grieves so for her, but God loved her too well to let her suffer the world's sorrows and cares which come to all, and loving her so, He took her "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," where she will await her dear ones.

Her grave which stands in which she lay a vision of peace and beauty, was surrounded with an abundance of exquisite flowers, the gift of many friends, who were so anxious to have her body laid to rest in a quiet and beautiful place, and a beautiful service was held at the Presbyterian church.

## Religious Column

REV. JOHN W. ROSE, D.D., Editor.

The morning service last Sabbath at the Methodist church was omitted on account of the indisposition of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bumpas. The evening service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Rose of the Presbyterian church. A large congregation was present.

Sunday last was observed at the Presbyterian church as "Sunday School Foreign Mission Day." An interesting program on Japan was prepared and the children acquitted themselves finely. It was much enjoyed by a large congregation present. The Sunday Schools of the Southern Presbyterian Church will undertake the support of our mission in Japan this current year.

The evening hour of worship having been fixed at 8:30 o'clock in all the churches in town—by many regarded as a very late hour—the people ought to be very prompt, so that the services may begin at the very minute.

The County S. School Convention is booked to meet at Wagram in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 16th. Let every Sunday School in the county be sure to send delegates. These meetings are usually very interesting and profitable. Our hosts are making large preparation to give the convention a splendid entertainment. An interesting program of music and speeches is in course of preparation.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville met on Tuesday in Fayetteville in adjourned meeting for the purpose of licensing several candidates for the ministry.

The editor of this column would repeat an earnest entreaty to the pastors of the churches in our county to furnish him with items of religious news, so that he may make this column more generally interesting.

A protracted meeting began Sunday evening in the East-Laurinburg Baptist church.

It is an interesting fact that at all the recent meetings of the various religious bodies of our country larger accessions to membership have been reported than in recent years, and larger gifts to benevolent causes, notwithstanding the business depression caused by the war raging in Europe.

The membership of the Christian churches in Japan has increased 40 per cent during the past three years, while in America the annual average has been not more than three per cent.

A service for children will be conducted by Rev. R. F. Bumpas at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. O. W. McManus will conduct services at the Baptist Church, Gibson, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

her Kindergarten school.

The pallbearers were those that loved her dearly, her uncles, Messrs. Ed. Angus, Albert and Clarence Lyth.

Her pastor, Rev. James Long of the First Baptist church made a beautiful and tender talk, followed by prayer from Rev. Dr. J. B. Rose of the Presbyterian church. She was laid to rest in the Lyth graveyard under a bank of lovely flowers, emblems of her spotless and beautiful life.

Master John C. McCormick, Jr., the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCormick of Laurinburg, R. F. D. No. 1, had the misfortune Monday to fall into a revolving buggy wheel and suffered his left arm broken in two places, hands a terrific pain that required several stitches and

## W. J. BRYAN RESIGNS AS SECRETARY OF STATE

Difference of Opinion Over the Note Sent to Germany by the United States Cause of Action—Robert Lansing Acting As Secretary—Bryan Returns to Private Life But Will Still Support the President.

Washington, June 8.—William Jennings Bryan, three times Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States, and author of nearly thirty peace treaties with the principal nations of the world, resigned today as Secretary of State, as a dramatic sequel to his disagreement with President Wilson over the government's policy toward Germany.

The resignation was accepted by the President. The cabinet then approved the response which had been prepared to the German reply to the Lusitania note. Acting Secretary of State Robert Lansing will sign the document, and tomorrow it will be cabled to Berlin.

Secretary Bryan will return to private life tomorrow, when his resignation takes effect. It was learned that he intends to continue his political support of the President.

Rather than sign the document, which he believed might possibly draw the United States into war, Mr. Bryan submitted his resignation in a letter declaring that "the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart—namely, the prevention of war."

### DR. FRANK RUSSELL DEAD.

Was Prominent Wilmington Physician and Son of Our Townsman, Mr. T. B.

Friends of both the families of Mr. T. B. Russell here and Dr. Frank Russell in Wilmington, were pained to learn of the death of Dr. Frank Russell, son of our townsman Mr. T. B. Russell, which occurred at his home in Wilmington early Friday night. Regarding Dr. Russell the Wilmington Star of Saturday says:

"The death of no Wilmington physician could bring a greater degree of sorrow to a larger number of hearts than the passing of Dr. Frank Russell, which occurred at half after eight o'clock last night at his home, No. 115 South Third street, following an immediate illness of two weeks, death having ensued as the result of a recurrent attack of some cerebral trouble which he first suffered some months ago while on a professional visit to Baltimore, Md., with a patient.

At the time of his first attack, it was thought that Dr. Russell could not live, though receiving the attention of the world's greatest specialists in a Baltimore hospital, but he showed wonderful recuperative powers and soon after his return to Wilmington, after recuperating a month at the home of his friend, Mr. W. B. Cooper, on the Sound, he was able to resume his practice in a limited way and hundreds of friends expressed the hope that as time wore on, he might regain his health permanently. He seemed to improve for a while, but two weeks ago, his condition began to grow worse and the end came last night rather suddenly, while members of his family, a devoted nurse and two physician friends, Dr. Chas. P. Bolles and Dr. Chas. T. Harper, were with him.

The news of his death will be received all over the city and elsewhere with the deepest sorrow. He enjoyed perhaps one of the very largest practices in the city and his acquaintanceship was large. Among all classes and conditions of men he enjoyed a confidence, a respect and an esteem that was venerated by few men. Naturally retiring in his disposition, he did not strive to be popular nor to enjoy the wide friendship that was his, but those who knew him best were his warmest and most sincere friends. In his death the community has lost one of its best citizens and the most successful practitioners.

Dr. Russell was born May 6th, 1872, and had, therefore, just passed his 43rd year. His father is Mr. Thos. B. Russell, now of advanced years and living at Laurinburg, N. C., himself ill and unable to be in Wilmington on account of the death of his son. His mother was Miss Fannie B. Havens, of Washington, N. C., and his uncle being Mr. Jonathan Havens, a prominent citizen of the same place to whom he was especially devoted.

Dr. Russell was educated in the schools of Wilmington, and received his first medical education at the North Carolina Medical College at Davidson, N. C. Later he attended the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, completing his medical education at the University of Maryland, in Baltimore. Later he took extensive post graduate work at different times in New York and elsewhere. He was devoted to the science of medicine and its practice, losing no opportunity to ground himself thoroughly in all that made for the successful practitioner.

Early in his professional career, Dr. Russell married Miss Roberta Lilly, a daughter of the late Mr. Edmond Lilly and Mrs. Lilly, who passed away after a long residence in Wilmington a few years since. His wife and three children survive Dr. Russell, the children being Frank H., Jr., about 14 years of age, and little Misses Catherine and Jane Russell. He was also survived by his mother and father.

Dr. Russell was a prominent lawyer of New York City, and Bryan Russell, of Quintana, Texas, and one sister, Mrs. Frank Morse, of Washington, N. C. Those who are so deeply bereaved in the death of Dr. Russell have the profound sympathy of a host of friends in their sorrow.

Dr. Russell is also survived by his step-mother, two half-sisters, Mrs. Jack Roper and Miss Olivia Russell of this city, and a half-brother, Mr. Shepherd Russell of Lynchburg, Va. The funeral was held from the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, the interment in Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington. The pallbearers were: Honorary; Messrs. W. B. Cooper, J. H. Rehder, R. R. Bellamy and D. L. Gore; active, Dr. Chas. T. Harper, Dr. Chas. P. Bolles, Messrs. J. J. Allen, J. T. King, J. G. McCormick and C. L. Meister. They were selected by Dr. Russell himself.

Mr. David S. Russell of Floral College and Olivia Russell of Laurinburg attended the funeral and burial Sunday.

Dr. Russell was born at the old Russell homestead, Sycamore Hill, Hoke county, then Robeson county. He received his early education in a private school, and his preparatory education under Prof. W. G. Quakenbush here in Laurinburg and at Wilmington school.

Mr. T. B. Russell, his aged father, who has been quite ill for the past three weeks was not able to attend the funeral.

### Sold Without Bid.

Henry Baker, col., charged with criminally assaulting the 11-year-old girl of Fittness Smith, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge S. W. Covington Tuesday. The evidence here out the former statement about the crime and Baker was committed to jail to await trial for his life in the November term of Scotland Superior Court.

It developed at the trial that the parents of the child had not reported the crime because a woman connected with Baker was said to have a capture and the Smith family was threatened with the same unless a payment of \$1000 was made. A bill will be introduced to report and expunge the name.

## INTERDENOMINATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday Schools of Scotland County to Hold Their Annual Interdenominational Sunday School Convention in Montpelier Church, Wagram, Wednesday, June 16, Beginning at 10 A. M.

## Society Notes

Mrs. John D. Shaw, Jr., was hostess in a very delightful reception given in honor of her friend, Miss Beas Saeberd of Chatham, Va., Wednesday night. Mrs. Shaw's handsome rooms were beautifully decorated in Dorothy Perkins roses, as was the punch bowl over which Misses Pats James and Alice Covington presided. The guests were met at the door by Miss Eva Covington, who welcomed them. They were then received by Mrs. Shaw, Miss Mary Malloy, of Ferris, Texas and Miss Shepherd.

Tables were placed on each of which was a different game. Progression was the order and at the count-up, it was found that Miss Rose Duer scored highest and received a handsome box of correspondence cards. The consolation went to Miss Grace Gill, and was a lovely little white leather wrist purse. Miss Shepherd received the guest prize, an elegant bottle of toilet water. The first prize for the gentlemen went to Mr. Dixon Phillips, and was a box of correspondence cards, and the consolation, a pipe and bag of tobacco, to Mr. Arch Carrie.

Mrs. Shaw served delicious cream and cake.

### THE RIGHT STAND.

Jonathan Peels think Lope Guyars have Done Great Things for Growers.

Editor EXCHANGE:

You cannot imagine how glad I was to see the notice to the cantaloupe growers published in the last issue of your paper. I regard this move as one of the most important agricultural events in the history of our county. There is no gainsaying the fact that Scotland grows an extra good quality of cantaloupes, and is prepared to grow them in abundance. It is a further fact that the returns for these melons have often been outlandishly disgraceful. Several reasons could safely be assigned for this—the two chief ones being improper preparation for the market and downright moral robbery on the part of too many commission merchants—not their local agents. The men who signed the notice above referred to have gained a true insight into the real condition of affairs and have, like the honorable men they are, pointed the way, and are offering their help in doing entirely away with the old and ruinous condition of affairs and establishing in its place a system of marketing that will mean hundreds of thousands of dollars to the cantaloupe growers of Scotland county. Let us all fairly, honestly and candidly admit our shortcomings as growers and shippers, remedy them, and thus do our part toward giving our noble little county a lasting and a permanently profitable cantaloupe market. Our county sorely needs such a market and as intelligent cantaloupe growers we cannot afford to do less than comply truly and faithfully with the suggestions contained in the aforesaid notice. Now is the time for all parties to unselfishly work together for the mutual and the common good. Surely at this the most important time in the development of the cantaloupe industry of our county no one will be weighed and found wanting. The crisis is upon us, let every man do his duty.

Jonathan Peels.

Gibson, June 5, 1915.

### Card of Thanks.

To the many kind friends who ministered to me during the illness and death of our dear little girl, we wish to return our sincere thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McN. Lyth.

At Montpelier church, Wagram, on Wednesday, June 16, the Annual Interdenominational Sunday School Convention of Scotland County will be held.

The program for the morning, which will begin at 10 o'clock, will be made up of an address and several short talks. Just who the chief speaker will be has not yet been determined, but the program committee assures us that an interesting and able speaker will be secured.

The afternoon session will be devoted to the business of the Association and round table discussions of Sunday school problems.

The music for the occasion will be in charge of Mr. W. H. Weatherspoon and will be furnished by the Laurinburg choirs. Mr. W. T. Crump, of Wagram, who is secretary of the Association, has asked us to urge every Sunday school in the county to send a big delegation to the convention.

It is the hope of those most interested that this meeting will be the greatest convention ever held in the county and plans are being made to this end.

This Association has done great good in its work and is an organization that should receive the loyal and unselfish support of every person in Scotland county.

### L. & S. SUFFER WRACK.

First Serious Wreck Railroad Has Suffered Happened Saturday.

The first wreck of serious character that the Laurinburg & Southern Railroad has suffered since it began operations about eight years ago happened Saturday morning at the south end of the switch at the McNair Phosphate Company's plant.

The train, with Capt. J. M. Paylor as conductor, Mr. Sargent as engineer and Mr. Troy Ray as fireman, on its return trip from Johns, traveling about 12 miles per hour, struck the switch at the Phosphate plant, the switch gave way, causing it to split and the engine to take the switch track and topple over, the balance of the train remaining on the main line.

The engine on the fireman's side was badly broken and splintered, and through good fortune and quick action, Mr. Ray, the fireman, escaped injury by jumping to the engineer's side of the cab. That no one was injured was a miracle, and especially is this true of Mr. Ray.

A wrecking crew was telegraphed for and soon arrived from Florence, S. C., and by working until Sunday morning at 5 o'clock, had the wreckage cleared away. Traffic on the road was stopped only during Saturday. Only about 100 feet of the track was torn up and put out of commission.

The disabled engine was carried to Florence for repairs.

### Mr. Mallie McNair Dead.

Mr. A. K. Currie received a message Friday from Raeford announcing the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Mallie McNair, which occurred at the family home in Raeford early Friday morning. Mr. McNair's death followed an illness that he had suffered for several months and came as no surprise to his friends and loved ones.

He is survived by one child, his young wife having passed away recently while a patient here in the James Sanatorium.

The funeral and burial took place Saturday at Raeford. Those attending from here were Messrs. A. K. Currie and W. R. Sutherland.

The local base-team will journey over to Raeford tomorrow to engage the Hoke boys in the second game of the great series between the teams. The first one being played off here this afternoon.