

MR. WOOTEN DEAD.

Was Speaker of the House of Representatives--Injury in Automobile Wreck Cause of His Death.

Raleigh, Feb. 27. Speaker R. Wooten of the lower house of the 1915 general assembly, died this afternoon about 3:45 as a result of injuries sustained in the automobile wreck that killed William T. Aycock and injured Senator Oivers D. Johnson.

The wreck that resulted in the most tragic circumstance of all legislatures of recent years occurred Tuesday morning, February 18, two miles from Raleigh as Mr. Wooten, Mr. Aycock and Mr. Johnson were returning from the Country Club in an automobile. Mr. Aycock was killed instantly and Mr. Wooten suffered fractured ribs and a rupture of the right kidney. This latter injury was not known until the patient's condition exposed the condition of the patient and an operation followed. He stood that well and every day showed improvement enough to give hope. Thursday he suffered a chill not known until yesterday when physicians announced great danger of pneumonia.

Throughout the day his feeble powers continued to fail him and at noon it became apparent that he could not live through the day. He died peacefully perhaps the only hour since his injury that has not been of suffering, though he betrayed it but seldom. His mother and wife were with him, as were other relatives.

Mr. Wooten was born in Craven county November 2, 1878, and was therefore 36 years old. He studied at Wake Forest and completed his course at the University of North Carolina. He studied law under Judge Alphonso Calhoun Avery and also at the state university, being admitted to the bar in 1909. At Wake Forest he was prominent in college athletics and was a member of the baseball team.

As speaker his administration was marked with the utmost good feeling. In the 90 odd days that he handled the gavel he made no ruling from which any appeal was made, nor one decision that called for any question. His appointments were gracious to those who differed from him politically, and the general assembly of 1915 will be marked in the years as an era of universal fellowship.

Mr. Wooten married Miss Nannie Cox 10 years ago and she survives, with two children.

He leaves a mother, too, with one surviving member of a family of 11 children.

The flags on the capital building were ordered at half mast when the death of Speaker Wooten was announced and Speaker Bowie and Lieutenant Governor Doughtridge conferred as to their committee to accompany the body home.

Meadows Township Buys New Road Machine.

The highway commissioners of Meadows township last week purchased a new road machine to use in keeping up the roads of their township.

For Sale.

A good black mare 7 years old and colt 5 months old. Will sell cheap. D. P. REID, 3rd. ch4t Madison, N. C., Route 3.

Government Issues 1914 Crop Report

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25. The crop reporting board of the Federal Department of Agriculture has just made public its estimate of the 1914 farm crops of the United States. Fourteen crops, covering 300,782,000 acres or 92 per cent of the nation's cultivated area are included in the report and the combined farm value of all products is estimated at \$1,946,000,000.

Although the 1914 production of crops is 10 per cent greater than the previous year the aggregate farm value is \$200,000,000 less.

Both the wheat and the cotton crops of the nation in 1914 were the largest on record. The cotton crop was nearly 10,000,000 bales and the wheat production was approximately 801,000,000 bushels. While the 1914 cotton crop was approximately 1,800,000 bales more than the one of 1913 the value was \$306,000,000 less. Cotton in 1913 averaged \$22.20 per acre against \$14.14 in 1914. The yield per acre in 1914 was 25 pounds more than in 1913 but the price per pound in 1914 was 6.8 cents and 12.2 cents in 1913.

Now Is the Time To Swat The Fly.

Uncle Sam is waging a relentless war on the deadly house fly and in a late bulletin prepared by the Department of Agriculture, valuable information is given on the best means of combating this deadly pest. The most effective way of exterminating the fly, according to the bulletin, is to eradicate his breeding places. The breeding season of the fly begins early in March and continues throughout the spring and summer months. All dirt should be removed from the premises, stables cleaned and decaying vegetables destroyed.

The fly has rightly been called the undertaker's traveling salesman, and in addition to his regular line of "typhoid bugs" he carries a side line of tubercle bacilli, Asiatic Cholera and other disease germs. Now is the time to "swat the fly."

Leiter Testifies in Wheat At Inquiry.

New York, Feb. 26. Jos. Leiter, wheat operator of 15 years ago, testified today at the state inquiry into the increased cost of bread that American farmers had long been selling wheat for less production cost. The farmer, Mr. Leiter said, has nothing to say about prices. The terminal market or exchange, he declared, and the Liverpool exchange as the leading exchanges of the price. Mr. Leiter said he had not speculated in wheat since 1898. He admitted he had not forgotten any of the tricks of the trade.

Health Promotes Happiness.

Without health, genuine joy is impossible; without good digestion and regular bowel movement you cannot have health. Why neglect keeping bowels open and risk being sick and ailing? You don't have to. Take one small Dr. King's New Life Pill at night, in the morning you will have a full, free bowel movement and feel much better. Helps your appetite and digestion. Try one tonight.

The Hands Should Be Washed Before Permitting The To Carry Food To The Mouth.

The hands carry a great many germs to the mouth, and thus to the throat and alimentary tract, and it does not occur to the owner once in a dozen times that he is anything but clean. Just watch yourself or any member of the family, and you will find illustrations of what I mean.

Did you ever see a tired farmer come in, wash well, sit down and remark that his feet are tired, and ask one of the children to bring him his shoes? He will change his shoes, which may have come in contact with any filth or infection, give a sigh of relief, peel and eat an apple, giving morsels to the children.

A case has come to my attention of a doctor who got a bad sore on his lip. He recognized it as caused by a germ not usually present on clean living people. His little girl had become infected from his kissing her. He traced it to its source and found that he took the horse to the stable, came in, washed his hands, and donned his slippers. The stable man had been the source of infection and they had been carried by the doctor's hands from his shoes to his mouth.

It is a good plan to warn children of the value of washing the hands after handling their shoes.

One of the first requisites of a good nurse is to wash her hands after touching one patient before handling any food to another patient. The religious ceremony of the Hebrews which involved the washing of the hands has gone a long way towards making the Jews the virile race they are today. We can learn a lesson from them—washing the hands well after touching the shoes in any way is a sensible, protective measure.

Christian-Simmons.

Mr. Rominy Simmons and Miss Bernice Christian were quietly married Sunday evening at six o'clock at the home of Dr. T. J. Smith, an uncle of the groom. The wedding was attended by a few of the neighbors who had gathered in to see the ceremony. After the marriage vows had been taken the bride and groom with a few friends were served with an elegant supper at the home of the groom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Simmons.

Miss Christian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Christian and is very popular with the people of the entire Westfield section, strikingly beautiful and of splendid character. This is the second of Mr. Christian's daughters to be married in the New Year.

The groom is a popular young man and a highly successful farmer of Westfield.

For the present Mr. and Mrs. Simmons will reside at the home of Mr. R. K. Simmons.—Mt. Airy News.

Farmers Union Meeting.

A meeting of Stewart local Farmers Union is hereby called for Saturday night, March 6th, at the Stewart school house, and all the members are urgently requested to attend.

WALTER MITCHELL, President.

Mr. Jno. Pulliam, of King, spent Sunday night and Monday in Danbury.

Catarrh of the Head

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Mr. Tom F. Brady, No. 2 Manhattan St., Rochester, N. Y., writes: "I was troubled with catarrh of the head for many years before I paid much attention to it, but a few months ago I was so annoyed by headaches and dizziness in breathing through my nose, and my eyes started and looked so inflamed that I felt I must do something to relieve this state of affairs."

"I noticed one of your ads. in the paper and then read there decided to try Peruna. I am pleased to say that it came up to all my expectations, for in six weeks it had driven the catarrh out of my system and I have not been troubled since."

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