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ALL HEALTH PUTS END TO NOTABLE PUBLIC CAREER

William Howard Taft Resigns As Chief Justice of Supreme Court; Only Man to Be Both President and Chief Justice; Charles Evans Hughes Appointed by Hoover To Fill Vacancy.

Washington, Feb. 3.—William Howard Taft resigned today as Chief Justice of the United States, and President Hoover promptly appointed Charles Evans Hughes to succeed him.

Despite his failing health, the sudden voluntary ending of the public career of Mr. Taft, with its span of 43 years, came as a public surprise, at little more so than did the selection of the former Secretary of State as his successor.

The resignation of the only man to be both President and Chief Justice is presented to the President just before noon by a son, Robert A. Taft. He had brought it to Washington from Asheville, where Mr. Taft had been resting for three weeks after a recurrence of an old organic ailment.

Accepting the resignation with reluctance, Mr. Hoover determined to name a successor as speedily as possible so that there might be the minimum of delay in handling the business of the court.

Offered to Hughes
He located Mr. Hughes in New York by long distance telephone, offered him the post and there was prompt acceptance.

The nomination immediately was prepared and transmitted to the Senate soon after 4 p. m. Prompt confirmation is looked for, with the expectation that Mr. Hughes will take office as Chief Justice within the next few days.

From the moment of the announcement of the resignation of Mr. Taft to the nomination of Mr. Hughes, the belief is sent to the Senate, the belief is sent fairly general in both of the Supreme Court circles that associate Justice Harlan Fiske Stone would be elevated to the highest judicial post in the country.

By speedily filling the post, the Chief Executive cut short speculation to Mr. Taft's probable successor. Hughes and Stone already were being mentioned prominently, as well as former President Coolidge and Senator Borah, of Idaho.

Appointment of Mr. Hughes as Chief Justice will create another vacancy in the Federal service. His son, Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., will sign as Solicitor General of the United States, since this official ranks the more important cases for government before the Supreme Court.

Mr. Hughes, in New York, said he would accept the nomination as Chief Justice.

Awaits Notice

Pending the receipt of formal notice from the Chief Executive, Mr. Hughes declined to make a formal statement.

He said, however, he would cable his resignation as a justice of the Supreme Court and revealed that he already had apprised the court that he would not be a candidate for reelection for a full nine-year term beginning in September.

His decision not to be a candidate was prompted, he said, by a reluctance to spend most of the next nine years away from the United States. He is filling the unexpired term of Justice Bassett Moore.

Mr. Hughes explained that regarding his decision, it would have been necessary to sever his connection with the World Court upon acceptance of the Chief Justiceship, rules of the World Court forbid anyone holding any political or administrative office.

Mr. Hughes said that he otherwise would have accepted the nomination that would make him the presiding officer of the court on which he served as associate justice before his unsuccessful quest of the Presidency in 1916.

Rowland Doctor Held On Serious Charge

D. D. Bullock, Rowland physician and Mrs. Julia Smith Grimsley, Rowland nurse, were arrested at the Lumberton hotel Sunday and being held on the Robeson county on a serious charge.

Bullock, member of a prominent Rowland family, is said to have been home several days ago. Friday he left his wife that he was going to leave her and go off with her woman, Mrs. Grimsley. He is said to have been called into the bedroom of the home, where Mrs. Bullock and 2 children had gone to bed, there the matter was discussed, telling his wife that he was going to leave her and go off with her woman, Mrs. Grimsley. He was going to the hotel here about 12 p. m. The man knocked on the door of the proprietor's room and asked a room for him "and his wife." They were directed to a room. They did not come outside all day.

Local Alumnae Chapter Has Meeting Thursday

Group Chairmen Appointed To Devise Ways And Means of Raising Money For Beautification of F. M. C.

The local chapter of the Flora Macdonald Alumnae Association met at the home of Miss Mary McEachern Thursday evening at 7:30. The meeting was presided over by three hostesses, secretary and treasurer of this chapter, in the absence of the president, Mrs. Hiram Grantham. The purpose of the meeting was stated to the members present by Miss McEachern who said that the local chapter was to be divided into groups with a chairman over each group who shall devise some means by which her group can make some money. Col. John Gribbel of Philadelphia has offered to double any amount made by the Alumnae Association that shall go for the physical beautification of the college buildings and grounds. Ways and means of raising money were suggested and discussed by the group. Plans have further been made since the meeting to sell chicken salad on Monday afternoons and to serve meals to different organizations in town and at times to the public. A curb market to begin during the spring months has been suggested for one chairman. Miss Bessie Covington has consented to give one of her well liked and well coached plays during the summer months.

The chairmen appointed at this meeting were: Mrs. Charles Leigh, Mrs. Percy Graham, Misses Bessie Covington, Mary Lou Beard, Flora McKinnon, Mary Law of F. M. C., and Mrs. Clifton Adams of Philadelphia.

This was an interesting and enthusiastic meeting with a large number present. A social hour followed the meeting and the hostess served delicious tea and cake.

Meeting Of Woman's Auxiliary Circles

The executive committee committee of the Woman's Auxiliary will meet in the church hut Monday afternoon at 3:30.

Circle No. 1 will meet at the home of Miss Katie Blue McLeod Thursday evening at 7:30.

Circle No. 2 will meet at the home of Miss Mamie McNeill Tuesday afternoon at 3:30.

Circle No. 3 will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. J. E. Purcell.

Circle No. 4 will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. Ella McKinnon.

Circle No. 5 will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the church hut.

PEMBROKE NEWS

Rev. Neill McInnis of Philadelphia filled his regular appointment here in the Presbyterian church last Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. F. B. Noblitt of Lumberton filled his regular appointment to the Methodist congregation in Pembroke consolidated school house last Sunday morning.

There was no school at Pembroke Consolidated school last Thursday and Friday on account of the bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Niel Cadieu of Hamlet, brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. R. B. Harper were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Harper.

Mrs. N. W. Batten and baby of Elrod spent a day or two recently with Mrs. Batten's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Tyner. Miss Jeanette Tyner accompanied them home and spent a day or two with them.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Biddell spent a recent Sunday in Peachland visiting Mr. Biddell's mother, Mrs. C. A. Biddell.

Former Rural Policeman, A. M. Maddy and family are leaving today for Durham where they will make their home.

Mesdames N. H. Biddell, W. J. Tolar and Worth Culbreth visited Johns Station, Hasty and Laurinburg one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ray and family expect to move to Lumberton today or tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Ray and family have made many friends during their residence here who regret to give them up.

Pembroke's new policeman, Mr. O. D. Wells, expects to move his family here from Dillon, S. C., either today or tomorrow. They will occupy a house next to Mrs. Kate Bullard's home. His family consists of his mother and one son.

Messrs J. E. Sawyer, R. B. Harper and M. N. Folger attended in Lumberton last Saturday the joint meeting of the school teachers and 4-H demonstration leaders.

Miss Ina Higley of Lumberton spent last week-end visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Folger.

Master Francis Biddell spent last week-end visiting his grandmother at Hasty.

Saturday, the woman coming down about the middle of the day and asking that meals be sent to the room for her "and her husband." The couple remained in the room until their arrest Sunday.—Robesonian.

Robeson County Basket Ball Tournament Starts Here Wed.

Sixteen Teams Already Entered In Ketch Ball Championship Tournament Annual Event To Be Staged Here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Of Next Week; Many Good Con- tests Predicted.

The Annual Robeson County Basket Ball Championship Tournament will be played in the Red Springs high school auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Invitations were sent out sometime ago to all the schools in the county, and to date sixteen teams have been entered, nine boys' and seven girls' teams. Coach Ormand states that the schedule of games for the tournament will be mailed Friday afternoon to the school signifying their intention of participating, and that no teams will be permitted to enter after that time.

The first game will be called at 8:30 Friday afternoon and continue until 10:30, or until the games are over. It is understood that, owing to the uneven number of teams entered, there will be several byes to be played, necessitating perhaps two games Thursday afternoon. The semifinals will be played on Thursday night, and the contest will close on Friday night.

The teams entered so far are: Lumber Bridge, St. Pauls, Maxton, Lumberton, Philadelphia, Parkton, Rowland, Barnesville and Red Springs; girls: Lumber Bridge, Red Springs, Maxton, Lumberton, Philadelphia, Rowland and Parkton.

The teams playing in this contest are the pick of the county, and some

interesting basket ball art is scheduled for exhibition.

The tournament was originated in 1927 and since that time has been gaining in interest year by year, and this contest promises to be the best of all. Philadelphia won both cups the first year, the only school that has won both honors. In 1928 the honors went to Lumberton boys and Lumber Bridge girls; last year Red Springs boys won out in the race, and Floral College carried off girls' honors.

This year there is much speculation as to the possible winners. Parkton and Lumberton boys are solidly set on carrying off the honors with flying colors, but Red Springs and Barnesville are to contend with, not to mention several others. So a definite prediction cannot be forthcoming.

For the girls the tournament may be a free for all, for the champion team would be a wide guess at this time. One thing is certain, however, and that is the teams that win the tournament honors will fight, and fight hard, in every game they play. A silver loving cup will be awarded the girls' and boys' teams winning the championship after the final game Friday night, and there will perhaps be prizes for outstanding individual playing.

Coach Ormand states that he has several men under consideration to referee, men who have much experience in officiating at tournaments, and one will be engaged who will prove satisfactory to all concerned.

Parent - Teacher Assoc. to Celebrate "Founder's Day"

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock the Parent-Teacher Association will celebrate "Founder's Day" with a program that will be of interest to fathers, mothers, and teachers. The program will begin with an amusing and instructive play written by Mrs. J. A. Love. The title of the play is "Schools of Yesterday and Today" and its purpose is to show the wonderful changes that the Parent-Teacher Association has been able to make in the schools. The actors in the play will be members of the association.

A free will offering will be taken at the door. This is not expected to be very liberal as the purpose is principally to meet expenses incident to the occasion.

The program will be as follows:

Business Session.

Play—by members of the P. T. A.

Piano solo—Mr. A. V. Thomas.

Why Mothers Should be Members of the P. T. A., Mrs. S. F. Hudson.

Why Fathers Should be Members of the P. T. A., Rev. C. T. Rogers.

At the conclusion of the program a social hour will be held. Everybody is urged to be present, and join in celebrating the birthday of the Parent-Teacher Association.

J. H. CAMERON TO GET PAROLE

Freedom of Man Who Got 20 Years In Death of Raeford Officer Follows Appeals.

Raleigh, February 4.—John H. Cameron, who was returned to North Carolina on November 17, 1928 to complete a sentence for murder after escaping and being free for 14 years, during which time he became a prominent and prosperous business man at Sylacauga, Ala., will be paroled tomorrow, Gov. O. Max Gardner announced tonight.

Cameron escaped from state prison here December 21, 1914, after serving less than one year of a 20-year sentence for the murder of P. C. Oates, Raeford chief of police, member of a prominent family, for who had previously arrested Cameron, drunkenness.

In appeals for clemency, it developed that Cameron had given \$10,000 to the family of the man he killed.

Respected Colored Man Dies Wednesday

Henderson Buxton, a well known and respected colored man of Red Springs, died here yesterday morning following an illness of several months. Uncle Buxton was one of the landmarks of Flora Macdonald College and one of its trusted employees, having worked on the college grounds practically ever since the institution was established over thirty years ago. His presence about the college campus will be missed as he was always ready to run errands and do little odd jobs for the girls and for the faculty members whenever called upon. Uncle Buxton was about seventy years old and lived his entire life in this community.

Seeks Rotary Post

DR. ROSCOE D. McMILLAN



of Red Springs, who recently announced his candidacy for the office of Governor of the 57th District of Rotary International. Dr. McMillan is eminently fitted for this office and his friends over the state wish him great success.

Library Asks For Biographical Works

Is there anything more interesting or inspiring than the life struggle of a great man? Young people especially young boys and men—like to read biographies and our library has many calls for such. We have biographies of a kind, but not just the kind we need. No cut and dried facts for the young people of today—no, sir! Carlyle once said that a true biography tells two things: the effect of society on the man, and the effect of that man on society. A great number of these true biographies are in print now and we need them. We are taking this opportunity of asking you to help us get them. If you have any in your library, why not give some to us so that everyone may enjoy them. Our boys and girls need them. Just bring them to the librarian any day or hour.

And while you are looking through your shelves, see if you have any library books that have been misplaced. (Books, as you know, are like people—they have roving habits and can't stay in their places.) We are trying hard to locate some of our "lost or strayed." Please help us by looking for them and also by returning books promptly.

Father and Son Banquet At Philadelphus Thurs.

The students of vocational agriculture held their annual "Father-Son" Banquet at Philadelphus last Thursday evening. In spite of the sleet and snow fifty boys, their friends and fathers were present.

A delicious four-course dinner was prepared and served by the students of Home Economics under the direction of Miss Lillian Bell, head of the department. The girls were assisted in preparing the food by the lady teachers of the school. The dining room was most attractively arranged.

The menu was composed of products which were raised on the home farms of the agriculture boys demonstrating the "Gardner doctrine" of living-at-home. Following dinner and a toast to "Dad" by Kenneth Brown, it was explained by J. Ed. Tiddy, teacher of agriculture, that the students of Philadelphus had formed themselves into a chapter of the Young Tarheel Farmers, the State organization which is a unit of the Future Farmers of America, one of the world's largest student organizations. It was under the auspices of this club that the banquet was given.

Samuel Strain read a letter from the National secretary telling of the 118 chapters of the club in North Carolina and recognizing the state's high standing. The Future Farmers' and the Country Boys' Creeds were read by James McNeill, following which an explanation of the club's degree work was given by Robert Williams. He also pointed out the requirements with which a student must comply in order to advance in the club. Outstanding among these are: a student must be enrolled in a regular vocational class; must earn and save certain sums of money; must accumulate capital, carry out supervised project under the direction of the agriculture teacher, and he must maintain a high average of scholarship in all of his high school work, the exact percentages being set forth for each degree.

Mr. J. E. Tiddy urged the cooperation of the fathers in helping the club.

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Misses Brown and Jessie Morrison spent the weekend with relatives in Maxton.

Mr. Lloyd Cook of Franklinton spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. L. M. Cook.

Mr. John Byrne of Lumberton visited his mother, Mrs. J. A. Byrne, who is sick at her home here, Sunday.

FORMER DEAN OFF. M. COLLEGE DIED FRIDAY

Miss Patty Watkins, For Twenty Years Dean of Faculty of Flora Macdonald College, Died Friday in Farmville, Va.; Known and Loved By Everyone Here.

Word was received in Red Springs last Friday of the death of Miss Patty Watkins which occurred at her home in Farmville, Va., that day. The news brought sadness to the whole town and community as Miss Watkins was well known here and loved by every one.

Miss Watkins was for twenty years dean of the faculty of Flora Macdonald College and during all those years of service she was closely associated with every movement in the town looking toward the betterment of the community and its citizens. Especially was Miss Watkins active in the teaching and general welfare of the colored people of this section, as well as the less fortunate among the white.

During the twenty years Miss Watkins served as dean of the faculty of Flora Macdonald College she was in constant touch with every girl in the college and a close personal friend to all of them. The whole student body, faculty and students, looked to Miss Watkins for advice on every question, civic and spiritual, and her advice was always accepted and followed. To her, probably more than to any one other person connected with the college, is due the credit for building up the religious atmosphere and Christian training which has made Flora Macdonald stand out as a truly Christian college.

The alumnae association of the college has lost a true and valuable friend and advisor, but her influence over the members of this organization will be felt in generations to come.

Woman's Club Urges Planting Of Dogwood Trees

(Contributed)

The Woman's club met Monday afternoon in the hotel parlors with a good attendance. A portion of the business session was devoted to discussing ways and means of securing more books for the library. A plan is on foot—may success attend it. Lend a helping hand, one and all. After the business of the club was dispensed with the meeting was thrown open for general discussion on Flower Culture. Many helpful and interesting suggestions were made concerning growing flowers, pruning shrubbery, etc. The club has adopted for its slogan, "Plant a dogwood tree." Plant one whether you live in a rented home or your own.

The following item is a part of and quoted from a message to the boys and girls of Atlanta, Ga., by the superintendent of the city schools: "I do not believe that any type of our education is more essential than the development of our love for nature; for water, trees, plants, animals, birds and outdoor life. In sleeping with out national precedence idea, I wish to urge upon our boys and girls the continued planting of dogwoods on their lots at home. It is such a mistake to injure or to hurt in any way a growing, developing plant. Did you ever think that it might hurt the feelings of the tree as much as some rough hands might hurt your sensitive nerves! What a beautiful city we could make of Atlanta if on every lot the dogwood flower in spring showed its green beautiful leaves through the entire summer and made glorious the fall with its red berries. If in addition we could plant about our premises the crepe myrtle and the holly and then have a flower garden of our own and if each home in Atlanta would do such a thing how much we would add to the beauty and glory of our living!"

This is quoted to show what other towns and communities are doing. If others can, why can't Red Springs? Visualize Red Springs with even one dogwood in every yard blooming at the same time—again with crepe myrtle all aglow, and in mid-winter every home with a holly ablaze with red berries. What beauty, what pleasure, what food for the soul!

It can be done. There is not enough time put on the study of nature, planting of gardens and growing of flowers. Red Springs is naturally a pretty place and lends itself easily to beautifying. Put a little more time on this type of culture, and remember the slogan: "Plant a dogwood tree."

MISS MONROE TEACHES FRESHMAN ENGLISH HERE

Miss Elizabeth Monroe of Takamatsu, Japan, who has been studying at Columbia University, New York City, arrived Saturday to take up her duties as teacher of Freshman English at Flora Macdonald College. Miss Monroe is a member of the class of 1929 and will take Miss Louise Carson's place while she is studying at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

TO SELL CHICKEN SALAD MONDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Percy Graham and her group of the local F. M. C. Alumnae Association will sell chicken salad Monday afternoon in the vacant store next to the Red Springs Theatre. They will also have home made cakes for sale at Miss Katie R. Brown's store Saturday morning.