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WILLIAM H. TAFT DIES SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 8.—William Howard Taft, former President and former Chief Justice, died at his home here late this afternoon. He passed peacefully from life, wrapped in a merciful unconsciousness after weeks of illness. A stroke from hardening of the arteries preceded death by half an hour. He was in his 73rd year.

By his own request, he will rest in Arlington Cemetery, the citadel of the nation's heroic dead. The funeral services will be held probably on Tuesday, at All Souls' Unitarian church, which he attended.

President Hoover was foremost among the many who went sorrowfully tonight to the residence on Wyoming Avenue, where the only man in history to hold America's highest offices slept in death. The President announced a 30-day period of official mourning.

At the point of death for many days suffering hopelessly from a combination of ailments, Mr. Taft had surprised his physicians by the vitality of his last hours. But at 4:45 this afternoon a sudden stroke, while he was alone except for his nurse, heralded the end.

Fifteen minutes later Dr. H. G. Fuller reached the bedside, but turned away with a shake of the head. Mrs. Taft, summoned from another room, took up her station near at hand for the last vigil. At 5:15 o'clock death snuffed out at last the flickering flame.

The only daughter Mrs. Helen Taft Manning, was away for a short automobile ride when death occurred. The two sons, Robert and Charles, both of Cincinnati, had left Washington after spending several days at their father's bedside.

Official Bulletin
The official bulletin issued by Mr. Taft's chief physicians said: "The former Chief Justice died at 4:45 p. m. A sudden change in his condition occurred at 4:45 p. m., from which he failed to rally."

Immediately the news was telephoned to the White House, President Hoover tendered to Mrs. Taft the entire facilities of the executive mansion. It was undecided tonight whether the body would lie in state in the East Room, at the Capitol or elsewhere.

The President and Mrs. Hoover, like the many others who called at the Wyoming Avenue home, remained but a few minutes talking with the little group within. Almost at the moment the White House limousine drew up before the house, Chief Justice Hughes arrived from the opposite direction. Members of the Cabinet, diplomats and Mr. Taft's associates on the supreme bench were among the many who followed.

But one who had called there many times during the long illness was absent tonight. Associate Justice Sanford, until today apparently in perfect health, eight years Taft's junior had suddenly preceded his former chief in death. And by another strange turn of fate, both Taft and Sanford passed on when another member of the court Oliver Wendell Holmes, was observing his eighty-ninth birthday.

Final funeral arrangements will not be made until the sons reach Washington, probably tomorrow. Already, however, plans have been made tonight for the attendance of all of the ranking officials of the government which Taft had served, in humble and in high place, for four decades.

Long Illness
Mr. Taft had been confined to his home since February 4, when he returned to Washington from Asheville, N. C. where he had gone for rest and recuperation. The day previous he had resigned as Chief Justice.

Suffering from an old nervous disorder a bladder complaint and heart trouble, his condition was aggravated of late by hardening of the arteries. The doctors abandoned hope for his ultimate recovery weeks ago and last Thursday said it was only a matter of time.

Cause of Death
Dr. Hagner said tonight that a sudden stroke of cerebro-arterio-sclerosis caused the death of Mr. Taft.

President Hoover tonight officially announced the death of Mr. Taft in a proclamation calling upon the nation to observe a 30-day period of mourning with flags at half mast.

Proclamation
The proclamation follows: "To the people of the United States:

It becomes my sad duty to announce officially the death of William Howard Taft, which occurred at his home in the City of Washington, on the eighth day of March, nineteen hundred and thirty, at 5:15 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Taft's service to our country has been of rare distinction and was marked by a purity of patriotism, a lofty disinterestedness and a devotion to the best interests of the nation that deserve and will ever command the grateful memory of his countrymen. His career was almost unique in the wide range of official duty; as judge, as Solicitor-General, Governor-General of the Philippines, Secretary of War, President of the United States and finally

CROSSES THE BAR



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT
The only man to ever hold the positions of President and Chief Justice of the United States died Saturday and funeral was held Tuesday.

Care Of The Teeth Discussed At P. T. A. Meet By Dr. Branch

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held in the high school auditorium Friday night with a large number of the parents present. After very interesting reports were made by several committees showing what had been done recently toward beautifying the play grounds and equipping the grounds with play apparatus a short program consisting of musical numbers by pupils of Miss Mary McEachern and songs by high school girls under the direction of Mr. Alvin Thomas.

The reports of the committees showed see-saws, basket ball courts, and other play equipment installed and a large amount of work done on the grounds in the way of sowing grass, planting shrubbery, etc. The association expressed their appreciation to Mrs. E. L. Cox for the donation to the school of shrubbery and flowers for beautifying the grounds.

Following the program Dr. W. L. McRae introduced Dr. E. S. Branch, of the State department, who gave a very instructive as well as interesting talk to the parents on the care of the children's teeth. Many slides showing the effects of improper care and neglect of the teeth were shown and an earnest plea made by the speaker to the parents to look after their children's teeth. A majority of the ills and retardations of school children may be traced directly to the teeth, stated Dr. Branch.

On the roll call the second grade won the prize in the primary department, the seventh grade in the grammar school and the ninth grade in the high school.

District Clubs Meet At Elizabethtown

The Tenth District meeting of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration clubs will be held in Elizabethtown April 18 at 10:30 a. m. The Bladen county club, with Mrs. Roy Council of White Oak as president, and Mrs. L. L. Hester of Elizabethtown, Bladen county home demonstration agent, will act as hostesses for this second meeting of the district organization.

Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon of Raleigh will be the speaker of the day. Mrs. McKimmon, who is assistant director of the N. C. extension department, is known throughout the State as a most attractive and interesting speaker.

Those who attend are asked to carry box lunches which will be served during the noon hour.

All Home Demonstration club members of the district are expected to attend. A most cordial invitation is extended to the members of the Women's Federated clubs and to those who are not members of any club.

Mrs. Eastham Has Party For Teachers

A delightful tea was given Saturday afternoon by Mrs. R. L. Eastham at her home on South Main Street to the lady members of the Red Springs graded and high school faculty.

Those present were Misses Bessie Covington, Iva Studebaker, Blanch Irvin, Maude Moore, Annabel DeVane, Mary McLean, Laura Hedrick, Ruby Doub, Grace Goodman, Mittie Smith and Mrs. J. A. McRae.

'Song of Love' Human Story Well Portrayed

"The Song of Love," Columbia's all-talking, singing and dancing feature, starring Bella Baker, that is to be shown at the Red Springs Theatre next Monday and Tuesday offers complete and satisfying entertainment to any and every type of theatre goer. In addition to the star performance of Bella Baker, historically and vocally and the excellent musical score, there is a human interest story with plenty of heart interest.

BROCCOLI NETS GROWERS HANDSOME RETURNS

New Italian Vegetable, Planted For First Time This Year By E. L. Buie and Associates, Proves Unusually Profitable; Will Yield Estimated Returns of Three Hundred Dollars Per Acre; Other Varieties To Be Planted Next Year; Healthy Vegetable.

Broccoli may yet prove to be the salvation of the farmers of Robeson county. This is the prediction of Mr. E. L. Buie, of this city, who in cooperation with several New York brokers has been experimenting this year with thirty acres of the new vegetable.

Mr. Buie and Mr. Morris Loewenthal and brother, one of the oldest commission houses in New York, set out last fall about thirty acres of broccoli, the more to try out the soil in this section, as to its adaptability for the growing of this class of vegetable. The experiment has proved very successful and would have been even more so had not the cold snap which dropped down on Robeson county just before Christmas frozen out the first cuttings. It is understood that to date something over a hundred dollars per acre has been realized from the plant with the largest and most important part of the crop yet to be harvested.

Broccoli is a cold weather Italian vegetable belonging to the cauliflower family. In fact it is a cross between cauliflower and the turnip. Doctors and blood specialists have pronounced it high in vitamins and the variety which is being grown through this section contains a large amount of iodine. The tops of the plants are sold chiefly on the Southern markets, as greens or salad very much on the order of spinach or turnip greens. They do not have the bitter taste of the turnip nor the sick taste of the spinach.

After the tops have been marketed the stems are cut and shipped to the northern markets where they are in great demand, replacing to a large extent asparagus tips.

Next year Mr. Buie and his associates are planning a series of experiments with other vegetables similar to Broccoli, such as Escarole, Anise, and Italian Squash. Escarole is a vegetable of the Italian variety very much like our lettuce. The Anise belongs to the same family and is eaten extensively in Italy and other southern European countries. It is the juice from this plant that goes into Absinth which makes this beverage so popular among the French and Swiss. It is also used throughout Italy in the manufacture of beverages.

If these vegetables are found to produce repeatedly to advantage in this section the farmers may soon find an escape from cotton and tobacco and produce a crop that brings in cash at a time of year when cash is very essential as well as scarce.

Miss Ann MacRaine Passes Last Week

The funeral of Miss Ann MacRaine took place Wednesday afternoon, March 5th, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Correy Smith, and interment was in the Smith burying ground nearby. Miss MacRaine had reached the advanced age of 85 and had been very active until a short while before her death. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church.

Miss MacRaine was an aunt of Mr. Graham Smith and Mr. Neill Archie Smith of this place.

Mrs. J. A. Love Hostess At Bridge

A delightful bridge party was given by Mrs. J. A. Love at her home here Tuesday afternoon honoring her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Love, of Williamsburg, Va. who is a guest of Mrs. Love. At the close of the game refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Love's guests included Mesdames W. B. Townsend, R. L. Eastham, W. B. Robeson, W. A. Bullock, Martin McKimmon, R. D. McMillan and Miss Genevieve McMillan.

ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL FOR THE SIXTH MONTH

First grade B: William Lovin, Bain Allen, Betty Brewer, Hal Throver.
First grade A: Mildred Mercer, Roy Singleton, Jr., Charles Leich, Bobby Graham.

Second grade: Margie McKenzie, Olga Pearl Marshall, Irene Edens, Worth Currie, Jr.
Third grade: Eva Bounds, Hazel Mae Jones, Margaret McLaughlin, Marjorie McManus, Carol Stiles, Mary Mac Watson.

Fourth grade: Archibald Lovin, Frances Singleton, Doris Baggett, Laura Bedinger, Lillian Hamilton.
Fifth grade: Marie McManus, Katherine Ussery, Emma Brown Grant.

Sixth grade: Pearl Dean, Douglas Buie, Haskell Hall, Hamilton McMillan, Allan McLaughlin, Billy Gibson.
Seventh grade: Annie Ruth Cope, Mary Elizabeth Stanton, Dorothy Singleton, Celia Newton.

Veteran Fayetteville Editor Dies Sunday

Fayetteville, March 9.—After more than half a century of service in journalistic ranks, George Gannon Myrover, editor of the Fayetteville Observer, died early this morning from the effects of a paralytic stroke suffered Thursday. Mr. Myrover's death occurred at his home on Haymount, where he was born and reared, and the funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 4:30 from the First Presbyterian church, of which he had been a life long member, a deacon and an elder.

Beginning at the age of 14, Mr. Myrover was connected with newspapers of the upper Cape Fear section during the greater part of the past 64 years. He began work on his father's paper, the Fayetteville News, immediately after the Civil War. Later he became a publisher himself, with his elder brother, the late J. Harry Myrover. Their paper was the N. C. Gazette, printed in Fayetteville. It had a longer life than most journals of that time, five years. The existing files of the Gazette, containing much historical material pertaining to the stirring events of those times, are now in the University of North Carolina, having been donated by Mr. Myrover. In 1885 he became the owner of the Observer which he published for several years before selling it to the Hales. He was then out of the newspaper field until 1908, when he became editor of the Cape Fear Shuttle. When that paper was merged with the Fayetteville Index he became associate editor of the Index, which was published by John A. Oates and J. A. Parham.

In 1911 he returned to the Observer and has been with that journal since.

W. P. Kay Sells New Aladdin Oil Lamp

W. P. Kay, our progressive local hardware dealer is making announcement elsewhere in this paper which is of particular interest to every home owner who is without electricity for lighting. They have just secured the local franchise for the famous new "Instant-Light" Aladdin kerosene mantle lamp which gives a beautiful modern white light equal to ten ordinary oil lamps. It is four times as economical as the best open-flame lamp, the reason being that it burns only 6 per cent kerosene and 94 per cent air. It will save its cost in a few months' time.

The Aladdin is simplicity itself in operation—anyone (even children) can run it. It is perfectly safe. Does not require generating, pumping up, or pre-heating. It gives off no offensive odor, does not sputter, hiss or make the slightest noise—burns without smoke.

These new Aladdins may be secured in either bronze or nickel finish and are available in either table, hanging, bracket or floor lamp styles. The Aladdin Floor Lamp is something new and distinctly different—never before available in an oil lamp. All Aladdins may be equipped with either plain glass shades or decorated glass or parchment shades, except the floor lamp, which comes with parchment shade only. All decorated shades are beautifully designed and are in five colors.

Every home not equipped with electricity should have at least one Aladdin. It would be advisable to visit this store at as early a date as possible while the line is complete so that you may secure a wider choice. Read the important announcement elsewhere in the paper for further details.

Frigidaire Hydrator On Display Here

Restoration of wilted vegetables, and preservation of fresh vegetables in the finest condition for many days at a time have been made possible by Frigidaire Corporation, world's largest manufacturer of electric refrigeration equipment, through the invention of a moist air compartment known as a hydrator, according to a national announcement by this General Motors subsidiary.

Such vegetables as celery, lettuce, watercress, endive, spinach, parsley, radishes, carrots, green beans and similar varieties which have wilted can be restored to their original, fresh-from-the-garden appearance in the hydrator, and sandwiches can be held fresh and appetizing for long periods of time.

The hydrator now is on display at Garrett's and McNeill's and complete information concerning it and its uses may be obtained there on Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14.

Following the policy used in introducing the cold control, Frigidaire has made it possible for all users of its product to install the hydrator in their present household refrigerator at a nominal cost. All new Frigidaires are equipped with this device.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McLeod announce the birth of a son, James T. McLeod, Wednesday, March 5th.

Justice Edward Sanford Dies Suddenly Saturday

Washington, March 8.—Death took Justice Edward Terry Sanford at 12:20 p. m., today after an illness of less than three hours.

The distinguished son of Tennessee had left his home after breakfast, seemingly in excellent health and cheerful as usual. He was looking forward to joining his supreme Court colleagues at noon in honoring Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes on his eighty-ninth birthday. He never reached the court.

After treatment, the jurist collapsed in the office of a dentist. Medical aid proved of no avail. He was rushed back to his home and Mrs. Sanford in an unconscious condition. Uremic poisoning was given as the cause of death.

The passing saddened Washington from President Hoover down. Expressions of regret recorded the sterling character and judicial accomplishments of the late Justice. He had served on the Supreme Court since 1923.

Funeral at Knoxville
Mr. Sanford will be buried in his native city, Knoxville, Tennessee. The funeral party plans to leave here tomorrow at 10:35 p. m. The body will be taken from the station to the cemetery on arrival Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Sanford will be accompanied by a committee from the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Hughes, and Justices McReynolds, Butler and Stone. Representative Fisher, of Tennessee, and Mrs. Fisher a sister (Continued on back page)

Music Club Meets With Mrs. Strick

The Vardell Music club met at the home of Mrs. A. H. Strick on Thursday afternoon. The following program was enjoyed:

Schubert, Miss Elizabeth Clark.
"Hark, Hark, the Lark." (Schubert). Mrs. Clifton Adams.
"Spring Song." (Schubert), quartette.
Mendelssohn, Miss Mary McEachern.
"Arioso" (Mendelssohn), quartette.
Chopin, Miss Louise Mandeville.
"Revolutionary Etude," Miss Virginia Cunningham.
Berlioz and Liszt, Mrs. R. D. McMillan.

At the close of this program the hostess served a delicious salad course.

Mrs. J. A. Love Hostess To U. D. C.

Mrs. J. A. Love was hostess last Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 to the local chapter of the U. D. C. After the regular business it was stated to the chapter by the president, Miss Cornelia McMillan, that the district U. D. C. meeting would be held in Fayetteville sometime in April.

Mrs. Katie McL. Buie of Philadelphia read an interesting article to the chapter on the life of Judah Benjamin. Pictures describing his life were also shown at this time.

Pictures of the American hospital at Neuilly, France, in which seventy beds were endowed by the U. D. C. of the Confederate Arsenal at Fayetteville, and of the memorial fountain at Lewisburg, N. C., were greatly enjoyed. An article on the Battle of Averasboro was read by the president.

After this interesting meeting the hostess served sandwiches and tea.

Free Concert At College Tues. Night

On Tuesday evening, March 18, Mr. Weldon F. Whitlock, tenor, of Staunton, Virginia, will give a concert in the auditorium of Flora Macdonald College. Mr. Whitlock has been for seven years head of the voice department of Manassas College Staunton, Virginia, and has been for the past year acting president of that college. He comes to Flora Macdonald highly recommended as having a rich tenor of fine quality. The public is cordially invited to attend this concert free of charge, and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Book Club Has Charming Meeting

Delightfully charming was the meeting of the Red Springs Book Club held on last Thursday afternoon at four o'clock with Mrs. R. L. Eastham and Miss Louise Purcell acting as joint hostesses at the home of Mrs. Eastham which was unusually bright and attractive, decorated with spring flowers.

At the close of the meeting the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

Special guests invited in for the meeting were Mesdames C. T. Johnson, C. P. Roberts, John Graham, T. C. Rogers, W. L. McPhee, Miss Alice Hall. Members present were Mesdames W. A. Bullock, J. H. Townsend, W. E. Sikes, C. E. Leigh, R. L. Eastham and Miss Louise Purcell.

ARTHUR McRAE BUSINESS MGR. OF FLORA M'DONALD

Cashier Bank of Red Springs Resigns to Become Business Manager of Local Woman's College; Succeeds Mr. J. D. McLeod, Who Resigned Effective July 1; New Manager Well Qualified in Every Respect.

Flora Macdonald College announced today that Mr. James Arthur McRae has accepted the position of business manager of the college, to be vacated by Mr. John D. McLeod July 1, which was offered to him by the board at their meeting last month.

Mr. McRae is a worthy member of an old and distinguished family of Robeson county. For many generations the McRaes have had an active and important part in the business, political, social and religious life of the community.

His father, Lucius McRae, was for twenty years chairman of the board of education of Robeson county. For 25 years he was treasurer of the Presbyterian church, first at Centre, and later at Red Springs. He was an elder in the church at Red Springs for ten years and served as clerk of the session until his death in 1921.

His grandfather was James Q. McRae a gentleman of refined manner who died at the early age of thirty-five. On his paternal side, he is a direct descendant of Archibald Smith, of Scotch ancestry, a man of sterling worth who long exerted an influence for good in this part of North Carolina. He was a friend of education and did much for the local schools in his community. Two of his sons stood high in the medical profession; one of them was a graduate of Princeton University before taking a medical course at Jefferson college. Another son, Colonel Peter Smith, was for years treasurer of Robeson county.

His mother, Caroline McTye Purcell was the daughter of Malcolm Gilchrist and Clarke Drake Purcell of this county. Malcolm Purcell was graduated in 1820 from the University of North Carolina with the degree of A. B. and that of Law. After his graduation he engaged in farming, and had extensive interests in Alabama and North Carolina. He was a member of the first board of trustees of old Floral College—a school that did so much for the womanhood of this and other states and whose influence is still noticeably felt. He twice represented his county in the State legislature, and was a man of ordinary ability and influence.

The new business manager of Flora Macdonald college is a graduate of Davidson college, class of 1909. For several years he taught with much success and it was hoped that he would make teaching his life work. However about 1919 he went into business in Red Springs. In 1921 while quite a young man he was elected an elder in the church at Red Springs and was made clerk of the session thus following closely in the footsteps of his father.

Mr. McRae now holds the position of cashier of the Bank of Red Springs. The bank most unwillingly releases him to accept the important position to which he is called by the college.

Mr. McRae's experience as a college graduate, a teacher of ability, a business man and bank official fits him in an especial way for handling successfully his duties in connection with the college.

Flora Macdonald is sorry to give up Mr. McLeod who has conducted the business of the college so efficiently but is most happy to present to the public and friends of the college a man so eminently fitted to carry on this important part of the college work.

Great Music Gathering in Chicago Week of March 24th.

Mr. Alvin Thomas, music supervisor of the Red Springs schools, is in receipt of the February number of the Music Supervisors Journal containing the complete program for the second biennial meeting of the Music Supervisors National Conference which is to be held in Chicago the week of March twenty-fourth. Mr. Alvin Thomas hopes to be in attendance at this meeting so as to acquaint himself with the school music work being developed in other parts of the country.

Seven thousand school music supervisors from every section of the country are expected at the meeting which will undoubtedly be the greatest music gathering ever held in this or any other country. Sectional meetings and a variety of demonstrations will make the Conference sessions, which will be held in the Stevens hotel, of the greatest practical value to the supervisor.

The program for the meeting, as announced by Miss Mabelle Glenn, president of the Conference, is the most comprehensive ever arranged for a supervisors meeting. Speakers will include such outstanding persons as Dr. Walter Damrosch; Dr. Edward Howard Griegs; Dr. John Erskine of the Juilliard Foundation; Peter W. Dykema; Dr. Harold Ruge; and Dr. E. J. Stringham of Columbia University. (Continued on Page Eight)