

DEATH CLAIMS CALEB RIDLEY

Noted Preacher Dies in Atlanta After Long Illness

NATIVE OF MACON Former Editor of Franklin Press Succumbs to Cancer

Dr. Caleb A. Ridley, who rose from humble beginnings on a farm in the Watanga section of Macon county to be one of the south's outstanding preachers and lecturers, died Wednesday afternoon of last week in the Steiner Clinic in Atlanta.

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Central Baptist church, Atlanta, of which he formerly had been pastor for several years.

Eloquent Speaker Recognized as an eloquent speaker, Dr. Ridley had served as pastor of churches in Atlanta, Blue Ridge, Monticello and Quitman, Ga., Live Oak, Fla., and Beaumont, Tex. Besides acting as pastor for the Central Baptist church, one of the largest in Atlanta, Dr. Ridley organized the Third Baptist church, which he also served for several years.

In addition to his career as a minister Dr. Ridley gained a national reputation as an orator when he entered the Ku Klux Klan and was promoted to the high office of imperial kludd, or national chaplain. In this capacity he toured the country, filling hundreds of speaking engagements.

Striking in Appearance Dr. Ridley was born in the Watanga section on August 22, 1873, the son of William and Eunice Franks Ridley. He was a man of striking appearance, compelling personality and offered a friendly hand to everyone.

Wrote Several Books Dr. Ridley found time throughout his busy life to write a number of poems and several books of theological essays and biographical sketches. Many of his poems are contained in two volumes—"Just a Thinkin'" and "The Flowers Will Bloom Again." Other poems appeared in The Franklin Press during his editorship of this paper.

During the autumn of 1930 he was editor of The Franklin Press for several months. His return to the scenes of his boyhood, with opportunities to renew old friendships, brought him a great deal of joy. He was always cheerful, but his friends knew then that he was in poor health.

NEWS SUMMARY

A Survey of State and National Events Concisely Told in Brief Up-to-Date News Reports

STATE

BOY KILLED BY CAR His skull crushed, Gordon Miller, Jr., died at Durham, Saturday night, 30 minutes after he was knocked to the pavement by a hit and run car. Cary Keith, 21, Durham, was held for investigation.

CHEMISTS ASK NATIONAL MEET The Piedmont section of textile chemists and colorists met 100 strong in Greensboro, Saturday. It is the section's time to be host to the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists in 1932. They ask the national association to come to Greensboro.

N. C. Republicans Convene April 14 April 14 has been chosen by Jas. S. Duncan, chairman of the N. C. Republican executive committee as date of the party's convention to be held in Charlotte. It will be a one-day convention.

NEWS LETTER MAY STOP The News Letter, for 18 years an impartial reporter of social, civic and economic facts as assembled by state university authorities, is to be discontinued unless outside financial support is secured.

PIEDMONT ADDS 134 INDUS. TRIES During 1931, there were 134 new industrial plants built or projected in the piedmont area of the Carolinas, the Duke Power company states. There were 37 new hosiery plants, 34 other textile plants, 21 food and feed industries, 13 furniture plants.

PROFIT ON HIGHWAY PATROL Cost of the state's highway patrol was \$148,423.62 in 1931, reports Captain Charles D. Farmer. The patrol made a profit for the state collecting \$260,666.82 in license fees, fines and costs. Arrests numbered 7,813 and traffic violations 158,564. Two policemen were killed in 1931.

CHARLOTTE LEADS BUILDING With \$1,267,488 Charlotte led the state in new building in 1931. Greensboro had \$1,111,136, Winston-Salem \$853,987, High Point \$800,970, Durham \$714,760, Raleigh \$575,572, Salisbury \$344,010, Asheville \$243,463.

N. C. TEXTILE MILLS ACTIVE Cotton mills of North Carolina used more cotton in 1931 than in 1930, the sharp increase coming in the last six months. The state was a leader in a national increase of 76,851 bales used in 1931 over the number used in 1930.

967 CORPORATIONS LOSE CHARTERS The secretary of state is notifying 967 North Carolina corporations their charters have been cancelled due to failure to return the annual report required for basis of the state's franchise tax.

POTEAAT HEADS ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE Dr. W. L. Poteaat, Wake Forest, was on Friday named president of the N. C. Anti-Saloon league concluding the annual meeting in Greensboro. The league voiced disapproval of any plan for a national referendum on prohibition. It called for vigorous enforcement of the law by the state.

DEFERS STATE SALARY CUT Cutting of state employees salaries has been deferred by Governor Max Gardner until March 1, to permit time for readjustment.

FEWER AUTO FATALITIES IN N. C. North Carolina automobile fatalities in 1931 were 762, or 15 fewer than in 1930, but 5,075 persons were injured last year, a record.

EXPERIMENT WORK THREATENED Diminishing returns from fertilizer taxes threaten the operation of the state's farm experiment station at Sate college. Dr. R. Y. Winters, director of the station, has notified 25 employees that unless new sources of support are found, their services must be dispensed with by January 31. State college and the state department will fight to have the experiment station work continue.

DRY OFFICERS TO ASHEVILLE

Prohibition administration in the 28 counties comprising the western district of the state are being transferred this week from Charlotte to Asheville. J. L. Kanipe is deputy administrator in charge.

DISCUSS SCHOOL YEAR LENGTH The state's budget bureau, believing counties will stop many schools at six months, anticipates \$500,000 of the \$1,500,000 extended term fund will not be used this year. A. T. Allen, state school superintendent, says there is no way of telling how many schools will continue to 8 months.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF Robert Snell, 40, shot and killed his wife, seriously wounded Mrs. E. K. Hayes, a roomer, and killed himself in his Raleigh home Saturday night. Mrs. Hayes, wounded in the abdomen, was the only witness surviving, two of the Snell children not waking from their sleep, at the sound of the shots.

HURT IN LEAP FROM FIRE Awakening at 2 a. m. on Monday to find his \$20,000 Blowing Rock home burning down, R. J. Hole leaped from a bedroom window, sustaining a badly sprained ankle. His nephew, also leaped to safety, was uninjured.

DROP IN N. C. HOMICIDES Last year 329 persons were killed by others in North Carolina as compared with 347 in 1930. Suicides increased to 305 over 281 in 1930. Lightning killed 34, airplanes four, railroads 71, buses 227, automobiles 638, reports the state board of health.

N. C. BANK RESOURCES GROW In the third quarter of 1931 resources of state banks increased by \$1,513,988 to \$253,692,479 on September 29. Deposits decreased \$4,262,073 to \$76,084,830, saving deposits dropped by \$907,000 to \$45,566,473.

GIRL KILLED WITH SHOTGUN Two girls were playing with a shotgun at Waynesville, Monday night. It discharged in the hands of Dorothy Arrington, 10, the load penetrating the brain of Essie Robeson, 12, killing her.

U. N. C. STUDENT SUICIDES Found dead on a forest path near the state university campus, a bullet wound in his neck, Daniel J. Olive, 19, sophomore from Godwin, was declared the victim of suicide.

86 TAKE LAW EXAMINATION Eighty-six applicants for lawyer's licenses took the state bar examination Monday, including one blind man, C. C. Cates, Jr., Burlington.

SALISBURY COLLECTOR ARRESTED On report of auditors, Saturday, that shortages of \$25,000 had been found in accounts of George M. Lyerly, former Salisbury tax collector and treasurer, he was arrested and released on bond of \$10,000.

SEES STATE'S RECOVERY Governor Max Gardner said on Saturday, North Carolina has been a leader in readjusting herself to changed conditions and will be one of the first states to rally from economic depression.

TWO SAVED FROM WELL Crawling under her home to find a two-year-old son who had disappeared, Mrs. L. B. Richardson, Greensboro, fell after him into a 20-foot abandoned well. Firemen saved the two from five feet of water, after a four-year-old son had given the alarm.

NATIONAL INDIAN TEXTILE STRIKE Seventy thousand Indian textile workers on Saturday went on strike as a protest of the arrest of Mahatma Gandhi, who organized them.

BANDIT KILLS SELF Chased into a New York department store by a policeman, Richard Goeltz, shot himself to death on Saturday in full view of

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MINISTERS OF TOWN ORGANIZE

Arrangements Made To Hold Religious Exercises In Schools

Plans for a Macon county ministerial association will be discussed at a meeting of the ministers of the various churches to be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the Baptist church.

The meeting was announced this week by the Franklin Ministerial association, which was recently organized. Members of the town group are the Rev. H. C. Freeman, pastor of the Franklin circuit of the Methodist church; the Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, rector of St. Agnes Episcopal church; the Rev. O. P. Ader, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church; the Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Eugene R. Eller, pastor of the First Baptist church of Franklin.

Flanagan Is Chairman Rev. J. A. Flanagan is general chairman of the association and Rev. Mr. Eller is secretary.

At the first meeting of the group arrangements were made with Guy L. Houk, principal of the Franklin public schools, for the ministers to conduct brief religious exercises and make short Bible talks to the school children at regular intervals.

Mr. Houk explained that facilities at the high school made it impractical to hold daily chapel exercises for the entire student body. However, he invited the ministers to address the school children, both in the high school and the elementary grades, in the various class rooms.

The Franklin Ministerial association will meet the first Monday of each month.

ROBERT L. LONG DIES IN ATLANTA

Was Originally Resident of Macon County; Passes at 62

Robert L. Long, an old resident of Macon county, died at the age of 62 at his home in Atlanta Monday morning about 1 o'clock. He had been ill for sometime.

The funeral was at Asbury Methodist church near Otto Tuesday afternoon. Officiating was the Rev. J. L. Teague, a life-long friend of the deceased.

Mr. Long was married to Miss Georgia White, who survives him, along with the following children: Mrs. Elba Dillard, Macon, Ga.; Miss Zoia Long, Alto, Ga.; Mrs. Leice Camp, Atlanta; Mrs. George Currier, Commerce, Ga.; Misses Mabel and Annie Long, of Atlanta; Oscar Long, Atlanta; and Cecil Long, Lafayette, Ga. He is survived also by a brother, Sim Long, who lives in South Carolina and his nephew, E. W. Long of Franklin.

Mr. Long was raised in Macon county and was well known here. His passing will be keenly felt by his many friends and acquaintances throughout this section.

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Plans for Organized Farm Program in Macon Outlined; Webb Addresses Meeting

Plans for Power Project And Park To Be Outlined

Hoover Interested in Development of Park

Roger Miller, president of Western Carolina Mountains, Inc., has received the following letter from Herbert Hoover, President of the United States: Washington January 20, 1932.

My dear Mr. Miller: Please present my cordial greetings to representatives of Western North Carolina organizations, meeting in Asheville on January 28 to promote the Great Smoky Mountains National Park project. The prompt development of this park along the accepted and successful lines for the conduct of such parks will mean much to this generation and to posterity. I hope your meeting may contribute to the attainment of your objectives. Yours faithfully, Herbert Hoover (Signed)

Thorpe and Albright To Address Meeting in Asheville

J. E. S. Thorpe, vice-president and general manager of the Nantahala Power company, Bryson City, and Horace M. Albright, director of the national park service, Washington, D. C., will be the principal speakers at the regional meeting of civic leaders at the Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville tonight at 6:30 o'clock.

"Western Carolina's Industrial Future" will be the subject of Mr. Thorpe's address. Mr. Albright will present and explain the plans of the federal government for the development of the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

Big Attendance Expected Twenty counties will be represented, and advance reservations indicate an attendance of four hundred or more, according to Ralph E. Nollner, secretary-treasurer of the regional association. Mr. Nollner said that special invitations have been extended to all of the civic and commercial organizations in Western North Carolina, newspaper editors and publishers, city and county officials, and public utility officials. The meeting is open to the public, however, and the attendance will be limited only to the capacity of the dining room.

EUGENE NORTON DIES SUDDENLY

Well Known Dillard Man Is Victim of Heart Attack

Mr. Eugene Norton, 44, of Dillard, Ga., died about midnight Monday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Paralee McClure. Heart failure is given as the cause of death. Mr. Norton was sick for several months following a stroke of paralysis about a year ago.

Interment was at Mulberry Methodist church at Tryphosa, Mr. Norton's former home, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Keen, pastor of the Baptist church at Dillard, officiated, assisted by Rev. Mr. Patterson, pastor of the Clayton Methodist church. Dr. Andrew Ritchie of Rabun-Nacoochee school made a short talk. Mr. Norton served for two years with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. His loss is keenly felt by a large circle of friends. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Virgil Norton and four sisters, Mrs. Paralee McClure, Mrs. Cordelia Howard, Mrs. Rol Ledford and Mrs. Lee Corn.

Pallbearers were Messrs. Bernard Dillard, Charles Ray Dillard, Clarence Teague, Roy Dillard, John Guest and Claude Dillard.

WE BEG PARDON

The headline of the announcement in the "Press" last week of the next quarterly meeting of the Macon County Singing convention gave January 27 as the date, whereas the body of the article stated it to be the fifth Sunday in the month, January 31. The latter date is correct.

Rotarians Hear Abit Nix At Inter-City Meeting

Rotarians from Waynesville, Sylva, and Andrews joined with the Franklin club Thursday night of last week in the annual inter-city meeting.

The principal speaker was Abit Nix, of Athens, Ga., a member of the international board of directors of Rotary. He spoke on Rotary principles, and said that Rotary continued to grow in 1931, with many new members being added in Europe and the Orient. The only decrease in membership he said, was in the United States. He urged all clubs to work toward increasing their membership.

A feature of the meeting was the discussion of the 5-10 year organized farm program for Western North Carolina. A representative of each club endorsed the program and urged all Rotarians to lend their cooperation in making the movement a success.

Theodore Nichols, of the Andrews club, said that Western North Carolina is importing \$14,000,000 worth of canned goods annually, whereas most of this should be raised at home. He urged standardization of farm products.

Other speakers in connection with the 5-10 program were: James L. Robinson, of Waynesville; Harry Buchanan, of Sylva, and President H. T. Hunter, of Western Carolina Teachers' college, Cullowhee. Mr. Hunter said that the farm program offers a splendid opportunity for teachers to join with farmers and business men in working for the better of community and section.

Guy L. Houk, president of the Franklin club, presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers. The meeting was held in the vacant store room next to the Macon Chevrolet company and the dinner was served by ladies of the Presbyterian church.

Farmers and Farm Women Meet with Franklin Rotarians

DRAW UP PROGRAM Uniformity of Livestock Types for County Is Urged

Plans for putting the 5-10 Year Organized Farm Program into effect in Macon county were discussed at a meeting of farmers and farm women with the Franklin Rotary club at its regular weekly luncheon Wednesday. The principal speaker at the meeting was Bruce Webb, promotion manager of the Asheville Citizen and the Asheville Times, who is organizing the 5-10 Year movement throughout Western North Carolina.

Mr. Webb emphasized the necessity of standardizing varieties and grades of farm products so as to meet market demands. He pointed out that the prices of quality farm products had declined but little in comparison to the decrease in the value of other commodities.

Urges Uniformity "Before Western North Carolina farmers can make much headway," he said, "they must develop uniformity in their products. If white eggs are wanted, they must produce white eggs instead of brown eggs."

He said that Western North Carolina agriculture could not even supply the local demand along certain lines. The Biltmore Dairy, he illustrated, needs pigs of a certain size for its sausage factory but cannot get enough of them.

Other points he emphasized in the farm program were the use of only the best purebred stock, increased acreage production through soil improvement, and the application of business principles to agriculture.

Other speakers were Miss Elizabeth Kelly and Sam L. Franks, co-chairmen of the Macon County 5-10 Year Program committee; and Fred L. Sloan, county farm demonstration agent.

Program Outlined

In the course of a round-table discussion, led by Mr. Sloan, the following plan for putting the 5-10 Year Plan into effect in this county was evolved:

- 1.—Every farmer to develop at least one acre of improved pasture this year.
- 2.—More beef cattle.
  - (a) Improve quality of sires.
  - (b) Develop uniform breed of beef cattle in each community. It was decided that each community should choose between Herefords or Shorthorns.
- 3.—More dairying.
  - (a) Cash in on feed crop, through feeding to cows and other livestock.
  - (b) More butterfat.
  - (c) Guernseys as the dairy type for the county.
- 4.—More and better eggs.
  - (a) Each farmer urged to keep at least 50 chickens.
  - (b) White Leghorns for the county type of egg-producer.
- 5.—Crop rotation.
- 6.—A garden sufficient at least to take care of home needs on every farm.
- 7.—Application of business methods. Every farmer is urged to keep books, carefully recording all cash receipts and expenditures.

Besides the Rotarians, there were 18 farmers and farm women at the meeting, which was held in the vacant store next to the Macon Chevrolet company on Main street. Lunch was served by ladies of the Presbyterian church.

The farmers and farm women meeting represents every section of the county and is a familiar with farmers of the county.

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