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FUNERAL HELD FOR E. HURST

Well Known Macon Farmer Dies Following Heart Attack

ILL FOR TWO WEEKS Came to This County from Buncombe County In 1880

Funeral services for Ebenezer Hurst, 81, who died at his home near Franklin at 8 o'clock Monday morning, were conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Iotla Baptist church by the Rev. A. S. Solesbee. Burial was in the graveyard beside the church.

Mr. Hurst suffered a heart attack about two weeks ago from which he failed to rally.

Mr. Hurst came to this county in 1880 from his home at Democrat, in Buncombe county. He was one of the most successful farmers in the county. His principal interest outside of his family was in church work. For many years he was a deacon in the Iotla Baptist church and he played a large part in the construction of the congregation's present church building.

During the War between the States Mr. Hurst was a boy in his early teens, too young for military duty, but he rendered service to the Confederate troops by hauling rations to a company of which his father was a member.

Mr. Hurst was married in 1870 to Miss Laura Bursleson, of Georgia, who died in 1907. Surviving are five sons, Ellis and W. H. Hurst, of Montana; John Hurst, of Detroit; Earle Hurst, of Ridgecrest, N. C.; and Horace T. Hurst, of Cartoogechay, this county; four daughters, Mrs. Judith Jacobs, of Oklahoma; Mrs. T. A. May, of Florida; Mrs. Robert Ramsey, of Tellico, this county; and Miss Nettie Hurst, who lived with her father at the homeplace just north of Franklin; and one sister, Mrs. P. J. Barnard, of Asheville.

Honorary pallbearers at the funeral were Dr. W. A. Rogers, Gus Leach, Dick Hudson, A. L. Higdon, Jim Myers, J. E. Calloway, Sam Hall, George Mashburn, Alex Moore, T. W. Angel, George Stiles, Jim Carpenter, John Moore and Mack Ledford.

Active pallbearers were Broadus Pendergrass, Roy Carpenter, Jack Wyman, George Dean, Fred Higdon and Henderson Calloway.

Two-Weeks Camp for Girl Scouts Opens

A two-weeks camp for girl scouts opened Tuesday at Camp Taukeetah, Miss Olivia Patton's camp in Patton Valley. Fourteen girls were enrolled as follows:

Eloise and Edith Sutherland, of Minnesota; Dorothy Montony, of Andrews; Martha Rice, Kathryn Long, Frances Davenport, Beatrice Davenport, Mary Frances Page, Mary Evelyn Angel, Dorothy and Pauline Reid, June Dady, Frances Ashe and Jean Moore, of Franklin.

Miss Elizabeth Paylor, of Farmville, Va., is head counsellor and has charge of tennis and story telling instruction. Miss Margaret Neil, of Nashville, Tenn., is in charge of swimming and handicraft, and Miss Helen Patton is assisting in tennis instruction and conducting a nature study course.

Miss Rachel Davis spent last week in Chapel Hill at a Welfare Institute. For the next two weeks she will be visiting friends in the eastern part of the state.

Sarah Conley is visiting relatives in Rocky Mount, N. C.

Miss Timoxena Crawford returned from Greensboro Sunday, having spent a week visiting friends there.

To Broadcast Franklin Choral Group To Be Heard Aug. 5

James B. Porter and 14 members of the Choral Society are working on a program of sacred choruses from The Messiah and other well-known Oratorios to be broadcast over radio station WWNC. This program is to be broadcast from the First Baptist church of Asheville on Sunday afternoon, August 5.

The number of singers has been limited by the station, but those who are taking part are working well and their large audience may expect a treat.

The magnificent four manual organ of the First Baptist church, with Mr. Porter playing, will provide a pleasing background for their rendition of these beautiful numbers.

DISTRICT BAR MEETING HELD

20th District Lawyers Hold Quarterly Session Here

Every county in the 20th judicial district except Graham was represented at the quarterly bar meeting of the district here last Friday afternoon and evening.

Following a business meeting in the afternoon at which routine legal matters were discussed, a dinner and dance at Camp Nikwasi was enjoyed by the lawyers and members of their families. The total registration at the dinner was 56.

Chief Justice Russell of the supreme court of Georgia was scheduled to address the meeting, but at the last minute sent word that he was unable to be present. In his absence short talks were made by Judge Felix E. Alley, resident judge of the 20th district, and by Judge J. Will Pless, of Marion, resident judge of the 18th district, who held court last week in Waynesville.

The next meeting of the 20th judicial district bar is to be held at Waynesville in October, when it is planned to have a discussion of the proposed new constitution for North Carolina.

Beans Scarce

Prices Good but Quantity Is Small

Beans were bringing good prices in Franklin this week, but buyers complained that the quantity was barely enough to warrant their staying here.

W. L. Richardson, one of the largest buyers, said his shipments since the opening of the season had amounted to only about 1,500 bushels. Frequently, he added, he had been forced to send trucks away only half loaded because he could not obtain beans in sufficient quantity.

"We could handle a thousand bushels a day at this time," Mr. Richardson continued, "but instead they are coming in dribbles."

The price has ranged from 75 cents to \$1.25 a bushel, with most of the crop going at \$1 a bushel.

Returns for Visit After 28 Years Absence

F. P. McGaha arrived here Saturday night from Bellingham, Wash., for a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McGaha at West's Mill, and his sister, Mrs. Lester Conley, at her home on Harrison avenue. This is Mr. McGaha's first visit back home since he left here 28 years ago.

Collier's Weekly Mystified By Carolina's Corn Liquor

NEW YORK, July 18.—Collier's Weekly is frankly mystified by the North Carolina attitude toward liquor. It recently sent one of its reporters, the fiery Owen P. White down to North Carolina to travel around and find out what it was all about. Mr. White's report appears in the current issue. He states the "mystifying" situation as follows:

"When a state elects a repeal senator by a big majority, and then votes down repeal by 173,000, the natural suspicion is that there must be an angle in it somewhere. In North Carolina the angle is corn liquor. Some of the citizens of the state approve corn as a beverage, but don't like to see it decorated with expensive federal revenue stamps. As a result they have worked out a new device for protecting what they regard as a state right."

Now for Mr. White's report, which starts with an apology and a tribute:

"I have no intention of offending the people of North Carolina by making fun of their drinking habits. I couldn't and be honest about it, because instead of being disposed to make light of the drinking habits of the Tarheels, what I feel inclined to do in this article is to express my admiration of their prowess."

An Ever Present Odor

"Never anywhere have I seen anything to surpass it. When I visited the state, motoring lengthwise across it from the Dismal Swamp section on the coast, where stills capable of producing thousands of gallons daily were in operation, clear over to beautiful Asheville, the one thing that I could never get away from was the odor of corn. It was everywhere. The bottles were gone but the memory of them lingered on in every hotel room I occupied."

"Something reminiscent of a recent drink was frequently to be noticed on the breaths of passing citizens, and even as I drove along the open highways, sniffing the fragrance of the dogwood, the red-bud and the wild honeysuckle, it was seldom that I inhaled a lungful of atmosphere that was not laden with the scent of something delightfully illegal."

Delightfully Illegal

"That's the point. Its delightful illegality gives to Carolina corn the distinctive flavor that the Tarheels love. Moreover, it makes it very cheap. Why then, so long as their well-established system of liquor control appealed both to their appetites and their pocketbooks, should they yield to the hue and cry for law and license that recently swept the country and put the Eighteenth Amendment permanently out of business? Had they done so they would have been out of step with the spirit of their forefathers who, when they signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, designated as a public enemy any power which interfered with any of their private liberties."

"And isn't a man's right to make corn liquor out of his own corn a private liberty? Of course it is, and in more than one instance during the late period of national prohibition insanity the Supreme Court of the United States so declared. Still, under the impulse of reform a majority of the states have voted to forego that liberty. But the North Carolinians couldn't see it that way."

Stuck to State Rights

"On the contrary they stuck to their principle of protecting their rights, and at the mere thought that perhaps Uncle Sam might step in and begin to put a tax on their booze and stick stamps on their whisky bottles they moved in droves to the polls and voted overwhelmingly against him. That happened last November, the majority against repeal being 173,000; but what about the vote of the preceding November when Buncombe Bob Reynolds, who was running on a

dripping wet platform calling for more corn for Tarheels, and who whooped it up for repeal at every crossroads, gave Mr. Cam Morrison, the noblest dry of them all, the worst licking that any candidate for the national Senate ever got in North Carolina.

"Thinking that probably that question would embarrass them, I asked it of perhaps a dozen more or less prominent Tarheels and in every instance I was disappointed. It didn't embarrass a single man. On the contrary, they were all amused at the idea that the rest of the United States is so thick-headed that it doesn't appreciate what North Carolina's attitude toward corn liquor really is."

"In conclusion then, what can one say, either in criticism or praise, of North Carolina's attitude toward its corn industry? Nothing. The matter is one that comes strictly under the head of the personal business of the Tarheels. They are handling it according to their own notion of the way it should be handled."

"To say that on the whole they are hetter drinkers than the New Yorkers, the Pennsylvanians, the Californians or the denizens of any of the wet states, might be erroneous. To say that they drink less certainly would be. Probably the per capita consumption is about even; but even if it is, North Carolina has this advantage: it pays no tax on liquor it imbibes and therefore is not asking the federal government to protect it against any influx of booze from the wet and wicked yet law-abiding states which lie to the north of it. Perhaps, though, the time may soon come when those wet and wicked states will be asking Uncle Sam to build a Chinese Wall around North Carolina to protect them."

Meeting Called

Cowee Folks Plan To Form Community Club

A meeting of the residents of Cowee township to organize a community club to further the civic and social interests of that section of Macon county has been called for Monday night, July 23, in the Cowee school.

Preliminary plans for the Cowee organization were discussed at a meeting of some of the leaders of the community several weeks ago and A. L. McLean was named chairman of a temporary committee organization.

"We want everybody in Cowee township to attend the meeting next Monday night," Mr. McLean said. "This organization, it is hoped, will be vastly important to this section."

Mr. McLean said he hoped the club would sponsor beautification of the Cowee school grounds and other improvements; conduct a community fair and encourage other civic projects for the betterment of the section.

Canning Demonstration Schedule Announced

Miss Rosalee Morrow, emergency home demonstration agent for Macon county, has announced her schedule of canning demonstrations for the rest of this week and next week as follows:

Friday, July 20, at the home of Mrs. Nancy Carden in the Liberty community.

Monday, July 23, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Bradley in the Oak Grove section.

Tuesday, July 24, at Mrs. J. N. Houston's in the Rose Creek section.

Wednesday, July 25, at Mrs. Sam Sweatman's in the Olive Hill community.

Thursday, July 26, at Mrs. Ed Tallent's in the Oak Dale community.

Friday, July 27, at the home of Mrs. Lillie Yoncé on Burningtown.

HOPE OF PWA LOAN REVIVED

State Board Inclined To Reconsider Franklin Application

\$114,782 REQUESTED

Town's Financial Status Improved by Power Plant Sale

Hope of obtaining a PWA loan for construction of a new water supply system and other public improvements for Franklin has been revived as the result of a letter received by the town council from the North Carolina advisory board of the Public Works Administration.

The letter, signed by Stanley H. Wright, engineer-examiner for the board, indicated that PWA authorities were ready to reconsider Franklin's application for a loan of \$114,782. Mr. Wright inquired whether sale of the municipal power plant to the Nantahala Power and Light company had been completed and requested additional information concerning the town's tax collections, receipts and disbursements.

The town filed its application for a PWA loan in October, 1933, but it was tentatively rejected a few months later on the ground that the town's bonded indebtedness was too heavy in comparison to its valuation. Since then final details of the sale of the power plant to the Nantahala Power and Light company have been completed and the power company, with the backing of the Aluminum Corporation of America, has assumed responsibility for bonds issued on the Franklin hydro-electric system. This leaves the town with a bonded indebtedness of only \$54,000, against which it has assets in the form of bonds and sinking funds totaling more than \$30,000.

Election Necessary

In view of this situation, it is thought likely that approval now can be obtained for Franklin's PWA loan application. Before the money can be borrowed, however, a bond election will be necessary.

Under the PWA plan of extending assistance to municipal governments, 30 per cent of the funds necessary for the purchase of materials and payment of labor on an approved project is advanced to the borrower as an outright federal grant. On the balance, which is in the nature of a loan, the borrower must pay four per cent interest.

Need for a new water system has been felt for some time in Franklin and many of the town's leading business men have advocated the proposal to obtain a PWA loan for this purpose, pointing out that if the town waits several years longer to finance this improvement it will in all likelihood have to pay a much higher rate of interest.

Survey of Needs Made

A preliminary survey of necessary municipal improvements was made in Franklin a year ago by the engineering firm of Harwood-Beebe company, of Spartanburg, S. C. This report, which was made the basis of Franklin's application for a PWA loan, contained the following estimates:

New water supply and filter plant	\$ 63,375
Extensions to water mains	23,631
Extensions to sewer system	10,688
Sewage disposal plant	7,943
Street surfacing	7,145

TOTAL\$114,782

Laying of six-inch water mains and the installation of 15 or 20 additional fire hydrants were contemplated in the extension of the water main system. This improvement, it has been stated, would greatly reduce fire hazards and result in lower insurance rates.

Mrs. Levi Whitehead, of Rocky Mount, N. C., arrived Sunday to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. Zeb Conley.