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Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, little change in temperature. Moderate N. and N. E. winds.

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Year Of Achievement For Community Hospital

Undertaking Of Elizabeth City Chamber Of Commerce Has High Rank Among Institutions Of The Kind—Three Hundred Patients Have Been Treated, And Mortality Rate Exceedingly Low

Nearly a year has passed since the Pasquotank Municipal Hospital opened its doors for the reception of patients. It has been a year of meritorious achievement; a year of unceasing toil for the men whose vision and forethought gave to Elizabeth City an institution of healing that has made for itself an enviable reputation in the short term of its existence.

Ignoring the criticisms of the skeptical, the governing and operating forces of the hospital have unwaveringly kept to the path that leads to their ideals and the hospital stands today with a record worthy to give it place on the honor roll of like institutions throughout the country.

The building was erected in 1914 by a stock company, of which Dr. O. McMullan, C. H. Robinson, D. B. Bradford, E. F. Aydtlett, L. R. Foreman, Dr. I. Fearing, Dr. C. B. Williams composed the directorate. Dr. John Ballis, who was visiting Elizabeth City at the time of the conception of the hospital idea, was largely responsible for its erection and under his supervision the building advanced with improvements as the years of the time in which it was built.

During the World War the Elizabeth City Hospital was the only hospital in the country which was taken over entirely by the Government. The hospital was selected after thorough inspection by Government officials, and was used for convalescent marines.

At the time that the Chamber of Commerce decided to take matters in hand the building was not being used as a hospital. The Chamber of Commerce, with its usual vigor, undertook the selling of the stock and the city and outlying territory responded nobly, and the Pasquotank Municipal Hospital became a fact.

Since the opening of the hospital 300 patients have passed through its doors. It will be conceded that in a great many cases, when a patient is carried to a hospital they are usually dangerously ill when they arrive. Drastic measures are sometimes of necessity resorted to to save the life that hangs by a thread. Through all this, the Pasquotank Municipal Hospital, according to Dr. Bullis, a surgeon who located here just prior to the opening of the hospital, ranks very low indeed in the percentage of mortality. In speaking of this phase of the hospital work, the surgeon stated, "It is my opinion that the average of mortality for hospitals is from 6 to 8 per cent, while ours, I believe, is around 3 per cent."

"Out of all the surgical cases," continued the surgeon, "that we have had, there has not been a single death caused either directly or indirectly by operation. A departure in the usual routine of surgical work is noted in our operating room in the fact that besides three doctors and a surgical nurse, there is, contrary to custom, a utility nurse, always in attendance.

"I might add," he continued, "that the 3 per cent mortality have been patients a majority of whom were over 70 years old."

On the staff of the hospital are physicians and surgeons of unquestioned ability and five graduate nurses including the superintendent, Miss S. E. Aycock. Beside these, there are a day and a night orderly, a maid, a cook and a waitress. The hospital has 14 private rooms, three public wards and two colored wards. The rooms are all outside rooms with the advantages of plenty of light, air and sunshine. There is no ward that contains more than four beds, making them in the hospital parlor, semi-private rooms.

The operating room is constructed along lines that make for the highest efficiency and is so placed that the light is done under the north light which is necessary to surgeons and artists. The equipment is complete and modern.

On the south of the building a sun parlor offers the convalescents the advantages of the healing sunlight, enjoyed in easy chairs.

One marks the cleanliness and cheerful brightness of the building, as soon as it is entered. It is immaculately clean and the spacious and smiling countenances of the staff and nurses that greet the patient and

Former Mrs. Chaplin Says She's Bankrupt

Los Angeles, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—Mildred Harris, motion picture actress, now on a vaudeville tour, declares that she received only \$6,500 from her former husband, Charlie Chaplin, after the lawyers had been paid and that she was about to go into bankruptcy, according to a letter received from her printed in the Los Angeles Times today.

the patient produce a pleasing effect.

Before the hospital, as far as the eye can reach, where water and horizon meet, stretches the placid Pasquotank. Its breezes fan the fevered brow of those who suffer and soothe the shaking nerves of those who serve. A mingling of pathos and joy are often witnessed by those who labor day and night in the service of the great king health.

An incident that brought a look of tender recollections to the eyes of Miss Aycock when she told it was of a little boy about six years old, brought by a physician from the city of Columbia, across the sound. The condition of the little fellow was pitiable and an operation of major proportions was immediately necessary. The fortitude with which the child had borne his suffering had won the heart of the physician from Columbia until the case to him became personal as well as professional. It was not thought, at the time, that even the skill of Elizabeth City's surgeons could save the life of the child, and when he was taken to the operating room for the ordeal through which he was about to pass, the physician from Columbia, unable to voluntarily see the little fellow die, left the room with tears in his eyes. A miracle of modern surgery reached out and lifted the child from the veil of shadows and at Christmas time the little fellow was convalescent. He had during his time of recovery won, by his cheerful manner, the hearts of all with whom he came in contact and with the arrival of Christmas came presents for the child. Doctors, nurses, patients, visitors and civic bodies all produced their share of the happiness that assisted materially in sending the boy home, well and strong, with suitcases loaded with his Christmas presents.

Another incident was that of an old colored woman who after a serious operation and a perfect convalescence from time to time has never ceased to present to the hospital chickens, eggs hams and such other things as her situation in life will allow her to give.

Such as these are the marks of appreciation that prove the greatness of an institution and by this type of inspirational achievement the Pasquotank Municipal Hospital became the wonderful unit in the life of Elizabeth City that it is today. Credit for the accomplishment of this institution is due those inspired minds who unselfishly and without recompense have labored so assiduously against adverse circumstances and biased criticisms.

At the inception of the hospital, the governing board was composed of the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce. Later, however, an executive committee was instituted composed of W. P. Duff, chairman, C. O. Robinson, president of the Hospital Association, and Richard C. Job, secretary of the association, under whose management the hospital has at all times been guided.

The successful future of the institution seems assured. It is the only hospital between Norfolk on the north and Washington on the south, the Atlantic Ocean on the east and Wilson on the west, a territory with a population of about 135,000. While it is desirable that all business institutions pay a dividend, a hospital should be first, last and always a humanitarian institution, regardless of profit or loss, and while the Pasquotank Municipal Hospital desires to make itself not only self supporting but remunerative, it is believed safe to state that the foundation upon which this institution rests is based upon the uplifting of humanity rather than the cold, hard rock of monetary aggrandizement.

Democratic Campaign Opens Here Monday

Van Buren Martin of Plymouth will be the speaker at Elizabeth City on Monday, October 9, when the Democratic campaign opens throughout the State, P. G. Sawyer, chairman of the Pasquotank County executive committee, announced today.

"Mr. Martin is favorably known in Elizabeth City, where he practiced law a number of years ago," says Mr. Sawyer, "and has won distinction in Washington County, having first represented his county in the House and then his district in the Senate of the North Carolina General Assembly.

"I am very anxious that Elizabeth City extend the visitor the courtesy of giving him a good audience next Monday night, and I personally urge every voter who can do so to attend the speaking, which will take place at the court house at eight o'clock. Ladies are especially urged to be present."

Criticism Officials Was Not Justified

Marion, Ill., Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—Criticism of county officials in the report of the special grand jury investigating the Herrin killings was not justified according to the report of the regular grand jury.

Bulgarian Premiers Await People's Vote

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—Twelve former premiers and government ministers are now in jail, where they are being held in expectation of the adoption of a referendum in which the people will vote whether they are guilty or not guilty of embroiling Bulgaria in war.

Pastor First Baptist Church Takes Up Work Sunday Morning

Preaches First Sermon Of Ministry From Text, "With What Intent Have Ye Sent For Me?" And Seeks Basis Of Mutual Understanding As First Step In Task To Be Undertaken Here

Preaching his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist Church to a large congregation Sunday morning, Rev. Samuel H. Templeman took as his text the latter part of the 29th verse of the tenth chapter of Acts: "I ask, therefore, with what intent ye sent for me." The sermon was a heart to heart talk of a pastor to his new flock, seeking, apparently, at the beginning of his ministry a common basis of understanding between preacher and people.

"I come," he said, "to be your leader, not to do your work. Preachers come and preachers go; but the work abides. It is my hope and prayer that when my time comes to go I may leave the work stronger for my ministry among you. Our first task is to know each other. I have no degrees except those I have earned. I do not care for honorary degrees or any title other than pastor or brother. I don't dabble in politics. I always vote, as is my right. How I vote is none of your business. And though I do not mix in local politics on an issue involving a moral question I'll have something to say—and stand on it with both feet.

"I ask with what intent ye sent for me? The question is a legitimate one. It was asked by Simon Peter, the premier apostle, to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, the centurion.

"In Cornelius we see a good man doing, in common parlance, the best he could. But we can't pin our faith on going to heaven on that. Jesus wasn't satisfied and had him send messengers thirty miles to Joppa and back to bring a man who could tell him what to do to be saved.

"Like Peter, this morning, I ask with what intent ye sent for me. If God was not in your asking I am sorry I came. God works in all his plans. He not only works in them. He works at both ends. He called Peter down from the housetop when he had brought the messengers from Cornelius to his gate. God's calls are subjective and objective. If God gives you a call he gives you a task. If there's work that needs to be done, then there's a call for somebody to do it. I am wondering as I look into your faces this morning

DETECTIVES REDOUBLE EFFORTS SOLVE MYSTERY

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—Detectives investigating the mysterious killing of Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills redoubled their efforts today to locate the two men said to have disappeared about the time of the shooting.

Want Square Deal For Nation's Babies

Washington, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—A square deal for the nation's babies was announced at the American Child Hygiene Association as the theme of the thirteenth annual meeting at Washington beginning October 12, and continuing three days.

Giants-Yanks Begin Series Wednesday

New York, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—The pennant winning Giants and Yanks marshalled their forces today preparatory to the opening Wednesday on the Polo Grounds of the second straight contest in the world's baseball championship series for the four best out of seven.

IS CRITICALLY ILL

Wiley Gregory, senior deacon of the First Baptist church, and one of the oldest residents of the city, is critically ill at his home here.

IN POLICE COURT

Holly Griffin, colored, was fined \$50 and costs in police court Monday morning on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Camden Blades was fined \$10 and costs for speeding.

SHOOTS WIFE AND ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Henry Seaton McCleese In Jail After Killing Spouse And Nearly Butchering Himself

Edith Armstrong McCleese, colored, is dead and her husband, Henry Seaton McCleese is in jail with a badly lacerated throat as the result of the execution wrought by a gun, a pocket knife and a razor in the hands of McCleese himself at his home at 304 Spellman street at about eleven o'clock Sunday morning.

McCleese, with a number 10 shot gun, shot his wife twice at close range, first in the left thigh and then under the right shoulder, the latter shot proving fatal. The negro, having ended his wife's life, seemed determined to end his own, and having reloaded his gun placed the weapon on the ground and, with the muzzle pointed in the direction of his head, pulled the trigger. At the pull of the trigger, however, Henry lost his nerve and threw his head to one side or jerked the gun outward in time to dodge the flying shot. Still

determined that he had seen enough of life the negro seized the gun and frantically beat himself over the head with it. Failing to make any headway by this method he threw the gun aside for a pocket knife and began hacking at his throat. Later he abandoned the knife for a razor, literally butchering himself from ear to ear but failing to sever the jugular vein.

It was not until after all this had occurred that the negro decided that the logical thing to do was to flee from the hand of the law. Losing blood as he went he made a run down Spellman street, then to Ferras and from there to the creek just to the north of the Suffolk & Carolina railroad, where he was caught by George Speight, Frank Turner and John Copeland, all colored, who had heard the report from the shot gun and went after him in hot pursuit. McCleese offered no resistance. "Here I is, come get me," he is reported to have said when overtaken. Officers who were also in pursuit were soon on the scene and the bloody prisoner was taken to the office of Dr. Howard Combs, where his ragged throat was sewed up. Henry was in a rather weak condition by this time and seemed more anxious to live a while longer than he was some forty-five minutes earlier.

The cause of the shooting is not known by the only eye witness of the affair. Roosevelt McCleese, son of the man who committed the crime, says that he knew nothing of any argument prior to the crime and that the first report of the gun was the first news to him that anything was wrong.

However, there had been trouble between the two before because on Friday of last week they had agreed to live together after a period of separation.

McCleese came here about nine months ago from Columbia and has been employed as woodsman for the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company. He is not well known here, but was referred to as a rather desperate character by members of his own race Sunday morning.

The negro will be given a hearing in police court as soon as he is able to attend court. McCleese is said to be fifty years old, and his wife was less than thirty. Henry's marriage to her was his second matrimonial venture.

FIRE IN HERTFORD

Hertford, Oct. 1.—About seven o'clock this morning the fire whistle sounded the alarm that called out the fire company to the residence on Grubb street, Fourth ward, owned by William Madra and occupied by John Caddy. A defective fuse caused the flame which was bursting forth from the roof of the kitchen and threatened to attack adjoining residences. Within five minutes after the alarm was given the fire fighters were on the scene and the stream of water gushing on the roof and through the windows was doing as much damage as the fire had previously done. Most of the furniture including a piano was saved; but the house was rendered unfit for occupancy. The loss, which will not exceed five hundred dollars, is partially covered by insurance.

Treasury Sends Out New Regulations

Washington, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—The new customs regulations making effective the provisions of the tariff act of 1922 prohibiting the importation of intoxicating liquors without permit were promulgated by the treasury today.

LONDON IS RELIEVED

Tension Relaxes Over Near Eastern Situation, Tho There Is Still Some Fear Of War

London, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—There was a relaxation of the tension over the Near Eastern situation today and the despondency which has marked press comment for the last few days gave way to hope, although not absolute confidence of war being averted.

Less Menacing

Constantinople, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—With the armistice conference definitely fixed for tomorrow at Mudania, the peril of war between Great Britain and Turkey appeared less menacing.

Britain's recession from the neutral zone controversy caused no little surprise and disappointment, but it is generally admitted that the step was the only thing which could have stayed Mustapha Kemal Pasha's hand.

Constantinople, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—An immediate mutual agreement to suspend all movements of troops is expected to be the first outcome of the Mudania Armistice Conference which meets tomorrow. The Allied policy at the conference will be decided upon at a meeting at Constantinople this afternoon of Allied Generals, Admirals, High Commissioners, and military attaches in extraordinary council.

Soviet Sends Note

Moscow, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—The Soviet Russian government has sent a note to England, France and Italy, protesting against the blockade of the Dardanelles and insisting upon removal of all restrictions to free passage of trading ships through the straits.

Cross Into Thrace

Constantinople, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—A band of eight hundred irregulars crossed the border Thrace forty miles west Constantinople and attacked Greek outposts. The Greeks were being forced to withdraw when reinforcements arrived. The Turks were then thrown back across the boundary.

Meet To Arrange Future Wage Scales

Cleveland, Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—Bituminous operators and officials of the United Mine Workers gathered here for a joint conference late today to arrange the future wage scales in accordance with the agreement which ultimately brought an end to the soft coal strike.

Glad To Get Home Even As Murderer

Lumberton, N. C., Oct. 2 (By The Associated Press)—After being a fugitive for forty-four years, Joseph Kemp is back in what he described as "God's own country" to face the charge of murder in connection with the killing of Daniel McNeill forty-four years ago.