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MR. H. C. McNEILL PASSED SUDDENLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Funeral Was Conducted From
First Baptist Church
This Morning

PIONEER CITIZEN AND A GOOD MAN

Lived A Life That Was A Blessing
To Others—Took Great
Interest In Church And Sun-
day School And Was A
Man's Man.

Hassie C. McNeill, pioneer citizen of Dunn, died at his home here Wednesday evening just as he was preparing for bed. Death came suddenly, though not unexpectedly, for Mr. McNeill had been in ill health for more than two years, and was, with a degree of patience characteristic of his life, awaiting the summons which would carry him to rest beside the Master whom he had faithfully served through all his mature years.

So passed one of the sweetest characters of the community. For more than thirty years Mr. McNeill had labored with and for Dunn. Never an aggressive man, his modesty kept him much in the background of public affairs during the late years of his life, but his quiet influence was always felt in matters affecting the common weal.

Early in the town's life he was elected Mayor of Dunn, defeating the late A. R. Wilson, for re-election about the year 1892. He was, in memory, served an old citizen correctly, the first Democratic mayor elected in Dunn, Julius J. Wade and immediate successor, Major James Pearsall, the first and second mayors of the town, having been appointed by the Board of Commissioners. He served, too, as a magistrate for several years, and was for two terms cotton weigher of Dunn. These were his only public offices.

Mr. McNeill was for many years employed in the store of the late J. J. Wade, and for some time was in business here for himself, being at one time associated with the late J. P. Putman in the grocery business—a business of which he subsequently became the sole owner.

He was born in that part of Cumberland county which now is Harnett. His ancestors were among the first of the Highland Scotch who came to the Cape Fear country from their native hills, and helped to carve from the wilderness the country around us. This was a hardy stock of gentlefolk who loved God and His works, and he walked close to God in his daily life.

Mr. McNeill was one of the first deacons of the First Baptist church of Dunn. That church and the cause in which it labored was ever close to his heart. He was one of the most active Sunday school teachers, and every Sunday he had about him a gathering of young men whom he strove to lead into pathways that are clean and godly. His life and his teachings were an example to them. His teachings were the principles which he lived. Obedience to God and love of mankind.

He was a tolerant man, possessing none of the attributes of the bigot. He loved men—sinners and sinners; but he detested sin. Kindly, charitable, sociable, lovable, his influence was wonderful with young men. His Sunday talks led many from the ways to which present-day youth has a natural tendency.

For all of his gentleness, "Uncle Hassie" was a man's man. He loved the stream, the field and the forest. It was the blood of the fox hunter and the deer stalker; his was a fisherman's nature. He thrived at the lay of the hounds, and would ride all night to be in at the end of Reynard's long race. He knew his native streams and sandhill and marsh land. And he loved it. He loved it and the people who live upon it. Truly he was one of God's noblemen.

Mr. McNeill was born May 21, 1854, near Lillington. On May 24, 1877, he married Miss Ida Underwood. To this union three children were born—one son and two daughters. The son, Thomas H. McNeill, at one time a newspaper publisher here, died several years ago while living in Richmond. The daughters are Mrs. M. H. Privett, of Spring Hope, and Miss Viola McNeill, of Dunn. The widow and daughters survive.

The funeral was conducted from the church for which Mr. McNeill had labored so long, faithfully and fruitfully, at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The service was conducted by Rev. E. N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. J. A. Ellis, pastor of the Pullen Memorial Baptist

WILL TELL HOW TO CONTROL BOLL WEEVIL

Approved Methods of Fighting
Weevil Will Be Presented
At Maxton July 25

Maxton, July 19.—By arrangement of business men a meeting has been called at Maxton July 25, at 10:00 a. m. to permit farmers and business men to hear authorities from Georgia. The speakers are J. N. Harper, former director of South Carolina Experiment Station; C. A. Whittle, formerly of the United States Bureau of Soils, all of whom are connected with the Soil Improvement Committee work in the South.

These experts have been making a special study of boll weevil control throughout the South and have been aggressive advocates of the Government's calcium arsenate method of boll weevil control. This organization has also issued a great deal of literature on the subject and articles from members have been very widely printed in the agricultural journals and daily press. The interest which these gentlemen have created in other sections of the South have induced some of the business interest in North Carolina to arrange for the meeting at Maxton July 25.

All phases of boll weevil control, including poisoning, cultural methods and other practices will be treated. These speakers make very favorable impressions wherever heard and they are much sought after to hold meetings of the kind to be held at Maxton. An effort is being made to get a representative of the College of Agriculture to be on the program.

The meeting will begin promptly at 10 a. m., July 25, and business men of Maxton and farmers throughout the surrounding territory are invited to be present.

GENERAL AFFRAY IN HOKE COUNTY

Two Wounded in Fight Between
White Men And
Negroes

Raeford, July 17.—Will Walton, colored, backed his flivver accidentally into the back of a car owned by a white man named Lineberry in the Antioch neighborhood in Hoke county, and as a result, so the story goes, Lineberry became incensed and reprimanded Walton severely, whereupon Walton drew a knife on Lineberry. After it was thought the altercation had ended, Lineberry is said to have pursued Walton and shot him in the arm.

That same evening Walton's brother, Lem Walton, gathered together at least two other negroes, waylaid Lineberry on the highway and each opened fire with shot guns, shooting away part of the white man's face and blinding one eye. The assault took place in hearing of several white people's homes, and within a few hundred yards of a negro tenant's home, and all remember to have heard three gun fire about 9 o'clock in the evening, but no one took the trouble to investigate the cause.

The man, partly unconscious, and totally disabled, lay all night by the side of the road in the edge of a large field, and was not discovered until early next day when a passerby saw his wrecked car and found him lying near by. He was taken to Highsmith's Hospital in Fayetteville and last news was that he had a chance to live if complications could be kept down.

An usual bootleg liquor had to do with the unwarranted anger of the negroes. Lineberry and his brother are from near Apex, and have been citizens of Hoke only perhaps a year. Officers have been unable to apprehend the negroes who escaped at least twelve hours before the wounded man was discovered.

This is the third serious occurrence of the sort in Hoke during the past ten days.

church, Raleigh, and a former pastor of the local church. Both paid glowing and worthy tribute to the life lived by Mr. McNeill.

Appropriate music was rendered by a mixed quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denning, Miss Sallie Naylor and Dr. C. D. Bain. The large church auditorium was filled with sorrowing relatives and friends who had gathered to pay a final token of respect to one who had been their friend. The pallbearers were: J. L. Thompson, J. A. Taylor, Nathan Johnson, L. F. Bailey, J. C. Clifford, O. R. Pearce, D. H. Hood, J. F. Byrnes and Jno. W. Draughon.

Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery, and the grave was completely covered with attractive floral offerings, which showed in a small degree the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

HOW TO CONTROL THE RED SPIDER

Mr. Mabey Suggests Remedy
For Combatting Another
Cotton Enemy

Not only is W. Bruce Mabey, director in charge of local government boll weevil station, assisting the farmers in their fight against the weevil, but in fighting other bugs and beetles that make their appearance in the cotton fields. The "Red Spider" has recently appeared in several cotton fields in the Dunn district and many farmers have consulted Mr. Mabey in regard to the best manner of fighting them.

The following from a letter which Mr. Mabey has recently mailed to many of the farmers will be of interest to Dunn's readers:

"Dunn, N. C., July 18, 1923."

"Dear Mr. Cotton Grower:—Many complaints have been heard regarding damage to cotton from 'Red Spider.' A good rain will help more than anything else. If you don't get a rain, spray the infested patches with Lime Sulphur solution. (Directions on the can, 2 ounces to one gallon of water) or mix one ounce of Potassium Sulphide with one gallon of water and spray. Always spray the under side of the leaves."

Greensboro might as well consider it. Mack'll get it, and more.

HOW AND WHEN TO POISON WEEVILS

Many Fields Found To Have
Infestation Of More Than
10 Per Cent

Aside from personal visits to many of the farms in the Dunn district for the purpose of investigating the damage being done by the boll weevil, W. Bruce Mabey, entomologist in charge of the local government boll weevil station, has issued the following letter of instructions:

"Dunn, N. C., July 18, 1923."

"Dear Mr. Cotton Grower:—Many cotton fields in Harnett, Cumberland, Wayne and Sampson counties have been found heavily infested to start dusting to control the weevil. Most of the fields that have had weevils in them will be ready to dust by July 20th.

"Follow the 10 per cent rule, count 100 squares over your cotton fields if you find 10 or more squares punctured begin to dust. Get North Carolina extension circular 137 which will give you complete instructions."

"Put on at least two applications of dust then make another count. If you have less than 10 per cent of squares punctured wait awhile before putting on more poison."

"Do not put out poison if you have not any damage."

"Get in touch with your county agent or extension man located near you and follow his guidance."

"Do It Right or Not At All."

SAY HOSPITAL HOLDS BOY AGAINST WILL

Habeas Corpus Proceedings To
Secure Release Of
Patient

Fayetteville, July 17.—A writ of habeas corpus proceedings was signed by Judge N. A. Scales in Lumberton last week, returnable to him Friday, in the action to have the Hamlet Hospital, at Hamlet, release Rodney Neal, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Neal, of Fayetteville, who was alleged to have been held under lock and key at the hospital because he was unable to pay a large hospital bill.

The case grew out of an accident in which young Neal was seriously injured while working for a contracting company now erecting the new hotel building in Maxton. As soon as the boy was found to be seriously injured, he was rushed to the Hamlet Hospital. A young employee of the contracting company told Dr. James that the company would pay half the hospital bill. It has developed that the representative of the company was under age and could not legally make a contract to this effect. The boy underwent an operation and spent several weeks in the hospital. Dr. James notified his parents that he was well enough to be discharged and to come for him, which they did. They claim that they were told upon reaching the institution that the boy could not be discharged until the bill had been paid.

W. T. Royal returned yesterday from a visit to Lumberton and Rowland, where he spent a few days.

DUKE NEWS

(By WADE H. LUCAS.)

Duke, July 18.—For the second consecutive Sunday the people of Duke have experienced the harrowing fear of a mad dog at large in the town. Sunday a week ago the excitement ran at a high pitch for almost two hours, when last Sabbath evening as the people were returning from church the cry went forth that another mad canine was on a rampage. This had the stimulus of causing scores to seek the shelter of their respective homes. At first it was supposed that the rumor was a fake, but it was not as the animal was showing unmistakable evidence of rabies. And as before on the preceding Sunday an eager crowd of men and boys poured forth from every part of town with arms of every kind to kill the dog if possible. But they were not successful as the hound escaped as if it bore a charmed life.

While the chase was at the zenith of its short life Luther Allen, a student of Duke, had a narrow escape from injury. It happened thusly: He was at head of a bunch of men and boys in the western section of the town, seeking traces of the dog, and seeing an autoist just coming into the village he jumped out into the road, where there was already a car and, with his foot on one hand, he attempted to halt the driver. Evidently the motorist thought that a highwayman was trying to hold him up and, probably feeling terrified with fear the driver opened his car door causing same to leap forward; narrowly missing Mr. Allen, who barely jumped before the machine reached him. According to Mr. Allen's version the machine did not stop for some time and he was unable to procure any information whatsoever.

Deputy Sheriff A. J. Harper captured two stills in the last few days—a very close proximity of town. He had the assistance of officers from Dunn and also from the aid of him. The first one had a capacity of forty gallons and the second of thirty gallons. Four men were apprehended at the first and three of them are being tried in the next Superior court. None were caught at the second, but officer Harper said the still had recently been operated.

To local baseball team played spectacular ball behind "Hooks" Jones last Saturday and defeated the Ballway Clerks, of the Raleigh city league, by the score of 7 to 2. Jones hit the best brand of ball seen here in a long time, striking out twelve batters and allowing only three singles. "Spears" Coffey, university pitcher, essayed to calm the bats of the locals, but they landed on him at the sixth inning for five runs. After this and before he hit sixth, Coffey hurled classy ball. Parker, the longest right fielder of Duke, was the batting star with three hits out of four appearances at the plate.

The Ervin Concert band returned Saturday from White Lake, where they spent a week's vacation. Director Whitely says his musicians had a splendid time at the resort, and the stiff course of daily rehearsals the band carried out greatly helped them. The members camped out in the open at the lake and roughed it in the true campor's way.

Miss Pauline Sykes has returned to her home in Statesville, after being the guest of Miss Myrtle Woodworth for two weeks.

Miss Ruby Myers, of Ahsokie, has accepted a position here with the Hassel-Johnson Co., as stenographer. Miss Mabel Woodworth has returned from Norfolk, Va., where she spent a month with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pate and son, W. M. Jr., spent the latter part of last week at White Lake.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wood, a daughter. Both are getting along nicely.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Horne, a son, at the Good Hope hospital. The two are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hicks left Monday for Pinnacle, Va., where they will spend a two-weeks' vacation with friends. The trip was made by automobile.

Thomas W. Sprinkle, principal of the Duke schools for the past three sessions, was in town Friday on his way to Port Bragg, to take training in the Reserve Officers' Training school there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Pate and children, spent Tuesday at White Lake enjoying the bathing.

Luther P. Prince has returned from a fifteen days' vacation spent with his parents in South Carolina.

Webster Byrd and John Cates spent the week end with friends in Greensboro.

Gay F. Woodlief, of the Bank of Harnett, left Monday for Stem to spend his vacation with his parents.

Miss Emma Brannock of near Burlington, is spending several days here

NEGRO CONGRESS MEETS AUG. 9-10.

Annual Farmers Congress To
Be Held In Greensboro
This Year

Practical and profitable farm plans will be the general theme at the North Carolina Negro Farmers' Congress to be held in Greensboro Thursday and Friday, August 9 and 10. As Dr. Herring, colored demonstration agent in Harnett county, is anxious that many of the negro farmers living in this part of the State attend the meeting, he has handed The Dispatch the following for publication:

"I want to urge upon you to attend this meeting. Once you go you want to go again. I would like to arrange an automobile party and motor through the country to Greensboro. If you can possibly arrange to attend this mid-summer meeting send me your name and address and I will arrange for your board and lodging at the A. and T. college free to you. All you have to do is to arrange to get there."

"I am going to motor through the country, so I can observe condition of crops, etc., as we go. Join me at Dunn or Lillington and we will go along together."

"If you care to write me concerning this meeting, I will be glad to furnish any information you desire."

"ASA D. HERRING,
"Local Agent, Dunn, N. C."

EUROPE IS READY FOR ANOTHER WAR

So Declares Newton D. Baker,
In Making Plea For League
Of Nations

Cleveland, July 18.—Europe is now more nearly ready for world war than it was in 1914, Newton D. Baker told an audience of women gathered here today to hear the former Secretary of War and others of Nations Non-Partisan association. It was the first gun fired here in an attempt to secure signers to a petition that the United States enter a League of Nations.

"When we present to the President and Senate ten thousand names or ten hundred thousand names, or ten million names of those who want America to join a League of Nations, they will listen," Mr. Baker declared.

Ready For War

"Europe is now more nearly ready for world war than it was in 1914, so far as underlying causes are concerned," Mr. Baker added. "I can not see how it can be prevented unless some substitute is found."

"If the devil has it in his heart to let forth upon the human race more deadly instruments of destruction than were used in the last terrible war, it means international suicide so far as the civilized nations are concerned."

"America must do her part in a big way in concert with the other nations of the world to prevent an international war. I believe that way will be the League of Nations, with reservations to protect the liberty of the United States."

Mr. Baker explained that there is no opposition between the League and the world court. He referred to the latter as "something we ought to go into," adding that "the court doesn't take us into the League and it doesn't keep us out."

N. C. NEGRO WORKMAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Pittsburgh, July 17.—Samuel Singleton, of Lumberton, N. C., and Robert Pusy, of Orangeburg, S. C., were killed and five other negro workmen in the Woodlawn plant of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company were seriously injured today when a slip occurred in a blast furnace on which they were at work making repairs.

A connection had broken and the force was trying to restore it when the charge slipped, forcing flames through the broken pipe and enveloping the workmen.

with her brother, T. V. Brannock. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Thomas are spending their vacation with Mrs. Thomas' parents at Vasa.

Dr. W. P. Holt spent Monday in Raleigh, where he accompanied his nephew, Isaac, to have a tonsil operation performed. Mrs. Anderson, nurse of the local hospital, went with them.

Rev. C. M. Gibbs, pastor of the Presbyterian church, left Monday for Georgia, where he and his family will spend a two-weeks' vacation with Mr. Gibbs' parents.

KANSAS WIDOWER CAN GET PICK FROM THESE

Sheriff Taylor Sends Along
Many Tar Heel Appli-
cations

Kinston, July 16.—The "likeliest" of many North Carolina women who are interested in the quest of Wallace Flowers, of Kansas, for a wife, will have their self-styled charms placed before Flowers for his early consideration. "I got the word along to the ladies," said Sheriff W. Taylor, sheriff of the county, today. "I want them to know I'm not laying down on the job."

"Wally" is interested in marriage. He prefers a North Carolina bride. He came into possession of Taylor's address and requested from a certain description of him that the local official was a thoroughly human and obliging sort of man. Taylor has confirmed Flowers' judgment by his actions. He refers to Flowers familiarly as "Wally" because it sounds more romantic.

With the letters before him, Flowers may choose whom he desires, to correspond with," said Taylor. "The great majority of the ladies are widows. They are fees to having a total of 87 children. I shall be disappointed if I don't see one of these Tar Heel girls and come her to spend her vacation. I have declined to accept any more applications because I don't want to confuse the fellow. Every section of North Carolina is represented. From Wilmington to Winston-Salem, and from Manteo to Marion. I am disappointed that no local county woman is aspirant to Wally's hand. I am wondering why."

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DRAGONS OF KLAN STANDING BY LAW

Opposed To Taking Law En-
forcement Away From
Authorities

Asheville, July 18.—Resolutions declaring that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan stand firmly for law enforcement through properly constituted officials were adopted by the Grand Dragons and Great Titans of the Order, who adjourned their annual conference here today, according to officials of the Klan.

The resolution condemned any persons "who might seek to take the law into their own hands."

Another resolution adopted by the conference placed the Klan on record as opposing unrestricted foreign immigration and favoring even more drastic immigration laws.

The representatives of the Klan organizations in the various states unanimously voted their support and confidence in Dr. M. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard, and his national administration and voiced their endorsement of his policies.

A vote was taken re-affirming in detail the principles and ideals of the order and pledging all present to continued efforts to spread the principles of Americanism throughout the various states.

A special message was sent from the conference to Mrs. Eula A. Murkwell, Imperial Commander, Women of the Ku Klux Klan, stating that Klan officials in every time would actively aid this organization which they recognized as the official auxiliary of the Klan.

Following the adoption of the various resolutions, a round table discussion was held, led by R. E. Ramsey, Imperial Kligrapp. This was concerning technical matters regarding the operation of the Klan.

Those featured this morning were the Grand Dragon of Alabama, the Grand Dragon of Louisiana, the Grand Dragon of Wyoming and Great Titans from Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas. All spoke on matters concerning technical methods of Klan organization and development.

NINETY-THREE DOCTORS ADDED TO PROFESSION

Raleigh, July 16.—Ninety-three additional doctors have been added to the medical profession of the State, it was announced here tonight following the final examinations today of papers submitted by the newly-created doctors who passed the prescribed tests of the State.

Dr. K. P. R. Hunter, secretary of the State Board of examiners, stated that a total of 147 applicants presented themselves for licenses. Twenty-eight of these applied for endorsement of credentials without examinations. Of those taking the examinations, Alan Ransauer Anderson, of Statesville, ranked first with an average of 94.67.

SEASONS FOLLOW VERY DRY JUNE

Cotton Crop Is Unusually Well
Promising In Most of
Counties

Raleigh, July 17.—The favorable season over most of the state following a very dry June have relieved the outlook situation for most counties, according to the semi-monthly crop report of Frank Parker, statistician of the crop reporting service of the Department of Agriculture.

"There still remains the need of rainfall in some of the northern and mountain centers," the report continued. "The temperature has been unusually warm and good for all crops. Day to the dry June weather most all crops are in good cultivation and free of grass. Excellent or heretofore crops suffered considerably in July 1."

"Crops are generally in good condition excepting where dry conditions continue. The growth has been fairly good, and due to limited stunting during June the roots went deep into the ground and consequently may be expected to make for fruitfulness if conditions remain favorable."

"The harvest of wheat was unusually good and the grain dry and well stored. Seasons were favorable for a minimum damage. The same condition applies to oats and rye."

The cotton crop is unusually well promising in most of the counties the report said.

"It is satisfying some in the northern portion of central counties between districts two and three. The weevil damage is just beginning to be apparent, with farmers perturbed over the outcome. There is quite a quandary over the best method to follow in combating them. The cultivation is good and conditions generally favorable."

"The hay crop prospects are variable due to the lateness in seeding, on account of dry weather in June. Last year's crop was unusually good, and both acreage and yield may be less this year."

"District No. two, or the main part of the old belt, tobacco suffered severely from the drought and some sections are still needing rain. Average shortage occurred in this area, but has regained in the eastern or new belt area, where seasons were more favorable. Growth and cultivation are both very good, stands favorable, especially in the old belt. Some brightening reported."

"According to a recent questionnaire in the commercial fruit growers of the state, both apples and peaches are less promising than was expected. This is particularly true of peaches. There was a heavy June drop of apples. The commercial growers estimate 10 per cent less than the regular correspondence report or about a 10 per cent crop."

"The migration of farm labor was less extensive in North Carolina than states farther south. In fact, many counties gained more moving from the south than was lost by those going north."

"The effect of the increase in pounds and grade of fertilizers per acre is telling on almost all crops, but notably on cotton and tobacco."

OFFICERS DON'T TAKE STOCK IN WIFE'S STORY

Don't Think Missing Man Has
Met With Fool
Play

Durham, July 17.—Although county officers have failed to get united over the reports concerning the absence of J. W. Smith, a local painter, whose automobile was found deserted near the Vaughan convict camp some miles west of Durham, Mr. Smith continues to insist that her husband has met with foul play. Showing her faith in the belief of Mr. Smith this morning called together friends and formed a posse to search for her husband. The party of friends entered the woods near the point where Smith is reported as having been seen last, and up until a late hour this afternoon there were no new developments. It is reported that members of a local lodge with which Smith is said to be affiliated will join the searching party tonight.

Sheriff John F. Harward, who has received notice concerning Smith's absence, believes the man "legged out" fearing arrest on a charge of drunkenness.

Mrs. Smith insists that this theory is too slim, and asserts that her husband had no other reason as could think of for deserting her. The posse has rounded at a local hotel for some months and employees of the hotel assure they appeared to be devoted to each other. The hotel employees place no credence in the theory that Smith left his wife purposely.