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CLAYTON ASSURY LILES.

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When companions returned from Myrtle Beach last Wednesday and brought the news home that Clayton Liles had been drowned our hearts were wrung with grief, we were stunned, as it were, scarcely believing such a tragedy had happened.

How true is the adage, "Death loves a shining mark!" Since a mere lad we had known Clayton and to have known him was indeed a privilege. He was always a man even before reaching the age of manhood. He was the dependence of a devoted mother, four sisters and a brother and how dependable he was!

He lived his life for others and he died the heroic death of a real man—gave his life that his companion might be spared.

As a devoted, faithful and obedient son none have ever excelled Clayton. His devotion to his father during his long illness was indeed beautiful. Then after his father's death he assumed the responsibility of the home and more than ever did we then realize just what a good boy he was—straight with God and man.

He was loved dearly by all the family and his advice was always sought before they would take any definite step.

Had Clayton lived until the 17th of October, he would have been 28 years old. How sad it is to see one so young, just in the prime of manhood, snatched away, when it seems he was so much needed! We cannot understand this dispensation, but we do know that "all things work together for good to them that love God." and that, too, "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." With these thoughts we would try to comfort the sorely bereaved loved ones, and commend them to God Who doeth all things well.

Clayton, as he was affectionately known, was a Stewart in Centenary M. E. church, Superintendent of the Sabbath school, also church treasurer. He was a member, too, of Antioch school board, and one of the best farmers and business men in this section. Seldom do we see one so young elected to so many responsible offices and fill each so efficiently. He was all that could be said of a near perfect man.

When his neighbors or friends were in trouble, Clayton was one of the first to come and always stayed until relief came.

He lived a true, consecrated Christ-like life and truly we believe he has gone to receive the reward of the blest, the righteous who die in Christ.

His funeral was conducted from the home, the interment being in Antioch cemetery. The large crowd attending these services attest to the number of his friends. Each servant he has ever had came back to pay a last tribute of respect to one whom they loved, one who had always played the game fair with them.

The floral offering was one of the most beautiful we have ever seen placed upon a mound underneath which rests the form of one whom we all loved and whose memory we cherish.

"Sleep on beloved, and take thy rest;
Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast;
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best—
Good night!

Calm is thy slumbers, as an infant sleeps,
But thou shalt wake no more to toll and weep;

Thine is a perfect rest, secure and deep—
Good night!

Until the shadows from this earth are cast;
Until He gathers up His sheaves at last;

Until the twilight gloom be over past—
Good night!

Only "good night," beloved, not "farewell,"
A little while and all His saints shall dwell

In hallowed union indivisible,
Good night!

Until we meet again before His throne,
Clothed in the spotless robe

He gives His own,
Until we know as we are known,
Good night!"

The Monroe Reunion.

In honor of Mrs. Ollie C. Monroe of Newnan, Ga., the Monroe family held a reunion at Phillips church the 22nd, inst., last Thursday.

Upon short notice there was a goodly number of the grandchildren and great grandchildren of the older Monroes.

Those present were: Mrs. Ollie C. Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. McLean Campbell and daughters Isabella and Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jonnison and children C. B. Jr., Mary Nancy and Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Byrd and children, Monroe, Staley; Myrtle and Sarah Mae, and Mrs. Bertha Truelove, of Bunlevel, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris and children, Charles, Sarah and Willard Monroe, Lumber Bridge, McKay Johnson, of Lillington, and children, Mary Anne and Dannie Johnson, of Raeford, Mrs. Ida Lancaster and children John, Louise, Henry and Ralph, of Parkton, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Boney and son, Sidney Jr. of Wallace, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gillis, of Raeford, Route 2.

Mrs. Upchurch Entertains.

Mrs. Clyde Upchurch was a charming hostess at one of the largest bridge parties of the season when she entertained ten tables at her home Friday.

The living room and dining room were attractively decorated with summer flowers and formed a beautiful background for the game. The partying was very animated throughout the afternoon and at the conclusion of several very interesting progressions, Miss Maude Poole was presented for high score an attractive and unique nosegay of sewing equipment. Mrs. Harry Green, who scored second high, received dainty bath salts. Mrs. J. K. Wilson, guest of Mrs. J. B. Thomas, cut the visitors prize, a lovely powder jar, and Mrs. Alfred Cole received low score prize.

A tempting salad course with fruit punch was served by Mrs. Upchurch assisted by Mrs. Harry Green and Mrs. J. B. Thomas. About forty guests enjoyed Mrs. Upchurch's gracious hospitality.

Master Tom McBryde has been quite sick with erysipelas, but is out again.

Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin has been confined to her room by sickness for two weeks, but is very much improved.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Cromartie have as their guests the latter's father, mother and brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Murphy of Hepzibah, Ga., and Mr. J. C. Murphy of Atlanta, Ga.

Community Picnic.

The Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches will join in a picnic at Lake Rim on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 29th. Every one is invited to bring their lunch and spend an afternoon in fun and frolic together.

The young people taking their bathing suits will have the privilege of going in the water. Supper will be served at six o'clock.

Mrs. J. C. Thomas,
Mrs. W. F. Trawick,
Mrs. A. J. Fuller,
Mrs. C. W. Seate,
Mrs. W. E. Freeman,
Mrs. J. R. Hampton,
Mrs. Paul Dickson,
Committee.

The McKenzie Hold Reunion.

The McKenzie Clan met in reunion at Floral College on Wednesday, August 21st, and had a big crowd, and all spent a very pleasant day!

The Clan McKenzie, the descendants of one man, Murdoch McKenzie, the grandfather of the present older generation of McKenzies, are a great deal more numerous than we had any idea of, for there were one hundred registered at this reunion, besides a number of invited friends, and they had a sumptuous picnic dinner.

These good citizens are for the most part numbered with the population of Hoke County, and are among The Journal's best friends and we wish for them all long life and prosperity.

The Currie Reunion.

The descendants of the late John Calvin Currie have been holding a family reunion at the Pike for several years, and they met this year on Aug. 14th, and The Journal expected a report of this reunion last week, but we failed to get it.

These Currie descendants come a long way to these reunions, from South Carolina, Georgia, and Dr. W. A. McLeod, of Cuero Texas, a grandson of the head of the house, timed his visit to the state so as to be at the Currie reunion.

These are numbered among the best citizens of the country wherever they have lived, and a number of them have achieved eminence.

R. S. Clark Dead.

Mr. Rufus S. Clark, a former citizen of this community, a native of Chatham county, and a good man, well known in Raeford, died at his home in Poplarville, Miss. Aug. 16th, aged 68 years.

Mr. Clark married Miss Christian McKeithan, a sister of the late Daniel McKeithan and Mrs. Sam Cameron. His wife survives together with six children, five daughters and one son, as follows: Mrs. Adolph McGehee, of Poplarville, Miss., Mrs. Olyn Ward Luce Dale, Miss., Mrs. V. E. Walker, Picayune, Miss., Mrs. Fred Collins, Gulfport, Miss., Mrs. Tom Sinclair, Sanitorium, N. C., and Mr. James Clark, of Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. Sinclair had just returned from a visit to relatives in Mississippi two days before her father died.

Miss Margaret Walters is spending this week with friends in Sanford.

Dr. W. M. Fairley is sick at Montreat, and will not be able to preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning.

FORMER RAEFORD BOY DROWNED.

Young Ralph Norman McGill, a son of the late John, and Mrs. Nannie Scales McGill, born in Raeford Dec. 31st, 1911, nearly 18, was drowned in the Catawba river Saturday afternoon, when a storm caused the boat in which he was crossing the stream to capsize. His brother Scales and another boy swam the river and were waiting on the other bank for Ralph, who could not swim, to cross in a boat.

The deceased is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Neill McGill of Raeford, was one of a family of four brothers and one sister, all small children when their father died with influenza in 1918. After the death of their father the family moved to Charlotte, and these boys turned out wonderfully smart, and Ralph held a good position with Piedmont & North Western Railway.

His body was not recovered until Monday evening although thousands of people joined in the search. His remains were buried in Charlotte Tuesday.

Mrs. Thom's Entertains.

One of the most elaborate social functions of the season was the bridge and rook party given by Mrs. J. B. Thomas at her home on North Main Street Tuesday afternoon honoring her sister, Mrs. J. K. Wilson, of Robinsville.

Five tables were arranged for bridge and two for rook, and the music, dining and living room and parlor of the attractive home was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

At the conclusion of the game lovely colored glass-bud vases were awarded to Mrs. Jesse Shaw and Miss Margaret Currie who won top scores in rook and bridge, and a dainty compact was given the honoree.

A delicious ice course was served by the hostess assisted by Mesdames Marshall Thomas Clyde Upchurch and Star McMillan and Misses Catherine and Mary Ellen Thomas.

The out of town guests who enjoyed this delightful affair were Mrs. J. K. Wilson, Mrs. Jesse Shaw of Rockfish, Misses Victoria Mial of Raleigh, and Dicie Tappay of Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Entertain.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson was attractively decorated with a variety of garden flowers when they delightfully entertained at dinner Saturday night at their home on Central Avenue.

Tables were placed in the living room and the guests enjoyed a delicious three course dinner. After the dinner bridge was played.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were: Mesdames Ben Sloan of Greenville, S. C., W. L. Poole, J. B. Thomas and guest, Mrs. J. K. Wilson of Robinsville, Marshall Thomas, Paul Johnson, Misses Isabel Jean Lamont, Victoria Mial of Raleigh, Maude and Mary Poole and Mr. J. B. Thomas.

Miss Margaret McLean, of Maxton, has returned home after visiting her aunt, Miss Margaret Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Blue and children, Neill James and Patsy, left Saturday for Washington, D. C. They will go to the mountains while they are away.

HOKE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Antioch: R. A. Smoak, Principal; High School, R. A. Smoak, and Miss Annie Mae McLean; Elementary, Misses Claire Crenshaw, Kate McMillan, Elizabeth Stutts, Mrs. R. A. Smoak. School opens Sept. 30th.

Blue Springs: Elementary, Mr. Johnson Mathews, Misses Lettie McMillan and Mary McGirt. School opens Sept. 30th.

Mt. Pleasant: Mrs. Julia Dees and Miss Adams. School opens Oct. 15th.

Bunker Hill: Not settled.

Rockfish: Elementary; Misses Treva Townsend, Norden and Gola Willoughby.

School to open Sept. 30th, or Oct. 15th, unsettled.

Ashmont: Mr. W. P. Rodgers, Principal, and High School; Elementary, Misses —Auman, Mary Dunlap, Margaret Hodgkin, Myrtice Barrington, —Auman. School opens Sept. 16th.

Mildouson: Elementary, Mr. W. J. Coats, Principal, Misses Gladys Hinson, Katie Lou Geddie, Irene Downer, Aris Shankle. School opens Sept. 30th.

Raeford: Mr. W. P. Pell, Principal and High School, Misses Carrie Sturgis, Anne Hoyl, Linda Stacy, Mr. W. C. Hodgkin, other places not yet filled; Elementary, Misses Ruth Fulcher, Murriel Sutton, Mary Wheeler, Elizabeth Tyson, Jessie Hefner, Xymena Smith, Rose Hamilton, Tressie Sloan; Mrs. I. P. Bethune, music; one position to be filled in this department. School opens Sept. 2nd.

Class Picnic.

The Summer Class of the Presbyterian Sunday School, which is composed of boys and girls home from college and teaching for the summer, had a picnic at Covington's Pond last Wednesday afternoon.

Bacon and weiners were toasted and these together with other things which were taken, a regular feast was enjoyed.

Woman's Club to Meet.

There will be a meeting of the Civic Department of the Woman's Club at Kiwanis Hall next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Julia Willford,
Chairman.

Miss Wright Honors Guest.

On Friday evening Aug. 23rd, Miss Viola Wright entertained a group of young people at her country home near town in honor of Miss Mabel Lockey, of Maxton. The rooms were decorated with pretty summer flowers.

Informal games and dancing were engaged in during the evening, after which the hostess served ice cream and cake, assisted by Misses Bernice Yarboro and Inez Wright.

Those attending this lovely party were, Misses Mabel Lockey, Margaret Morris, Mary Elma McFadyen, Bernice Yarboro, Annie Mae Gibson, Kathleen Stevenr, Hazel Overton, Inez Wright, Mr. and Lawrence Stanton and B. M. Hudson, of McCall, S. C., Messrs Woodrow McLean, Julian Wright, H. D. Wright, of McCall S. C., P. H. Wright, Pierce Wright, Luther Hamilton, Clifton Brown, Julian McLeod, Nathan Epstein and Lee and Billy Maxwell.

Friends of Mrs. T. B. Upchurch will be sorry to learn that she is ill at her home here.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. W. E. Pell and children returned Friday from a visit to relatives in Raleigh.

Mrs. John Blue returned last Wednesday from a months visit to relatives in Nixburg, Ala.

Rev. W. C. Wilson, of Hallsboro, visited Mrs. D. H. McNeill and family the first of the week.

Mr. Hallie Seawell of Washington, D. C., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green.

Miss Alice Hasty of Maxton, spent the week end with her niece, Miss Anna Sutton Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. DuBose and family, of Bishopville, S. C., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Benton Polston.

Cotton is beginning to open, but we do not expect any to be ginned in August, as we have known back in dry years.

Mr. Arch McNair left last week for Nashville, N. C., where he has accepted a position as manager of the Ford place there.

Mrs. W. F. Lentz was badly cut last Thursday morning by a shovel which was in the yard, and several stitches had to be taken.

Misses Grace Mary Justice, of Marion, and Elliot and Pat McLean, of Laurinburg, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Covington this week.

Messrs. Dee Currie, Will Roberts, Tommie Upchurch and Dr. R. A. Matheson attended the McColman Gibson wedding at Gibson Tuesday.

Mrs. L. D. Winston and son, Harry, have returned to their home in Charleston, S. C., after visiting Mrs. Winston's sister, Mrs. Arthur Campbell.

Mrs. D. S. McEachern and children, Sandy and Sarah Margaret, have returned to their home in St. Pauls after spending the past month with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Blue.

Messrs. J. C. Warburton, R. C. Warburton and Miss Lettie G. Warburton, father, brother and aunt of Mrs. A. D. Carwell, have returned to their home in Williamsburg, Va., after visiting Rev. and Mrs. Carwell.

Miss Pauline Freeman who teaches at Unionville, spent the week end at home. She was accompanied by Mr. Kirby Crenshaw and Miss Mary Frances Lemond, of Monroe, who spent the week end with Mr. Crawford Thomas.

Misses Jack McNeill and Katherine McPhaul of Antioch, have returned from a three weeks visit to Hallsboro. While there they visited Carolina Beach, Wrightsville Beach, Lake Waccamaw and attended the Feast of Pirates at Wilmington.

The Junior Choir, which is composed of young people from the three churches in town and who have been singing at the union services each Sunday evening this summer, gave a splendid program in the Presbyterian church Sunday night composed of songs they have learned this summer.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement.

MRS. CARRIE LILES
AND FAMILY.