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## ILL HEALTH PUTS END TO NOTABLE PUBLIC CAREER

**William Howard Taft Resigns As Chief Justice of Supreme Court; Only Man to Be Both President and Chief Justice; Charles Evans Hughes Appointed by Hoover To Fill Vacancy.**

Washington, Feb. 3.—William Howard Taft resigned today as Chief Justice of the United States, and President Hoover promptly appointed Charles Evans Hughes to succeed him.

Despite his failing health, the sudden voluntary ending of the public career of Mr. Taft, with its span of 40 years, came as a public surprise, but little more so than did the selection of the former Secretary of State as his successor.

The resignation of the only man to be both President and Chief Justice was presented to the President just before noon by a son, Robert A. Taft. He had brought it to Washington from Asheville, where Mr. Taft had been resting for three weeks after a recurrence of an old organic ailment.

Accepting the resignation with reluctance, Mr. Hoover determined to name a successor as speedily as possible so that there might be the minimum of delay in handling the business of the court.

Offered to Hughes

He located Mr. Hughes in New York by long distance telephone, offered him the post and there was a prompt acceptance.

The nomination immediately was prepared and transmitted to the Senate soon after 4 p. m. Prompt confirmation is looked for, with the expectation that Mr. Hughes will take his place as Chief Justice within the very near future.

From the moment of the announcement of the resignation of Mr. Taft until the nomination of Mr. Hughes was sent to the Senate, the belief had been fairly general in both official and Supreme Court circles that Associate Justice Harlan Fiske Stone would be elevated to the highest judicial post in the country.

By speedily filling the post, the Chief Executive cut short speculation as to Mr. Taft's probable successor. Hughes and Stone, however, were being mentioned prominently, as well as former President Coolidge and Senator Borah of Idaho.

Appointment of Mr. Hughes as Chief Justice will create another vacancy in the Federal service. His son, Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., will resign as Solicitor General of the United States, since this official argues the more important cases for the government before the Supreme Court.

Mr. Hughes, in New York, said he would accept the nomination as Chief Justice.

**Awaits Notice**

Pending the receipt of formal notice from the Chief Executive, Mr. Hughes declined to make a formal statement.

He said, however, he would cable his resignation as a justice of the World Court and revealed that he already had apprised the court that he would not be a candidate for re-election for a full nine-year term commencing in September.

His decision not to be a candidate was prompted, he said, by a reluctance to spend most of the next nine years away from the United States. He is filling the unexpired term of John Bassett Moore.

Mr. Hughes explained that regardless of his decision, it would have been necessary to sever his connections with the World Court upon acceptance of the Chief Justiceship. The rules of the World Court forbid a justice holding any political or administrative office.

Mr. Hughes said that he otherwise is free to accept the nomination that will make him the presiding officer of the court on which he served as associate justice before his unsuccessful quest of the Presidency in 1916.

## Dickson-McBryde

Saturday afternoon, Feb. 1st, Mr. J. B. Dickson and Miss Hannah McBryde were united in marriage by Dr. W. M. Fairley at the manse in Raeford, only a few relatives of the contracting parties being present. Mrs. Dickson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall B. McBryde of the Antioch neighborhood and until recently took training in Watts Hospital in Durham. Mr. Dickson is the oldest son of the late Dr. A. P. and Mrs. F. W. Dickson of this place. He lives in Bladen county where he has a farm and other interests and where he and Mrs. Dickson will make their home.

## Tenant House Burns In Blue Springs

A tenant house on the farm of Mr. L. D. Warner in Blue Springs township was burned last Sunday about 3 o'clock p. m. The origin of the fire is not known but it is thought that it started in some broom straw in one corner of the building, and was possibly caused by rats. It was a small house, but a good one, and is a total loss to Mr. Warner as there was no insurance. Charlie Barrett, a colored man, was living in the house and he lost all of his furniture and wearing apparel.

## J. A. CAMERON TO GET PAROLE

**Freedom of Man Who Got 20 Years in Death of Raeford Officer Follows Appeals.**

Raleigh, February 4. — John A. Cameron, who was returned to North Carolina on November 17, 1928 to complete a sentence for murder after escaping and being free for 14 years, during which time he became a prominent and prosperous business man at Sylacauga, Ala., will be paroled tomorrow, Gov. O. Max Gardner announced tonight.

Cameron escaped from state prison here December 21, 1914, after serving less than one year of a 20-year sentence for the murder of P. C. Oates, Raeford chief of police, who had previously arrested Cameron, member of a prominent family, for drunkenness.

In appeals for clemency, it developed that Cameron had given \$10,000 to the family of the man he killed.

## ANTIOCH NEWS

Mrs. D. S. Liles and family spent last Sunday afternoon with relatives at Pine Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leggett of Winston-Salem spent last weekend here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Skipper and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McPhaul.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Will Hasty sick. She has been sick for several days.

Friends of Mrs. P. McN. Gibson will be sorry to learn that she is still quite sick. She was carried to the Baker Sanatorium in Lumberton last Sunday and it is hoped she is improving though not as rapidly as we would be glad for her to.

Mr. Carl Wilson spent the last few days with relatives in Sanford. Mr. Wilson makes headquarters at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Liles.

Mrs. J. W. McPhaul has been suffering intensely for several days with a head trouble. She went to Fayetteville Tuesday to consult Dr. McKay. We hope she will soon be relieved and strong again.

Miss Catherine McPhaul spent the past weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McPhaul.

Quite a few people in our community have been sick for the past several days. Bad colds and influenza seem to be almost an epidemic.

Several of the children have whooping cough.

Little Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Livingston, is very sick with pleurisy and it is feared she has pneumonia. Virginia has had quite a time this winter. She first had whooping cough and this is her second attack of pneumonia.

We are glad to learn that Miss Sarah Covington is getting along splendidly following an operation for appendicitis a few days ago. She expects to be able to return home within a few days.

Mr. P. McN. Gibson went over to Lumberton last Wednesday night to see Mrs. Gibson.

Mr. A. D. McPhaul is making good progress building his house. He will have it ready for occupancy. This is one of the most modern and conveniently arranged houses in our community.

Misses O'aire Crenshaw, Elizabeth Stutts and Annie Mae McLean went to Lumberton Wednesday night to see Mrs. Gibson.

Mr. Clarence McNeill was a business visitor in Fairmont last Saturday.

Mr. J. C. B. Gibson was in Raeford last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. N. A. Watson went over to Fayetteville recently to see his son-in-law, Mr. John Allen Warren. We are sorry to report that Mr. Warren is not getting along well at all. He has just recently returned from Baltimore, where he had been talking treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill Arch Smith were visiting relatives in our community recently.

Mr. Dock Higgins who has been visiting in Virginia, spent several days recently in our community.

## Civic Club Discusses Gardening Tuesday

The Civic club met in the school lunch room Tuesday afternoon for the regular monthly meeting. After reading of the minutes, reports were called for from committees. Mrs. H. A. Cameron reported three hundred and fifty free lunches given during January to under weight children. Call for more clothing also by Mrs. Cameron. The secretary gave a report of finance.

Mrs. R. A. Matheson had charge of the program in the absence of Mr. Sexton. Topic for the afternoon "Garden and Gardening." "Education and Health Value of Gardening" was given by Mrs. Wallace McLean.

"Interesting Children in Back-Yard Garden," by Mrs. Matheson. Mrs. Paul Dickson gave a talk on "Flowers, Shrubs and Ornamental Gardens." Mrs. Dickson also told the club how to select flowers in such a way as to have a continuation of cut flowers almost the year around, etc. The club adjourned, afterwards enjoying a short hour, the hostess serving refreshments.

## Hoke Prisoners Have Court All Their Own

Everyone is familiar with courts—some too familiar, in fact. There are courts all the way from the township magistrate's court to the United States Supreme Court and even the Court of International Justice. The latest and newest thing in the way of a court hereabouts, however, is the tribunal set up by the Hoke County prisoners in the stockade. They have made their longest term judge, the next longest solicitor, sheriff, clerk and so forth and when any member of the gang does any act detrimental to the well being of the whole he is yanked up and tried and given speedy punishment. Recently, one culprit violated one of their rules of sanitation. Court, soon convened and he was tried. He was ordered to receive twenty nine lashes with some strap that they had found and the sheriff soon was in the act of administering the decree when one of the higher-ups came on the scene.

## Mrs. Paul Johnson Entertains At Bridge

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Paul Johnson was hostess to the bridge club at the home of Mrs. Harry Green. Three tables were in play. Miss Margaret Currie was holder of high score and received first prize, while Mrs. Israel Mann received low score. Mrs. Johnson assisted by Mrs. Harry Green served a sweet course.

## Snow Halts Activities Here Last Week

An unusual thing in Hoke county was sufficient snow last Thursday and Friday to necessitate the closing of school for those days. There was no meeting of the Kiwanis club last week, due to the snow. The amount that fell was not so great but being mixed with sleet and frozen over it was very treacherous. A new type of sleigh ride has come into being with the use of automobiles as sleds. Sleighs were attached behind cars and many were to be seen on the streets.

## McLaughlin Child Passes On Monday

Little Beatrice Wells, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin, died Monday afternoon, after an illness of several days. She was born December 31, 1929, and was just one month old. Interment was made in Raeford cemetery Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to these parents in the death of their little baby.

## GENERAL NEWS

Cotton growers were advised recently by the Department of Agriculture not to increase their acreage. The warning was sounded in the annual report on the outlook for agriculture in 1930. This report was prepared by economists of the department cooperating with farm experts from all parts of the country and members of the Federal Farm Board. "The acreage and production of cotton in the last five years, with the exception of 1927, has been held at comparatively high levels," the report said. "It seems certain that any increase at the present time would be unwise."

Senator C. C. Cranford of Asheville, furniture manufacturer and member of the 1929 General Assembly, and well known here, is not pleased with some phases of the North Carolina Workmen's Compensation act, and has written Governor J. G. Richards of South Carolina, setting forth some of his objections to the act, so South Carolina will not fall into the same trap. He points out many bad features of the act, which he says proved good in some instances, but very bad in others.

According to the record of tax collections by the department of revenue, under the direction of Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, for the first seven months of the 1929-30 fiscal year, it now seems certain that the budget estimates of collections will be reached in inheritance, license and franchise taxes. The main concern now is over the income taxes, which will be due and payable March 15. For the calendar year 1928 the income taxes collected amounted to \$7,660,000. The original budget estimates place the 1929 collections, due in March, from this source at \$7,700,000, only a slight increase. This figure has been revised and cut down to \$7,200,000, half a million below the first estimates, made more than a year ago.

Dr. Harry W. Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, is being considered as a possible successor of Dr. David Kinley, president of the University of Illinois. Dr. Kinley has announced that he will retire at the end of the present school year. Dr. Chase has received several very attractive offers within

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## Commissioners To Establish New Road

The Board of Commissioners met Monday in regular session, with all members present except Mr. Stewart. Several petitions were heard for roads to be worked in different parts of the county, as the roads in some parts of the County have become almost impassable due to the snow and continual rains.

A petition was heard for the establishment of a new road from the Make McDiarmid Farm to connect with the Highway near the old Watson place. This petition was approved and J. F. McFadyen, Edgar Hall, and J. H. Blue were appointed to lay out the road.

It was ordered that the road force work the old Red Springs road by way of Joe Campbell's as soon as possible.

Several applications were made to be added to the pauper list. The pauper roll is larger now than usual, and there seems no way of reducing it at the present time.

The commissioners reviewed the cost of maintaining the Road Camp and were pleased with the results so far. An accurate record is being kept of the cost of feeding the prisoners. The cost so far is very low, but they preferred not to give out the figures for publication until a longer time has elapsed. At present there are 22 on the gang.

## Freemans Moved To Fayetteville Thursday

Mr. Walter E. Freeman and family moved to Fayetteville Thursday and Friday.

They have recently purchased a home there and will make that town their home. Mr. Freeman having a well established furniture business in that town.

## Revival Services Are Drawing Good Crowds

Rev. R. C. Clontz, of Wilmington, began a series of evangelistic services Sunday at the Presbyterian church and those attending are again in their praise of the preaching. Good crowds are attending, the singing under Mr. Andrew Burr, is excellent, and it is felt that a great deal of good is being done. Mr. Clontz preaches forceful sermons, devoid of the sensational and has made a splendid impression upon the people. Services will continue through Sunday.

## Teachers Plan For Live-at-Home Week

On last Saturday the principals and a number of the teachers attended a meeting held in the office of the county superintendent of schools to make plans for the "Live-at-Home" program in the schools for February 10-14. The Governor of the State has set aside the school week beginning on Monday, February 10th, as live-at-home week. For every day in that week it is arranged for the children in every classroom to have home instruction on the principles underlying the live-at-home idea, and some consideration of the basic facts which support this idea. This is to be done by regular classroom instruction, by composition work, by project work, by letters to the parents and by general exercises to which the people of the community will be invited. It is a vital question for all to consider and it is a fine opportunity for the schools to show that they are a vital force in the life of the communities. Those who attended the meeting last Saturday were enthusiastic about the work and it is believed that great interest will be shown and a good record made by all of the schools.

## Joe Gullege Has Head Man's Party

By L. McEachern

In consequence to a continued and spirited discussion as to the exact status of the husband in the home-to-wit, that he, said husband, is head man, Joe Gulledge on last Friday evening entertained seven more or less distinguished individuals at dinner. Those present who upheld the affirmative in the acrimonious articulation and confederate benefactors in the so-called state of conjugal bliss were, High Sheriff Hodgins, Joe Gulledge, Tommy Upchurch (about to turn benedict), and Dr. Matheson, (according to rumor, well on the way). The irreconcilables were D. Currie, Buck Currie, W. W. Roberts and Laurie McEachern. It was feared, however, that Mr. Roberts weakened decidedly during the evening and was about to place his strength into the camp of the enemy, so much so that it was thought advisable to bring into the argument the very distinguished and impeccable jurist and journalist, Judge Dickson, but due to objections from the coterie of martyrs he was ruled out on the grounds of his own admissions that he never was head man nor ever expected to be.

A delightful three course dinner was served by the real head of the house, except for whose guests would have been turned away unfed.

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## Dr. Murray Gives Notice Of Clinic

Clinics for the physical examination of the children to enter school next session for the first time will be conducted according to the following schedule:

Raeford School lunch room Feb. 10th, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Antioch School, Feb. 11th, from 10 to 12.

Miloudou School, Feb. 11th from 2 to 4 p. m.

Asheboro School, Feb. 12th from 10 to 12.

It is of the utmost importance that your child or children be physically fit to enter school. Very few children can progress satisfactorily in their studies if handicapped by bad health. Most of the causes of bad health in children can be removed or remedied. These causes should be removed or remedied before your child enters school so that he or she may make the most rapid progress possible.

R. L. Murray, County Physician.

## U. D. C. Has An Interesting Program

The Raeford chapter of U. D. C. was entertained at its monthly meeting by Mrs. J. H. McGowan at her home on Fulton Street Wednesday, February 5th, at 3 P. M.

Meeting opened with singing of America, followed by scripture and prayer by chaplain. Roll was called and minutes read. Then followed a few items of business.

Members were reminded to send quilt scraps, flower seed and knitting material for Ladies of Confederate Home to Mrs. H. L. Gatlin. Five dollars was voted to the Randolph fund for help of Confederate women in remote districts. Chapter voted to give Mrs. A. K. Currie demit to Laurinburg chapter. Much regret was felt at losing this active and interesting member.

The chapter had voted this year to give one program to the study of the good points of Abraham Lincoln and the following program was given at this meeting: "Battle Hymn of the Republic," its author and inspiration—Mrs. J. A. McGowan; Life of Lincoln—Mrs. J. W. Currie; reciting Lincoln's favorite poem, "Oh Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud"—Mrs. E. B. Garrett; Famous letter of Lincoln—Mrs. McLean Campbell; Discussion of various criticisms of Lincoln—Miss Marjorie Campbell, leader of the program.

A pleasant social hour was then enjoyed, the hostess serving fruit cake and chocolate fudge with hot coffee and whipped cream.

## Mrs. Israel Mann Gives Bridge Party

Mrs. Israel Mann entertained a number of her friends at bridge Saturday afternoon from three until six o'clock. In spite of the snow and cold outside the house was cheery within with its open fires and bright flowers. Four tables were arranged for the players and a very pleasant two hours were spent in playing the interesting game. After the game the hostess served dainty refreshments.

Mrs. Benton Thomas won high score prize and Mrs. Starr McMillan low score prize. Both prizes were very attractive. Those accepting Mrs. Mann's invitation were Mrs. R. B. Lewis, Mrs. Julian Johnson, Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Mrs. Marshall Thomas, Mrs. Benton Thomas, Mrs. Paul Dickson, Mrs. L. B. Brandon, Mrs. G. W. Brown, Mrs. Julian Blue, Mrs. Crawford Thomas, Mrs. Starr McMillan, Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mrs. R. B. Stuart, Mrs. Harry Green and Mrs. J. K. Wilson of Robinsville and Mrs. Sewell of Carthage.

## Farm Board Approves Coop. Asso. Marketing And Finance Handling

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Federal Farm Board announced tonight that it has approved arrangements made by the American Cotton Cooperative Association to take over all marketing activities of the various member state cooperative associations and also to finance the handling of all cotton of these various member associations.

The board has made a loan to the association of ample amount to carry out this program.

This action was taken by the board following a conference with the directors of the American Cotton Cooperative Association.

## Dr. McCain's Sister Passes In Atlanta

Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium, was called to his home in Due West, S. C. last Friday, by the death of his only sister, Miss Mildred McCain, which occurred at the Wesley Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, and was announced in a telegram received at the Sanatorium.

Miss McCain had been a semi-invalid since suffering an attack of influenza in 1920, while she was working for her Doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania. Those surviving, in addition to Dr. McCain, are the father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. J. I. McCain, of Due West, the former Professor of English at Erskine College; and two brothers, Dr. J. B. McCain, present of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., and Charles McCain, of Birmingham. Another sister, Miss Irene McCain who was a Presbyterian missionary at Soochow, China, died several years ago.

## PERSONAL NEWS

Mrs. H. C. Roberts has been quite sick for several days but is now some what improved.

Mrs. W. M. Lindsay has moved to Wagram to join her husband. She wishes to express her appreciation to the good people of Raeford for their kindness and helpfulness during her stay here.

Mr. A. A. Guins who has been very sick with pneumonia is now recovering.

Mrs. Edwin Dixon of Charlotte is spending the week with her parents in town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Dickson, Miss Helen and Mr. Graham Dickson of High Point spent the week-end with their mother at the Roberts Hotel.

Mr. Charles Kaylor of Portsmouth, Va., visited relatives here last week, returning Saturday. Mrs. Kaylor and Charles, Jr., accompanying him.

Mr. T. M. Johnson, of Sanford, was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Mrs. J. K. Wilson of Robinsville is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Shaw.

Mrs. Sewell of Carthage is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Grady Leach.

Miss Jess Heafner of the school faculty spent the past weekend with relatives in Raleigh.

Miss Lois Waller spent the week-end at her home in Oxford.

Mr. Israel Mann left for Baltimore and perhaps other northern cities the first of the week. Mrs. Mann accompanied him as far as Warsaw, N. C. where she will spend several days with relatives.

Miss Margaret Peele, who is attending Meredith College, Raleigh, spent the week-end at home. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Edith Culler.

Mr. L. B. Brandon and family visited relatives at Chester and other points in South Carolina the first of the week.

Mr. R. L. Chandler of Southern Pines was in town Monday afternoon.

Messrs. McNair Smith, Buist Beaufort, Conrad Barnard, Duncan McFadyen and James Matheson were Charlotte visitors Sunday.

Dr. A. C. Bethune, and son Mr. Buist Bethune visited Southern Pines Monday evening, at which time D. C. Bethune made a talk to the United Daughters of the Confederacy of that place.

Mr. Paul Townsend of Philadelphia was a visitor in town Sunday.

Miss Forest Austin left Sunday for New York where she will visit her sister, Miss Myrtle Austin, for some time.

Miss Sadie Belle Brown of Pine-top, N. C., visited friends in town during the week-end.

Messrs. Brownie McQueen and John Duncan McNeill who are attending the University of N. C., were at home Sunday.

Misses Hallie Freeman, Elizabeth Cromartie, and Maragaret Walters students at N. C. W. Greensboro, spent the week-end at home.

Mesdames R. B. Lewis and S. A. Snead were Parkton visitors Monday afternoon.

Miss Louise Gibson who attended N. C. W. Greensboro, spent Sunday with her parents at Dundarrach.

Mr. Shaw McArthur of Elizabeth-town was in town a short while Tuesday.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mr. J. H. Austin received a wire message from New York Sunday stating that his daughter, Miss Myrtle, had been operated on in Morristown hospital, that city, for acute appendicitis. The message said that her condition was satisfactory. Miss Forrest Austin left Sunday for New York and upon her arrival there she wired that her sister was getting along nicely and hoped to be out again in a few days.

## RESPECTED COLORED MAN PASSES WEDNESDAY A. M.

Peter McBryde, a highly respected old colored man, died at his home at Fourmore last Wednesday morning, Jan. 29th. He had been in declining health for about three years and died of general debility, being about 90 years of age. He had been a member of the Methodist church for more than fifty years. He was buried on Thursday.