

W. J. McCraney Dies Here Sunday Following Illness of Many Months

Was One of Last Two Confederate Veterans Of Hoke County; First Treasurer of Hoke; Enjoyed The High Esteem of Fellow Citizens; Funeral Conducted Monday.

On Sunday evening at six o'clock, one of the last two Confederate Veterans of Hoke County answered the final summons when Mr. W. J. McCraney passed away at his home here.

He had been in declining health for the past seven years and grew gradually worse recently and the end was not unexpected. He was born in Cumberland County on September 3rd, 1845, and lacked but a few weeks of being eighty six years old.

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HIGHER LEARNING.

When our country was young, citizens eager for higher learning usually turned to the Universities of Europe. Although the amazing growth of our own educational institutions has drastically altered that situation, scholars in increasing numbers go abroad to "top off" their American college degrees with a year or more of foreign study.

In Paris alone, about 6,000 Americans pursue courses at the various universities, and the student clubs and associations in the world-renowned Montparnasse are inadequate to accommodate them all.

Upon the suggestion of M. Edouard Renard, Prefect of the Department of the Seine, the municipality of Paris has made available 5,000 square meters of departmental grounds on the Rue Denfert-Rochereau upon which the Social Center is being built.

FAILS TO BEAT HAWKS

Roosevelt Field, N. Y., July 22.—James Goodwin Hall failed by 14 minutes today to attain Captain Frank M. Hawks' record for a flight from Montreal to New York. Hall made the dash in his big monoplane crusader in one hour and 59 minutes, while Hawks' time was 1:45.

BIGGEST CROP TOBACCO EVER

Department Of Agriculture Reports Indicate 20 Million Pound Increase Over 1930 Production.

Production of tobacco in the United States during 1931 will amount to 1,525,000,000 pounds, an increase of 20,000,000 pounds over 1930, according to estimates by the Department of Agriculture.

Larger quantities of flue-cured tobacco, which is used principally in cigarette manufacture, are being exported and this with the increase in domestic use is bringing additional dollars to the American farmer's pocket.

FORMER HOKE CITIZEN WRITES FROM GEORGIA

Editor News-Journal:

I saw in the News-Journal this week where one of your progressive farmers was using China berries for guano. Something new under the sun!

Last of all, we want a dry man and a dry plank in the next election for him to run on. W. G. McAdoo is my man.

We have had rains here at last and crops are very much revived. Much sympathy for your people in the loss of Mr. J. W. McLaughlin. No better man ever lived.

A. D. CURRIE. Mt. Vernon, Ga., July 16, 1931.

FRANK E. ENGLISH DIES SUNDAY

Death Follows Long Illness With Dropsy And Liver Trouble; Was Native Of South Carolina.

Frank E. English, one of Hoke County's most successful farmers, who lived in Stonewall Township, died Sunday evening at ten o'clock at his home, death following a long illness with dropsy and liver trouble.

Mr. English was a native of South Carolina and moved to this section about twenty years ago. He was a model farmer and was regarded as one of the best in the county.

He is survived by his widow and the following children: Herbert, of Detroit, who arrived after the funeral with his wife; Ted, of Robeson County; Percy, of Aberdeen; Grady, who lived with his father; Mrs. Robert Lane, of Hoke County; Mrs. L. M. Huggins, of Bladen County, and another married daughter in Mecklenburg County.

Mr. English was a member of the Lumber Bridge Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday afternoon at two-thirty by Rev. John R. Miller and Rev. A. D. Carswell. Interment was made at Lumber Bridge.

NOTICE TO ALL HOKE COUNTY POULTRYMEN

All poultrymen in Hoke County wishing to have their flocks blood tested for Bacillary White Diarrhea this fall please notify me by Tuesday, July 28th. Please give the number of hens and the number of pullets expected to be put in the laying house this fall. All applications must be in the State Department of Agriculture by August first.

NORTH CAROLINA MAINTAINS LEAD FURNITURE MFG.

First In Making Wooden Furniture And Fifth In The Manufacture of All Kinds Of House Furniture, Says State Department Of Conservation And Development.

North Carolina entrenched herself still further as the leader in the manufacture of wooden bedroom and dining-room furniture and maintained her position as the fifth State in the manufacture of all kinds of wooden household furniture in 1929, according to a statement released today by the State Department of Conservation and Development, based on recent census reports.

The statement also points out that wooden household furniture is rapidly gaining in popularity over metal furniture. The value of wooden household furniture produced in the United States increased from \$72,488,443 in 1927 to \$811,680,810 in 1929, or by 6.9 per cent; while during the same period metal furniture declined by 24.6 per cent, or from \$40,390,229 to \$30,443,464.

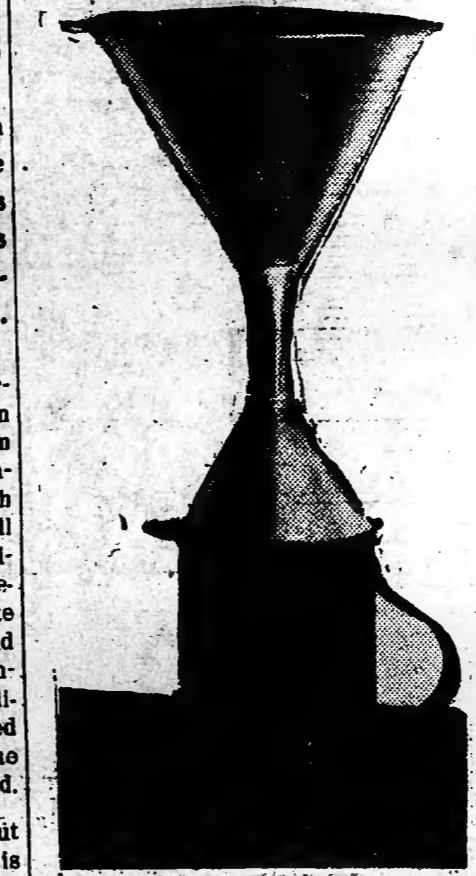
In North Carolina bedroom furniture makes up the largest portion of the total value of all furniture manufactured. In 1929 this item alone amounted to more than half the total value of all household furniture, or \$27,702,092, as compared with \$26,523,852 in 1927.

Conservation officials pointed out that the value of metal and fibre furniture is not included in the above totals for North Carolina as those figures are not yet available. In 1927, these two items amounted to more than two and a half million dollars.

TOBACCO CURING IN HOKE

Tobacco curing has started in the county and is getting well under way, most of the curing so far being sand lugs. The crop is unusually pretty and farmers who raise this weed will be busy from now until the crop is all cured.

TROPHY FOR FAST STEPPERS



RALEIGH TIMES CUP

This handsome loving cup, offered by John A. Parks, publisher of The Raleigh Times, is the prize awarded in the competition between Josephine, the speedy, sprinting terrapin from Asheville and Pinoc, "full of hops", fast frog from Kingston in the Morehead City derby on July 23, during the annual competition of the North Carolina State Press Association.

The State Department of Conservation and Development placed two of its boats at the disposal of the editors for trips to historical Fort Macon and other points of interest on Bogue Sound.

RECORDER'S COURT

In Recorder's Court Tuesday, Simon Vample, young colored man of the Montrose section, was tried on a charge of assaulting Anderson Johns, colored, with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The charge of intent to kill was dismissed and he was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to four months on the roads.

Jennings Maulsby, prominent young white man, charged on two counts of assault, was bound over to Superior Court.

George Cromartie, colored, was tried on a charge of violating the prohibition laws and was found not guilty. The town officers had found a pint of whiskey in the place of business where George works but the evidence did not connect him with it sufficiently for a conviction.

In the case of Nathaniel Patterson, colored, who was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill by one Prince Allbrooks, another colored youth, the state took a nol proes with leave, the said Allbrooks not appearing to testify.

In the civil case in which Hall Wright sought to eject J. J. Harris from a house and farm, a verdict was returned in favor of Harris.

State Board Makes Allotment Of Teachers For Hoke County Schools

GOOD LITTLE MAN PROVES TOO GOOD

Mickey Walker Makes Courageous Stand To Gain Draw With Much Heavier Foe, Jack Sharkey.

Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, July 22.—A game, fighting heart which was enough to offset his opponent's great physical superiority tonight gave Mickey Walker, former middle-weight champion, a draw with Jack Sharkey, of Boston, in their 15-round fight for the American heavy-weight championship.

Outweighed 198 1-2 to 169 1-2 and outclassed in every physical respect, Walker battled his opponent to a standstill in one of the biggest upset in all pugilistic history.

Sharkey apparently had a wide margin of points over his smaller opponent, but Walker's game stand and Sharkey's inability to fight his way to a decisive victory apparently influenced the officials.

All the credit for the bout—the best heavyweight contest seen in New York in recent years—belonged to Walker. And if there was any doubt as to who won the glory it was removed by the rousing ovation given Walker as he left the ring.

Walker, however, received an ovation comparable to Lindbergh's reception in France. Mickey was a big favorite with the crowd before the fight started, and even greater favorite during the contest and a virtual idol when the decision was announced.

BOLT KILLS NEGRO

Sumpter, S. C., July 22.—The bolt of lightning that killed J. Gould Johnson, negro, who was working on a church building near here yesterday, fused the bolt.

NEIL STEWART DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Prominent Citizen Of Little River Township Answers Last Summons Monday; Outstanding Character.

Neil Stewart, a prominent citizen of Little River Township, died at his home on Monday, July 20th after a long illness, during which he had received treatment in several hospitals and had been confined to his bed for about a year before the end came. He was a man of outstanding character and lived an exemplary Christian life.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Sarah Morrison, and the following children: H. S. Stewart, of Johnson County, W. H. Stewart of St. Pauls, Mrs. J. P. Blue, Mrs. Cameron Johnson and Mrs. Alex. McFadyen, all of Little River Township.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday by Rev. R. C. Lawrence, of Vass, and Rev. M. D. McNeill, of Cameron, and interment was made at Cypress Presbyterian church.

HOME COMING AT BETHEL CHURCH

There will be a Home-Coming at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sunday, August 2nd. Bethel is the mother church of this section, and invites all its former members and friends of other denominations to attend.

Rev. W. C. Brown, of Barium Springs, a former pastor, will preach at 11:30; the history of the church and several short talks will be given in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A picnic lunch will be served at one o'clock, p. m.

Raeferd Has Only High School In County; Eight High School and Twenty-Nine Elementary Teachers For White Schools; Forty-Three Colored And Two Indians.

The State Board of Equalization has made the allotment of teachers for Hoke County. The allotment is given for each individual school. The Board also made some consolidations which are shown in the report received. The number of teachers allowed as follows: Antioch, high school included in Raeferd, with four teachers in the elementary school; Blue Springs, two teachers; Rosendale in Little River Township, one teacher; Lobbell, Mt. Pleasant and Bunker Hill, included in Moore County; Rockfish, three teachers; Ashe-

The board of Equalization urges that in making up the budget the funds can not vary greatly from the amount set up by the State for the year 1929-1930. This will necessitate employing teachers with an average certificate rating comparable to that of the teachers employed last year.

The counties have been asked to take the salary rating for the school year 1930-1931 as no increments for experience can be allowed for the next two years. The regular salary increment will be allowed for raised certificates. It is not known yet whether there will be a reduction of salaries or not. This can not be determined until all budgets are sent in and a check made. The law provides that all possible economies be effected before the salary reduction is applied. It is generally conceded that a reduction will be necessary, but it can not exceed 10 per cent of the salary received last year.

The new school legislation brings about some changes, but our thinking must be adjusted to a State supported school system. Heretofore the State has been helping the counties but under the new plan the counties will help the State by contributing for the six months term a levy of 15 cents on the 1930 valuation plus a part of the poll taxes, dog taxes, fines and forfeitures that go to the school fund. This fifteen cent levy will apply only for the current expense fund. There are two other funds, the debt service and capital outlay funds that will have to be taken care of by the counties in addition to the fifteen cent levy. The State does not pay any thing on the debt service and capital outlay.

While the State is making some adjustments there is no cause for alarm. After the adjustments are made and put into operation it will work much better than might appear on first thought. Of course the salary reduction will be felt by the teachers, but it is suggested that they take the advice of President Graham and "take the blow standing up, without whining."

The situation is State wide and local pride and local sentiment are not considered so much as on a smaller unit. The Equalization Board gave all consideration possible within the law and is still working for the best interest of the schools within the limitations placed on the Board.

Mrs. W. S. Faircloth, of Dundarrach, Dies

Mrs. W. S. Faircloth, of the Dundarrach neighborhood, died at her home on Tuesday, July 21st at four o'clock P. M. her death being caused by paralysis. She was fifty seven years of age.

Mrs. Faircloth was the daughter of George and Martha Graham Ray and was a native of Cumberland county. Besides her husband, she is survived by four children.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday by her pastor, Rev. F. W. Bain and interment was made at Galatia cemetery.

POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES

As the price of wheat lessens, the importance of Vice-President Curtis increases. "Charley" is now engaged in a determined effort to make the Farm Board reverse its intentions to sell its wheat holdings as the opportunity arises, thereby further depressing the price. It is high time circumstances gave Mr. Curtis the chance to be determined. His position has forced on him a certain inactivity which tends to prolong the reputation for passivity he earned during a well-remembered social bout at the outset of his term. No wonder he emerges so briskly in the limelight as an aggressive champion of the wheat farmers which abound in Charley's state of Kansas.

Gossip also has played a trick of benefit to the Vice-President. For some time, rumors prevailed to the effect that Curtis would throw a way the vice-presidential nomination in 1932 to become a Senator

again. Then somebody said, "Don't be silly. No one would be a Senator who could be a Vice-President. If Charley refuses to run, it's because he is sure the Republican Administration is doomed, and he's afraid of being retired to private life." That made people think. Could Mr. Curtis believe the Republican Administration was destined for defeat in 1932? And who would know better than the Vice-President whether it was doomed or not? His coming decision has begun to assume the proportions of a great prophetic utterance, and wiley Mr. Curtis will not soon end the conjecture by letting anyone know what that decision will be. Recently he spent a weekend at Hoover's Rapidan camp, and nobody even found out whether he and the President talked of wheat or the next campaign. Charley is important—and happy—again.

W. D. BURTON, County Agent.