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Thomas B. Upchurch Rites Here Sunday Afternoon

Prominent Man Dies Early Saturday Morning

Funeral services were conducted at the home here Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock for Thomas Benton Upchurch, who passed away Saturday after an illness of less than one week. He was 82 years of age.

Mr. Upchurch, in spite of his advanced age, had been in fairly good health. He had suffered a severe internal hemorrhage about two years ago and this recurred on Sunday, August 4. He suffered two more attacks on the following Monday and then his condition improved until Friday, August 9, when he began to grow weaker. The end came at 1:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

The final rites were conducted by Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Maness was assisted by Rev. B. P. Robinson, former pastor of the church, and Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the Methodist orphanage in Raleigh. The services were attended by a

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-COURT-

SUPERIOR COURT TO START NEXT MONDAY

Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, will convene the August term of Superior court here Monday morning, August 19. Judge Parker has been here several times in the past and is known well.

The docket to be tried before Judge Parker is light, there being only nine or ten criminal cases and less civil cases, most of the latter being divorce cases which normally do not occupy a great deal of the court's time.

Jury list for term has been announced as follows:

J. L. McNeill, Carson Davis, A. H. Ray, Thomas N. McLauchlin, H. A. Greene, A. P. Seaford, N. B. Sinclair, W. S. Fields, L. M. Upchurch, C. A. Lilly, J. A. Jones, G. W. Williamson, Clyde Campbell, C. F. McBryde, E. K. Pickler, J. L. Johnson, W. L. McFadyen, John Bouyer.

W. E. Holt, B. J. Jones, J. D. Howell, D. P. McDiarmid, W. A. McBryde, Dan McKeithan, L. M. Chason, G. F. Koonce, G. C. Wilson, R. A. Jones, Sr., J. M. Norton, T. H. Ingram, J. B. Marks, H. M. Gillis, Wilmer Hendrix, Sandy Livingston, and C. C. Conoly.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT BETHEL

Revival services will begin at Bethel school house next Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, under the direction of Rev. W. L. Maness, and dedicated to the memory of Bowmore Methodist church. These are community services for all. Thursday night will be designated "Bowmore Night," and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. B. P. Robinson, a former pastor.



THOMAS B. UPCHURCH

-TRIED-

12 DEFENDANTS FACE JUDGE TUESDAY MORNING

The docket was light at recorder's court Tuesday morning when only about a dozen cases were disposed of, several others being continued.

Charlotte Blue, colored, was charged with assaulting Annie Belle McNeill with a deadly weapon. She was sentenced to one year in jail to be suspended on payment of the costs, McNeill's doctor and hospital bills, and \$5.00 a week to Annie Belle McNeill until she is able to work again.

Henry Wilson, colored, paid the costs for having improper equipment on his car.

Cleveland Jones, colored, was charged with assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to 3 months on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Lemar Hines, colored, was sentenced to 90 days for fraud.

William Brigman and J. W. Saunders, Sr., each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly and violating the prohibition laws.

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MONTHLY MEETING OF AMERICAN LEGION

At the regular monthly meeting of the local American Legion post at the armory Monday night about 30 members were present. Supper was served and Vice-Commander T. B. Lester, Jr., presided in the absence of Post Commander J. H. Blue.

The post decided to stage an intensive membership drive and to start this with a free meal at their next meeting on September 9 to which all veterans would be invited to come and join the post.

Legionaire Poovey was appointed head of a committee to investigate the feasibility of the post sponsoring a fair here this fall.

FIRE TUESDAY A. M.

The fire alarm was sounded at 3:15 A. M. Tuesday when cotton caught fire in a carding machine at the Edinburgh Mill due to a defective emery wheel in the machine. Operators managed to get the cotton out of the machine and damage was slight.

-DEATHS-

WILLIAM E. HARRIS

W. E. Harris, of Lumber Bridge, died last Friday in a hospital at Lumberton. He was 72 years old and was the son of the late William Harris and the late Sara Ewing Harris of Montgomery county.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Lula Monroe, of Hoke county; sons, Charles W. and George E. Harris, both of Lumber Bridge, and Lieut. W. A. Harris, USN, of Pensacola, Fla.; daughters, Mrs. C. R. Evans, Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. W. D. Knight, Raleigh, and Miss Marian Harris, Lumber Bridge; brothers, I. Z. Harris, Charlotte; Arthur Harris, Raeford and Allen Harris, Mt. Gilead, and sisters, Mrs. Eliza Rush, Mrs. Mattie Wooley, and Mrs. Minnie Nicholson, all of Candor.

Funeral services were held Sunday, 4 p. m., at Lumber Bridge Presbyterian church by the Rev. H. M. Gibbs assisted by Dr. H. G. Bedinger, of Red Springs. Burial was in the church cemetery.

MRS. FLORA M. CLARK

Funeral services for Mrs. Flora Margaret Clark were held at 3:00 P. M. Sunday at the Bethel Presbyterian church by Rev. A. D. Carswell, former pastor of the church and Rev. W. B. Gaston, present pastor. Burial followed in the churchyard cemetery.

Pallbearers were John D. Clark, Wilson Clark, Dan Currie, Duncan Currie, William Smith and McLaurin Clark.

Mrs. Clark was 84 years of age and had been ill about two weeks. She was the daughter of Duncan and Catherine Currie of Hoke county.

Surviving are three daughters, four sons, and 15 grandchildren.

MRS. LULA CHASON

Mrs. Lula L. Chason, 58, wife of the late Arthur B. Chason, died at her home at Lumber Bridge Sunday night at 10:15 after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were conducted at Lumber Bridge Baptist church at 4:00 P. M. Tuesday by Rev. T. Paul Deaton, pastor, assisted by Rev. J. M. Gibbs of Stedman, former pastor. Interment was in the cemetery of the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian church.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur B. Chason of New York City and T. L. Chason of the home; two daughters, Mrs. George B. Weaver of Wallace and Mrs. T. B. Forbis of Lumber Bridge; one brother, O. B. Lovette of Parkton and one grandson.

DR. McQUEEN TO PREACH

Dr. Angus R. McQueen of Dunn will occupy the pulpit at the Raeford Presbyterian church next Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. K. Holland, who is at present holding a meeting in Conyers, Ga., his first pastorate.

Dr. McQueen is a retired Presbyterian minister, having been active for 30 years during which time he was moderator of the Fayetteville Presbytery and the North Carolina Synod.

Upchurch Milling Co. Plant Destroyed By Fire Monday



The above photograph was taken shortly after fire was discovered in the Upchurch Milling and Storage Company here at about six-thirty Tuesday morning. Other pictures of this fire on page eight.

Fire Beyond Control When Firemen Aroused

The feed and flour mill plant of the Upchurch Milling and Storage company here was completely destroyed by fire Monday morning. The fire was detected and the alarm sounded at 6:30 A. M. Monday, but by this time the fire was beyond control.

The fire department fought the blaze vigorously but to no avail, although they managed to keep the fire from spreading to the ice and emergency power plant in the rear of the building behind the fire wall. The ice plant was in operation later Monday as soon as burned out electrical wiring was repaired.

According to Tom Cameron, manager of the plant, the loss sustained was between \$75,000 and \$100,000 based on replacement costs of the building, machinery, grain and supplies. The loss was not covered by insurance but was partially covered by insurance reserve the company had set up. This amounted to about ten percent of the loss.

The theory of the manager is that the fire started from spontaneous combustion in some wheat mill feed in the building. The mill had been closed for two whole days, the first time it had been closed for so long in hot weather in many years.

The company employed about 27, all of whom are to be kept on the payroll in some capacity until the new mill is in operation, at least none are to be cut off because of the fire.

Modern Plant Planned

Tentative plans of the management are to construct a modern building for making feed on the site of the destroyed plant. They plan to visit mills in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee and complete definite plans for the plant in time to get started within 60 days.

The construction of another building for the flour mill is also contemplated, this to be located to the rear of the ice plant.

The tentative feed plant is to be a four floor structure with grain storage on the top floor, manufacturing on the second and third floors and packaging and loading spaces on the ground floor which is to be at loading level.

MAKE DATES TO CAN

W. P. Phillips, Hoke High vocational agriculture teacher who has been in charge of the cannery at the grammar school this summer, announced yesterday that the cannery would not be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday as usual, due to the fact that there is less canning now. He stated that persons wishing to have canning done on those days may call him a day in advance and make arrangements.

McInnis Reunion At Dundarrach

The McInnis family held its first annual reunion since the war at the Dundarrach Presbyterian church last Sunday with about 150 members and friends present from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama.

The sermon was preached at 11:00 by Rev. B. P. Robinson of Raeford. Mr. Robinson took as his subject: "Home." Following the sermon the group enjoyed a picnic dinner on the grounds.

After dinner a memorial service was held for the members of the family who had passed away since the last meeting.

The names of the 50 members who are in or had been in the armed services were read by Maggie Jane McBryde. Of this number none were lost in the war and one was wounded. All are at present in the United States.

At the business meeting Mrs. Murphy McLauchlin was elected president for the next year, Mrs. Wilson McBryde, vice president, and Maggie Jane McBryde, secretary and treasurer. Plans were made to hold the reunion at the same place next year.

McBRYDE REUNION

About 100 members of the McBryde family and connection gathered for a picnic dinner at Antioch Presbyterian church on Thursday, August 8, 1946.

Veterans Organize New Political Unit

A new political organization of World War II veterans, the North Carolina GI Democrats, was organized at a meeting of former servicemen from all parts of the state at a meeting in Pinehurst Monday.

About 50 veterans were in attendance at the meeting at the Chalfonte club in Pinehurst and Frank Parker of Asheville, former staff sergeant and newly elected State Senator from Buncombe county, was elected State Chairman. Mayne Albright of Raleigh was elected secretary.

The organization announced a 14-point program for state betterment. It pledged itself to "orderly achievement of progressive aims through our democratic government" and emphasized its determination to place its responsibilities above "any group interest." It announced plans for active participation in the affairs of government "from the precinct level to the highest office."

John A. Lang of Carthage was selected as organizing chairman for the Eighth district. Temporary chairman for Hoke county is Paul Dickson.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

W. T. Gibson, principal and presently coach at Hoke high school announced yesterday that football practice would get underway at five o'clock next Monday afternoon.