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MR. J. FRANK MEDLEY PASSES.

Former Ansonian Dies at Home at Devereaux, Ga., After Operation For Appendicitis—Funeral Here Tuesday—Was Man of Very Unusual Quality.

His friends, among whom were numbered practically the entire town and a large part of the county, were shocked last Monday morning when it was learned that Mr. J. Frank Medley had died about 8:30 that morning at his home at Devereaux, Ga., following an operation for appendicitis Sunday afternoon. Messrs. R. B. Medley and G. K. Craig left on the 9:30 train and met the remains at Augusta, Ga. They reached here Tuesday morning.

Mr. Medley became ill last Saturday morning, and doctors attending him advised an immediate operation as the only hope of saving his life. Mrs. Medley had left the previous Tuesday to visit relatives at Salisbury, and she was wired of his condition, reaching Devereaux Sunday. Everything was in readiness, and the operation was performed in the home. Soon after the operation it became evident that Mr. Medley could not survive, and Mrs. Medley wired Mr. R. B. Medley. Mr. Medley recovered consciousness shortly before the end came, and asked the physician of his condition. The doctor told him that he had a fighting chance, and he replied that he felt too weak to fight.

Mr. Medley was the oldest son of the late B. F. Medley, of Anson county, and of Mrs. Mary C. Medley. He was 51 years of age. On June 5th, 1916, he was married to Miss Mary Ide, of Salisbury, who had been living here several years practicing her profession of trained nurse. He is survived by Mrs. Medley and by three brothers, Messrs. F. H. Medley, of Huntington, W. Va., J. J. Medley, of Polkton, and R. B. Medley, of Wadesboro.

Mr. Medley spent his life in the county and Wadesboro until about six years ago, when he went to Georgia to engage in the lumber business. He came to Wadesboro when a young man, after engaging in business in Polkton for a while, and was in the mercantile business here for a number of years. Then he became assistant cashier of the First National Bank, resigning this position to go into the lumber business. He was very successful in business, which he could not help being, given his qualities of mind and heart.

He was one of the most widely known and best liked men of Wadesboro. A friend who knew him intimately for many years gives The M. & I. the following short sketch, which portrays, as column could not do, the kind of man he was:

"His mind was sound, his memory strong. His observation was keen and penetrating. He knew the relationships of men and families, the faces and names of all whom he ever knew, and was familiar with well nigh all the roads and paths of his native county. He was quick to learn of the unmet needs and the unfortunate, and he ministered to these with his money, his hand and his heart. His friends loved him, and he was devoted to them. No one once his friend ever ceased to be, for he held them with hooks of steel. He was an accurate and neat accountant. He was honorable in business, and clean and pure in life. He was prompt to fulfill engagements. He was polite to all. His greatest pleasure was in the comfort and happiness of others."

Showing his remarkable memory, Mr. Medley could tell, on the spur of the moment, and accurately, the price of cotton in each month of every year for 30 years. He was an encyclopedia of information on local happenings, and had a very wide stock of general information. Nothing he once learned escaped his memory, and his recollection was seldom if ever found at fault. Equipped as he was, and with a warm heart and enquiring spirit, he was an extremely interesting conversationalist, and always had a circle of friends around him when he was at leisure.

He was diligent in visiting the sick and afflicted, and those who remember with gratitude some kindness done or courtesy shown them are legion.

Accompanying the remains to Wadesboro were Mrs. Medley, Mr. R. B. Medley, Mr. G. K. Craig, Miss Johnson, of Macon, Ga., his nurse, Mrs. M. Bass Brown, of Devereaux, Ga., and Miss Elizabeth Stricklin, of Salisbury.

The funeral was held by Rev. W. R. Shelton Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist church, and was attended by a very large number of friends and relatives, who filled the edifice. The interment was in Eastview cemetery. Many beautiful floral offerings covered the grave.

NOTICE.

All who are going to the Confederate reunion at Richmond, Va., can leave early Monday morning the 19th or that evening, or early Tuesday morning the 20th. Come and get your identification cards of

J. A. LITTLE,
Commander of Camp 846 U. V. C. S.

CHAUTAUQUA PLEASURES.

Successful Program Closed Last Night—Practically All Tickets Taken and It Will Return Next Year—The Guarantors.

The Redpath Chautauqua closed a very successful five-day engagement here last night. Practically all the numbers on the program pleased the auditors, of whom there were a large number at each performance, and there is general pleasure that the chautauqua has been guaranteed and will return next year.

While all the attractions pleased, perhaps the best feature of the chautauqua this year was Mr. Edward Amherst Ott's lecture on "Sour Grapes." The theme of this lecture was heredity, and Mr. Ott urged that bad heredity be done away with. Little can be done with a degenerate, but degeneracy can be prevented. Another lecture attracting attention was Sydney Greenbie's "The Pacific Triangle," discussing the interests of the United States, Great Britain and Japan in the Pacific. Mr. Greenbie is a distinguished author as well as lecturer, and has a wide knowledge of his subject. All the musical numbers were good, and the play, "Friendly Enemies," while it attracted some attention on account of the war subject, was very good and was well presented.

The guarantors for next year are Messrs. U. B. Black, T. C. Coxe, T. A. Marshall, G. K. Craig, J. F. Allen, W. L. McKinnon, H. H. Hardison, P. J. Kiker, Adam Lockhart and C. S. Brasington. Nearly all the tickets have been subscribed for, so that a successful ticket sale next season is assured. This year the guarantors came out a few dollars to the good, but gave the surplus to the ladies who assisted in the sale of tickets.

HOW WILL THE STATE HIGHWAY RUN?

That is one of the questions which is interesting Wadesborites at present. The engineers surveying the road have been working in every direction, but if they have reached any decision it has not become positively known. Going west the route which they seem to prefer runs along closely with the present road out of town to Polkton. It is expected that some corners will be cut off and the road will be shortened to some extent. As reported some time ago, contract for hard surfacing this road from Wadesboro to Polkton will be let within the next few months, so that route will soon be chosen, if it has not already been selected. Going east, the engineers now seem to lean to a route running down Martin below the court house, crossing Washington street and then turning to the left just below the residence of Mr. W. W. Crowder. The road will then run along the side of the hill behind the residences facing on the Stanback ferry road, cross the Stanback ferry road somewhere in the neighborhood of the bridge across the Moss ferry branch and then more or less follow the branch to the Lilesville road. This would change the route of travel from the east considerably, and would develop much property.

COUNTIES MUST WAIT FOR RAILROAD TAXES

Raleigh News and Observer. Counties and local taxing units of North Carolina will have to wait a while longer for \$775,578 in ad valorem taxes that have been due them by the railroads of the State since October 1, 1921, while the question of whether the State can now collect \$209,081 in franchise taxes will be determined by Judge James E. Boyd, of Greensboro as the result of a hearing held here yesterday before Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge Henry G. Connor of the Eastern District of North Carolina.

The two judges agreed to issue a restraining order forbidding collection of the ad valorem taxes pending decision of the United States Supreme Court on the railroad's appeal from the refusal of the three judges to grant an interlocutory injunction against the collection of the taxes, but divided on the question affecting the franchise taxes, Judge Connor holding with the State and his associates with the railroads. Income taxes of \$145,000 due the State are involved in separate suits which will be heard by Judge Connor on Tuesday.

LAND TRANSFERS.

The following real estate deeds have been registered since The M. & I.'s last report:

Lydia D. and J. L. Teal to W. J. McLendon; McFarlan lot; \$10 etc.

W. J. McLendon and wife to J. L. Teal; McFarlan lot; \$10 etc.

J. H. Lee and wife to Grace, Emma and Billie Gaddy; Ansonville lots; \$120.

No wonder girls learn to swim more easily than men. Who wants to teach a man to swim?

NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM.

Town and Power Company Make New Contract—Arc Lights Will Be Done Away With and System Much Improved—Better Lights Will Cost Little More.

The town officials and representatives of the Yadkin River Power Company today signed a new contract for the lighting system of the town. Under the new contract all the old arc lights will be done away with and modern incandescent lights will be put in their place, and the streets will be much better lighted.

The old arc lights, when burning their best, which they seldom do, are of 400 candlepower. Under the new system a 1,000-candlepower light will be placed on the public square and 600-candlepower lights on the other squares. In the business section another 600-candlepower light will also be placed in the center of each block. The effect will be that in the business section each block will have the benefit of from 1,800 to 2,200 candlepower, whereas now it only has 800 candlepower.

In the residential section the lights will be smaller and more numerous, generally speaking, so that the streets will be much better lighted. Perhaps the biggest advantage is that with the incandescent system the benefit of the full candlepower of the lights will be had at all times, while at present the arc lights are out perhaps 25 per cent of the time, and even when they are burning seldom give the amount of light they are supposed to.

The new contract will be for five years. The town commissioners made it as short as possible in view of the fact that a better system of lighting may be soon discovered. When the old contract was made 10 years ago the arc lights were the best known, but they have been out of date for several years. The old contract expired the first of last month, but making the new contract has been postponed until now.

Under the old contract the town paid from \$265 to \$270 per month for lights. Under the new one, with possibly twice as much light, the cost will be slightly less than \$300. The arc lights use a great amount of current for the light developed.

The Yadkin River Power Co. will bear the expense of changing the system, and it is expected that the change will be made as soon as possible.

WATER NOW ALL RIGHT.

The town authorities inform The M. & I. that the water supply is again good, the trouble of the last few days having been remedied. Last week the water developed an odor and a bad taste, and Mayor Parsons warned the citizens of the town not to drink it. It is thought that the trouble was caused chiefly by vegetation covered by the water in the pond near Flat Rock, accentuated by the fact that one of the chemical machines at the filtration plant got out of fix. Experts sent here by the state said that even at its worst our water was much better than that many other communities were having to use after the heavy rains during the recent wet spell. Another expert was secured to fix the chemical mixing machinery, but he could not do it and new machinery was ordered from the factory. This machinery has been secured, and since Tuesday everything has been running in good shape.

So far as The M. & I. has been able to learn there was no authority whatever for the stories regarding the contamination of the water which have been circulated for several days.

OLD CASES DISPOSED OF.

Judge Webb was here Tuesday and Wednesday holding civil court. Although there were no jury trials, a number of cases were disposed of and removed from the docket, many of them old ones. The oldest, No. 2 on the docket, was started in 1899. The following cases were non-suited:

S. T. Gullledge and wife and others vs. J. W. Watson, executor of J. H. Watson; A. M. Wright vs. J. H. Hendley; J. A. Boggan, Jr., vs. Rich. Sturdivant; Pittsburg Steel Co. vs. B. G. Covington; Elizabeth Ashe Richardson and others vs. J. S. Richardson; James Rosenheimer Shoe Co. vs. G. B. Dunlap; J. A. Redfeare vs. W. P. Broome; William Lindsey vs. Nealy Lindsey; Sam Crowder vs. Ella Haywood; Glen Irwin vs. Sarah Irwin; Charles Coletrain vs. Martha Coletrain; R. B. Jones vs. Moses Smith and others; Eva Walters vs. John Walters.

May Duncan vs. Alfred Nance; dismissed.

Mayor Simons vs. Hopkins Bros.; defendants to pay costs.

Jamie D. Smith vs. Gus Flowers; defendants to pay costs.

J. A. Redfeare vs. John Davis; judgment for plaintiff.

J. T. Pinkston & Son vs. George Chavis; compromised.

Nature takes her time because it's hers.

MAY BUILD CANNERY.

Wadesboro Business Men Interested In Project—Would Create Market for Large Quantities of Vegetables and Would Bring Much Money Into County.

Within the last several days Wadesboro business men have held several conferences with Charlotte citizens relative to establishing a cannery here. The matter as yet has not got beyond the talking stage, but the Wadesboro men who have looked into the matter are very favorably impressed with the possibilities of success, and a number of the best business men of the town have expressed themselves as willing to take stock under proper conditions.

The project now under consideration would require an investment of from \$50,000 to \$75,000, it is understood. A cannery of this size would consume in a year the produce of 600 or more acres of vegetable products, such as tomatoes, beans, potatoes, etc. When running at full capacity it would require 60 or more operatives.

No one needs to be told that an enterprise of this kind would develop as nothing else could the growing of various truck products in Anson, and the consequent diversification of crops. The Thomasboro Canning Co., near Charlotte, has been in operation on a scale about the same size as contemplated here, and has been very successful. It has paid good prices for all the products used, and has had no difficulty in selling everything canned. This year it expects to run 11 months, about a month being required for going over the machinery, etc. This cannery turns out tomatoes, potatoes, beans, soup mixtures, etc., taking the various products in season.

Several Wadesboro gentlemen have visited this plant recently, and are enthusiastic regarding the prospects for this kind of enterprise. The Thomasboro company has already contracted for the product of about 300 acres, and will have no difficulty in securing the balance needed to keep going.

It is understood that another meeting of those interested in the matter will be held shortly. Any one who is able to be of any assistance in pushing the enterprise should get behind it. There is no doubt of the benefits that would accrue to the county through its establishment.

ANSON SANATORIUM NEWS.

Mr. George Little who was operated on Tuesday for appendicitis is doing well.

Bruce Stogner, young child of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stogner had his tonsils and adenoids removed yesterday.

Billy Lindsey, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Lindsey of near Lilesville, underwent a minor operation Tuesday.

The condition of Mr. J. B. Lyon, who was injured in an automobile wreck is much improved.

Mrs. Frank Gaddy continues to improve following an operation 10 days ago.

Mr. J. J. Boyette who is suffering with a fractured thigh continues to improve.

Mrs. Charles J. Gathings and young daughter have returned to their home.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Williams was treated at the sanatorium Tuesday for a fracture of the arm.

William Jones of near Marshville, has returned home following an operation.

Miss Ella MacNichols, superintendent of the sanatorium is spending today in Charlotte.

Colored.

Risden Smith who lives on R. J. Beverly's place and was operated on last week has returned home.

Mary Horn who was operated on Friday is improving nicely.

Jim Flowers who lives on Mr. Arthur Caple's place and whose foot was amputated on account of gangrene, is improving slowly.

Harriet Sinclair entered the hospital yesterday for treatment.

FLAKE'S PAROLE REVOKED.

Governor Morrison has revoked the parole of Thomas J. Flake, of Lilesville, and Flake will have to serve about four more years on the roads. He will return to the chain gang in a few days. Flake was tried for murder and convicted a number of years ago, receiving a sentence of ten years. In 1917 he was paroled on condition of good behavior, after having served about six years. Recently he has been drinking considerably, and citizens of his section presented the matter to Governor Morrison, with the result above stated. When sober Flake is a fine fellow and a good citizen, but he is entirely different when intoxicated, and is considered very dangerous when in that condition. He loses all allowances for good behavior, and will have to serve the full ten years to which he was sentenced.

Character is built upon responsibility.

FELICITATE EACH OTHER.

Brock and Stack Have Kind Things to Say of Each Other—Sketch of Mr. Stack's Career. Monroe Journal.

Perhaps two candidates with more warm and faithful friends than Hon. A. M. Stack of Monroe and Hon. Walter E. Brock of Wadesboro never made the race for any office within the gift of the voters. The conflict between these two gentlemen for the judgeship of this district was carried on with vigor and enthusiasm, each man's friends going the limit in an honorable way, but now after the battle has been fought and the victory won by the Union county man, both Mr. Stack and Mr. Brock have buried the hatchet and felicitate each other in a many way, as evidenced by the following communication between the two:

Mr. Brock's Letter to Mr. Stack

Charlotte, N. C., June 6th.

Hon. A. M. Stack, Monroe, N. C.
Dear Sir:—Permit me, if you please, to extend to you my congratulations and best wishes. I am satisfied that you will make a very fine judge. You will have my most hearty support. Sincerely, Walter E. Brock.

Mr. Stack's Reply.

Monroe, N. C., June 8, 1922.

Hon. Walter E. Brock, Wadesboro.

My dear Judge:—Your kind favor of the 6th instant received, and I heartily thank you for same. Your very manly letter gave me great pleasure. In turn, please allow me to congratulate you on the splendid, and almost successful, vote which you received in the district. I have never known a candidate who had more devoted friends or warmer supporters than you had. Permit me, further, to express my most sincere desire for your happiness and success.

With highest personal esteem and cordial good wishes, I beg to remain very sincerely yours, A. M. Stack.

Mr. Brock Made Good.

Since Judge Brock's appointment by Governor Morrison last September to fill out the unexpired term of Judge W. J. Adams, who was elevated to the supreme court bench, he has held court in a number of counties and the bar associations have been very lavish in their endorsements of him as an able and satisfactory judge. Mr. Brock spent his boyhood days in Union county, having attended school at Marshville and Wingate, and he has a large number of friends in this county. He made his way in the face of difficulties that would have discouraged many young men and he deserves a great deal of credit for the record he has made. He was admitted to the bar in 1905 and in 1910 he was made secretary to the state Democratic executive committee, in which capacity he served until 1914 when Governor Craig appointed him solicitor of this district, which position he held until appointed judge last September.

Mr. Stack an Able Man.

Hon. A. M. Stack is a native of Union county and came from the farm. He was left an orphan at a tender age and has come up through many struggles to the forefront of his profession. He is a self-made man and is one of the best lawyers in the state. He is a graduate of Trinity College. After his graduation he entered the law offices of Covington & Adams where he read law for one year, after which he went before the Supreme court for license and answered correctly every question. Mr. Stack first hung out his shingle in Stokes county. In 1892 he went to the senate from Surry and Stokes county district. For some time Mr. Stack was associated in the practice of law with the late Governor R. B. Glenn under the firm name of Glenn, Glenn & Stack. In 1899, upon the death of Mr. Covington, in whose office he read law, Mr. Stack returned to Monroe and soon built up a large practice. In 1910 he was appointed solicitor of this district and was later elected and served until April, 1914, when he resigned. In addition to his masterful knowledge of law Mr. Stack has traveled extensively in foreign lands and he knows how to handle men. As he is one of the most able lawyers in the state he will be one of the most competent judges.

TO THE PUBLIC.

For the past several days a great many have taken advantage of our deep wells for their drinking water, while the town water has been giving trouble. We want all who desire it to help themselves to this water. It comes from either of two wells that are over three hundred feet deep, and both of them are cased down into the rock, so you may be sure of getting the very best water at all times. We have samples analyzed every once in a while, and have never received any but the best report on them as yet.

K. M. & W. C. HARDISON.

What is it that men freely give away which they not only could, but should use themselves? answer: Advice.

THOMAS DEESE DROWNED.

Young Man of Wadesboro Loses Life in Buffalo Creek—Was Swimming Across Creek With Seine When He Went Down.

Mr. Thomas L. Deese was drowned last Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock in Buffalo creek near its mouth while swimming across the creek with a seine tied to his body. He, in company with Mr. Charlie Hyatt and several other young men of Wadesboro, were on a seining expedition. They were all on the south side of the creek, and Mr. Deese volunteered to swim across the creek with the seine. He tied one end to his body and started across, and had almost reached the opposite bank when he sank. He apparently made no struggle whatever, and did not come up again. He did not become entangled in the seine, and it is possible that heart failure was the cause of his death. The body was recovered in about 20 minutes by the young man's companions, and brought to Wadesboro by them. They reached here about two hours after the accident.

Mr. Deese was a son of the late Abel Deese and of Mrs. Deese, and is survived by his mother, by two brothers, Messrs. D. B. and C. T. Deese, and by three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Howell, Mrs. Rosetta Whitley, and Miss Sallie Deese. He was about 32 years old, and was unmarried. He was a member of the 30th division in the world war, and was an excellent soldier, serving in France. A brother, Abel Deese, was killed in action.

The funeral was held Saturday by Rev. Mr. Threat, of Stanly county, and interment was in the Seago cemetery.

QUEEN CITY'S GIANT COMBINE.

Charlotte Excited Over a Report of Probable Launching of a Great Textile Company.

Charlotte, June 9.—The city is all agog today over a report that a \$70,000,000 textile company was to be launched here, to operate a chain of mills in the Carolinas with headquarters in Charlotte. The report came from a New York newspaper. Charlotte mill men either deny knowledge or are non-committal in either matter.

The report was broadcasted from New York by a new agency.

The most probable basis for the report local cotton men say is, that J. B. Duke is inspiring the most gigantic mill enterprise ever attempted in the world and that Charlotte will be the center of movement, if it goes through. This news agency said tentative plans for organization to operate a large chain of mills in the South with Charlotte as a center, are being considered by a group of well-known cotton manufacturers and capitalists. It is said it will be headed by one of the leading cotton manufacturers in the South.

One likely basis for the enterprise, it is said, is that J. B. Duke may have plans which will lead to launching of a monumental project upon completion of the 80,000 horse-power electric development at Mountain Island, and that one million spindles would represent the ultimate and not immediate goal of Mr. Duke's undertaking. The largest group of spindles under operation of a single system in the South is M. F. Conn mills, Riverside and Dan Mills, at Danville, Va., the second largest. The C. W. Johnson group is the largest in this immediate territory, with 180,000 spindles.

HENRY FORD WILL RUN FOR PRESIDENT?

Henry Ford has intimated privately that he will run for president "if the people of the country desire him to do so" but "he will refuse to spend the money to bring about his nomination and election," according to William T. Kronberg, editor of a Dearborn newspaper and one of the leaders in the Dearborn "Henry Ford for President" club.

Although he made no public statement Mr. Ford intimated to members of the club that he would be in a receptive mood should the demand for his candidacy come from the people. Mr. Kronberg told the Associated Press.

WORLD GOING DRY IN FIVE YEARS, SAYS JOHNSON

Washington, D. C., June 10.—The entire world will be absolutely bone dry in five years.

No less a person than William E. ("Pussyfoot") Johnson, international prohibition worker, who donated one of his orbs to the cause while in England, is the author of this prediction.

Addressing a church congregation here, Johnson gauged the progress of the dry movement by its achievements in India, where he conducted extensive investigations some time ago. The Volstead law, Johnson said is proving a success in the United States, pointing out the great number of arrests and quantities of liquor confiscated.