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John A. McCaskill Dead

On January 4, John A. McCaskill, affectionately called "Big John," passed away at his home near Finger. He sustained a fall some three weeks ago, and this brought about complications that resulted fatally.

Mr. McCaskill, while not a member of any church, was of the Primitive Baptist belief. He was for many years a leading republican, having been a member of the county executive committee. For six years he was a justice of the peace. He was also a loyal member of the Masonic fraternity.

Surviving the deceased are a number of grown children, to whom we extend our sympathy.

Old Citizen Passes Away

On Friday, Dec. 30, just as the old year was beginning to turn its back on father time, the grim reaper, death, claimed one of the county's oldest and most beloved men in the person of J. R. McIntyre, who died in a hospital at Corinth, Miss. His remains were brought to Finger, where he had lived most all his life, and were buried in Mt. Carmel last Sunday, Elder N. B. Hardeman conducting the funeral services.

Mr. McIntyre was more than three score and ten years of age, and had been twice married, the first marriage being to Miss Rebecca Beane, and to this union eleven children were born, only four of whom survive; and after the death of his first wife, he was married to Miss Fannie Carroll of Adamsville, and to this union five children were born, four of whom survive.

Mr. McIntyre was a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Christian church.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Death of a Good Woman

Tuesday night at her home on Oxford Creek, Mrs. J. L. Brooks passed away after a long illness.

Mrs. Brooks was the wife of John L. Brooks, a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of near Selmer. She was about 50 years of age and for a long time had been afflicted. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist church and a devout christian. Burial occurred Wednesday at the Old Prospect cemetery.

Mrs. Brooks was one of the best women we ever knew, and her life was spent in devotion to her family. On occasions like this, we find it difficult to say or do anything to those who are so sorely bereaved, especially is this true when a mother is taken. The Independent family with the hundreds of warm friends join in extending condolence to the heartbroken husband and children, and our hope is that beyond the river when the morning breaks eternal bright and fair, they will meet their sainted one in the home where no family ties are ever broken.

The First National Bank

The First National Bank of Selmer has just closed one of its most prosperous years. At the meeting for the year 1921 the board of directors declared its usual dividend of ten per cent on the paid capital stock and passed a very substantial amount from the earnings of the year to the undivided profits account. The bank wishes to thank its many friends for their loyal support and wishes that the present year may be full of joy and prosperity for everyone.

Soldier Funeral

The remains of Bernard D. Hamm, son of Jeff Hamm, Gravelhill, was buried in the cemetery at Gravelhill Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends. The deceased was a young man who was killed in action on the Western Front, on the 5th day of November, 1918. He enlisted at Corinth, Miss., in July, 1918, and was soon sent across. He was a worthy young man, and made a good soldier. He was killed only a few days before the signing of the Armistice, and his remains were brought to the United States only a few days ago and were accompanied to Selmer from Louisville by Private Conrade Collier, of West Frankfort, Ill.

The funeral services were in charge of J. R. Gooch. Tom Hunter conducted the reading and prayer service, after appropriate songs had been sung by the congregation. W. K. Abernathy paid a brief and eloquent tribute to the young soldier and his comrades in arms, after which the remains were borne by a company of soldiers to the cemetery. There the flag on behalf of the war department was presented to the father by Laney Reeder in a few well chosen words.

The deceased is survived by his father, two brothers and three sisters, all of whom, and the numerous other relatives and friends, the Independent joins in expressions of sympathy.

Guys

The Christmas tree at the school building on Friday night before Christmas was one of the most enjoyable affairs our town has ever had. The good people of the community saw to it that Santa Claus had something on the tree for every child there, and no one who saw the delight of those less fortunate children when their names were called failed to realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Mrs. Daisy Hamm and little daughter, Zilpha, visited friends at Ramer one day last week.

Mrs. Zilpha Sharp spent a few last week in Corinth visiting her mother.

John Houston of the Finger High School, spent the holidays with homefolks here.

Misses Ina and Beth Wilson of Corinth, spent several days with friends here last week.

Houston Meeks and Maurice Houston returned to their respective schools at Blue Mountain and Bethel Springs Sunday.

Misses Marguerite and Mattie Mitchell of near Ramer, visited their uncle, J. L. Meeks and family, one day last week.

Mrs. R. M. Houston and little children, visited relatives at Bethel Springs a few days during the holidays.

Murray Houston, with the American Sugar Refining Co., made a flying trip home Christmas.

George Sharp, who has been in Florence, Ala., for some time, is at home on a vacation.

Quite a number of our people attended the burial of the late Bernard Hamm at Gravelhill Sunday.

R. A. Poindexter and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives on the Park.

Misses Mary and Loraine Meeks of Corinth visited friends here Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Hamm of Ramer was a visitor here last Friday.

Bud Huggins and wife of Gravelhill spent Saturday in Selmer shopping.

A New Contributor

We are pleased to announce to our subscribers that

Hon. Lindsay S. Perkins

a former resident of Selmer, but now in an official capacity at Washington, will be a contributor to the INDEPENDENT, his interesting articles appearing from time to time, which we feel sure will be appreciated by all.

Masseyville

Well, Christmas has come and gone and everybody is looking natural again.

Mr. Curtis Mitchell went to Selmer Sunday night.

There were singings every night around here Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Roland went to Selmer Sunday.

Orb Roland wife visited his brother Hubert during Christmas week.

Mr. Percy Fortune and family spent part of the holidays with J. F. Fortune and Kenzie Kirby and family.

Archie and Archie Fortune spent Christmas in Pocahontas and vicinity and Marvin Kirk came home with them for a few days.

George Wilson and Eli Alpha Bassham spent Christmas with their uncle, Dr. E. E. Bassham.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Massey spent Christmas in Masseyville.

Miss Lora King spent Friday night with Miss Sadie Fortune.

Kennie Kirby went to Pocahontas Monday on business.

Mrs. Kenzie Kirby and children are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fortune.

J. L. Murley killed two hogs last week that weighed 875 lbs.

Mr. George Causey has bought out Arthur McMahan and will be our merchant now.

Action Items

Another Christmas has gone, another year ended, and with pleasant memories of 1921, and future hopes for 1922, we wish for a happy, prosperous new year.

A large crowd enjoyed the play given here Dec. 23. This play was a success.

Misses Lois and Frances Abernathy and Loraine Dickerson of Freed-Hardeman college, were guests of homefolks last week.

Quinn Ingram and sister, Miss Irene, visited their father at Jackson recently.

Hubert Emmons of Memphis spent the holidays with homefolks.

Hubert Cunningham and sister, Miss Effie, of the Tishomingo Agricultural High School, visited their parents here Christmas.

Among the enjoyable holiday entertainments of the community, was a pound supper in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Abernathy; an apron hemming at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sanders, and a singing in the home of Leo Atkins and wife.

Elder A. G. Freed preached a splendid sermon here Sunday afternoon. He will not return until some time in February.

The cool weather conditions of Christmas week made ideal time for sportsmen and butchers, both of which made good use of it.

Miss Claudie Wood spent the Yuletide season in the home of her father, Bill Woods, here.

Eli Rogers, formerly of Dallas, Texas, is spending a few days with relatives here.

Miss Daisy Hindman spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Hindman.

Miss Bonnie Emmons returned to Corinth Sunday, after a pleasant week with homefolks.

Eural Williams was a visitor in the home of his grandfather, G. W. Bingham, near Luka, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Brice and Mrs. Dot Emmons of Corinth were the guests of friends and relatives here last week.

Mrs. Emma Britton of Pittsburgh Ldg. was the guest of W. M. Cunningham the past week.

Barney and Dalton Nagle and sister, Miss Evie, of Corinth, were pleasant visitors here Xmas week.

Mr. Castleberry of Corinth is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. J. Abernathy.

R. L. Hardwick of Thrasher, Miss., is visiting relatives here this week.

A. F. Pendley and wife were recent visitors here.

Jim Brice and wife of Fields visited their daughter, Mrs. J. H. Hyneman Saturday.

Ramer

Mrs. Hallie Hamm, of Selmer, and Miss Ruth Johnson, of Memphis, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Christmas day.

Miss Maggie Robinson, who is attending Berea College, was at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Fowlkes have as their guests, Mesdames Mollie Ellison, of Memphis, W. M. Ballard, of Springfield, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Morrison and son, Russell Keaton, spent the holidays with Corinth relatives.

Mrs. Mollie McCullar and son, William, of Selmer, were visitors in the home of C. L. McCullar last week.

Miss Thelda Carman of Memphis was here for a short visit with her sister, Mrs. L. G. Huggins, during the holidays.

Claude Turner and sisters, Misses Lola, Evelyn, and Cordelia, spent Christmas vacation with homefolks at Chewalla.

Mrs. Minnie Ramer and little daughters, of Selmer, are visiting Mrs. R. N. Huggins.

Miss Sadie Ray, accompanied by Master Clyde Prather, spent the holidays with homefolks at Paris.

Mrs. J. R. Hamm and daughter, Olivia, were guests of Mrs. W. E. Sharp, at Guys, Friday.

Miss Ila McAlpin was the guest of Miss Lucy Brock, at Greenfield, and Mrs. D. B. DuBose, at

Jackson, during the past week.

Misses Mary Rather and Vera Reams were with homefolks at Jackson and Henderson, respectively, for the holidays.

Mrs. Lydia Ramer returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Guys.

Miss Clara Galyean of Corinth was visiting Mrs. J. W. Reeder Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Hamm and Mrs. Daisy Hamm and daughter, Zilpha, of Guys, and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. B. Morse and daughter, Imogene, of Corinth, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson during the past week.

Dr. M. C. Key returned Saturday night from a few days' visit in St. Louis.

Mrs. N. H. Prince of Greenwood, Miss., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Houston.

Billie Dancer was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kerr, at Selmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCoy and little daughter spent last week with Gravelhill relatives.

Misses Mattie and Margaret Mitchell were at Guys a few days last week, guests of their aunt, Mrs. J. L. Meeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Hays and little sons, Matlock and Paul, spent Christmas day with relatives at Beech Bluff.

Miss Eva Hurley, of Chewalla, spent Sunday night with her aunt, Mrs. A. B. Hamm, enroute to Adamsville where she is teaching.

Mesdames D. T. Smith of Selmer, and Bell of Halls, were here the first of the week, visiting their sister, Mrs. J. H. Hill.

Randolph Hurley, who is in school here, spent last week with his father, G. W. Hurley, at Chewalla.

Mrs. George Prather has had as recent guests, Mrs. Rebecca Ramer of Corinth, and Miss Cassie Gooch of Selmer.

Andrew Gooch and Clifford Hurley of Selmer, were here on business Tuesday.

D. W. Ramer of Jackson came down Wednesday to see his mother, Mrs. Lydia Ramer.

Misses Margie Smith, Orpha Lain, and Sac Wooten, of Selmer, were visiting here Friday and Saturday.

C. L. Majors was the week-end guests of his parents at Adamsville.

Mrs. Grover Robertson and children of Guys, were recent guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reeder.

Mrs. J. H. Hill visited relatives at Selmer and Falcon last week.

Leland and Gilsey Majors returned Tuesday night from a week's stay with their parents at Adamsville.

Celebrates 80th Birthday

J. R. Adams celebrated his eightieth birthday Wednesday, Jan. 4. He was born in Old Purdy, former county seat of McNairy county, in 1842. Mr. Adams served as captain in the Confederate army, Company E, Nineteenth Tennessee. For 20 years he was county court clerk. In 1892 he organized the McNairy County Bank, the first bank in the county, and has been its executive officer through 30 years of continuous service. For more than 40 years has been a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church, and in 1919 was the only member of the Sunday school who did not miss one session. Fox hunting has always been the favorite sport of Mr. Adams, and until two years ago he was regular with his hounds twice each week in a chase. He now owns some fine hounds. Mr. Adams is now quite active for one of his advanced age; is well preserved and was in his usual place at the bank today. A family dinner was served in his honor.

Stock Law for McNairy County

The stock law for McNairy county went into effect Jan. 1, 1922. Below we print the law as passed by the legislature of 1921:

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That it shall hereafter be unlawful for any owner or anyone having the control or management of horses, mules, donkeys, cattle, sheep, goats and swine, to allow the same to run at large in the counties of this State having a population of not more than 18,360 and not less than 18,340, according to the Federal Census of 1920 or any subsequent Federal Census.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That any person or persons willfully violating the first section of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, and moreover shall be liable for all damages committed by such animals trespassing upon the lands of another.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That any and all damages done by such animals in violation of the first section of this Act, shall be and constitute a lien upon same and may be enforced by attachment or by judgement and execution at law, before any Justice of the Peace of the counties to which this Act may apply.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That any person owning or renting land upon which such animals may trespass shall have the right to take up and confine said animals provided same be given sufficient amount of wholesome food and pure water, and for which such person shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for same and shall have a lien upon said animals for their food and keep.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That this Act shall not be construed to amend or repeal any law requiring railroads to fence their tracks in said counties, and that all persons, firms and corporations in said counties shall be liable for unlawfully killing, wounding and damaging such animals as heretofore.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed and that this Act shall take effect on and after Jan. 1, 1922, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed March 16, 1921.

From Enville

J. G. Moore and family now resides at Enville.

Wesley McCoy has moved to Henderson and his former home is occupied by Walter Pearson.

Bill Garrett is building a nice home near the site of his home which was burned last summer.

E. M. Carroll lives north of Mt. Zion.

R. H. Smith, J. H. McClenny, Messrs Fuller, Spence, McGaritty, Shelton and Enloe Lee are new citizens of the 12th.

Several children and five adults had an unpleasant Christmas present—chickenpox.

Guy Moore, Hallie Findley and Miss Dortha Findley are boarding in homes near Mt. Zion school and are doing splendid work.

As the school did good work on New Year's day, it is expected to be good the remainder of the session.

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