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HON. JAS. E. SEBRELL DIES IN NORFOLK IN NINETY-SECOND YEAR

Native of Southampton and One of Its Most Prominent Citizens—Oldest Mason and Randolph-Macon Alumnus in State—County Treasurer 15 Years and Represented County in Legislature.

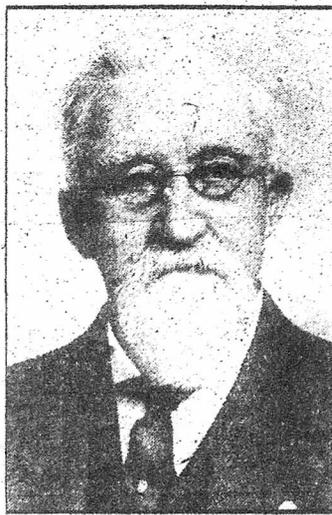
A TRUE VIRGINIA GENTLEMAN

Hon. James Edward Sebrell died at his home in 1112 Redgate avenue, Norfolk, Friday afternoon, July 18, about 6 o'clock. He was in his ninety-second year, having celebrated his ninety-first birthday in Norfolk January 3, 1921, at a family reunion attended by all of his children, several grandchildren and many relatives.

Mr. Sebrell, one of the ablest and most prominent men of his generation in this county, was born in Southampton County near the present village of Sebrell, the son of the late William Jones Sebrell and Mrs. Mary Butts Sebrell. He attended Randolph-Macon College, then situated at Boynton, Va., and graduated at the age of 18. His graduating address was in Latin, written and delivered by him. At the time of his death he was the oldest living alumnus of that institution. He taught school in this county for several years and a number of the older citizens of our county, many of whom have long since preceded him to the grave, were his pupils.

As all other patriotic sons of the South, he took an active part in the fortunes of the Southern Confederacy, serving with distinction as sergeant-major of the Eighteenth Virginia Battalion. He bore arms throughout the full period of the war and ever treasured and held in reverence the cause for which he fought, being esteemed and honored by his former comrades in arms throughout the long span of life he enjoyed following that memorable struggle, and holding membership in Urquhart-Gillette Camp, Confederate Veterans.

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BOYKINS ITEMS AND NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Mrs. Lillie E. Beaton left recently for a visit with relatives in Union.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Knight and children, Hart and Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Knight and son, R. C., Jr., are spending this week at Ocean View. Miss McFoy Knight is visiting Miss Fannie Marks of Pope.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Knight and daughter, Margaret, and Frances Powell motored to Richmond Monday. Mrs. Knight remained for a visit with relatives and from there she will go to Pottsville, Penn., for a visit.

Mrs. J. L. Leavitt and son, Lawrence, and Miss Inez Britt spent last week-end with relatives in Rocky Mount, N. C.

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AUTOMOBILE KILLS CHILD IN COURTLAND

A most distressing tragedy occurred in Courtland on Friday morning of last week when little Frances Wade, the six-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wade was run over and almost instantly killed by a car driven by Edward H. Brooks.

According to accounts of the accident, Mr. Brooks was going from his home to his store, using a sort of by-path back of the Methodist Church as a customary short-cut from that part of Courtland to the business section. The child started to cross the path in front of the car and Mr. Brooks attempted to turn out to avoid striking her. In the confusion which so often attends a threatened accident of this kind, the child either turned back or the car swerved aside again with the result that the car struck her on the head and back. R. G. Edwards, who was driving a truck just behind Mr. Brooks, hurried to a doctor with the little girl but she died in a few moments.

Frances, who was the second child in the family, was an unusually bright and attractive girl and a great favorite with all who knew her. She would have been seven years old next month, and was a member of the Courtland Baptist Sunday School. She was always faithful in attendance at Sunday school and never missed a service, but had been kept at home for the past several weeks on account of whooping cough. She had completed her first grade work in the Courtland Grammar School last session. Besides her parents she is survived by an older sister, Hazel, and a younger brother, J. H. Wade, Jr. The deepest sympathy of everyone in Courtland and of all friends throughout the county goes out to the bereaved parents in their great sorrow.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at the family burial plot in the Capron cemetery and were conducted by the Pastor of the Courtland Baptist Church, Rev. Kenneth E. Burke. The little mound was covered with a profusion of beautiful flowers sent by sympathizing friends. The pallbearers were: Charlie Howell, Floyd Beale, William Story, Jim Wade, Roy Caroon and Dr. I. P. Gilbert.

POOR PROSPECTS FOR COTTON IN

The July forecast cotton crop based on July 16 is according to the Virginia Service. Last produced 50,000 bales largest crop ever history of the State.

There has been no in condition since month owing to the ditions. Rains were impossible to c and fields became q plants are small and some cases are suf rot. Thus far very been formed. Man remarked that the poorest that they having to th lateness o growers fear that a cause considerable d sections, especially soil, the crop is loo but as a general rule unusually bad.

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Our honored county man was known far and wide throughout the State for his love of Masonry and for his exceptional service to that order. He had been a Mason for nearly seventy years, a record which is perhaps unequalled in the State, and served as District Deputy Grand Master for forty-six years. In his church affiliations he was a loyal and conscientious Methodist, being a member of the Courtland M. E. Church until he removed to Norfolk a few years ago when he united with the Epworth M. E. Church of that city.

As many honors as had come to him during his long and useful life, his friends like to think of him, not in connection with those positions which his integrity and ability had made possible, but rather as one of the finest types of the Southern Christian gentleman of their acquaintance. An exemplar of that splendid figure of the old South, "a gentleman of the old school," appreciated most by those who have known men who deserved the title and who wore it honorably, Mr. Sebrell, by a rare combination of Christianity, exceptional native ability, courtliness, courage for his country at a time when it needed brave hearts most, a trained mind and a willingness to serve his people and his county well, numbered friends and admirers wherever he was known.

About the year 1855, Mr. Sebrell was married to Miss Ann Maria Bell, their wedded life being a long and happy journey for two-thirds of a century, Mrs. Sebrell dying in January, 1921. From this union the following children survive: five sons, Thomas E. of Richmond, Dr. J. Emmett of Charlotte, N. C., Robert A. and John N. Jr., of Norfolk and Charles H. Sebrell of Lawrenceville, and one daughter, Miss Rena P. Sebrell of Norfolk. Their oldest child, William James Sebrell, who was a prominent lawyer of this county and Commonwealth's Attorney at the time of his death, died in 1910. Another daughter, Mrs. J. E. Moyler of Franklin, died on June 4, 1924. He is also survived by a half-brother, Jno. N. Sebrell, Sr., of Courtland.

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Quite a number of the Boykins people attended the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention at Western Branch Wednesday.

On account of so many of the Boykins people being away the meeting of the Ladies Aid Society will be held next week instead of Wednesday of this week with Mrs. H. G. Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Person and Mrs. Merrill Powell and children went to Franklin last Thursday on business.

Mrs. W. K. Stephenson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Barrett, in Murfreesboro, N. C.

Lee Draper of Richmond is spending some time in the home of his mother, Mrs. Maggie Draper.

Mrs. J. R. Person visited Mrs. Oscar Bryant in Suffolk last week.

Mrs. O. W. Gray and family and Miss Elizabeth Knight were in Suffolk last week.

Misses McFoy Knight, Margaret Knight and Frances Powell went to Ocean View Friday.

MISS FANNY WEBB HOSTESS TO FRANKLIN BOOK CLUB

Miss Fanny L. Webb entertained the members of the Book Club Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, this being the last meeting of the season and closing the "World Today" series of studies for 1923-'24 with an interesting discussion of "Presidential Possibilities." After a carefully prepared paper had been given by the hostess on a "Resume of the Growth of Political Parties in the United States," the platforms of the three parties were compared, followed by character sketches of Coolidge, La Follette, Davis, Dawes and Bryan.

Punch was served the guests upon their arrival and an ice cream course was enjoyed at the close of the program.

In presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives, by Dr. J. W. Moore, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. W. T. Green of Newport News. During the service the Epworth Church quartet sang "How Firm a Foundation," and "Nearer My God to Thee."

The pallbearers were: W. J. Prince of Richmond, R. A. Pope of Drewryville, R. A. Pretlow and Dr. R. H. Cobb of Franklin, Judge James L. McLemore of Suffolk, Chas. W. Davis of Courtland, Dr. Stanley H. Grayes and W. T. Shannonhouse of Norfolk. Interment was made in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk.

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Miss Alice Bell of Franklin is the house guest of Mrs. R. A. Pope.

Mrs. A. P. Pope, who has been spending some time in Driver and Norfolk, returned Sunday night.

Quite a number of our young people are planning to leave the 29th of this month for a week's camping trip to Burwell's Bay.

R. A. Pope motored to Norfolk last Sunday to attend the burial of Mr. Sebrell.

Mrs. Delia Smith has returned to her home after an extended trip to Kinston and Southern Pines, N. C.

Dr. P. G. Fox and friends of Raleigh motored here Sunday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fox, returning the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hodges, Misses Delia and Louise Leigh of Portsmouth are visiting in the home of Mrs. V. R. Leigh.

Dr. and Mrs. William Drewry spent several days in Richmond this week.

Mrs. C. C. Claud and children of Wallace, N. C., are visiting Mrs. J. W. Claud.

Mrs. J. A. Grizzard and children spent last week-end in Emporia with her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. W. Little.

Dr. J. A. Grizzard spent last Friday in Norfolk.

The Sunday school excursion will be run to Ocean View July 25.

Mrs. Mollie Nicholson of Norfolk and Mrs. W. P. Hobbs of Salisbury, Maryland, are visiting Mrs. B. S. Turner.

Miss Eunice Wynne left last Monday to visit friends in Basic City, Va.

Misses Rose Lee and Edna Wynne visited their sister, Miss Helen Wynne, in Richmond last week.

McClenny and Janice Lankford spent several days in Franklin last week.

HAVE YOUR CAR REREGISTERED AT RAWLS GARAGE JULY 25-26

A representative of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner's office will be at Rawls' Garage Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, for the purpose of aiding all automobile owners in getting their cars reregistered. If you have had any difficulty in registering your car under the new law requiring reregistration, consult this representative. He is prepared to give you all assistance needed.

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