

RUTH DORIS ARMFIELD

Became Prominent In The Lone Star State

P. P. LANGFORD DIES IN TEXAS

Was 88 Years of Age And A Native of Newberry

(From The Wichita Falls (Tex.) Record-News, January 14.)

P. P. Langford, 88, a retired banker who had long been intimately connected with the business life of this community and section, died in Wichita Falls hospital at 5:15 p. m. Friday.

Death came after a number of years of declining health which brought the pioneer to helplessness.

For more than three score years of his healthfulness during his residence in Wichita Falls, Langford had been prominent in the business and financial life of the city.

In his long years of association with the City National bank, first as collector, then as bookkeeper, cashier and president, he had been known to more people perhaps than any other citizen.

His personality and characteristics had become almost legendary with the older citizens of the community. He had made a firm and individual in business and some of the leading businesses in Wichita Falls today can trace their beginnings back to the loans made through him.

He also made many smaller loans upon his estimate of the character of the borrower rather than upon other assets.

After many years of association with the City National, Langford retired as its president in 1927 to devote his declining years to his ranching, cattle and other business interests.

He leaves two sons, Pierce Langford, Jr. and Ben. H. Langford of Wichita Falls and a daughter, Mrs. George Harrigan of Pittsburg, Penna.

Other survivors include six grandchildren; a nephew, Capt. W. S. Langford brother of the late J. J. Langford and a niece, Mrs. W. A. Asbill, of Electra, Texas.

Pierce P. Langford was born October 24, 1861 in Newberry, S. C., the son of a plantation owner who died of typhoid fever contracted while he was in the service of the Confederate army.

The family's crops were destroyed by Sherman's march to the sea and the widowed mother of Langford immediately assumed the double role as head of her family. Pierce was given training in the public schools and spent one year at the Lutheran college at Newberry.

From there he and his brother, Willie, of whom he was especially fond, went to New York to study bookkeeping for a year. In 1884 they set out for Texas to make their fortunes.

A Baptist minister in Fort Worth who knew their mother suggested the youths proceed to the new town of Wichita Falls to which the Fort Worth and Denver railroad had been built only two years before.

John B. McDowell, 75, died Tuesday

John Bussey McDowell, 75, died Tuesday afternoon at the Newberry County Hospital after a lingering illness.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William B. McDowell of Edgefield County.

NEWS BRIEFS

MRS. SENN RESUMES WORK AT CARPENTERS

Mrs. George Senn, who has been employed at the State Training School in Clinton for the past six months, has resumed her work in the alteration department at Carpenters where she was employed prior to going to Clinton.

MRS. PARKS IMPROVING AT HOME ON CALDWELL

Mrs. Mary Parks, who was taken suddenly ill while attending the funeral services of her brother, H. O. Britt in Columbia last Saturday afternoon, is reported to be doing nicely at her home on Caldwell street, and is able to sit up some now.

HEAVY PENALTY ON TAXES SOON

A penalty of 10 per cent will be added to all unpaid taxes on February 1st. The City Manager wants to spare taxpayers this additional burden and asks that all clear up taxes before that date.

RESUMES WORK AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Fred Rodelsperger, Jr., (Elizabeth Dickert) resumed her work at the Newberry County Hospital Monday morning of this week, after a leave of absence of two months. She will be assisted in her work by Miss Kathryn Duncan, who has been employed at the hospital since the first of December.

BUILDING PERMITS

Only four building and repair permits were issued during the past week to the following: W. O. Ruff, repairs to dwelling on Amelia street, \$500.

MISS EARGLE MANAGER OF WESTERN UNION

Miss Esther Eargle is now manager of the local office of the Western Union on College street. She was transferred to Newberry the first of the year from Georgetown.

THE WOMANS SOCIETY TO HOLD STUDY COURSE

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Central Methodist Church is holding its Mission Study Course Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of next week at 3:30 o'clock in the church.

JOIN STAFF OF KEMPER MOTOR CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce H. Barnes of Prosperity, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Ann, to James Ernest Wicker of Prosperity. The wedding will take place in the early spring.

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Mass Gathering Top Lutherans Sunday Look To Furtherance of Appeal For Higher Education

One of the largest rallies ever held in the Newberry Conference will take place at Newberry College, Sunday, January 22, 1950 in behalf of the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal.

The program begins in Holland Hall at 4 P. M. with devotionals conducted by Rev. Miles T. Cullum, President of the Newberry Conference.

Dr. James C. Kinard, President of Newberry College, will speak on "The Need of CHEY." The entire assembly will join in the singing of that great hymn of the Lutheran Church, words and music by Martin Luther, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

For the evening program the assembly will gather in the College Dining Hall at 6:30 P. M. The CHEY Supper will be served by Mr. W. E. Buice, Business Manager of the Dining Hall.

Fires Caused By Careless Smokers

Woodland owners in the Newberry District lost valuable timber on 923.8 acres of woodland as 125 wild wood fires raged through their woods during the last of 1949.

The outstanding cause for these fires was careless smokers, having caused 48 fires. Other causes were railroads, 18 fires; miscellaneous reasons, 15 fires; and debris burning, 12 fires.

A total of 76 fires burned 432 acres over the same period in 1948. This increase is primarily due to the dry fall winter months in 1949.

The foresters of the Newberry office urge the people to be cautious with matches and cigarettes in the woods.

Dies At Irmo; Was Brother Mrs. Parks

H. O. Britt, 76, brother of Mrs. Mary Parks, Caldwell St., Newberry, died at his home near Irmo last Friday afternoon about 1 o'clock.

Spending Bill Passes In Huge Amount

COLUMBIA, Jan. 18.—The State House of Representatives passed today a 1950-51 general appropriations bill unofficially totaling \$112,400,898.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

NEWBERRY J. Ellerbe Sease to M. P. Mayer, a one-third undivided interest in one lot and one building on Thompson and Martin streets (Bus Station), \$6,000.

PROSPERITY Dogwood Garden Club Mrs. B. C. Bedenbaugh was hostess to the Dogwood Garden Club Tuesday afternoon.

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Unique Club

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As fine an example of Christianity as I have ever seen came to light the other day when I was told of a group of boys who had organized a club they call "The Bible Club."

Keith Tarrer and Frank Britt were anxious to tell about how the club started and how it operates. It seems that one day these two and six of their friends, Mike Darby, Joe Clappell, Randolph Wilson, Billy Mason and Jimmie Crooks were discussing starting a club of some sort.

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