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## NASH MAN PRESSES CLAIM TO ABOLISH COUNTY JOB

**Kenneth Knight Of Rocky Mount Asks Certification As County Treasurer**

Nash County officials today continued to ignore the claim of Kenneth T. Knight of Rocky Mount, former government field agent, who declared this week-end that he is entitled to be certified as the newly elected Nash County treasurer in spite of the fact that the county commissioners abolished the office earlier this year.

Knight, whose claim attracted attention this week-end when he asked Chairman Charles M. McCauley of the Nash board of elections to certify him as elected county treasurer in the recent general election, maintained today that the commissioners' action in abolishing the office was not legal.

Only the State legislature can abolish the office, which is specified in the State Constitution, and the legislature can not delegate that authority, Knight maintained.

Although the ballots offered no provision for electing a treasurer, since the office was believed to dissolve with the expiration of the term of Treasurer J. T. Taylor, December 1, Knight received about a dozen votes in Rocky Mount township on small squares of paper with his name printed on them in the manner of ballots, it was disclosed today.

Chairman R. B. Gay of the Nash commissioners said today he had "heard of" Knight's claim but that the matter would not come before the commissioners until Knight should be certified by the elections board.

Elections Chairman McCauley said he did not believe the law required him to certify Knight. The matter is not officially before the board of elections, McCauley said.

Knight told reporters today he intended to take steps to compel the Nash elections board to certify him, but he declined to disclose details of his plans.

Knight's recourse, according to law, local political observers said, would be to bring an action of mandamus in Nash Superior Court. Observers considered that Knight's claim was not upheld by the law because the legislature authorized Nash County in 1931 to abolish the office and the State Supreme Court in the case of Tyrell County vs. Holloway upheld the constitutionality of an identical action by the legislature.

## MRS. I. H. SMITH BURIED WEDNESDAY

**Resident of Near Scotland Neck Dies at Ancestral Home at Age of 90**

Scotland Neck, Nov. 23.—Funeral services for Mrs. Isaac Hall Smith, who died at Woodstock, her home near here, yesterday afternoon at the age of 90, were to be conducted from the old Trinity church at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. Benjamin T. Brodie, rector of the Trinity church where Mrs. Smith worshipped for many years before the Episcopal church in Scotland Neck was built, was to conduct the funeral with burial following in the church yard.

Mrs. Smith was the oldest member of the Scotland Neck Episcopal church and was active in church work until she became ill two years ago. She succumbed at 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon to an extended illness.

Mrs. Smith had lived in the Smith ancestral home here for 67 years following her marriage to Isaac Hall Smith of Scotland Neck in 1871. She was born February 17, 1848, the daughter of Major William J. Baker Clark, Charles H. Smith, Charles folk.

Surviving are one son, Isaac Hall Smith of Scotland Neck, four daughters; Mrs. Richard Johnson of High Point, Mrs. Blanche Baker Hanft, Miss Mary Weldon Smith and Miss Nannie Smith of Scotland Neck; one sister, Miss Blanche Baker of Norfolk; and one brother, E. N. Baker of Wadesboro.

Pallbearers were to include Irvin Clark, Charles H. Smith, Charlie Lamb, Jim Hall, Jr., Johnson Smith, W. S. Alexander and W. E. Almond, all of Scotland Neck, and J. McKimmon Saunders of Williamston.

## President Will Stop In Raleigh

**President Expected to Make Brief Stop at Capital December 5**

President Roosevelt will become the first National Chief Executive to visit Raleigh in more than 33 years when he stops here December 5, unless present White House plans are changed, the Raleigh Times said today.

The President is expected to stop around noon that day enroute from Warm Springs, Ga., to Chapel Hill for a speech at the University of North Carolina, the paper said it learned from Washington.

The presidential special, first scheduled to leave the President at Sanford where he was going to Chapel Hill by automobile, will come here from Columbia, S. C., and thence to Durham. From there, the Times added, he will take a car to the Hill in time for luncheon with Governor Hoey, President Frank P. Graham of the university and invited guests.

After his speech, he leaves for Washington, via Durham and Greensboro.

The late President Theodore Roosevelt's N. C. State fair visit in October, 1905, was the last time a President came to Raleigh, records show.

## NORWEGIAN QUEEN DIES IN LONDON

**Maud Was Aunt Of King George And Last Surviving Child Of Edward VII**

London, Nov. 20.—Queen Maud of Norway, aunt of King George VI of Great Britain and the last surviving child of King Edward, VII died early today of a heart attack following abdominal operation four days ago. She was 68 years old.

Her death came so suddenly that King Haakon of Norway, who was staying at Buckingham Palace and had been almost constantly with his queen, was not at her bedside. She died in her sleep with only her nurse in the room.

Announcement of her death was withheld until the people of Norway had been informed by radio. Norwegian radio stations immediately suspended their programs for two minutes of silence and then played solemn music for the rest of their broadcasts.

Queen Maud was taken ill about a week ago during one of her frequent visits here and underwent her serious operation November 16.

King Haakon hurried from Norway when she was stricken and had been with her almost constantly after the operation.

The Norwegian minister to London issued this statement from specialists who had attended the Queen:

"Her Majesty, Queen Maud of Norway, died suddenly and without previous warning of heart failure at 12:25 A. M. (7:25 P. M. E. S. T.) Saturday.

"During the hours preceding midnight, distresses incidental to an abdominal operation had diminished and a disturbed day had given place to restfulness."

It was signed by Sir John Weir, physician-in-ordinary to King George VI; Sir Lancelot Edward Barrington-Ward, surgeon to the King, and Lord Dawson of Penn., physician-in-ordinary to the King and to Queen Mother Mary.

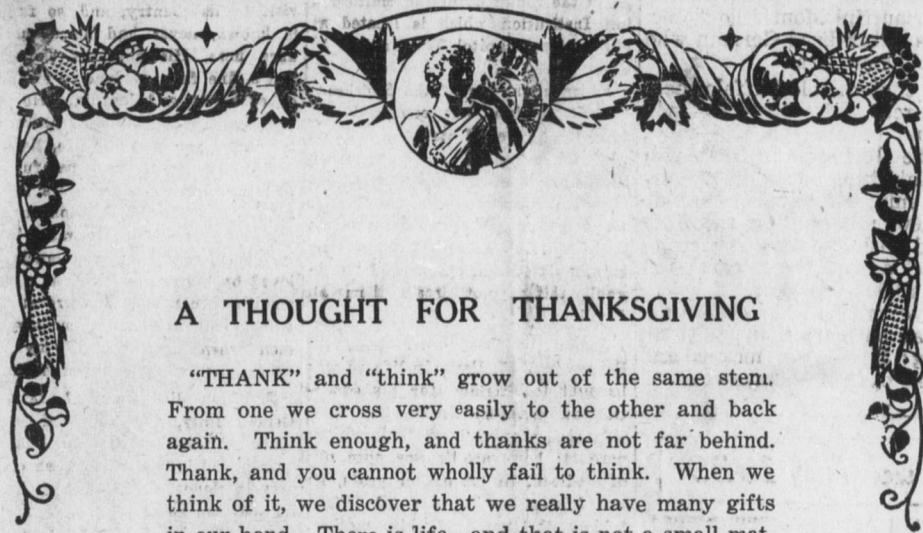
After her marriage to Haakon at Buckingham Palace July 22, 1896, the young English princess, sister of the late King George V, visited her often.

She stayed frequently at Appleton House, Suffolk, which her father gave her as a wedding present on condition that she visit it every year while he and her mother lived.

These visits were interrupted only for the war years when it was dangerous to cross the North Sea.

She came to England also for important royal occasions and attended the funeral of the late King George and the coronation of the present king.

Plans for the funeral have not been made.



## A THOUGHT FOR THANKSGIVING

"THANK" and "think" grow out of the same stem. From one we cross very easily to the other and back again. Think enough, and thanks are not far behind. Thank, and you cannot wholly fail to think. When we think of it, we discover that we really have many gifts in our hand. There is life—and that is not a small matter. A strange thing about life is that it is never less full for lack of things; sometimes it is quite the other way,—lack of things fills it fuller of stern adventure than we like. But on any terms with honor, life is a great gift. Life among these human myriads in these resounding years; life with its ambushed hours, its marvelous turning of corners, its constant habit of surprise; life that allows our mistakes and lets us learn, recuperate and live again; life with its cradles and its green God's acre under the hill—it is fabulously worthwhile. Life never fails to elicit our thanks when we really turn our thought upon it.—From Sunday Evening Hour Talk "Thanksgiving"—By W. J. Cameron.



## Looking at WASHINGTON

**JAPAN STEPS BOLDLY U. S. TRADE BLOCKED HULL SCORES AGAINST WITH ENGLAND MEXICAN LAND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT DESIRED JEWIS IN GERMANY U. S. WILD RE-ARM MEN, SHIPS, PLANES UP TO NEW CONGRESS**

With the national election out of the way Americans have recently centered their attention upon affairs outside the continental area of the United States, which present problems for the government.

In the Far East the nation is faced with the vital issue created by Japanese aggression against China, with implication that the trade of other nations will be hampered. In fact, the Japanese have already indicated very clearly that they plan to follow the course adopted in Manchuria, which has proved disastrous to all trade except that of the Japanese.

The United States has called the attention of the Japanese government to the "Open Door" policy and the treaties under which Japan agreed to respect the territorial integrity of China. We doubt if any responsible official of our government expects the diplomatic note to have any effect on the Japanese who daily insist that a new order has arisen in the Far East and that other nations should amend their views in harmony with the present situation.

The announcement that the King and Queen of Great Britain will pay a visit to this country in the early part of 1939 clearly indicated the successful conclusion of efforts to negotiate a reciprocal trade treaty, and the announcement of Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada that the pact with that Dominion will be on a broad and more comprehensive scale confirms the fact.

The United States, as many readers are aware, under Secretary Hull has insisted upon a program of gradually lowering barriers that stand in the way of mutually profitable trade between the nations of the world. This is directly opposite to the course of Germany and other total-

itarian nations, which go in strongly for barter agreements, under which the benefits of the pact are strictly limited and other nations barred.

The United States reciprocal trade treaties are under the "most favored nation" clause, which means that advantages given to any country immediately inure to the benefit of all other nations that give this nation equal trading rights with all other nations. The barter system, says Mr. Hull, means more restrictions upon the commerce of the world, while his program tends to remove the obstacles and give trade a free course.

The dispute between the United States and Mexico, which involved the appropriation of American land and oil companies, without compensation by the Mexican Government, has not been settled, but the recent agreement in the land controversy may point the way to a broader settlement of more important oil claims.

Under the plan agreed upon, a two-man board will evaluate the agrarian property taken from Americans by next May, and the Mexican Government agrees to pay \$1,000,000 to the United States toward settlement by that time, and not less than that amount each year thereafter until the claims as approved are paid in full.

While settlement of the land question does not affect the oil claims and the Mexican Government has agreed to no legal principle as a precedent, the idea persists that the latter dispute will inevitably be settled. Both countries appear to be anxious that no serious dispute shall continue to exist. On its part, the United States, long held up to the smaller republics, of this hemisphere as a dollar grabbing colossus, is especially desirous that the dispute shall not serve to arouse suspicions in other Latin-American countries that might injure the solidarity which now prevails.

Last week President Roosevelt summoned Ambassador Hugh Wilson from Berlin in order to get first-hand information as to the situation in Germany. Mass meetings (Please turn to page four)

## RONNIE STEVENS CLAIMS DBY DEATH

**Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stevens Dies in Hospital**

Ronald E. Stevens, Jr., five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stevens of Falls Road Extension, died in a hospital early Wednesday afternoon, a victim of pneumonia.

Ill for only a few days, the unusually popular child, who was known as "Ronnie," succumbed at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at three o'clock Thursday afternoon by Rev. F. H. Craighill, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Interment was made in Pineview cemetery.

Besides his father and mother—the former being an official of the Rocky Mount Mills—the child is survived by two sisters, Lee and Ann Stevens.

Pallbearers were announced as follows: F. S. Wilkinson, T. J. Pearsall, A. P. Thorp, W. W. Shaw, T. B. Bunn, Jr., G. E. Newby, J. S. Gardner and J. Henry Cuthrell.

None! There's no fool like an old fool acting like a young fool.—U. S. S. Canopus laws.

## Nash Boy Wins Medal In State 4-H Club Contest

Beacham Leonard of Nashville is awarded a gold medal for making the best report of any 4-H club member in Nash county in a National 4-H Electrification Contest conducted by extension agents. The medal is 7-8 inches high with a clover leaf and high line towers embossed on the rectangular face and is fitted with a clasp lock.

Records of county winners compete for the state award which is an all-expense trip to the 17th National 4-H Club Congress, to be held in Chicago, Nov. 25-Dec. 5. The four highest scoring state winners in the country receive cash college scholarships of \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100, provided with all other prizes in the contest by Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Company.

The contest is scored on a report stating how electricity can be used to advantage on a farm, listing appliances and giving cost of operation compared with man power. Motivational work, such as exhibits and demonstrations, also count.

## Charlotte News Anniversary

The Charlotte News celebrated its 50th birthday last week. The golden anniversary was observed by issuing almost a book edition with 172 pages and a handsome pictorial section. This edition is indeed a wonderful collection of data and historical events and will be of interest to every North Carolinian who may have the opportunity of seeing a copy of this splendid golden anniversary paper. Charlotte is the biggest city in North Carolina and known through the state as the Queen City, a great manufacturing center and the distributing point in North and South Carolina. Its development has been along progressive and sane lines. This wonderful edition shows the steady development and progress which has taken place in the last fifty years, and the Charlotte News not only has witnessed its progress but has been a definite progressive factor in the city's development. The public is practically compelled to rely upon its newspaper for information as to what is going on about us and throughout the world.

Charlotte is somewhat younger than Savannah, having been incorporated as a town in November 1768. A Charlotte historian relates: "From Mecklenburg-Strelitz, in the year 1761, went a young princess to be the wife of George the Third and Queen of England and her name was Charlotte. The marriage was a popular one and there was great rejoicing in England. After a while the news of it reached the Piedmont section of North Carolina, where the people were just about to make two counties out of one. The name of the old county was Anson, named for Admiral Anson, whose good ship carried the young Princess Charlotte to England. The new county was named Mecklenburg in honor of the Queen who had come from old Mecklenburg in Germany, and to do her still more honor, they called their town Charlotte."

We congratulate the Charlotte News, its Editors, and entire staff, on its birthday. We shall keep the golden anniversary copy as a historical document of the city of Charlotte. The issue reflects great credit upon the whole staff of the Charlotte News.

## FLORIDA TRIP

Last week end the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company gave reduced rates to all points in Florida on coast trains, all the cars were steel, new and modern, air conditioned. From Rocky Mount one could go to Jacksonville and return for \$5.00, Miami and return for \$10.00 and Petersburg and return for \$8.50. The seats are made so the backs can be let back by just pushing a button and are so comfortable the pullman ceases to be a necessity for comfort on the train.

These rates are a wonderful advertisement for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. Florida is a great state with the climate that is not surpassed in winter throughout the world. This wonderful climate is not its only asset however. The people in Florida are really beginning to farm and furnish vegetables, real summer vegetables to the population throughout the United States. Miami appears to have fully recovered from its boom and from the wreck of its great storm and is one of the show places of the world. Accommodations are elegant and reasonable. Kress 5 and 10 cent store has recently completed the prettiest store in Miami. This store is being managed by Mr. Lloyd who was manager of the Kress store here about three years ago. He seems to be making a splendid job of his work in Miami. The store has about 300 employees and clerks. One of the most interesting features besides the scenery is the great Pan American Airport. Here those visiting Cuba, Mexico and South American countries embark. On our visit we were fortunate in visiting the port at the time two planes came in from Cuba and one from San Juan. It was indeed a most interesting sight to see these ships land and learn of the accurate schedule they make.

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