

**OUR RALEIGH LETTER**

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, N. C. Nov. 16—The declaration of O. Max Gardner for the Australian ballot, the Wyatt trial, Armistice Day and the signal honor paid Colonel Fred Olds were the outstanding topics of interest in the Capital City during the past week. However, the football game between Wake Forest and State, the death of Ed. Britton and others were of interest.

Max Gardner, generally regarded as the next Governor of North Carolina and admittedly one of the most popular men in official life of the State in an Armistice Day Speech at Greensboro came out unequivocally for the Australian or secret ballot and asked the support of the American Legion throughout the State in presenting the matter to the Legislature. With the exception of J. W. Bailey in the last gubernatorial race, Mr. Gardner is believed to be the first candidate for Governor having the backing of the leaders of North Carolina's De-

mocratic party to declare for the secret ballot. It is unquestioned that he will find hearty support of his stand throughout all classes of the populace. The women and the labor movement will be solidly behind him in this stand.

Colonel Fred A. Olds, perhaps better known in the State to the average citizen and child than any other North Carolinian, has been selected to be the first member of the American Legion Hall of Fame for distinguished service to Raleigh during the past year. No more fitting choice could have been made. Throughout his life Colonel Olds has dedicated his life to service. Though he has never held a public office nor sought one, Colonel Olds has been of great service. Quietly he has gone his way doing his bit for his fellow North Carolinians. The recognition is entirely fitting and a source of real pleasure to his thousands of friends throughout the State.

The trial of Jesse Wyatt, former police officer, for the murder of Stephen S. Holt, prominent attorney of Smithfield, got under way last week. The case is being bitterly contested and the array of lawyers

numbers some the most prominent members of North Carolina's legal fraternity. The defense is putting up an accident theory for the killing while the State is maintaining that Wyatt fired on the automobile in which the lawyer was riding without taking any thought of what he was doing and deliberately intending to stop by injury or death because the auto did not halt when he ordered it to. The preliminary hearing brought out testimony that Wyatt thought the auto contained bootleggers but it was also revealed that no liquor was found. Holt had been enroute home after trying cases in the Federal court when the killing occurred on June first.

The celebration of the Armistice Day in Raleigh and throughout the State was general and showed that North Carolina has not forgotten. In the Capital City the state commander of the American Legion made and address and quite an extensive program was carried out.

The Capital City heard with real regret of the death of Edward E. Britton last Monday. Mr. Britton was the Washington correspondent of the News and Observer. Prior to that connection he was secretary to Joseph Daniels as secretary of the navy and managing editor of the News and Observer. He was widely known in North Carolina and generally liked and his death caused general sorrow. He died suddenly after only two days illness.

The crushing defeat of Wake Forest by State, the final score being 6 to 0, interested the Capital City. The Wake Forest team had mounted the pinnacle of football honors in the State and only the game with State stood between it and the title for a second year. To State the victory was a great tonic after a disastrous season.

Duke University now ranks as the richest university in the country and is better equipped with funds to serve the people than any other. The millions left by J. B. Duke, when the full extent of the endowment is realized will place Duke above Harvard, Columbia and Yale, the three richest heretofore and Duke's physical plant soon will equal any of the others. The University looks forward to a new life of service to North Carolina.

The Asheville Motorcade was entertained in Raleigh during the week. The motorcade had for its purpose showing off the State. Governor McLean welcomed the party here.

Prof. Z. P. Metcalf, of the State College faculty, goes by the invitation to the University of Illinois, Urbana, that state, on November 26th to deliver an address on "North Carolina: An Interesting State, Biologically." Three days later he will tell the same folks about "Some Peculiar Insects" which may be seen in action down this way.

Four weeks hence the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association expects to make final payment on various grades of tobacco from the 1924 crop produced in the old belt of Virginia and North Carolina. One and a half millions in the "long green" is quite enough to place the organization in mighty good standing with the growers in those parts.

Governor McLean reduces the sentence of T. D. Carter from five to two and a half years for his bravery in preventing prisoners from escaping from the Guilford county jail.

During the week Governor McLean appointed Stanley Winborne, of Murfreesboro, and T. T. Thorne, of Rocky Mount, as emergency judges under act of the last Legislature. The former is to preside over the second week of the Lenoir county regular fall term; the latter will hold the one-week term of civil court in Onslow county.

Chairman Frank Page is back from an extended visit to South America where he went several weeks ago to attend a highway conference. The Chairman was met in New York by his assistant, L. R. Ames, who has held down the North Carolina situation all right in the absence of the chief.

Captain W. C. Lee, U. S. A., military instructor at State College for the past three years, recently promoted from First-Lieutenant, will take up new duties assigned to him at Camp Meade, Maryland, next spring. He will be associated with the Tank Corps. He has a record for distinguished service over-sea to his credit.

Replying to a telegram advising him that the North Carolina University Glee Club had appeared before a mixed audience at Hampton, Va., Governor McLean expressed the opinion that the interchange of courtesies between the races will lead to a more sympathetic understanding. While the concert was given at an institution devoted to negro education it is said that audience was composed of both races and about equally divided, with the whites occupying a section of the auditorium apart from the colored folks.

A number of State officials, including the Supreme Court, "got cold feet" during an autumn blast last week and vacated their quarters for a brief period. The absence of heat was the result of disconnection of pipe lines to make the connection with the new Revenue Building nearing completion at corner of Salisbury and Morgan streets. The Supreme Court repaired temporarily to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

Attorney General Brummit has brought a suit for the State which seeks to prevent the sale of a tract of land owned by the Warren county Cotton Warehouse on which the Commonwealth holds a mortgage for \$4,500 advanced by Treasurer B. R. Lacy three years ago from the Cotton Warehouse Fund. The mortgage seems not to have been recorded then and now the Bank of Norlan, which made a later loan of \$7,500 and had its deed of trust recorded, is seeking to sell the land under the authority given therein. The State has since

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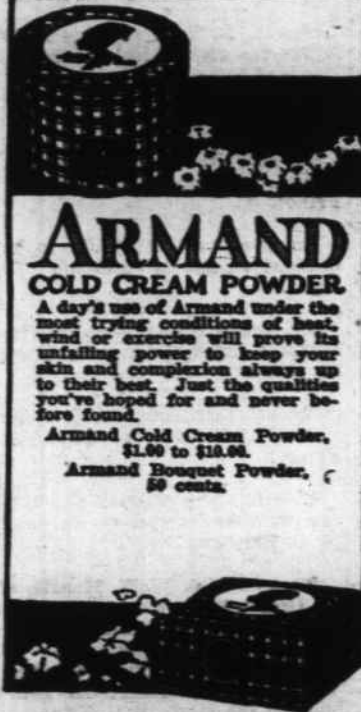
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