

SENATOR LEE SLATER OVERMAN IS DEAD

76 Years Old Senator Was Recovering From Cold, When He Suffers Hemorrhage of The Stomach — In Senate Since 1903

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Lee Slater Overman of North Carolina, died here early this morning. The 76 year old veteran of Congress passed away soon after midnight, succumbing to a brief illness which climaxed late yesterday with a stomach hemorrhage. It left him weak and spent and blood transfusions were unavailing to save him.

He rallied for a time and was conscious during the night, talking to Dr. Sterling Ruffin, his physician, and members of his family, until about 11:30. Then he lapsed into unconsciousness and an hour later life ceased.

With him was Mrs. Overman, his daughter, Mrs. E. N. Snow, of Washington, and Mr. Snow. Two more daughters, who lived at his home in Salisbury, N. C., were on their way to the capital, as it appeared he could not survive the attack.

Outside his room at the end was Senator Simmons, the colleague from North Carolina, who had served but two years in the senate when Overman came in 1903.

Senator Overman will be buried at his home in Salisbury, North Carolina, but no arrangements had been made early today.

Overman was faithful in attendance in the senate to the end and despite his age, carried on the routine of committee work. He was a familiar figure, occupying for years a seat on the center aisle just in front of Senator Simmons.

By death, Overman left the senate just three months ahead of Simmons who was defeated for renomination in the last election. Had he lived until next March 4, Overman would have been the dean of the senate by rank of service and for the first time the senior senator from his state. His fifth term did not expire for two more years.

Gardner Expresses Distress at Death of Junior Senator

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—Governor Gardner said he was "greatly distressed" to learn of the death of Senator Overman this morning. He will issue a formal statement expressing his sorrow today.

Senator Lee Slater Overman had been a figure in the public life of North Carolina for more than half a century, the last 27 years as United States senator.

In length of service in the senate he was junior only to his colleague, Senator F. M. Simmons, who will retire March 4, after 30 years service, by reason of his defeat in the Democratic primary last June by Josiah W. Bailey. Senator Reed Smoot, Republican of Utah, entered the senate at the same time as Overman.

Notwithstanding his exceptional period of service, Overman was junior Senator from this state the whole time, due to the fact that Simmons preceded him in office by two years, and himself established a record that has been bettered by few members of the body.

Senator Overman's public career began in 1877 when he became private secretary to Governor Z. B. Vance. In the succeeding years he was five times a member of the state legislature and served as speaker of that body; was president of the North Carolina Railway company, served as trustee of the University of North Carolina and of Trinity college (now Duke university) and was a presidential elector from his state, all in addition to his tenure in the Senate.

Born in Salisbury, N. C., January 3, 1854 he was graduated from Trinity college in 1874 with the B. A. degree. Two years later the degree of M. A. was conferred on him by his alma mater. He has since been honored with the doctor of laws degrees from that institution, the state university and Davidson college.

After his graduation he taught school for two years, entering then the office of Governor Vance as private secretary. He also served in this capacity in the office of Governor Thomas J. Jarvis in 1879.

The following year, the young Salisbury man began the practice of law in his home town. He had married Mary P. Merrimon, eldest daughter of A. S. Merrimon, then United States senator and later chief justice, October 31, 1878.

His service in the legislature embraced the terms of 1883, 1885, 1887, 1893, and 1897. In this latter year, he was elected speaker of the house, having been the unanimous choice of his party. In 1894, he served as president of the North

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It is this realization that makes it necessary for us to ask you to look at your label and if in arrears send us check for as much of the amount as possible. It is the little you owe added to the little the other fellow owes that permits us to continue to publish. If you fail we are embarrassed and the pleasure you get from the paper imperiled. We have gotten much pleasure at sending you the paper and feel sure you will show your appreciation by sending us a payment. Those who have not the cash, can send chickens, eggs, potatoes or anything of this kind that can be used at home. Your response is needed NOW.

EDITOR.

Brodie Killed With Shot Gun

By Jessie Harris Following Falling out Over a Woman

Billie Brodie was fatally shot in the back by Jessie Harris on Thursday evening of last week, dying at a Rocky Mount hospital soon after the shooting.

It is stated that Harris and Brodie, both colored, had fallen out and had words over a woman that morning and Harris told Brodie he was going to kill him. Keeping his word Harris went to Annie Sue Daniel's home, where Brodie boarded, just a short distance from his own home about six thirty that night and called Brodie out, where he shot him with a shot gun, the lead taking effect in the right side of the back. It developed Harris had stolen the gun from Ruddle Branch with which to do the shooting.

Deputy Sheriff A. S. Wiggs arrested Jessie at his home after the shooting and placed him in jail.

Candle Vesper Christmas

The Louisburg Choral Club will hold a special Candle Light Vesper Service at five o'clock in the afternoon of Christmas Day at the Louisburg Baptist Church. The Choral Club is composed of local people and is directed by Mr. H. L. Swint, of Louisburg College. The program will include many familiar and especially beautiful Christmas Carols and selections. A silver offering will be received for the community benevolence.

This is the second public appearance of the local Choral Club, the first being met with much approval from the local people. Everyone is especially urged to join in sharing the Christmas spirit and joy at twilight on Christmas Day.

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PRESENT RESOLUTIONS

TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SATURDAY

At Joint Meeting of Franklin Tax Relief Association and Board of County Commissioners — Chairman Neal Makes Principal Speech

With possibly two hundred and fifty people gathered in the Court house on Saturday afternoon the Franklin Tax Relief Association held its meeting with the County Commissioners for the purpose of presenting to them a set of resolutions previously prepared by a committee from the Association having reference to taxes and tax reductions.

Dr. D. T. Smithwick addressed those present while the crowds and the Commissioners were gathering. He approved the idea of the citizens gathering in mass meetings to give expression to their ideas and desires relative to governmental matters and stressed the responsibility of the citizens in this respect, stating that our officers are public servants and he was sure would be glad to do as nearly as possible what the people wanted, when apprised of their desires. Referring to the revaluation act he disapproved the values, and thought now all care should be observed to put the values of property at a fair level. In speaking of the cost of schools, which he said should be borne more largely by the State, he said "if we don't take care of our schools and churches we are ruined. Education has never followed prosperity, but prosperity always follows education." His advice was to stop spending everywhere possible.

Chairman W. W. Neal called the meeting to order and stated the object of the meeting as "to ask the Commissioners to consider the facts we are going to lay before you in our resolutions, and if you can't carry it out tell us why." He added that "unless something is done the future is going to be very unfortunate to the County."

At this point Vice-Chairman N. M. Perry read the resolutions which follow at the end of this article.

Chairman Neal then took the floor and went deeply and exhaustively into the County government and misgovernment as he saw it stating that the business was run so that no one could dig out the facts. He also said that "every individual citizen in Franklin County has lost more in proportion in taxes in last few years than the depositors in the banks that have failed." He gave as his authority for the figures he quoted as the State offices and County offices. He showed that the total of taxes had increased from \$97,000 in 1916 to \$289,000 in 1929 and that delinquencies had increased from \$6,000 in 1920 to \$42,637.00 in 1929. He didn't think Franklin County had an office holder drawing over \$1800 a year who could go out and make that amount. He stated that the County in order to get the allotments from the State goes on to raise funds for an extravagant system.

Speaking of the County's indebtedness he said including all subdivisions and municipalities the County owed \$2,612,467.25 which was a great deal more than the entire value of all personal property in the County which was listed in 1930 at \$1,595,766.00. Speaking of the tax foreclosure suits, of which he said there were 1128 suits filed, 180 of which had been sold representing a tax of \$10,540.00, upon which attorneys fees, court costs and interest amounted to \$13,886.25, and taxes not yet paid amounting to \$6,077.75, he said the one way to solve it was to leave the County, and classed it as a "damnable disgrace that we won't stand for, it was unjust." He pictured the system as making white slaves out of people among whom the purest American blood exists. He stated that if

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APPROPRIATE MOTTO!

"OUR LIVES TO LIBERTY—OUR SOULS TO GOD"

This Was The Motto on The Flag Of The Franklin Rifles in The Civil War—Suggested by Wm. J. King.

The editor of the TIMES has recently learned the origin of the beautiful and most appropriate motto placed on the Confederate Flag, which was followed by the gallant men composing the Franklin Rifles. As is well known the beautiful Flag was made by the ladies, and during its preparation the Company was requested to suggest a motto. A meeting of the company was called and a committee composed of G. S. Baker, Chas. R. Thomas and W. J. King, was appointed to suggest a motto to be placed on the flag. The committee met in a room over the old Barrow and Pleasants store on the corner of Main and Nash streets in Louisburg and after consulting a few moments the following was tendered by Mr. W. J. King, who is now the only surviving member of the committee: "Our Lives to Liberty—Our Souls to God." Without a moments hesitation the other two members of the committee accepted it, and this is how it came about that the most admired flag, and especially the very appropriate motto, in the late civil war, was that of the Franklin Rifles of Franklin County, North Carolina.—Reprinted.

Industrial Survey Complete

The Industrial Survey of Louisburg and Franklin County made under the auspices of the Kiwanis Club by Danbridge Spotswood has been received and is now being distributed by the club committee. The survey has given complete satisfaction to all who have read it. The Kiwanis Club passed a resolution at its last meeting thanking Mr. Spotswood for his effort.

Mr. Spotswood's economic appraisal is concise and complete. One interesting feature is that dealing with the utilization of corn stalk and fibre waste for which this section is so abundant in the making of artificial silk (rayon) and paper. The feasibility of course is helped by the purity of the Tar river water which the engineer declares is one of our greatest undeveloped assets as far as chemical productions is concerned. He states that over 70 per cent of American industry is now of chemical nature.

The survey presents a handsome appearance and it is gratifying to know that the entire workmanship was performed here in Louisburg. The printing and binding was from the press of the Franklin Times. Any one who will give a thorough study to Mr. Spotswood's survey will realize the possibilities that Franklin county has in the way of industrial accomplishment.

The centers of trade are ever shifting with the tools of man and new processes of economic production evolve new industrial zones; and former industrial boundary lines are constantly changed. A proper industrial survey of the character of Mr. Spotswood's work anticipates such changes and serves as a guide to a community in constructing its development so as to preserve the best business interests of the locality and safeguard from depressions by raw material. Every community has possibilities but wisdom dictates the acceptance of only those economically adaptable.

A fire destroyed three buildings of a state normal school at Bridgewater, Mass., which leads to the presumption that the water had all run under the bridge.

An Englishman says that the cheap automobile saved the United States from the reds, all of which places Henry Ford in all public benefactor class.

EARLY PAPER NEXT WEEK

As Christmas Day comes on Thursday this year, the day the FRANKLIN TIMES is usually printed, the paper will be printed on Tuesday evening in order that it may be mailed in time to give the force a day to prepare for Christmas.

Therefore we will ask all our advertisers who wish to change their advertisements to give us the change on Saturday or early Monday so that we can make the change for them. Also all Attorneys who may wish to get legal advertisements in next week's issue are requested to let us have them not later than Monday.

All contributors to the News Columns of the Paper are also requested to observe these dates.

In making these requests we also want to extend the season's greetings to all, especially our advertisers and correspondents who have co-operated with us in making THE FRANKLIN TIMES one of the BEST WEEKLY papers in North Carolina. May your prosperity be double that of your expectations or wishes.—Editor.

GOVERNOR MORRISON IS APPOINTED U. S. SENATOR

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CAMERON MORRISON

Stores Observe Christmas

The TIMES is requested to state that the Stores in Louisburg will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 25th and 26th to observe the Christmas holidays. The attention of the readers of the TIMES is directed to this announcement so they may arrange their purchasing in accordance.

Pearce Sent To Superior Court

Quite a big docket greeted Judge J. E. Malone in Franklin Recorder's Court Monday and an unusually large crowd was present. Several cases were hotly contested and as a result the term had to be extended into Tuesday. Many of the cases were disposed of and a number were continued. The docket and the disposition were as follows:

J. A. Winbourne was found not guilty of reckless driving and violating automobile law, prosecuting witness was taxed with the costs.

Coon Pearce was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon, and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

J. G. Andrews was found not guilty of assault with deadly weapons.

The case of incest against Coon Pearce was transferred to Superior Court under \$200 bond.

Burnette Britt was found guilty of non support and prayer for judgment continued to January 1931.

H. G. Leonard was accorded a not guilty decision for reckless driving, and the prosecuting witness was taxed with the costs.

John R. Hendricks plead guilty to a charge of assault on a female, and was given 30 days in jail.

Henry Hendricks plead guilty to a drunk and disorderly charge and was given a 60 day jail sentence.

Henry Priddy plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons and drunk and disorderly and was given 30 days in jail to be discharged upon payment of \$50.00 and costs.

D. L. Andrews was discharged upon payment of costs upon being convicted of simple assault.

The following cases were continued: Morris Davis violating automobile law.

Weddell Alston, assault.

E. A. Rogers, operating automobile intoxicated.

Crudup Davis, bad check.

Davis Pearce, disposing of mortgage property.

Herbert Phelps, distilling.

James Coghill, assault with deadly weapons.

G. E. Winston, bad check.

Ervin Glenn, operating automobile intoxicated.

Snow Visits Louisburg

For the first time in many years Louisburg has been visited by a real snow before the Christmas holidays. The white flakes begun falling about 5 o'clock Wednesday morning and for several hours fell thick and fast resulting in an average depth of around four inches by two o'clock in the afternoon when it held up. Everything was covered in a beautiful white blanket that reminded one of the pictures of olden Christmas time.

Quite a nice snow storm was observed by many in and near Louisburg between 10 and 11 o'clock on Monday night, but as the ground was rather warm did not stick.

By Gov. Gardner to Succeed Sen. Lee S. Overman Deceased Assumed Duties Today

Salisbury, Dec. 13.—Cameron Morrison today was appointed United States Senator by the man he nosed out of the Governor's office ten years ago.

Governor O. Max Gardner announced the appointment of former Governor Morrison within 30 minutes of the funeral of the late Senator Lee S. Overman, whose seat in Washington Senator Morrison intends to take Tuesday.

"Cam, you will have to admit that was a magnanimous thing for Max to do," said Mrs. Gardner to whom the Governor gave the honor of informing the new senator of his appointment.

"You Gardner are the best sports I ever knew," answered Senator Morrison, showing evidence of real emotion over the appointment. The Governor had not mentioned the matter to him until they met after the funeral in the home of Walter Woodson, where Governor and Mrs. Gardner are staying.

The new senator will serve under the appointment until the next general election in November, 1932, and then, according to his statement today, run for election for both the unexpired Overman term ending March 4, 1933 and the six year term beginning on that date.

Governor Gardner made it clear that Clyde R. Hoey, his brother-in-law, would have been given the office if he had wanted it.

"I don't want to leave the impression that Governor Morrison is a second choice," said Governor Gardner, "but as everyone knows Clyde Hoey is not only my brother-in-law but also as close to me as a brother. If he had wanted to go to the Senate and asked me to appoint him I would have done so even if I had had to resign from the Governor's office for doing it."

Captures Still Near Gold Sand

Constable F. F. Hicks of Sandy Creek Township, reported having captured a copper still outfit with a capacity of 30 to 35 gallons on Thursday night of last week, and also at the same time having destroyed 150 gallons of beer and three gallons of whiskey. The raid was made near Gold Sand school and Constable Hicks was assisted by Will Hale and P. M. Gupton.

New Store

S. B. Nash and Co., is the title of Louisburg's newest mercantile venture, which opened Monday in the store room under the Union Warehouse formerly used by the Gold Star Store. Mr. S. B. Nash is actively in charge and informs the TIMES that he will carry a full line of groceries, feeds and hardware, and expects to do a strictly cash business. Mr. Nash is well and favorably known throughout Franklin and adjoining Counties and will no doubt be accorded a liberal patronage.

Another way to improve your vocabulary, in addition to working cross word puzzles, is to read good literature.

Some women have demonstrated they can keep a secret, because they don't tell all they know about their husbands.

For yielding net profits, basketball is a good net game.

The Welfare Board of Franklin County wishes to call your attention to the fact that throughout the county there are many people who are during this Christmas season actually suffering from a lack of food, clothing, and fuel.

The Board, therefore, earnestly requests that you give of whatever means you have, something—either provisions, clothing, fuel, or money with which to purchase such articles—as liberally as you feel that you can, for the relief of those whose circumstances make it impossible for them to help themselves, especially under the existing conditions of unemployment and poverty.

The names of all contributors will be published in The Franklin Times.

All subscriptions and donations may be turned over to Mr. E. C. Ferry, Welfare Officer of Franklin County, office telephone No. 13.

Respectfully,
Welfare Board of Franklin County.