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## WOOD'S SELECTION IS SATISFACTORY

### As Governor General of the Philippines Wood Will Fill The Bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The announcement that Major General Leonard Wood would accept the appointment of Governor General of the Philippine Islands afforded the Administration a vast amount of genuine satisfaction. Everything conspired to make the selection of Major General Wood for this position a most desirable one. His special talents as an administrator plus his first-hand knowledge of conditions in the islands made him an ideal man for the place. Moreover as his reception in the Philippine Islands, wherever he went on his official journey of investigation, showed General Wood is very popular among the Filipinos and no one could have been selected whose appointment would have more nearly pleased all the elements in the islands—a very vital factor at the present juncture.

Need of Capable Executive  
Probably no other appointment gave the administration more concern than that of the Governor General of the Philippines. In the first place, business, banking and commercial interests in the islands were in the worst conceivable shape, due to policies which have been in effect during the last eight years; or more properly speaking, due to any lack of any administrative policy during that time. The actual administration of the islands which include control of the Philippine Bank and through it the financial and business affairs of the islands, were turned over to Filipino politicians of which there are many varieties and factions. The result was "things went to pot."

The Philippine bank which contained practically all the funds of the Philippine government, financed all sorts of speculative enterprises and became hopelessly involved. Business of all kinds on the islands was prostrate when the Harding administration came into power at Washington. Immediately American bankers were dispatched to Manila to take charge of affairs and to prevent the Philippine bank from closing its doors and foreigners from "gobbling up" local industries, until permanent relief could be afforded by the Congress. This has been done, but it will take several years for the business interests of the Philippines to get on their feet.

While this was going on in the business and financial world, even worse conditions were being created in the political world. Crafty and unscrupulous leaders, some of them native politicians and some of them representatives of foreign powers, who have a covetous eye upon the Philippines, have, during the past few years, been astiduously stirring up unrest among the islanders and creating a spirit of resentment against the United States government. Not only have these agitators been conducting among all the islanders a campaign of propaganda against the United States, but they have been arraying various tribes against each other and endeavoring to bring about a state of utter anarchy.

All in all, conditions in the Philippines when the Republican Administration came into power were worse than at any time since the United States took them over from Spain. To set things right requires an experienced administrator who is at once, tactful, and sympathetic, but resolute—one in whom the natives can have the utmost confidence but who at the same time will administer affairs with a firm hand. It has been demonstrated that the Filipino is easily governed and is a very apt and willing student of American governmental institutions and practices provided these Americans who are set over him furnish him the proper example and advice.

With the Far Eastern problems still in the lap of the gods and the future of the Philippine Islands intimately involved in the settlement of these problems, it is highly important to have a very capable executive in charge of the islands at this critical time. For all of these reasons, the Administration was very desirous of securing the services of Major General Wood and it is especially gratified that he has consented to undertake the task.

## WOMAN AND CHILD NEARLY DROWN

### Remarkable Escape Of Mrs. Lewis and Baby From Sudden Death

A very narrow escape from drowning occurred last Friday when Mrs. James Lewis and her baby fell overboard in the ocean while coming to Beaufort from Cape Lookout. Mrs. Lewis is the wife of James Lewis who is a member of the Coast Guard crew at Cape Lookout.

At the time the accident occurred Mr. Lewis was running the engine of the motor boat and Mrs. Lewis with the baby in her arms was sitting in the stern.

Desiring to go forward so as to be with her husband, Mrs. Lewis attempted to walk around the narrow walk-way on the side of the vessel. When about half way a wave caused the craft to rock violently and she and the baby plunged into the ocean.

Two or three minutes, possibly longer, elapsed before Mr. Lewis noted their absence. Finding, presently that they had disappeared he glanced back and saw his wife struggling in the water, still holding her baby. As quickly as possible he reversed his engine, drove the boat backward at full speed and when near them ran aft and just after Mrs. Lewis had come to the surface after having twice gone down he grasped her by one shoulder and managed to hold on.

The headway of the boat drew the struggling woman and her child beneath it and both were bruised and cut by the propeller but were finally hauled aboard by the almost panic-stricken husband and father. Both were brought to Beaufort and their injuries were given medical attention.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following are the real estate transfers recently recorded by the Register of Deeds:

Mrs. Armesa Robinson to Mrs. Annie F. Mason 2 acres in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$50.  
Benj. F. Willis and wife to Charlie Pate 2 acres in Smyrna township, consideration \$15.

Van B. Willis and wife to P. D. Murphy 2 acres in Smyrna township, consideration \$100.

Wm. Fulcher and wife to P. D. Murphy 1-2 acre in Smyrna township, consideration \$15.

M. J. Willis and wife to P. D. Murphy 5 acres in Smyrna township, consideration \$500.

L. L. Lewis and wife to P. D. Murphy 2 1-2 acres in Smyrna township, consideration \$140.

J. R. Rogers and others to Leon A. Mann lot 60 by 190 in Newport, consideration \$350.

Walter P. Freeman and wife to V. A. Bedworth lot 15 in square 6, Morehead City, consideration \$4,000.

Della Whittington to C. E. Whittington lot 100 by 45, Morehead City, consideration \$75.

T. M. Thomas, Jr., sheriff, to J. C. B. Morton, lots 9 and 10, square 10, Morehead City, consideration \$60.

T. M. Thomas, Jr., sheriff, to J. C. Helms lot 15, square 78, Morehead City, consideration \$225.

J. M. Willis and wife to Cape Lookout Development Co., interest in land of Jim. Rose deceased, consideration \$50.

## B. Y. F. U. TO BE ORGANIZED.

A cordial invitation is extended to the young people of the community to meet with us at 8 o'clock of Sunday night preaching service at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Young People's Union. It is not necessary that you should be a member of our congregation to work with us in this organization. Mr. G. C. Fridden, of New Bern, will be here to help in the organization.

A team from the First Baptist church B. Y. F. U. of New Bern composed of six members will be here Wednesday night September the 22nd at 8 P. M., to give a demonstration program. This union holds the State B. Y. F. U. banner and promises a good program.

REV. H. A. DAY,  
Pastor.

## CONFERENCE MAY LIMIT ARMAMENTS

### International Meeting Not To Discuss Entirely But To Reduce Armaments

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—It is a matter of surprised comment among those associated with the preparations for the forthcoming international conference that it should be referred to so frequently as a conference on "disarmament." Certainly no statement that has been given out by any government official with regard to the meeting has used the word "disarmament"; and the invitations extended to the powers to participate contain no such language. Its widespread adoption by some editors can only be attributable to a misconception of the purpose of the conference or to gross carelessness in the use of words.

On July 10th the State Department issued a statement to the effect that "The President in view of the far reaching importance of the question of limitation of armaments" had asked the powers if it would be agreeable to them to participate in a conference on the subject. "It is manifest," continued the statement, "that the question of limitation of armaments has a close relation to Pacific and Far Eastern problems," and it was suggested that those subjects be also considered at the meeting.

Favorable replies to the informal invitation were received, whereupon Secretary Hughes despatched formal messages to the five powers asking them to attend a meeting on Armistice Day. Those messages began as follows: "The President is deeply gratified at the cordial response to his suggestion that there should be a conference on the subject of limitation of armaments" etc. "In pursuance of the proposal which has been made," concluded the invitation, "and in the light of the gracious indication of its acceptance, the President invites the government of \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in a conference on the subject of limitation of armaments in connection with which Pacific and Far Eastern questions will also be discussed, to be held in Washington on the 11th day of November, 1921."

There is no hint of "disarmament" in any of the negotiations that have led up to the conference, but so prevalent has become the use of the term that Secretary Hughes, in a recent interview with Washington newspaper correspondents, thought it necessary to remind them that the meeting was officially known as a "conference on the subject of limitation of armaments", and that the use of the term "disarmament" conveyed a wholly false impression of the objects which the conference would seek to attain.

## HEARING SET FOR TOMORROW.

Walter Buck, Stanley Dixon and John Sanders of the Newport section were arrested recently on the charge of having a keg of wine on a public highway and their trial was set for yesterday before Justice Gould. John Ward a negro was also to be tried by Magistrate Gould yesterday on the charge of retailing and transporting liquor. Attorney E. Walter Hill of Beaufort went to Newport yesterday to represent the defendants and had the cases moved here. They are set for trial for tomorrow before magistrate M. C. Holland.

## PREACHING AT METHODIST CHURCH.

In the absence of the pastor Rev. R. F. Suggs, there will be services at Ann street Methodist church Sunday conducted by Rev. J. A. Hornaday, of Maxton. Any persons who may desire to join the church at that time will be received into membership.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Only one wedding permit has been issued in the last few days by Register of Deeds Troy Morris. This was to E. J. Perry, Mennick, and Rhoda Lewis, Marshallburg.

## EASTERNERS MAY CREATE NEW BODY

### Plan Organization of Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce Goldsboro Meeting

GOLDSBORO, Sept. 18.—The Secretaries of the various Chambers of Commerce and representatives of the varied interests in Eastern Carolina including Boards of Trade, Merchants' association, bankers, land owners and manufacturers, held an enthusiastic meeting in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce today and made tentative plans for the formation of an Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. W. C. Denmark, secretary of the local Chamber, called the meeting to order, and stated the object Kenneth Royall, president of the Goldsboro chamber, was made temporary chairman, and took occasion to accord the visitors a warm welcome. Mr. Royall sounded the keynote in his opening address in which he stated that the representatives present should have free and frank discussion of the matter and if it is shown that we need a central organization to combine our efforts, then let's organize an association that will be a militant factor in the affairs of our state and nation.

W. A. McGirt, manager of the North Carolina Landowners Association, endorsed the movement and said such an organization would fill a long felt need and would prove of great value to the farmers, merchants, bankers and manufacturers of the coastal plain region.

E. W. Gaither, of the North Carolina Extension service, explained farming conditions in the state and appealed to the commercial organizations to organize a unit which would insure the success of the cooperative market effort now being advanced by the extension service.

Secretaries N. Y. Chambliss, of Rocky Mount; W. C. Denmark, of Goldsboro; H. Y. Scott, of Wilson; H. E. Barlow, of New Bern; Mr. Price, representing the Southern railroad, and Mr. Underwood, of the Norfolk Southern railroad, made interesting remarks and endorsed the movement for the organization of an Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. The speakers referred to the natural advantages of the Coastal Plain and declared their determination to assist in any movement which would hasten its development. Reference was made to our ideal climate conditions, rainfall and soil conditions which are unequalled by any section of the world.

Resolutions were adopted at the night session which set in motion the creation of a real militant organization which will be known as the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and which will involve all the commercial and agricultural interests in this section when the organization is completed.

## CATCHING CHANNEL BASS

There has been considerable fishing for drum around here of late but up to the present Buell Cooke holds the championship. Last Thursday all unaided he drew in on his trusty line eight of the big bass. They ranged in weight any where from eight to thirty pounds each. This catch was made on Willis' Lump on an incoming tide with a southwest wind. On Tuesday another party went out to the lump but the wind, tide or something or other was wrong and only four drum were taken. Three of these were caught by Harry Gilbert, the king of zero fishermen, who was trying his hand on drum for the first time.

## TENT REVIVAL CLOSED

The revival tent which for eight weeks has been the scene of a series of meetings that have greatly aroused this community was torn down Monday and started on its way to Mount Olive. Reverend Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAdams conducted the meeting but most of the preaching was done by Mrs. McAdams who possesses undoubted ability as an evangelist. As a result of the meeting the News learns that there were something like 100 conversions and a number of accessions to the various churches in and around Beaufort.

## BUMPER CROP OF BABIES IN STATE

### One Crop That is Unaffected by Drought, Boll Weevil and Deflation

RALEIGH, Sept. 18.—Boll weevils and dry weather, army worms, and red spiders; poor fertilizers and labor costs may reduce the production of cotton and corn and peanuts and tobacco, and frost may kill every apple in the State, but North Carolina has a bumper crop of babies this year, breaking all records. And on the other hand, folks have been too busy to die as much as they used to.

Birth and death statistics for the first six months of 1921 compiled by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health, Dr. F. M. Register, director, indicate an increase of more than 3,000 births over the same period last year, and deaths have decreased by more than 2,000. The same ratio for the year will give the State a net gain in population of 57,316.

During the first six months, there were 44,268 babies born in the State while 15,910 people were dying. During the same period last year there were 41,052 babies born while 15,070 people were dying. The decreased death rate for the present year is attributed partly to the fact that no influenza epidemic was abroad during the early months of the year as was the case in 1920.

June appears to be the month most favored for birthdays by the newly arriving babies this year, with a total of 8,108, but last year the new citizens preferred April, and in that month set up a yet unbroken arrival for births—8,838. February of last year so far holds the record for deaths when 4,992 people died during the recurrent epidemic of influenza. Deaths this year reached their highest peak for the period in June, with a total of 3,314 reported.

## BODY OF SOLDIER BROUGHT BACK HOME

The body of Private Lloyd Harris who was killed in battle in France in the World War arrived here last Saturday on the way to his old home at Marshallburg. Friends met the body here and escorted it to its last resting place. On Sunday morning funeral services for the young soldier who died for his country, were conducted by Rev. Willard Graham.

A large crowd collected to pay their last respects to the memory of the young man. Lloyd Harris was the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Harris of Marshallburg who survive him. He was a popular young man and his death was greatly regretted by all who knew him.

## GOOD CATCHES OF MULLET

The first big run of mullets about here this Fall occurred last Thursday a week ago. Besides a quantity of fish taken by the netters several of the manhand boats made good catches. Captain Jack Parkin in the Balster brought in 39,000 pounds and Captain Randolph Willis, of Morehead City brought in 60,000 pounds in the Madeline. Other catches that day were Captain Bonner Willis of the W. M. Webb, 20,000 pounds and Captain Wm. Willis of the Wallace who caught 6,000 pounds. On Monday of this week Captain Bonner Willis brought in about 6,000 pounds. For most of these catches the fishermen received about three cents a pound. The fishermen are now waiting for the wind to go to the north again when they think there will be another mullet run.

## GOOD PRICES FOR TOBACCO.

Mr. J. A. Lupton, of the New Bern road section was in town Saturday and called at the News office. Mr. Lupton is trying his hand at raising tobacco this year and is pleased with his first experience. He carried a load of seed lugs to New Bern last week and sold them at an average of 18 1-2 cents which is good for that quality of tobacco. His better tobacco he has not sold yet and will probably get a very fair price for that when he sells as the market is strong for good grades.

## SCHOOL BUILDING CONTRACT IS LET

### Hancock & Davis Get Contract For Newport's Handsome School Building

At a meeting of the Board of Education here Tuesday the contract for Newport's handsome school building was let and before a great while work on the structure will begin. The successful bidders were Hancock & Davis, of Beaufort, they having made the lowest among a number of bidders.

The contractors are required to give a surety bond of \$10,000 for faithful performance of their contract which they will do. According to the terms of the contract they must complete the building in six months from the time they start work. For every day over six months if they fail to finish the work they must pay a forfeiture of \$10. On the other hand they will receive a bonus of \$10 a day for completing the work in less than six months.

Wm. H. Bell of Newport, came before the board and offered a site of about 8 or 9 acres at \$150 an acre. The board accepted Mr. Bell's offer and the land will be surveyed and the school building erected there.

The plans for the building, which is to be handsome and modern in every respect, were drawn by Frank B. Simpson an architect who lives in Raleigh. Mr. Simpson will visit Newport from time to time and see that the work is carried on according to contract. He is said to have had considerable experience in making plans for school buildings and his plan for the Newport school has been approved by the State Board of Education.

The list of those who bid on the Newport school and their respective bids is as follows:

Rhodes & Underwood, \$61,123.  
J. W. Jones, \$65,000.  
Walter F. Hay, \$58,500.  
W. B. Barrows, \$54,300.  
J. W. Stout & Co., \$55,930.  
W. T. Shull, \$62,100.  
Bynum & Hunt Co., \$50,474.  
Hancock & Davis, \$48,360.  
N. F. Eure offered to take it on a ten per cent commission basis.

## W. J. ADAMS APPOINTED TO SUPREME COURT

After having kept a number of aspirants and their friends on the anxious bench for more than a week Governor Morrison, on Monday, appointed Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, to the seat on the Supreme court bench made vacant recently by the death of Judge W. R. Allen.

It was reported that there were twenty one candidates for the position in the beginning but they finally narrowed down to only two that were seriously considered, namely Judge Adams and Thomas D. Warren of New Bern. A few days ago reports coming out of Raleigh were to the effect that Warren would certainly be appointed. If the Governor did intend to appoint Warren something or other caused him to change his mind. Mr. Warren had strong backing for the place but there was also a good deal of opposition to him. Many Democratic and independent newspapers opposed his appointment as well as a good many men who are influential in the Democratic party.

Judge Adams has been on the Superior court bench since 1918, having been appointed by Governor Glenn. He bears the reputation of being a man of fine character and an able judge. He had many endorsements for the Supreme court judgeship. Solicitor Walter E. Brock of Wadesboro succeeds Judge Adams on the Superior court bench and he is succeeded as Solicitor by M. W. Nash, of Havelock. On account of the death of Judge Allen Governor Morrison therefore made three appointments in one day.

## RED CROSS CONVENTION

A national convention of the Red Cross is to be held in Columbus, Ohio, on October the 4th-5th. An extensive program has been prepared. President Harding, General Pershing and many other prominent people will attend the gathering.