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## PRESIDENT PAYS HONOR TO DEAD



President Coolidge (center), flanked by Secretary of War Davis (left), and Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, placing wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery, Washington, during Armistice Day observation.

## Think Fair Estimates on Costs Are Still Much Too High

**The Tribune Bureau**  
**By J. C. BASKERVILLE**  
Raleigh, Nov. 14.—That estimates of architects that \$100,000 would be required to get the State Fair grounds ready for a fair next year, and that \$25,000 would be required for maintenance the first year are considerably too high, according to experienced fair men, who believe that the grounds can be gotten into shape for much less than \$100,000 and that not more than \$10,000 or \$15,000 will be required to finance it the first year.

Although it would easily be possible to spend \$100,000 or more on the grounds in landscaping them, planting trees and shrubbery, and in further beautifying them generally, this should be done gradually, as the fair itself grows, rather than all at once and right at the beginning, is the opinion of W. S. Moye, who has considerable experience in building and managing fairs and who is being prominently mentioned for the post of secretary and general manager of the State Fair. So instead of spending \$100,000 on the grounds and \$25,000 for running expenses the first year, Mr. Moye thinks that not over \$50,000 should be spent on the grounds and race track to begin with and that what buildings are needed at first should be of permanent rather than temporary construction.

To begin with, the fair could operate with but two main buildings to house exhibits, and only one if necessary, Mr. Moye believes, while favoring permanent buildings for the poultry, swine and livestock divisions, says that for the first year these could be housed under tents, which would afford almost as comfortable and commodious quarters at a great saving in cost.

Though eventually the State Fair should have surfaced roadways, paved sidewalks and beautifully landscaped grounds, many feel that this should be brought about gradually, and that for the first year only the most necessary improvements should be made.

Thus it is believed that all necessary roadways can be constructed and graded walkways put down and all immediately necessary water and sewer lines laid and a race track and adequate grandstands constructed for not much more than \$50,000 instead of \$100,000 as the architects suggest. Then this system can be added to and expanded from year to year as the fair expands. It is also suggested that much could be saved in the construction of the race track through the employment of a practical race track man as supervisor, and the use of convict labor in the actual construction. This would be easy, it is believed, since the fair site is located on a part of the State prison farm, only a few miles from one of the prison farm barracks, and much of the labor that is idle during the winter months could thus be utilized.

That not more than \$10,000 or at most \$15,000 would be needed for operating expenses, inasmuch as most of the expense connected with a fair does not become payable until the fair actually gets underway, those familiar with fairs point out. In the first place, the fair management should receive from \$8,000 to \$10,000 from carnival companies, eating stands, etc., for concession privileges, about 10 per cent. of this paid at the time the contracts are made, the balance to be paid before expiration of the fair, so that this sum would be available in cash to apply toward fair expenses. Likewise, the premium lists should not only pay for itself but yield some income to the fair management as a result of the advertising carried in it, so there should be another source of revenue there. The holding of state horse races will also prove another source of income, since the entry fees must be paid long in advance of the fair meeting. Consequently it is believed that the fair can easily be financed on from \$10,000 to \$15,000 instead of \$25,000, and the difference devoted to the construction of better and more permanent buildings.

Just what will be done, however, still rests with the board of directors and largely on who the board selects as secretary and general manager and the leeway that will be allowed him in going ahead with the work of building a state fair.

**NEW HARD-SURFACED HIGHWAYS ARE OPEN**  
Three Different Routes From Johnson City to Asheville Are Opened Now.

Johnson City, Tenn., Nov. 14.—(INS)—For the first time in history, three different hard-surfaced routes are open this Fall from Johnson City to Asheville, thus still further linking the two cities, which are recognized as the north and south gateways to the mountains. One route, via Elizabethton and Spruce Pine, is about 125 miles. A second, via Erwin, Tenn., and Marshall, N. C., is about 100 miles, while the third, via Elizabethton and Burnsville, is only eighty-five. All three routes are receiving a heavy amount of traffic.

Other road building activities include the final survey on the new road from Johnson City to the Glanzstoff and Homberg plants, by a new and much shorter route, is also ready for construction.

**Water Too Cold For Would-Be Suicide.**  
Baltimore, Nov. 12.—Because the water was too cold, Mrs. Minnie Risk changed her mind at the last minute after she had resolved to end her life in the harbor.

Her husband, Joseph, asserted that he returned home to find a note telling of her resolve and indicating the exact spot where her body would be found. After frantically notifying police, he hurried toward the harbor, he said, only to meet his wife returning.

Laughing for the first time in months, Risk asserted Mrs. Risk informed him that "the water looked too cold."

**County Judge Indicted.**  
Helena, Ark., Nov. 14.—(INS)—Charged with diverting a \$500 check belonging to the county to his own use, County Judge John C. Sheffield has been indicted for embezzlement and felony.

The check was given Judge Sheffield in payment for cotton raised on the county farm January 21, and it was not deposited in the bank where county funds are kept, it was charged. Judge Sheffield, a practicing attorney in Helena, has refused to discuss the indictment.

Baden has one of the largest outdoor swimming pools in the world.

## COLD WAVE SWEEPS EASTWARD AS SNOW FALLS IN THE WEST

Salt Lake City, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Storms in the northern Rocky Mountain states which closed highways and sent a cold wave sweeping eastward today extended into Utah and Nevada, to seal mountain passes.

A heavy snowfall in the Sierra Nevada Mountains near Reno blocked passes and forced tourists back to points east of the range. Air mail planes bound for west coast cities were held at Reno yesterday by snow and rain moving southward from Idaho.

## LARGE SUMS DONATED FOR NEGRO EDUCATION

More Than \$2,000,000 Made By Other Than State Agencies in Past 25 Years.

The Tribune Bureau,  
Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—Contributions that have been made by other than state agencies to the betterment of negro education in North Carolina have amounted to almost \$2,000,000 within the last 25 years, and have played a big part in the development of better schools for negroes, according to an exhaustive discussion of these various agencies in the latest issue of School Facts, published by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Most of this nearly \$2,000,000, which has been given to both private and public negro educational institutions, has come from four sources, namely the General Education Board, the Anna T. Jeanes fund, the John F. Slater fund, and the Julius Rosenwald fund. More than half of the total has been contributed by the General Education Board, \$931,831 having been contributed to the public and private negro educational institutions in the state within a period of 25 years.

The next largest sum for negro education has been derived from the Rosenwald fund, and expenditures from this fund in the state between 1921 and June 30, 1927, totaled \$529,438. Expenditures from the Slater fund totaled \$99,474, and from the Jeanes fund \$156,863, which brings the total from all the various philanthropic agencies to \$1,777,132. This does not include more than \$500,000 donated by the colored people themselves to further educational work.

One of the largest contributions from any private agency has been from the Rosenwald fund, which goes exclusively toward the building of modern school houses and homes for teachers in the state. Since this fund was made available in North Carolina, it has assisted in the construction of 636 school houses, which had to be up to a certain approved standards and 16 teachers' homes. These schools have a capacity for 82,305 pupils, and 1,829 teachers.

And while the Rosenwald foundation has distributed more than \$3,000,000 in 14 southern states since it began operations, North Carolina leads all of these other states in the number of schools assisted, as well as in the total number of teachers and pupils accommodated, as well as in the total amount received from the fund. Mississippi ranks next to North Carolina, with 473 buildings and a total of \$412,900 received from the fund, while North Carolina ranks third with 377 buildings and \$353,800 received from the fund.

Inspired by the assistance offered by the Rosenwald foundation, the people of the state, both white and colored and the state itself have responded nobly, school facts show. For to match the \$529,438 from the Rosenwald fund, the negroes of the state have voluntarily contributed \$569,261—more than the Rosenwald gifts—individual white people have given \$88,615, while the public at large through the state has contributed \$2,226,737.

Thus these various philanthropic agencies have multiplied the state and the people of the state to greater interest and greater accomplishment along the lines of negro education, all of them seeking, with the funds at their disposal to be of the greatest service to the public and private negro school authorities in the state by providing more adequate educational facilities for every negro boy and girl in the state.

## Youth Collapses After Long Walk To

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 13.—After walking the entire distance from Edgemore, S. C., to Wilmington, Frank Westerlund was so exhausted when he crossed the Cape Fear River ferry that he fell in front of the customhouse and was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

It was declared at the hospital that he was suffering no injuries but was completely exhausted and had fainted after reaching the city. A friend of the walker told authorities that Westerlund had come to Wilmington for the purpose of joining the navy.

## BAPTISTS OF STATE GATHER IN DURHAM

State Meeting Starts There on Tuesday.—The Pastors Meet Today.

Durham, Nov. 14.—(P)—Preliminary to the 97th annual State Baptist Convention, the annual Baptist pastors' conference began here today.

The minister and a vacant pulpit, the minister's debts, and the minister dealing with opposition to his church, were themes expounded by Revs. J. B. Willis, Hamlet; J. B. Turner, of Raleigh; and J. W. Knicholson, of Rocky Mount. The conference ends tomorrow morning with the election of officers.

The Baptist centennial campaign, manned by Dr. Charles F. Maddy, general secretary of the convention, is the paramount program before the general meeting which will last through Thursday.

## More Than Score Killed And Several Hundred Injured As Mammoth Gas Tank Exploded

### Aerial Celebrities of Nation Are Guests of the President

Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Aerial celebrities of the nation numbering nearly a score of men and 1 woman, who have won glory in trans-oceanic flights, assembled here today as guests of President Coolidge and later to honor their dean—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

Lindbergh's journey by plane from New York with his mother and Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Guggenheim was timed so that his landing at Bolling Field would complete the group invited to lunch with the President at the White House, and tonight see Mr. Coolidge give the flying colonel the White House key.

While awaiting the Lindbergh ceremony, his co-heroes in ocean flights swapped reminiscences and then moved in a body to the Commerce Department, where with Assistant Secretary MacCracken they recounted their experiences with weather on their historic hops.

The group of famous aviators whose names have been headline through-out the world—Byrd, Acosta, Balchen, Chamberlain, Levine, Maitland, Hegenberger, Goebel, Schlee and Brock and others—bowed in homage and admitted to their fraternity the lone woman who shares their place in the aeronautical sun—Miss Ruth Elder.

Garbed in one of the French gowns she purchased to replace her flying knickers, she arrived early with Geo. Haldeman, her co-pilot, on her flight that landed her in the ocean near the Azores. After the excitement of congratulations from her predecessors in over-water flight, the girl who leaped overnight to fame took occasion to deny that her new prominence had estranged her from her 24-year-old husband, Lyle Womack—he will leave today for Panama, but she will not go with him, returning instead to New York tomorrow to examine numerous contracts offered her.

**SHOOTING AFFAIR.**  
Ed Cox, of Spruce Pine, Seriously Wounded When Shot By Ray Wiseman.

Newland, N. C., Nov. 14.—(P)—Ed Cox, Spruce Pine youth, was lying today at the home of his father, John Cox, in a serious condition from a pistol bullet wound inflicted by Ray Wiseman, 21, Sunday night, it was said after Wiseman had warned Cox and Buster Ollis, a companion, to cease beating on the federal grand jury the circumstances surrounding charges that Burns men had fabricated testimony which would have led to a mistrial in the Fall-Sinclair case.

In contrast to his attitude when he first appeared in court here in connection with the case and made sensational court charges against the government, the elder Burns today had little to say. After leaving District Attorney Gordon's office, he told some of his assistants that he wanted to meet with all of his men who were here shadowing the oil trial jury.

Burns asked particularly for Chas. C. Ruddy, manager of his Philadelphia office and directing head of the corps of operatives who kept the oil jury under more or less surveillance from the beginning of the trial on October 18th, until the declaration of a mistrial by Justice Siddons. Ruddy was not in the corridor at the time, but showed up a few moments later.

"Ruddy, the governor wants to see you downstairs," one of the Burns operatives informed him.

Ruddy descended the steps hurriedly and the other operatives, all of whom are under government subpoenas, followed him.

The grand jury inquiry then was continued, Burkinshaw presenting some odds and ends of testimony designed to fill some of the gaps still remaining before the jury meets to decide whether any presentment is to be made, or, against whom indictments are to be drawn.

### MUFFLE DRY ISSUE, IS WALSH'S ADVICE

Senator Thinks Democrats Can Win if Vexing Question Is Eliminated.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Senator Walsh, of Montana, thinks the wet-dry issue should not figure in the next presidential campaign, and that if the Democrats can get by this stumbling block the party will be in a position to win in 1928.

Returning here recently the senator declined to discuss candidates but said he will be Montana's favorite son, supported by various ardent dries. However, from all reports, including those of former McAdoo adherents, Gov. Smith, of New York, will be Montana's second choice. Senator Walsh has avoided taking a position hostile to Smith.

Commenting on the prohibition question the senator emphasized that it should be eliminated as an issue by both parties and left the impression that if the Democratic platform declared for enforcement of the dry issue would cease to be an obstacle to Smith's nomination.

Senator Walsh, like Gov. Smith, is a Catholic. Montana supported McAdoo in 1924. Many of Sen. Walsh's friends believe he will seek the nomination as vigorously as possible, but if unable to command formidable strength, he will not be antagonistic to Gov. Smith. They believe Senator Walsh seeks to consolidate the dries who profess to have no objection to Gov. Smith on religious grounds.

Senator Walsh said he thought Montana Republicans would be for Lowden. He predicted his Democratic colleague, Senator Wheeler, would be re-elected.

As to the coming session, Senator Walsh said he would revive his resolution calling for a native-white investigation of the "Power Trust." This resolution, caught in the filibuster last spring, probably will pass easily this winter, and the projected inquiry will look into the influences behind the Boulder Dam and Muscle Shoals projects.

The senator predicted also that Vire, of Pennsylvania, and Smith, of Illinois, Republican senators-elect, both be refused seats in the Senate.

Shoes for school at Belk's. In a new ad. today you can learn all about them. Prices 98c to \$3.95.

The Ritchie Hardware Co. is having a big demonstration of silverware this week. On Friday a 20-piece service tray set will be given away free. Each lady entering the store gets a ticket free. Read ad. in this paper for particulars.

### RESCUE WORK IS MOST DIFFICULT

Tank Was in Lower North Side District of Pittsburgh and Spread Death and Destruction There.

### BUILDINGS ARE TOTAL WRECKS

When Tank Burst Ball of Fire Higher Than Top of Mountain Shot Into Air, Spreading Like Fan.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 14.—(AP)—More than a score of persons were known to have been killed, and several hundred injured here today when a mammoth gas storage tank exploded, spreading death and destruction throughout the lower North Side district.

Hampered in the work of rescue by wrecked buildings, streets flooded by broken water mains and dangling electric wires, police and firemen finally penetrated a part of the devastated area. They recovered seven bodies within a few minutes, and newspaper men at the scene said they had counted at least twenty dead in the streets and the wrecked houses.

The tank, containing 5,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas, let loose with one of the most terrific blasts in Pittsburgh's history. Practically every building in the immediate vicinity was wrecked, and windows over a wide area were shattered, including some in downtown department stores and office structures.

When the tank burst, a ball of fire higher than the adjacent top of Mt. Washington shot into the air, spreading out in fan shape.

The scene of the disaster was one of wild confusion. Residents of the thickly settled district rushed about the streets as if mad. Women sought their children, while men dug into the debris of their homes in an effort to bring out some loved one trapped in the wreckage.

The blast ripped down all telephone and light wires, knocked over poles and caused houses to tumble down. Streets in the ill-fated region bulged, breaking water and sewer pipes.

Pieces of the tank supports, some weighing more than 100 pounds, were found a mile from the scene.

A street car three blocks from the tank when it let go, was wrecked, and every passenger aboard was hurt. Many school children in a nearby school yard were cut by flying glass when windows in the structure were shattered.

**500 Were Injured.**  
Pittsburgh, Nov. 14.—(P)—Fourteen persons are known to have met death and more than 500 were injured, some seriously, here today, when a giant natural gas storage tank at the Manchester works of the Equitable Gas Company exploded, spreading death and destruction over an area of one mile square.

Firemen, police and volunteer rescuers were digging into the ruins of scores of buildings in the belief that others had been killed and their bodies in the debris.

### OVERTON ELECTED MAYOR OF MEMPHIS

Former Private in A. E. F. Swept Into Office by Overwhelming Vote Over Incumbent.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 10.—Watkins Overton, running on a lower taxes platform and supported by the county political organization, was elected mayor of Memphis by an overwhelming majority over the incumbent, Rowlet Paine, in today's municipal election.

Carrying virtually every precinct, Overton swept into office with him his entire ticket of commissioners, composed of Cliff Davis, Sam Jackson, O. I. Kruger and A. P. Walsh.

### THE STOCK MARKET.

**Fractional Gains Were Scored by Long List of Stock at Market's Opening.**  
New York, Nov. 14.—(P)—Fractional gains were scored by a long list of stocks at the opening of today's market. Southern Railway opening with an initial advance of 1-13 to a new top at 141 3/4. International Harvester was up 1 3/4 points at the start.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 9.—(INS)—Eight buildings, to cost \$200,000 each, a library at \$400,000 and the expenditure of \$500,000 at its Memphis departments, is on the program of the University of Tennessee, according to trustees of the university.

Financing of the projects was made possible through a \$2,500,000 appropriation by the last session of the state legislature. The buildings include a men's dormitory, gym and auditorium, a new administration building to replace South College, women's dormitory, library buildings, college of education, engineering and biology building.

**Infant Digests Open Safety Pin.**  
Baltimore, Md., Nov. 8.—Frances Sheffield, age three weeks, today successfully digested an open safety pin and was pronounced out of danger. The infant swallowed the pin while being dressed.

## LESS COTTON USED IN OCTOBER THAN DURING SEPTEMBER

The Total For Past Month Showed an Increase Over October of Last Year, New Figures Show.

### COTTON STATES LEAD COUNTRY

About Two Thirds of Total Used in Cotton Growing States—Million Bales Exported in the Month.

Washington, Nov. 14.—(P)—Cotton consumed during October totaled 612,935 bales of lint and 73,193 of linters, compared with 627,321 of lint and 78,290 of linters during September this year, and 568,351 of lint and 75,401 of linters during October last year, the Census Bureau announced today.

Cotton on hand October 31st was held as follows:

In consuming establishments, 1,327,095 bales of lint and 142,174 of linters.

In public storage and at compresses, 5,431,128 bales of lint and 46,514 of linters.

Imports for October totaled 19,235 bales.

Exports for October totaled 11,128,505 bales, including 13,491 bales of linters.

Cotton spindles active during October numbered 32,497,504.

Statistics for cotton growing states included:

Cotton consumed during October 449,040 bales.

On hand October 31st: In consuming establishments, 971,900 bales.

In public storage and at compresses 5,146,462 bales.

Cotton spindles active, 17,770,442.

### LUMBER YARDS SOON TO SELL EVERYTHING

Will Deliver Completed House and Mortgage, Is Prediction Made By Lumber Dealers.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 14.—(INS)—That the lumber yard of the future will sell to the public homes complete from cellars to garret, mortgage included, was the forecast made to the opening session and made his annual address. Dr. Allen G. Leach, of Birmingham, secretary of the association reported on the growth of the association and declared it had expanded more rapidly than any other organization in the state in the same length of time.

Other speakers were Dr. Thomas R. Bridges, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mayor Harry T. Hartwell, A. Disham, of Aniston, W. B. Coats, of Montgomery, John L. Kaul, of Birmingham, president of the National Manufacturers Association, J. R. Oden, of Birmingham, R. A. Stricklin, of Florence, and Thornton Estes, of Birmingham.

### FORMER SHERIFF IS DEAD OF INJURIES

Jesse W. Thomas Dies From Injuries Received When Train Struck His Auto.

Turbo, N. C., Nov. 11.—(P)—Succeeding to his father when his automobile was struck by an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train at a crossing near here November 1st, Jesse W. Thomas, former sheriff of Edgecombe county, died at a local hospital today. Mr. Thomas, who was 62, is survived by three daughters and two sons.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

**Win Protest and Then Decide Not to Take It.**  
Winston-Salem, Nov. 10.—Following the ruling of E. R. Rankin, State Athletic Director in charge of High School Sports, reinstating Winston-Salem in the High School football championship series and disqualifying the Lexington high school form further participation in the series, as a result of alleged breaking of rules by the Lexington club during the game, G. H. Latham Superintendent of Schools of Winston-Salem sent a telegram to Mr. Rankin today declining to further participate in the series. In this Supt. Latham says:

"We have decided that it will be best not to participate further in football championship elimination series."

**All Kinds Of Work For Firemen.**  
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 14.—(INS)—"I want my balloon," a youngster cried. In fact he cried so much his mother thought there must be something done about it.

She telephoned the fire department. "Fireman, save my child."

And a fire company hooked up in high and dashed out there expecting to find the building in flames.

Firemen rescued the balloon by means of a ladder.

Buenos Aires boasts a dozen golf courses, and the standard of play among the Argentinians is creditably high.

**WEATHER**  
Cloudy and warmer tonight and Tuesday. Moderate northeast and east winds shifting to south winds.