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## GOVERNOR MAY SEEK TO ENTER HIGHEST OFFICE

### Some of The Politicians See Bid in McLean's Cancellation Statement

#### MAKE GOOD PRESIDENT

Raleigh, July 29.—Governor McLean's recent outspoken declaration on the subject of the cancellation of war debts of the United States has aroused in certain state quarters a suspicion that the governor has ambitions beyond the United States senate when his term as chief executive of North Carolina is over.

The governor stated quite plainly that he thought the farmers of the south would be benefited by a cancellation of the war debts because such a cancellation would tend to put Europe's finances on a firm basis, increase the buying power of Europe and thereby create a greater demand for southern agricultural products.

In other words the governor showed that although a financier he has the ability to divorce his mind from the dollar mark and to deal in cause and effects of prosperity. What good does it do the south to owe us money, if the fact of Europe being indebted to us keeps Europe from buying our goods.

The governor would have Europe pay the debt off in trade, not to the government, but to the producers of the nation, in a form of dividend that would tend to permeate the entire social fabric with prosperity, for when the farmer has money everybody has money.

Some of the folks here in Raleigh say that Governor McLean has got his eye on the presidential nomination which will be handed out by the next Democratic national convention.

And the people who say this say it not in scorn or belittlement but as if they think it a good idea.

And yet there are those that point out that McLean would make a running mate for Al Smith that would be anything but an incubus on the New York man. They point out that McLean is popular outside of North Carolina, that he knows the Washington game, that he is a student not only of finance but of politics.

### The Boss Economist

Necessity has forced many to raise the cheapest crop of their lives, but we believe Raymond Long, Col. of Route 3, is the banner economist. He has under cultivation, and his prospects are bright, 150 thousand tobacco hills, and says his corn crop will make him 150 barrels, with other patches which has been living during the summer. He began this crop with \$2.00 cash in his pocket, and of this amount he now has a nickel on hand. In other words he has spent \$1.95 in producing this crop. The labor used was his own, that of a brother-in-law, who has only one arm, and his five children.

Will any one say he has not lived at home? Raymond says he will have to have a little help in hauling this great crop, and we are quite sure he will have little trouble in securing the necessary help from either of our good banks.

### Death Of Mr. G. C. Wagstaff

Mrs. John Paylor attended the funeral services Saturday, July 31, of her uncle, Mr. G. C. Wagstaff of Dunn, N. C. Mr. Wagstaff is the last of the old set; he was born in Person County, near Concord church, March 2nd, 1847, son of Britton Wagstaff. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Lee of Dunn, Mrs. J. M. Lee of Clinton, and Mrs. Maude Smith of Dunn, one son, Mr. C. F. Wagstaff of Dunn. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery near Person County, N. C., by his wife who died several years ago.

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## TWENTY-NINE VIOLENT DEATHS FOR ONE WEEK

### It Was The Record For The Year In North Carolina; Five Were Suicides

#### SEVEN WERE HOMICIDES

Raleigh, August 2.—Twenty-nine violent deaths, a record for the year, took place in North Carolina during the week ending August 1, according to statistics tabulated by the Raleigh Times.

Fourteen of these deaths were due to railroad or automobile accidents, seven were homicides, five were suicides, two were drownings and there was one accidental electrocution.

The greatest single tragedy of the week took place Sunday afternoon when the lives of five Gastonia girls were snuffed out at a grade crossing when a locomotive struck and demolished the automobile truck in which they had been riding.

Another automobile wreck resulted in the deaths of two negroes. Two cars collided on a curve near High Point.

The previous high water mark in violent deaths in North Carolina was established during the Christmas holidays when there were twenty-eight violent deaths.

### Misses Harris Entertain

Misses Katy and Corinne Harris delightfully entertained the members of the Epworth League of Lea's Chapel Church and a number of invited guests last Friday evening at their lovely home on Leasburg road. The season's flowers were used attractively as decorations and during the evening a number of clever and interesting games were played. Featuring the program was an enjoyable contest of making the greatest possible number of words with the letters used in the spelling of Epworth League, in which Miss Cleo Rogers and Sam Newton were the prize winners. Most appetizing refreshments were served by the hostesses.

This was the League's first social of the season and the occasion was a most successful one.

### Field Day And Picnic

The Fifth Annual Field Day and Picnic will be held at the Tobacco Experiment Station in Oxford on Wednesday, August 5th. There will be some notable speakers present and it will repay any one to spend this day attending this meeting. Barbecue lunch will be served by the Philathea class of the Oxford Baptist church.

### Meeting Of Olive Hill Patrons

On Friday, August 6th, at 3 p. m., there is to be an important meeting of the patrons of Olive Hill school. At this meeting truck drivers for the year will be discussed, also the transporting of high school students to Roxboro, and other matters of importance. Prof. Starkey and Supt. Satterfield are expected to be present. A full attendance of patrons is earnestly desired.

### Dry Reign Short



In office only 10 months as "Dry Chief" of California and Nevada and mentioned as successor to Gen. Andrews as National Chief, Col. Ned M. Green, (above) faces trial on ten counts charged with embezzlement of Federal property—seized liquor he admits he served to his guests.

### Tex's Bride-to-Be



Dan Cupid knocks out Tex Rickard with blow to heart, will be the news headlines shortly after Sept. 11th, when the premiere fight promoter will wed Miss Maxine Hodges of New York City, shown here in photo.

## NEVIN CRANFORD IS ACQUITTED BY JURY

### Christian Gentleman of Stanley Not Guilty Of The Charge of Murder

#### DEFENSE CLAIMED PLOT

Albermarle, July 29.—Nevin C. Cranford, former gang boss charged with the murder of two negro convicts, was found not guilty here tonight. The jury deliberated 40 minutes.

The verdict was returned at 10:30 o'clock tonight after a trial lasting more than two weeks. The state alleged that James Taylor and James Howell, negro convicts, died from the effects of beatings administered by Cranford.

There was no demonstration when the verdict was returned, but both Cranford and his wife wept, shook hands with defense counsel and then with jurors. The court had warned against a demonstration.

That Nevin C. Cranford was framed by six ex-convicts, former members of the Stanly gang, was the charge made today by defense lawyers as they made their pleas to the jury. "The whole thing is nothing but a tissue of lies, hatched up in the distorted imaginations of the states star witnesses," thundered B. M. Covington, first speaker, of the day. Other defense attorneys concurred with Mr. Covington.

### Peaches Unexcelled

That peaches of the highest quality can be raised here has been demonstrated more than once, and we wish some enterprising farmer would go into the business on a commercial scale. Mr. L. O. Abbitt placed on our desk two of the finest peaches we have ever seen, not excepting the famous Sand Hill variety. They were simply perfect, in size and color and taste, in fact they looked like pictures.

### Ephesus-Clement Field

Lumber Memorial August 8th: Sunday School 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. Baptizing at the church 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. at 7:30.

Lea Bethel Sunday School at 2 P. M. Preaching at 3 P. M. Baptizing at 4:30 P. M.

A cordial invitation extended to all.—L. V. COGGINS, Pastor.

### New Insurance Agency

Mr. Wallace Woods has opened an insurance office in the First National Bank Building. He will represent the Bankers Life Insurance Company. Wallace is decidedly one of our most popular young business men and with such a worthy and popular company will no doubt make a success.

### Local Registrar's Report

Mr. W. A. Sergeant, local registrar for Roxboro reports that there were 41 births and 26 deaths in the town of Roxboro during the six months ending June 30th, 1926.

## FIVE GIRLS ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF CRASH

### Fast Southern Train Strikes Truck In Which Six Girls Were Riding

#### SIXTH IS BADLY INJURED

Gastonia, Aug. 1.—Death stalked at a railroad crossing near here this evening and tonight five girls are dead and another is seriously injured as the result of Southern railway train number 45, southbound, striking a small truck.

The dead, all residents of Bessemer City, are:

- Miss Bertha Wright, 15.
- Miss Laura Wright, 20.
- Miss Inez Jenkins, 20.
- Miss Willard Jenkins, 19.
- Miss Gertrude Cloninger, 15.

With both legs broken, with bruises and possible internal injuries, Miss Ida Bess, 17, also of Bessemer City, sixth occupant of the truck, lies in a hospital here tonight. Her condition was regarded as serious, but medical attendants said that hope was held for her recovery.

The tragedy occurred about six o'clock at Gamble's crossing, about three miles from this city, and on the Bessemer City road. The light truck, driven by Miss Cloninger, was completely demolished when the heavy engine, one of the new locomotives, placed in service to draw the Crescent limited between Atlanta and Salisbury, plunged into it. Death was thought to have been instantaneous for at least four of the victims.

### Notice

I will change my days for collecting milk, chickens, eggs etc, from Tuesday to Thursday, beginning next week. Please remember the change, my next trip will be Thursday, Aug. 12th.—W. C. WARREN.

### Court Next Week

Person County Superior Court will meet next week, beginning Monday, August 9th, with Judge Daniel presiding. There are about fifty cases docketed on the State docket, with only a small docket for the civil causes.

### Church Notice

Sunday School at Leas Chapel next Sunday at ten o'clock, W. R. Wilkerson, Supt. All on time please. Preaching at eleven. Reception of members. Sacrament of Lord's Supper.

Preaching at Warrens Grove at three-thirty and at eight. Revival closes. Reception of members. J. W. BRADLEY.

### Card Of Thanks

We want to thank each and every one who have been so kind to us since the sudden death of our beloved baby, Virginia. MR. and MRS. C. D. McBRIDE

## STORM PROPERTY DAMAGE REACHES EIGHT MILLION

### CARMEL ACCUSATNIOS FAIL TO STAND UP

Los Angeles, Aug. 1.—District Attorney Asa A. Keyes announced tonight that he considered the Aimee Semple McPherson case "blown up" as far as further investigation by his office was concerned. He stated he believed the evidence detective Captain Herman Cline and Deputy District Attorney Joe Ryan brought to Los Angeles from Carmel was "too vague to successfully prosecute anyone on a perjury charge."

## DR. POTEAT TO RETIRE FROM THE PRESIDENCY

### Will Give Up Labors At Wake Forest After The Next Commencement

#### ANNOUNCEMENT MONDAY

#### DR. POTEAT LEAD

Raleigh, August 2.—Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest college, will retire from the active presidency of the institution after the commencement next June, he announced at a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees here today. Dr. Poteat, a leader of the Evolutionists, not among the Baptists of the state but in the state itself, and who has been more or less continuously under fire as a result of his retirement from the college, said: "In accordance with a purpose of some years' standing" said Dr. Poteat, "at the convention meeting of the Board of Trustees, which follows closely upon my 70th birthday I shall ask to be relieved of administrative possibilities at the annual meeting in June on the sole consideration of my age and no other."

The college head has frequently expressed to friends his desire to retire when his seventieth year is reached. He will be 70 next October. "In accordance with a purpose of some years' standing" said Dr. Poteat, "at the convention meeting of the Board of Trustees, which follows closely upon my 70th birthday I shall ask to be relieved of administrative possibilities at the annual meeting in June on the sole consideration of my age and no other."

### Farmers Convention

The Farmers Convention which met in Raleigh last week was an event worth while, and we are glad so many from this good County attended. We hope to have an article from one of the ladies telling about this great meeting. There was only one regret for us, and that was our friend Mr. Lewis H. Daniel had a sore throat and could not enter the hog calling contest.

The following represented Person: Mr. and Mrs. J. Burton Satterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Winstead, Mr. L. H. Daniel, Miss Bessie Heath Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gentry, Misses Mary and Joy Wilkerson and Mr. J. C. Wagstaff.

### County Commissioners Met Monday

The Board of County Commissioners met in their regular monthly meeting Monday, all of the board being present. The tax levy for 1926 was made, \$1.25 being the rate, the same as for the past year.

Mr. J. Alvis Clayton was elected superintendent of the County Home.

### Death Of Mr. J. D. Brooks

Mr. J. D. Brooks, died at his home in Oxford last Friday afternoon. His death came suddenly, having been ill only a few hours. Mr. Brooks was one of the prominent merchants of Oxford, and a prominent worker in his church.

Mr. Brooks was a native of this County, a brother of Mess. T. C. and Phil Brooks, but had been living in Oxford for many years.

### More Than 150 Persons Are Drowned With Sponge Fishing Fleet off Bahama

#### FLORIDA BADLY DAMAGED

With an unofficial estimate of 200 to 215 dead and over ten million dollars of property damage attributed to its fury, the West Indian hurricane, which lashed the East Coast of Florida for two days before it passed into Georgia, tonight had spent its strength and was moving slowly westward carrying but a capful of wind and a misty rain.

Weather bureau officials expected the storm to pass into Alabama during the night and spend the last remnant of its strength in rains.

More than one hundred and fifty persons were believed drowned and \$3,000,000 damage caused when more than 75 boats belonging to the sponge fleet were sunk off the Bahama islands.

Fifty-four bodies washed ashore at Sanoa after the sinking of the schooners Fauyeme, Peaceful, and Barcoris off Sanoa Island. Santa Domingo, eight persons killed at Nassau, and five other dead in Georgia, and Florida was the storm toll in lives.

From four to five millions at Nassau, \$100,000 at Miami, two and a half million dollars damage in the Palm Beach area, \$50,000 to water front property at Stuart, Fla., and other thousands at Stuart, Fla., and Indian river section was its assessment of property.

Two of the deaths attributed to the storm in Georgia and Florida were reported today. A boatman was crushed between his houseboat and a sea wall along the shore of Lake Worth, near Palm Beach, and a railroad engineer in south Georgia was killed when his locomotive went into a ditch from rails undermined by rains and high water.

The storm passed up through southern Georgia, today, passing Macon, diminishing in intensity and accompanied by rain.

Charleston, Savannah and Brunswick, the former but lightly touched by the hurricane, were resuming normal activities and through out the eastern peninsula section linemen were busy in repairing the damage wrought to Florida lines of communication.

### Four Serious Wrecks Near Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem, Aug. 1.—Three persons are in hospitals, two with broken bones and three other persons suffered unknown injuries as the result of four auto accidents in or near this city today.

The known injured are: Nellie Savage, negro, broken right ankle; James Wilson, negro boy, broken right ankle; Vady Turner, injuries undetermined but not thought to be serious.

Two arrests were made. Tom Brooks, negro, was arrested on a reckless driving charge and J. F. Matthews, who lives here was arrested charged with the same offense.

There was only one collision. Nellie Savage was hit while crossing a street intersection by Matthews' car. James Wilson was injured in the same way. Vady Turner was said to have been playing in a street when he was struck by a car driven by Charles Ingram, who lives here. The unknown persons were in a car which was hit by Tom Brooks' automobile as he was backing it out of a filling station.

### Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 9:45, H. L. Crowell, Supt. Morning service at 11 A. M. Sermon by the Pastor. Mitchell's Chapel Sunday School at 2 P. M. Preaching at 3 P. M. Preaching at Bushy Fork school house at 8 P. M. Every one welcome at all services.—P. CARY ADAMS, Pastor.