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WATSON ON STATE TEAM

Expert Student Team From State College Off On Swing Through Mid-West

College Station, Raleigh, Nov. 18—Van Watson, Jr. of Rocky Mount, member of the crack N. C. State College crop judging team, left here Tuesday for a swing through the Mid-West where he and his team-mates will compete in two major intercollegiate judging contests.

First stop for the State College team, representing an institution having a higher record in crop judging work than any other, will be in Kansas City, Mo. There at the American Royal Livestock Show, being held Friday, they will compete against other teams in seed judging, taxonomy, and market grading. This show is an annual event sponsored by the Kansas City Board of Trade.

The big event of the trip will be the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago Friday and Saturday November 26 and 27. At this show the boys from North Carolina will compete against crop judging teams from leading land grant American colleges and universities. State College teams have always made enviable records in these contests, bringing home many first honors and much recognition for the school.

Dr. J. B. Cotner of State College, the team's coach, accompanied the judges on the trip. The team other than Watson is composed of J. F. Giles, Archdale; J. C. Frink Bladenboro; and E. P. Jenkins, Jr. Shelby.

LEGION POST HOLDS FETE

"Parade of Progress" Dinner Sponsored By Spring Hope Post During Week-End

Spring Hope, Nov. 15.—Contrary to the usual custom of khaki-clad parades to martial music, Spring Hope's Vester-Wholesale American Legion Post 91 took cognizance of the Armistice season with a week-end dinner in the Baptist church annex. The Legion's extensive guest list included representatives from all the main enterprises of town and community, the after-dinner remarks of the various visitors presenting a parade of civic progress and a bird's eye view of the future possibilities of this town.

Grouped around three large tables in the Annex hall the assembly opened with the singing of America led by T. H. LeCroy. Dr. J. R. Vann returned thanks. The delicious barbecue dinner with slaw, bread and coffee was gift of the Post. Commander C. S. Bunn of Stanhope. Near the close of dinner Miss Corinne Pridden sang "My Buddha" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. R. L. Pitts. Motion was made by I. T. Valentine and instantly passed that Miss Pridden be made "Sweetheart" of the Legion.

Toastmaster C. S. Bunn briefly explained the purpose of the Legion saying it "stands for the finest things in America . . . in the future, men will be proud to be members" and called attention to all the youth movement emphasized in all Armistice speeches. Other specially invited guests, many of whom made remarks, included: Mayor John J. Proctor; the town commissioners; Mrs. L. W. Davis, U. D. C. president; John J. Pitts, Lions Club president; Mrs. J. P. Pierce, P. T. A. President; Misses Ada E. Valentine and Annie M. Cherry, faculty members; T. H. LeCroy, vocational agriculture instructor; Hobart Brantley, past commander of this post and now Commander of this district; Earl Mallison, representative of the local Fire Department; I. T. Valentine of Nashville, former commander of this post and still an active member; Mrs. I. T. Valentine; and Miss Constance Matthews, Editor of the Nash County News.

Funeral Rites For Pneumonia Victim

Funeral services for Minnie Pauline Weaver, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Weaver of Rocky Mount route one were held at three o'clock from the home with Elder A. B. Denson, Primitive Baptist minister, officiating. Interment followed in the family burying grounds.

Little Minnie died at a local hospital after having been ill with pneumonia for five days. Besides the parents she is survived by her grandmothers, Mrs. Minnie Weaver and Mrs. Mary Ann Pridden.

J. F. Barringer of Gold Hill, Cabarrus County, secured 1.7 ton an acre of cured Kobe lespedeza hay from four acres and sold the hay for \$18 a ton. He says this is better than growing cotton and his land is more fertile as a result.

Applications of nitrate of soda used as a top-dressing about the corn crop, increased the yield on the farm of Joe Etheridge in Pasquotank County from about 50 bushels an acre to 71.4 bushels an acre.

IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

Robert R. Reynolds, UNITED STATES SENATOR

Although this is being written in advance of the convening of Congress, it is already evident that the special session will have a very definite bearing on the trends in business, industry and agriculture during the months ahead. In fact, whether the present lull will continue into 1938, or pick-up with heavy holiday activity, may largely rest on what the Congress does or does not do.

The result is that members of Congress are returning to Washington with a new determination to participate in making the session run as smoothly as possible and devote to the purposes for which it has been called. This opinion is shared by many of my Senatorial colleagues.

If there is one thing that stands out in the pre-session discussions, it is that the big job before Congress is to give business and industry new assurance through relief from taxes that are proving burdensome and at the same time find the necessary funds to give needed assistance to agriculture. The word assistance is preferable to relief.

With hearings completed in all parts of the country, it is not unlikely that the members of the Senate Committee and House Committee on Agriculture will report to the Congress very early in the session, perhaps during the first week. Considerable thought is being given to finding an effective compromise between those who favor compulsory crop control and those who favor voluntary control. How to accomplish either with legislation that will be branded as constitutional is, of course a major problem.

But the farmers have more reason for hope than they have had in recent years. Their views have been given to Congressional committees direct. There will be no delay in the character of shunting farm legislation aside for less important things.

Whether tax revision will be thrown into the special session is problematic. The decision on whether to tackle the tax problem now or at the regular session convening in January, may depend a great deal on the progress in drafting a farm program that is workable. If that moves along swiftly, the highly controversial and important tax question may come up.

There is much evidence that those engaged in activity working on a tax program realize that business and industry, and in turn agriculture, are greatly affected by a national hesitancy. It is hesitancy of business and industry to expand and create more jobs. Thus assurance that the capital gains and undistributed profits taxes will be modified would undoubtedly have a stimulating effect on the whole country. How soon it can be given is the question of the hour.

On the whole, there is reason to believe that every effort will be made to unify the thought on important subjects to the end that the White House and the Congress will finally work together with a great deal of harmony. While business, industry and agriculture look first to Congress to give the national reassurance needed, the President will undoubtedly attempt to make recommendations that will find sympathetic attention in the Congress. This would assure speedier action on all legislation.

At this early date it looks as if special session will assume great importance from the very first and attempt to end what is well described as "national hesitancy" in the march to improve our whole economic structure.

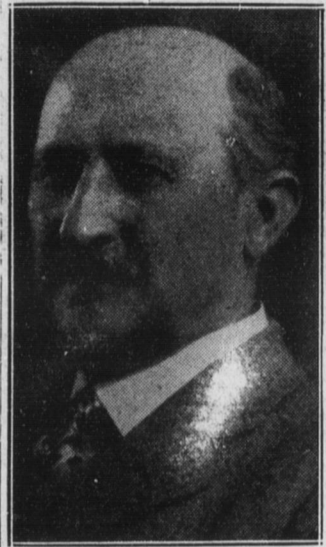
U. D. C. To Send Annual Box To Confederates

Members of the Bethel Heroes chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will send their annual Thanksgiving box to the Home for Confederate Women in Fayetteville during the week, and members are asked to send contributions to the home of Mrs. S. Robbins, on Tarboro Street, not later than Wednesday.

The Thanksgiving box is filled each year with canned fruits and other edibles, as well as gifts of toilet articles and other things to be used by widows of veterans of the War between the States.

Armando A. Callejo of Cuba spent several days during late October in Chowan County studying the production of peanuts on farms

STROKE IS FATAL TO DR. BRASWELL



Dr. Mark Russell Braswell, for many years regarded as an outstanding and influential citizen of this community, died early Monday in a Richmond, Va., hospital following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered last week. He was in his 73rd year.

Funeral services were conducted at his home here at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning by the Rev. F. H. Craighill, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, assisted by the Rev. R. Dwight Ware, pastor of the First Methodist church. Burial followed in Pine View Cemetery.

Dr. Braswell, who was connected with numerous business and farming enterprises in Nash and Edgecombe counties and Rocky Mount, suffered a stroke last week while en route to Richmond from Rocky Mount. He was taken to a hospital there and his condition was described as critical from the first.

Survivors include two children, Mrs. Hyman L. Battle of this city and Mrs. William D. Perry of Chapel Hill. A brother, J. C. Braswell, president of the Planters National Bank and Trust company of this city, also survives.

Dr. Braswell, son of the late Thomas P. and Emily Braswell, was born near Battleboro. He attended school at Bingham Military Academy near Mebane, and completed his academic education at the University of North Carolina. His medical training was received at the University of Maryland and the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore.

For many years following his graduation, Dr. Braswell engaged in the general practice of medicine at Rocky Mount. He retired from the active practice of medicine 25 years ago, thereafter devoting himself to his business and farming interests which were extensive both in Nash and Edgecombe counties. He was vice-president of the Planters National Bank and Trust Co., vice president of Rocky Mount Mills and was interested in many other business enterprises.

Dr. Braswell married Miss Mamie Hackney, who died a number of years ago. A son, Thomas Hackney Braswell, died in 1907 at the age of 12 and as a memorial Dr. Braswell erected and donated to the City of Rocky Mount the Thomas Hackney Braswell Memorial Library, which through his beneficence is now undergoing extensive enlargement and improvement. This library constitutes the largest private philanthropy ever given to this community.

Pioneer in Parks Succumbs at 77

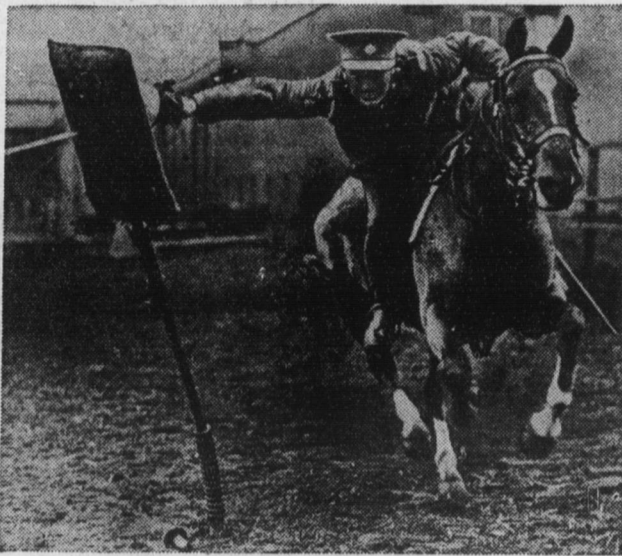
John J. Blair, High Point Educator and Civic Leader, Dies Of Long Illness

High Point, Nov. 13.—John J. Blair, 77, educator, religious and civic leader and one of High Point's most beloved citizens, died at the Charlotte sanatorium this morning at 5:29 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. Blair, along with his brothers and sisters, gave High Point its impetus for its public park system, now regarded as one of the finest in the South. The land for Blair park was the gift of this family to this city.

Mr. Blair was a member of a pioneer Quaker family in this section. He was born at the Blair homeplace here, a son of Solomon and Abigail Hunt Blair. He had been active in educational circles over the state, having served at one time as superintendent of the Winston-Salem schools and later as superintendent at Wilmington. After resigning at Wilmington Mr. Blair directed construction of school buildings for the state, retiring five years ago because of his health.

Surviving are two brothers, David H. Blair of Washington, D. C., and High Point and Colonel W. A. Blair of Winston-Salem, and four sisters, Misses Martha, Ada, Emma, and Elva Blair, all of High Point. Funeral will be conducted here Sunday at 3 P. M.



Sergeant Knox scores a hit in a determined manner while participating in the dummy thrusting contest eliminations at the Bedford barracks at Edinburgh, Scotland, in preparation for the tournament to be held in London.

Senator Bailey Still Pulling Backward

In the news columns of this issue of the Herald is a press report out of Washington clipped from the News and Observer, Thursday morning, an account of Senator Bailey.

This speech would indicate that the Senator was not himself, and yet when we look back to his record in the Senate, his first term, it is the same speech from the same Bailey. In the last Democratic primary campaign Hon. R. T. Fountain candidate for the Senate vs. Bailey, who received 188,000 votes made the statement in all of his speeches that if Senator Bailey or the Senators friends could show a single instance where Bailey had voted for a single piece of constructive legislation offered by the democratic party leadership during the Roosevelt administration he would immediately bring his candidacy to a close and go home. This challenge was never met by Bailey or anyone of his friends. His record so far this term is and the same. Bailey has an opportunity to help our state but he pulls backward instead of pushing. The administration has to carry his weight and action when he could be pushing.

Such a contrast between Doughton and Bailey. Over in the House we find Representative R. L. Doughton the strong right arm of the President, working hand and glove with the President assuming his responsibilities of leadership in conjunction with our great President. The administration has necessarily passed new legislation, most of which has been constructive and good. Doughton and his Co. laborers in Congress from North Carolina, who have helped in relieving us of the dire of depression can look back upon their work with pride and a degree of satisfaction which can not come to the man who received his talent and went and buried it in the ground for fear he would do something wrong as Senator Bailey has used his talent; in pulling backward.

This note represents 1-96 of the Nation in the Senate, and one ninety-six was pulling backward. O that he had pulled forward as Doughton

BOARD BUYS TWO PARK SITES AND ASKS FOR 3RD

The Board of Aldermen initiated the New Municipal Administration Building by having its first meeting in it last Thursday night and the Board took one of the most needed and important steps taken by the Board of Aldermen of Rocky Mount in many a day when it inaugurated its Parks and Playground Program by buying a plot of ground on the West side of the city on Western Avenue and a plot of ground on the East side of the city on Mari-gold Street for two additional parks and instructed the Play Ground Committee to consider the buying of the plot of land on Cokey Road opposite the Lutheran church for a third Park. This to our mind is one of the most necessary purchases that the city has ever made, and we want to commend the mayor and the Board of Aldermen for this forward step. This was one of the mayors main objectives in outlining his program in his inaugural address.

MRS. MARY SPEED JONES MERCER

In our last issue we carried press notice of the death of Mrs. Mary Speed Jones Mercer, wife of the late Dr. W. P. Mercer, of Edgecombe county.

Mrs. Mercer was a woman of unusual charm, culture and talent, possessed with much natural ability, well educated in the finer arts though reared after the War Between the States when schools were few and education received at a price largely the efforts of the individual. Mrs. Mercer was a native of Warren county daughter of Duke Jones, a large planter, coming to Edgecombe county as a young bride of a great and good country doctor, the late Dr. W. P. Mercer.

The doctor and his wife were more than just a physician, the Mercers were an institution in the South, West Edgecombe. Their Country Estate "Temperance Hall" was famed far and wide for its generous hospitality and it could be well said as of "Buncombe Hall" "Welcome All."

The doctor enjoyed a large practice, requiring many hours per day to make his calls. A large part of his practice was personal visits by people in buggies, carts, and wagons, and sometimes in fact often times these patients were compelled to wait hours for the return of the doctor and pending this waiting who was the emergency doctor and lightener of heart burdens, but the good doctors wife, her words of council, encouragement, and general administration often times produced greater results than the drugs from a hundred bottles. She was head of a great family and might well be classed as one of the "Mothers of Israel." She leaves besides her children and grandchildren, one brother, Hon. Howard Jones of Warrenton and Washington, bro Secretary to Congressman J. H. Kerr.

BAILEY DEMANDS REVERSAL OF ROOSEVELTIAN POLICIES

SHERIFF OF WILSON LEADS VICE RAIDS

Parents Of High School Youths Complain Of Situation At Tourist Camps

Wilson, Nov. 12.—Complaints by Wilson county parents that the tourist camps in the section were endangering the morals of their children spurred Sheriff J. C. Fulghum to conduct the series of vice raids on several of the camps over last week and to arrest over a score of persons in them, the sheriff testified yesterday at the trial of several of those arrested.

Asked who had given him information that caused him to raid the places, mostly on the Rocky Mount Wilson highway, Sheriff Fulghum said that parents of children of high school age had complained that the places endangered their children. He mentioned no names of his informants.

In discussing one of the raids last weekend Sheriff Fulghum declared that in one small building he had found it crowded with young men of around high school age. Two men and four women were convicted of running and aiding in the running of immoral places in the county in Recorder's Court here yesterday.

J. I. Dilla, operator of the Pine Grove Inn near here, was fined \$50 and costs and given six months on the roads while Vera Andrews and Peggy Walters, girls who were arrested at the place in the raids were fined \$25 and costs and given 90 days. Recorder Charles B. McLean said that he would not invoke the jail sentences if the girls get out of the town in 8 hours.

In another case Marjorie King, operator of a place on the Rocky Mount highway at "The Rabbit Box" was fined \$50 and costs and given 6 months, while a girl arrested in the raids at the place, Christine Creech and a young boy, Preston Joyner, were each fined \$25 and costs and given 90 days. The King and Creech girls were ordered to get out of the town within 48 hours or have their jail sentences invoked.

All appealed to Superior Court and were placed under bond.

High Court Called Super Legislature

Professor Corwin, Speaking At Wilson, Says Constitution Is A 'Formal Point Of Reference'

Chamberburg, Pa., Nov. 13.—The Supreme Court of the United States is a "super-legislature," Professor Edward S. Corwin, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and head of the Department of Politics at Princeton University, declared tonight in an address at Wilson College.

"The Constitution itself 'is hardly more than a formal point of reference' when the court is passing upon questions involving constitutionality of laws, Professor Corwin asserted. His address was the climax of Wilson's celebration of the sesquicentennial of the framing of the constitutional document.

"For most of the court's excursions in the constitutional sphere, the constitutional document is little more than a taking-off ground," he said. "The journey out and back occurs in a far different medium of selected precedents, speculative views concerning the nature of the Constitution and the purposes designed to be served by it, and unstated judicial preferences.

"All of which signifies that in the constitutional field the court is a legislature, and to the extent that the doctrine of the finality of its interpretations of the Constitution actually prevails it is a super-legislature."

In sustaining the Wagner Labor Relations Act the court, according to Professor Corwin, presented the nation with a "constitutional revolution," the result of which has been to "throw down the barriers of dual federalism of State and National Governments which have heretofore excluded Congress from the regulation of productive industry."

Lincoln County farmers sold 5-431 pounds of live poultry cooperatively for \$917.50 cash last week. Turkeys comprised the bulk of the sales.

Tells Senate About Regal Shirt, Johnston County And Other Cases

Washington, Nov. 17.—Declaring for a reversal of most of the policies of the Roosevelt administration towards business, Senator Josiah W. Bailey today devoted a large part of a speech in the Senate on the pending motion to take up the anti-lynching bill to inveighing against specific acts of the New Deal.

The specific acts to which he devoted considerable attention, and to each of which he objected vigorously, were:

The order of the National Labor Board against the Regal Shirt Company of Morehead City; the action of the Federal Power Commission in requiring the Aluminum Company of America to secure a Federal license for a project at Tuckertown on the Yadkin river; the objections Rural Electrical Authority to power company construction of rural power lines in Johnston County paralleling those which a co-operative had proposed to construct; the alleged action of the TVA in holding up another power project of the Aluminum company in Western North Carolina; and the recent speech of Assistant Attorney General Robert H. Jackson at the University of North Carolina on the court and the Constitution.

The Senator used all of these instances as illustrations of government policies which prevented private investment of capital. He also denounced at length the sit-down strikes of last winter and urged immediate repeal of the undistributed profits tax.

Denies Filibuster Speaking of the anti-lynching bill itself, Senator Bailey denied any attention to filibuster on the bills.

Uncle Natchel Back In New Radio Series

Natural Chilean Nitrate Folks Announce Resumption Of Broadcast Program

Local radio fans will welcome the return to the air next week of Uncle Natchel and Sonny, the two stars of the Natural Chilean Nitrate of Soda program. The Natural Chilean folks have informed us that these two favorites are resuming broadcasts, beginning Saturday, November 20th and Sunday, November 21st on important Southern stations.

The role of Uncle Natchel, wise old colored philosopher and leading character in the series of broadcasts will be played by Frank Wilson who is well known as a radio entertainer and as a stage film star. He gained considerable renown for his performance as Moses in the stage and film version of Green Pastures. Wilson's characterization of Uncle Natchel in a series of fifty-two broadcasts for the Chilean folks last season, added to his laurels.

Sonny Miller, the young white charge of kindly old Uncle Natchel in the program will be played by Eddie Ryan, Jr., a talented twelve-year-old actor from Virginia who has made a number of stage appearances in New York and is now playing in "French Without Tears" on Broadway. He has appeared with Katherine Cornell, Helen Hayes and other stars, and has been a part of the "Easy Aces," "Dreams of Long Ago" and other coast-to-coast radio programs.

With the two featured players on the Uncle Natchel program will be a group of Southern singers whose numbers will consist largely of old songs of the South collected and arranged by Ethel Park Richardson, the author of the sketches. An orchestra of eleven pieces will provide the instrumental features of the program. Artells Dixon, a native of Greenwood, La., who has been identified with such radio successes as the "Brother Rabbits" of Joel Chandler Harris, the "Rudy Vallee" program, "Show Boat," "Roses and Drums" and many others, have been engaged by the Natural Nitrate folks to be the announcer.

D. L. Culbertson of Richmond County has 40 acres of lespedeza sericea from which he has harvested a seed supply to be certified by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association.

Eight pigs fed by Carey Dudley, Kinston, route 4, netted him a labor profit of \$67.71 in a 4-H project. Carey fed the pigs a balanced ration for 124 days.

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