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## Senate Quickly Accepts Mellon

Confirmation As Ambassador To Great Britain Follows Nomination.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Andrew W. Mellon tonight gave over the destinies of the Treasury he has directed for almost 11 years to accept formally his Senate-approved commission as ambassador to Great Britain.

In the chamber where his name and policies have been the center of many vigorous and vitriolic debates, rules were waived to speed through the ambassadorial nomination as a final courtesy to the 76-year old public servant.

A few minutes later President Hoover transmitted for confirmation the name of Mellon's successor, Ogden L. Mills of New York.

Senator Reed (R., Pa.) intimate friend of Mr. Mellon, his loyal defender in debate and advocate of his policies, presented the nomination out of order without objection.

## Kenly Postmastership To Go To Miss Boyett

At a meeting of the Johnston County Republican Executive Committee held in Smithfield a few days ago, Miss Elsie Boyett was given the endorsement of the committee to be postmistress at Kenly. Miss Boyett was appointed acting postmaster for the Kenly office some time ago, and when an examination was held to secure a permanent postmaster for that office she was one of the three who was passed by the Civil Service Commission as being eligible for appointment. The other two to get on the eligible list were Mr. J. P. Hales and Rev. J. W. A. Ford.

Miss Boyette is well known, not only to the people of Kenly and vicinity, but throughout Johnston County, she having been clerk to County Treasurer S. W. Brown during his term of office from 1928 to 1930. She is a popular and efficient young woman and we predict that she will receive her permanent appointment from Washington in the due course of time and that the patrons of the Kenly postoffice will receive the very best service that it is possible for her to give them during her term of office.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Boyette, of Kenly, and a graduate of the Kenly High school, besides special commercial training.

## A GOOD SERMON ON "NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY"

Rev. L. T. Singleton, pastor of Edenton Memorial Methodist church, preached a masterly sermon Sunday evening, using as his text, Proverbs 14th chapter and 34th verse: "Righteousness exalteth a Nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." His subject was, "National Responsibility." All nations are made up of individuals. One hundred and twenty-five million people make up our nation and each individual has his part in that responsibility to bear. If our nation sins, we are in part responsible. We should go as far as we can to remedy the evil and avert the sins of our nation. Benjamin Franklin, once in a meeting, asked that it be opened with prayer, for said he: "God governs in the affairs of men."

Our government is corrupt from the highest even down to our smallest municipalities. We must have a change, we cannot expect our laws to be enforced, we cannot expect clean and honorable government. Let it be known that the man whose life is not clean, and honorable need not ask for public office. We need a national conscience and a civic conscience that lifts us above low, and sordid things—a righteousness that exalteth a nation.

Righteousness recommends any country or city. The downfall of Rome was not primarily from the Germanic tribes from the North, but from the decay on the inside. If this nation falls it will not be from superior forces from the outside, but from the forces of sin in our midst. Human greed has the reins, we are dangerously near the breaking point. Our government is no longer "By the people, for the people," but "by the few, for the few," and the masses who make up our civilization are no longer considered. The church has not made its force felt in politics as it should. Let us dare to do the right.

## The Opening of The Bicentennial Feb. 22

President Hoover to Officially Open Nine-months Nation-wide George Washington Bicentennial Celebration In Address Before Congress.

President Hoover will officially open the nine-months, nation-wide George Washington Bicentennial celebration at noon (Eastern Standard time) February 22, when he will deliver his George Washington address before a joint meeting of Congress, assembled in the House of Representatives in the Capitol. The Judges of the Supreme Court, members of the Cabinet, foreign diplomats and many other distinguished visitors also will be present, and the address will be carried to every corner of America over a nation-wide hook-up.

Following his address, President Hoover will be escorted to the East steps of the Capitol, and will give the signal for the singing of "America" by a chorus of ten thousand voices. It is expected that millions of people will join in this "sing" as it comes over the air. The great chorus gathered at the Capitol will be conducted by Walter Damrosch and will be accompanied by the United States Army, Navy and Marine bands which will play as a unit under the direction of John Philip Sousa. An "inaugural" crowd is expected to be on hand for these ceremonies.

After luncheon, President Hoover, accompanied by the members of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission and the District of Columbia George Washington Bicentennial Commission will go to Mount Vernon to lay a wreath on the tomb of the Father of His Country in the name of a united nation. At 2 P. M., there will be exercises at the Washington Monument under the auspices of the various patriotic societies in the District of Columbia.

## Prominent Benson Man Died Tuesday

Smithfield, Feb. 10.—News has been received here of the death of Mr. W. O. Rackley, prominent merchant of Benson. Mr. Rackley died in a hospital in Fayetteville yesterday afternoon. Heart trouble was believed to be the cause of his death. He had been in the hospital about two weeks.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at three o'clock, in the Benson Methodist church, of which he was a member.

The deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter.

Mr. Rackley had lived in Benson for a number of years where he operated a very successful dry goods business. He had made many friends in Benson and throughout that adjoining territory who feel the loss of this good citizen.

## Looks Like Wash Day At Southern Depot

Over Three Hundred Dozen Wash Rags, Stolen From Freight Car, Line Freight Depot Platform to Dry. Found In Ditch of Water.

The entire platform of the Southern freight depot here was literally covered during the past few days with wash rags which had been stolen from a Southern freight car Friday night, January 29th at or near the Union Station. The thieves evidently thought they had taken something valuable when they removed several cartons of goods from the car. The packages were taken about 150 yards from the car to an old field where the contents were examined. There were 3,600 cotton wash rags consigned to Gamble & Co., New York City, from the manufacturers at Mooresville, N. C. The entire lot was dumped into a ditch which was almost filled with water. They were brought to the freight depot and spread out to dry. The stolen goods were discovered by E. J. Sasser and Carl Ryals. There is no clue as to whom the thieves are. Paul Warren and Capt. J. R. Straughan were seen at the freight depot washing rags, and this led some of their friends to suggest that there had probably been a drastic wage cut by the Southern and that these gentlemen might be taking in washing for a livelihood.



A MAN FOR THE AGES.

- A dying mother touching with loving fingers the tear-streaked face of her boy and whispering, "Be Somebody, Abe;"
- A lanky, homely lad stretched out on the floor before the open fire, reading, thinking far into the night;
- A splitter of rails; a champion wrestler; a farmer, a store-keeper;
- A funny story teller who could "make a cat laugh;"
- A young lover turning away from the grave of his sweetheart with the face of a man grown old;
- A melancholy dreamer who never carried a pen knife for fear he might take his own life;
- A candidate for office whose first speech was "as short and as sweet as the old woman's dance;"
- A sincere man, a lover of justice, a hater of cruelty, who said of slavery—"If I ever have the chance to hit this thing, I'll hit it hard."
- An awkward orator with coat sleeves and trousers too short, but with a spiritual light in his eyes;
- A man who rode in the day coach while his opponent traveled in a special train;
- A man who was found down on his knees playing marbles with a group of boys when news came that he had been elected President of the United States;
- A gaunt, tired man on the rear platform of his train in a drizzling rain, bidding goodbye to the neighbors he loved;
- A man of destiny at the helm of the ship of state with blackened skies, high seas, and the lightning flashes and thunder of war;
- A man with one desperate idea; To save the Union.
- A writer of tender letters to widowed mothers who gave their sons for the cause;
- A pardoner of boys who could not be blamed if their legs were cowardly;
- A man of infinite patience, "who held on thru blame and faltered not at praise."
- A man so humble he said he would hold a general's horse if that general would win victories;
- A man who loved all men and lived and preached "charity for all and malice toward none."
- A man who signed with steady hand a proclamation that struck the shackles from the slaves;
- A man who lived to see his cause triumph;
- A man whose death set free for all mankind a Great Soul that shall bless, and benefit, inspire and encourage, until time shall be no more.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Smithfield, Feb. 9.—Mrs. William Wellons, who was admitted to the Johnston County Hospital on January 29th for treatment, returned to her home last Friday.

Mrs. Walter Batten, of Micro, was admitted January 30th for amputation of her right foot and left Sunday, much improved.

Miss Regina Edgerton, of Benson, was admitted on January 30th, for treatment and returned to her home last Thursday.

Mr. W. L. Stanfield, of Selma, was admitted February 2nd and returned home Thursday.

Mrs. Lester Hales, of Middlesex, was admitted on February 2nd, for minor operation, and is improving nicely.

Mr. Van Hausley, of Four Oaks, was admitted on February 3rd, with an infected hand and returned to his home Thursday.

Mrs. Jasper Thompson, of Pine Level, underwent a minor operation last Thursday and returned to her home Monday.

Miss Mary Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, of Smithfield, underwent an operation Thursday for appendicitis and is seriously ill.

Miss Juanita Russell, operating room supervisor at the hospital, has been ill for the past week.

## SELMA WOMEN TO STAGE OLD MAIDS' CONVENTION

There will be an Old Maids' Convention staged at the Selma High School auditorium on Thursday night, February 18th, at 7:30 o'clock. This play will be put on by Circle B of the Selma Methodist church. It will be a one-act comedy performance, and an evening of fun is assured. Admission 10 and 20 cents.

Immediately following the play a YO-YO contest will be staged. A prize is offered to the best performer under 6 years of age; one to the best performer from 6 to 12 years; one from 12 to 16 years, and all above that age will be given a prize, one for the ladies and one for the men. The grand prize will be given the winner from all the groups.

## Death Claims A. G. Thompson

Smithfield, Feb. 8.—A. G. Thompson died at his home near Smithfield Friday following a long illness. He had been in feeble health for several months, and had been seriously ill since September, when dropsy developed. The deceased was seventy-seven years of age. He had been a member of Pisgah Baptist church for nearly forty years, and was a man who was highly esteemed in this community.

The funeral was held at Pisgah church Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. E. Lanier, former pastor of the deceased, and interment was made in the cemetery at the church.

## HEARD AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

It looks like the voters of Davidson County made a bad deal in 1930 when they turned out an efficient set of Republican county officials and put in a set of Democratic officials.

According to press reports, some of the higher-ups among the officials and politicians staged a "steak party" in Lexington one night last week, which developed into a drunken spree; and when they sobered up, Jim Leonard, sheriff of the county, had been shot to death, and an innocent man from Virginia, named Wimmer, had been shot in the abdomen and sent to a hospital. Soon afterwards County Attorney Brinkley, and Solicitor Younce of the 12th District, were put under heavy bonds while awaiting a special term of court which is expected to be called by the Governor for the purpose of airing the doings of those who attended the "steak party." Both Younce and Brinkley have resigned their offices since the shooting took place.

According to reports of the affair, the sheriff furnished the whiskey, and before partaking of the supper all drank whiskey, and after supper they all drank more whiskey. Then the sheriff, county attorney, and solicitor got on a car and drove to Winston-Salem; and on their way back to Lexington, about 2 o'clock in the morning, they ran the car off of the road and wrecked it. Two men on a fruit truck plying between Roanoke, Va., and Florida, came along and picked up the three drunken officials and took them to Lexington, and before they could get away from them the sheriff started an argument with one of the Virginians and shot him down. Then it seems that the Solicitor got into a tussle with the sheriff. Two shots soon rang out and the sheriff was left dying in the street. He was later picked up dead and placed on an ambulance and taken to a hospital.

Each of these officials should have been trying to enforce the laws, but instead of that they seem to have been among the greatest lawbreakers.

Davidson is normally a Republican county, but in 1930 the Democrats managed to get in control there.

This week there is another gathering of postmasters and other officials and employees of the United States Government at Greensboro, where W. H. Foster, secretary of the Republican State Committee, is to go on trial in the United States court on the charge of soliciting campaign contributions from Federal officers on Government property in violation of the law. The charge is that Mr. Foster wrote letters to Federal officers soliciting contributions.

This case was started by E. L. Gavin, U. S. District Attorney for the middle district of North Carolina soon after a meeting of the Republican State Committee was held some time ago, in which meeting Gavin failed in his efforts to secure the endorsement of the committee for his reappointment. Several weeks ago 57 postmasters, including 7 from Johnston County, were subpoenaed to appear before the Federal grand jury at Greensboro. Some were called into the grand jury room and questioned, and others were held there a couple of days and then discharged without being taken before the grand jury.

The Johnston County postmasters summoned to Greensboro at that time included V. D. Duncan, of Clayton; J. D. Massey of Selma; E. F. Pearce of Princeton; Miss Elsie Boyette of Kenly; J. C. Stancil of Smithfield; I. V. Lee of Four Oaks; W. P. Lee of Benson, and J. M. Stancil, former postmaster of Kenly. It is understood that these some Johnston county officials have been called back to Greensboro this week with the exception of those at Clayton and Smithfield.

This proceeding seems to have been uncalled for, and is regarded by many as spite-work on the part of Gavin. Many people think he is co-operating with J. W. Bailey and aiding him in blocking some of the plans of the Republicans in this state.

## Proceedings of Recorder's Court

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd.

State vs. H. S. Browning, for false pretense. Case transferred to Superior Court.

State vs. Bill Stancil, white farmer, aged 21; Lonnie Narron, white farmer, aged 19; Jack Brannon, white farmer, aged 20, for larceny of cottonseed meal, value less than \$20. All defendants found guilty. A 60-day road sentence for each, to be suspended upon payment of \$19 fine each and one-third the cost each. Stancil appeals to Superior Court.

State vs. Pat Holland, white, and Robert Raper, white farmer, aged 15, for larceny of pistol, value less than \$20. Case of Robert Raper transferred to Juvenile Court, being under 16 years of age. Pat Holland not guilty.

Tuesday, Feb. 9th.

State vs. John Cox, white laborer, aged 18, for violation of the prohibition law. Plea of guilty of possession of one pint of whiskey and prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

State vs. Henry Stancil, colored farmer. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

State vs. T. H. Barbour, white farmer, and R. D. Lee, white farmer, for violation of the prohibition law. R. D. Lee not guilty; T. H. Barbour guilty of possession and transportation of one gallon and one pint of whiskey. Fined \$10 and cost.

State vs. John M. McDoughal, colored laborer, aged 23, for forcible trespass. Guilty.

State vs. Alton Bryant, white farmer, for careless and reckless driving and assault with auto. Guilty.

## Interesting News Items From the County Seat

Smithfield, Feb. 10.—Last night about 8 o'clock, Policeman E. A. Johnson arrested Turner Sanders, colored, for carrying a concealed weapon. The negro was arrested and searched in the Smithfield Fruit Store, and found to be carrying a No. 45 Smith & Wesson pistol. He was given a preliminary hearing before Mayor J. D. Underwood and bound over to the Recorder's Court under \$100.00 bond, in default of which he was lodged in jail.

Policeman Johnson says he caught this same negro one night last summer stealing a storage battery off of a truck belonging to Austin & Ogburn, for which crime the negro has since served a sentence on the roads.

## Selma Man Wins Prize In Goodyear Contest

Sometime ago the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company put on a Letter Writing Contest in which they offered prizes for the best letters on Goodyear Tires, telling why they used Goodyear Tires, why they possessed certain merits that the average auto tire does not possess, etc. There may have been a number of letters written by people in Selma and community, but there seems to have been at least one winner right here in Selma, as will be seen from the following letter written by H. R. Burkle, Assistant Manager of the Carolina Branch of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Charlotte, N. C., under date of February 6, 1932:

"Mr. J. Q. A. Jeffreys, Supreme Service Station, Selma, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Jeffreys:

In accordance with our telephone conversation this morning, we have attached a check for \$5.00 for Mr. N. M. Screws, Funeral Director, Raeford Street, Selma, North Carolina, as fourth prize for the prize-winning letter.

"Announcement of the award will be made Wednesday night, February 10th."

The above letter, when exhibited to the Editor of the Johnstonian-Sun had the \$5.00 check attached made payable to Mr. Screws.

The Supreme Service Station is now under the management of Mr. John Q. A. Jeffreys and he is the local agency for the Goodyear Tires and will be glad to have his friend call on him when their autos need new underwear.