

Senator Walsh Dies On Train At Wilson

Newly Appointed Attorney General Died On Train As It Was Passing Wilson Early This Morning—Had Just Recently Been Married To A Cuban Society Woman.

WAS ON WAY TO WASHINGTON

United States Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, who was married to a very wealthy Cuban society woman in Havana, Cuba, only four days ago, died of heart failure on an Atlantic Coast Line train this morning at 7:02 o'clock just as the train was pulling into the town of Wilson, N. C.

About 6:30 o'clock Mr. Walsh is reported to have complained of severe pains in his stomach. Soon afterwards he arose from his sleeping apartment on one side of the train and started to go across to where his wife was sleeping on the opposite side of the car, but collapsed and fell on the side of his wife's bed. Mrs. Walsh screamed and this attracted the attention of Conductor Weatherspree who immediately went to her rescue and finding Senator Walsh in a serious condition called a porter to summon a doctor who pronounced Senator Walsh dead upon his arrival. The conductor was holding Senator Walsh by the hand when he died.

Mrs. Walsh is reported to have become hysterical upon learning that her husband had died. She was taken to Ricks Hospital in Rocky Mount where she is said to be in a most hysterical condition. Senator Walsh's body was taken to an undertaking establishment in Rocky Mount.

Senator Walsh was 71 years old. He had recently been appointed by President-elect Roosevelt as United States Attorney-General to fill a place in Mr. Roosevelt's Cabinet, and was on his way to Washington to participate in the inauguration proceedings to be held on Saturday, March 4th.

Senator Walsh's death at this particular time will have a saddening effect upon the inaugural proceedings.

Seen Along The MAIN DRAG

(BY H. H. L.)

Colored man to C. L. WHITE of the American Cafe: "Won't you please give me a hot-dog?" "Where do you live," asked Mr. White. "Down below Princeton," replied the colored man. Mr. White hands him the hot-dog. "How about giving me three," asked the "gentleman of color?" "Can you eat that many?" asked the Cafe man. "Yes, sir," he replied, whereupon Mr. White handed him three more. "Here's your money," said the Negro. Mr. White fainted! He thought he was feeding a hobo—ERNEST WOODARD shining his shoes—EDITOR STANCLIL showing "FISH" GURLEY the "snakes" that came from the dog. "The State Veterinarian said they were fish," said Mr. Stencil. "Fish," said Mr. Gurley, "as many fish as I have sold, they ain't no fish."—LEON BROWN carrying Uncle Sam's mail in a new Rockne—"BLACKIE" BLACKBURN missed from Maindrag this week. He is improving, however—TOBE STRICKLAND weighing a Rooster that tipped the scales at 12 pounds. Some Rooster—Take your choice for Mayor: HARE, GODWIN or MASEY—The election is not far off—These popular citizens are seen on the Maindrag daily.

To Observe World Mission Day Here

World Mission Day will be observed at the Selma Presbyterian church Friday night, March 3, at 7:30 o'clock. This will be an international meeting and all church people regardless of church affiliations, are especially invited to attend, and if not a member of any church, you are cordially invited.

The program will consist of Mission Talk by various church leaders of the town; Mission songs, and a Missionary Pageant. There will be special music for the occasion.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE STATE GOV. OF N. C.

The Bureau of the Census announces a summary of the financial statistics of the State of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931. The per capita figures for 1931 are based on an estimated population of 3,201,000.

Expenditures
The payments for operation and maintenance of the general departments of North Carolina amounted to \$23,229,304, or \$7.26 per capita. This includes \$6,502, 618, appropriations for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. In 1930 the per capita for operation and maintenance of general departments was \$9.06 and in 1917, \$1.96. The payments for operation and maintenance of public service enterprises in 1931 amounted to \$24,173; interest on debt, \$7,910,843; and outlays for permanent improvements, \$13,274,854. The total payments, therefore, for operation and maintenance of general departments and public service enterprises, for interest and outlays were \$14,469,174. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above, \$14,553,800 was for highways, \$3,523,577 being for maintenance and \$11,035,223 for construction.

Revenues
The total revenue receipts were \$40,427,133, or \$12.63 per capita. This was \$9,232,813 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$4,042,041 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations. Property an special taxes represented 20.2 per cent of the total revenue for 1931, 20.6 per cent for 1930, and 50.2 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 174.7 per cent from 1917 to 1931 but there was a decrease of 15 per cent from 1930 to 1931. The per capita of property and special taxes collected was \$2.55 in 1931, \$3.04 in 1930, and \$1.20 in 1917. For 1930 and 1931 there were no collections of the general property tax for the use of the State.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by State officials, represented 11.7 per cent of the total revenue for 1931, 9.8 per cent for 1930, and 20.4 per cent for 1917.

Business and nonbusiness licenses constituted 52.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1931, 56.6 per cent for 1930, and 19.4 per cent for 1917.

Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies and of sales tax on gasoline, while those from nonbusiness licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges. The sales tax on gasoline amounted to \$9,767,374 in 1931 and \$10,219,144 in 1930, a decrease of 4.4 per cent. These amounts do not include the gas tax apportioned to the counties.

Birth Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Roy Driver announce the birth of a daughter, Bettie Shuler, on February 25, 1933, at their home in Selma.

WATCH your Label!

Proceedings County Recorder's Court

Wednesday, Feb. 22.
State vs. Robert Mitchener, colored, and Lester R. Charlson, colored, for violation of the prohibition law. Not guilty and discharged.

State vs. Charlie Cook, white farmer, aged 24, for assault with deadly weapon. Guilty, and given three months on the roads. Appeal, bond placed at \$200.

State vs. Henry Grissom and Elizabeth Byrd, for fornication and adultery. Both guilty. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

State vs. Willie McLamb, colored laborer, aged 18, and Lonnie Williams, colored laborer, aged 21, for larceny of chickens, value less than \$20. McLamb given 60 days on the roads and Williams given 90 days on the roads.

State vs. W. E. Hicks, white laborer, for worthless check. Guilty and given 3 months road sentence, to be suspended upon payment of check and cost. Upon filing \$200 bond for appearance of defendant, capes not to issue until May 22, 1933.

State vs. Lester Richardson, colored farmer. Defendant in court for non-payment of cost as imposed in original judgment. Defendant given 90 days on the roads.

Tuesday, February 28.

State vs. Jack Ferrell, white farmer, aged 32, for operating motor vehicle while intoxicated and for violation of prohibition laws (possession and transporting). Guilty on both counts. Three months jail sentence, to be suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and cost.

State vs. George Bell, colored laborer, aged 54, and Charlie Matthews, colored laborer, aged 30, for assault with deadly weapon. Both guilty. Bell given 6 months on the roads and Matthews given 12 months on roads.

State vs. Gas Battle, colored laborer, aged 37, for assault with deadly weapon. Guilty, and given 3 months on roads.

State vs. John Lyons, colored laborer, aged 36; John Bryant, aged 33, colored laborer; and Buddie Graham, for assault with deadly weapon. Graham not guilty. Bryant and Lyons guilty. Bryant and Lyons given 12 months on roads.

Income Tax Returns Explained By Radio

This office has been invited to broadcast certain information concerning the new Federal Income Tax Laws; the privilege has been extended by the Durham Life Insurance Company of Raleigh, whose slogan is "We Protect The Family;" it is operated on a frequency of 680 kilocycles by authority of the Radio Commission.

We should be very glad to have you and your friends tune in on WPTF on the following days and at the hours stated:

Monday, Feb. 27, at 8:15 p. m.;
Monday, March 6, at 8:00 p. m.;
Monday, March 13, at 8:00 p. m.;
Tuesday, March 14, at 7:55 p. m.;
Wednesday, March 15, at 7:55 p. m.
On each of the times indicated there will be something of interest to all within the new income taxing laws.

The last day for the filing of your Federal Income Return will be the FIFTEENTH of March; we beg that not a single taxpayer be delinquent and thus subject to penalty; the only legal delay is for those who have asked for extension.

GILLIAM GRISSOM,
Internal Revenue Collector,
Raleigh, N. C.

Music Lovers Club Meets.

The Music Lovers Club of Selma held its monthly meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. J. D. Massey, with Mrs. G. T. Younger joint hostesses. Miss Virginia Baines presented the study of Negro Music.

A male quartette—R. E. Suber, Jimmy Woodard, E. V. Woodard and G. M. Willets, sang three Negro spirituals—"Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Aunt Gwine Study War No More" and "Down Mobile." Mrs. Younger sang "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See," accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Creech at the piano. Games and contests were enjoyed, after which a delicious salad course and hot coffee was served.

The meeting closed by singing of group songs and several American Folk songs.

Owen H. Page Addresses Kiwanis

At the regular weekly meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club held on last Thursday night Mr. Owen H. Page, of Rocky Mount, General Superintendent of the First Division of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and Past Lieutenant Governor of the 5th Kiwanis District, was the principal speaker. He was introduced by the program chairman, Rev. L. T. Singleton. Mr. Page centered his remarks about what he termed the greatest factors affecting our economic life. He voiced the belief that we have it in our power to overcome the depression and high taxation, not by governmental provision, but by more economic living. He said that our State Legislature and our Congress should pay less attention to trying to raise more taxes and more attention to how to spend less money. He placed great emphasis upon the importance of stabilizing agriculture and putting the farmer back on his feet again, declaring that all business is dependent on agriculture for its economic life. One of the retarding practices and unfair methods now prevailing, he declared, is government in business in competition to private business.

The speaker reviewed briefly the unfair competition in transportation by trucks operated on public highways at the expense of the public, and pointed out in unmistakable terms the importance of protecting railway transportation because it is through these public carriers that the various counties derive much of their taxes to operate schools and other necessary units in government. Aside from this, he gave statistics to show that railway transportation is the safest means of travel today.

Mr. Page then drew another picture—that of the great increase in crime which he declared is most appalling. In this connection, he paid a glowing tribute to the Boy Scouts, declaring that the impressions made upon the youthful mind during the four years of Scout training helps to build character and sustain the church.

President Richardson called on George H. Brietz, chairman of the Boy Scout committee, for a report on the "hut" to be built in the near future for the Scouts. Mr. Brietz stated that he had just had a letter from Dr. Wade H. Atkinson, of Washington, D. C., in which the doctor offered to donate the site for the "hut" and also give the logs to build it. This site is located on the doctor's farm about six miles north of Selma. When completed, this will be an ideal place for the Scouts of the county to hold their summer outings.

A committee, composed of C. P. Harper, Clyde Jones and Charles Scales, was appointed to confer with a committee from the Smithfield Kiwanis club in regard to the planting of evergreens along the highway from Selma to Smithfield.

Mr. A. K. Eason, of the A. C. L. and Editor M. L. Stencil of the Johnstonian-Sun, were guests of the club.

Home Damaged by Fire.

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, February 21st, the handsome home of T. J. Covington in Laurinburg was badly damaged by fire. A child, guest in the home, smelled the smoke and gave the alarm, which probably averted a tragedy as all the adult occupants were sound asleep. The fire originated upstairs, cause unknown. The good work of firemen saved the home from destruction, though several upstairs rooms were badly burned and the walls and furniture almost ruined by smoke and water. Mrs. Covington was formerly Miss Rosalie Mitchiner, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mitchiner of this city, and a sister of Miss Blanche Mitchiner and Mrs. E. V. Deans, of Selma.

Hold Auxiliary Meeting.

On Monday afternoon the members of the Auxiliary of the local Presbyterian church held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. W. G. Waddell. Mrs. R. C. Mazingo presided over the business session. During a study period, Rev. D. F. Waddell, pastor, gave a review of the book, "The Story of Our Church," which was very much enjoyed.

A social hour followed, during which time the hostess served hot coffee and lemon pie.

NEWS IN GENERAL

Preparations are under way on a large scale in Washington for the inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President on Saturday, March 4th. The weather men are speculating on whether to forecast good weather on bad for that day. On several inauguration dates in the past the old Weather King has shown his hand by bringing rain and sleet, and even snow and severe blizzards to mar the pleasures and responsibilities of the occasion.

Bandits entered a bank at Randleman, N. C., Wednesday and went away with \$3,000, but left \$1,100 in gold and \$3,800 in currency. The bank is located in the building under the chief of police office.

A number of States have called a banking moratorium under which all banks in these states have been closed for a certain period to allow certain adjustments in banking channels to be made. Michigan was the first to declare a moratorium a few days ago, but since then Iowa, Maryland, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and possibly others have done likewise.

Henry Ford has put up around eight million dollars to establish a new bank in Detroit Michigan in order to help lighten the banking situation in that state. Henry's chief secretary having been kept very busy checking on his captain's affairs preparatory to opening the new bank, decided that the job was too complicated for him, so he left his office, telling friends that he was going home to get some needed rest, but boarded his car and checked out for parts unknown.

Alfred E. Smith addressed a meeting of notables a few nights ago in which he gave as his remedy for our economical relief the issuance of sufficient U. S. Bonds to launch a vast amount of public works, such as public buildings, roads, etc. The noted New Yorker believes that this would put people back to work, both in the factories and on public construction. He also wants the United States to recognize the Russian government.

A bill known as the Smith Cotton Bill, sponsored by Senator Smith of South Carolina, has passed both houses of Congress and is now ready for the President's approval or rejection. The proponents of the bill say its prime aim is to reduce acreage and thereby decrease the production of cotton.

At a filling station at North Wilkesboro early Wednesday morning two men walked into the station and demanded that the operator turn over his money to them. The station operator pulled a gun from his belt and began shooting, both the would-be robbers were wounded.

The Legislature at Raleigh is still hammering away on the question of taxes, schools and roads, but up to date there seems to have been very little done to bring the needed relief which the people are calling for from every quarter of the state.

Mayor Anton Cermak, who was shot in Miami a few days ago when Zargara attempted to kill Franklin D. Roosevelt, is said to be improving and his physicians now see a strong possibility that he may recover from his injuries. He suffered a slight attack of pneumonia a few days ago and great fear has been felt for him.

A determined warfare has been going on between Japan and China now for several days, and from all accounts it looks as if Japan is getting the best of the scrap.

Great Britain a few days ago past an embargo on arms to both China and Japan. This has caused great concern in certain quarters, and the latest news from China is that she will protest the order.

The latest press dispatches say that President-elect Roosevelt has about completed the selection of his cabinet for the incoming administration at Washington next Saturday. There seems to be some dissatisfaction in certain quarters because Mr. Roosevelt has gone to the Republican side to make a few of his selections, but Mr. Roosevelt is making these appointments and he knows what he promised in the New Deal campaign around the country last fall.

Interesting Items From Smithfield

A largely attended meeting of the Johnston County Taxpayers League was held in the court house here last Tuesday night. There was considerable interest shown, and some of those who attended have expressed the opinion that this meeting was the beginning of a movement that would eventually bring a good measure of relief from the present high taxes.

One of the first steps on the program is understood to be a reduction in the cost of our county and state governments. It is a well known fact that if a majority of the taxpayers of the county and state would band themselves together in an organization, and stand firm, they would be able to make themselves heard; and the politicians would be afraid to oppose their reasonable demands.

The taxpayers have the power to control their governmental affairs, and it begins to look like they are becoming sufficiently aroused to cause them to use that power.

Miss Lily Grace Matheson, of Neenah, Wisconsin, Field Secretary of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, delivered an interesting address at the Smithfield Missionary Baptist church Tuesday night. She left Wednesday for Dunn.

Mrs. Annie Boyett, who lives on her farm near Smithfield, had the misfortune to lose her garage, automobile, one bale of cotton, and a portion of her farming implements by fire last Friday morning about 4 o'clock. The blaze was first discovered by neighbors. There was no insurance.

Mr. N. L. Perkins, who had been buying tobacco on the markets at Huntington, W. Va., and Gallipolis, Ohio, during the winter months, has lately returned to his home here, and is now associated with the Austin & Ogburn Cotton company in the sale of fertilizers.

There are many inquiries concerning the government seed loans which are to be made this year. Mr. Robert A. McLean, Jr., Field Inspector for the United States Secretary of Agriculture, said Wednesday that the limit, which was \$400 last year, had been reduced to \$300 for this year. He said he was expecting a supply of application blanks this week. The blanks will be available in the office of County Agent J. B. Slack on the third floor of the court house. Mr. Slack has lately moved into the office formerly occupied by the county health officer.

Mayor J. D. Underwood has issued a proclamation setting apart this week, beginning March 5th, as National Business Women's Week.

The County Welfare Board at a meeting held in Smithfield on Thursday of last week decided to cut the pay of those who labor on Federal Relief projects, from 10 cents per hour to 50 cents per day. The latter figures are said to be in line with the wages now being paid by farmers in this section.

It has been reported that some of those who had been employed on Federal aid work, on a part time basis, had refused regular jobs when offered, for other work, and it was seen that it would be detrimental to the interest of the farmers. The price paid in Wake county on Federal aid work is understood to have been 50 cents per day all the winter.

Entertain Chatterbox Club.

Mrs. C. E. Kornegay and Mrs. W. P. Aycock very delightfully entertained the members of the Chatterbox Club and several additional guests Wednesday afternoon at the home of the former. The living room, dining room and den were en-suite and attractively decorated with spring flowers and potted plants. Mrs. C. W. Scales presided over the business meeting, during which time one new member, Mrs. Hunter Price, was welcomed into the club. The resignation of Mrs. J. W. Short, who has moved to Goldsboro, and Mrs. S. W. Armitage, on account of illness, was heard with regret. Mrs. E. V. Woodard and Mrs. J. D. Massey were appointed to put the names in the new club books in readiness for the next meeting.