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THEY COULD TELL YOU

How does it feel to run for Governor of North Carolina, and miss out on the high office that many aspire to but few are privileged to fill?

For five painstaking weeks, two Tar Heels who are eminently qualified to give you the answer have been facing each other daily in New Bern's Federal courtroom.

They were brought together by Wilson's tobacco conspiracy trial. Judge John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton, is the presiding Eastern District Court jurist, while Dr. I. Beverly Lake, formerly of Wake Forest but now living in Raleigh, is chief counsel for the defendants.

Neither went into oblivion when defeated at the polls. Larkins was kicked upstairs to a job that a lot of ex-Governors would like to have, and Lake can resume his duties as a professor of law if he tires of being one of the most successful and highest paid attorneys in the State.

Both are men of rare ability, but their personalities differ greatly. Larkins is loquacious and a happily incurable extrovert. It must require great effort on his part to cloak his jovial nature with the solemn and dignified mien required on the bench.

Although this editor hasn't been acquainted with Dr. Lake as long as the honorable Judge, we have found him to be, under the somewhat reserved surface, a friendly individual whose sense of humor approaches the Larkins brand.

Dr. Lake's political weakness, and we've told him so, was we believe the same handicap that Adlai Stevenson couldn't surmount in his bids for the Presidency.

Intellectuals in the fullest sense, they lacked the capacity to collectively reach citizens who in general aren't exactly mental giants. Furthermore, we suspect that neither wanted to project a phony image.

As for Judge Larkins, whose service to the Democratic Party entitled him to loyalty from the flock, he was the victim of fair weather friends who forgot or saw fit to ignore the laboring he had done in the vineyard during countless campaigns.

What would have been North Carolina's destiny, with a Larkins or a Lake in the Executive Mansion? We've wondered, momentarily, and perhaps so have they during the five weeks they've been seated a few feet apart in a New Bern courtroom.

How does it feel to be a losing candidate for the State's highest office? These two men have the answer, stored away in their hearts.

Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

PETITION OF WILLIAM BRYAN AND OTHERS
1817

State of North Carolina, Craven County - Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions -

To the worshipful the Justices of Craven County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions:

The petition of William Bryan, John B. Dawson, Anne Grimes, Jennett Dawson, Elizabeth Grist, John Bryan and Joseph Bryan, an infant by the said William Bryan, his next friend, humbly sheweth: That John Bryan, late of Craven County died sometime in the year _____, seized, and possessed of certain tracts of land situate in the County of Craven, Viz.

One tract on the North side of Neuse River and North side of Swift's Creek, and West side of Maul's Run, containing eighty five acres, part of a patent to Samuel Smith, dated 20 Dec. 1771.

One tract on the South side of Swift's Creek, adjoining Garrett Johnson and Benj. Williams' line, containing one hundred and fifty seven acres, granted to John Williams, 14 July 1774.

One tract containing sixty acres on the North side poplar branch and on Swift Creek, and said branch, granted to Stephen Windham 1 Jan. 1793.

One tract on the South side of Swift's Creek, adjoining Spires and Hays land and the creek, containing fourteen acres, granted to Stephen Windham the 15 May 1787.

One other tract on the South side of Swift Creek, adjoining the creek, containing eighty acres, part of a patent to John Hollingsworth, 21 Nov. 1739.

One other tract on Swift Creek, containing one hundred and sixty five acres, granted to William Williams, 23 Jan. 1772.

One other tract lying on both sides of Swift Creek, containing eighty one acres, granted to Stephen Worseley 10 July 1788.

One other tract on Poplar Branch, containing one hundred acres part of a patent of three hundred acres to John Fonvielle, 30 June 1758.

One other tract on Poplar Branch containing seven and one half acres, part of the patent to John Fonvielle, before mentioned, which said tracts of land being purchased by the said John Bryan after the date and execution of his last will, but descended to the brothers and sisters of the said John Bryan his heirs at law as tenants in common in fee simple.

The said John Bryan left the following brothers and sisters: William Bryan, Lewis Bryan, Sally Bryan, Mary Bryan, Elizabeth Grist, and George Bryan, who inherited each one ninth part of said lands.

The said Sally Bryan has since died intestate and without issue, and her share of lands descended to her eight brothers and sisters herein named, her heirs at law, whose interests is thereby severally increased to one eighth part each of said lands.

Edward Bryan, by deed has sold and conveyed his share of said lands to Lewis Bryan, who has since died, leaving a last will duly executed, whereby he devised to your petitioner Joseph Bryan, all his lands on the South side of Swift Creek, which includes his share of the lands herein described.

Mary Bryan by deed has conveyed her share of said lands to your petitioner John B. Dawson.
George Bryan has died leav-

Village Verses

THE CHALLENGE

Here she comes along the street,
An adorable sight to see;
Her hat is cute, her dress is sweet,
Her lipstick bright as can be.
The birds sing gaily overhead,
While flowers burst into bloom;
And yet, her eyes reveal a dread
That heralds impending doom.
Her stride is halting, insecure,
Despite her determination;
She's uncertain, that's for sure,
In this trying situation.
There's no hiding her despair,
For no one ever conceals
Grim expressions all girls wear
In the very first pair of heels.

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Looking Glass—

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to have pimples on his beardless countenance got secret crushes on film favorites, and

ing a last will whereby he devises his interest in said lands to your petitioner John Bryan.

So that your petitioner Joseph Bryan, devisee of Lewis Bryan now holds one fourth part of said lands, and your petitioners William Bryan, Ann Grimes, John B. Dawson, Elizabeth Grist and John Bryan hold each one eighth part thereof. Your petitioners desire that partition of said lands should be made and the share of each thereof allotted in severalty, and pray that five Commissioners may be appointed for that purpose agreeable to law.

J. Stanly, Atty. for Petitioners.

Summons to Craven County for Abner Campbell, Charles Anderson, Moses Nelson, John Chapman and Alderson Ellison to meet and divide the lands set out in the petition for partition between Joseph Bryan, who owns one fourth part of said lands, William Bryan, Anne Grimes, John B. Dawson, Elizabeth Grist and John Bryan and Jennett Dawson, one owns one eighth part each, heirs at law of John Bryan, deceased. Witness James G. Stanly Clerk of Court at New Bern, the second Monday of June in the year 1917.

Partition had not been made as late as 1831 though Commissioners had been summoned regularly through the years 1817-1831.

(Plots and Divisions Book, Craven County, North Carolina)

one of ours was Nancy. We didn't feel the same way about Constance Bennett, who also crossed into eternith recently. Boyhood wisdom convinced us she was too sophisticated to find us charming, but Nancy Carrol was as easy to identify yourself with as the girl next door.

Mary Brian, who won our heart completely when she starred with Eddie Dowling in The Rainbow Man, was another female who gave us palpitations. Lillian Roth, whose later plunge into the depths of alcoholism led to her best selling autobiography--"I'll Cry Tomorrow"--intrigued us mightily too.

Such was life in the long ago.

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