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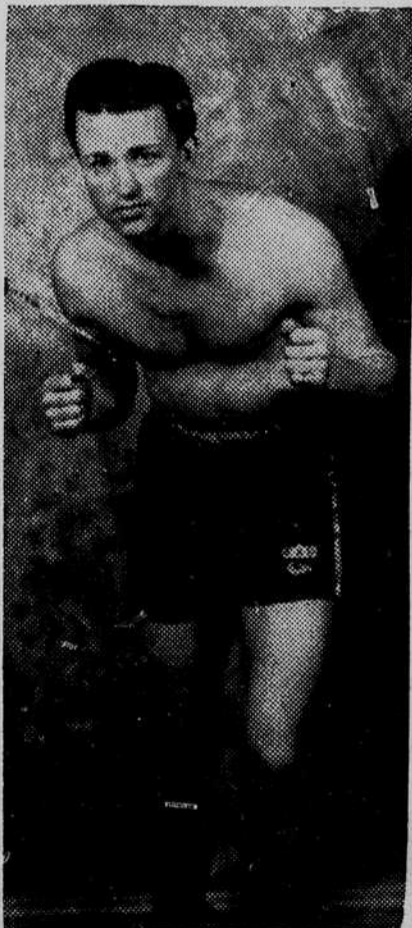
Governor J. M. Broughton today asked the Attorney General to give him an opinion regarding a special election in Halifax County to fill the vacancy caused by the sudden death of Senator T. W. M. Long.

The opinion had not been received by the Governor late this afternoon.

There is some question here and at Raleigh as to the advisability of a special election with this session of the General Assembly so far advanced. The new member would have only a short time to serve and the question is whether this would justify the expense to the county of a special election. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee at Halifax yesterday afternoon. The meeting adjourned with no decision reached.

It was pointed out by Secretary Eric Rodgers that no action could be taken by the Committee until the Governor called a special election.

CHAMPION



Above is a fighting pose of Phil Hux, Junior Middleweight Champion of the Raleigh Golden Gloves. Hux led his teammates in piling up a total of 62 points at the tournament which ended last Saturday night. Three local men reached the finals. Next Tuesday the team enters the Golden Glove Tournament at Wilmington. The finals will be fought on Friday night. (NewsKuts by Brigman)



DR. T. W. M. LONG

ATTENDS DR. LONG'S FUNERAL



Above is pictured (nearest camera) Governor J. M. Broughton as he arrived at the Methodist Church in Garysburg Wednesday morning for the funeral services of Dr. Thomas William Mason Long. Governor Broughton led the state officials, numbering between 50 and 75, from Raleigh here for the final rites of the statesman and physician. Governor Broughton was accompanied by Julian R. Allsbrook, House member from Roanoke Rapids, seen walking immediately beyond the Governor.

GOVERNOR, STATE OFFICIALS HERE AS BUSINESS HALTS

Funeral Yesterday Attended By Almost 3,000 To Mourn Death Of State Senator, Local Physician

Roanoke Rapids paused Wednesday, February 5, at 11 o'clock to pay silent tribute to one of its foremost citizens, Dr. T. W. M. Long, who was buried that day and hour at the Garysburg Methodist Church.

Stores in the city closed for at least ten minutes after the funeral hour. The Roanoke Mills Company plants, No. 1 and 2, closed for a period of five minutes, Dr. Long being one of the physicians for those two plants. Schools in the city had special programs in his honor.

At that hour, crowds estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000 gathered at Garysburg for the final rites. City and County officials, professional men, business men, farmers, and laborers of both races stood around the small church while the intimate friends and relatives filled the interior. Hundreds of wreaths were banked about the grave where he was laid to rest.

Governor Broughton, Lieutenant Governor Harris and Speaker Mull led a delegation of between 50 and 75 senators and representatives from Raleigh, where Dr. Long died Monday night.

W. L. Long, a brother, who was in the West, flew to Roanoke Rapids to attend the funeral.

F. C. Williams, manager of Roanoke Mills Co., had just arrived in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he and Mrs. Williams were to visit Florida friends for several days. Mr. Williams returned to Roanoke Rapids immediately to attend the funeral and left again for Florida last night.

Dr. Long's death came unexpectedly Monday evening at 6:10 in the Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He had not been feeling well when he left here Monday morning about 11 o'clock, asking his barber to give him a shave at home before he left and securing the services of Lloyd Stephenson to drive him to the Capital City.

At Raleigh he met with other members of the senate in the afternoon and retired to the home of his brother, W. Lunsford Long, about five. It was then that he decided to go to the hospital to have himself checked over for what he believed was influenza.

He had been in the hospital only a few minutes when he died from a heart attack, an ailment from which he had been suffering for some time but which was not generally known among friends and relatives.

One of Dr. Long's former stu-

dent nurses, Bonnie Taylor, was with him when he died. It is said that Mrs. W. L. Long was at the hospital also at the time of his death. Miss Taylor is a former resident of this city, having received her training at the local hospital.

While the two houses were postponing their night session in his honor word of his death was being received here with great shock. The General Assembly read resolutions in tribute to him on Tuesday and adjourned the session for Wednesday in order that his colleagues might attend the funeral here.

Dr. Long has been prominent in the city since he started practicing medicine here about 30 years ago. He, in addition to his regular medical activities, has served the city as mayor, has been active in civic and political affairs in the city, and has served the county in the General Assembly for five terms, including the present term.

He pioneered in hospital work here and was instrumental in riding the town of malaria fever.

A few days before his death, he wrote the Board of Directors of the Community Chest that he would accept the post of president for the next term. Dr. Long was elected to the presidency about three weeks ago, but accepted by letter as he was attending the General Assembly at the time of his election.

Funeral services were held at Garysburg Methodist Church at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning with the Rev. Lewis M. Taylor of Columbia and the Rev. Edmund Berkley of Roanoke Rapids officiating. Burial was in the Garysburg Methodist Church Cemetery.

Dr. Long was 55 years old. He (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

Rush Tax Lister

Many citizens who had not listed their taxes for 1941 made a rush for the office of the tax lister here last Friday and Saturday, according to reports.

In addition to the numerous visitors at the office, the telephone rang almost continually throughout the day. Near frantic voices asked about the deadline for listing and what could be done about it when the deadline was passed (Saturday was the first of February).

This rush came about, it is believed, as a result of the publication of the action of the Grand Jury in last week's paper.