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CAPITAL MOURNS DEATH OF LACY

Capt. Nathan O'Berry Named Treasurer By Governor O. Max Gardner

OTHER NEWS OF STATE

By M. L. SHIPMAN

RALEIGH, Feb. 26.—Casting a pall of gloom over all of Raleigh, the death of State Treasurer Benjamin R. Lacy was the outstanding event in capitol circles this past week outside of the many important acts of the legislature. His successor also was appointed. In the legislature by far the most important act was passage to final reading of the eight months school bill of Representative A. D. MacLean. Workmen's compensation and the road patrol bill also were considered as well as a resolution to force an investigation of the anti-Smith campaign in the recent general election. During the week the senate passed finally the road bill providing for an increase of one cent in the gasoline tax and the bill becomes law. The sales tax proposition, which is closely allied with the eight months school term, also came in for discussion.

Death Was Surprise

The death of the beloved State treasurer, Ben Lacy, was a shock to all. Though he had been ill for some time those who recalled his many recoveries when death seemed imminent were confident that he would again be the victor. This was not to be, however, and he died on the morning of the 21st, surrounded by a fine family of sons and daughters who reflect his excellent training and the influence of his character. Mr. Lacy was in his 75th year. While the body lay in state in the capitol rotunda thousands of tributes from all over the south and from Wall street, where he was known as "Honest Ben" Lacy poured in to the stricken widow. He was buried with full honor of State on Washington's birthday while the capitol remained closed and the legislature in adjournment as a mark of respect. The following day Governor Gardner warded off competition for the treasurer's job by appointing Captain Nathan O'Berry of Goldsboro, one of the State's leading citizens and himself a patriarch only two years younger than the deceased treasurer. Captain O'Berry was inaugurated last Saturday and will serve until the next general election.

School Bill Up

After a great debate the house passed on second reading the fag end of last week the MacLean eight months school bill and it comes up for final consideration this week. There is considerable opposition to the measure because it will necessitate increase of some sort of tax levies but it is contended that land taxes will be greatly reduced under the measure. A sales tax is proposed to raise the ten million dollars which will be needed. The eastern counties are for the proposal because of the land tax decrease while the western and Piedmont counties are against it because they do not want the business to be taxed with a sales tax levy. It will be a great fight of this week.

The bill to teach the school children of North Carolina the evils of narcotics and whiskey reached the senate after finally passing the house. In the upper body, despite the fact that Governor Gardner urged its approval, the measure was finally tabled, though there was some talk at the beginning of this week about rescuing it from oblivion. Governor Gardner has been besieged to urge passage of the measure but the objection in the legislature is that it may cause change of text books at high cost to citizens.

May License Drivers

The highway patrol measure advanced successfully to final reading during the week. This bill provides for licensing by the State of all drivers who must pay a fee of fifty cents and pass an examination. It also provides for a highway patrol to enforce the highway laws only and not to perform other functions of such forces such as apprehending whiskey runners. Publication of marriage banns five days in advance of the ceremony will be provided by the terms of a new bill approved in the house after some debate. It is intended to prevent hasty marriages.

In the senate the bill to provide compensation for widows and dependents of policemen had deputies slain in action against criminals and to pension those reaching a

Mrs. Nellie Shearin Of Weldon Passes Into Great Beyond

Mrs. Irene Vincent Shearin, wife of Mr. John D. Shearin, and daughter of Mrs. Zenobia P. Vincent, of Weldon, N. C., passed away at 2:20 o'clock Tuesday morning February 19, 1929, in the 29th year of her age.

Miss Irene Vincent was born in Salisbury, Md. She was married to Mr. John D. Shearin of Weldon, N. C., on December 28, 1921. To this union was born one son, John D. Shearin Jr., a lad of five years of age.

Mrs. Shearin is survived by her husband, Mr. John D. Shearin, her mother, Mrs. Zenobia P. Vincent, one brother Charles Vincent, two sisters Misses Mabel and Nellie Wright Vincent and her son, Master John D. Shearin Jr., all of Weldon.

Mrs. Shearin was well known and deeply loved by the whole community in which she lived. She was very friendly, having a kind word and a friendly greeting for every one with whom she met. Her disposition was contagious in its happiness and friendliness, for she always wore a smile of happiness and contentment. She lived a very unselfish life as she was constantly doing things for others. She did not hesitate to deny herself pleasure and comfort if by so doing she could be of help to some one else. Her heart went out in a practical and helpful way to the unfortunate of her community, for she experienced a real joy in preparing baskets for those who were in need. To the American Legion Auxiliary here of which she was an honor member, she gave her undivided support.

Mrs. Shearin was a faithful member of the Weldon Baptist church. She loved her church and its services. She was faithful in her attendance upon worship in her church. She was never called upon by her pastor but that she was ready and willing to do what she could.

She was a Christian in the deepest meaning of the word. Her life was beautiful in its friendliness, in its worship, in its service, and its devotion. She was kind, loyal, and true to her family. She was devoted to all her loved ones and friends. She is, and will be, missed by her family, her friends, and by the whole community.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, February 20, 1929, in the Weldon Baptist church. The services were conducted by Rev. Richard S. Fountain, her pastor, who was assisted by Rev. J. H. Shore, pastor of the Weldon M. E. church, South.

Mrs. Shearin being a faithful member of the Lottie Moon Circle of the W. M. S. of the Weldon Baptist church, and being deeply loved and admired by all the members, the circle attended the funeral services in a body.

The abundant and beautiful floral designs spoke beautifully of the love and esteem in which she was held by her loved ones and the community.

They heaped the blossoms above her grave.

The grave of our beautiful dead, Pale, creamy roses, and spotless pinks,

Together their perfumes shed, And the lily-bells and forget-me-nots

Where blent with a tender grace, And the pansies peered from amid the ferns,

With the look of a human face.

They wove a pillow to symbol her rest,

And stary gems of her crown, And lined with blossoms the chamber dim,

Where we laid her tenderly down. The air was heavy with fragrance, born

Of the wealth of the Summer's bowers,

But the fairest rose was the rose we hid

Deep under the mound of flowers.

The blossoms will perish, their petals fall,

Their sweetness will wither away, And never a hint of their beauty remain,

Through the glare of the mid Summer's day,

They came in their freshness to brighten our hearts,

For a moment to brighten the sod, Our rose was transplanted, forever to bloom

In the beautiful garden of God.

The quickest way to make yourself miserable is to start wondering why you aren't happier.

Miss Mary Powell Pippen attended the week end house party of Miss Marion Dunn in Enfield.

Plane Is Her Pullman



Although she is not a pilot, Miss Mary Fechet, above, daughter of General Fechet, head of the Army Air Corps, is very much at home in airplanes, and aviation costumes. She accompanied her father on many of his air tours of the country and is shown here about to take off on such a flight.

Weldon Kiwanians Honor Ladies On Tuesday Night

Supper was served Tuesday night in the basement of the Methodist church to the Kiwanis club and their guests. About 50 persons enjoyed the fine service of Circle No. 3 of the church. Mrs. O. W. Pierce was leader.

The occasion was "Ladies' Night" and Prof. A. W. Oakes, principal of the Weldon schools, chairman of the program committee, presented an excellent program. The first number was a reading by Miss Mary Belle Draper, "Tony Makes a Speech on February 22nd on Washington's Birthday." D. W. Seifert was called on for the stunt, Dutch called for his victims, who were drawn from the list of members of the local club, L. C. Draper, Guy Suiter, Harry Smith and Johnny Johnston. J. P. Holloman and C. S. Vinson were appointed judges of the peanut race. Each contestant was given a table knife on which was to carry as fast as possible two peanuts across the room, the first to arrive with peanuts still on the knife blade to receive the prize. Guy Suiter won the prize, a carton of cigarettes.

The Kiwanis quartette of Rocky Mount, composed of Geo. L. Parker, J. R. Bobbitt, Will and Tom Avery, rendered several humorous selections. The feature of the evening was an address by Tom Avery on "The Creation of Mystery—Woman."

The guest prize was awarded to Miss Mary Shore. After singing the "Star Spangled Banner," the happy evening ended.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary has been changed from March 1st to March 8th, the publicity chairman announced yesterday. This change has been made because of the address of Dr. Poteat, to the Thursday afternoon and Book clubs, being at the same date and hour of the Auxiliary meeting.

CIRCLE MEETS

The Lottie Moon Circle of the Weldon Baptist church held its regular meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock with Mrs. H. B. Chapin. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. S. W. Neal Jr. After a short business session the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Neal, served a delicious salad course.

Alamance farmers have ordered to date six tons of grass seed, 1,000 pounds of alfalfa seed and nearly 2,000 pounds of sweet clover seed in the pasture campaign now being conducted in that county.

HARRIS WANTS A LARGER FUND

Democratic Senator Says He Will Again Ask For \$24,000,000 Amendment

DEMOCRATS LOST FIGHT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The second deficiency bill weathered the prohibition storm in the House today and was sent to the Senate with the Presidential recommendations safely embodied in the \$194,500,000 supply measure.

Immediately after the House, by a vote of 239 to 125, had placed its mark of approval on the bill, the signal was given that it would face a period of rough weather in the Senate similar to that encountered in the House.

Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia, served notice that when the measure was taken up in the Senate, he would offer again the \$24,000,000 prohibition amendment that led to the death in conference of the first deficiency bill. The second measure carried most of the items that were incorporated in that bill.

The \$24,000,000 proposal twice was rejected by the House, once when the amendment was offered on the floor Saturday and again today when that body refused by a roll call vote to send the bill back to the appropriations committee to incorporate the huge amount in the measure.

As the legislation goes to the Senate, it carries the \$2,727,000 recommendation for prohibition that was transmitted to Congress last week by President Coolidge. This fund would be distributed among the Department of Justice, Customs Bureau and Civil Service Commission to carry on their activities relating to enforcement of the dry laws.

An impenetrable cordon of Republican votes protected the Presidential recommendations from the time the measure was taken up in the House. Although the Southern Democrats stood firmly behind the larger figure throughout the struggle, they lost the support of most of the New York and other Eastern Democrats, who threw their support to the Republicans to defeat the proposal.

There were half a dozen amendments to increase the amount before the House finished with the bill. Most of these were offered by Democrats, but one, to provide \$300,000,000 for enforcement, was proposed by Representative Leguardia a New York Republican, who ranged himself alongside the Democrats.

Among its various items, the measure includes an amendment sponsored by Representative Crampton, Republican, Michigan, to provide \$250,000 for an investigation of the operations of the prohibition law. The sum would enable President-elect Hoover to carry out his campaign promise that such an investigation would be made.

In addition, the bill, among other provisions, carries \$75,000,000 for tax refunds. This item was sharply contested in the House during consideration of the first deficiency bill. The measure also carries \$17,299,000 to pay the salary increases granted government employees under the Welch act which was passed last session.

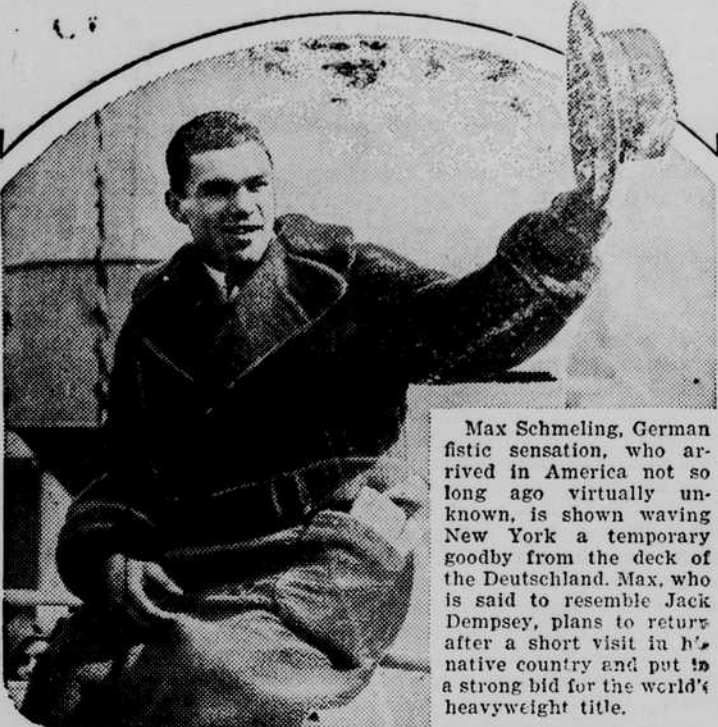
P. T. A. Holds First Meeting On Monday

The first meeting of the Parent-Teacher association was held in the school auditorium Monday with a large attendance. The meeting was opened with the singing of "We Much Prefer the Sea," by the Weldon high school glee club. The president, Mrs. Thomas H. Holmes, presided.

After a reading of the minutes, Mrs. Lee Johnson gave an interesting talk on Child Welfare. Prof. A. W. Oakes, principal of the school, presented a few objectives for the association to consider, beautifying the school grounds with shrubbery, play ground equipment, gymnasium, etc. Mrs. Pierce Johnson then introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Miss Clara Hearne of Roanoke Rapids, who gave an interesting and instructive talk.

All men look alike to talk alike after they have been married a couple of years.

Max Says "Auf Wiedersehen!"



Max Schmeling, German fist sensation, who arrived in America not so long ago virtually unknown, is shown waving New York a temporary goodbye from the deck of the Deutschland. Max, who is said to resemble Jack Dempsey, plans to return after a short visit in his native country and put in a strong bid for the world's heavyweight title.

Oakes Announces Two Rolls of Honor For Weldon School

Both the attendance and scholarship honor rolls for the Weldon school for month of January, as announced by Supt. A. W. Oakes Jr. follows:

The scholarship honor roll: First Grade—Nan E. Anthony, Scott Futrell, Alice Moore, Harry Kittner.

Second Grade—Winston Cargile, Langston Harris, Carl Keeter, Taylor Oakes, Jack Willis, Sarah West Davis, Alma Dixon, and Blanche Mitchell.

Third Grade—Franklin Blake, Luther Draper, R. B. Harrington, Edward Knight, Margaret Ellis, Jocelyn Harris, Laura Hudson, Pearl Silvester and Nancy Suiter.

Fourth Grade—Harry Fried, Bernice Collins and Corinne Turner.

Fifth Grade—Blanche Harrison and Tom Holmes.

Sixth Grade—William Fitzgugh, Seventh Grade—Virginia Boseman, Frances Bounds, Martha Hawkins, Winifred Holoman and Virginia Vinson.

Eighth Grade—Florence Nethery, Frederick Gore, and George Austin Hux.

Ninth Grade—Eleanor Chittendon.

Tenth Grade—Virginia Stephens.

Eleventh Grade—Charlotte Dawson, Ola Belle Whitehead, Rebecca Johnson, Viola Nethery and Dorothy Campbell.

The attendance honor roll: First Grade—section 1, Thomas wood and William Kilpatrick. Section 2, Adair Blake, Marion Bounds, Evelyn Mitchell, Agnes Oakes, Hazel Fitch and Harry Kittner. Section 3, Clarence Harvell, Raymond Harrison, Louise Gillam and Helen Parks.

Second Grade—section 1, Charlie Elias, George Nash, F. I. Robinson, and Sanford Wood. Section 2, Winston Cargile, Langston Harris, J. D. Hartsoe, Custer Kilpatrick, Taylor Oakes, Jack Willis, Sarah West Davis, Alma Dixon, Blanche Mitchell.

Third Grade—Section 1, Garland Harrison, Doris Kilpatrick, and Laura Hudson. Section 2, Kathryn Chapin, Elizabeth Dickens, Jocelyn Harris, Jeanette Robinson, Pearl Silvester, Nancy Suiter, Lee Bond, Eugene Carter, Murray Cargile, Wilbert Nowell and Vincent Wyche.

Fourth Grade—section 1, Edward Miller and Mildred Deberry. Section 2, C. P. Bounds, Carmel Gore, Bill Green, Jesse Garner, Jennings Knight, Mitchell Rabl and Corinne Turner.

Fifth Grade—Louise Hartsoe, Robert E. Dixon, Bill Harris, Tom Holmes, Knox Kilpatrick, David Kittner and Dennis McCarthy.

Sixth Grade—Vera Lilian Daniel, Josephine Kilpatrick, Adeline Silvester, William Fitzgugh, William Hawkins, John Randleman, Jr. and Melvin Zollicoffer.

Seventh Grade—Virginia Boseman, Joseph Alston, Thomas Gregory, James Pope and J. U. Vaughan.

Eighth Grade—Edward Anderson, John Crew, Gordon Dickens, Frederick Gore, Elwin Garner, Charlie Hale, Walter Marks, Christine Alston, Ida Shaw Applewhite.

Last Confederate Of Weldon To Take Part Inauguration

Samuel Trueblood, 84, last surviving Confederate veteran of Weldon, is in Washington where he will attend the inauguration of President-elect Hoover on Monday. The Weldon veteran was accompanied to Washington by his son, James Trueblood of Richmond. While in the National Capital they are guests of Julian Trueblood, a grandson.

During the Civil War Mr. Trueblood was a member of Webb's Light Artillery, which was stationed at Weldon during a part of the sectional conflict. After the war he returned to Weldon and married. Many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren call him blessed.

Mr. Trueblood is a staunch Republican and will be among the honor guests in the inaugural parade Monday.

Many friends in Weldon wish for him a pleasant visit and a safe return.

Lespedeza Standard Crop In This State

RALEIGH, Feb. 26.—After long years of trial, lespedeza or Japan clover has graduated from the position of a weed to where it is now considered a standard farm crop in North Carolina.

The smaller-growing strain of lespedeza has been known for many years as a weed and it has been only in the past ten years that the larger-growing type has become accepted generally by farmers as a standard crop. It is used in crop rotations to take the place of red clover and is very popular all over the State for pastures.

The plant is strictly an annual, making no growth until warm weather and killed by the first heavy frost. The stems are fine and branched having a tendency to spread all over the ground when there is plenty of room but standing erect when crowded. The height of the plant varies from six to 24 inches and the leaves are abundant.

In a recent information circular prepared about the crop, workers in the department of agronomy at State college say that lespedeza will grow on almost any soil in the State. It seems to be especially adapted to the slate soils of the Alamance and Georgeville series and does best where the soil is plentifully supplied with moisture. Like all other legumes, lespedeza should be well supplied with phosphoric acid and potash. A little nitrogen is also needed when the soil is poor. When planted with small grain, it is advisable to apply some nitrogen as a top-dresser in Spring. Lespedeza needs less lime than red or sweet clover and where soils are inoculated for cowpeas, velvet beans or peanuts, they are also inoculated for lespedeza.

Sow the seed on small grain in February or March. The best way is to mix the seed with 100 to 200 pounds of fertilizer and drill this lightly over the young grain crop with a drill. Another method is to broadcast the seed over the grain and harrow in lightly. Seed are sown in the hull at the rate of about 25 pounds, or one bushel, per acre.

DR. POTEAT HERE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Noted Educator Will Deliver Address At Local School Auditorium, 8 o'Clock

IS SECOND OF A SERIES

Delivering the second of a series of lectures in the Weldon school auditorium, Dr. W. L. Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, appears at the local school building tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Poteat is a noted educator, a leader in the intellectual life of the state, and an eloquent speaker. It is freely predicted here that the reputation of this speaker will cause a large number of persons in this section to journey to the school auditorium on Friday night.

Jefferson Discovers Value Deep Plowing

By A. T. HOLMAN (Agricultural Engineer, North Carolina State College)

The soil erosion was a serious problem troubling farmers more than a century ago is revealed in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson to Charles W. Peale, the portrait painter, as published by the Massachusetts Historical Society in The Jefferson Papers.

Jefferson's means of stopping erosion was by deep contour plowing which acted like magic. Other advantages of contour farming referred to were the having of horsepower by converting hills into a plain, the conservation of moisture and the beauty of waving lines and rows winding along the face of the hills and valleys.

The letter dated April 17, 1813, follows:

"Ploughing deep, your recipe for killing weeds, is also the recipe for almost every other good thing in farming. The plough is to the farmer what the wind is to the sorcerer. Its effect is really like sorcery. In the country wherein I live we have discovered a new use for it, equal in value almost to its services before known. Our country is hilly and we have been in the habit of ploughing in straight rows, whether up and down hill, in oblique lines, or however they lead; and our soil was all rapidly running into the rivers. We now plough horizontally following the curvature of the hills and hollows on the dead level, however crooked the lines may be.

Every furrow thus acts as a reservoir to receive and retain the waters, all of which go to the benefit of the growing plant instead of running off into the streams. In a farm horizontally and deeply ploughed, scarcely an ounce of soil is now carried off from it. In point of beauty nothing can exceed that of the waving lines and rows winding along the face of the hills and valleys. The horses draw much easier on the dead level than it is in fact a conversion of hilly grounds into a plain. The improvement of our soil for mthas cause the last half dozen years strikes everyone with wonder. For this improvement we are indebted to my son-in-law, Mr. (J. M.) Randolph, the best farmer, I believe, in the United States."

The conclusions of Jefferson are in general agreement with the experiences of good farmers today who go a step farther and terrace the land then plant in contours parallel to the terrace.

Carnes' \$50,000 Bond Paid to Mission Body

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 26.—The Southern Baptist Homes Mission Board has been reimbursed to the extent of \$50,000 for the defalcations of Clinton S. Carnes, its former treasurer, now serving a five to seven year prison term for embezzlement.

That amount was delivered to it by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company, which had bonded Carnes.

The payment brought to approximately \$300,000 the total so far realized by the board in recoveries on Carnes' shortage, which has been placed by auditors at more than \$900,000.

In Chicago there is a candy meat market, where every variety of meat has been imitated in the confectioner's art.

We're all blessed with the ability to justify our follies.