

# McADOO SUPPORTS JACK GARNER FOR DEMOCRATIC RACE

Former Treasury Secretary Says All Factions Would Unite on Texas for Presidency. New Interest Is Shown. Garner Candidacy to Be Pushed in All Sections of Nation. Withholds Statement.

Washington.—The dry wing of the Democratic Party Friday was moved nearer the momentum-gathering boom of Speaker Jack Garner with William Gibbs McAdoo tossing his support to the Texas for the party's presidential nomination.

While Garner looks on in silence, holding rigidly to his simple statement that "my job now is running this House," powerful elements from the dry side are pushing his name forward.

The McAdoo announcement in Los Angeles held "under Garner all elements of the party would be able to unite" and in that case "his election would be certain."

It follows closely a projection of Garner's name into the muddled Democratic situation by Senator Sheppard, a former Texas Democrat of Garner, co-author of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Sheppard with his colleague, Senator Connally, only this week in a formal statement said Garner's candidacy would be pushed in all sections of the country. What effect this move, with the backing of dry influences, will have on other presidential aspirations cannot be foretold yet. It has not gone far enough and Garner's name is not entered in any presidential State primaries yet. Conferences are being held among his followers with a view of placing his name in some primaries, but this move is proceeding without his consent.

## Packers Now Demand Only Trimmed Lambs

Letters now being sent to the trade by livestock commission merchant indicate that the packers are demanding trimmed lambs. These dealers have always shown preference for lambs handled in this way and now it appears they are in a position to make this a demand or prices will be less.

"From the standpoint of the butchers, this would seem to be an ideal time for carrying out their intention," says L. I. Case, livestock expert at State College. "There are liberal supplies of lambs on the market and it is getting to be more of a problem to absorb the supply than to get enough for their needs. It will, therefore, be to the advantage of producers to trim and dock their lambs where they will reach the market about June 10th."

Trimming the lambs is not the only desirable thing in producing them for market. Mr. Case says top lambs must be properly bred. A good purebred mutton type of ram should be used in the flock and while it is too late to do anything about this for the present season, plans should be made now for next season. The lambs also ought to be in good flesh. A fat lamb is one that is getting plenty of milk which means that the ewe be kept in good condition.

Choice lambs are also free from parasites. The common stomach worm which does its greatest damage during the warm weather of spring and summer is the main offender but it may be controlled by frequently changing the pasture and by regular drenching treatments.

For lambs to bring the best prices, they should not only be of the right conformation, docked and trimmed and fat, but they should be sent to market in uniform lots weighing from 75 to 80 pounds each, says Chase.

## BRITISH WOMAN FOLLOWER OF GANDHI IS SENTENCED

Bombay, India.—Miss Madeline Slade, British disciple of Mahatma Gandhi, was sentenced to three months imprisonment last week on charges of breaches of public order.

Miss Slade was ordered when she returned to Bombay in defiance of a police order that she leave the city and return only with police permission. She had been to Poona to see Gandhi, imprisoned at the Yeroda jail there.

Bebe and Ben and the Baby



We don't know which to admire most, beautiful Bebe Daniels that was, or her handsome young husband, Ben Lyons, or their baby daughter, Barbara Bebe Lyons, just christened at Los Angeles. Little Barbara looks good to us.

## WRITER UNEARTHES SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NATION'S FIRST LEADER

By CALEB JOHNSON (Special Writer for The Democrat)

I spent some time, not long ago, looking up a lot of fact about George Washington which are now set down in all the schoolbooks. I got a new impression of the Father of His Country after visiting Mount Vernon, where he lived from his youth until his death, and the city of Alexandria, where he was engaged in business for fifteen years.

The ideas that most of us have of Washington as a boy come from the first book about him, written by Parson Mason Weems just after his demise. The fables which it contained became part of the Washington tradition. It was Parson Weems who told the famous "cherry tree" story, to prove that Washington never told a lie. That story was probably not true, but it was one of the stories which have made most Americans regard him as more like a marble statue than a man of flesh and blood like the rest of us.

From all I have been able to gather, George Washington was what we of today might call a "regular fellow." He was a natural leader, to be sure, in everything he went into, but he was not the cold, aloof individual before whom everybody stood in silent awe, that some of his biographers have painted him. On the contrary, he was very decidedly a good mixer, a jolly companion, good company in any crowd, and a most enthusiastic sportsman.

And that he was a good business man is proved by the fact that he was America's first millionaire. He was the richest man in the United States when he died, and he had made most of it by his successful operations in real estate.

We celebrate Washington's Birthday on February 22, but in the calendar in use when he was born at Pope's Creek, Westmoreland County, Virginia, just two hundred years ago, it was February 11th. In 1756 England and the English colonies adopted the modern calendar, and dropped eleven days out of the month of September in that year, so that all anniversaries fell eleven days later. Few people bothered to change their birth dates, and George Washington never did, but after his death some precise school-teacher sort of people, the kind who are always trying to set the world right, said that to continue to celebrate he 11th as Washington's birthday would be all wrong. He was dead by then and nobody else cared, so it got into the schoolbooks as the 22nd.

Augustine Washington, George's father, died when he was eleven, and he went to live with his half-brother, Lawrence Washington, at his farm on Hunter's Creek, which was later named Mount Vernon, after Admiral Vernon of the British Navy. Lawrence's good friend, George went to a little school taught by the local minister until he was fifteen, and when he was sixteen went to work. Lawrence Washington had married a daughter of William Fairfax who, with his brother, Lord Fairfax, owned more land than anybody else in America.

He hired young George to go out into the wilderness and survey the boundaries of his property. For three years that work took him into unexplored country, clear to the Ohio River. He realized that land in the Ohio Valley was going to be worth a great deal as soon as roads were opened to it, and from then on, whenever he had a chance, he bought land in what was then the West. It was because he was the only man in Virginia who knew the Ohio country that he got the chance to lead the colonists against the French in 1755.

When he was nineteen his brother Lawrence became ill and the doctors ordered him to go to the West Indies. George went with him, and caught smallpox in Barbados, which left his face pitted and scarred for the rest of his life. Lawrence Washington died,

stands, but the Washington house was burned years ago and only a tablet marks its site.

The Washingtons, George and Martha, took an active part in the social life of the little colonial city. Here George Washington was made a Mason, and in the rooms of the old lodge of which he rose to be Master, I saw many relics of his Masonic days, including the actual gavel he once wielded. These Washington relics are now installed in the new Masonic Memorial to Washington, on Shooter's Hill, in Alexandria, where Thomas Jefferson wanted to put the capitol of the United States. Washington insisted on building the city named for him on the Maryland side of the Potomac. "I own too much land around here, and would be criticized," he said.

The ancient records and traditions of Alexandria reveal that Washington was a "joiner" in every sense of the word. Besides the Masons, he belonged to the local fire company, was captain of the militia company, and one of the most popular figures at their social events. In the old tavern, where the young business men of the town gathered for festive occasions, is the table where he sat with his boon companions and where, tradition has it, he often led the singing of popular ditties. His favorite was an old English song entitled "The Derby Ram." If there had been such a thing as Rotary and Kiwanis in his day George Washington would have belonged to them!

To be a vestryman of Christ Church was one of the highest social distinctions in Alexandria, and Washington held that office for many years. When at home at Mount Vernon he attended the little Pohick church, of which Parson Weems, his first biographer, was the rector. He was a great horseman and his favorite sport was fox hunting. His diaries tell much about his care for his hounds, and are filled with references to his hunting horses and adventures afield.

Many of the present streets of Alexandria run just as they were originally laid out by George Washington. The little school which he built for the children of the poor, and for which he left an endowment in his will, still stands and is still a school, while a block of tenements which he built is still occupied. There is a tradition that Washington, when in his teens, raced another boy on horseback down what is now King Street and won by running his horse into the river when the other lad pulled up.

General Washington's career from 1774, when he was called to Cambridge to advise with the New England colonists about an armed revolt against England, to his death on December 12, 1799, is the part of history with which every schoolboy is familiar. But somehow I feel as if I knew Washington better after digging into the story of his youth and young manhood, especially those fifteen years when he was in the real estate business in Alexandria.

There is something about lespedeza growing that keeps hope and faith in the heart, says Tom Broom, county agent of Union County.

Alleghany County farmers purchased 3,000 pounds of common and Korean lespedeza seed from Stanly and Rowan farmers last week.

## Two Men of Same Name And Age Are Buried at Same Time in Rutherford

Both Were Named Blanton, Both Were Farmers, and Both Members of Methodist Church. Large Crowds Attend.

Rutherford.—Two men of the same name and same age, died in Rutherford County the same day and both were buried at the same hour in different parts of the county. Both were members of Methodist churches. They both died February 3rd. Both were named William Thomas Blanton.

One W. T. Blanton was buried at Oak Grove, February 6 with Rev. J. N. Snow in charge. He lived near Ellenboro and leaves six children. He was a member of Oak Grove Methodist Episcopal Church.

The other W. T. Blanton was buried the same hour at Keebler's Chapel Methodist Church, eight miles south of here, with Rev. J. W. Kennedy in charge. Some four or five months before he died he took some walnut lumber to Forest City and had his casket made according to his own plans, stating that he could not live and "wanted to be ready."

Large crowds attended both funerals. Both Mr. Blanton's had been ill some time. Both were farmers and were held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends.

At the time of the funerals, neither family knew of the other funeral going on, as the churches are some 12 or more miles apart.

C. M. Hight, president of the Vance County Beekeepers Association, was elected vice-president of the North Carolina organization at a recent meeting held at State College.

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