

Interesting News Items Reported From Raleigh

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Raleigh, N. C.—Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico, and Mrs. Daniels were honor guests of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and distinguished citizens from over the State Friday night on the occasion of his first visit home since he went to the republic to the south more than a year ago. Also, it was the occasion of his 72nd birthday anniversary. He was born in Washington, N. C., on May 18, 1862.

At the "welcome home" dinner Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and W. H. Weatherspoon were the chief speakers, and H. B. Branch, commerce secretary, presented Mr. Daniels with a book containing congratulatory letters from 50 or 60 prominent men of all walks of life for Mr. Daniels. The first of these was from President Roosevelt, who referred to his eight years as assistant to Mr. Daniels while he was Secretary of the Navy in the Wilson cabinet, and also of his happy decision to appoint his former chief as Ambassador to Mexico. Others were from Vice-President J. N. Garner, Speaker Henry T. Ralvey and a host of other friends in Washington and throughout the nation.

Mr. Daniels addressed the gathering feelingly, referring to Mrs. Daniels as his mentor and quoting a friend that President Roosevelt had secured two ambassadors to Mexico for the price of one. Among other statements, he produced figures to show that the bulk of the wealth of the nation is owned by a small percentage of the population and predicted that in the future taxes would be so levied that there could be no huge business organization. Business can be too big, he said.

Popular Woman Killed in Wreck

Although people were saddened the past week by deaths as the result of automobile accidents, of two beloved women of the city. Especially in the hope of the death of Dr. Della Dixon-Cramer, practicing physician here for more than thirty years and all of that time physician at Meredith College. She was a member of that distinguished Dixon family of Shelby which gave to the world Dr. A. C. Dixon, remained alive, and Dr. Thomas Dixon, preacher, author and lecturer. The other, not so well known publicly, was Mrs. Will N. Coley, wife of the circulation manager of the News and Observer, and sister of several prominent men, Judge W. C. Harris, Winder Harris, managing editor of the Norfolk Virginia Pilot, L. S. Harris, director of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, and Charles U. Harris, Raleigh lawyer.

May Extend Clemency to Lea

Prediction is freely made that within a short time Governor Ehringhaus will act favorably on the petition of Mrs. Luke Lea, Sr., Nashville, Tenn., for executive clemency for her stepson and nephew, Luke Lea, Jr., for their part in violating State banking laws in connection with activities thought to be responsible for failure of the Central Bank and Trust Company, Asheville, in 1931. Hundreds of petitioners for clemency are being received by Governor Ehringhaus and Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill from high and low, rich and poor, prominent and lowly, Tennesseeans and North Carolinians. None have been received opposing clemency for the young men, who is considered as having been a dutiful son to a dominant father. He is suffering from a malignant disease, cancer of the lower intestines, which lack of treatment might prove fatal, specialists state. Governor Ehringhaus has not expressed himself, but parole at an early date would not be a surprise. The young man's plight seems to touch all heart strings.

Two Die in Electric Chair

James R. Sheffield, 47, of Canton, and Mike Stefanoff, 47, Bulgarian, both white men, went to their deaths in the State's Prison electric chair Friday for murder. Sheffield denied his guilt. Stefanoff wrote a confession which in a sense implicates and involves others in High Point, including officials. They were numbers 134 and 135 in the State's electric chair. Sheffield was sentenced for murder, from ambush, of James (Bud) Miller, Haywood County, with shots intended for another, who was also injured. Stefanoff was convicted of murder in connection with the bank robbery at Taylorsville, in which T.

Kentucky Girl Wins



LXINGTON, Ky. . . . Miss Clea Moody, 16, (above), wins the prize trip to Europe in the eighth annual League of Nations competition for high school students of the United States, the second girl to win.

C. Barnes, cashier, was killed and Solon Little seriously injured. Lester and B. H. Green, father and son, sentenced to death, are awaiting action on appeals, and R. E. Black, all of High Point, was relieved for three weeks. He was due to be electrocuted Friday, too. Stefanoff's confession mentioned other robberies in which he and others were implicated. He mentioned Durham, Gibsonville, Denton and other jobs in which he, the Greens and others, he said, were implicated. He referred to several men, some officers, who had not been arrested in any of the cases.

Teachers to Receive Pay

Certifications of teachers to receive parts of their salaries from the \$500,000 grant from the Federal Government were practically completed for the entire amount last week by Dr. A. T. Allen, and hope is expressed that all such teachers will receive their full month's pay within two weeks, some of them by the time the schools close. Others whose schools have closed will thus have to wait two or possibly three weeks before getting the last month's salary. This, it is shown, is the only way North Carolina could get the full \$500,000 grant for school purposes. Governor Ehringhaus, who assured the teachers some weeks ago that they would have their full salaries and about on time, states that efforts were made to get the Federal authorities to allow the State to pay salaries in full and use the \$500,000 for reimbursing the fund. That, it was found, could not be done, under the Federal rules. So it was necessary to delay the pay from one to three weeks in order to get the grant at all. Otherwise, teachers would get their pay on the day schools close, and many of them will anyway.

Highway Fund to Be Spent

The first use of the \$50,000 set aside as highway beautification funds from the \$9,550,000 allotted to North Carolina for emergency highway work will be used on Route 21, north of Raleigh and connecting with the Leesville road to Durham, for a distance of about four miles. A beautification project is included in the highway letting to be held June 5. Tree and shrubbery planting, tarring red gullies and banks and removing unsightly objects will be included. More than half a million dollars will be included in the June 5th letting, when 16 or more projects will be advertised, or all of them that are approved by the Washington authorities. This will leave probably \$1,225,000 to \$1,500,000 of the emergency Federal aid that was allotted to North Carolina.

The two Watauga projects prepared are widening and bitulithic surface treatment on about half a mile of Route 28 in Boone, and widening and bitulithic surface treatment on 1 1/2 miles of Route 17 in Blowing Rock.

Allen May Head E. C. T. C.

Dr. A. T. Allen, for a decade State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is mentioned as a possible successor to the late Dr. Robert H. Wright as president of the East Carolina Teachers College at Greenville. Before heading the State department, Dr. Allen's experience included teaching, principal, superintendent and a period in the department in certification of teachers. The salary would be

the same, but without the 15 per cent voluntary cut he is now taking. Clyde Erwin, Rutherford County superintendent, and Guy B. Phillips, Greensboro city superintendent, past and present presidents of the North Carolina Education Association, have been mentioned as possible successors to Dr. Allen, if he should resign.

Teachers Seek Employment

Public school teachers, because of their greatly reduced salaries the past year, are applying in large numbers to the re-employment offices over the State for summer employment for the four months, until schools start again. Capus M. Waynick, director for North Carolina, states the bad plight of the teachers is judged by the large number applying for work, Mr. Waynick said.

Truck Garden Started

One thousand acres of a 6,000-acre tract of land in Onslow County, owned by the State Board of Education, has been leased for one year, with the privilege of renewal for five years, to the State relief administration, headed by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry. The consideration is nominal, \$10 a year. The land will be used to furnish unemployed with garden and truck tracts for crops this year in order to reduce as much as possible the direct relief furnished such families.

Lapidary Wanted

A lapidary, a person who cuts and sets or deals in precious stones, is wanted in Asheville or that section to take stones of various kinds found by tourist visitors and cut them so they will be attractive souvenirs, and to cut and keep on hand for visitors various kinds of attractive stone souvenirs, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce announces.

\$33,000 Saving in Salaries

About \$33,000 will be saved to the State this fiscal year if all of the State's constitutional officers refund the 15 per cent of their salaries, as is required of the non-constitutional officers, under the first act passed by the 1933 General Assembly. By an oversight it was not ratified before the newly-elected officers were inaugurated, so does not apply to the constitutional officers because the constitution prohibits lowering their salaries during their terms of office. Governor Ehringhaus, Attorney General D. G. Brummitt and State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. T. Allen have returned their 15 per cent each month. The resolution does not apply to State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, because of his added duties as Director of Local Government. Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade and State Auditor Baxter Durham have not refunded any of their salaries, but may do so before the end of the fiscal year. They would be within their constitutional rights not to, as the return can be voluntary only.

To Eliminate Toll Bridges

A policy of eliminating privately owned toll bridges from the entire State highway system was adopted by the State Highway and Public Works Commission in the adoption of a resolution requested by Governor Ehringhaus at the meeting last week. Chairman E. B. Jeffress, and two members will enter into negotiations with owners of the bridges and causeways between Wrightsville and Wrightsville Beach; Morehead City and Atlantic Beach; and from Point Harbor across Currituck Sound to a point near Kitty Hawk and if proper purchase cannot be made, then will make plans for building bridges and causeways necessary to the State highways. Later it is expected that the General Assembly of 1935 will be asked to take over the bonds issued to build the bridges over Chowan River, near Edenton, and the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, and remove the tolls which now go to pay off the bonds.

Bankers Syndicate Formed

A syndicate of North Carolina bankers has been formed for the purpose of bidding on the \$12,230,000 now in short term notes when these funds are changed to bonds and offered for sale between now and July 16th, when these funds are changed to bonds and offered for sale between now and July 16, when the bulk fall due. About thirty bankers met in the Governor's office at the call of Governor Ehringhaus and State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson to organize the syndicate. North Carolina bankers, who now hold most of the notes, will thus compete with New York bankers for the bonds. Officials can get a 4 1/2 and may get a 4 per cent interest rate.

Primary Voters to Receive Aid

The voter in the June 2nd primary may be aided in the preparation of his ballot by (a) any election official of his voting precinct, (b) any member of his family, (c) or any other person requested by the voter." Attorney General D. G. Brummitt holds in an opinion. "In each instance the aid can be rendered only upon request of the voter himself," he states, adding: "No markers or assistants are to be appointed to aid voters in primaries." He also says that it is not now necessary to get the approval of the election officials to a person the voter asks to aid him with his ballot. He further says that voters of the precinct have the right to be present at the counting of the ballots in primary elections, but cites that election officials may fix a space large enough to carry on the work of

Fulfilled Promise



HOLLYWOOD. . . . Joan Blondell (above), was a Wampas screen star chosen in 1931. Now, three years later, she is awarded the achievement trophy by the same judges as having scored the greatest screen advancement since then.

counting the ballots, and prevent others not aiding from coming inside such work space.

DUTCH SCHMIDT, TOUBY GANGSTER, GOES TO PRISON

Asheville, N. C.—Ludwig (Dutch) Schmidt, Chicago Touby gangster convicted of taking part in the \$109,000 Charlotte mail truck robbery last fall and sentenced to 32 years in Atlanta prison, was taken to that place Thursday.

Schmidt left by train for Atlanta in custody of U. S. Marshal Charles E. Price. The prison was designated by the attorney general in a telegram to Marshal Price.

Basil Banghart, convicted with Schmidt, was started Thursday for the Illinois prison at Chester, Ill., where his Federal term of 36 years will run concurrently with a 99-year sentence meted out after conviction of a part in the John (Jake the Barber) Factor kidnaping in Chicago.

PHYSICIANS FROM THREE STATES TO MEET BANNER ELK

Cancer Clinic to Be Held Under the Auspices of Grace Hospital and the Avery County Medical Association. To Be Conducted by Charles DeForest Lucas of Memorial Hospital, Cornell University.

Banner Elk, N. C.—Physicians from three States will meet at Grace Hospital and Pinnacle Inn, Banner Elk, next June 4 and 5 for a cancer clinic held under the joint auspices of Grace Hospital and the Avery County Medical Association, it was announced Friday by Dr. R. H. Hardin. Dr. Hardin is on the staff of Grace Hospital and is president of the county association. Doctors in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia have been asked to attend, and Dr. Hardin expects about one hundred and fifty to accept the invitation.

The clinic will be conducted by Dr. Charles DeForest Lucas, clinical research fellow of the Memorial Hospital, Cornell University, New York.

Among speakers of the occasion will be Dr. Wiley D. Forbus, professor of pathology at Duke University; Dr. W. T. West, Johnson City, Tenn.; Dr. H. W. Bachman, Bristol, Va.; Dr. Albert O. Kern, Knoxville, Tenn.; Dr. Robert H. Lafferty, Charlotte; Dr. I. E. McBrayer, Southern Pines, secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Medical Society; Dr. Owen Moore Charlotte; Dr. Herbert Acuff, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Dr. Addison G. Brenner, Charlotte; and Dr. C. C. Carpenter, professor of pathology at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.

Other speakers will be Dr. Deryl Hart, professor of surgery at Duke University; Dr. G. Edward Campbell, of Johnson City; Dr. R. L. Gibbons, Charlotte; Dr. C. H. Cooke, Asheville, and Dr. J. T. Burrus, High Point. Most of the talks, which cover all

phases of cancer, will be limited in time and many will be illustrated with lantern slides. Dr. Lucas, conductor of the clinic, will hold clinics and demonstrations at the close of the second day's program.

The facilities of Grace Hospital are open to the physicians during the clinic, as well as the facilities of Pinnacle Inn.

49 YEARS AGO

Forty-nine years ago . . .
Folks boiled coffee and settled it with an egg.
Ladies rode on side-saddles.
Little Johnnie wore brass-toed shoes and Daddy wore brogans.
When the preacher told the truth the people said "Amen."
Left-over noon victuals were finished up at supper.
Neighbors asked you how the family was, and meant it.
Merry-go-rounds were called "Flying Jennies."
Folks used a toothpick and were still polite.
A tin cup of red liquor was sold for five cents.
Ladies dresses reached from her neck to her heel.
Wheat was sowed, broadcast and harrowed in with a treetop.
It took twenty minutes to shine shoes with Mason's blacking.
People served pot liquor instead of canned soup.
Indigestion and appendicitis were called plain bellyachs.
Quinine was taken in coffee, molasses or tissue paper.
Vermillion was used as hearth paint instead of face paint.
Babies were rocked in cradles without adding their brains.
Men played mumble-peg instead of poker.
The neighbors got fresh meat at hog-killing time.
A man made the same wife do a life-time.
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