

OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, Sept. 14—The continued heat wave in the Capital which broke records standing a quarter of a century, the unflagging energy of Governor McLean in putting into effect his policies, interest in the American Legion election, comment on the latest statement on the deficit by Governor McLean, the opening of all educational institutions of Raleigh and a renewal of the "mad dog" scare were matters which engaged interest of Capital citizens during the past week. In addition there were a number of comparatively minor matters which were in the limelight for a brief moment each day. Governor McLean in addition to working zealously at the Capital also attended to a host of minor matters. Interest was aroused Friday night in the appointment of the judge to preside over the trial of W. B. Cole at Rockingham.

For three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Governor McLean was closed at the mansion and orders were that he was not to be disturbed on any account. Newspapermen were unable to see him during that time and at the same period Secretary Sink of the Salary and Wage Commission was at the mansion. The report was that the two were going over the final report of the Salary and Wage Commission, created as a part of the McLean legislative program by the 1925 General Assembly. Thursday night the Governor labored until the "we sma' hours" of Friday on the matter in hand. It is expected that he will announce the wage scales during the coming week after another meeting of the Salary and Wage Commission. Prediction in well informed circles was that the Commission and the Governor have no intention of visiting salary reductions upon any large portion of present state employees. Where the Wage Commission will get in its effective work will be when new employees are hired. These will come in a number of instances at a lower rate and an eventual saving in salaries of many thousands is predicted.

Following the hard work of this past week the Executive expects to make a trip into the mountain section for one or two addresses during the week. He will take in the famous Toe River Fair in Mitchell county during his absence.

Raleigh's torrid weather has continued and all records since 1960 were broken on Saturday when the 35th consecutive day with a temperature above 90 degrees was recorded. Previously the record had been 54 days in 1900. Though showers were expected, the rain which visited the western part of the state during the end of the week did not reach Raleigh. The local rainfall is about 12 inches less than normal for 1925.

A record breaking school opening in Raleigh caused considerable concern to school officials. The schools can not accommodate the children but it is hoped to solve the situation. At the same time Pearce Institute, St. Mary's College, Meredith College and State College were getting under way with record breaking enrollments. It looks like a big year in education circles all over the state according to reports received here of the great demands being made on education accommodations.

Governor McLean has appointed Judge T. B. Finley to try W. B. Cole on September 23 for the murder of W. W. Ormond at Rockingham. The plea of the wealthy manufacturer has not been made public although self defense is surmised.

The election of Henry E. Stevens, Jr., as commander of the American Legion split defeated for Colonel J. Hall Manning of Raleigh who was a candidate for the office. Manning last year was accused of carrying the Legion into politics in his efforts to elect Frank Grist as Commissioner of labor and printing. The situation brought about split the Raleigh post and is believed locally to have been the cause of Manning's defeat.

Two more children were bitten by mad dogs in Raleigh and renewed care was taken by authorities; Governor McLean urged additional landing fields for North Carolina in the development of aviation. The co-operation of Raleigh was pledged to the deepening of the Neuse so as to open it to commerce; the state instituted civil suit against ice dealers of Raleigh charged with violation of the trade combination restraint law, the latest move being designed to bring the matter to the Supreme Court and Commissioner Graham met with fertilizer representatives working on standardization of fertilizer grades and marking tags. The printing commission will meet Thursday to award state printing bids, the meeting being a postponed one.

Insurance Commissioner Wade and Fire Marshal Brockwell have gone to attend the convention of fire marshals in San Antonio, Texas. Commissioner Wade will preside as president of the organization and Mr. Brockwell, together with his chief, was booked for an address. Before leaving Mr. Wade tentatively selected the week beginning October 4 as Fire Prevention week in the State this year. Governor McLean is expected to give official approval of the suggestion in due course.

During the week Governor McLean designated Superintendent A. T. Allen, of the State Department of Education, as a member of the Caswell Training School advisory committee. This committee is charged with the duty of outlining a scope of work for institution mentioned and is already making a study of the problems to be handled.

Governor McLean announced recently the appointment of two substitute judges for specific work. They are ex-Judge Francis D. Winston who is to hold a two-weeks term of the

Gaston County Superior court beginning September 23, and A. Wayland Cook, a brilliant young attorney of Greensboro, as an emergency judge to preside over a term of Watauga County Superior court beginning on the same date.

The Division of Markets, State Department of Agriculture, is authority for the statement that nearly a million pounds of live poultry was handled for North Carolina farmers last year at an approximate savings of \$50,000. The State division operates in close cooperation with county farm demonstration agents.

The Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Board of Health, finds there are still a greater number of births than deaths during the twelve months period and that the number of babies is likely to exceed the number of coffins right along. There were 42,039 births in the State during the first half of the year 1924, according to the report, while for a similar period following 42,137 is recorded. Deaths first six months of 1924 numbered 17,746, for the same period this year, 16,823, approximately 3,000 of this number being babies less than a year old. It is claimed that 250 mothers of the babies born during the first half of last year died within six months thereafter.

A gift of \$25,000 to St. Mary's School of this city is announced by E. N. Duke through his representative W. A. Erwin, a life long friend. The St. Mary's campus is one of the beauty spots of Raleigh and a gateway is planned as one of the improvements soon to be made. The purchase of a new organ is also contemplated.

A shake-up in Raleigh police circles has been determined upon by Chief Winder Bryan to become effective November 1. Three members of the force have been asked to "walk the plank." Reasons not given, but privilege of hearing before the city commissioners is accorded the three patrolmen affected.

The Confederate Cemetery near the Soldiers Home is to be made a beauty spot, if plans of the local chapter Daughters of the Confederacy do not miscarry. Chapters of the organization throughout the State will be given an opportunity to participate in the laudable undertaking.

Governor McLean pardons W. W. Green, a negro army officer residing in Davidson County, who has served already seven years in the State's prison, for attacking a small negro girl while he was military instructor at the Negro Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro. His long army service and good record as a prisoner were assigned as the reasons for executive clemency. There seems to have been little opposition to the application for pardon.

Deforestation is a menace declares Governor McLean who seeks the co-operation of county authorities in the effort to prevent forest fires. He emphasizes especially the importance of county assistance until the Legislature has an opportunity to enact preventive measures.

The State Fair management expects the poultry show to be one of the features of the big exhibition this year. It will be held under the direction of Allen G. Oliver, extension poultry specialist at State College, the judges to be Charles Nixon, of New Jersey and J. P. Kerr, of New River, North Carolina.

The passing of Judge Hoke on Sunday removes one of the ablest men and sweetest spirits which ever graced the bench in North Carolina. The end came unexpectedly at Rex Hospital shortly after nine o'clock Sunday morning and attending physicians say the result of an embolism of the heart. Two weeks ago he was taken to the hospital for an operation for goiter, and had apparently recovered from it. Had planned to return to his home during the week and was in fine spirits when the final attack came while conversing with an interne and a nurse at the hospital.

Judge Hoke was 73 years old and had been on the bench thirty-four years as superior court judge, supreme court justice and Chief Justice following the death of Chief Justice Clark two years ago, retiring last March on account of impaired health. The funeral services are being held today at noon at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lincolnton, of which he had long been a vestryman and honorary senior warden. The Supreme Court attended in a body and the doors

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of the court room are closed until tomorrow. State buildings are draped in mourning, with flags at half-mast. A special train conveyed the funeral party to Lincolnton last night.

Raleigh churches heeded the call of Governor McLean on Saturday for a day of fasting and prayer for the Giver of all good to visit the earth with refreshing showers for the benefit of growing crops and the cattle of the Hills. The answer came during the evening of the same day and the people are happy that the extended drought has at last been broken.

It is announced that the general fund of the State under the first month of Gov. McLean's budgetary policy showed a gain of \$76,572.36. During July, the first month of changed operations, the reported expenses were \$943,544.66 and receipts were \$1,020,117.02, which is considered a fine beginning.

A comparative statement of four State Institutions recently given out shows Caswell Training School the most expensive per capita. The statement issued by Gov. McLean shows the following: Insane at Raleigh, \$341.18; Morganton, \$279.58; Goldsboro (colored), \$178.33; Caswell Training School, \$407.93.

Commissioner of Revenue Doughton and the Attorney General rule that gasoline used by counties is not exempt from the State tax of four cents a gallon except that used solely in the construction of new roads. Those purchasing gasoline for uses other than for motor vehicles may obtain four-cent refunds by application to Commissioner Doughton.

The State Department of Agriculture, through its Division Markets, is launching a campaign to supply millions of baby chickens annually from certified hatcheries within the State, according to announcement of George R. Ross, chief of the division. Dr. R. W. Leiby, of the Division of Entomology, calls attention to the need for an early application of paradichlorobenzene to peach trees to "kill the bores."

The constitutionality of the "worthless check" law is soon to be passed upon the Supreme Court. The case comes up for argument on the point that the statutes does not make fraud the basis for imprisonment and that the law is unconstitutional because it "makes indictable a breach of contract."

Former Governor Morrison defers his statement promised for the Sunday morning papers on the State's fiscal condition to a later date.

Farmers from Pamlico County recently made a tour through the western part of the State for the purpose of visiting and inspecting the seed potato belt in that section. Much valuable information was secured and many of the party saw the mountains for the first time, states County Agent R. W. Galphin.

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LAREDO SOBEANS RESIST ROOT-KNOT.

Raleigh, Sept. 14—"Soybean variety demonstrations conducted by J. L. Dove, Farm Agent in Richmond County, show that the Laredo variety can be successfully grown on land infested with the root-knot disease," says G. W. Fant, extension plant pathologist at State College.

Eight varieties of soybeans were planted by Mr. Dove in two sections of the County in order to determine which would thrive best under root-knot conditions. An examination of the plantings was made early this month and the Laredo was the only variety found to be free from injury and thriving on the infested soil.

"Since root-knot attacks a number of different crops in the State," says Mr. Fant, "the control of this disease

is of considerable importance. Among the crops most affected are tobacco, cotton, cowpea, cantaloupe, cucumber, okra, pepper tomato and the peach, and the disease can be controlled only by keeping these crops off the land for two or more years. This starves out the small eel-worms which cause the disease.

"Among the resistant crops that may be planted are corn, Laredo soybeans, rye, barley, wheat, the Iron, Brabhama, and Monetta varieties of cowpeas, velvet beans, and the peanut. The disease is becoming more prevalent each year and the planting of these immune crops should be made a practice in those sections where the injury is severe. This is especially important on the lighter soils in the sandhill section."

A three-year rotation which includes only root-knot resistant plants will free the soil of this pest, states Mr.

Fant.

Rather Cynical.

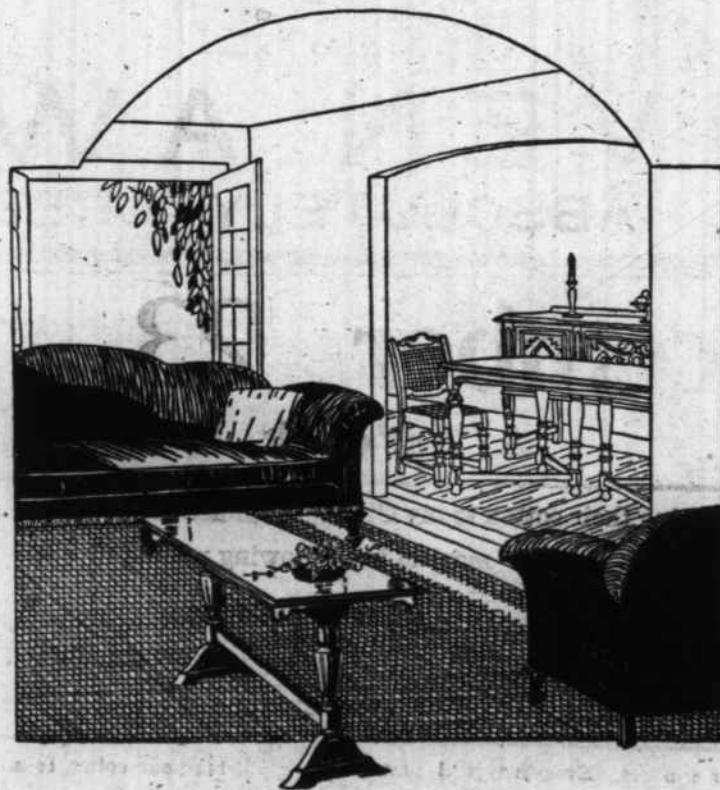
Cake-eater:—"Brown suits are being worn again."
Married Man:—"Mine is—again and again."

NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Miss Lucy W. Perry, deceased, late of Franklin County, N. C., notice is hereby given all persons holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of September, 1926, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement. This September 17th, 1925.

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