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## S. L. BLANTON NAMED ALUMNI SECRETARY

Former Louisburg Pastor Appointed To Position at Wake Forest

Wake Forest, Feb. 23.—The appointment of Stanley L. Blanton of Louisburg to the office of alumni secretary at Wake Forest college is announced by President Thurman Kitchin. He will succeed D. A. C. Reid, chairman of the Faculty Alumni Committee, who has had charge of the alumni office since February 1928. He will assume his new duties on June 1 of this year.

Mr. Blanton will come to Wake Forest from Harvard where he has been studying since last year. He is widely known among the alumni and is prominent in North Carolina denominational circles. Apparently it is the universal opinion of the faculty and prominent alumni that in addition they have gained a man of great ability and promise.

Mr. Blanton came to Wake Forest as a student from Ellenboro in Cleveland county, and his associates remember the outstanding record he made scholastically. He was also gifted in oratory and it is said that he never met his equal while a member of the Intercollegiate Debating teams of the college.

After leaving Wake Forest in 1925 he spent three years at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, where he obtained his Th.M. degree. He was pastor of the Baptist Church of Louisburg for two years, leaving there last year to accept a fellowship at Harvard.

When Blanton's appointment was announced on the campus some of his friends recalled the fact that he ran away from home at fourteen years of age and joined the Canadian Army, seeing service overseas.

## Final Championship Game

The basketball championship of the Franklin County High School League will be decided Friday night on the Franklinton Court. The Gold Sand and Epps boys and the Epsom and Franklinton girls will be in the play-off. Each team has defeated the other one time in the pre-tournament games and excellent contests are expected. The addition of gymnasium seats is expected to add much to the comfort and size of the groups of supporters of each team. These teams have gone through the tournament without a defeat and each team intends going on with the championship.

## Pension Board Meets

The Pension Board for Franklin County met in the Superintendent of Public Welfare's office on Tuesday and organized by electing Supt. E. C. Perry, Chairman. Clerk of the Court, J. J. Young, was ex-officio secretary. At this meeting the following applications were approved: Mrs. E. S. Foster, E. C. Denton, and —, McKnight, colored.

## To Move To Raleigh

Mr. S. B. Nash, who for a long time has been with McKinne Brothers in charge of their farm operations, and since the first of the year has been conducting a grocery store on Main Street, has accepted a position with the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh, and will move his family there within the next two weeks. Mr. Nash will have charge of the farm operations of the Orphanage.

## Wake Forest Lends Seats

Wake Forest proved a good friend to the Franklin County High School League and let them have enough gymnasium seats for their championship basketball games. These seats have been placed in the gymnasium at Franklinton and everything is ready for the championship games which will be played at Franklinton tonight. No one need miss these games because of the discomfort caused by standing. According to reports a real treat is in store for those attending the contest.

This would be a better world if men thought less about money and women less about clothes.

## He Is Ambitious



W. R. Crissey of Philadelphia has wagered that in one year he will dine with the President, play golf with Bobby Jones and John D. Rockefeller and either motor or golf with the Prince of Wales.

He has already accomplished one of these by dining with President Hoover in Washington last week.

## Chesson-Grier

Plymouth, Feb. 21.—A wedding of unusual beauty and of State-wide interest took place here in the First Christian Church at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, when Miss Dot C. L. Grier, of Plymouth, became the bride of Herman B. Chesson, of Louisburg, with Dr. Conley Grier, local pastor and father of the bride, officiating.

The church was artistically decorated, using a color motif of green and white. The entire chancel was banked with ferns and palms with baskets filled with white carnations here and there. Tall white aise standards filled with white carnations and fern led up to the altar, while the entire church was lighted with cathedral candles in giant white candelabra. The seats for the special guests were ribboned off with white tulle.

While the wedding guests were being seated Miss Fannie Eggleston, of Leaksville, wearing a shoulder corsage of valley lilies and pink rose buds, presided at the piano and rendered soft appropriate selections. Just before the bridal party entered Fower Grier, brother of the bride, sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," and "I Love You Truly." During the ceremony the pianist played "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

As Miss Eggleston played the bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" the ushers, Messrs. Wilmer Chesson, William Vail, Russell Harrison of Plymouth, and L. Jack Davis, of Beaufort, entered, followed by the maid of honor, Mrs. W. G. Fowler, of Winston-Salem, sister of the bride. She was attired in a pale shade of Nile green, carrying an arm bouquet of pink roses, valley lilies and orchid sweetpeas tied with shaded silver ribbons. Then entered the bridesmaid, Miss Neva Liverham of Plymouth, wearing a dress of deep blue and carrying an arm bouquet of deep pink roses, lavender sweetpeas and valley lilies, tied with shaded orchid and gold ribbons. Master Kaye Fowler, of Winston-Salem, nephew of the bride, dressed in full dress, tuxedo, entered, bearing the ring in the heart of a lily.

Little Miss Iris White, of Baltimore, in robin-egg blue crepe Elizabeth dress entered, bearing a tiny pink-plumed basket filled with rose petals, and strewn them in the pathway of the bride, who entered with her brother, Power Grier, who gave her in marriage. The bride was exquisitely gowned in a medium flat crepe bolero suit, trimmed in dyed squirrel, and carried an arm bouquet of calla lilies tied with white tulle. The groom with Mr. Barton Swain, of Roper, a classmate, best man, entered from a vestry room, meeting the bride at the altar.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left by motor for a trip to Washington, D. C., and other points of interest.

The bride is the lovely and accomplished daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Grier, and has taken an active part in social and church work in this city. She is a graduate of State Normal College, Boone, she is widely known throughout North and South Carolina and has a wide circle of friends. She is a talented musician.

The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. O. M. Chesson and the late Otis M. Chesson, of Plymouth, one of the most prominent families of Washington County. He is a graduate of Atlanta Business College, Atlanta, Ga., and for more than the past two years has held a very important position with Reavis and Harrison, wholesale grocers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesson will be at home to their friends after March 1st, Egerton Apartments.

## U. D. C. MEETING

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. W. B. Barrow, Tuesday afternoon March 3, 1931, at 3:30.

## Yorktown Sesquicentennial

Celebration To Mark 150th Anniversary of American Victory At Yorktown.

One of the important celebrations which will precede the commemoration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of George Washington's Birth in 1932 will be the Yorktown Sesquicentennial, to be observed in October, 1931, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. The sesquicentennial celebration of the British capitulation which virtually ended the Revolutionary War will be an auspicious event in its own right, but since the man who made the victory at Yorktown possible in 1781 is also the one whose birthday is being commemorated next year, the two celebrations are closely associated. The observance of the surrender of Cornwallis therefore may be looked upon as a forerunner of the ten months-nation-wide George Washington Bicentennial Celebration.

When the British troops, commanded by Lord Cornwallis, marched out of Yorktown and laid down their arms after enduring a severe bombardment from the French and American batteries, the Revolutionary War was, to all intents and purposes, over. The American victory over Cornwallis was most decisive, and although there was some desultory fighting after the British capitulation, the Yorktown triumph really ended the war. This important event with its far reaching effects was the result of the foresight, courage and perseverance of George Washington, and to him more than any other man belongs the credit for the American triumph.

Representative S. O. Bland of Virginia, secretary of the United States Yorktown Sesquicentennial Commission said in a speech before the House of Representatives:

"The crowning event of Washington's military career was the victory which he won at Yorktown. It is proper that the commemoration of Washington's final military achievement which established this Nation shall be of such proportions as to correspond with the celebrations which will commemorate his birth."

For this reason the Congress of the United States created a national commission to prepare a plan and program in commemoration of the sets at Yorktown, and the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. This commission consists of the following members:

From the Senate, Claude A. Swanson, Virginia, chairman; David A. Reed of Pennsylvania; Hiram Bingham of Connecticut; John G. Townsend, of Delaware, and Robert F. Wagner, of New York. From the House of Representatives, Charles R. Crisp of Georgia, vice chairman; Robert L. Bacon, of New York; Roy G. Fitzgerald, of Ohio; George R. Stobbs, of Massachusetts; and Joseph W. Byrns, of Tennessee. Representative Schuyler Otis Bland of Virginia is secretary of the commission.

The program as outlined by this commission will include, in addition to other provisions to be made later, the marking of historical sites; the issuance of special commemorative postage stamps; the preparation of the grounds in the vicinity of Yorktown, and the invitation of all states in the union to participate in the exercises.

The commemorative program will be a four-day event to be held at Yorktown. The feature will be an address by the President of the United States, which will take place on the opening day of the exercises. Among those who will be present on the occasion will be distinguished officials of this and other governments, descendants of those who participated in the siege and many thousands of visitors from all parts of the United States.

With the Yorktown Sesquicentennial Celebration only a few months away the plans for the event are rapidly reaching a conclusion. Like the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration this commemoration is

## Mme. Melba Dead



Mme. Nellie Melba, whose real name was Nellie Porter Mitchell, "The Australian Nightingale," who has led a musical career since her first public appearance as a vocalist at the age of six, died in a hospital in Sidney, Australia, last Sunday night. Mme. Melba is well known in all countries and was successful in her appearances in all of them.

## Enters G. W. Murphy & Son's Store

Napoleon Davis, colored, 15 years old, was sentenced to the Morrison Training School at Hoffman, by J. J. Young, Judge of the Juvenile Court, as a consequence of his being caught in the store of G. W. Murphy and Son on Friday night. From his admissions it seems he had planned his robbery, but failed to take into account the probability of the return to the store after supper of the clerks. He had entered the store before closing time in the evening and hid himself behind some hay stored in the rear of the store. After the store was closed for supper Napoleon came out of his hiding, drank what Coca Cola he wanted, opened the cash register and got \$14.00 and helped himself to some few other things. About this time some of the force returned from supper and caught Napoleon, and his sentence followed on Monday.

## Improvements At Local Theatre

When you enter the Louisburg Theatre now you will think you are in "Roxys" or some big town show house, for the improvements they have made in their lobby are as nice as will be seen in any theatre. They have added rugs and nice comfortable lounging chairs for the convenience of their patrons who should have to wait for any cause. There is no need for any one to go out of town to see and hear good pictures now as Louisburg has one of the most comfortable and best equipped theatres that you will find anywhere. Their slogan is good pictures and "The House of Perfect Sound." Their program for the coming week will be found in their advertisement in another column of this issue.

Anti—Pride goeth before a fall. Toxin—Non-sense. I was not in the least proud of the icy sidewalk in front of my house.

Post—I'll be thought better of when I'm dead and gone.

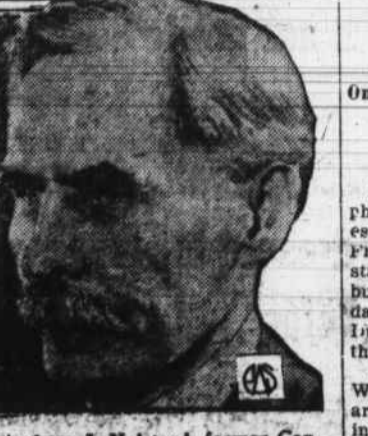
Editor—That's so; you won't be writing any more then.

## COMPETITOR-PAID

There are several grocery stores in our town and one of them has difficulty in meeting its expenses. It is only a question of time until it will cease to exist.

Just two doors away, is another store which does a very profitable business. When talking with the proprietor of this store, he said: "The weakest argument I know is for some merchant to tell the people that he doesn't advertise because it costs him too much money. I spend \$180 a year in advertising. But I don't figure that it comes out of my cash drawer. I think it is paid by the competitors who do not advertise. I'm getting new customers right along through my advertising, and some of them are coming to me from stores within a block of here that brag about the fact that they don't need to advertise because everybody knows them.—Mercedith's Merchandising Advertising."

## Reported Dying



Andrew J. Volstead, former Congressman from Minnesota, whose name is attached to the Prohibition law, failed to rally after an appendicitis operation.

## J. H. Bobbitt Dead

With the death of Mr. J. H. Bobbitt, which occurred Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock at the home of his son, Mr. R. A. Bobbitt, another name is stricken from the even lessening roll of our old Confederate Veterans in the County. He had passed his eighty-sixth year and wearied with life's duties and cares, weary of suffering and waiting, he lay down to rest.

At the age of seventeen he left his home in Warren County and joined the army, being a member of Company G. 43rd Regiment. He was a member of the Louisburg Baptist church, of which he was a member for thirty years. No bronze or marble shaft, no splendor of ancient or modern tombs and no play of immortal genius care adorn the memory of a man who adored the memory of one of the brave young boys who fought so earnestly and sincerely in the bygone sixties. His life, his deeds, his influence, and his pure aspirations are the monuments that will keep his name burning in the hearts and the hearts of kindred and brethren, while the flying moments are dying with their dust and rust the tribute upon the brightest obelisk. While the silence of death wraps and chills, memories, sweet and precious, come crowding in. Few of us will live as long or as well, and fewer yet will so serve our God and man.

The deceased is survived by only one son, Mr. R. A. Bobbitt of Louisburg, with whom he has made his home for many years. The funeral services were conducted from the home on Nash Street on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. A. W. Fleischmann, of Greenville, who paid a fitting tribute to his memory and service, and the interment was made in Oaklawn cemetery beneath an enormous bank of flowers, rare and beautiful, as the life in whose honor they were placed there. Rev. Mr. Fleischmann was assisted by Revs. M. Stamps and J. D. Miller.

The active pall bearers were Messrs. F. B. Leonard, Q. S. Leonard, M. C. Pleasants, G. W. Murphy, W. H. Allen, S. T. Wilder.

Numerous were the friends and kindred who attended to pay respect to that life so significant and full of splendor in its action and so beautiful and rare in its memory; only now the memory of that noble man, yet how sweet, how uplifting its influence.

Among those out of town attending the funeral were: Dr. and Mrs. David Liles, of Rock Hill, S. C.; Capt. W. H. White, of Oxford, Messrs. W. G. Egerton and —, Rhoads, of Macon, Dr. S. L. Bobbitt and Miss Annie Bobbitt, of Raleigh, Mr. E. W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allen, Mr. W. T. Bobbitt, Mr. Walter Allen, Mr. Ans. Allen and Miss Eva Allen, of Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lee, of Lumberton.

## FIRE DESTROYS MODERN BARN

An early Sunday morning fire destroyed the large modern barn of Mr. W. H. Allen situated to the rear of his home at North Main street. At the time the barn was constructed it was the most modern and convenient barn in the County. Fire of an undetermined origin was discovered about 3:45 Sunday morning and the fire department through its prompt work soon got enough control of the flames to prevent the spread of the fire to nearby buildings, but the fire spread so rapidly in the barn that it was impossible to save the building, which was completely destroyed at an estimated cost of about \$5,000 with \$2,500 insurance. Along with the barn was destroyed a lot of feed, farming tools and timber.

The blue sky salesmen think that everyone who has reached a ripe old age should be picked.

## Dr. R. B. Henderson Passes Away

One of Franklin County's Most Popular Physicians Passes To Reward

Dr. R. B. Henderson, prominent physician of Franklinton, and highly esteemed and beloved throughout Franklin County, having many staunch and close friends in Louisburg and elsewhere, died on Thursday of last week at Duke Hospital in Durham after a period of illness, at the age of 73 years.

Dr. Henderson was a native of Warren County and the son of Leonard and Nancy Turner Henderson being born in January, 1858, and also a great grandson of Judge Leonard Henderson for whom the town Henderson was named. His schooling was extensive being received at Fetter's School in Henderson, Lenoir College, the University of North Carolina, graduating in the class of 1879 of which he was secretary, and at the University of Maryland in 1884. After his graduation in 1884 he practiced medicine at Wilton, about 8 miles west of Franklinton, for seventeen years, and then moved to Franklinton in 1901 where he practiced until his death. In the year, 1891 he married Miss Tremellah C. Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Harris, of Wilton, who died in 1919.

In his public life Dr. Henderson has occupied many places of influence and prominence. In his school career he became a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Chapel Hill. Later in his position as a practicing physician he was a member of both the Franklin County and State Medical Societies, being secretary and treasurer of the County Society, and for a number of years a member of the Franklin County Board of Health.

As a citizen of his town he was highly respected and his interest and influence therein were of great value and constructive for greater things and better men. It was not only in the home town that he was greatly esteemed but everywhere that he was known. Great is the loss of this powerfully influential and aiding hand and soul in this transitory life but far greater is the memory and privilege of having known such a Godsent friend and leader. Numerous are the men who have reaped from his toiling hands in his services; and today, they and more, pay tribute in treasured memories of his acquaintance and friendship.

So, in the dimming twilight of a life so benevolent and beautiful to the ones who shared in its moments, he stepped behind the curtain tapestry, leaving his ideals and service to be upheld by the sons in whom he had instilled it in their boyhood. L. W. Henderson, Druggist, and A. E. Henderson, Cashier of the Citizens and Commercial Bank, of Franklinton, and R. B. Henderson Jr., of Durham, who alone survive him except his sister, Mrs. Boyd White, of Enaley, Ala.

To render due tribute to the memory and respect of the deceased untold numbers of friends attended the funeral services held for him at the Methodist church of Franklinton Friday evening of last week, conducted by Rev. J. D. Miller, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Louisburg, to which denomination of faith the deceased belonged, and Rev. R. L. Randolph, of the Baptist church of Franklinton. Fitting tribute was spoken by them; yet, one more fitting and infinitely greater portrayed was made by the vast and beautiful floral offering made in his honor. The interment was made in the cemetery at Franklinton where the final rites were made and the body laid at rest.

The pall bearers were Messrs. E. W. McGhee, G. H. Harris, D. C. Hicks, W. F. Rose, E. M. Speed, G. C. Mitchell, T. L. Joyner, W. L. Stone.

With sorrow and regret is the passing of him realized by everyone who knew him and the deepest sympathy is extended the ones who bear the greatest loss.

## College Glee Club Entertains

The Glee Club of Louisburg College entertained at a reception in honor of the Wake Forest Glee Club immediately following the concert Thursday night of last week.

The social halls of the College were beautiful in their familiar and quaint decorations of the George Washington festival.

The guests were introduced to the receiving line which was composed of President and Mrs. C. C. Alexander, Miss Sallie P. Betts, Miss Bobbry Williams, Mr. H. L. Swint, Miss Miriam Whedbee, Mr. Cullipher of Wake Forest College, Miss Alberta Laughler, Mr. W. A. Potter of Wake Forest College.

Punch was served by Miss John Miller Terry, and an evening full of music and merry social entertainment was enjoyed by the large number of guests present.