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Former Governor Bickett Is Dead

State Mourns Death of War Governor—Died Yesterday Following Stroke of Paralysis Tuesday Night—Funeral in Raleigh, Burial in Louisburg. Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Death claimed Thomas Walter Bickett at 9:15 o'clock this morning.

Official North Carolina and all the people of the State are mourning the loss of the war Governor, statesman, peacemaker, progressive leader and Christian citizen as the draped capitol, the drawn shades in the public buildings and the flood of telegrams which have poured into Raleigh today attest.

He did not regain consciousness after suffering a stroke of paralysis shortly before 9 o'clock last night. He had frequently confided to friends that he would like to go that way; a short illness and a peaceful passing. He was in his law office yesterday, worked in his garden in the afternoon and prepared supper for himself and Mrs. Bickett last evening.

His body has been at the home in Hayes Barton today. It will be taken to the capitol in the morning to lie in state from 9 until 11 o'clock. The funeral will be held in Christ Episcopal church at 11:30 and the body will be taken to Louisburg in Franklin county for burial.

His pastor, Rev. Milton A. Barr, will officiate and Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire probably will assist. Mr. Bickett had been a member of Christ church during his residence in Raleigh. The trip to Louisburg will be made in motor cars. That town was his home from 1895 until he came to Raleigh in 1916 to become Governor, and it is the home place of Mrs. Bickett.

State offices had just opened for the day when the former Governor died. They were immediately closed and will remain closed through tomorrow. The North Carolina flag on the capitol was draped. The shades in the offices were drawn and the Governor's private office, which Mr. Bickett left two weeks less than a year ago, was not entered during the day.

Associated Press bulletins and special dispatches announced his death and from every general section of the State early came telegrams from citizens in all walks of life, mourning the loss of the man and offering their sympathies to his widow, Governor Morrison, who is in New York on pressing business of state, was notified immediately by his secretary. It was not known here if he could return for the funeral owing to the importance of the business he is transacting. State officers in the city called at the residence, joining hundreds who gathered there during the day.

Several relatives of the former Governor, notified of his illness last night were with him when he died. Mrs. Bickett, herself ill, watched at his bedside throughout the night. William Bickett, the only son, reached Raleigh this morning from Winston-Salem. He had returned to his work yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.—Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

Address At Court House Tonight

Departmental Adjutant Burgess of American Legion Will Speak—Public Invited.

Mr. Cale K. Burgess, departmental adjutant of the American Legion, will deliver an address at the court house this evening at 7:30. All ex-service men are urged to hear Mr. Burgess, and the public generally is invited. Mr. Burgess takes an active interest in the welfare of the American Legion and ex-service men and no doubt his address will be one of general interest.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RUSSIANS WILL BE SENT OFF SATURDAY

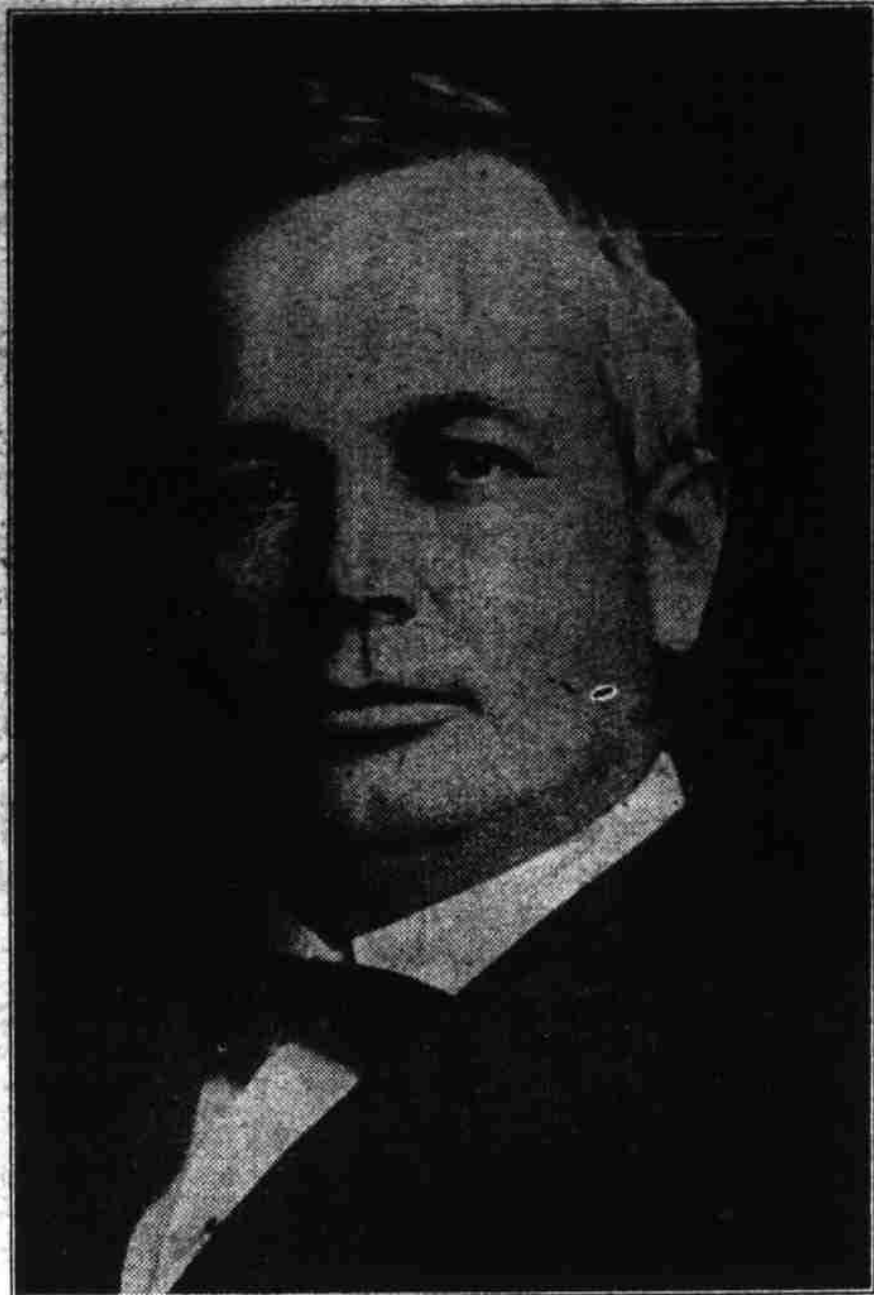
Contributions Will be Sent for If You Will Notify Mrs. Belch at L. H. Caldwell's Store.

Money and clothing contributed for the relief of starving and destitute Russians will be forwarded Saturday of this week. Mr. L. H. Caldwell is chairman of the committee that has this work in charge locally. Contributions of money or clothing will be sent for if any whom members of the committee fail to see will phone Mrs. Robt. Belch at Mr. L. H. Caldwell's store.

Negro Who Shot Policeman Arrested Near Barnesville

Nelson Bethea, negro, wanted at Sellers, S. C., on the charge of shooting a policeman through the hand some ten days ago, was arrested by Rural Policeman D. C. Ratley yesterday near Barnesville and is in jail here. He was shot twice in one leg by the Sellers policeman upon whom he fired, but was not seriously hurt. The South Carolina authorities have been notified of his arrest.

NORTH CAROLINA'S WAR GOVERNOR DIED YESTERDAY AT HOME IN RALEIGH



THOMAS WALTER BICKETT

Grist For Recorder Fuller's Mill

Number Who Have Faced Recorder This Week Smaller Than Usual After-Christmas List.

The number who have faced Recorder David H. Fuller this week is much smaller than the usual after-Christmas list. The following cases have been aired since Tuesday morning:

Willis Britt, driving auto without displaying license number as required by law; judgment continued upon payment of cost, defendant to comply with the law in the future.

Theodore Pope, driving auto in the town of Lumberton without paying the \$5 driver's license; judgment continued upon defendant complying with the town ordinance.

Wrence Gwin and wife, Sadie Gwin, larceny of \$10 from Ada Speight; Wrence found not guilty, while Sadie was found guilty. Prayer for judgment continued upon defendant paying Ada \$10 and paying the cost of the action.

R. J. Jones, driving truck without lights or number; judgment continued upon condition that defendant comply with the law in the future.

Ed. Johnson, colored, failure to pay Jim McMillan for work according to contract; judgment continued upon defendant paying McMillan the amount owed—\$8.52.

Jim McDowell, drunk on the streets; fined \$5 and cost.

George Allen, drunk on streets; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

J. M. McDonald, confiscating and appropriating to his own use a watch left with him for repairs. Defendant waived trial and was bound over to Superior court under a \$300 bond, in default of which he was remanded to jail.

Henry Purvis, who was indicted on the charge of assault upon a female, was up Friday of last week, but the prosecuting witness failed to show up and was taxed with the cost.

61,770 BALES COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON UP TO DEC. 13

This is Just 211 Bales More Than Were Ginned to Same Date Last Year.

Mr. W. H. Adams of Buie, special agent of the Census bureau, reports that 61,770 bales of cotton were ginned in Robeson county prior to December 13, as compared with 61,559 bales ginned to the same date last year.

Hog Weighed 762 Pounds.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, R. 1, Dec. 28.—B. L. Hunt fired the fatal shot which killed a nice black pig belonging to Whit Hunt of the Gaddysville section. The pig was 29 months old the day of his death and weighed 762 pounds, undressed, 680 pounds, dressed. Somebody will have to try again.

K. B. HUNT.

—The condition of Mrs. J. A. Greene, who has been sick for a week with a severe case of 'grippe', is improving.

Stills and Alleged Distiller Captured

Russell Wilkins Found Operating Still in Wishart Township—Libation Poured Out While Thirty Gazed—Another Still Taken Near Harpers Ferry.

A large copper whiskey still of 50-gallons capacity was captured in Butler's bay, Gaddy township, yesterday, together with 250 gallons of beer. The officers had been notified that the still would be in operation, but it was not and the owners were absent. The still was one of the best equipped copper outfits ever seen here. The posse of officers capturing the still was composed of Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policemen J. H. Carper, D. C. Ratley and A. R. Pittman.

Officers captured a whiskey still, 11 gallons of the finished product, a small amount of beer and at the same time arrested Russell Wilkins, who was operating the still, in Wishart township Thursday afternoon. The still was located in a tobacco barn on the farm of John Wilkins, father of Russell Wilkins, who was busy operating the still when the officers reached the scene. He was placed in jail and will be given a hearing before Recorder David H. Fuller tomorrow.

The posse was made up of Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policemen A. R. Pittman. The still was a crude make-up, the still proper having been made of one of Lumberton's garbage cans. The whiskey was poured out in front of the court house Thursday afternoon, while a thirsty crowd looked on.

Officers captured a large copper still on the banks of Lumber river, near Harper's Ferry, Friday. The still was in operation when the officers reached it, but the operators escaped by swimming the river as the officers approached. A small amount of whiskey and around 300 gallons of beer found at the still were destroyed. This was one of the best-equipped copper stills ever captured in the county, according to Sheriff R. E. Lewis, who led the posse.

Bride-Elect Lacked One Day of Being Old Enough.

They were one day early. It was Monday, the day after Christmas, that a would-be-bridal and groom called at the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd in an effort to secure marriage license. It developed that the would-be-bridal was 13 years and 364 days old. That is, she lacked just one day of being old enough to become a bride, according to the laws of the land. The couple were advised to wait until Tuesday and call again, when the proper credentials for matrimony would be issued. They returned Tuesday and it is supposed that the two are now husband and wife.

Mr. Colon A. Britt of the Orrum section was in town this morning.

JOHN W. WARD & SONS of Rowland give notice elsewhere in this paper that after January 1st their business will be on a cash basis. Adv.

A Blessed Time Of Quiet and Peace

Christmas Was a Time of Quiet Enjoyment in Lumberton—Holiday Throngs Crowded the Stores for Days Before—Entertainments and Trees.

It was an unusually quiet Christmas in and around Lumberton. While the streets were thronged with shoppers for several days prior to Christmas, the order was good and very few arrests were made. Christmas day coming on a rainy Sunday resulted in the "staying in" of the masses. Monday was observed here as a holiday and practically all business houses were closed throughout the day. Santa Claus was apparently generous in his gifts to the little folks and of course they again had the time of their lives.

As mentioned in last Thursday's Robesonian, children of the primary department of the Presbyterian and Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday schools enjoyed a Christmas tree and exercises at their respective churches Wednesday of last week.

Christmas exercises and a Christmas tree at East Lumberton Baptist church were much enjoyed Monday evening. A large crowd was present and Santa Claus distributed presents to members of the primary department.

\$126.52 for Starving Russians.

At Chestnut Street Sunday school and church Christmas morning collections were taken for the starving Russians. The Sunday school collection amounted to \$12.97 while the church collection was \$113.55, making a total of \$126.52. Dr. Beaman preached sermons appropriate to the day and at both services the choir rendered special music.

At Gospel Tabernacle

A delightful and appropriate program was rendered at the Gospel Tabernacle Monday evening, after which presents were distributed to members of the primary department of the Sunday school. A beautiful Christmas tree was prepared and the program was carried out in a pleasing manner.

RECEIPTS FROM LOCAL SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS \$114.58

75 Per Cent. to be Used by Local Committee—Sale Under Direction of Woman's Club.

Sale of Christmas Seals in Lumberton amounted to \$114.58. The sale was put on by the Woman's club, Mrs. John Knox, president, Mrs. Robt. Belch being chairman of the committee that had the sale in charge. Sales at drug stores were as follows: McMillan's, \$14.17; Pope's, \$5.13; Grantham's, \$2.50. The balance was derived from sales by Mrs. Belch's committee. Those actively assisting Mrs. Belch in this work were: Mesdames A. T. Parmele, Junius J. Goodwin, J. H. Felts, W. W. Davis, Jessie Wishart, E. L. Hamilton, C. H. Boyd, John Knox and J. S. Cox; Misses Myrtle Barnes, Viola Jenkins, Vivian Townsend, Carrie Shooter and Flora Wishart.

Seventy-five per cent. of the total amount remains with the local organization for the relief of local people needing assistance; 25 per cent. goes to the State Tuberculosis association.

J. D. NORWOOD HEADS STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

J. D. Norwood of Salisbury, banker and manufacturer, was elected chairman of the State Democratic executive committee at a short meeting in Raleigh last night, succeeding T. D. Warren of New Bern, who had held the position for 8 years and whose resignation was accepted after the committee adopted resolutions of thanks for his services. The only other business of importance transacted was the election of W. A. Graham, Jr., of Lincoln county as a member of the committee to succeed the late Edgar Love.

School Will Open Next Monday.

The Lumberton graded and high schools will open Monday, January 2, for the spring term, after being closed two weeks for the holidays. There will be no change of the faculty from that of the fall term and the work will be continued in the same manner as before the schools closed for the holidays, according to Supt. W. H. Cale.

Talks on Cooperative Marketing.

Interesting talks relative to the plans for co-operative marketing of tobacco and cotton were made at the court house this afternoon by Mr. Will Collins of Kentucky and Mr. Cale K. Burgess of Raleigh. While the meeting had not been well advertised, a number of farmers from various parts of the county was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene and son, James Worthy, are spending the holidays at Raeford with Mrs. Greene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Worthy Johnson. Mr. Furman Williams spent yesterday in Fairmont.

FORMER PRESIDENT WAS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OLD YESTERDAY



WOODROW WILSON

A Washington dispatch states that the reports are that former President Wilson is in better physical condition than at any other time in the last few months. Daily he takes motor rides, has some other exercise, and does much reading and writing.

Dairy Meeting At Rowland Jan. 3

Dairying Will be Discussed From All Angles at This Important Meeting—A New Year's Resolution.

By O. O. Dukes, Farm Demonstrator

A special dairy meeting will be held at Rowland January 3rd at 3 p. m. At this meeting dairying will be discussed from all angles. Special emphasis will be placed on dairying from the cooperative creamery standpoint. The cooperative creamery is one of the best-paying propositions in many sections of the boll weevil territory. The cooperative creamery at Florence, S. C., is now ready to receive shipments from this State. So don't worry about a market but get in shape to produce the product to support a cooperative creamery. As soon as this is done we can have a creamery nearer home.

A dairy specialist from the Department of Agriculture will address the meeting.

Every farmer's New Year resolution should be, "I will beat the boll weevil with diversified farming." Ask your neighbor to attend this very important meeting with you.

EFFORT TO LIMIT NAVAL STRENGTH IN SUBMARINES AND AUXILIARY WARSHIPS ENDS

French and British Arms Conference Delegates Clash Over Possibilities of Future War.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Efforts to limit the naval strength of the powers in submarines and auxiliary warships came to an abrupt end today, after they had drawn the French and British arms conference delegates into a plain spoken exchange over the possibilities of a future war between France and the British empire.

The French, acting under renewed instructions from their government, told the conference naval committee with an air of finality that France must remain free to build a submarine flotilla nearly three times as great as that she now possesses, and to construct, in addition, cruisers, destroyers and other auxiliary craft up to a tonnage of 330,000.

To the proposal the Americans, Japanese and Italians replied with expressions of surprise and regret, while the British charged openly that such a building program must be regarded as a menace to British shores. Arthur J. Balfour added that he had no doubt, if occasion arose, Great Britain would be equal to it, but only if she reserved complete freedom of action as to the construction of all types of auxiliary vessels which might be useful against underwater warfare.

Agreeing that further argument would be useless, the committee turned its attention to collateral subjects, including regulations for future use of submarines, proposals for limitation of the size and armament of individual auxiliary vessels and details of the agreement already sealed in principle regard capital ships.

BOUNTFUL CHRISTMAS DINNER GIVEN COUNTY HOME INMATES

Woman's Club Thanks Those Who Contributed—Each Inmate Received a Large Box and Basket.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The woman's club wishes to thank every one who contributed in any way toward the Christmas dinner at the county home.

The people of the town were extremely generous and the dinner was bountiful, each inmate receiving a large box and basket full of good things.

Mr. E. J. Chambers of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Friday of last week.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 17 1-4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Clayton Hall went yesterday to Little River, S. C., where he has accepted a position.

—Mr. Joe B. Smith of R. 5, Lumberton, killed a hog last week which netted him 100 pounds of lard.

—Community motion pictures will be shown at Tabernacle school house Friday night of this week.

—Mrs. D. D. King was able to leave the Baker sanatorium, where she had been under treatment, the day before Christmas.

—Bear it in mind. When you write asking that your address be changed, always give the old address as well as the new.

—The meeting called by the Lumberton post of the American Legion for Friday evening of last week was postponed until a later date.

—Cristina Graham and Jim Oxendine, Indians, both of the Pembroke section, were married at the home of Justice M. G. McKenzie Thursday at 5 p. m.

—Cora Worley and Walter Berry, a colored couple from Fairmont, were married Saturday at 4 p. m. at the court house, Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating.

—Mr. Hayward T. Hux of Greenville, Pitt county, spent Monday here visiting friends. Mr. Hux was formerly employed as linotype operator by The Robesonian and has many friends here.

—Mr. D. R. Shaw went yesterday to New Bern to attend a meeting of Shriners. Messrs. Robert McIntyre, Robert Caldwell and E. W. Wishart also went yesterday to New Bern, where they will take the Shrine degree. The Shrine meeting takes place today.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Johnson and two sons, Messrs. James and Sam Johnson, left today for their home at Atkinson, after spending a week here visiting at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Johnson and Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Poole. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Johnson are the parents of Mrs. Poole and Dr. Johnson.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Delphus V. Callihan and Roxie Prevatt; Carey Powers and Mabel Rivers; Ottis K. Kittrell and Sadie Cannon; W. James Snead and Irene Ivey; Wallace H. Floyd and Fleda Berry; Melton Lee Baxley and Sallie Lovett; Erwin K. Parneil and Caroline Wilson; Wm. C. Prevatt and Laura Lee Ratley.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul, city health officer in Charlotte, passed through town Tuesday en route to Fairmont to join his family, who are visiting at the home of Mrs. McPhaul's father, Mr. C. P. Grantham. Dr. McPhaul recently has taken over the health work in Mecklenburg county in connection with the city work. He was formerly county health officer in Robeson.

—Mrs. Justin McNeill and children, Helen Marie and Justin Jr., spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. McNeill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Williamson, at Parkton, and were brought home by Mr. Williamson Tuesday afternoon. Mr. McNeill also spent Christmas Day at Parkton. Miss Georgia Williamson and Mr. Erle Williamson came with their uncle Mr. C. D. Williamson to town yesterday and returned with him.

—The following Lumberton young people, besides those already mentioned in The Robesonian, came home from college to spend the holidays: Miss Drina Hedgpeth, Greenville woman's college, Greenville, S. C.; Messrs. Jno. G. and Robert Proctor and Vernon McNeill from the State university, Chapel Hill; Mr. Oscar Bullard from King's business college, Raleigh; Mr. Osborne Lee from Washington-Lee university, Lexington, Va.; Mr. T. Beverly Biggs, Wake Forest college; Marvin Barker, Trinity college, Durham.

—Oscar Bullard of Raleigh, who holds a good position with the Wake Produce Co. of that city as bookkeeper and stenographer, spent Sunday and Monday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bullard. Oscar is making good. He graduated from the Lumberton high school in 1920 and later entered Kings Business college, where he remained a year and completed the combined course. He has recently won a gold medal from the Remington Typewriting Co. for speed in typewriting and is the first young man in the state to be awarded one of these medals.

Monument Unveiling.

A W. O. W. monument will be unveiled at the grave of the late Sovereign S. E. Hendrix at Ten Mile church Sunday at 3 p. m. All Woodmen are invited to be present.

NOTICE

This is to notify all taxpayers that 1 per cent. will be added to all unpaid State and county taxes on January 1, 1922 and one per cent. additional each month thereafter until paid.

R. E. LEWIS, Sheriff.