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## BASEBALL GAME BECOMES TRAGEDY

### Charles Noe Popular Young Man of Beaufort Killed By Pitched Ball

That tragedy sometimes trends closely upon the heels of comedy was clearly shown Monday afternoon on the baseball field here when Charley Noe lost his life while playing in a game between two teams known as "The Fats" and "The Leans." This game which was gotten up for the purpose of raising funds for the regular baseball club and to furnish amusement to the spectators proved to be an entertaining farce until death came suddenly and changed a laughing crowd into a group of shocked and saddened individuals.

The distressing accident occurred in the seventh inning. Charley Noe who was playing with the "Leans," had played with great zeal all through the game. When he came to the bat in the seventh he was very hot and probably considerably exhausted by such unaccustomed exercise. He and G. W. Duncan who was also playing, had a short argument as to whose time it was to bat. Duncan yielded and Noe went to the bat. One or two balls were pitched by John Pake who was in the pitcher's box at the time, and then the fatal ball was thrown which hit the unfortunate young man in his left breast apparently over the heart. He ran to first base in spite of the hit and fell there unconscious. Every effort was made to revive him and Dr. C. L. Duncan who was present did what he could for him. The stricken man was carried into the upper part of the grand stand in the hope that the wind would refresh him but it was of no avail and the end came.

A large crowd assembled Tuesday afternoon in the Methodist church for the funeral exercises which were conducted by Rev. F. R. Bumpas. The Odd Fellows and Knights of Harmony, to which the deceased belonged, attended the exercises in a body and went through their ceremonies at the grave. "Able With Me," "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and "Thy Will Be Done" were sung in the church by the choir and the pastor conducted a short reading and prayer service. The interment was in Live Oak cemetery.

Charles Noe was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi T. Noe, well known citizens of Beaufort, both of whom are living. His widow Mrs. Daisy Willis Noe, and two children survive him or also do three brothers, Thomas, Rowland and Blythe. Charley Noe was known by practically everybody in Beaufort and was a deservedly popular young man. The news of his death spread rapidly over the town Monday and was the occasion of genuine sorrow to a great many people here.

## LYNCHBURG MINISTER PREACHES HERE

Rev. E. G. Hopkins who is a Baptist minister from Lynchburg, Virginia, preached a very interesting sermon Sunday morning at the Methodist church. On next Sunday morning he will conduct services at the Baptist church.

## ELECT NEW BANK PRESIDENT.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Bank of Beaufort W. A. Macs, a stockholder and director of the institution was elected president. Mr. T. A. Dussell, of New Bern, has held that office for several years past. All other officers and directors of the bank were re-elected. The bank officers regard the bank as being in excellent shape considering the dullness of business generally and expect that when times get back to normal that the bank will make splendid progress.

## BASEBALL HERE TODAY

A series of three baseball games starts at the local park today. The games are between the Beaufort club and a team from New Bern. It is reported that the New Bern outfit has some good players on it and it is the expectation of the local management that the games will be warmly contested.

## GOOD MEETING OF BUSINESS MEN

### New Bern Visitors Address Chamber of Commerce. At Enthusiastic Meeting

An interesting but not very large meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held last Thursday evening in the rooms of the Old-Top Club. About fifty persons were present and heard the report of Secretary W. L. Stancil and the talks made by New Bern and Beaufort men.

The meeting was called to order by President M. C. Holland who stated its object and introduced Mr. M. Leslie Davis who extended a cordial welcome to the New Bern visitors.

Secretary Stancil read his report which showed that the organization had a membership of 80 and stated that it ought to have a great many more. Some of the accomplishments of the Chamber of Commerce mentioned by the secretary's report were securing a mail delivery for the city; getting recommendations of the War Department for harbor improvements; sleeping car service to Washington; improvements at freight depot, organizing Federal Farm Loan Association; calling sweet potato storage meeting, aiding in getting Chautauque having insurance rates investigated; fourth of July celebration, getting mail route to Merrimon, working on telephone lines to eastern part of county, working on hotel and hospital projects.

Treasurer G. W. Duncan's report showed that \$334 had been collected and that the organization's bank account showed an overdraft. J. E. Duncan was called on for a speech and responded by showing that if the citizens would work unitedly for any project they could carry it out. He said the streets could be paved and other improvements made. He called for cash subscriptions and many of those present came forward with checks and cash.

Mr. H. M. Jacobs, a prominent business man of New Bern, responded to a call for a speech with an enthusiastic oration in which he set forth the splendid resources of Eastern Carolina and the opportunities awaiting development here. What is needed is cooperation and progressive ideas and work.

Mr. H. E. Barlow who is the wide-awake secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce made an interesting talk. He said he thought the Chamber of Commerce here had done splendid work considering its low dues and the small amount of money raised. The New Bern organization spends eight or ten thousand dollars a year and other cities in the same proportion. He spoke of the advance in freight rates which the railroads say they are going to put on and stated that Beaufort paid 40 cents a ton more now on coal than New Bern and 33.12 cents more than Wilmington. He urged that Beaufort try to get water transportation to Baltimore and other big cities and stated that New Bern now has this service. Mr. Barlow's speech was along practical lines and was listened to attentively. The next and last speaker was Mr. E. W. Couch who is the traffic manager for the New Bern Chamber of Commerce. His remarks were on transportation matters and very much to the point, showing how money could be saved on claims, the advantages of water competition and the necessity of looking after freight rates.

When the speaking was over a number of young ladies appeared on the scene and proceeded to serve ice cream and cake which the men folks appeared to enjoy to the fullest extent. As a result of the meeting it is thought by Chamber of Commerce men that the organization will take on new life and do much useful work for Beaufort. It is hoped that many new members will be added to the rolls in the near future and that some big things can be got under way this Fall and Winter.

## EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER

A competitive examination for the position of postmaster of Morehead City is to be held on August the 12th. A. B. Morris who succeeded E. Y. Wade in acting postmaster there now and has been holding the position for several months.

## LET ALLIES PAY SOLDIERS' BONUS

### Senator Norris Says Money Owed By Allies Should Be Used For This Purpose

WASHINGTON, July 26.—As finally enacted into law, the Naval Appropriation Bill carried no provision for the construction of airplane carriers. The Senate had inserted an amendment making appropriations for two such vessels, but the item was stricken out in the conference between the two Houses. Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington, who had charge of the naval bill in the Senate, has announced that he will soon introduce a separate measure providing for the airplane carriers. He has been led to believe from the disposition manifested by the House conferees that an agreement can be reached to build at least one such ship. There has been some criticism of the Navy that sufficient attention was not being given to the development of its air service. Mr. Poindexter is convinced that our naval defense will be far inferior to that of other nations unless the airplane feature is given a prominent part therein, a policy that requires special vessels upon which the planes can land.

## Wants Allies To Pay Bonus

Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, is the author of an amendment offered to the soldier bonus bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury "to collect the interest due on the various loans made by the Government of the United States to foreign governments during the war," and to apply that sum to the purposes of the bonus act if it shall be passed in the future. Mr. Norris calls attention to the fact that on May 15, 1921, the total amount of interest due and unpaid was \$922,550,143.32. Although there appears to be no doubt that the debtor countries are making regular payments of interest on their own bonds owned by their people, there appears to be little inclination to meet their interest obligations to the United States. Mr. Norris believes that vigorous steps should be taken to bring about these payments, and provide cash for the payment of soldier bonuses without putting added burdens on the people of this country.

## Lower Than Payne Rates

Congressman James A. Frear, of Wisconsin was a member of the subcommittee that framed the agricultural schedules in the tariff bill. He says that he and his colleagues were governed very little by the speeches made before them by the thousand witnesses who appeared. They took, rather, the testimony that was given by experts of the Tariff Commission, who had made specific investigations and presented comprehensive data bearing on foreign costs of production compared with similar domestic figures. Mr. Frear declares that the rates in the new bill, taken together, are below those of the former Payne-Aldrich law. In one respect, the paragraphs of the bill relating to dye stuffs, Congressman Frear believes the rates are too high. He has made a special study of the dyestuffs situation as it is today in this country, and is looked upon by his colleagues as an authority upon the subject.

## REVIVAL STARTS

Rev. H. M. McAdams, of Washington, N. C., arrived a few days ago and is holding a revival here. The gospel tent is located on an empty lot near the Norfolk and Southern passenger station. The meeting began Tuesday evening and a good crowd was present for the opening sermon. Those who heard Mr. McAdams were greatly impressed with his forcefulness and eloquence.

## L. W. HASSELL IS APPOINTED SUPERIOR COURT CLERK

Lawrence W. Hassell received his appointment yesterday from Judge J. Lloyd Riddick as Superior Court Clerk. C. H. Bushall who has been deputy clerk for several years was the only other applicant for the position. Some effort was made to get former clerk T. C. Wade to take the appointment but he refused to do so. Mr. Hassell will take charge of the office as soon as he qualifies and given his bond.

## COTTON GROWERS CAN GET MONEY

### Federal Reserve Board Decides To Furnish Money For Handling Crop

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—In view of the vital importance of the problems incident to the harvesting and marketing of the coming cotton crop, the Federal Reserve Board today held a conference with the governors of the Federal Reserve Banks of Richmond, Atlanta, St. Louis, Kansas City and Dallas, the banks located in or brought in closest touch with the member banks in the cotton states, for the purpose of reviewing the credit situation in these states, and determining what further credit will be needed to facilitate the harvesting and orderly marketing of this crop.

At the present time the five Reserve Banks in question are lending to their members \$457,000,000 or more than 26 per cent of the loans of the entire system, the Richmond Bank borrowing from other Reserve Banks \$20,000,000 and the Dallas Bank borrowing \$16,000,000 for that purpose. The total loans of these five Reserve Banks to their member banks exceed their reserve deposits by \$192,000,000, whereas the reserve deposits of the other seven Reserve Banks exceed their loans to their members by \$118,000,000.

The amount now loaned by the Reserve Banks to their members is four and one-half times the amount borrowed at any one time by all the national banks of the country prior to 1914, or before the establishment of the Federal Reserve System.

The Federal Reserve Board and the Governors of the Federal Reserve Banks announce that the Federal Reserve Banks, in addition to credits already extended, are able and stand ready to extend further credit for the purpose of harvesting and marketing the coming crop, in whatever amount may legitimately be required either directly to their member banks or under a ruling now issued by the Federal Reserve Board indirectly to non-member banks acting through the agency and with the endorsement of a member bank. These loans will be made by the Federal Reserve Banks upon notes, drafts and bills of exchange issued or drawn in accordance with the terms of the Federal Reserve Act and the regulations of the Federal Reserve Board, for the harvesting or orderly marketing of the coming cotton crop.

In order, however, that these re-discount facilities of the Federal Reserve Banks may be made fully effective it will be necessary that member banks in the cotton states place their loaning facilities freely at the disposal of cotton producers and dealers in their respective localities with the knowledge and assurance that the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve Banks recognize the urgency of rendering all proper assistance to these important interests during such abnormal times.

Mr. Meyer, Managing Director of the War Finance Corporation, who attended the conference, reviewed the activities of the War Finance Corporation in making loans for financing cotton for immediate and future export. Governor Strong, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and representatives of certain New York member banks were also invited to the conference to discuss the necessity or advisability of having various commercial banks through the country establish a fund for the purpose of making loans upon rotation. In view of the conclusions reached by the conference as to the ability of the Federal Reserve Banks effectively to take care of all of the legitimate requirements of the cotton interests, it was felt that the establishment of such a fund at this time is neither necessary nor advisable. Governor Strong stated, however, that he had received assurances from a number of important banking institutions in New York City that if the facilities now offered by the Federal Reserve Banks and the War Finance Corporation should prove inadequate, they will cooperate in the establishment of a cotton loan fund in whatever amount the situation might demand.

## NEWSPAPER FOLKS ARE IN SESSION

### Publishers Are Seeing Carteret County This Week And Holding Convention

The North Carolina Press Association convened its annual midsummer session last night at the Bedworth Hotel on Atlantic View Beach and a very good attendance of the membership was present. This is the forty-ninth annual convention of the organization.

Last evening the formal opening of the convention took place. President J. F. Hurley, of the Salisbury Post, called the meeting to order and after a few remarks called on Rev. J. B. Willis pastor of the First Baptist church of Morehead City, to offer the invocation. A very cordial and pleasing address of welcome was then delivered by Mayor T. C. Wade of Morehead City and a happy response to the same by Editor Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children, Thomasville. A number of committees were then named by President Hurley and announcements given.

The chief event of today's morning session was the address by Editor Josephus Daniels of the Raleigh News and Observer. His subject was "Seeing and Knowing North Carolina" and the theme was handled in the speaker's usual vigorous and thoughtful manner. Other speeches on the

Afternoon 2:30

"The Railroads Will Help You See and Know North Carolina"—E. H. Graham, District Passenger Agent, Southern Railway.

"North Carolina in the Editorial Page"—Wade H. Harris, Editor Charlotte Observer.

"Carrying the Story of Our State to Our Readers"—Stanford Martin, Editor Winston Journal.

"Journalistic Talent for the Future in North Carolina"—Louis Graves, University School of Journalism.

Open Discussion of above topics. The program for this afternoon and evening is given below.

Historical Address—M. L. Shipman, Historian.

"Knowing North Carolina Intimately"—Earl Godby, Editor Greensboro Daily News.

Open Discussion of Topics Presented.

4:30—Open season for fun. Evening 8:00

Annual Oration—J. Z. Green, Editor Marsville Home.

Annual Poem—J. D. Boone, Editor Wayneville Courier.

Marketing Problems are Hindering Forces—Led by W. C. Dowd, Bion Butler, H. B. Varn, and T. R. Wade.

Made in North Carolina Exposition—presented briefly by Captain W. J. Squires, H. P. Deaton, M. E. Murray and W. C. Dowd.

Tomorrow morning there are to be five minute talks by the following persons:

Miss H. M. Berry, Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt and Mr. Frank Page.

Western Division Leaders—C. A. Webb, Noah Hollowell, Fred H. May, Miss Beatrice Cobb, R. E. Price.

Central Division Leaders—H. L. Dwire, J. J. Farris, Isaac Loncon, A. C. Honeycutt, W. P. Few and W. B. Harker.

Eastern Division Leaders—Clarence Poe, J. L. Horns, Jr., J. B. Dawson, Z. W. Whitehead, T. M. Cooper, O. J. Peterson, and S. T. Mears.

Election of Officers. Afternoon 3:40 O'clock.

Advertising North Carolina to Advantage—Leaders—N. Buckner, John Park, G. Ed. Kestler, H. Gald Braxton, J. A. Sharp.

Discussion of Suggested Topics. Reports of Committees.

Evening—8 O'clock. Open discussion at Will of Members.

Other details will be given in next week's issue.

## NEW RESIDENCE GOING UP.

Despite the dull times several houses are in course of erection in Beaufort and considerable repair work is also going along. The latest residence is that of Mr. J. Leon Rice on his lot on Turner street. The house which is being built by Mr. Clarence Guthrie will be an eight room structure and will be a very comfortable and pretty dwelling.

## CLERK OF COURT RESPESS IS DEAD

### Popular Official Victim Of Heart Attack After A Lengthy Illness

Clerk of the Superior Court Kenneth J. Respass died at his home in Beaufort at about six o'clock Friday morning after an illness that had lasted for several weeks. The death of Judge Respass while a shock to his friends was not altogether unexpected. For some months it has been known that he had a serious form of heart trouble and other complications and that while he might live for several months or even longer the chances were that he would not do so.

Judge Respass was elected Clerk of the Superior court here in 1918 in a very close contest where the county offices were about equally divided between Republicans and Democrats. His success was due to his popularity with the voters of the county which was sufficient to overcome a strong opposition that defeated several other Republican candidates. If he had lived until next year Judge Respass would probably have been a candidate for reelection and his friends think he would have won undoubtedly. Under the law which makes Clerks of the Superior Court Juvenile Judges he held that office and always displayed a sincere desire to do that which was fair and honest and for the best interests of the child.

Judge Respass was born in Beaufort county and was sixty four years of age. He was the son of the late John B. Respass of that county, who was a prominent Republican politician and regarded as one of the best debaters on the stump of eastern North Carolina. Judge Respass himself was always deeply interested in politics and took an active part in the campaign in the county last year. He was not a bitter partisan though and his likable qualities made him many friends among those who were kind hearted, affable sort of a man not of his political faith. He was a who loved to joke others and knew how to take a joke himself. People who went to the courthouse, liked to drop in his office for a chat and his friendly presence will be missed there for a long time.

The funeral services took place Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the home and were attended by a large gathering of friends. Judge Respass had attained high rank in the Masonic order and the lodge here attended the funeral as a body and participated in the exercises. A special choir rendered lovely and appropriate music and Dr. G. W. Lay, Rector of St. Paul's church, conducted the religious exercises at the home and the grave. The interment was in Ocean View cemetery and there after reading and prayer by Dr. Lay, the beautiful and impressive Masonic ritual was performed and the body of the deceased brother committed to its last resting place.

The surviving relatives of Judge Respass are his widow Mrs. Elizabeth T. Respass, his daughter Miss Ruby, Mrs. Julian Arrington who is another daughter, three sons E. J. Respass, of Pinetown; Theodore B. Respass, of Kingston; and Windley Respass, of Beaufort. Mr. John B. Respass, of Washington, a brother of the deceased and Mrs. W. T. Latham, of Beaufort county a sister, also survive him.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Licenses to marry recently issued are as follows: James Lock and Minnie Nelson, Morehead City; Willie H. Ballou and Iona Smith, Morehead City; Guy L. Brooks and Georgia Willis, Atlantic; Willie Best and Beulah Morris, Wildwood; Guy Parker (col.) and Annie Nelson, Beaufort.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

W. B. Norris, a young man who lives in the country a few miles from Beaufort and is the son of Mr. J. T. Norris was carried to New Bern Sunday afternoon to undergo an operation. The operation was successful and Mr. Norris is reported to be getting along very well.