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**THURSDAY MAY 7 1925**

Governor McLean says the electric bath they are talking so much about is nothing but a sweat box. Well he may need it but one thing certain Cam Morrison never did.

About a year ago when the two Stewarts murdered the two officers, Lilly and George, a wave of indignation swept over not only the community but the State. If a mob could have gotten hold of the men no doubt they would have been lynched. Now as a result of their recent execution a change has come about in public sentiment. A good many people have written to the newspapers protesting against capital punishment and in Wilmington they are circulating a petition asking that it be abolished. This all goes to show that public opinion is a fickle thing; like the wind it bloweth where it listeth.

**SAMPSON'S SCHOOLS.**

The fine twenty four page school edition recently gotten out by the Sampson Independent shows that Sampson county is keeping abreast of the educational advance that most of the State is now making. More than ten thousand children are enrolled in Sampson's schools and it requires three hundred teachers to instruct them. The county has a considerable number of consolidated schools, with good buildings and competent teachers and some excellent high schools. Twenty years ago Sampson, like most other counties in North Carolina, had a lot of little one teacher schools, with poorly paid, inefficient teachers for the most part, keeping school four months in the year. There was but little interest in the school then, attendance was poor and most rural children were growing up in ignorance as their ancestors before them had done. Now the cloud of illiteracy that has hung over rural North Carolina for so long is lifting as the record made by Sampson, Carteret and other progressive counties plainly shows.

**A HERO PRESIDENT**

The election of General Von Hindenburg as president of Germany seems to have upset the French somewhat and in fact it did not meet with approval of many people in England and the United States. The Hindenburg victory is regarded as a triumph for the monarchists and the old military regime. Some think that it means that Germany is making her plans to become again a great military power and perhaps bring on another war. But no matter how these things may be there is no disputing the fact that the Germans have the right to do their own choosing in the matter of electing a president and the result may not be so bad after all.

In Germany Hindenburg is a national hero just as General Grant was in the North and General Lee in the South some fifty years ago. The first president the United States ever had was a hero and it has had several of that sort since then. For twenty five years after the Civil War Congress was filled with Federal and Confederate veterans and even the State and county offices were usually filled by veterans. This custom of rewarding war veterans with public office is no new one. They used to do it in Greece and in Rome and in

other old countries. There is some sort of glamour about the military man that catches the public eye and if he is any sort of a politician he usually can get along. Of course some times the former soldiers are failures as civil life officials but that is also true of those who never smelled gun powder. Hindenburg probably knows but little about politics and matters of state but he is a conservative, a believer in discipline and an orderly government. If he does not allow the militarists to get too much power Hindenburg's administration may prove to be a good thing for Germany. At any rate they have elected him and about all the rest of us can do is to wait and see what happens.

**THE BEST EDITORIAL**

The Pulitzer prize of five hundred dollars for the best editorial article appearing in American newspaper last year was won by Robert Lathan, editor of the Charleston, S. C. News and Courier. The article is a good one. It is on an interesting subject, at any rate a subject that ought to interest thoughtful people, and is clearly and forcefully expressed. One of the most remarkable things about the editorial though is that it was published in sight of Fort Sumter, in one of the most conservative cities on earth, a city whose people are bound by tradition, steeped in complacency, covered with custom as is an Egyptian mummy with its wrappings. We hope the editorial did some good. It is reproduced here with:

**THE PLIGHT OF THE SOUTH.**

(The following editorial article written by Robert Lathan, editor of the Charleston News and Courier and published in that newspaper November 5, 1924, has been awarded the Pulitzer prize of \$500 for the best editorial article written during the year, the test of excellence being clearness of style, moral purpose, sound reasoning and power to influence public opinion in the right direction, due account being taken of the whole volume of the writer's editorial work during the year.)

This article is being written on election day before the result of the voting can possibly be known. No matter the suggestions it contains will still be pertinent whatever the story told by the first page this morning. It makes very little difference what any of us think about the outcome of yesterday's balloting. It makes a considerable difference whether or not the people of the south realize the precarious situation which this section has come to occupy politically.

As yet we doubt if very many of them do realize this; and yet it is, we think, the outstanding political development of the time so far as we are concerned. Look at the facts. They are not pleasant to contemplate but they cannot be ignored longer. We are in a sad fix politically in this part of the country and if we are to find a remedy for our troubles we must first of all determine what they are. That will take considerable discussion and all we can hope to do now is to help start the ball of this discussion rolling. If that can be accomplished we may achieve the new program and the new leadership which we so much need.

For at the root of the south's present plight lies the fact that it has today virtually no national program and virtually no national leadership. Is it strange that it should be treated by the rest of the country as such a negligible factor? What is it contributing today in the way of political thought? What political leaders has it who possess weight or authority beyond their own states? What constructive policies are its people ready to fight for with the brains and zeal that made them a power in the old days?

The plight of the south in these respects would be perilous at any time. In a period when political currents are deeper and swifter than ever before, with more violent whirlpools, more dangerous rocks and shoals, ours is truly a perilous position. Change which used to be decades in the making now sweep over us almost before we know they are in contemplation. It is true everywhere. In all the countries of Europe the pendulum is swinging, now far to the left, now far to the right. Center parties have lost their power. They are in a very bad way. And the south has belonged to the school politically which sought as a rule the middle of the road, eschewing ultraconservatism on the one hand and

radicalism on the other. With labor organized and militant, with radicalism organized and in deadly earnest with conservatism organized and drawing the lines sharply, what is the south to do, what course shall she take, where do her interests lie, what is due to happen to her? These are questions which already begin to press for answer. Who is to speak for the south? How many of her citizens are prepared to help formulate her replies?

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mitchell Willis, deceased, late of Carteret County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of May 1925, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This May 7th, 1925.

D. H. WILLIS,

Administrator of the estate of Mitchell Willis. 6-11-25

**BY PUBLICATION. NOTICE OF SUMMONS**

North Carolina, Carteret County. In the Superior Court, Before the Clerk.

Frank L. King, Administrator, of Jennie Core Thomas, Deceased,

Vs.

T. V. Ketcham and William Thomas, and other heirs at law of Jennie C. Thomas.

The defendants, above-named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Carteret County, North Carolina, to petition the said court to sell for assets all of the real estate of the estate of Jennie Core Thomas, it having been found that the personal property of the deceased is insufficient to pay her said debts and the defendants will take further notice that they are required to appear before the clerk of the Superior court for the County of Carteret at his office in Beaufort, N. C., on the 8th day of June 1925, and answer the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint the relief demanded in said complaint. This 6th day of May 1925.

L. W. Hassell,

Clerk of the Superior Court. 5-28-25

**COLORED NEWS**

N. F. BROOKS, Reporter

The Congregational Church repeated its Easter Cantata last Sunday at 3:30 P. M. It was highly enjoyed by those present.

Rev. C. C. Clark, principal of the public school at Scotland Neck, N. C., has been invited to preach the annual sermon incident to the closing exercises of the Graded school here. Prof. Clark is a most interesting speaker and is sure to bring to Beaufort a helpful message.

The revival meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist Church continues with increasing interest. Eighteen persons were baptized last Sunday. There have been twenty two more conversions since baptizing. There have been about sixty conversions altogether. There has been one monster street parade. Two visiting quartets have been here to sing for the revival. Both sang to overflow crowds.

This meeting is conducted in the interest of the whole town. All the churches are receiving help. Of the converts thus far, eight have gone to the Methodist church, six to the Congregational Church and four to the Queen Street Baptist church. Rev. T. S. Marsh of Wilmington is doing the preaching. Pastor Brooks does the preaching on Sunday mornings. The meeting is now in its fifth week and will at least go on till next week.

Pastor Brooks calls on the whole town to help rescue our town from the clutches of the devil.

**A DIFFERENT SMITH.**

I want to say to the people that recently the name of Charles Smith was in the Beaufort News for being drunk and lots of people not knowing but the one Charles Smith here took it to be my son Charles P. Smith. But it was another Smith down East and I want to ask you to make the difference between them the next time, please.

MRS. C. V. SMITH.

Beaufort, N. C.

The child needs all six of these foods included in his meals each day: milk, eggs, vegetables, fruit, whole grain cereals and butter and cream. say home economics workers of the State College of Agriculture.

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