

Maxwell May Lose Power Under Changes

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Raleigh, Jan. 8—It's still all very unclear, but there are some indications that Governor J. Melville Broughton aims to strip the wings of the Department of Revenue...

One pass after Broughton's inaugural address today indicated he may be considering removal of a large part of Maxwell's domain completely from under him.

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But that isn't all. In the very next breath the governor continued:

"I shall recommend to the General Assembly the enactment of appropriate legislation affecting the administration of the highway patrol and other agencies related to regulation of motor vehicles..."

That could mean a lot of things, but it surely means at least that the patrol and perhaps the entire motor vehicle bureau will go out of the Revenue department.

But even more certainly, it appears on its face to be outright notice to Major John Armstrong, now patrol commander, that he is to begin looking for a new job...

This means an especially pointed hint in view of the Armstrong secretary for Commissioner Maxwell recently led to much press comment on the Armstrong suggestion that patrol members should contribute to the Maxwell campaign fund.

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vision for vocational and adult education. He urged salary increases for teachers if funds are available...

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MURDER MAKES A HERO BY ELLIOTT FILLION

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR BETWEEN BITES, each one of us examined the paper which Cary wished us to see...

It wasn't at all what I had expected. On a half sheet of cheap newspaper were pasted words cut from what I thought must be newspaper print. The word Althea, probably because it was unusual and not to be found easily in a newspaper, was carefully formed of letters cut out and pasted together...

"The longer I examined the paper the more positive I became that Miss Althea—although she might have planned the letter—could not have done the work herself."

The words were pasted into two lines, each row as evenly spaced as though done by a micrometer. There wasn't one uneven or crookedly cut word or letter. Each word was clipped into a perfect rectangle, each letter into a precise square and pasted with unerring accuracy.

Miss Althea's clay-like hands were distorted with rheumatism from which I had been told she was a great sufferer. Her fingers were very stiff and each knuckle was swollen and enlarged. I had seen her hands shake when handling anything, and she almost invariably lifted her teacup with both hands. Never could these crippled, trembling hands have done that meticulous cutting, spacing and pasting.

One thing puzzled me greatly. Why did the maker of the letter task me? I asked Miss Althea's name. Could it be possible that she I was accepting Miss Althea's present and not know how to spell her name? In that case we could not be a close friend or acquaintance, certainly not one of the Ransoms. Could I have been mistaken all along? Could some unknown be taking a hand in the game?

I passed the letter on to Kay and waited for remarks. None came. Carefully each one examined the paper and quietly passed it on. Now, when it again was in Cary's hands, I might expect to hear their varying ideas.

But I was mistaken. Not one comment was made, whatever might be their thoughts, they were being kept to themselves. Every eye was fixed on Cary.

"As far as this thing is concerned," he began, arrogantly crumpling the paper in his hand, "the only place for it is the wastebasket."

Quickly Mark put out a restraining hand. "I wouldn't do that, Cary, if I were you."

Surprise flooded Cary's face. "You wouldn't throw it away?" "I would not. I'd keep it for future reference. You may want it some day."

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commented. The Agriculture department wants a rebloom at the State Fair grounds.

Emphasizing the need for a balanced budget, Broughton said he recommended that material changes be made in 1939 tax levies except to remove the sales tax from essential food for home consumption."

The sales tax was "repealed as an emergency tax" but increasing State service and additional burdens of a social and humanitarian nature had made its continuance "inevitable," he said. "This condition still exists, and I therefore do not favor the repeal of the sales tax."

Devoting much attention to educational causes, Broughton urged a goal of a standard nine-months school term and a twelfth grade. He proposed raising the age limit for compulsory school attendance from 14 to 16 years.

Due to existing duplication and overlapping of authority in school administration, it was suggested that the legislature might consider substituting a constitutional amendment creating a representative and adequate state board of education in which will be vested all of the State's authority, power and responsibility for the administration of the State school system."

Two recommendations not generally expected were that the legislature provide state aid for public libraries, and that steps be taken to complete a tubercular sanatorium in eastern North Carolina. A site for the sanatorium was bought after the 1939 legislature but Federal funds could not be secured to finance the buildings.

Broughton noted that "much of our primary road system must be entirely revamped or rebuilt if we would meet the expanding business and traffic conditions of our state." He urged "adequate provision" for farm-to-market and school-to-home roads.

"Fortunately we are experiencing substantial increases in the collection of funds for road purposes," said Broughton on the matter of diversion. "Such funds should be used wholly for these objectives and not be diverted for uses unrelated to our road and highway program. Above all, we should adhere strictly to the principle of a state highway system."

Many saw in the statement on "a state highway system" a possible inkling that reorganization of the Highway and Public Works Commission might be proposed. Now the eleven commissioners represent divisions of the state as well as the state as a whole.

Praise was heaped on progress made in prison, parole and probation matters and it was recommended that the legislature "make some provision for training prisoners in useful trades."

anonymous letter is always rank poison. My only thought was to get rid of it. "I'd keep it," Mark spoke impressively.

"I think it's merely another attempt on Aunt Althea's part to get dad's papers. She's tried everything else and it would have been easy for her to slip this paper part way under the door this morning. I'm sure you don't know through the mail, you know."

"She does hit Jabez over the head," Mark's words were like an icy gale sweeping over me. "And can you imagine her spelling or allowing anyone else to spell her name with an 'r'?"

"You mean you think—" "Immediately," Mark interrupted him. "I don't know what I do think, except that that paper is worth keeping."

Slowly Cary smoothed out the crumpled mail, folded it, drew out his pocket and placed it within. "You see, Mark, I'll keep it. I'll be glad when I can get over these papers. That'll end all this foolishness I should have done it before, but Granddad asked me to wait until we could go over them together. We're starting on them in the morning."

"That's fine," Mark said heartily. "When you've done that you'll know what, if anything, Aunt Althea's raising all this rumpus for."

With that we left the breakfast table. If there was anything more said on the subject, I didn't hear it. The rest of the day was quiet, uneventful. Next morning Cary came into the above where I was typing.

"We're starting on the papers from great-grandfather's chest this morning," he said. "Will you bring your note-books and pencils?"

To Captain Essex's room, we went. The scene was much brighter. Probably the prospect of going over the old papers acted as a stimulant to his enfeebled frame.

Cary drew a light table to the side of the captain's chair, installed me at one end and took his seat across from the captain. He laid the bundle of books and papers he carried on the table, removed the rubber bands which encircled them, divided them into two piles and pushed one stack toward his grandfather, retaining the other himself.

"There you are, Granddad," he said. "Now we'll really get something."

All morning we worked steadily. Occasionally the silence was broken by Cary asking his grandfather a question or a comment was proffered by the old captain.

Papers which we were to use were given to me to copy, and it was seldom that such a paper failed to elicit from the captain a story which had been told him by his father. Often Cary would give me a nod, and I would take down in shorthand the story the old man was telling. By noontime I had filled two note-books and part of a third and still had a pile of papers to copy.

Captain Essex would have continued the work through the afternoon, but Cary firmly refused to do so.

"You'll get too tired, Granddad," he objected. "Nancy has enough typing to do to keep her busy all the afternoon, and I don't want to get too far ahead of her. We've almost finished with great-grandfather's chest, we'll be able to start on yours tomorrow."

In the library above, Cary sat beside me until I finished copying the last of the papers, which he then replaced in the safe. I typed all the afternoon, expecting that the next day would give me as much more work. But the old captain showed the effect of the hours spent bending over the papers on the previous day, and Cary refused to do more than finish with the contents of the first chest.

"I want you rested and fit as a fiddle, Granddad," he said. "I'd like you to tell me in detail about every one of your papers."

The stories which the captain had told us of his father included running the blockade in the War of 1812, nights with Caribbean pirates and hostile South sea islands, voyages made on the China sea trade, and races around the Horn to San Francisco and Australia during the gold rushes. My notebook was the most enthralling thing I had ever transcribed, and I worked until midnight getting caught up in the work.

The next day we started on the papers from the captain's chest. I had wondered what he could tell of interest after the thrilling things to which I had listened, but I soon found that, if different, his life had been quite as exciting as his father's.

His own experiences included fighting with Malay and Chinese pirates, running the gauntlet of Confederate cruisers during our own Civil War; trips to South Africa with caravans of furs, and the Horn for the Beers and lumber from Puget sound to Australia, fascinating descriptions of foreign ports with their people and customs; commonplace to them, so odd to us, and memorable hours of hurricanes and days in the doldrums to point a vivid contrast.

I felt as though I were living in a dream. That book of Cary's would be thrilling enough for a best seller even if the characters in it were those of real life instead of fiction.

When the captain's papers were finished, we started on those of Captain Cary Essex III. I was nervous and uneasy, wondering just what might be found there, but hours passed uneventfully. The life of the last Captain Essex had not been so exciting as that of his father or grandfather. His logs and papers were mostly hum-drum records of hard times, increasing wages, ballasted voyages from port to port in search of a cargo and bitter accounts of the steamers which made his Gay Lady a back number.

Suddenly I saw Cary start violently, cast an anxious glance at his father, and deliberately slip a paper out of the pile before him into his pocket.

"What's that?" he asked, looking at the paper he had just pocketed.

"I don't know," I answered. "You'll find out if you read it."

Stressing the need for giving much attention to the highly important question of law observance and law enforcement," Broughton recommended repealing the highway patrol of any tax collecting work. He said he would also recommend new legislation affecting the administration of the highway patrol and other agencies related to regulation of motor vehicles.

"I also urge," he said, "that the highway patrol be put upon the highest possible basis of efficiency and that it be removed wholly from the realm of politics in its administration and in its personnel."

I also recommend that slot gambling machines be absolutely barred," he told the legislators.

Urging a short legislative session, the governor said he had no desire to hurry the lawmakers but "I venture the observation that in these days of grave crisis and important business and industrial developments the people of the state would applaud a reasonably short session and I therefore urge you to conclude your session as early as may be expedient."

Progress has been made in conservation and development work, he noted, and adequate maintenance should be provided for the program. Timber conservation and fire protection funds should come from the state's general funds, and receipts from fishing and hunting licenses should be used for fish and game purposes.

"The geological facilities of the state should be largely supplemented and extended," Broughton said, as he pointed out that the state had many minerals indispensable in the defense program.

"The division of commerce and industry should be greatly enlarged," he continued. "The state in my opinion should maintain in Washington,

"We Will Not Be Intimidated."



President Roosevelt is pictured as he delivered his message on the state of the nation before the joint houses of Congress at Washington. It was really an address on the state of the world, and the President made it clear that he intends to have no stone unturned to preserve the democratic way of life. At left rear is Speaker Sam Rayburn, at right, Vice President John Nance Garner.

at least during the period of the present defense activity, a fully equipped and well-manned office for the purpose of attracting new business, etc. and cooperating with our existing industries in the effort to get new business for the state."

He announced he had asked the Budget Commission to recommend increased funds for use in the fight for lower freight rates.

Amicable relations between capital and labor were praised, and the legislation was asked to give careful study to a report to be made by a special commission working on proposed wage and hour legislation. The commission is expected to report Saturday, including a "model bill" in its findings.

The state has made much progress, Broughton said, and the task is not complete. The trend is inevitable, and no reactionary group or force can long obstruct its path of progress. It is with this conception of government that I have taken the oath of this high office. In doing so, I have humbly pledged myself before God and my fellow-citizens that as your governor and leader I will conscientiously and devotedly strive to serve all the people in our beloved North Carolina. I am free from any obligations or commitments that can hinder me in this high endeavor.

In undertaking to discharge the duties resting upon me by virtue of my election as governor, my un-

derstanding of my duty is that I shall be actuated by no partisan or factional spirit. I shall endeavor to deal fairly, justly and honorably with all, regardless of race, influence or party affiliation.

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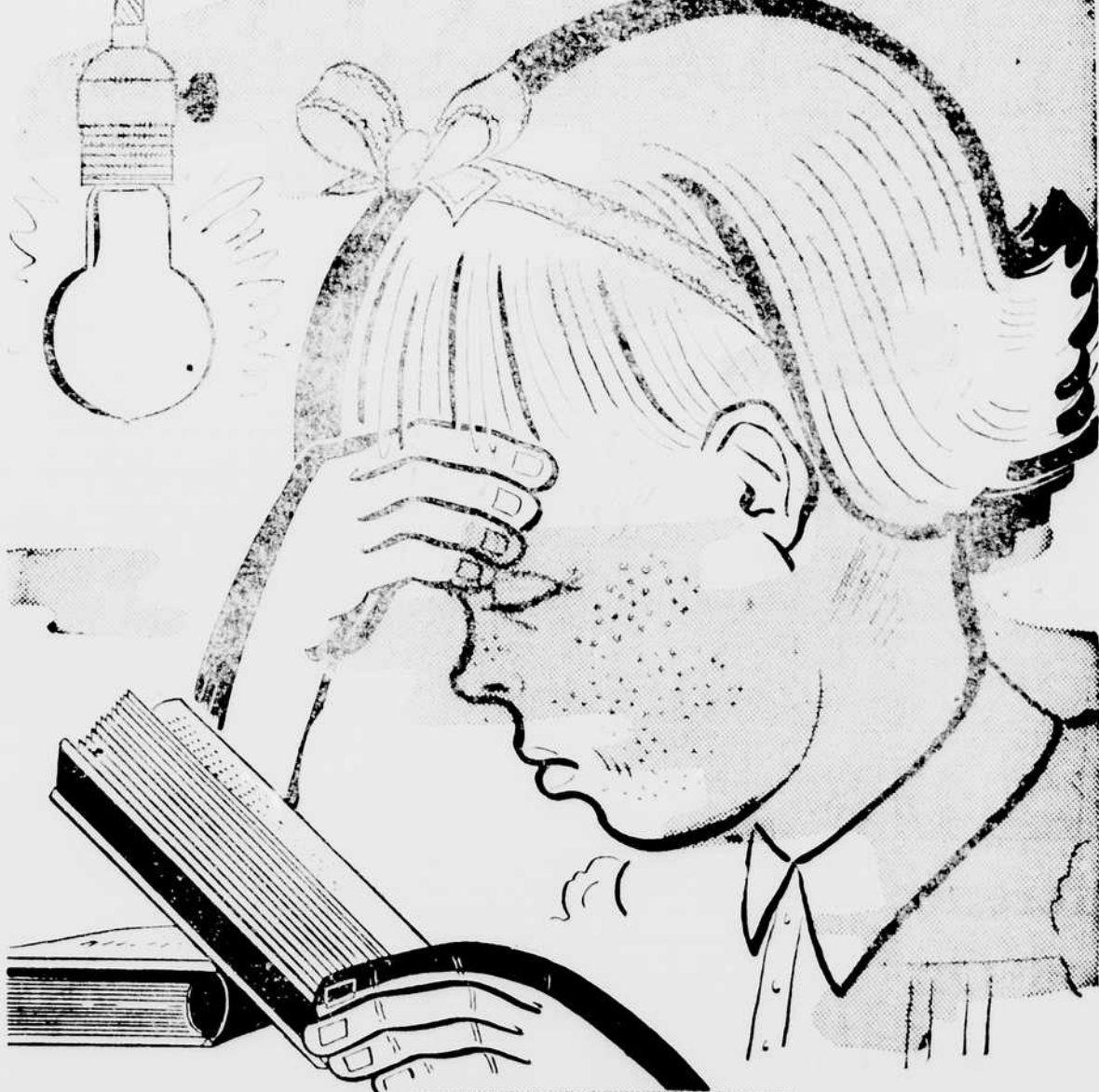
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