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## Caswell Honored At Unveiling of Bronze Tablet on Highway

Representatives of City, County, State, Patriotic Organizations and Freemasonry at Exercises in City and at Site of Marker—Attention of Thousands to Be Attracted to Resting Place of One of Nation's Foremost Personages of Century and Third Ago—Great in Affairs of State and in Soldier's Uniform. Senator Stacy Tells of Fitness of Character—Rain Handicaps Ceremonies—Only Living Caswell Could Not Come for Program

The municipality of Kinston, Lenoir County, the state, patriotic societies and the Masonic order participated in exercises Monday attendant upon the unveiling of a marker pointing the way from the Central Highway, principal road in the State, to the grave of Richard Caswell, village functionary, colonial assemblyman, member of Congress, would have been member of the most momentous gathering in all American history, governor and major-general of the American armies. This town, dwelling in that apathy toward its great men and institutions characteristic of North Carolina, officially took a couple of hours off to do homage to the memory of its greatest citizen. The public, its slight ardor dampened by a drizzling rain, paid little attention to the occasion. The exercises at the Grand Theatre were not largely attended. Because the highway is closed for improvements, and because of the rain, no large attendance at the unveiling proper could be expected.

The exercises were simple but impressive. They were opened around 10:30 o'clock. The orchestra rendered a number and Rev. Charles L. Read, pastor of Queen Street Methodist Church, spoke the invocation. State Senator George V. Cowper, who as a chairman of the local marker committee presided over the exercises, introduced the speaker, Senator H. E. Stacy of Lumberton, brother of Judge Stacy of Wilmington and the late Dean Stacy of the University of North Carolina.

Eulogizes Heroic Character. Caswell was one of the very "biggest" men North Carolina has ever voted largely to a portrayal of the nation-wide in the early days of the Republic; indeed, his fame spread beyond the seas. Authentic historians tell that he was born in Maryland August 3, 1729. He was the son of a prosperous merchant, who during Caswell's youth experienced business bad luck. Young Caswell came to North Carolina, then one of the most populous colonies—the first census after the revolution placed the State third in the list following only Virginia and Pennsylvania—to seek his fortune. He bore letters from the governor of Maryland to Governor Johnston. He was well educated. He soon found himself in public office, but he was a minor official to begin with. A few weeks or months after coming to this colony the young Marylander was a deputy surveyor and clerk of the Orange County Court. Caswell next located in Lenoir, then a part of Dobbs County, afterward obliterated by partition. He procured license to practice law.

Rises in Political Ranks. From 1754 to 1771 Caswell was a member of the colonial assembly. He represented Johnston County for at least a part of that time. He became speaker of the House of Commons and held that honor during 1770 and 1771. Caswell loved the trumpet's alarm more than the bloodless battles of politics. He had many soldierly characteristics, it is said. He was a colonel of militia, and commanded the right wing of Governor Tryon's forces at the Battle of Alamance, May 19, 1771.

In 1774 he was named a delegate to the congress at Philadelphia. He resigned in 1775 to become one of the Colonial Dames and Mrs. J. Fred. Taylor of the Daughters of the Confederacy at the exercises. The only known descendant of Caswell bearing his name, Col. William Caswell of Knoxville, Tenn., was prevented from being present by poor health and stress of business. The celebrity was his great-great grandfather. Loved His Country. The inscription on the marker reads: "South of this tablet, 166 yards, is the grave of Richard Caswell, the first Governor of North Carolina as an independent State. I will most cheerfully join any of my countrymen, even as a rank and file man, and whilst I have blood in my veins freely offer it in support of the liberties of my country.—Caswell to his son in 1775. The North Carolina Historical Commission—1918—Citizens of Lenoir County; Caswell, Nash Chapter, D. A. R."

The marker faces the mountains-to-sea highway at a point a short distance from the city. It is a handsome raised tablet, of bronze, and will attract the attention of hundreds of tourists and other travelers daily in the years to come. Sketch of Caswell.

## THUGS AND DRUNKS AND OTHERS START THEIR WEED SEASON

Disorders Prevalent During Tobacco Season Have "Good Opening"

## SOME ROBBERY CASES

"Large Sums Change Hands," as They Say in Connection With the Market Reports — Cops Appear to Be Overworked

South Kinston's festival opened Saturday night with a fairly full program of crime and disorder. Numerous drunks and some "underlies" took part in the "exercise."

A. J. Stewart, a farmer, told the police he was robbed of between \$400 and \$500 at the house of Lillian Gray in South Kinston. He was in company with several young bloods. Stewart supposed that he was relieved of the money when he dozed off to sleep in a chair. He had been drinking. A warrant was issued for George Palmer, a restaurant employe, in connection with the case. Another Supposed Robbery. Robert Suggs, white, told the authorities that he lost about \$180 Sunday night in or on the street before the house of Mabel Holmes. He could not identify the persons suspected of robbing him.

Charged With Larceny. O. H. Walker was arrested Monday morning on the charge of robbing Herman D. Boone, a stenographer, who had borrowed him, of a suit of clothes. Walker said a man who beat him up robbed him of his own clothes and that he borrowed Boone's.

Henry Cain's specialty in the weekend program was literally knocking the shoes off Suddie Belle Hooper, colored. It is assumed that the girl's shoes were not tightly laced. It is a fact that they were laced off when Henry batted her. Among the other offenders were some 12 or 15 crapsshooters, all the evidence against them not in hand Monday forenoon. The gamblers were both white and colored.

the convention to draft the Constitution at Philadelphia in 1787, but declined, and having that unusual authority, named William Blount to go in his stead. In 1789 he was a senator from Dobbs. He was a member of the State convention at Fayetteville which ratified the Federal Constitution in November, 1789. He became speaker of the Senate. It was about this time that a cloud came over the mind of the distinguished Carolinian. His youngest son embarked at Charleston to voyage to New Bern, and was never heard from again: It was the opinion of some close friends of Caswell, it is assumed, that the young fellow was captured by pirates and murdered. It was a fairly prevalent opinion, at any rate.

While presiding in the Senate November 5, 1789, the celebrated Lenoir Countian was stricken with paralysis. He died five days later, aged 60 years. The body was brought to Kinston and interred on what is now the Watford farm, a short distance west of the city, many notables attending the services. Macon Said He Was a Power. Nathaniel Macon, then one of the most celebrated men in the country, called Caswell "one of the most powerful men that ever lived in this or any other country." One historian likened him to Washington in some particulars.

It was during Caswell's administration as governor (second) that the celebrated "State of Frankland," or "Franklin," seceded from North Carolina. Caswell was indignant. He was firm in his steps to suppress

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## SHOPMEN TO ACCEPT WILSON'S PROPOSAL AND STAY ON JOBS

Early Returns Indicate There Will Be No Strike Yet

## TO CALL CONFERENCE

Executive Will Probably Fix Date for Assembling of Capitalists and Workers Before Leaving for the West

(By the United Press) Washington, Sept. 1.—The President's proposal of a wage increase of four cents an hour pending reduction of living costs will be accepted by the railway shopmen now taking a strike vote, it is indicated by early returns to the American Federation of Labor.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Announcement by President Wilson of the date on which he will call the conference between representatives of capital and labor for a complete discussion of the relations between the two, putting the whole question of wages on another footing, is expected to force the President to depart Wednesday for his transcontinental tour. The date is believed to be set for a time soon after the President's return, probably early in October.

## DIVISION OF TIME PREVENT CROWDING PUPILS OUT ROOMS

Both Morning and Afternoon Sessions Rule in City Schools This Fall and Winter — Authorities Have No Alternative

Reporting for the Building Committee of the City School Board, of which he is chairman, to J. W. Goodson, chairman of the board, on an investigation of the question of "extra rooms to care for the increase in teachers and students," E. G. Barrett states that "there are no practical quarters available for school purposes."

The board is now "face to face with a question that forces us to suggest that the most practical solution is to use the plant reported by practically all cities under similar conditions—that a number of grades be put on the part-time plan, which would mean that one group of children would attend school from 9 to 1 and another group from 1 to 5. These divisions might alternate each month."

Adopted.

Chairman Goodson's comment on Mr. Barrett's report was a simple announcement Monday that— "Conditions force us to adopt the plan. We can see no alternative."

## PHILLIPS PROPERTY BRINGS RECORD PRICE FOR GROUND HERE; LUMP SALE

The "Phillips property" at Queen and North streets was sold at auction Monday at noon by J. A. Lang, the executor of the John R. Phillips estate, to the North American Land Company of Farmville, N. C., for the record price for local real estate of \$127,311. The ground, containing frame buildings of comparatively little value, is 110 by 167 feet. The nine lots were bought as a whole



CLEMENCEAU, PREMIER OF WORLD'S SECOND REPUBLIC.

## KINSTON WILL HAVE A RECORD TOBACCO SEASON, IS BELIEF

Opens Tuesday With Every Indication of Bigger Business

## EVERYBODY OPTIMISTIC

Maybe Twenty-five Million Pounds, Possibly \$10,000,000 Business — Crop Great One in Spite of Weather's Treachery

(Daily Free Press—Sept. 1) Kinston tobacco approaches the monarch is due here Tuesday forenoon, half a month later than his Majesty's custom.

His delighted local subjects have made extravagant predictions for the Golden King's coming. He will sojourn here at least four months. Monday a husband, maybe two or three thousand, Kinstonians, worked like mad in preparation for Tuesday's opening. Every warehouse was a center of industry.

Getting down to brass tacks, tobaccoists look for Kinston's biggest season—a more than 25,000,000 pound season—a better than \$10,000,000 season.

The crop is large. Curing was well advanced at an earlier date than usual. The July rains and floods killed an insignificant part of the product yet in the fields, after all.

South Carolina's opening prices caused no observers from this market to get drunk from joy, but they have advanced steadily and handsomely, and there is no telling what may happen on local sales floors Monday or within the few days following the auctioning off of the initial crops.

The large corps of buyers is on hand. They wear contented smiles. They would not dare to smile did they think the farmers had anything but a prospect before them.

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## HOUSE PLANS GIVE PALMER FUNDS WITH WHICH FIGHT H. C. TROOPS; QUIET NOW

Material Progress in Campaign Expected During Week

## PROSECUTIONS WANTED

As Best Means for Stopping Profiteering — Congressmen Indicate Time for Talking and Threatening is Past

(By the United Press) Washington, Sept. 1.—The House this week is planning to give the Government's high cost of living campaign the biggest boost yet by providing the cash for the Department of Justice's prosecution of profiteers and hoarders. The deficiency appropriation bill carrying additional money thought necessary to bring down prices will be placed before the House late in the week.

Committee members have already given assurance that it will carry ample provision for the nationwide campaign against profiteers planned by the Department of Justice. Sentiment in Congress favors wholesale prosecutions as the only means for stopping exorbitant charging.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

MUNITIONS SHIP SEIZED. Cork, Ireland, Sept. 1.—Suspected of carrying munitions to Sinn Fein forces, the steamship Hampshire Coast was seized by a British destroyer yesterday and has been brought to Cork. The steamer left London for Ireland Wednesday. The British authorities have not indicated what action they will take in connection with the ship's seizure.

STEAMER CAPSIZES; MANY PASSENGERS. San Francisco, Sept. 1.—The Union Lumber Company's steamer Unimack capsized in the open sea off the Golden Gate today with 150 passengers and crew aboard. She was a coaster running between Eureka and San Francisco. Casualty reports have not come in yet.

AUTO DRIVER BADLY HURT. Uniontown, Pa., Sept. 1.—James Murray, driving a Duesenberg in the city, colliding with the Uniontown automobile classic, was badly injured today when his car was overturned. Mechanic Lyle Hendon suffered body bruises.

ANOTHER DELAY. Washington, Sept. 1.—Senate Judiciary Committee today postponed for two weeks its decision as to the constitutionality of the Franco-American treaty.

NEW BUSINESSES. New enterprises in North Carolina include a \$50,000 hospital at Wilson (K. C. Moore, H. B. Best and others incorporators), a \$600,000 mercantile brokerage concern at Henderson, a \$80,000 development company at Morganton, a \$50,000 bank at Englehard, a \$400,000 realty company at Rockingham and a \$25,000 confection company at Greensboro.

FAMOUS TRAIN HITS WRECK; ONE KILLED. (By the United Press) Cleveland, Sept. 1.—One person, Engineer Thomas Sankey, 40, was killed last night when the Twentieth Century Limited ran into a freight wreck at Plainsville, Ohio. The freight train, running on a parallel track, buckled and several cars piled up over the way of the flyer. Prompt application of the brakes by Sankey prevented a more serious crash.

## KNOXVILLE HELD BY SMALL ARMY STATE TROOPS; QUIET NOW

Total of Seven Deaths in Rioting in Tennessee City

## LYNCHING IN FAR SOUTH

Who Identified by White Woman as Her Attacker is Strung Up, Dragged Through Streets and, Lifeless, Burned

(By the United Press) Knoxville, Sept. 1.—Labor Day dawned with Knoxville's streets presenting a martial appearance. Twelve hundred soldiers of the Tennessee national guard from all over the State were on duty.

They are under the personal command of Adjt.-Gen. E. B. Smedley. While the troops were distributed to 18 posts throughout the city early today, it was believed they would be removed during the day. Earle Lindsey, husband of Mrs. Gertie Lindsey, the Akron, Ohio, woman, whose death caused the rioting arrived here this morning.

Lynching in Louisiana.

Bogalusa, La., Sept. 1.—Trailed by bloodhounds and caught and identified by a white woman as the man who attacked her Saturday night, Lucius McCarty, a negro discharged soldier was lynched by a mob of a thousand men here late yesterday. McCarty's body was then tied to an automobile and dragged through the streets and burned at a point in front of his victim's home.

Seven Killed at Knoxville. Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 1.—Seven persons were killed or fatally wounded in race riots here Saturday night and Sunday morning, according to unofficial counts. There were numerous riot calls last night but the trouble died out during the night. A big mob stormed the county jail, bent upon lynching the negro murderer of a white woman. They found he was not in the prison. Battering down the doors, they left the way clear for several first degree murderers and other prisoners to escape.

The streets were filled with angry men for hours. The first few soldiers to appear from a nearby State camp were overpowered and beaten. Reinforcements were rushed in. The dead include an army officer, accidentally shot by machinegunners. Many persons, most of them negroes, were wounded.

## BELIEVE COOPER A VICTIM OF WHISKY SELLER; NO ARREST

Nashville Police Admit Little Progress Has Been Made in Murder Case—Blackmail is Alternative, They Say

(By the United Press) Nashville, Sept. 1.—Holding still to the main theory that John J. Cooper was killed by a whisky seller, the police are working along the line today, keeping quiet regarding the blackmail theory that is the only alternative offering a basis for a clue.

Over 80 hours since the murder happened and 48 hours since the body was found in the rain-swollen waters of Richland Creek, it was admitted this morning that very little headway in solving the mystery had been made.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST. Issued by the Weather Bureau, Washington, for the period September 1 to September 6: For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Normal temperature and generally fair weather will prevail, but with probability of occasional local showers.