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## Former Mt. Airy Boy Makes Fine Writing World Record

### Wesley Taylor Writes 600 Words on Back of Postage Stamp

Wesley Taylor, son of the late Rev. R. M. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, graduate of Trinity college, now Duke university, native North Carolinian and former resident of this city, who is at present doing post graduate work at Columbia university, New York, has challenged the claim of Prof. Nicola Durso, of Italy to the world's championship for fine writing. The Italian professor, according to press dispatches, has recently inscribed the history of Montenegro and other lengthy matters on the back of a postcard, which he sent to Queen Elena. His writing totaled 11,000 words.

Mr. Taylor has succeeded in printing, by the naked eye, with a steel pen and India ink, 600 words on the back of a postage stamp, which is according to close calculations, 25 per cent more per unit of area than the great feat of the Italian professor. Mr. Taylor's writing consists of two of Abraham Lincoln's complete speeches, totaling 600 words. "It is one of the most astounding things I ever saw," one of the Columbia professors is quoted as saying.

"The newspaper account," Mr. Taylor stated in reply to a question, "does not state the size of Professor Durso's postcard. Assuming, however, that it is 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches, the usual size of postcards, we see that he has written 11,000 words in 19 1/4 square inches. Now, my writing on the postage stamp measures a tiny fraction less than 27-32nds by 31-32nds of an inch, or at a rate that would mean 14,129 words in the same space in which Professor Durso has written 11,000. Or, to figure it another way, he has written at the rate of 575 words in a square inch and I at 734 words a square inch. With the information at hand, therefore, I can hardly concede that he has established a record."

You ask why I set out to make a new record in the art of miniature writing. I should think the question would answer itself. This work is a challenge to one's eyes, nerves, fingers, and general physical control. Doing one's best to answer the challenge brings its own reward in terms of the pure joy of doing. Whether it is unsensational is beside the question. I do not propose to guess why this work of miniature writing has had comparatively so few aspirants for achievement, but the world's record seems to have gone unbroken for 350 years.

"I wish to make one clear distinction. It is only fair to say that, while writing with a diamond-pointed stylus on glass or metal with a microscope and special pantograph, has been frequently and finely done, attempts at miniature writing done with pen and ink, on paper, are extremely rare, and have always been so, but those few attempts have been felt worthy of not a little eulogy on the valuable pages of history.

"From all I have been able to learn I judge that until the present time the championship has belonged to Peter Bales, an interesting Englishman of many activities, who died in 1610. I have been through all the literature on the subject that I could find in the Library of Congress."

Mr. Taylor's whole piece of work is inclosed in a frame about five inches square, between two pieces of heavy ground glass. On one side of the design, in the center, is the miniature writing exactly the size of a postage stamp; around this is an intricate design of inscriptions from poetry and history, worked into a background of gold, silver, and other colors. On the other side is the postage stamp, surrounded by an exact transcript, in larger letters, of the miniature writing.

### Dr. Peacock Surgeon in Veteran Hospital

Thomasville, Jan. 9.—Dr. J. W. Peacock, now of Cajon Calif., but adjudged a paranoiac by the courts of Davidson county, in Lexington, when tried for the slaying in Thomasville of Chief of Police J. E. Taylor, and escaped from confinement in the criminal insane department of the penitentiary at Raleigh a year later has accepted the position of chief surgeon in a government hospital in California, according to reports reaching here from members of the Peacock family now in California.

### GROWERS STAND BY ASSOCIATION

#### Group Asking For Action in Tobacco Organization Leave the Courthouse in Disorder

Reidsville, Jan. 12.—Hundreds of tobacco farmers from Caswell and adjoining counties filled the courthouse at Yanceyville today and unanimously passed resolutions condemning the action of a dozen members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative association in demanding a further accounting from the marketing organization in view of the fact that the complete audit of the association's finances reached the members in the January number of The Tri-State Tobacco Growers, their official publication.

It was alleged at today's meeting that the purpose of those who had so widely advertised the affair was not so much for information as to create dissension in the ranks of the big co-operative. This belief was strengthened by the appearance of numbers of auction warehouse men, and by the further fact that the instigators of the meeting declined to allow the majority of farmers present to name a chairman or presiding officer.

James H. Wilson, of Danville; P. W. Glidewell, attorney of Yanceyville, representing the signers of the petition and numbers of auction warehouse men and followers, left the courthouse in disorder, when the members insisted that they should name their own chairman.

At the meeting which followed it was shown that the audit, which has just been mailed to the members in their magazines, makes clear the fact that the association has reduced its cost of handling tobacco from \$1.55 a hundred in 1922 to \$1.39 a hundred pounds in 1923.

The resolutions adopted by the members also brought out the fact that even those members who had signed the petition and advertised today's meeting had already received an average from deliveries of their 1923 crop to the association of \$17.39 as compared to a net average of about \$19.50 received by old belt farmers for last season's crop, with the distinct advantage that they are certain to receive more from the association.

Directors and officials of the tobacco association took no part in today's meeting of the farmers, which was distinctly a meeting of the members and resulted in strengthening their organization in this section.

Two of the members who signed the petition for today's meeting are under restraining orders of the court to prevent delivery of their tobacco outside of the association.

Thomas Neal, representative in the general assembly from Caswell county was among the speakers who enthusiastically endorsed the tobacco association and its methods, following which practically every member in the house stated his desire not only to support the marketing association for the term of the present contract, but to sign again for another five years.

### MANY PEOPLE AVERSE TO GIVING UP THEIR HOMES

#### Proposed Park Would Deprive Thousands of Their Ancestral Acres

Washington, Jan. 10.—Senator Overman is not only receiving letters from North Carolina, but from residents of Virginia outlining the disadvantages it will put the people to by the government taking over their homes for national park purposes. On prominent citizen of Virginia writes that within the boundary as proposed in Virginia it would affect something like 15,000 people, many of whom, together with their ancestors, have lived in that vicinity for generations, and who do not want to be deprived of their homes. Four fifths of the people in his county within this proposed boundary do not want to give up their homes. All the talk about the people wanting it on his side of the mountain is boah, he says. The people on this mountain side are happy and doing well. It will take out of Greene county alone 375 or 400 families and some of the best farming land in the country.

### THREE ATTORNEYS TO GET \$130,000

#### "Reasonable" Fee For Darrow and Bachrach Brothers in Franks Case

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Clarence H. Darrow and other attorneys who defended Richard Loeb and Nathan F. Leopold, Jr., for the kidnapping and slaying of Robert Franks, have agreed with the families of the youths to accept \$130,000 for their services, an announcement by the Chicago Bar Association, which endorses the settlement as fair, said tonight.

The announcement by the association said:

"At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Chicago Bar Association held on January 8, 1925, the following action was taken:

"The three attorneys who defended Richard A. Loeb and Nathan F. Leopold, Jr., Clarence H. Darrow, Benjamin C. Bachrach and Walter Bachrach, having requested the opinion of the Board of Managers of the Chicago Bar Association concerning their fees pursuant to an agreement with their clients previously publicly announced; and having informed the board that subject to its approval, they have agreed with the clients by whom they were retained upon a total fee of \$130,000 for all their services; this board is of the opinion that in view of the time and labor required and responsibility involved, the difficulty of the questions raised, and the professional skill of counsel, and also of the outcome of the trial, the sum of \$130,000 is a reasonable professional fee for all their services in that case."

No announcement was made as to how the fee was to be divided between Mr. Darrow, chief counsel for the defense, and the Bachrach brothers, nor was any statement made as to whether the fee agreed upon was a compromise.

At the time Mr. Darrow, nationally known criminal lawyer, was retained to defend Loeb and Leopold, it was announced that no fee had been agreed upon, but that the Chicago Bar Association would determine this matter.

### STAGE CORN SHOW AND JUDGING CONTEST

#### Negroes To Hold Farm Convention in Greensboro This Month

Greensboro, Jan. 7.—Two of the most outstanding features of the Negro Farmer's congress to be held here are the corn show and live stock judging contest. Negro farmers throughout the state and particularly the piedmont section will bring or send ten ears of well selected corn for the corn exhibition. Premiums will be given in amounts from two to ten dollars in the corn show.

In addition there will be a judging contest between the farmers themselves; premiums will be given those who win in the contest. This contest will be especially valuable because it will aid the farmers in making selection for other corn shows and fairs and it will teach them the value of good seed corn and the importance of careful selection. This of course means larger yields at less cost and greater profit.

All persons who expect to attend and want board and lodging at the college should notify John D. Wray, Secretary, A. and T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina, not later than January 17th, 1925. President Dudley says the college cannot promise anyone accommodation who does not report by that time.

### Coolidge and Dawes Officially Elected

Washington, Jan. 12.—Calvin Coolidge and Charles G. Dawes were elected president and vice president, respectively, today.

The electors for whom the American voters directly cast their ballots last November met in the respective states, canvassed the popular vote and, in accordance with the constitution cast their ballots for president and vice president.

This vote of electors will be certified to the president of the senate by each of the 48 state meetings, and will be opened at a joint session of the senate and house February 18. The electors in each state also selected today one of their number to bring the vote to Washington. An appropriation of \$12,500 for the ex-

### COOLIDGE STRONG FOR CO-OPERATION

#### He Declares Co-operative Marketing Can and Should Be Success in the United States

Washington, Jan. 7.—Co-operative marketing can and should be made a success in America, because it provides the best means of stabilizing the country's agricultural marketing organization, President Coolidge declared to the annual convention of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing association.

Addressing the delegates to the convention at the White House, the President warned that co-operative marketing possessed no magical attributes, and assured that it must start from the soil and be developed upward.

"There is a school of co-operators who seem to believe that the program can be started at the top and built downward," he added. "They want the government or the banks, or philanthropies, or providence to lay out a scheme big enough to cover the country, set its machinery moving, guarantee it all needed capital, and then invite the farmers to sit in the places reserved for them and proceed to garner their profits. Let me say that I offer no such Aladdin like project. I want society as a whole to help; but I want the farmers to do their share, and I warn them that this will be the lion's share."

Co-operative marketing, the President continued, must have its beginnings in small and modest units and must train the people who are to use it to think co-operatively. He used as an illustration the building up of the United States steel corporation, asserting that it never could have started from the top, but that Andrew Carnegie built one section of it; other men built up other sections and none at the outset had the vision of "the enormous concentration to which the activities were tending."

The President also advised that co-operative marketing be preached as a principle not a panacea.

### Henderson Lad Dies From Hydrophobia

Henderson, Jan. 9.—George Carroll, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll, of this city, died this morning at the Sarah Elizabeth Hospital, the third victim within a little more than a year, of rabies. He was ten years of age, and seemed in his usual health until Tuesday evening when he complained of pains in his shoulder. Nothing was known at that time of his having been bitten by any animal. But as he began to manifest symptoms of hydrophobia he was taken last night to the hospital. The disease developed very rapidly, and although everything possible was done for him he died there this morning.

It is reported that before his death he referred to the bite of a dog some six months ago, also to the scratch of a cat about three months ago.

### Child Labor Amendment Ratified in California

Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 9.—Both the senate and assembly of California legislature Thursday adopted the resolution ratifying the child labor amendment to the federal constitution.

In the senate there were only three votes in opposition with 36 in favor of ratification. In the assembly the vote was 69 for to 9 against.

California is the second state to ratify the amendment, Arkansas having voted favorably last June.

### North Carolina Casts Presidential Ballots

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—North Carolina today formally cast 12 votes for John W. Davis and Charles W. Bryan, democratic candidates for President and vice president in the November election. The state has two electors at large and one for each of the congressional districts. Walter D. Siler, of Pittsboro, one of the electors at large, was selected to take the certificate of the state's vote to Washington.

## Secretary Chas. E. Hughes Resigns As Cabinet Member

### AARON SAPIRO TO SUE HENRY FORD

#### Files Demand For Retraction As Preliminary; Alleges Libelous Statements

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Aaron Sapiro, counsel for several farmers' co-operative organizations, today mailed to Henry Ford a document preliminary to a projected libel suit for \$1,000,000 against Mr. Ford.

The document, in which Mr. Sapiro's allegations appear, is a formal demand for retraction required by Michigan laws as a preliminary to a libel action.

The suit, Mr. Sapiro said, on his return from meetings of cooperatives in Washington, will be filed in Detroit, if after thirty days Mr. Ford does not retract certain statements alleged to have been made in his journal the Dearborn Independent. In a series of articles, Mr. Sapiro alleges, his name was linked with those of Julius Rosenwald, Otto Kahn, Bernard Baruch, Albert D. Lasker and E. Myer, Jr., in charging him with participation in an alleged Jewish conspiracy to control American agriculture "or to organize the farmers of America in the interests of communism."

Mr. Sapiro accuses Mr. Ford of approving "an attempt to destroy my participation in the cooperation association."

"We will prove," he said, commenting on his action, "that Mr. Ford does not understand the co-operative movement, its purposes, or its effects."

In his notice of intention to bring suit, Mr. Sapiro also named E. G. Liebold, vice president and treasurer of the Dearborn Publishing Company; W. J. Cameron, editor of the Dearborn Independent and the Ford Motor Company.

### Cites Article

The demand quotes extensively from the articles referred to, citing the following from the issue for August 30, 1924:

"This whole Kahn-Baruch-Lasker-Rosenwald-Sapiro program is carefully planned to turn over to the organized international interests the entire agricultural industry of the republic."

Between the lines one reads the story of the Jewish communistic movement in America, which seeks to make of the United States what it has already made of Russia."

From the same issue is quoted:

"This is the story of the effort by Aaron Sapiro to seize control of the American Farm Bureau Federation."

Mr. Sapiro quotes from the issue of August 23 a statement referring to I. W. W. representatives as "lieutenants" of the Jewish promoter of associations for the "benefit" of "American farmers."

Mr. Sapiro has been counsel for many co-operative organizations, notably in California. After coming to Chicago, he was for a time counsel for the American Farm Bureau Federation, but differed over policy with some of the officers, particularly J. W. Coverdale, then secretary and now secretary of the Grain Marketing Companies, a merger of five old line grain concerns. He has remained here as counsel for co-operative associations led by Walton Peet, formerly of Texas, William Settle, of Indiana, and Frank C. Lowden, former governor of Illinois.

### Growing of Pecans Is Gripping Caldwell

Lenoir, Jan. 8.—Caldwell county farmers are becoming interested in pecan culture and already a number of them have placed orders for trees. A few days ago County Agent Roberts order fifty trees for individuals in the county, and in the next few days he plans to send another order for a second shipment.

So far as Mr. Roberts has been able to learn there are less than a half dozen pecan trees in the county. It was generally thought they would not do well in this Piedmont and mountain section. This theory has been proven false by a bearing tree found here in Lenoir. Mr. Roberts is using this fact to help induce a more general planting of this nut-bearing tree.

### Former Secretary, Who Has Carried Burden Four Years to Practice Law in New York

Washington, Jan. 10.—Charles Evans Hughes has resigned as secretary of state and will be succeeded by Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, now ambassador to Great Britain.

The resignation of Mr. Hughes will be effective March 4 when he completes four years as head of the state department. Mr. Kellogg is expected to take office immediately afterward.

The prospective cabinet change was announced late today at the white house. Mr. Hughes, it was said, desired after 20 years of public life, interrupted only by a short period to return to private life.

In his letter of resignation Mr. Hughes expressed his "deep appreciation of the confidence you have reposed and of the privilege of serving under your leadership."

### Coolidge Expresses Regret

The news of Mr. Hughes' withdrawal from the cabinet just at this time surprised the capital. It had been understood for some months that he desired to recoup his personal fortunes by again engaging in the practice of law, but recently his friends had said he probably would remain for at least another year in the official family of President Coolidge.

Appointed by President Harding at the outset of his term of office, the secretary took from the start a firm grip on the conduct of the foreign affairs of the country, and was the adviser of the white house also on many questions of domestic policy. He carried a heavy load of responsibility at the Washington Arms conference as head of the American delegation and in the period of his service handled also many intricate questions growing out of the war.

### Have Thought Alike

With accession of Mr. Coolidge to the presidency, Mr. Hughes remained to every outward appearance at least, a trusted councillor of the administration. He and Mr. Coolidge always have appeared to see eye to eye on foreign affairs but for some months opponents of Mr. Hughes' policies in the senate, which has advisory power on foreign affairs have been a source of an apparently growing irritation to him. He never has agreed with Senator Borah, the new chairman of the senate foreign relations committee on some of the vital questions of foreign policy, although no outstanding disagreement between them has recently appeared in the picture.

Mr. Hughes' resignation was announced a few hours after he had left Washington for Atlanta, to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the American Bar association, of which he is president. He expects to resume practice of law in New York, in his old firm of Hughes, Rounds, Sherman & Dwight.

### Outstanding Lawyer

Mr. Kellogg, who will succeed him, also is a lawyer of outstanding prominence. Before he became ambassador to Great Britain late in 1923, he was a senator from Minnesota, and in that capacity was one of those republicans who favored ratification of the league of nations with reservations less sweeping than the Lodge reservations.

### \$2,000,000 to Remove Snow in New York

New York, Jan. 10.—Street Cleaning Commissioner Taylor obtained \$2,000,000 from the Board of Estimates yesterday to defray the cost of snow removal.

Half that amount will be used to meet the expenses of cleaning up the recent snow, and the other \$1,000,000 will be held to meet possible bad weather later in the winter.

It is expected another week will be required to get the Street Cleaning Department back to its normal schedule.

Mayor Hylan directed a letter to Mr. Taylor congratulating him on the despatch with which he has cleaned the streets. He suggested also that he ask the Merchants' Trucking Bureau to require drivers to place chains on the wheels of their trucks immediately upon another downfall of snow, so that traffic may not be congested more than necessary by stalled vehicles.