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PROF. MATT THOMPSON OF STATESVILLE DEAD

Noted Educator Passes in Hospital at Morganton, at Age of 86 Years. Statesville, June 30.—Prof. D. Matt Thompson, for thirty years superintendent of Statesville's public schools, a leading North Carolina educator, died this afternoon at 1 o'clock in the state hospital, Morganton, where he had been for some time.

Prof. Thompson was a native of Randolph county and was eighty years of age. Before coming to Statesville, when the graded school was first established here, he taught at Denver, Lincoln county. He continued as superintendent here until nearly five years ago, when he suffered a severe injury to his head in an automobile accident. He was treated in several hospitals but never fully recovered.

One son, Prof. Holland Thompson, of New York, widely known educator and author, survives. His two other sons, who were prominent in the affairs of the state, are dead, Doran Thompson, Statesville, and Walter Thompson, formerly superintendent of the Children's Home, Winston-Salem. Mrs. Thompson also died several years ago.

Stewart Washington Letter

NEA Service Writer. Washington—Robert M. La Follette was one of the most popular men who ever sat in the United States Senate—among his fellow senators.

This may seem like a queer thing to say, considering that he was read out of his own party only a few months ago. To judge from the tone of senatorial debate in which he took part, it would be natural for an outsider to conclude that he was regarded, except within the small circle of those who fought under his banner, at any rate toward the end of his career, as an embittered, cantankerous old man.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. Lawmakers who were as far away from him as the poles are apart, so far as concerned politics, personally admired his character and gave him full credit for the highest ability and honesty.

On all railroad questions he was recognized as perhaps the senate's foremost authority—equally so in tariff matters and to a great extent on monetary problems.

Occasionally a new senator arrived in Washington, unaware of the esteem in which the veteran Wisconsin statesman was regarded and inclined to look at him askance, but it never took these juniors long to discover how high was his standing, among Republicans and Democrats alike, at the capitol.

Who would think, now, that La Follette and the late Senator Lodge were the warmest friends?

One of the most dramatic scenes in the Senate's history followed La Follette's first appearance on the floor of the upper house after his independent presidential campaign of 1924.

Senator McCormick was making a speech at the time. La Follette took his seat directly in the shadow of the Illinois solon's waving arms. It was somewhat difficult for others to reach him under the cloud of this gesticalation. Lodge dodged about, like a banian-

weight fighter trying to get past an antagonist's defense, finally seized his chance, ducked under McCormick's elbow, as he tossed a hand on high, and threw his arms about his old friend's neck.

The others thronged around. The McCormick speech was forgotten and the orator himself joined the reception committee.

When Lodge left Washington to attend last year's Republican convention in Cleveland, it was known his standing with the administration group of politicians was none too good.

"If there's anything the Wisconsin delegation can do to help you," they say La Follette told him, as they said goodby, "let me know."

A funny offer from the senate's ultra-radical to the ultra-conservative, and doubtless said more than half in joke—but with more than a little sincerity back of it, for all that.

"Thanks," Lodge is quoted as answering, "but I don't intend to place myself in any position where I'll need help."

The late Boise Penrose, too! Who'd think of him and La Follette as friends?

Yet La Follette, as those who knew him best will testify, really admitted the Pennsylvanian, not as a machine politician, but for being so frankly himself—no "bunk," no sham—just, out and out, himself.

"What will be the political effect of La Follette's death?" all Washington is asking. "Is Progressivism weakened by it?"

It's too soon to say. The Progressives aren't a hard-and-fast group. Their membership varies.

It isn't as if a party had lost a leader which it can't replace. Progressivism may not even have lost a vote, for it's on the cards that another La Follette will replace La Follette himself in the Senate next winter.

Still, a great personality, a great strategist, a great champion of the cause he stood for has gone.

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Catholic Bishop to Be Installed Tomorrow

Raleigh, June 30.—The Rt. Rev. William J. Hafey, the youngest Catholic bishop in the United States, will be formally installed as head of the youngest diocese in the Sacred Heart Cathedral here tomorrow at 10 a. m. He was consecrated in Baltimore on St. John's Day, June 24th. He had been elected to become bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh some weeks prior to that time.

Priests and laymen from all parts of the State will attend the installation services here tomorrow. The Rev. Father Griffin, rector of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, who has been in Raleigh for more than 25 years, will be the celebrant of the solemn high mass. The Rev. F. B. O'Brien, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Durham, will be the deacon, and the Rev. Father Manly, of St. Mary's, Goldsboro, the sub-deacon.

Following the celebration of mass, there will be addresses suited to the occasion. The new bishop will speak, also the Rt. Rev. Abbott Vincent Taylor, of Belmont. The abbott will deliver an address in behalf of the clergy of the Benedictine order in the state, and the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Dennen, of St. Mary's, Wilmington, will speak in behalf of the secular clergy. Representing the Catholic laity, George K. Freeman, of Goldsboro, will speak. Following the addresses the priests will advance to the altar and there pledge their loyalty to their new bishop. This ceremony will be according to the established ritual of the Catholic Church. The service will be concluded with the singing of the Te Deum. Rosswig's Mass in E flat will be sung during the installation.

College Farm Editors to Meet. Raleigh, N. C., June 30.—Agricultural college editors from many States will meet in Raleigh next week for the annual convention of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors. Participants are expected from New York, New Hampshire, Alabama, Ohio, Louisiana,

Texas, Arkansas, Virginia, Georgia, Colorado, Maryland, Florida, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia.

The visiting editors will be welcomed to Raleigh by Mayor E. E. Culbreth and to North Carolina State College, where the sessions will be held, by Eugene Brooks, the president. The chief topic selected for discussion at the meeting this year is "The Local Newspaper and the Community." Among the special features of the session will be the report of Reuben Brigham of the United States Department of Agriculture, and president of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors, addressed by Dr. E. W. Kilgore, former dean of the School of Agriculture of North Carolina State College, and Josephus Daniels, formerly Secretary of the Navy. The sessions of the convention will begin next Tuesday and continue through three days.

In the July number of Your Car, a Macfadden publication, "I Learn to Drive" are the experiences of a tyro in the art of driving a car and his many narrow escapes from death and mutilation. "Nungesser Husar de la Mors" is the story of the famous French Ace who won his first citation by capturing single-handed an enemy staff car. There is another chapter of thrills in "The Mystery of the Blue Car." If you want excitement don't look for it in New York, London, or Paris—Try steamer day in papers. Tahiti and learn what real traffic thrills can be, says Paul J. Haeren in his very amusing "Taxi Bandits of the South Seas" this article is cleverly illustrated by H. K. McBride. "The Last Lap" is the history of a big auto race, a wrecked car, a disqualified driver—you will feel as if you were actually witnessing this race.

Lady, to prospective maid—If I engage you, what do you wish to be called? Maid—Well, I was christened Gwendolyn Gladys—but I'm called "Gladdums" by me friends.

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