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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

KINGFISH OF LOUISIANA SUCCUMBS TO BULLET WOUND MADE BY ASSASSIN

Huey Long's Spectacular Rise to Fame in Keeping with Tragic but Dramatic Death

TO LIE ON CAPITOL GROUNDS

Huey P. Long, dictator of Louisiana, died Tuesday after having been shot through the abdomen by Dr. Carl A. Weiss, Jr., a 30-year-old Baton Rouge eye specialist. Dr. Weiss shot the senator as he stepped from the house chamber of the capitol building in Baton Rouge, Sunday night.

Weiss, a member of a family politically opposed to Long, immediately dropped dead, his body riddled by 40 bullet wounds inflicted by Long's heavily-armed bodyguards.

The bullet from Weiss' gun struck the senator in the right side, penetrated the colon in two places, injured a kidney and passed out of his body in the back. An emergency operation and five blood transfusions failed to save him.

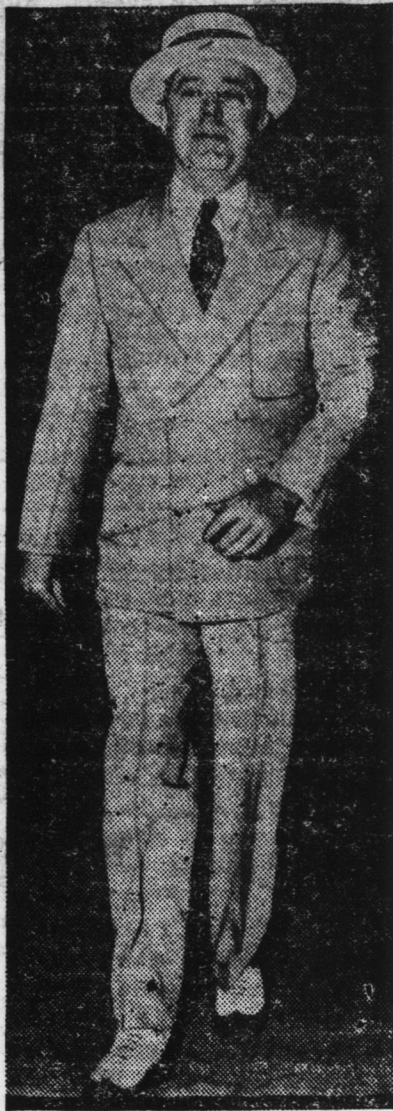
Life Spectacular

Long was 42 years old and his spectacular career sounds like fiction instead of fact. He was born in a log cabin from which he rose from a printer's devil and baking powder salesman into a place of power not only in Louisiana but in national affairs. He so ruled his own state that he is known as the Louisiana Kingfish.

Nothing stood in his way of achieving a political end. He crushed municipal governments, unseated election officials and used old and new political stratagems to beat down opposition.

Many ambitions were fulfilled, but one he did not live to realize. He wanted to create a "little District of Columbia" in Baton Rouge parish from which to rule his empire and make of Louisiana a modern "Utopia."

He had definitely stated that he meant to run for President in 1936. His hatred of the New Deal had become almost an obsession in the last two years. He called it the "St. Vitus dance" regime. A few months ago, he told a reporter his support of Roosevelt for nomination at the Chicago convention "makes me madder than anything I ever did."



Above is a recent photograph of the late Huey P. Long.

Family Present at Death

Mrs. Long and their three children, Rose, Russell and Palmer Reid, were at the bedside when the senator died.

For 27 hours, from 1 p. m. Wednesday until 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the body of the slain political chieftain will lie in state in the rotunda of the huge statehouse which he built.

At the latter hour funeral services will be held after which he will be buried on the capitol grounds. The family late Tuesday agreed to suggestions of Long's followers that it would be appropriate that he rest permanently in the shadows of the handsome citadel of his political domain.

170 ASHE TEACHERS LISTED ON NORTH CAROLINA'S PAYROLL FOR THIS YEAR

Schools Begin to Settle Down to Work in What Promises to Be Successful Year

Reports from various parts of the county show that the school year in the county promises to be a good one and that both students and teachers are beginning to get into serious work as the term starts on its second week.

The 170 men and women who will draw state salaries as teachers in this county this year are:

Jefferson High School: G. B. Price, Mrs. E. D. Barr, Ruth Allen Worth, Irene Fowler, J. C. Goodman, A. G. Lackey, Mrs. Grant Banguess, Mrs. J. F. Neal, Laura McConnell, Edna Walters.

Orion: Mrs. Grant Dollar; Glendale Springs: J. E. Whitley, Mrs. Nell F. Sheets, Robert Woodie; Big Ridge: Vaughn Stringer; Buffalo: Mamie Wallace; Smethport, Mae Goss.

Riverview High School: Wade E. Filler, Joseph Eller, B. H. Duncan, Bruce Graybeal, Ocie Lee Sutherland, Ruth Vannoy Price, Flossie R. Davis.

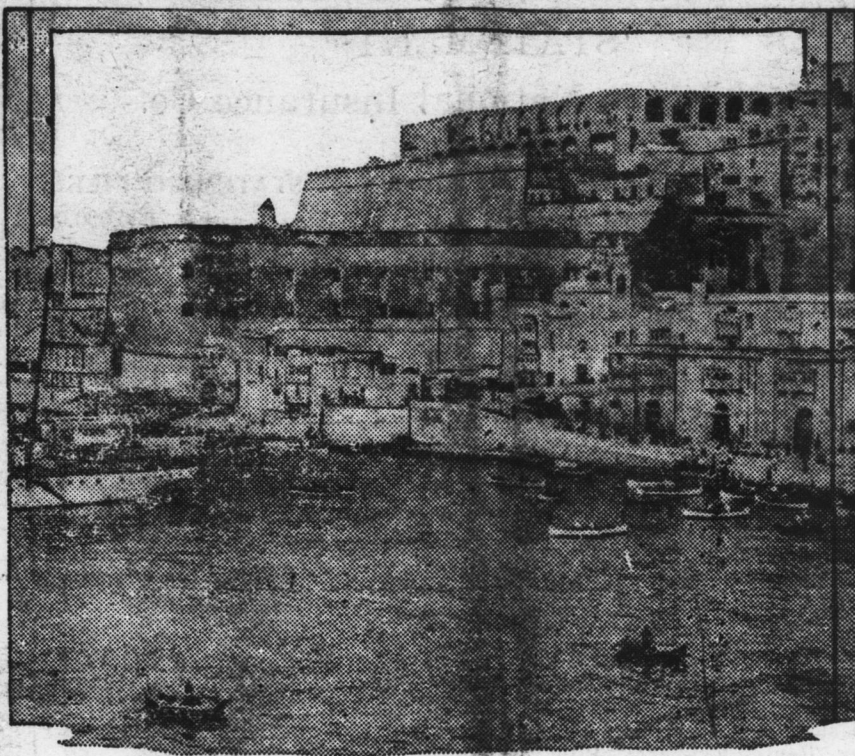
Rich Hill: Gladys Graybeal; Trout: Brownlow F. Lewis; Copeland: Leslie Jones; Mill Creek: Lester Miller; Big Laurel: Sue Oliver; Rash: Margaret Davis; Laurel Hill: Ina Mae Oliver; Roaring Fork: Mae Oliver; Asland: M. H. Eller, E. L. Stuart; Parker: Carl Hartsog; Peak Valley: Beulah Winebarger; Rye Cove: Vina K. Love; Hemlock: Minta Grubb; Little Laurel: Thomas Pennington.

Lansing High School: Joe A. Martin, Mr. Hood, Bernard Jones, Irene Eller, Geneva Divers, Clara Perkins, Blanche Goss Gambill, Lillian Sutherland, Ruby Huddler, Mrs. Warren Jones, Frank James, Alice Weaver.

Tuckerdale: Mamie Goodman; Flatwoods: Grady Robinson; Thaxton: Zera Shoaf; Staggs Creek: Floyd Jones, Kathleen Miller; Warrenville: Earl Miller, Wade H. Jones, Mildred

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Malta Made Stronger by England



General view of the harbor at Malta to which Great Britain ordered troops, ships and planes to reinforce the garrison there. Thus in swift businesslike fashion the British military authorities answered Italian hints that Malta would be attacked in the event sanctions were voted by the League of Nations.

JOHNSTON IS UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF DEMOCRATS FOR TWO MORE YEARS

Princess Theatre Guild Organized and Ready for Work

First Production will Probably be Lula Volmer's Well-Known Play "Sun-Up"

The Princess Theatre Guild has been organized in this section with Paul L. Young acting as producer and Morris Campbell, director and business manager. Work has already begun on the selecting of a cast for the first production which will probably be Lula Volmer's well-known play with a mountain back ground, "Sun-Up".

The object of the organization is to promote and develop dramatic talent in the county. The players will visit the various schools and proceeds over and above actual expenses will go to the schools in which they perform.

Miss Volmer and Mr. Porterfield, who are personally acquainted with members of the organization, have promised to visit some of the performances and assist in any way possible.

The first performance will be ready for the public in about a month.

IN DRESS UNIFORM



This is a portrait of an officer of the Royal Ethiopian army attired in his full dress uniform. On the battlefield he wears more practical garb.

CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR VISITS COUNTY

W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro, who is an announced candidate for the position of Lieutenant-Governor of the state, was in the county the first of the week conferring with political officials and meeting the people in general.

Courthouse Crowded with Men and Women at Called Convention Saturday Afternoon

Ira T. Johnston, who has served the Democratic party as chairman of the county executive committee since 1928, was re-elected by a unanimous vote at a called meeting in Jefferson Saturday to serve two more years.

The open convention was called in accordance with the law that was passed in the last General Assembly which provided for the election of the democratic county chairman at a mass meeting of all democrats instead of the usual township delegate method.

No other name was put before the convention except Mr. Johnston's who was put in nomination after the meeting had been called to order and W. B. Austin had been appointed temporary chairman. J. B. Hash, former county superintendent of schools, nominated Mr. Johnston in a speech of praise for his party work and loyalty. A roll call of townships followed in which it was found that Johnston was the unanimous choice.

A short speech of appreciation was made by the newly elected chairman in which he again pledged his best efforts to the work of the party which had so honored him.

The election was made for a period of two years.

B. H. Duncan and Charles McNeill served as clerks at the convention.

Methodist to Hold Zone Meeting Here Thursday Sept. 19

Prominent Church Officials to Attend All-Day Program; Local Men to Make Speeches

A zone meeting of the Methodist church in this district will be held at the West Jefferson Methodist Church on Thursday, September 19, and a most interesting all-day program with lunch on the grounds has been worked out. The church is expecting the pastors of the churches in the district as well as a number of presiding elders and many other church officials. A returned missionary has been invited and is expected. The program which will begin at ten o'clock in the morning is as follows:

10:00 Devotionals, by pastor of West Jefferson church.

10:20 Is Our Missionary Society Deepening the Spiritual Life of Its Members? If Not, Why?

Is the Church or Layman Organization Meeting the Needs of the Men? W. H. Worth and Mr. Halfacre.

10:50 Music

Evangelism in Our Church, Rev. Widenhouse, Boone.

Evangelism is Our Missionary Society.

Playlet: The Magic Turn, young people of the Jefferson and the West Jefferson churches.

12:00 Lunch.

1:00 Devotionals by Jefferson pastor.

1:10 Taking Invoice of Finances

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LOSE LIVES IN HURRICANE ON COAST OF FLORIDA

Ashe Legionnaires to Meet in City on Saturday Night

Officers for Ensuing Year to be Installed; L. P. Colvard Is New Commander

P. G. Wright, Commander of Ashe County Post 171, has called a meeting of the Post to be held this coming Saturday and urges that all members be present as many business matters will be taken up.

The feature part of the meeting will be the installation of the new officers who were elected at a recent meeting. Colvard will be installed as Commander to succeed Mr. Wright.

The meeting will be held in the Legion Hall in West Jefferson.

The oldest flag now in use is that of Denmark, designed in 1219.

DUKE GOES TO AFRICA



The duke of Bergamo, nephew of the king of Italy, has been assigned to a high command in East Africa.

BOOKS TO INAUGURATE NEW RENTAL SYSTEM ARRIVE IN COUNTY OF ASHE

N. C. Statesmen Voice Sorrow at Long's Death

Prominent North Carolinians voiced sorrow at the death of Senator Huey Long when the news was learned in Washington. Senator Bailey, sworn foe of Long's, expressed himself to newspapers by saying, "I am very sorry."

Long had threatened to come to North Carolina and personally conduct a campaign against the re-election of Senator Bailey.

Senator Reynolds, who was on extremely friendly terms with Long, wired a warm message of sympathy to Mrs. Long. He is now in Michigan on a tour of the country. To the press, Reynolds issued this statement:

"I was terribly sorry to hear it. I was very fond of the senator. Armed violence is always to be deplored. However, I feel that Senator Long had already committed political suicide."

Governor Ehringhaus said:

"I do not recall that I ever agreed with Senator Long on a single public issue but I regret his death. Violence is no means to which to resort to settle public issues."

Representative Doughton said Long's death was a tragedy and that his sympathy went to Mrs. Long and the children.

and Spiritual Life—Each Auxiliary is asked to report on these.

1:40 Social Relations as Related to Movies and Intemperance.

2:00 Message from Mrs. Woltz, District Secretary

2:10 Life Members—World Outlook.

2:15 A message from a returned missionary or from the presiding elder.

Investigation of Deaths of World War Veterans Being Made; Bodies Being Burned

Between 200 and 500 persons lost their lives and property damage of millions of dollars was wrought by a tropical hurricane that swept northward across the Florida keys early in last week, moved up the west coast, then northeastward across Florida and southern Georgia, and finally spent itself Wednesday night and Thursday in heavy rains over the southeast and wind squalls along the Carolina coast.

Greatest loss of life in one locality was in an FERA camp for World War veterans on Matecumbe keys off the Florida mainland, where as many as 75 or 100 men were reported killed. The men had been sent from Washington, under the Harry L. Hopkins, relief administration, and were engaged in highway construction work.

In an "official count" by the Red Cross Thursday night the casualty list from the hurricane in the Florida keys was placed at 256 dead and 252 injured. Most of the victims were World War veterans, who had been sent to camps along the keys by the Washington authorities during the summer.

After the storm had passed, a vast amount of work was faced by relief organizations in carrying succor to the destitute survivors of the stricken area and in clearing up debris.

President Roosevelt Thursday issued an order from his Hyde Park home that the veterans in the Florida camps be given full care by Federal forces.

He insisted at the same time that an investigation be made to determine why the veterans were not evacuated before the storm's fury demolished their camps.

Considerable citrus fruit loss as a result of the storm in Florida was indicated. Estimates of the Florida Citrus Exchange place the storm toll of Florida's already slim citrus crop at 1,000,000 boxes—750,000 of grapefruit and 250,000 of oranges.

The wind reached a velocity of 47 miles an hour at Wilmington, while high waves and winds lashed the Carolina coast at other points, and wind and rain swept the interior of

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Parents Must Apply to Teachers and Not to Superintendent; Rent for One-Third Price

The State Purchase and Rental Commission members have been working day and night to get school text books out to the counties where they will be rented to pupils of the state schools under the new rental system that was authorized by the 1935 General Assembly. The texts are to be rented for one-third of their list prices.

The shipment for this county arrived in Jefferson the latter part of the week and Superintendent Miller and his office force were making every effort to get them distributed into the various school districts at the earliest possible moment.

The principals of the central schools are urged to get their allotments as soon as possible as the books will be given out on the plan of "First come, first served."

Mr. Miller states that the books will be handled through the central schools and that the principals of those schools will be responsible for delivering them to the various schools in their districts. Then, if the books are lost or destroyed during the year, the teachers who gave the books out are responsible to the central school principals and the central school principals are in turn responsible to Mr. Miller who has to make a settlement with the state authorities. Under this system, students or parents must apply to the local teachers and not to the superintendent for the books.

Mr. Miller is sure that there will be enough books to fill all the needs and for this reason he is urging each family who can to buy second-hand books. In this way, the students own the books outright and are not responsible for loss or destruction.