

RALEIGH LETTER

(R. E. Powell)
Governor McLean's use of the word "designing" during the week has been followed with assurances from the Executive Mansion that His Excellency is not after the newspaper or the newspaper men and, furthermore, that he doesn't intend to make war on either the craft or the publications until and when they have done considerably more than take issue with his official acts.

The statement he issued last Sunday night was more to put a stop to a round of nagging rumors about the work of the Salary and Wage Commission than anything else. It wasn't necessary for the governor to say in the statement that he recognized the source of the grumbling and he confined himself to a lamentation that any one should attempt to prejudice the work of the commission before it had been able to get into working clothes.

Had he waited a day or so, he doubtless would have had nothing at all to say. The editorial reaction to his statement was generally mild. Locally the afternoon paper took it up and remarked that the statement sounded like old times up on Capitol Hill when ex-Governor Morrison was given to denunciation of the "pizen Injuns" and the tom-tits. But Mr. McLean is making no such personal issues while he's governor.

His Excellency had many reasons to be fretted last Sunday for there was the story in the morning paper by Jonathan Daniels, the son of Editor Josephus Daniels, about the newly installed electric bath tub arrangement. Mr. Daniels' story stated that it was such a modern contraption that His Excellency would have an attendant to put him in the sweat box and another to take him out.

Then the story had been printed about Samuel L. Rogers, former director of the census, drawing his voucher from the treasury for five days sustenance when the commission had been in session only one day. There was nothing in Mr. Rogers' action at all irregular and had he been a member of any board other than one appointed to "adjust" salaries, nothing would have been said about his getting \$60.80 for a day's work. This amount included his railroad fare from Franklin, Macon county, to Raleigh and return and Franklin is a right smart piece away from the Capital.

Doctors here today from little Washington where Joseph Needleman, Jew victim of a Martin county mob, has been in a hospital since his mutilation say that the boy is on his feet and will be able to appear in Martin court next Monday and testify before the grand jury. He will also be able to go on trial for an alleged attack on Effie Griffin when the mob members are tried.

The immediate problem for the State is getting indictments against the members of the mob, most of whom have made statements which the solicitor says are tantamount to confessions. It is reported here that the Martin court, which is a special term, will only be for the purpose of returning indictments and that the governor will be asked to order a second special term for the trial.

A strong bit of evidence for the public, which the solicitor will not be able to make full use of in the jury box, is the recent attempted suicide at Wilson of one of the mob members. Reports say that the man will live but it will be sometime before he is able to stand trial.

Edgecomb, the home of the solicitor, will very likely be selected as the county in which the cases, including the assault case against Needleman, will be tried. This will be finally determined in court at Williamston in a conference between the judge and the solicitor.

Interest that had been keyed up for former Governor Morrison's second big speech—since the days of Cameron I—in the interest of Newton folks who want the Central Highway to turn back a little and tap their city was dissipated to-day with the announcement by Newtonians that the matter, very likely, would be satisfactorily settled before it reached the courts.

Mr. Morrison declined to appear before the Commission in behalf of Newton or anyone else, assigning as the reason his own appointment of the personnel of the present commission. He has been generously lauded for this position.

There will be an argument before the Highway board and Messrs.

Clyde Hoey, W. C. Feimster, State Senator Mark Squires and Wilson Wadlick will make it.

LOBELIA

"Little white snowdrops, I pray you arise;
Bright yellow crocuses, come, open your eyes;
Sweet little violets hid from the cold
Put on your mantles of purple and gold;
Daffodils, daffodils! say do you hear?
Summer is coming, and springtime is here."

Miss Mary A. Cameron, of Cameron, and Mary Bell McFayden, visited Mrs. D. G. McFayden, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McGill and family, visited Mrs. McGill's sister, Mrs. Manley Norton of Raeford, Friday.

Miss Alberta Cameron spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. Jenette Ann McKay.

Miss Louine McFayden was the dinner guest of Miss Sallie Thompson Tuesday.

Mr. J. P. Blue and two children, John Marshall and Katherine, were in Vass Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith and son, Lexie, Mrs. Bob Stewart and Mr. Lacy McFayden of Thomasville, called at the home of Mr. D. G. McFayden Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith and children and Mrs. D. G. McFayden spent Sunday with relatives at Swan station.

Miss Sallie Thompson made a business trip to Raeford Friday.

Mrs. Pearl Thomas and Mr. Jennie McKay called at Mr. D. M. Cameron's Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Keith was the dinner guest of Mr. D. G. McFayden, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Blue and two children, visited Mrs. Blue's parents Mr. and Mrs. Neill Stewart, Sunday.

Messrs. Lacy McFayden and Ben Cameron of Johnsonville, with Misses Bertie and Emily Cameron, visited Misses Ileen and Louise McFayden Sunday night.

Miss Floria McGill and Mr. W. B. Johnson, attended services at Vass, Sunday night.

Messrs., Barney and Clifton Blue visited Messrs. Alex and Archibald McGill, Sunday.

A large number of young folks attended the fish fry at the McLaughlin Bridge, Friday night. Those present were: Misses Sallie Thompson, Emily Cameron, Ileen McFayden, Bertie Cameron, Nellie Keith, Cornelia Cameron, Louine McFayden, Lola Pilsion, Messrs. Jim Johnson of Pinehurst, John, Murdock, Alton, Frank, Fairly, and Coyne Cameron, Aubrey Keith, Mack McFayden, Elmer Cameron, Carl Johnson and Watson McFayden, the latter two of Sanford. Every one seemed to enjoy it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cameron and family spent Sunday night with his brother, Mr. Lee Cameron, of Olivia.

Miss Sallie Thompson who taught school here this last session, returned home Saturday night.

Miss Elizabeth Byrd and Mr. Aubrey Keith, of near Vass, and Miss Ileen McFayden of this place, visited Mr. Lacy McFayden of Johnsonville, Sunday.

Mr. Hugh McGill visited friends in Harnett county Sunday.

Tarheel folks are getting the health habit of drinking milk. Each person in the United States drank one and three-fourths gallons more of milk last year than the year previous and some of this increase was in North Carolina, say home demonstration workers.

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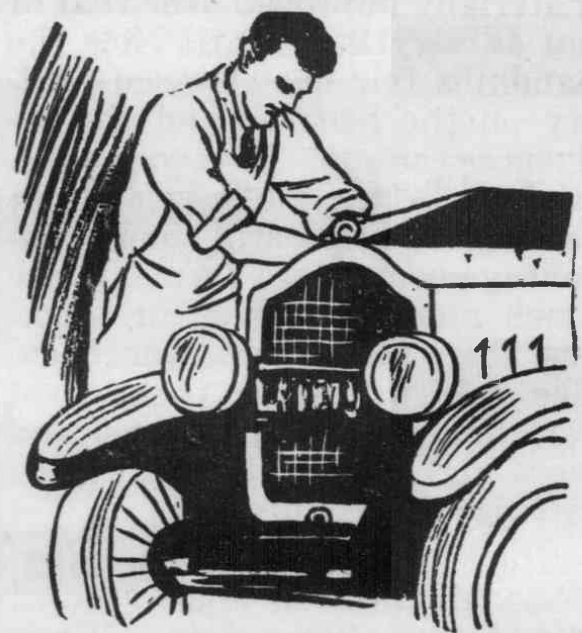
MICKIE SAYS:

BY GOLLY, TH' OLE SHEET LOOKS PRETTY GOOD, DON'T SHE? VA SURE GOTTA HAND IT TO THE BOSS FER GIVING THIS TOWN A GOOD PAPER FER HES SURE DOING HIS DARNDDEST! WE ALL ARE FER THAT MATTER, FER WE LIKE OUR WORK 'N WE THINK LIKE AINT NOTHING TOO GOOD FER TH' TOWN AN' TH' BUNCH OF GOOD FELLERS WHO LIVE IN IT!



Lincoln County farmers are planning to ship spring chickens to the cities of the section again this year. Last spring they sold 8,000 fryers at a good profit and one farmer now has 300 ready, reports county agent Graham Morrison.

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