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FINAL TRIBUTE TO LIEUT. MAYNARD

Crowd of Several Thousand Composed of "Home Folks" at Funeral

HARRELL'S STORE, Sept. 10.—Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, killed in an airplane accident at Rutland, Vt., on Thursday was buried by his own people at the old Maynard family place in the back country of Sampson county today.

Under the shade of the great grove at the home of his own people, the young parson and aviator was laid to rest. Famous for his ability as an aviator and nationally known and honored as the winner of the great trans-continental government flight in 1919, it was not the nation that came to pay last tribute to him or to express grief at this passing, but his own people. Several thousand Sampson and Duplin county people came today with simple offerings of sympathy and grief for Belvin Maynard, known better to them as a boy and man than as the great aviator honored by a nation.

No military honors marked the burial, but the flags displayed by the Leo L. Daugherty Post of the American Legion from Clinton. They came wearing no uniforms, and no military garb or insignia marked the committee sent by the North Carolina Department of the Legion, appointed yesterday at the annual Legion convention in Greensboro.

The ceremony opened with a song service. Rev. S. R. O'Brien, of the First Baptist church, of Mount Olive, read from the 21st and 9th Psalms. The Rev. W. I. Stevens, local Baptist preacher, presided over the ceremonies. Rev. J. M. Duncan, of Mount Olive, made a prayer for the dead and for strength and guidance for the living. Rev. Mr. Carter, pastor of the Baptist church of Clinton, offered the closing prayer. Mrs. Everett, of Mount Olive, and Rev. A. S. Brown, of the Rose Hill Baptist church, sang during the services.

It was to the clean, Christian life of Maynard rather than to his fame as an aviator that these ministers pointed particularly in their praises.

They spoke of his young manhood, of his admirable life and character, and referred with a certain lesser pride to his fame and ability as an aviator.

The grave of the young aviator in the yard of the old home is the first to mark the burial ground of the Maynard family. Of the large family of six brothers, and five sisters, Maynard's death was the first. The entire family was here for the funeral, and the aviator's brothers, and brothers-in-law acted as pallbearers. They were Amos, Worth, A. H. Jr., and M. B. Maynard, Paul and Neil Goodson and A. D. Kornegay.

After the services Mrs. Maynard received the many who expressed their personal sympathy at her bereavement. Mrs. Maynard, who before her marriage was Miss Essie Goodson, of Mount Olive, attended school at Dellway with Lieutenant Maynard. They both taught there a year following their graduation and later were married. While he was in service in France Mrs. Maynard taught at Mount Olive, her former home.

Mrs. Maynard expects to return to the home at Queens, New York, with her four children, Rosalind, Evelyn, Belvin, Jr., and Baby Grace, eight months old.

Albert Schlaske, of New York, came to the funeral today as the personal representative of W. F. Deagan, State Commander of the New York Department of the American Legion. Mr. Schlaske accompanied the body of Maynard from New York and had long been an intimate friend of the flier. The two men had been associated in aerial photography and had arranged to enter business together. According to their plans, they were to have begun their work together tomorrow.

Through the streets of New York the body was escorted by a military band of thirty pieces and a corps of military policemen. Throngs of

FRED C. HANDY RESIGNS OFFICE

E. L. Auen, of New York, Now Has Charge of Department of Justice in State.

Frederick C. Handy, for over four years agent in charge of the Department of Justice activities in North Carolina, has resigned and on September 15 will be actively engaged in life insurance business in Raleigh.

A. L. Auen, of New York, who it is said, has had a splendid record in the Department of Justice, has taken over the work of Mr. Handy.

Mr. Handy opened the Greensboro office of the Department of Justice for Western North Carolina five years ago. He organized the work there and ten months later came to Raleigh to take charge of the activities of the Department in North Carolina as successor to Dorsey Phillips. He was at the head of the Department's operations during the war and was indefatigable in running down deserters and draft evaders during the progress of the war.

The former Department of Justice agent has signed a contract with the Aetna Life Insurance Company but will continue to make Raleigh his headquarters.—News and Observer.

MILITARY REDUCED IN NUMEROUS COUNTRIES

Great Britain Reports to League of Nations a Cut of 55 Per Cent.

GENEVA, Sept. 9.—Reports presented by the council of the league of nations on reduction of armaments at this afternoon's session of the third assembly of the league show that in more than a score of countries restrictions of military outlay has been begun.

Great Britain reported a reduction of 55 per cent in naval tonnage, France 36 per cent, Italy 49 per cent and Japan 59 per cent. In land armaments France reported a reduction of 200,000 men under arms, and shortening the term of military service by one-half. Sweden also reported the cutting of her military service in two; Italy reduced the period of service and suppressed 98 battalions of infantry; Poland reduced her army of a million men to about 260,000; Japan made reductions but failed to give the figures, while Switzerland reduced the figures from 70 per cent to 55 per cent of the proportion of her men eligible for military service.

Haiti took the front rank in the debates of this assembly when delegate Bellegarde of that country took the floor today and made the most eloquent speech of the session. He reviewed the work of the council and demanded an investigation of the operations of a punitive expedition sent by the South African government some time ago against the natives of southwest African territory for which South Africa has the mandate.—Associated Press.

AGENTS AROUND HOME OF JUDGE WILKERSON

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Two federal agents last night were stationed at the home of Judge Wilkerson to prevent any outbreak against him. The judge, it was said, has received several threatening letters.

Russia has proved that paper money is the root of evil.

people witnessed the procession. Mrs. Maynard first received the news of her husband's death when she saw it flung across the columns of a newspaper in large head lines. She was never officially notified of his death, it was said.

The State of North Carolina was in no way represented at the funeral of her famous son. Prof. Hubert Jones represented Wake Forest College at the ceremonies.

Airplanes sent from Camp Bragg to be present at the funeral circled about the house during the day, but were apparently unable to definitely locate the place or to find a landing field and before the services returned to Camp.—Jonathan Daniels, in News & Observer.

HERBERT JACKSON NAMED EXECUTOR

Mr. Polie Gardner Leaves Estate Worth \$85,000 to Nieces and Nephews

Mr. Herbert W. Jackson, president of the Virginia Trust Company, of Richmond, Va., was in the city last week and qualified as Executor of the will of Mr. Polie Gardner who died recently at the age of 73 at the home of his niece, Mrs. Lota Landrum, of Martin, Tenn. Mr. Gardner was well known in Johnston County and being possessed of considerable property, the contents of his will make interesting reading. His estate which consists of stocks, bonds, mortgages, notes and cash but no real estate is valued at \$85,000, the bulk of which goes to his six nieces and two nephews. He left nothing to his wife who survives him, making the following statement in his will: "I make no bequest in this will to my dear wife because of the fact that she is already possessed of a considerable estate in her own right which I have managed and largely increased during our married life."

The will directs that all the residue of the estate be turned over to the Virginia Trust Co., of Richmond, Va., to be held and managed by it. The income therefrom is to be semi-annually divided among the following nieces and nephews: Paul Gardner, Hugh Gardner, Mrs. Maggie Fuqua, children of his brother, T. E. Gardner; Miss Jeppie Miller, daughter of his sister, Ada; Mrs. Lota Landrum, Mrs. Gertrude Stoe, Mrs. Emmye Lightfoot, Miss Kensey White, daughters of his sister, Maria. When and as each one of these heirs die, his or her interest ceases immediately and shall be divided among those living. At the death of last survivor, the entire estate goes to McFerrin College at Martin, Tenn., and shall be known as the Polie Gardner perpetual fund. This fund shall be invested and the income used to help pay the teachers' salaries, thus reducing tuition fee and thereby helping worthy students of the county of his birth.

The deceased left all diamonds, oriental rugs, pictures, paintings, bed and bed clothes to his niece, Miss Kensey White. To Paul and Hugh Gardner, his two nephews, he left his wearing apparel and personal effects.

The deceased left the sum of \$300 the income from which shall be used to keep up his grave. He expressed the desire in his will to be buried at Kingston, N. Y., but in case he should be buried elsewhere, the sum is to be handled by the county commissioners or other proper authorities who shall invest and use the proceeds for the care of his grave.

Two codicils were attached to the will, the first changing the executor from the Virginia Trust Co., to Herbert W. Jackson, president of the Trust Co., a change in the law having made this necessary. The second codicil directed that the Virginia Trust Co., be paid the sum of \$1500 to be known as the Polie Gardner Perpetual Fund, which shall be held ten years the income accruing therefrom to be paid to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South at Gardner, Tenn., to be used in the maintenance of the church building, repairs, painting, etc. At the end of the ten years the amount is to be turned over to the trustees of the church to be used in the same manner as before.

We were informed that a note left to the Executor provides that no mortgages which the estate holds shall be foreclosed within five years if the parties keep the interest paid. Mr. Gardner's will was made on November 24, 1911; the first codicil, February 6, 1919, and the second codicil February 18, 1919.

D. G. S. Girls Meet.

Miss Irene Myatt delightfully entertained the members of the D. G. S. Girls Club Thursday evening at her home on West Johnston street. The only guest present besides club members was Mrs. W. N. Holt. A delicious ice course was served during the evening.

FIRST LADY OF THE LAND IS QUITE ILL

Friends Believe Mrs. Harding Will Recover—She Is Still Very Sick

For several days Mrs. Harding, wife of the President has been seriously ill, and though the reports are somewhat more favorable she is not yet considered out of danger.

The family physician, Brigadier General A. E. Sawyer, has been in consultation with Dr. John Finnelly, of Baltimore, Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, son of Brigadier General Sawyer and Dr. Joel T. Boone. Dr. Charles Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., was summoned but the results of his consultation have not yet been made public.

An Associated Press dispatch gives the following information as to Mrs. Harding's illness:

Mrs. Harding's illness was described by the attending physicians as hydronephrosis (dropsy of the kidneys), from which she has suffered at intervals since a surgical operation nine years ago. In 1916 she passed through an acute attack, and shortly after Harding was elected President in 1920 was again ill. On both occasions, however, her illness yielded more readily to treatment, it was said, than the present attack.

Mrs. Harding felt the first effects of her present illness nearly two weeks ago, while on a week-end cruise on the Mayflower with the President and a party of friends. Last week she was reported to be suffering from a severe cold, and early this week felt sufficiently recovered to again be about the White House. A set-back, however, occurred, with complications, marked by recurrence of hydronephrosis, again confining Mrs. Harding to her room.

The President has spent a good deal of time at Mrs. Harding's bedside laying aside his official duties as far as possible in order to be with her.

Yesterday's daily papers stated that though Mrs. Harding's condition was still critical, friends of the family were extremely hopeful. The only official announcement from the White House Sunday was as follows: "Mrs. Harding's condition at 11:00 noon follows: Temperature 100. Pulse 102. Respiration 32.

"During the early part of last night patient was nervous and restless, latter part of night and early morning quiet and sleeping greater part of time. Physical appearance indicate slight improvement over yesterday. Condition still critical. Consultation with Dr. Charles Mayo, who arrived at 10 a. m., and Dr. John Finnelly, has not yet been concluded." (Signed) C. E. Sawyer, M. D.

MARION, O., Sept. 10.—Marion is stunned today. News of Mrs. Harding's critical condition at the White House caused a shock that was felt as poignantly in the home of the poor as in the homes of the rich.

Mrs. Harding undoubtedly is the most popular woman that Marion has ever known. Everybody here appears to be her friend. At President Harding's newspaper office bulletins were given out regarding Mrs. Harding's condition as fast as despatches some of them direct from the White House, arrived. All day a crowd stood about the bulletin boards, and late tonight the crowds were still there.

Today in the churches of the city there were prayers for the recovery of Mrs. Harding.

"No one believed more in the efficacy of prayer than did Mrs. Harding," said Dr. Jesse Swank, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal church. In her girlhood days Mrs. Harding was a member of the Methodist church.

CLEMENCEAU TO VISIT UNITED STATES

Will Try to Restore Prestige of France and Tell of Duties of Nations.

PARIS, Sept. 10.—M. Clemenceau, the war premier, will sail for New York in four weeks on an extended tour of the United States for the purpose of telling the American people what are the rights and duties of the nations which jointly won the war, and also to try to restore the prestige which France has lost in the United States. The trip will mark return of M. Clemenceau to French politics, according to what is considered authority here.

M. Clemenceau is making the trip independently of any agency or lecture bureau, it is further asserted, and he will not receive one cent for the journey's expense, which will be paid from his own pocket. His advisers say the former Premier now sees an opportunity to again serve his country in a large way and hopes that he good he expects to accomplish in America will serve to create a demand for his return to power in France. M. Clemenceau is going to the United States as an outspoken pro-American, but at the same time it is said he thinks the French position is misunderstood by a large part of the American public.—News and Observer.

CO-OPERATORS TO INSTITUTE SUITS

To Start Four Suits in Eastern Carolina Against Contract Breakers.

The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association will immediately bring suit against contract breakers in eastern North Carolina, according to announcement of association officials following a conference in Richmond, Va., yesterday, with Aaron Sapiro, attorney for the association.

Four suits will be instituted in eastern North Carolina and two in South Carolina, according to Mr. Sapiro, who said "a few men cannot block the 80,000 organized tobacco growers of the Carolinas and Virginia, who have behind them the national laws, state laws and overwhelming public opinion." Although but few instances of contract-breaking have occurred in the two Carolinas, where the associations has begun receiving tobacco, the co-operative association will go to the mat with growers who break their contracts, and with unscrupulous persons who endeavor to induce them to do so.

WILSON SENDS OVERMAN MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

SALISBURY, Sept. 11.—Senator Lee S. Overman, who is at home and kept to his room on account of an injury received some few days ago in a fall at Washington, has received hundreds of messages of sympathy, but one that he appreciates probably more than any other is a letter just received from Woodrow Wilson. This letter betrays some of the old time Wilson humor and indicates that the ex-President is at least able to take notice of things political. Mr. Wilson writes:

"My dear Senator:
"I learned only yesterday of the accident to your ankle, which I am afraid must be very painful. I send you this line to express my sincere regret and great sympathy. We must, I think, leave all mis-steps to the Republicans, and I advise you as a true Democrat hereafter to 'watch your step.' We must all keep as fit as possible for the great tasks immediately ahead of us as a nation and as a party. Hoping that your inconvenience and distress will be very short-lived,
"Faithfully yours,
"WOODROW WILSON."

Mr. Overman is able to rest well, but six weeks off his feet is the shortest time given by his physicians. This enforced vacation is going to knock the Senator out of the approaching campaign fight to a great extent.

They have schools that teach domestic science, but why not schools that teach domestic silence.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S GOOD SHOWING

Virginia and North Carolina Tobacco Growers Organize Association Locals

First advance payments to members of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association in South Carolina on nine markets this year, averaged more than the total receipts under the auction system, for the same period last year, according to figures just compiled by the South Carolina offices of the Association.

At Bamberg and Hartsville member growers averaged two cents a pound more in advance than the averaged price paid by the "auction" system in 1921. In the face of those figures and the fact that the Association has increased its advance payments to South Carolina members and is urging them to make early deliveries in order to hasten the second payment, only growers with short memories find any reason to cling to the out-of-date "auction" system. That many of them still remember 1921 is shown by the way new contracts are being signed in the Palmetto State.

More than twenty Virginia counties have perfected local organizations in school districts or townships and the five hundred locals are holding regular meetings at which problems of the member growers are discussed and plans made for holding the Association with a united front in its fight against the old auction system.

Growers in four counties in Western North Carolina have requested assistance from headquarters in perfecting some 200 local community organizations on the eve of the opening of warehouses in this territory. In response to this call the Association has sent L. E. Rogers, of Virginia, R. J. Works, of Kentucky, and Field Representatives L. V. Morrell, J. B. Farley and H. H. Lawley of North Carolina to cooperate with the growers under the leadership of Director J. W. King and J. B. Swain, district representative in these counties.

Sentiment for Co-operative Marketing is overwhelming tobacco growers in Western North Carolina and leaders among the growers expect through their local organizations to assume 100 per cent deliveries among members of the Association.

Aaron Sapiro is to speak in Danville, Va., Friday, September 15th, and in South Hill, Va., Saturday, Sept. 16th, at mass meetings which are expected to break all attendance records.

Mr. Sapiro says that California Cooperatives are much impressed by the remarkable story of the Kentucky Burley Association in its first year, and that H. G. Coykendahl, head of the California Prune and Apricot Growers Association, is going to Kentucky to study the operation of the Burley Association, which has made a great record in handling tobacco at a minimum cost to members.—Frissell.

ISSUE WARRANT FOR FORMER BANK TELLER

ELIZABETH CITY, Sept. 11.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of John D. Sykes, Jr., 26, former city collection teller of the First and Citizens National Bank of this city, on a charge of embezzlement. Sykes has been missing from Elizabeth City since Sunday, September 6th. Chas. R. Robinson, president of the bank, today issued a statement saying investigation of Sykes' accounts revealed an alleged shortage of more than \$20,000. Mr. Robinson said the bank is fully protected by a surety bond in the sum of \$25,000.

Parrish's Stables Leased.

The Virginia Horse and Mule Co., of Four Oaks, has leased the stables owned by the late F. H. Parrish and will be ready to serve customers about the first of October. For the past four years this firm has been located at Four Oaks where a good trade has been built up. This firm will be glad to have their friends and patrons call on them at their new place of business.