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## GOV. MCLEAN BACK FROM A VACATION

Investigates Situation At State Sanatorium; To Probe Other Situations

### OTHER CAPITAL NEWS

By M. L. SHIPMAN

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—The return of Governor McLean to the State on Sunday, August 23, was followed immediately by his plunge into official business. The situation at Sanatorium, the special term of court to try W. B. Cole, the investigation of the Department of Labor and Printing and the investigation of the Fisheries Product Company were among the matters to receive his early attention. Except for brief items of interest there was little news in the capital city during the week. A number of State officials are on their vacations and the summer period is being passed with as little effort as possible.

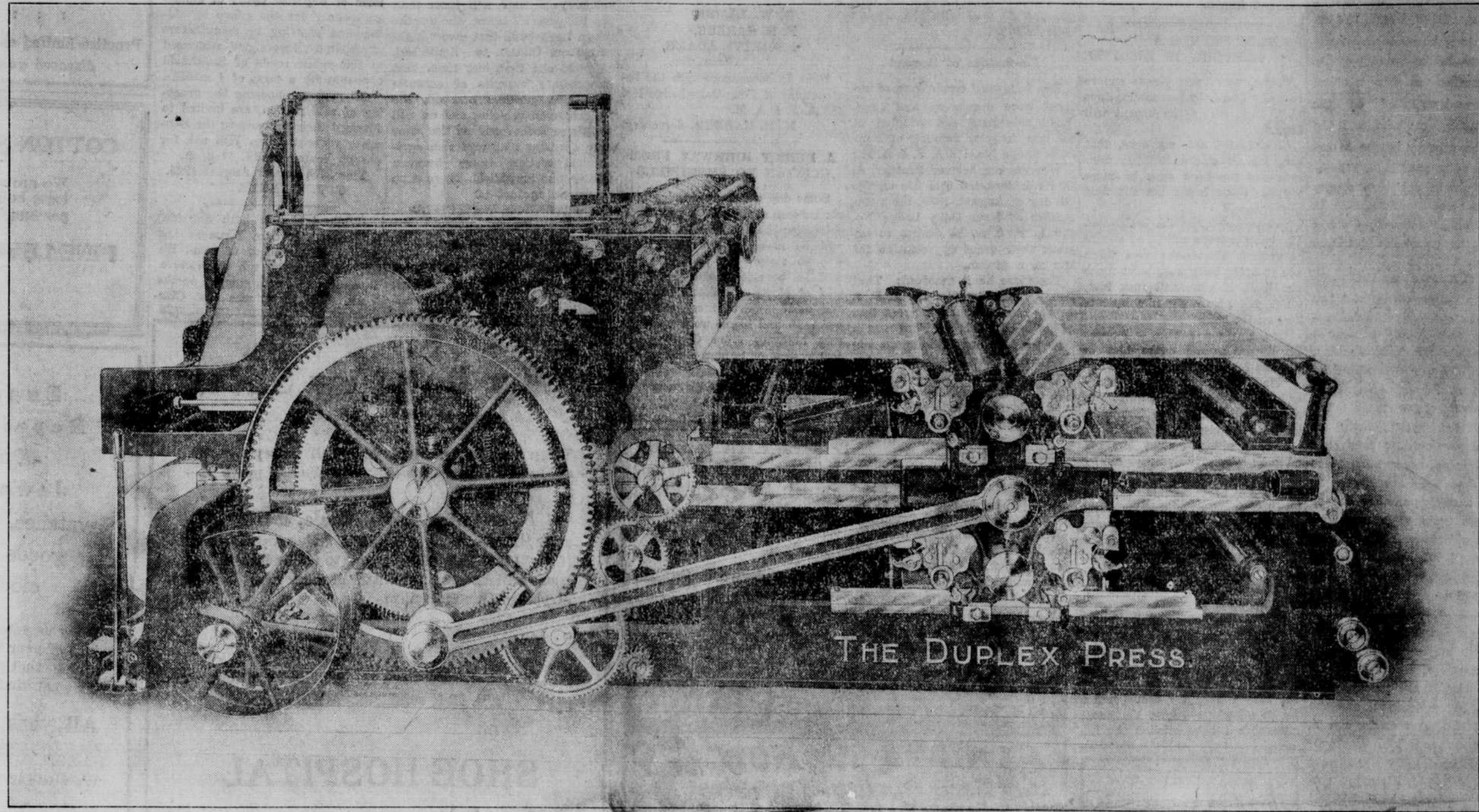
The Governor issued an official statement Sunday morning declaring he had investigated conditions at State Sanatorium for Tubercular and found conditions better than heretofore, no reason for alarm, and that the turning out of patients was NOT a new policy. He criticized the Associated Press for sending out a story portraying conditions at the Sanatorium which focussed public attention on the institution. He backed up his statement with letters from the officers of the institution regretting the impression which had gotten out. It was stated that if an emergency arose it would be cared for at any and all state institutions. The Associated Press replying to the Governor's criticism merely contented itself with reciting that its story had been issued with an official statement from Sanatorium as its basis, that fifteen days had elapsed and no denial of the story had been made until the Governor investigated the situation and pointed out that the essential facts that patients were to be turned out was not denied nor was it denied that shortage of room was the reason. The press organization added its regret that the story had been construed to mean maintenance funds were low and stated its basis for this was the statement of the superintendent of sanatorium that no funds had been provided to care for maintenance of prisoners for 1925-1927 while \$37,500 a year had been provided during the previous biennium for each year.

As the situation stands, it is apparent that patients will be required to leave within eighteen months after they were taken into the institution or as soon as possible thereafter. The Governor's investigation has not changed the status of this order of the Board though it explained its reasons for issuing the order. The earlier press reports on Sanatorium cited this as its major fact. Patients will be turned out of Sanatorium because of lack of room.

W. B. Cole, of Rockingham, who is charged with killing W. W. Ormond will face trial at a special term of court on September 28. The Governor called this term at the request of the Solicitor. Cole, who is a wealthy manufacturer, shot down Ormond on the street of Rockingham, after some disagreement because of the young man's suit for the hand of Cole's daughter.

Governor McLean ordered a chemist's investigation into the death of J. B. Solomon of Richmond county, who is believed to have died of poison. The effort will be to find out if the man was poisoned or died from food poisoning. His widow married two weeks after his death after aiding the man she married to escape trouble with the insurance money of her first husband.

Insurance Commissioner Wade says the July fire losses boosts the total to \$620,693, an increase of more than \$400,000 for the last period, the result of 218 fires. A majority of the fires originated in theatres and tobacco barns, but a few major conflagrations is responsible for the heavy total. The State Printing Commission (Turn to page six, please)



The Smithfield Herald is now being printed on a new press, the purchase marking one of the forward steps ever made by this paper.

The machine, a Duplex, Angle-Bar web perfecting press, as shown above, has just been installed.

by Mr. James Reed, of New York. It required nearly a week to erect the press and make the necessary adjustments. This press prints four, six and eight pages of an eight-column paper, direct from the roll at a speed of 3500 to 4500 papers per

hour, all in one operation, delivering the papers folded ready for the mailing department. This is in direct contrast to the capacity of our former cylinder press, which printed four pages at a time at a speed of 1200 to 1500 an hour. Sheets of paper instead

of the roll were used in the former method and this meant that the paper had to be fed through the press sheet by sheet twice in order that it would be printed on both sides. Then the sheets had to be taken to a hand-fed folder where again sheet by sheet, they

were folded. It will be readily seen that in the printing of the paper with the new press, much time will be saved. The press is driven by a ten-horse electric motor mounted in a pit under the machine. A larger pit under the press gives access

to it for threading and mechanical adjustments. The purchase of this press is another milestone in The Herald's path of progress. It will enable the paper to expand and grow and to serve the community of which it has been a part for nearly a

half century. This purchase is evidence of faith in Smithfield a Johnston county. The Herald sure that the community will continue to give its support and thus justify the wisdom of this expenditure.

## GRIDIRON STARS ENTER COLLEGES

Local Men With Good Records Practice For Early Football Practice at Leading Colleges of the State

By DONNELL WHARTON

Joe Ellington and James Kirkman, formerly Smithfield high school boys, are leaving for early football practice at Wake Forest College and Oak Ridge respectively. Jimmie Kirkman left Smithfield Monday for North Carolina's leading prep school where he will make a bid for backfield honors, while Ellington is leaving today for the Baptist school where he has made his letter in football for the past two years.

But this is not all that Smithfield will contribute to the collegiate football circles of North Carolina this season. Last week a telegram received in the city requesting the presence of Frank Skinner at the early practice at the University of North Carolina, while Norwood Holland will enter that school this fall also.

John Jeannette and "Rip" Summrell, N. C. State backfield quarter and fullback who have been engaged in highway work around Smithfield during the summer are not planning to attend the early practice at State but will enter when the school opens. Jeannette is a flashy quarter at State, this being his third year on the varsity. He is a New Bern boy. Ellington, Kirkman, Skinner and Holland all received their early football training on the Smithfield High eleven. Ellington was the first Smithfield boy to make his varsity letter at a good college since the days of Bill Holt at N. C. State (then the old A. & M.). He has made two letters in both football and basketball. Playing quarter as an understudy of the famous Rackley, Ellington has put in some valuable work for the Baptist eleven, and is expected to go good this season. He and Skinner and Holland were all on the first football team (Turn to page six, please)

## RELIGIOUS FERVOR IN COUNTY INCREASES

Never has there been such a season as has characterized Johnston county during the past several weeks, and the good work continues to go on. A meeting conducted by Rev. Elbert Godwin closed at Live Oak Thursday night resulting in 14 additions to the church and several joining elsewhere. A revival conducted by Rev. R. M. Von Miller has just closed at Thanksgiving with a number of conversions, and also one at Pleasant Grove with 14 professions. Smith's Chapel received more than 20 new members as a result of a series of meetings which closed there Saturday night.

A number of revivals began Sunday night, including the following churches: Beaty Chapel, Stevens Chapel, Sanders Chapel, Flowers, Carter's Chapel and Corbett-Hatcher school house. Rev. Sylvester Betts of Raleigh is holding one at the Tabernacle near Richardson's store.

The laymen of the Smithfield federation are helping in the most of these services, a number going to the various points each night. A woman's federation and a business man's morning prayer meeting have been formed at Micro, and Sunday night a splendid meeting was held at the Freewill Baptist church in Micro with men and women from both Smithfield and Micro taking part. The religious fervor in the county increases.

### New Dressmaking Establishment

Mrs. Rena Hicks is opening up a dressmaking establishment on the second floor of the Austin stores. She will be ready to meet customers on September 7th.

### Makes An Explanation

Mr. Hubert R. Jones, of Cleveland township, was in the city yesterday and asked us to state that he was not tried in Recorder's Court last week and found guilty of violating the prohibition laws. The Hubert Jones mentioned in the court proceedings was a colored man from near Clayton.

## Community Clubs Give Away Prizes

Prizes Awarded To Winners In Various Contests At Sanders Chapel Thursday

The reporter had to leave the picnic at Sanders Chapel Thursday before the contests took place. Later information is to the effect that everybody enjoyed the afternoon program. Miss Leone Sanders led the community singing, which preceded the races. The first race was a tin can race, which afforded much merriment. Miss Leafy Stencil, of the Carter-Massey Club won the prize, which was a salt-and-pepper shaker. The Riverside Serenaders contested in a one-legged race, which was won by Walter Lassiter. The prize was a sucker. The egg-blowing contest was won by Mrs. Percy Barnes, of the Pomona club, and she received a fly swatter. The paper race was won by Mr. Bob Barden of Pine Level. He carried off an ice pick as his reward. Two teams lined up for a pole and hoop race. No prize was offered but Capt. Clarence Hill's fast team carried off the honors over Capt. Woodall's pokey team.

Mr. T. R. Hood presented the children with a jar of fancy candy, which they enjoyed immensely. The president of each club drew straws for the jar, Mrs. Bob Barden, of Carter-Massey, being the lucky recipient. The closing feature was the "Star-Spangled Banner," by the band, which thrilled the whole crowd, filling them with a more patriotic spirit.

Young Wilkins, who was of very limited means, presented the minister, after the wedding ceremony, with a couple of frayed bank notes and some loose change saying, "I'm sorry, parson, but this is all I've got." Then, observing the faint look of disappointment which the poor parson was unable to restrain, he added hastily: "But if we have any children, we will send them to your Sunday school."—Country Gentleman.

## PLANS UNDER WAY FOR COOP PICNIC

Cotton Association To Hear Texas Man At Picnic To Be Held at Holt Lake In September

The local group of the Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association is heartily in favor of using the farmers' storage warehouse to its utmost capacity this season to the end that the highest possible price be paid for cotton, according to the sentiment expressed in the group meeting held in the commission room here Thursday afternoon, August 27. The meeting was attended by quite a number of Coop members. Mr. Peacock was elected chairman of the meeting and M. C. Hooks, secretary.

The discussion in regard to the storage warehouse was precipitated when Mr. E. G. Holland of Kenly asked the question, "Would the cotton association use the Smithfield warehouse this season?" Mr. H. B. Mask, director of field service, was present and assured those present that the warehouse would be used and everything possible would be done to fill it. W. H. Austin advanced the idea that Johnston county cotton should be sold to local cotton mills as much as possible instead of shipping it to some other part of the state and thus rendering it necessary for the mills in this vicinity to purchase cotton from South Carolina as is now the case. He explained the advantages of delivering to a warehouse and urged that cotton be stored here. He spoke of the advantages of purchasing cotton from the association on account of the uniform grades, a fact that should raise the price of cotton.

Following the discussion the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that the Farmers Cotton Warehouse, Inc., which has not heretofore been utilized to its fullest extent resulting in a loss as an investment in warehouse property, as members and stockholders we urge and (Turn to page six, please)

## N. C. FIGURES FOR FISCAL YEAR

Department of Commerce Announces Summary of Financial Statistics of North Carolina For Fiscal Year Ending June 30

Washington, D. C., August 29.—The Department of Commerce announces a summary of the financial statistics of the State of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

The payments for maintenance and operation of the general departments of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, amounted to \$15,745,898, or \$5.79 per capita. This includes \$1,729,783 apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. The expenses of public service enterprises were \$23,370; interest on debt was \$3,494,219; and outlays for permanent improvements were \$32,670,011. The total payments, therefore, for expenses of general departments and of public service enterprises, interest, and outlays were \$51,933,498. In 1923 the comparative per capita for maintenance and operation of general departments was \$5.10, and in 1917, \$1.96. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenue; or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the governmental costs reported above, \$30,346,678 was for highways, \$4,122,126 being for maintenance and \$26,224,552 for construction. The total revenue receipts of North Carolina for 1924 were \$21,202,335, or \$7.80 per capita. This was \$1,938,848 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$30,731,163 less than the total payments including these for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations. Property and special taxes represented 27.0 per cent of the total revenue for 1924, 23.3 (Turn to page six, please)

J. W. STEPHENSON



Director Cooperative Association

On his farm near Smithfield Mr. J. W. Stephenson has prospect for yields of twelve barrels of corn to the acre. On the field where the corn follows alfalfa the corn is fine but the heaviest cared corn follows crimson clover. Mr. Stephenson adopts modern methods of crop rotation and soil building. His principal cover crops are rye and crimson clover. Livestock on his farm is another soil-building factor. He "sells his surplus feed to his cows, sheep and other livestock and then gets two profits in one when the livestock is marketed, plus the value the barn yard manure as a by-product. Mr. Stephenson was recently elected as one of the ten directors of North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association.

### SCHEDULE IS REDUCED FIVE DOLLARS PER BALE

Mr. J. V. Ogburn, manager of the Farmers Cotton warehouse, has received a telegram from U. B. Blalock, general manager of the Cotton Cooperative Association, reducing the schedule of advances five dollars a bale. This is caused by the decline in the market.

### Circle Number Four To Meet

Circle No. 4 of the M. E. Missionary Society will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. D. M. Coates.

## CITIZENS ENJOY BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mr. J. D. Underwood Celebrates 59th Milestone; Entertains Guests With a Barbecue Feast

On last Friday evening at 6 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Underwood delightfully entertained number of their friends at their home on Market street, the delightful occasion being in honor of Mr. Underwood whom Father Time had brought and tendered to him his fifty-ninth birthday. The invited guests on this happy occasion were met at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Underwood together with their daughters, Mrs. D. H. Creech and Mrs. Charles Register and Mrs. S. B. Jones, who very graciously and hospitably bade everybody do as they liked. In due time everybody who had a healthy appetite and those that had heretofore suffered with indigestion dispensed with all ailments and sat down under the canopy of the giant trees that adorn the surroundings of the Underwood home to what might be termed "one of the greatest birthdays spreads that people in this vicinity are accustomed to see. Covers were laid for forty-five. The first course consisted of the fine Brunswick stew prepared in real Southern style, with all necessary accessories. The next course was Johnston county's favorite dish—barbecue, and it really was prepared with all that culinary art could demand. Fried chicken played one of the most important roles in the next course. Coco cola, iced tea, coffee and lemonade were in abundance. Friendship and good fellowship was the keynote, and everybody had a key. After the sumptuous supper was served, Mayor J. A. Narron was called on for a few words and he responded, expressing his keen appreciation in being one of the fortunate guests and especially hoped that Mr. Underwood would soon have another birthday. Judge Brooks made a short (Turn to page six, please)