

## A TRIBUTE TO ZEBULON VANCE

Story of Great North Carolinian's Life as Told by Student of Elizabeth City High School.

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Zebulon Baird Vance was an American soldier, statesman and politician. He was born in Buncombe County, N. C., May 13, 1830, in the "Vance homestead," which was a large frame building of the "olden time," with broad stone chimneys, indicative of comfort and hospitality. It stood near the French Broad River and in the midst of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The house has now been taken down and only a few stones remain to mark the site where it once stood. It was a place of beauty. In front of it the river is smooth and placid as a lake; above and below it dashed and roared into a mountain torrent. Around it the great mountains towered like giants, and their dark forests are mirrored in the deep blue bosom of the stream. On this scene, amid sublimity and beauty, Vance first beheld the light of heaven.

### ANCESTORS FROM NORMANDY

The Vance family came from Normandy and was known as Vance, Vans or Devaux. In 1066 3 brothers, Herbert, Randolph and Robert, the sons of Harold De Vaux, Lord of Vaux, in Normandy, accompanied William the Conqueror to England, and there their descendants became Lords De Vaux of Peury, and Breorer in Norfolk, of Gillesland in Cumberland, and Harrowden in Northamptonshire. Quite a number of the family emigrated to the United States. They took a prominent part in the early history of the country, being soldiers and officers in the Revolutionary War. They settled first in Virginia and afterwards in North Carolina, about 1775, and lived in what is now Rowan county.

David Vance, the grandfather of Zebulon Vance, was ensign in the Continental Army and afterwards captain at King's Mountain. He was also in the battle of Brandywine and Germantown and was with Washington at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78.

### PROMINENT IN STATE

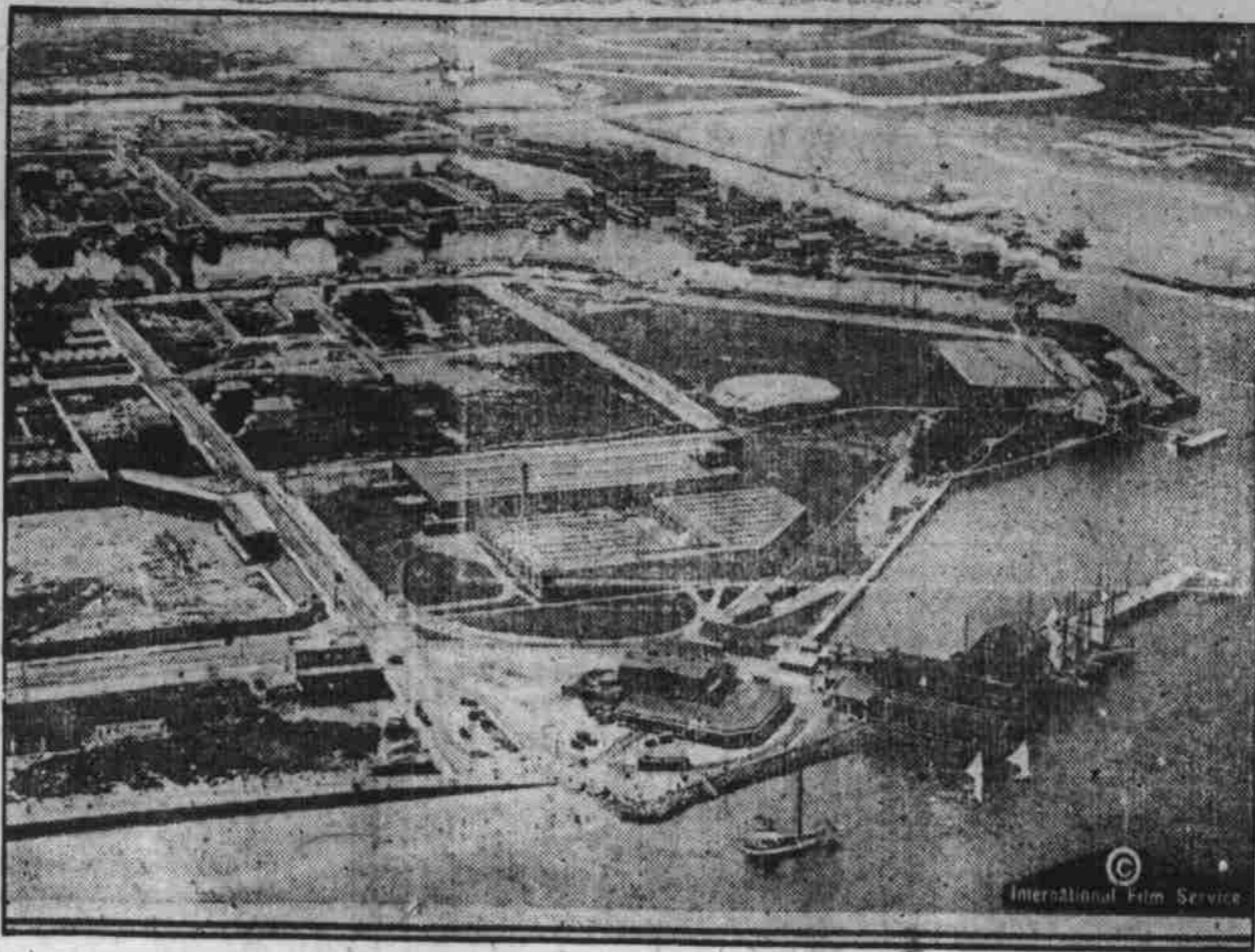
After the Revolution he moved to Run's Creek, ten miles north of Asheville, in Buncombe County. He was appointed Clerk of Court for Buncombe County and was elected Colonel of the Militia. He was also in the legislatures of 1775-86 and 1791.

David Vance was the son of Colonel David Vance and the father of Zebulon Vance. He lived and died in Buncombe County, January 2nd, 1825. He married Mira Margaret Baird. They had eight children, "Zeb" being the third one. His father died when he was only twelve years old.

In many respects his mother was a remarkable woman. She was very fond of reading, and her eyesight was so vigorous that when she was seventy-five years of age she could read her fine print Bible without spectacles. She went to school with Governor Swain of North Carolina and Governor Perry of South Carolina and entertained at her home in Marshall, John C. Calhoun and William C. Preston of South Carolina, and other prominent men. She survived her husband thirty-four years, rearing her children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

By her noble example and splendid character she was a great help, inspiration to her children and made Zebulon the remarkable man he

## ATLANTIC CITY SEEN FROM AN AEROPLANE



This photograph of Atlantic City, taken from one of the aeroplanes of the aviation section of the New York naval militia, shows the winding inlet, the yacht pier and the baseball grounds at the popular seaside resort.

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When he was 6 years old he entered the school of M. Woodson, Esq., and boarded with Nehemiah Blackstock, who lived on a farm near Burnsville, not far from Ivy Creek.

### A TYPICAL BOY

He was a typical boy, full of mischief and always lively and full of fun. Mr. Blackstock said to his wife, "Well, you may say what you will about Zeb; he was a mighty bad boy and hard to control; but he had one redeeming quality that made up for all his faults — Zeb would tell the truth. When you missed your eggs that you wanted so much for the preacher and were so mad that they were gone and all the boys denied everything about them, Zeb came up like a man and told that he took them, but he would not tell who helped him eat them. He would always tell the truth."

He attended Washington College in Tennessee, and in 1851 he went to the University of North Carolina. He remained there for two years and pursued a selected course of studies and soon made a name for genius, wit and oratory. He was an especial favorite of President Swain. Young Vance was extremely popular with the students and also with the pupils of the village of Chapel Hill.

In 1852 he was admitted to the bar. Soon after he left the University, he entered upon practice and served as county attorney. He was elected to the state legislature in 1854, where he served one session. While there he gave unmistakable evidence of the illustrious life before him.

### GOES TO CONGRESS

In 1858 he was elected to the House of Representatives in the 35th and 36th Congress, as a Whig, to fill the unexpired term of Thomas L. Clingman, who had been appointed to the Senate. He took distinguished position in that assembly, which has been the lists of so many statesmen. He was the youngest man North Carolina ever sent to Congress. He was again elected in 1860.

He was a strong Union man and opposed secession with all the ardor of his vigorous nature, but surrendered his judgment to the wisdom of his sovereign state when she withdrew from the Union. He resigned his seat in Congress and went home.

He entered the Confederate army as a captain in May, 1861, and became Colonel of the 26th regiment of North Carolina Infantry in Aug., 1861.

There is a record of fifty-seven regiments, and there may be more. Continued On Back Page

## STEADILY POUNDING GERMAN LINES FRENCH EXPECT EVENTUAL VICTORY

### Marvellous Organization and System has put the Punch into Sledge Hammer Blows by Which They Hope to Break Down German Resistance.

By HENRY WOOD

(United Press War Correspondent)

With French army on Somme, August 17—Like a gigantic multiple sledge hammer the French army is smashing the lines of German resistance along the Somme.

The new French offensive in no way resembles the Russian steam roller. Instead of the slow massive movement of the Russians the French strike blow upon blow, hammering continually upon a given point. Given time the French believe that these blows will break down German resistance and eventually drive the Germans from French soil.

Incredible preparation and organization on a vast scale are the factors that have put the punch in the French drive. Everything has been foreseen and provided for. Nothing has been overlooked. In the rear of the fighting lines are stationed eight munition depots where are received daily vast stores of material from every part of the world. These depots are connected with the front by a veritable mystic maze of railroads, which as they converge toward the battle lines, become even more complex and intricate. Yet so perfect is the system of operation that each of the eight depots can pour on the Somme front its entire square half mile of munitions every thirty-six hours.

The official French report, sent to Paris this morning, states that the Germans, driven back by a heavy French assault on both banks of the Somme, have made no attempts to regain by counter attacks during the night the new positions occupied by the French. Violent artillery fire, however, has been concentrated on the points along the line to which the French advanced yesterday.

Bryan and Frank Venters are spending some time with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Waters at Pactolus.

## EXPERTS FROM MANY STATES

### Men Who Have Conquered Virulent Disease in the Past to Confer about Infantile Paralysis.

(By United Press)

Washington, August 17—Health officers from thirty-eight states met here today to consider the national fight against the spread of infantile paralysis.

The number includes men who helped to conquer the bubonic plague, cholera, yellow fever, typhoid, spotted fever and other malignant diseases.

An appeal has been made to those who have suffered in the recent epidemic to give their blood for serum to be used in combating the disease and many have already responded.

Twelve little sufferers from infantile paralysis at Philadelphia who were inoculated with the new blood serum, in a final effort to save their lives, are reported worse.

## Press Urges Joint Protest

(By United Press)

Twelve a r.v. ba Santiago, Chile, August 17—The press of this country are urging a joint protest of neutrals against the British blacklist.

Mrs. Louis Sellg has returned from a visit to friends at Nags Head.

## President May Appeal To R. R. Stockholders

### Has Summoned Railway Presidents to Conference and if No Basis of Adjustment is Found Will Probably Ask Stockholders to Support His Plan

(By United Press)

Washington, August 17—Events in the most dramatic industrial conflict that the country has seen for many years moved swiftly today, the afternoon finding the President busy in his library completing the formulation of the proposals he will make to the presidents of the railroads to-day. In appealing to the railroad presidents, the President does not regard them as the ultimate authority and it is intimated that in case they will not accede to his proposals he may make his appeal directly to the stockholders of the railroads.

The President summoned the railroad presidents into audience with him in the following telegram:

"Discussion of the matter involved in the threatened railroad strike has reached a point which makes it highly desirable that I should confer personally with you at the earliest possible moment, and also with the president of any other railroad affected who is accessible. I hope you can make in convenient to come to Washington at once.

This telegram was sent following the apparent deadlock in the negotiations in the controversy resulting from the intimation on the part of the railroad managers that the principle of the eight hour day is unacceptable, even tentatively, to the railroads. The managers and men show no disposition to make mutual concessions, neither being willing to recede from the positions already taken.

The railroads are strongly urging arbitration. The men steadfastly refuse to submit their cause to arbitration.

The situation is regarded as serious in the extreme and the developments of this afternoon are awaited with tensest interest.

### LITTLE CHILD DEAD

The little child of Mrs. Johnnie Bateman of Columbia was laid to rest in the Martin Pritchard burying ground Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, the funeral being conducted at the home of Mrs. George Harrel by Rev. Dennis Harris of this city.

Mrs. Bateman came to visit her sister, Mrs. Harrel a few weeks ago, expecting while there to enter the Elizabeth City Hospital for treatment or operation. Shortly after her arrival, however, her child became quite ill and its death occurred Tuesday at Mrs. Harrel's home in the Corinth section.

Mrs. Bateman is the daughter of Mrs. Frank Pritchard of this county of this city. She has many friends throughout the county as well as at Columbia who are sympathetic in this hour of sorrow.

### GETTING READY FOR TAILORING BUSINESS

Workmen are busily at work on the upper floor of Mitchell's Department Store converting half of the big space there into sewing and show rooms for the new Ladies Skirt and Suit Factory which is to begin operation soon.

## CLAIMS STILL CONTRADICTORY

### Allied and German Accounts of Events on Eastern and Western Fronts do Not Coincide

(By United Press)

London, August 17—Driving along in conjunction with the French forces last night the British on the west of Guillaumonts captured three hundred yards of trenches west of the Fouraux wood says General Haig in this morning's dispatch.

Northwest of Pozieres an attack by the Germans was checked by machine guns.

Reports from Petrograd state that General Sakoff has announced the capture of seven thousand more prisoners, making more than ninety four thousand taken by him during the recent big offensive.

### GERMANS CLAIM SUCCESSES

German official dispatches allege that the Anglo French troops which penetrated the Foreaux wood have been driven out, the Germans inflicting heavy losses in their successful attack. Berlin advises also that English attacks in considerable force were made from Pozieres and Ovillers and also from the positions west of Foreaux wood, but that all were repulsed.

The Germans admit, however, that the French gained a foothold in the first line of German trenches for a width of five hundred yards, where the French claim an advance along a three mile front. Berlin reports also claim German successes in the Carpathians.

### SHIP BIG TURTLE

The Globe Fish Company of this city shipped a two hundred and fifty pound sea turtle by express to Baltimore Wednesday. The big fellow attracted the attention of passers-by as he awaited the arrival of his train.

### REPAINTED AND REDECORATED

The Pritchard Millinery store has been entirely repainted and redecorated inside and out this week and is now most attractive with an interior color scheme of rose and grey, with dark green on the exterior and a shining new sign near the doorway.

Mrs. Pritchard leaves Friday for the northern markets to buy fall millinery.

### NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the People's Hardware and Supply Company at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday August 19th at the Court House in Elizabeth City, N. C. All stockholders are urged to be present.

W. L. SMALL, Secretary.