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## Dr. Rankin On County Hospital

If all the voters of Haywood county could have heard the magnificent address of Dr. W. S. Rankin at the Waynesville Methodist church the other night, there would be no question as to the outcome of the approaching election for a county hospital, for no man with a soul, could listen to such a discourse of logic and reason, so forcibly and eloquently presented, and go out and cast his vote against the sick people of our county.

Dr. Rankin is in charge of the hospital and orphanage sections of the J. B. Duke Endowment Fund, and came to Waynesville to address the Tenth District Medical Society. In his opening remarks he emphasized the needs of hospital facilities in the rural communities of North Carolina. Using government statistics, he showed that out of each thousand inhabitants, there are from twenty to thirty sick every day in the year, so Haywood county, with a population of twenty-five thousand, would have over five hundred people sick every day. According to hospital authorities, said the doctor, ten per cent of sick people are so sick that they should have hospital treatment, so in Haywood county we have fifty people, every day in the year, so sick that they should have hospital treatment.

Dr. Rankin explained the plan of the Duke Foundation, in regard to assistance they propose to give to public hospitals where charity cases are treated. This assistance he classified under three heads: (1) Financial, this will be an actual cash donation toward helping pay the expenses of each bed occupied by a charity patient. (2) Information that will permit the lowering of cost of operation of hospitals, and result in great saving to both hospitals and patients. In this connection Dr. Rankin showed how each hospital receiving aid from the Duke Fund will have the benefit of the experience of every other hospital in the group, and this will result in the operation of every hospital in the group at the lowest possible cost, consistent with efficient service. (3) By teaching the interpretation of sickness. Here the doctor gave many of his hearers something new to think about. Some interpret sickness as a punishment for sin. If this were true, why do little ones get sick and die? Old superstition has vanished, and now we know that sickness is not a punishment for sin. Some tell us that a merciful God ordered sickness and death to enforce the law of the survival of the fittest. If you think of man merely as an animal, this theory will work, but if you do not think of him merely as an animal, it will not work, and we all admit now that there is something higher in man than purely a physical being.

The doctor then related the incident of Jesus and His disciples coming upon a man who was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked Him, saying: "Master, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "neither hath this man sinned nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." Dr. Rankin stated that if you take a child and rear it where it would never see illness, misfortune or suffering, it would not know or feel such a thing as sympathy. So out of sickness and suffering comes sympathy, and out of sympathy comes love, and out of love comes service, and out of service comes sacrifice and self-denial. So it takes illness and suffering to develop in us the most beautiful thing in character; sympathy. Thus, said the speaker, when we have moulded Mr. Duke's plan, not with brick and stone, but with human service, into the building of character, we will have attained his desire.

While listening to this explanation of the vast plan of this great benefactor, we could not help but compare him with some of the citizens of our own county. While Mr. Duke gave millions that the poor people of his native state, whom he didn't even know, might have the comforts of hospital treatment when sick, certain citizens of our county, who have accumulated more of this world's goods than they or their families will ever need, are using their utmost efforts to induce their poor neighbors, many of whom would not have to pay one

## Dr. George R. Stuart Dies

Noted Methodist Preacher Dies Suddenly After Severe Illness.

(By David Rankin Barbee.) — A great many people in North Carolina and throughout the South will sincerely mourn the death of Rev. George R. Stuart, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham. Dr. Stuart, according to press dispatches, died suddenly in Birmingham Tuesday following a severe illness.

He was one of the foremost figures in Southern Methodism. A native of Tennessee, he early became a Methodist preacher, marrying the daughter of the famous Tennessee Methodist divine, Dr. David Sullins. After a brilliant career as a pastor and educator, he left the presidency of Centenary college at Cleveland, Tenn., and joined the late Sam P. Jones of Georgia as co-evangelist, touring the whole country with that unique character. Both were humorists and men of rare pulpit eloquence, and they had a long and profitable ministry together.

Dr. Stuart was also a notable platform lecturer, and was a favorite not only in the South, but at numerous chautauquas in the North and Middle West. He was also a tremendous force in the civic affairs of Tennessee and Alabama, being among the earliest of the prohibition speakers of the South.

When the great laymen's convention at Chattanooga in 1908 projected a summer assembly grounds in the mountains of North Carolina, Dr. Stuart became interested in the project and devoted much of his time to its development. For nearly two decades he gave the best that was in him of time and brain and money to that enterprise and much of its success was due to his untiring labors. His son-in-law, J. Dale Stentz, is and has long been the superintendent of Junaluska.

It was in the pastorate that Dr. Stuart probably did his most enduring work. At Centenary church in Chattanooga he had a ministry of marvellous success, and after he retired from evangelistic work and became the pastor of the First Methodist church at Birmingham he entered upon what his friends consider the final and greatest phase of his unusual career. He built up a great congregation and Sunday school and himself became the leading spirit in Birmingham. His voice was all powerful in the affairs of that community, and it was always cast on the side of righteousness.

There was much of the eternal youth in Dr. Stuart. He was a charming man, and he was always spoken of, even at the height of his fame, by his first name, something he liked very much. He never rose above the people, and they were among the staunchest of his friends.

It is going to be difficult to fill his unique place, for he was a unique man in many ways. He was among the earliest of Southern preachers to adopt the radio in his church and his sermons were heard by many thousands every Sunday night.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Whitner wish to extend thanks to their many friends for their expressions of sympathy, also for the many beautiful floral tributes sent to their son, Lloyd, who died May 10, 1926.

### WALTER T. CRAWFORD RECEIVES HONORS.

Mr. Walter T. Crawford, son of the late Congressman W. T. Crawford, has returned home to spend his vacation this summer with his mother, Mrs. W. T. Crawford.

He spent three years in the United States Army and was stationed in Honolulu where he was promoted from a private to the rank of corporal.

During the past term he has been a student at Mars Hill College. He was chosen anniversary debater for the next year from the Philomathian Society and was presented with the T. L. Johnson debater's medal.

He expects to study law and will probably make his home in his native town, Waynesville.—Exchange.

penny of tax on hospital bonds, to vote against a county hospital. Where is the soul of such a man?

## A Letter From H. G. Stone

Rangoon, India, April 8, 1926. Dear Mr. Band and Staff:

Thought I would not wait till I arrived at the Holy Land to write you. So here goes another billet doux. On account of the small war on in China, we did not get to Peking, the capital. However, we visited two other countries not on our itinerary. Namely, Korea and Borneo, which are not usually visited by the large transit boats. In fact our boat was the largest vessel of the kind to stop at Korea and even then we had to go in tendis some eight miles from where the ship anchored, then sixty miles into the interior to Seoul, the capital of Korea where we were as much of a curiosity to the natives as they were to us. It was some sight to see a line of Ricksha's over a mile long going down their principal street and the street being lined with native Koreans in their peculiar dress. The men wear small plug hats and Mother Hubbards. They did not take to us Americans so well. They said the women wore funny looking hats, had large noses and exposed too much of their limbs.

Then we got in with them bad from the start. The Chamber of Commerce presented each of us with a small red chrysanthemum, the prominent Japanese flower, and the Koreans heartily detest the Japanese who are in contrast over Korea. So when we tried to be friendly with them, they showed they did not like the idea of our wearing the Japanese flower in the button holes of our coats. I think I mentioned in a previous letter how favorably impressed we all were by the friendliness of the Japanese throughout Japan. Well, you can take it from me that this friendliness is one big part of their training, and it is to cover up the main idea to get the advantage of you sooner or later. They are tricky and will lie to beat the band, (perhaps our Mountaineer Band.)

The Chinese are more open and honest. They will, of course, try to make the best of a trade, but once they give you their word, they will carry out their obligations to the letter.

We enjoyed very much such parts of China that we could get to. In Shanghai the day we landed about one thousand engaged in a scrap and a number were killed and injured. So many strikes are on. The Chinese students who have traveled and studied in the United States, return to their main land and tell about how much labor is paid in the States, gets the laboring classes here dissatisfied and they are causing lots of trouble.

Hong Kong being under British control or rather larger money interests, they naturally try to keep the price of labor down to enlarge their profits, which are truly enormous, especially in the opium trade. I saw plenty of opium joints and gambling dens. We went up the river from Hong Kong about 50 miles to a place called Maceo, pronounced My-cow, this is next to Monte Carlo as a gambling resort. There was quite a bit of money changing hands here, and of course some of our crowd had to mix in it just to show how really wicked they could be away from home.

At Singapore, India, we were one whole day in the rubber forests. Firestone of the Firestone Rubber Co. at Akron, Ohio owns the largest plantations here. The Malay Peninsula produces about one-half the world's supply of rubber, also of tin. It was interesting to see the natives working in these thousands of acres of rubber trees. It is very similar to our turpentine industry in Georgia and Florida. Each morning they use a sharp edged tool in making a slanting scrape on the trees and immediately a milky white substance extends and runs down this scraped out incline into a small one-half pint porcelain cup. In about two minutes this white substance is hard and has the usual consistency of our commercial rubber. These cup of crude rubber are emptied into larger vessels and taken to the different large houses to go through certain processes preparatory to being shipped. I took a number of kodak pictures of the different stages of the manufacture of rubber, and I may be able to make my own automobile tires when I get home—maybe!

Our visit to Barneo was interesting. I saw the original wild man of Barneo (Continued on another page.)

## Condensed State News From Raleigh

(By M. L. Shipman.)

Raleigh, N. C., May 10.—Spring fever and more of it gripped Raleigh during the past week and the Capital City settled down and took things easy after the hectic week of the State Convention. Nothing of great importance happened in official circles and generally the same condition prevailed.

The State Fair directors met and elected J. R. Weatherspoon of Raleigh as president succeeding the late William A. Hart of Tarboro. Mr. Weatherspoon has aided and led in the plans for a new fair site and is expected to prove a great leader in founding the new fair along lines which will meet general approval.

Interesting matters came before the Democrats of Wake county with the attack of Judge Calvert of the Superior Court on the "convicted gamblers and bootleggers" elected on the Wake County Democratic Executive committee as being an insult to the Democracy. The immediate result of this attack was the resigning of two members from the committee, they being both convicted for gambling and prohibition violations respectively. The local fight for judge and solicitor is pretty hot with Judge Calvert having to contest his seat against two others and Solicitor Evans, who has been relentless in his crusade for law enforcement being opposed also.

A new prison chaplain will be chosen on May 11 by the Prison Trustees. The Board "fired" Chaplain W. S. Shacklette last month after an investigation had started of some charges filed by Shacklette against Pardon Commissioner Sink.

The State will now borrow \$2,500,000 for schools in anticipation of bond issues. The Council of State has authorized Treasurer Lacy to borrow the money which will be loaned to the various counties for school work.

The damage to the peach crops which has been variously estimated at from nothing to 75 per cent will again be surveyed by experts this week with a view to ascertaining exact damage.

The Highway Commission received a heavy blow with the resignation during the week of Charles M. Upham, chief state highway engineer. He resigned to become managing director of the American Road Builders Association and consulting engineer for the republic of Mexico. He will be succeeded on June first by Leslie R. Ames, who has made an enviable record as Mr. Upham's assistant during the five years the latter has directed the road work under Chairman Page.

The Highway Commission received bids aggregating two and a half million dollars on 18 projects involving two bridges and 157.95 miles of improved highways.

Former Governor Morrison bids for \$1,000 the famous price Jersey "Raleigh's Farmers Glory" at an auction sale at State College. Two years ago the owner of the bull had an offer of \$27,500 for the animal, which has since passed out of his hands because of financial reverses.

Kentucky has copied North Carolina in passing legislation creating the office of pardon commissioner, a post which was created in this State by the 1925 legislature at request of Governor McLean.

The candy manufacturers of jobbers of the State met here Saturday in annual convention and it was declared that the passage of the prohibition law has caused the consumption of candy to materially increase.

The farmers are now deciding the fate of co-operative marketing in this section so far as tobacco goes. They are now electing the board of trustees of the Tri-State Co-operative Association and signifying whether they wish the organization to continue.

The Supreme Court has granted a new trial to a convicted murderer because the Supreme Court held that condition of mind had some effect on action as well as physical condition. The man had alleged the man had alleged the woman he is charged with killing committed suicide because of fear of the birth of a child of which he was the father.

The validity of bond issues to comply with the six months school term (Continued on another page.)

## Million Fish at Balsam Plant

Waynesville, N. C., May 6.—Members of the State Fisheries Commission, friends and newspapermen this morning visited the hatchery near Balsam, were guests of the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce for luncheon, and held a business session in the court room during the afternoon.

Waynesville business men joined in extending a welcome to the state fish commissioners and exhibited the same hospitality shown doctors, comprising the Tenth District Medical Society, entertained here yesterday.

More than a hundred interested citizens gathered here and at the hatchery in advance of the arrival of the commissioners, and after all assembled on the lawn at the hatchery, F. J. Rieger, superintendent, announced an itinerary which permitted the commissioners and visitors to inspect every detail of the work at the state's largest hatchery, which this year will distribute over a million fish.

### Praise Rieger's Work.

The entire morning was spent at the hatchery, which has been admirably located on State Highway No. 10, about six miles west of Waynesville, and on the east side of Balsam Gap. Experienced fishermen present were enthusiastic in their praise of the work of Superintendent Rieger and emphasis was laid upon the quality and quantity of fish produced at this hatchery.

A new pond, 62 feet in diameter with earth bottom, is in course of construction, and when completed will be used to accommodate a portion of the brood stock after the spawning period. This pond is located near stock ponds constructed along lines designated by Superintendent Rieger and involve an entirely new idea for hatcheries. They are in a line along the gentle slope of the hatchery grounds and a natural cascade is formed between each concrete pond. The depth and aeration of water is thus easily controlled and transferring is expedited.

Urgent need of more coverings for the ponds was evident to the commissioners and when a new fence, also declared necessary is constructed, the new removable and weather-proof covers will be constructed.

The hatchery was established in 1922 during Governor Morrison's administration, comprises about 12 acres, and cost between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars.

### Million Fish Annually.

The reason for the establishment of the hatchery was the production of trout to be used for stocking streams in Western North Carolina, including the rainbow, brook or mountain, and lake trout varieties.

This year production will be around one million fish of the three kinds, and already applications in the hands of the commission number over 700. It will be impossible to fill all the applications, but every endeavor to get all around will be made.

Production of rainbow this year will be small, on account of the federal government supplying only a sufficient number of eggs to produce 125,000. There will be 850,000 mountain trout produced this year.

The lake trout is an experiment in this part of the country, but its use is being approached with confidence. Out of 11,000 eggs 10,500 have been hatched and these will be placed in the lakes with deeper water. The lake trout inhabit deep water and have been known to grow to weigh 100 to 150 pounds. Since they are not allowed to mature they are more generally found to weigh around 25 pounds. It is believed they will afford wonderful fishing in this part of the country even if they are not permitted to get beyond five pounds. They are game, and fishermen who have fished for them pronounce the sport ideal.

Following inspection of the hatchery the party returned to this city and in the basement of the Methodist church were served an elaborate dinner by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society, Circle No. 2, under the direction of Mrs. R. Q. McCracken and paid for by the Chamber of Commerce.

J. T. Mangum proved an admirable toastmaster and started the fish stories going. They were interrupted, however, by Frank H. Stedman, (Continued on another page.)

## News Letter From Balsam

Sunday the 9th Mr. James Lindsey celebrated his 57th birthday with a sumptuous dinner. The table was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the centerpiece being a large cake holding 57 candles. Those present were, his daughters, Mrs. Cora Beck and Miss Virginia Lindsey of Balsam, Miss Myrtle Lindsey and his son, Mr. Lawrence Lindsey of Asheville; other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Green, Miss Violet Ford and Sergt. Joe Dlearo of Asheville. Mr. Lindsey was the recipient of many handsome gifts.

Mrs. J. A. Glantz is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Penland, near Clyde.

Miss Alma Foster has returned from a most delightful visit with her aunt, Mrs. Maud Mehaffey, at Rich Mountain.

Mr. Bill Gissler has returned to Newark, N. J., after spending several weeks here with his parents and sister.

Mrs. W. S. Christy has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Georgia and Florida.

Mrs. J. W. Culbertson spent the week-end with relatives here enroute to her home at Almond from the Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Queen and children returned Sunday from a visit to her brother, Mr. Vernice Quiett at Round Bottom above Ravensford.

Capt. Ordway and his crew left Monday for Toxaway where they will do construction work on Highway No. 28, having completed their work here on Highway No. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Emsley and son, Mr. Corbett Emsley motored to Sylea Monday afternoon.

Mr. Robert Crawford has a young chicken with four perfect legs and feet and it is growing and doing well. It is a wonderful "quadruped fowl."

Mother's Day was observed by the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday.

Mr. M. C. Green and family were guests of Mrs. R. J. Bryson Sunday.

### ELEVEN YEARS RECTOR OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

On Sunday, May 23rd, the Reverend Albert New will have completed his eleventh year as Rector of "Grace Church in the Mountains." Mr. New came here from Weldon and began his ministry as Rector of Waynesville on the 23rd of May, 1915. Only three active Rectors in this Diocese have longer Rectorates to record.

To commemorate the close of the eleventh and the beginning of a twelfth as Rector, the service on Sunday morning, 23rd inst., will be arranged accordingly. An interesting program is now being prepared, and will be published in next week's Mountaineer.

The many friends of the Rev. Mr. New are most cordially invited to join with him in Divine Worship on that day.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Marshall desire to take this means of expressing their sincere appreciation of the great kindnesses and sympathy of their friends in Waynesville on the occasion of the passing of their brother, Robert G. A. Love.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL HAS CLOSING EXERCISES TUE. 24TH.

The Faculty and Graduating Class of Waynesville Township High School request the honor of your presence at their

Annual Commencement Monday evening, May twenty-fourth Nineteen hundred twenty-six eight o'clock High School Auditorium.

### REV. J. M. ROWLAND TO LECTURE SATURDAY NIGHT.

"What I have seen in Palestine" will be the subject of a lecture to be delivered Saturday night, May 15th, in the assembly hall of Candler High school by Rev. J. M. Rowland of Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Rowland is a lecturer of peculiar charm and ability, and intimately acquainted with the Holy Land where he has traveled extensively. He has devoted years to the study of antiquity, and his lectures have long been regarded as among the most illuminating expositions of that land given in this country.