

Dr. R. H. Wright Dies in Hospital at Greenville

President of East Carolina Teachers College Succumbs To Illness; Prominent Figure In Educational World

Greenville, April 25.—Dr. Robert Herring Wright, president of East Carolina Teachers' College, died at 10:30 this morning at the Pitt County Community Hospital after a brief illness.

On Monday morning, he suddenly collapsed at his desk with a heart attack, rallied later, and seemed to be improving until 8 o'clock Tuesday night, when serious symptoms developed. Dr. Wright had been in good health, and showed no symptoms of illness before his collapse.

Dr. Wright was born in Sampson county, May 21, 1870, of fine old North Carolina stock on both sides. He was the son of Bettie Valden Merring and John C. Wright. He was married to Pearl Murphy of Tomahawk, Sampson county, on December 31, 1902.

Dr. Wright was one of the leading figures in educational affairs in North Carolina for a quarter of a century. He is the only President East Carolina Teachers' College has ever had and it is now nearing the close of its twenty-fifth year.

Dr. Wright was graduated from the University of North Carolina in the class of 1897, having been prepared for college in his mother's private school. He received his M. A. degree from John Hopkins University and did further graduate work at Columbia University.

The honorary degree of doctor of education was conferred upon him by Wake Forest College. He did class room teaching in South Carolina and at Oak Ridge Institute and also in the City College of Baltimore. He was for several years principal of the Eastern High School in Baltimore.

In June, 1909, he was called back to his native State to become president of what was then East Carolina Teachers' Training School.

He has held various important positions in educational organizations, both State and national, and has taken a prominent part in civic activities and has been active as a church worker.

Dr. Wright was president of the National Association of Teachers' Colleges in 1926-27, and member of various important committees in the National Educational Association. He served as president of the North Carolina Educational Association, and for years was on the executive committee of that body.

He served from time to time on special committees, one of which was for the purpose of codifying the educational laws of the State and another for making a survey of the rural schools of the State.

He was a member of the advisory board of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and had planned to attend next week a meeting of the body in Washington City.

As president of the Eastern North Carolina Association, Incorporated, he had been greatly interested in the developments of the Tar river between Greenville and Washington, and was to have attended a hearing before engineers one day this week, and to represent that body before the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

He was a leading member of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist church and for years had served on its board of trustees. He was on the steering committee for raising a heavy debt on the church, which was completely cancelled only the day before he was taken ill. He was teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Sunday school for years.

East Carolina Teachers' College is a monument to the life work of President Robert Herring Wright. Under his leadership it has grown from a small normal school with less than two hundred students to a large teachers' college with an enrollment of more than a thousand each year, ranking with the best teachers' colleges in the country. Its graduates are successful teachers in schools in every part of the State. He never lost sight of the fact that the school was established to train teachers for the public schools of the State, and held unwaveringly to that purpose.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pearl Murphy Wright, of this city; two sons, Dr. Robert H. Wright, Jr., of Flocus, Va., and William Wright, of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Don Casman, of Chappaqua, New York, and Mrs. Darward Parker, of Wilson; four brothers, Dr. John B. Wright, of Raleigh; Isaac Wright, of Wilmington; William J. Wright, of Ingot; and Benjamin Valden Wright, of Portland, Ore.; three sisters, Mrs. H. B. Smith, of New Bern; Mrs. L. B. Wilson, of Chicago; and Mrs. C. B. Thomas, of Maplewood, N. J.

GOVERNOR EXPRESSES DEEP REGRET AT DEATH
Governor Ehringhaus yesterday expressed deep regret upon being notified of the death of President R. H. Wright of East Carolina Teachers' College and said the State had suffered a great loss.

Only last Saturday, the Governor related, Doctor Wright had held a long conversation with him in regard to the proposed appearance of Governor Ehringhaus at the commencement exercises of the college this year.

Immediately upon returning to his office after spending several days in Norfolk, Va., where his daughter underwent an appendicitis operation Monday, Governor Ehringhaus prepared a message to President Wright's family expressing his regret over the illness of the doctor. Before word was received at the executive offices that Doctor Wright was dead.

FUNERAL OF DR. WRIGHT
Greenville, April 26.—A vast crowd assembled at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon in the Social-Religious, or Campus Building, to pay the last respects to Dr. Robert Herring Wright, president of East Carolina Teachers' College. At 2:45 the Student Body, with the girls dressed in white, filed across the campus and took their seats in a body on the left side of the auditorium. The honorary pall bearers occupied the right side. The family, members of the faculty, and close friends occupied the central tier of seats.

The body lay in state for two hours prior to the funeral services, with a guard of honor of eight of the student body, changed every twenty minutes.

The casket was covered with a pall of white flowers and ferns sent by the Faculty and Staff of the College. The first hymn, "Jesus, Savior Pilor Me," was sung by the choir of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

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Orders Special Study of Vinson Tobacco Measure

Pending Study President Will Keep An Open Mind On The Proposal

Washington, April 26.—President Roosevelt today ordered a special study of the Vinson bill proposing a 40 per cent reduction in the cigarette tax.

Pending the study the president told Chairman Doughton of the House Ways and Means committee and Representative Vinson, Democrat, Kentucky, author of the bill, he would keep an open mind on the proposal.

Mr. Roosevelt asked Secretary Morgenthau, Secretary Wallace and Director Doughton of the budget to make the investigation.

He has been apprehensive that the government could not afford a loss in revenue from such a reduction. It would cut the levy from 6 cents a package to 3.4 cents.

However, he assured the representative he would defer final decision until he gets a report from his investigators.

Doughton and Vinson said their meeting with the president was "very satisfactory," and each predicted eventual legislation lowering the cigarette tax.

Will Distribute New Blue Eagle Insignia

Raleigh, April 25.—Individual Blue Eagle insignia for trades and industries, replacing those that were distributed last June to the signers of the President's re-employment agreement, may now be secured from the office of the State NRA compliance director, J. G. Steed, in Greensboro.

Letters giving full instructions on how to obtain the new distinctive Blue Eagle and addressed application cards are being sent this morning to every business establishment in Raleigh. Where deliveries are not made before tomorrow morning, Postmaster Carl Williams has requested that business firms notify his office.

Blue Eagles with special lettering for the retail, drug, jewelry, food and grocery, cleaning and dyeing, restaurant, petroleum, construction and trucking trades and industries have been printed. They will replace the plain symbols used heretofore.

In part, the letter signed by Hugh S. Johnson, administrator, reads: "You are asked to display this distinctive Blue Eagle as a symbol that you, together with the other members of your particular trade or industry, have united to complete the work of recovery."

Honored By Masons
Ayden, April 25.—J. B. Eure, local attorney and prominent Mason, has just received notice of an appointment as district deputy grand master for the Greenville district of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. For three or four years Mr. Eure has been master of the Ayden lodge.

Japanese 'Crawfishing' On Bold Chinese Policy

Tokyo Greatly Disturbed Over Foreign Reaction To Hands-Off Warning

Tokyo, April 25.—Japan does not intend to carry further at this time her effort to gain world acceptance of the theory that she is overlord of Eastern Asia. It was reported in reliable quarters here today.

The highest government and military circles were reported greatly disturbed at the world-wide reaction to informal remarks by Eiji Ahanu, foreign office spokesman, asserting Japan's opposition to foreign military and aviation aid to China.

Admiral (Vice-Admiral) Makoto Saito, Premier, personally has undertaken to harmonize divergent views, it was understood. He probably will consult Prince Kinmochi Satonji, that "Genro," who may see fit to lay the whole matter before Emperor Hirohito.

The highest officials were unanimous in asserting Japan's position has been misunderstood. The problem that confronted them was how to restate the empire's case in terms which will be acceptable to the military leaders of the empire and to the United States and Britain.

After three days of almost continuous conversation, it appeared certain today the imperial government will

Leaf Checks Arrive Here

Tobacco Growers To Receive \$82,488.27 From Government During The Week

Greenville, April 24.—Pitt county tobacco growers who took part in the government acreage reduction campaign will receive checks for \$82,488.27 during the present week, it was made known today from the office of E. F. Arnold, farm director.

Mr. Arnold said six hundred checks have been received at his office and that they would be distributed among the growers and they would have to bring the notices to his office to get the checks.

The checks cover rental and benefit payments of those farmers who agreed to reduce tobacco acreage and help relieve the congested condition of the world market. Rental payment checks amounted to \$56,480 and benefit payments \$24,008.27.

Mr. Arnold said two hundred other checks were to be paid growers of this county and they will be distributed as rapidly as they arrive. He warned growers not to apply for payments until they received notices from his office.

Speaking of the cotton reduction campaign, the farm head said it was going to be necessary to revise contracts in this county and that committees would be at the usual places the later part of the week to assist growers in filling out their revised contracts. Contracts were carried to Raleigh this week and it was discovered in the checking there that the acreage for the county was too high.

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America's Number One Enemy Continues To Evade The Toils of The Law

Chicago, April 26.—The law with 500 arms slammed shut the stable door today but the horse—John Dillinger—apparently had gone. A great circle of men blocking the highways stopping all suspicious appearing persons swung for a hundred miles around Mercer, Wisconsin, to prevent escape of the gunman. Yet even as they watched came the report that he had slipped through.

The federal men, burning under such criticism as is seldom made of government detectives, were massed in the vicinity of Saint Paul believing Dillinger was in that neighborhood and that a fight to a finish was imminent.

From other sections of the country as far south as Virginia came reports that Dillinger had been seen. Most of these reports were disproved. One or two however remained question marks today.

Wilson county farmers have purchased 15,000 pounds of Despedeza seed cooperatively this season.

Farmers Night To Be Held On May 5

Raleigh, April 19.—May 3 has been fixed as the date for the sixth annual Farmers Night at State College, sponsored by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. The date and tentative plans for the dinner meeting were arranged by the agricultural committee of the chamber of commerce yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

U. Benton Blalock, chairman of the committee, will secure a speaker, probably a member of the administration in Washington, for the occasion. Entertainment will be arranged by the entertainment committee of the chamber of commerce of which R. S. Busbee is chairman.

The Farmers Night dinners are customarily attended by nearly 500 business and professional men.

Award Prize in The 1933 Cotton-Corn Contests

Fourteen Farmers and High School Students named as Winners

Raleigh, April 23.—Intelligent methods used in the production of acre yields of cotton and corn during the 1933 season were rewarded during the past week-end when 14 farmers and High School Students were named as winners in Crop Contests conducted by the division of Vocational Education of the State Department of Education cooperating with the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau.

Approximately 300 men and boys were guests of the Chilean Nitrate Bureau at a banquet arranged in the State College dining hall by the Vocational Agricultural supervisors. Those present were All-Day students and Evening Class farmers from the two eastern districts of the State.

Winners announced in the corn contest among All-Day students from District One were: Farthing Terry, Bahama, Durham County; Andrew Dollar, Bahama, Durham County; and Maynard Coats, Benson, Johnston County. The adult winners were: John A. Parker, Benson, Johnston County; J. F. Terry, Bahama, Durham County; and Marion Terry, Bahama. Winner of the adult cotton contest was J. R. Johnson of Benson.

In District two, the winners in the corn contest for All-Day students were: James E. Browne, Rich Square, Northampton County; Adolph Howard, Pink Hill, Lenoir County; and Derwood Smith, Pink Hill. For the adults the winners were: C. L. Bonner, Swan Quarter, Hyde County; Metrah Swindell, Swan Quarter; and J. A. Gibbs, Swan Quarter. Amon Liles of Aurelian Springs, Halifax County won the adult cotton contest.

By reason of high winnings by members of their chapters of Young Tar Heel Farmers, prizes were also awarded to the Bahama Chapter, in Durham County and the Cententia Chapter in Lenoir County.

The contests in producing the high yields of corn and cotton were not arranged for the purpose of increasing total production, but to secure higher yields per acre at less cost of operation. In each case, Chilean Nitrate of Soda was used by each contestant in producing his crop and the awards consisted of donations of the Nitrate as prizes.

In announcing the winners, it was stated that the movement had for its purpose the rebuilding of worn lands, a decrease in the cost of labor and an improvement in the quality of the products grown.

Feature speakers at the banquet were Dr. Clarence Poe, Editor of The Progressive Farmer, Mr. T. E. Browne, head of the department of Education, at State College and James M. Gray, State Manager of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau. The banquet was opened and closed by the Young Tar Heel Farmers organization and was presided over by Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in the High Schools of North Carolina.

County Finances In Fine Shape

The monthly report covering the ninth month of the current fiscal year, of County Auditor, J. H. Coward to members of the Board of Commissioners shows the county to be in excellent financial condition as to the current year's operations. Much has been accomplished in effecting economy in operations, and indications are that some savings will be effected in all appropriations except those made for debt service.

For the first time in several years receipts are in excess of expenditures. General fund expenditures are 96 per cent of appropriations; County Home and Poor, 85 per cent of appropriations; Health Department, 72 per cent of appropriations, and Debt Service 42 per cent of appropriations. Receipts for all funds average better than 90 per cent of estimated revenue.

Collections on the 1933 tax levy amount to 82 per cent of the levy and collections on prior year's taxes are in excess of estimates.

The condensed statement for the month follows:

General Fund	Appropriations \$74,750.00; expended \$50,335.12; unexpended \$24,414.88; 66 per cent. Estimated revenue \$74,750.00; collected \$68,608.59; unrealized estimates \$6,141.41; 92 per cent.
County Home and Poor	Appropriations \$19,250.00; expended \$16,375.61; unexpended \$2,874.39; 85 per cent. Estimated revenue \$19,250.00; collected \$17,858.52; unrealized estimates \$1,391.48; 93 per cent.
Health Department	Appropriations \$9,400.00; expended \$6,097.85; unexpended \$3,302.15; 72 per cent. Estimated revenue \$9,400.00; collected \$8,546.19; unrealized estimates over \$853.81; 90 per cent.

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