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## Leas Enter State Prison Father Pleads for Son

### Three-Year Legal Battle Is Ended as Prominent Tennesseans Arrive At State Prison

Raleigh, May 11.—Luke Lea came back to North Carolina yesterday. The man who served in the United States Senate, who led North Carolina and Tennessee troops in France, who made governors in his home state, who raised a giant financial empire, who saw that kingdom crash into ruins, came to North Carolina to wear a felon's stripes.

With him was his 26-year-old son, Luke, Jr. He also came to prison for the part he and his father were convicted of having played in the collapse of the \$17,000,000 Central Bank and Trust Company of Asheville in 1930.

Last night Col. Lea, through his attorney, L. E. Gwinn, issued a statement asserting the innocence of himself and his son and asking that clemency be extended the younger man. He went into a detailed discussion of the indictments of which they were convicted.

Yesterday morning, Thomas L. Johnson, former superior court judge who was retained by the State as special prosecution counsel in the Lea trial, telegraphed Governor Ehringhaus in Elizabeth City urging a reprieve for the younger man.

Johnson asked a 30-day respite to the end that if possible he may raise the fine required by the court.

Johnson said he entertains a "very deep conviction that Luke Lea, Jr., ought not to be imprisoned as he was a mere lad when the transactions occurred and was completely dominated by the iron will and extraordinary personality of Colonel Lea."

Governor Ehringhaus said in Elizabeth City yesterday afternoon "that this is not the time or place to act on the matter."

Colonel Lea, in his statement, said: "I shall meet the punishment and indignities imposed upon me like a man. Having shared with the boys from North Carolina and Tennessee who served with me in the 30th Division the hardships and dangers of the trenches of France, a prison cell has no terrors for me.

"I am distressed, however, over the consequences to my son, who has had a serious major operation since his conviction, and whose sole offense, if any, was loyalty to his father. If there are any who delight in seeing me suffer, or who deprive any pleasure from my misfortune, they can have the satisfaction of knowing that I do suffer, not for myself, but for my boy who shares my punishment."

They got to Raleigh yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock after a two-day automobile trip from Nashville, Tenn., where Wednesday morning the Tennessee Supreme Court placed them in custody of North Carolina officers. The elder Lea faces a prison sentence of six to 10 years, the younger of two to six years or the payment of a \$25,000 fine.

## FARMVILLE ROTARY CLUB

The Farmville Rotary Club was called to order last Tuesday evening at 6:45 p. m., by its President, Bob Boyd. A chicken supper was enjoyed, at the conclusion of which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The order of business was transposed, and the program was turned over to the Chairman of the Program Committee who after naming Robert J. Wainwright as program leader for next Tuesday, called on George Davis for the evening's program. The first item was a stunt which was sponsored by Bill Smith. Bill called on Joe Ramsey and Jim Joyner to be his assistants. Between the three a marshmallow eating contest was staged, with Joe winning by a good margin.

## Tribute Paid To Southern Heroes

### Farmville Joins In As State Pauses to Honor Memory of Dead And Recognize Valor of Living

Raleigh, May 11.—North Carolina paused once again yesterday to pay tribute to its few remaining veterans of the Confederate Army and honor the memory of thousands of others who marched off to battle more than three-score and ten years ago.

The southern holiday was observed by State offices in Raleigh, and Governor Ehringhaus left the capital to deliver a memorial address in his native city of Elizabeth City. It was the Governor's first public appearance there since his inauguration more than a year ago.

A bronze memorial tablet to the memory of soldiers in the Revolutionary, Indian and War Between the States was unveiled at Statesville by patriotic societies.

It was a usual quiet day for most of the score of veterans in the Confederate Home at Raleigh. Three of them, however, left the retreat to participate in the Capital City's exercises.

The exercises in Raleigh were held at the little corner of Oakwood Cemetery set aside for Confederate veterans. The military air that once prevailed at Memorial Day services was gone.

## Farmville Observes Day

The Daughters of the local chapter, Rebecca Windbourne, U. D. C., of which Mrs. W. M. Willis is president, paid fitting tribute to the valor of the departed and the few living heroes, wearers of the Gray, with impressive exercises at 5:00 p. m., in Forest Hill cemetery, with Attorney John Hill Paylor as the speaker of the occasion.

Attorney Paylor recounted to his hearers many of the heroic deed of these valiant, fearless soldiers of the War Between the States, and paid a well merited tribute to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who have kept alive, throughout the intervening years since the conflict, the memory of their cause and sacrifice, rendering homage to those passed on, and loving service to the few remaining living memorial of the conflict that resulted in an enduring Union.

## Cotton Men Sign 70,249 Contracts

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## Prominent State and National Leaders of Legion Depts. to Attend First Area Meet Here May 15th

### Million Dollar Check at Work

Washington, May 10.—A million dollar check, written by the hundreds of Roosevelt birthday parties, was put to work today for a three-way attack on infantile paralysis.

Into the check—three feet long and for exactly \$1,003,030.08—went the proceeds of the gay dances given throughout the nation in observance of the President's birthday last January.

President Roosevelt received the big check last night in the east room of the White House in the presence of persons who organized the parties. He remarked with a smile that he was nervous in handling a check so large, adding:

"I never saw one before."

Then he turned it over to trustees of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Park, of Raleigh, N. C., were among the guests at the reception. Mr. Park was chairman of the Roosevelt ball in Raleigh.

## Woman Held For Shooting Husband

Goldsboro, May 9.—Mrs. G. V. Webb, 40, was held by police today pending the outcome of pistol wounds which officers said she inflicted upon her husband, a yard railroad conductor here.

Police quoted Mrs. Webb as saying she fired at her husband three times when he started to take Miss Gertrude Ammons, 20-year-old boarder in their home, to a movie show. Only one of the bullets took effect. Physicians said they expect Webb to recover.

## Miss Mary A. Lamar Weds Mr. John B. Lewis

Augusta, May 6.—An occasion of widespread interest, both in this section and throughout the Carolinas, was the marriage of Miss Mary Anderson Lamar, of Beach Island, S. C., and Mr. John B. Lewis, of Farmville, N. C., which was beautifully solemnized at 6:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, at the Presbyterian Church on Beach Island.

Palms, slender and graceful, a delicate mass of trailing bamboo over a background of white, and baskets of Easter lilies were used about the altar forming a beautiful background for the dainty gowns of the bridal party.

The music was rendered by Bernard Carpenter at the piano, with Miss Evelyn Smith with the violin, the program including as the guests gathered, Toselli's "Serenade" and Dorow's "Adoration." As the bride's party entered it was announced by the tones of "The Bridal Chorus" from Wagner's "Lohengrin." During the ceremony "Liebestraum" was softly rendered and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was brilliantly rendered as the bridal party retired from the church.

## Mrs. W. B. Rodman, Jr., To Preside; Conference To Convene Methodist Church

The annual meeting of the First Area Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, which comprises fifteen towns in this section of the State, will be held here on Tuesday, May 15, beginning at 11:00 a. m., and local committees, acting under the president of the Farmville Auxiliary, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, are busy bringing plans for the program and entertainment of the delegates and visitors to a close.

The meeting will be held in the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. H. L. Hendricks, offering the invocation. Mrs. W. B. Rodman, Jr., department vice-president of the First Area, will preside and the pledge of allegiance and recital of preamble will be led by Mrs. J. P. Mercer, the Americanism chairman of the Area. The response to the welcoming address, given by the local unit, will be made by Mrs. K. B. Pace, of Greenville.

Addresses will be made by Capt. Tom C. Daniels, department commander of the American Legion, by Mrs. W. R. Absher, department president of the Auxiliary, by Mrs. Beverly J. Miller, national vice-president of child welfare, and Miss Aurelia Adams, department secretary and treasurer. Mrs. W. M. Willis, district committeewoman and a member of the local unit, will also take part in the program for the day. District and unit reports will conclude the meeting. An enjoyable musical program is being planned with Mrs. M. V. Jones as soloist. A luncheon will be served at 1:30 o'clock.

The Farmville Auxiliary has been outstanding in many of the various phases of department activities since its organization in 1929, winning the loving cup for the best attendance in the State for monthly meetings last year, and receiving National and State citation for the past two years for reaching the membership quota. Special attention is needs at Oteen has marked its activities recently.

## Miss Mary A. Lamar Weds Mr. John B. Lewis

ed a very lovely picture in their gowns of soft white mousseline de soie, similarly fashioned with skirts close fitting to the hips, from where they fell in a pretty fullness to the floor. The waists, close fitting and sleeveless, were cut low in the back, and each maid carried an armful of var-colored summer flowers caught with ribbons of a different color, giving a rainbow effect which was very lovely.

The matron of honor wore a hand-some gown of white lace, also fitting, and with long shirred sleeves, and carried an armful of pink roses caught with pink tulle.

The small ring bearer wore a page suit in white, and carried the circle on a white satin cushion.

The radiant young bride was beautifully gowned in white taffeta, the long skirt being corded from the waist to the hem, with short puffed sleeves and extremely low neckline. Adding dignity to the lovely gown was a long graceful train of white satin. The shiny tulle veil was caught to the prettily bobbed hair by a crown-like wreath or orange blossoms, while the perfect finishing touch was given by her flowers, an arm bouquet of bride roses and valley lilies, showered with sweetheart roses.

Reception After Wedding  
Following the church ceremony the bridal party and other friends reassembled at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hammond at Kathwood, S. C., where a reception was held and the good wishes of many friends received. The hospitable Hammond home was fairly abloom with fragrant flowers, which were placed where over artistic taste could suggest Mrs. Hammond received her guests wearing a most becoming gown of flowered chiffon. In the early evening the bride changed her wedding dress for a one-piece suit in navy blue crepe, smartly fashioned and worn with a blue straw hat with a nose veil and matching accessories, and the young couple left in their car for parts unknown. Returning they will make their home in Farmville, N. C.

## Legion Auxiliary Presents "Cicero Steps Out"

### Musical Comedy Success To Be Presented Here Friday May 18th

With pride and pleasure, the American Legion Auxiliary announces its presentation of the smartest musical comedy of the season on Friday evening, May 18, at 8:00 in Perkins Hall. Critics all over the south have been unanimous in proclaiming "Cicero Steps Out" as the most brilliant musical comedy of all amateur theatricals. Only once in a very long while is a musical comedy presented that contains an excellent book with a supreme musical score of exquisite melody. The most fascinating songs combined with a story that contains a wealth of comedy, places "Cicero Steps Out" in the realm of outstanding productions. The chorus is, without fear of contradiction, the most versatile ensemble of youth and charm ever seen on a local stage. Don't miss "Cicero Steps Out."

"Cicero Steps Out" is a two act Musical Comedy produced by Jeffery Producing Company of Marianna, Florida, and is being directed here by Miss Clyde Taber, of Valley Fort, Ga. This company is known for their good shows, and beautiful costumes. They have the most elaborate costumes being satin, silver cloth, net, and rainbow silk.

The play is humorous from beginning to end. If you want your funny bone turned over, just see "Cicero Steps Out." The plot of the play is laid in a girl's seminary and concerns itself with an amusing tangle of characters, in which a junior is employed as a professor, and vice versa. The tangle is finally straightened out of course, and to the satisfaction of all concerned, with the exception of the butler, who was caught stealing the silver.

Never in the history of amateur theatricals has a play created so much interest as the coming presentation of this brilliant musical hit, "Cicero Steps Out," which is to be the crowning, social and dramatic event of the entire season.

The play is heralded as a real Broadway show, rich in fun and with the brightest music, most attractive and novel chorus and dance features, and beautiful costumes ever seen in an amateur performance. Some of the best talent in Farmville is taking part, and the play will be presented in real professional style. The American Legion Auxiliary declares itself fortunate in bringing a show of this type here. A capacity house is expected to witness its presentation. Popular prices of 10c and 25c will be charged.

The cast for this sparkling comedy is as follows:  
Dr. Henry Bohunkus—Ivan Morgan  
Mrs. Bohunkus—Miss Vivian Parker Harris, Polly—Miss Malette Greene, Ruth—Miss Edith Teel, Charles S. Smith—Phil Carter Bunn, Cicero Sorates Smith—Jimmie Ward, Miss Prudence McWhiffle—Miss Edna Foust Harris, Simpson—Chas. Runley, Dora—Miss Geraldine Gardner, Peter—Chas. Rountree, Mrs. J. W. Joyner, accompanist.

## Pitt Schools Begin Finals

### Week End Will See Activity Among Various Schools of County

Greenville, May 10.—Commencement exercises were in progress in various schools of the county this week and interesting programs either have been rendered or are scheduled to be rendered during the next several days.

## Farmville High School Finals To End Monday

### Pitt Fisherman is Drowned in River

### Walter Cannon Loses His Life When Boat Capsizes

Greenville, May 10.—Walter Cannon, 23-year-old Pitt county man was drowned in Tar river at Proctors seine beach near Grimesland last night about 10 o'clock when the boat in which he was running a drift net for shad capsized. His body was recovered by a searching party about two hours later.

Two other men, Carl Langley, farmer who resides several miles north of Greenville, and John Nelson, employee of the Northside Lumber Company, were thrown into the water along with Cannon and Nelson had a narrow escape from drowning when he became tangled in the net. A Negro named Marshall fishing in the dark waters nearby, heard the splashing around in the water and went to the rescue. With the aid of Langley, who clung to the overturned boat, Marshall disengaged Nelson from the net and carried him to safety.

Funeral services for Cannon will be conducted at the home of his parents near Cox Mill tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Warren Boyd, Holiness minister, and interment will be made in the Williams cemetery near the home. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Bessie May Clark; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cannon; four sisters, Mrs. Jack Adams, Mrs. J. T. McLawhorn and Misses Mamie and Nettie Cannon, all of Pitt county.

## Governor Will Fulfill Promise

### Executive To Carry Out Promise Made To Late Dr. Wright

Raleigh, May 9.—While candidates for various political offices are stewing in their own perspiration on the night of June 2, awaiting the outcome of the primary voting on that day, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus will be in Greenville fulfilling a promise he made to a man now dead.

On his last visit to Raleigh last month, the late Dr. Robert H. Wright, president of East Carolina Teachers College at Greenville, got Governor Ehringhaus' promise to deliver an address at the June commencement, which will mark the 25th anniversary of the college founded largely as result of legislative action begun by Governor Ehringhaus while he was serving in the 1905 Legislature.

"The Governor is fulfilling his promise to Dr. Wright," said Charles G. Powell, private secretary to the Governor.

Governor Ehringhaus plans to leave Raleigh on Saturday morning, June 2, to cast his vote at his home precinct in Elizabeth City. He will drive to Greenville late that afternoon.

On Monday, June 4, Governor Ehringhaus will deliver the principal address at the closing exercises of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

## Dr. Milton A. Barbour To Preach Sermon Sun- day Evening

Commencement exercises of the Farmville high school, marking the close of a most successful year, under the superintendency of R. E. Boyd, began Thursday evening with the presentation of pupils by Mrs. Haywood Smith, piano teacher; Miss Eugenia Gray, violin teacher, and Francis Pratt, band director, in a recital program in Perkins Hall.

The thirty-three students, engaged in the study of music, made a creditable showing, and the varied and well balanced program won much praise from the large audience in attendance.

The seventh grade exercises, which will be held this evening, (Friday) at 8:00 o'clock, will take the form of a pageant, "The Growth Of A Nation," with three tableau scenes—"The Founders of the Republic," 1620-1800; "Our First Adopted Citizens," 1950-1934; and "The Possible Future—'And Understanding Shall Light The Way.'"

The pageant will be presented by eighty characters impersonating the Pilgrim, Dutch, Scotch, Indian and French settlers as founders of the Republic; the Germans, Scandinavians, and Danes as the first adopted citizens, and the Italians, Slave, Jews, Japanese, child laborers, children of wealth, day laborers, capitalists, Understanding, Goodwill, Justice, and Love as present adopted citizens. Miss Susie Copeland and Mrs. L. F. Thomas are the seventh grade teachers and directors of the pageant, and Mrs. Haywood Smith is the accompanist.

Certificates will be presented by Dr. P. E. Jones, member of the school board.

The Parent-Teacher Association through its president, Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, will take the opportunity to present the new stage equipment at this time, and award the prizes won by the grades and individuals for the year.

Dr. Milton A. Barbour, rector of Christ church, Raleigh, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, May 13th at 8:00 o'clock. The various churches of the town will be closed and the congregations will unite in this service.

The final program of the commencement, the graduating exercises, will take place on Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock, the class day program being novel and different from the usual type, being a composition of originality entitled, "The Seniors Make A Talking Picture."

Diplomas will be presented by J. W. Holmes, chairman of the school board.

Craven county farmers are having to fight the blue mold, which has been attacking their tobacco beds extensively.

## Sykes is Elected Head of Rotary

### High Point Minister Chosen President Of the 57th District

Greensboro, May 10.—Rev. Tom Alderman Sykes, of High Point, today was unanimously nominated for governor of the 57th district of Rotary International by the district convention here. He will succeed Dr. Roscoe McMillan of Red Springs.

The International Congress of Rotary elects the governors and the districts have power only to nominate, but that is equivalent to election.

Mr. Sykes received the nomination of the district unanimously after Early Moser, of Zebulon, and Robert Poole, of Elizabethtown, had declined to become candidates. The three men were nominated by their home clubs, but Moser and Poole withdrew in favor of the High Point minister.

The principal address of this morning's session was delivered by Will Manier, of Nashville, Tenn., an international director, who discussed Rotary's aims and purposes.