

DR. LEON R. MEADOWS BEGAN HIS PRISON TERM TUESDAY

Former College Head Reasserts His Innocence In Withdrawing Appeal

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Dr. Leon R. Meadows, former president of East Carolina Teachers' College, entered Central Prison here today to begin a three-year sentence for embezzlement and false pretense.

The 62-year-old educator, accompanied by Sheriff Ruel W. Tyson of Pitt County, surrendered himself to prison authorities at 1 p. m. He immediately was sent to the receiving block to begin the routine of prison life.

Several days will be necessary to process Meadows at the prison. Warden H. H. Wilson said he had not decided where he will place Meadows or what his duties will be. Usually, a man of Meadows' education and background is assigned to work in the hospital or offices of the prison.

Dr. Meadows, through his counsel, Judge Albion Dunn, officially withdrew his appeal to the Supreme Court at the Superior Court clerk's office here this morning and immediately reported to Sheriff Ruel W. Tyson. Before leaving Greenville shortly after 10 o'clock for Raleigh Dr. Meadows issued a statement in which he reasserted his innocence and declared he was entering upon his term of imprisonment "trusting and praying that the truth, as known to me, will finally be established and proclaimed."

Requests Commitment. "The defendant, through his counsel, Albion Dunn, hereby withdraws his appeal to the Supreme Court, which was noted to the judgment of his Honor J. Paul Frizzelle, at the June Special Term, 1945, of this court, and now requests that commitment forthwith issue in accordance with said judgment to the end that defendant may immediately begin the service of the sentence imposed by said judgment.

"This Sept. 25, 1945, at 9:30 A. M. "ALBION DUNN, "Attorney for Leon R. Meadows."

Meadows' Statement. "At the conclusion of my second trial an appeal to the Supreme Court was noted. I have asked my attorneys to withdraw the appeal. I shall accept the verdict of the court.

"In making this decision I wish to reiterate that I have never used, for my personal gain or benefit, a single penny of the funds entrusted to the president of the college by authority of the resolution of the Board of Trustees, as of August 29, 1924, or of any other funds which were to be used for the welfare of the college.

"After many months of minute investigation by agencies of the State there were brought charges that I had not satisfactorily explained to them items of expenditures totalling \$18,636.34 during the ten years of my administration upon which I was indicted as being exonerated by the Board of Trustees, following three full days of open hearing. At the first trial which lasted eight weeks, Judge Williams threw out nine of the sixteen counts of the bill of indictment and there was a mistrial on the seven remaining counts. At the second trial, which lasted twelve weeks, the jury acquitted me of all the counts except two and these amount to \$3,745.82.

"My attorneys are unanimously in their opinion that an appeal to the Supreme Court would result in a new trial, but I am told that under prevailing rules and with all reasonable dispatch my case would not be ready for argument in the Supreme Court before the late spring of 1946. This suggests to me that if a new trial were granted, the case would not be called for re-trial in the Superior Court until a much later date.

"With all my deep consciousness of innocence I am doubtful if I should impose upon my family this burden of uncertainty and weariness for two more years.

"So today I am entering upon my term of imprisonment, trusting and praying that the truth, as known to me, will be finally established and proclaimed.

"I am very grateful to my attorneys for their able and loyal assistance to me throughout this trying ordeal and desire to express my appreciation to my friends who have stood by me."

"LEON R. MEADOWS," "September 25, 1945."

Standard Time

Washington, Sept. 25.—President Truman today signed legislation returning the nation to standard time effective at 2 A. M. Sunday, September 30.

On that day, clocks must be turned back one hour to end daylight saving or war time.

Hookerton District Union Meets Here

"Rebuilding The Christian Home" Theme of Program At Farmville Christian Church Saturday, Sept. 29th

The Hookerton District Union, meeting Saturday at the Farmville Christian Church, will have as its theme, "Rebuilding the Christian Home."

In the morning session Charlie C. Wray, State Secretary, of Wilson, will lead the devotional. Cecil A. Jarman, who is head of the Religious Education Department at Atlantic Christian College, will give A Father's Answer and Mrs. H. G. Haney, of Greenville, A Mother's Answer to the question, "What is Wrong with the Modern Home?"

The principal address will be given by Rev. R. B. Hurt, pastor of the Gordon Street Christian Church, of Kinston, who has chosen the program theme as his subject.

In the afternoon a Song Fest is planned to be followed by a Demonstration of the Christian Home by the Woman's Council, of the host Church.

Representatives from all twenty-seven churches in this district are expected to attend. A luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

The Union meets regularly on Saturdays before five o'clock.

Seek Volunteers

Washington, Sept. 26.—The Senate, overriding its military affairs committee and the War Department, today passed by voice vote a bill authorizing one-year re-enlistments for men who have had six months prior service.

Purpose of the bill is to encourage enlistments to relieve occupation troops and permit the discharge of high-point veterans. The Senate defeated an amendment to raise military pay \$25 a month as an added inducement.

The measure offers enlistment periods of 18 months, two years and three years for men joining the Army and Navy with no prior service.

The War Department and the military affairs committee had sponsored a minimum enlistment period of 18 months for men with at least six months prior service. The Senate rejected this and approved the one-year term authorized in the House bill. The measure must go to conference with the House, however, to iron out other differences.

BOY SCOUTS TO ATTEND WEEK-END CAMPORÉE

Boys of Troop 25 are raring to go and looking forward to a week end of Scout fellowship, fun and knowledge at the Camporee planned for the Pitt-Greene District, Sept. 28, 29, and 30th.

Asst. Field Executive J. E. Derrick will have charge of the week end activities. Farmville scouts will be accompanied by Archie Cayton, who is at present at home on furlough.

Patrol leaders Johnny Barrett of the Rattlesnake and assistant James Thorne, John Russell Joyner of the Flying Eagle and assistant Harry Albertson, Dan Satterthwaite of the Dan Beard, attended a meeting Saturday night at the Rotary Scout cabin near Kinston to learn of plans and schedule for the Camporee. The boys, who were accompanied by J. C. Brock, Jr., reported a swell meeting after which they attended a football game getting back to the cabin about 10:30.

FATHER OF LOCAL CITIZEN TAKEN BY DEATH

A. A. Baucom, 62, passed away early Thursday at Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, following a week's illness. Funeral services will be held today at 3 p. m., from the home in Ellerbe, with interment in the family plot in the Ellerbe cemetery.

Mr. Baucom had been engaged in farming in Richmond County for the past 20 years, and prior to that time, in Union County.

Surviving are his widow, the former Ella Smith of Union County, the following sons and daughters, C. R. Baucom of Rockingham, H. M. Baucom of Monroe, C. F. Baucom of Farmville, Joe P. Baucom of Ellerbe, Mrs. Marvin McNeill and Mrs. Hilda B. Smith of Rockingham, RFD 4, Mrs. Vernon Harris of Ellerbe, and 16 grandchildren.

C. F. Baucom was called to the bedside of his father Wednesday afternoon and was there when death came. He was accompanied to Charlotte by his son, Frank.

Kiwanians Have World Speaker As Their Guest

Robert L. Humber, Jr., International Lawyer and world traveler, who has recently returned to his home in Greenville from World Conference at San Francisco, gave a concise word picture of the Conference and its aim to an intent Kiwanis group and their guests at their regular meeting this week.

Mr. Humber commenced by stating that the gathering of representatives from fifty Nations into this vast and most picturesque Civic Center in San Francisco was for but one purpose, "To work out a formula for world order." He spoke with such descriptive eloquence that the group before him could almost imagine they were witnessing the gathering of the 263 initial representatives chosen to represent the "Peace Loving Nations of the World" together with a thousand more journalists, columnist, and other invited guests, gathering for this most important of all tasks.

The speaker stated that the most remarkable display as to mental conception alertness and retention was displayed by the interpreter who noted notes would repeat the entire contents of certain orations made by representatives from the United States, Great Britain, Russia, China, and France in any language desired. He remarked that in some instances the translation was reproduced even more eloquently than had been accomplished by its originator. I believe he said he was a Frenchman by the name of Andre.

As the meeting went on Mr. Humber stated that you could not help but feel the presence of great concern, and how at times the tension grew and stretched to such lengths that one could feel sure that only the great desire of all concerned kept it from breaking. He mentioned the many discussions which took place off of the floor proper. For instance he said there was one Leo Petrovski, a Russian, who was deeply concerned toward the end of the Conference in that there existed a great gap to be closed, before we could be assured that this World Council could prevent future wars and our speaker further stated that he could not help but wholeheartedly agree that a gap did exist. It is this gap he stated, that even the World Council can do much to prevent wars, it can not wholly prevent them without a code of International Laws made by and accepted by all Nations of the Council. He compared the present status of the Council with that of a group of citizens gathering together and agreeing among themselves that they would abide by certain regulations. He said this was good so long as no one saw fit to do otherwise, for there existed no law to compel them to live up to their agreement. He emphasized strongly that the agreements made by the Council were good, but there is no International Court of Law that can prosecute an offender or force him to abide by the agreement. This he said is the gap, and until the people of the world realize that it exists and demand that it be plugged, this Council nor no other could prevent future wars.

Mr. Humber said the new World Council possesses greater strength than the League of Nations, in that it had the opportunity to benefit by its predecessors errors, and that it has a division to handle social and security problems, and also a branch to handle Trusteeships. The League of Nations possessed none of these.

As the speaker drew to a conclusion, one of the most interesting word pictures that the Club has had the privilege to witness, he enumerated the "Gifts of the Centuries," from the thirteenth to the present. He said "you will recall how the thirteenth century donated to the world architecture, the fourteenth brought renaissance, the fifteenth, exploration, the sixteenth, religion, the seventeenth, political freedom, the eighteenth, industrialism, the nineteenth, abolition of slavery, and now, in this greatest of all centuries, may its contribution be a "World Law and Order," for as our community has advanced, it has been through the success of its laws, and as our State has gone forward, it has been by the protection its laws afforded it, and as this United States in which we live has risen in two centuries from that of a wild unexplored mass of land to the greatest and strongest Nation the world has ever known, it has been only possible by law and order, and so I say again may the contribution that this twentieth century has to offer be a world organization with a court of justice that has proven its strength as a help of this Nation of ours."

An interesting report on the progress of the Safety Patrol was given by Frank Allen, who said that details as to its operation are progressing favorably and that he anticipated the boys would be on their posts, trained and in uniform about the first of October.

Sales Continue Heavy On Local Tobacco Mart

Slight Fluctuation Noted In Prices During the Past Week

Slight fluctuations in average prices have been observed throughout the week here with the majority of market sales a step up of common to good leaf, low and fair cutter and nondescript. The percentage of damaged and unsound tobacco was fairly light. Better quality tobacco continued at a steady level with demand strong.

Volume of sales has been extremely heavy since opening day, but is expected to slacken to about normal after this week. Supervisor of Sales R. A. Fields reports the season's totals through Wednesday as 14,399,680 pounds, receipts \$6,262,148.17, average \$43.49.

NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Receives Discharge. Sgt. Matthew Gibbs received his discharge from the army this week. He has been in the service for four years, serving overseas for the past 19 months in the European theater of war. He returned from Germany to the States on Sept. 18.

On Furlough. Cpl. Bob Davis is at home on a thirty day furlough having returned recently from Hawaii. He will report to Fort Gregg for reassignment.

On Furlough. Pvt. Archie Cayton, who was released from Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga., Sept. 11, is at home on a 30 day furlough. He will report to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Oct. 23, for reassignment.

Occupation Duties. On the USS Bon Homme Richard off Japan (Delayed)—Lt. (jg) Julian L. Smith, USNR, of Farmville, N. C., and William R. May, yeoman, third class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. May, Winterville, N. C., are serving on this aircraft carrier, which has been assigned to duty as part of the U. S. occupation fleet.

For 45 days preceding the end of the war, the vessel steamed up and down the Japanese coast as the 3rd Fleet staged 13 air raids and five bombardments on the Jap home islands—and fired her guns only once. That was when the almost perfect air covered permitted a Jap suicide plane to sneak through, only to be shot down just short of another carrier.

The RICHARD's crew hardly could believe the first peace flash and, to add to the skepticism, the general quarters alarm hit hours after the announcement, sending them to their battle stations.

"Gosh," yelled one of the men as he seized his helmet and dashed for his gun mount, "the war's over—it would kill me to get killed now."

Receives Discharge. Pl/Sgt. Joseph D. Joyner, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Joyner, received an honorable discharge from the USMC Monday at Quantico, Va., and arrived here Tuesday.

Sgt. Joyner has been in active service since June 1, '41 and in the Marine Reserve since June '39. He was overseas 20 months in the Solomons and Guadalcanal Area.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyner will make their home here at 207 Home Ave., the residence formerly occupied by Mrs. J. Tom Taylor.

On Furlough. Pvt. Roland Tyson is spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Anna L. Edmundson of near Farmville and his sister, Mrs. Albert D. Braxton, 103 North Waverly Street, Farmville, after which he will return to Battery General Hospital, Rome, Ga. Pvt. Tyson left the States Dec. 2, 1943, and saw 20 months service in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He was wounded in Germany and taken by plane to France and was hospitalized there for four months and then flown by plane to Mitchell Field, N. Y.

On Furlough. Pfc. Oscar H. Driver is spending a furlough with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Driver, Route 2, Farmville. Pfc. Driver who has been in the service 15 months is a convalescent patient at Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, Staunton, Va. He spent eight months in the European Theater of operations and received an arm wound while in Germany. He returned to the States July 5.

Improving. Lt. Lowell Liles, who is receiving treatment for injuries received in a jeep accident, overseas, will as soon as he is strong enough to travel be sent back to the States. In a previous notice of the accident, we reported Lt. Liles injured as slight, however, it was later learned that he had also suffered severe internal injuries. Recent letters state that he is improving. He has been made First Lieutenant.

Tom Pearsall Speaks To Local Rotary Club

Lynn Eason was in charge of the Rotary Club program this week and had as speaker, Tom Pearsall of Rocky Mount, who chose as his subject, "The North Carolina Agricultural Foundation," explaining that the long title simply meant an organization to raise funds to promote the welfare of and solve the problems of the individual farmer of North Carolina.

The speaker said Eastern North Carolina is fortunate in having three factors, all important in successful farming, favorable precipitation, long growing seasons, and productive soils. He deplored the fact that North Carolina while ranking third or fourth nationally in Farm Income per State, had the lowest Farm per capita income in the entire nation. The individual farmer being helpless to remedy this situation brought about the existence of the "North Carolina Agricultural Foundation." The Foundation through research and scientific experimentation will solve many of the productive problems facing the individual farmer. Voicing a personal opinion the speaker said he had never felt that control or less production was the answer to farm ills, but on the contrary more production at less cost was one way out, pointing out that industry never experienced growth or prosperity by curtailing production.

Continuing he stated, "The Foundation," organized in January of this year has already raised a large sum of money, and the goal is one Million Dollars by Jan. '46. This money is to be spent over a period of twenty-five years, to secure the best possible men to head various departments of N. C. Experiment Station at State College. Already funds secured by the Foundation have been the means of securing top men in the fields of Agronomy." He reminded the Rotary Club, "that just a few years ago the Granville Wilt threatened the life of the entire tobacco crop in north central part of our State, and this same Experiment Station at State College worked out the solution to this problem. Other problems just as serious might arise again in the near future."

Other visitors Tuesday evening included Joe Joyner, recently discharged from the armed services, guest of his father, Richard Joyner; Rev. O. V. Cordell, guest of Rev. Ed. Coates; and Lt. Stanley Skomicki of Buffalo, N. Y., guest of Lum Wooten. R. N. Freeman was awarded the attendance prize donated by Eli Joyner.

Post War Planning Board Will Hold Special Meet Tonight

Representatives From All Local Civic Minded Organizations Are Asked To Attend

The Post War Planning Board held a regular meeting Tuesday night, when reports from proposed projects were heard, with special attention centering around plans for the Community Building and Library.

The board has called a special meeting tonight when several representatives from each civic minded organization, including those represented on the board and others are asked to attend. Tentative plans drawn up from combined opinions of the townspeople call for a Library and Community Building combined, the latter to provide a place where all organizations can meet. These designated representatives are getting together to arrange to buy or build such a place. It has been suggested that the Lang property on Main Street would be a suitable place.

United War Fund

Formal organization of the United War Fund of Pitt County has been completed and the officers are announced as follows: Sam B. Underwood, Jr., Chairman; John B. Lewis of Farmville, Vice-Chairman; E. Graham Flanagan, of Greenville, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee is composed of the following members: John G. Clark, of Greenville; John B. Lewis, of Farmville; J. B. Kittrell, of Greenville; James T. Little, of Greenville; Joseph S. Moye, of Greenville; C. C. Stroud, Sr., of Ayden; J. H. Waldrop, of Greenville; Dr. E. W. Tucker, of Grifton. County Publicity chairman Billy S. Hodges, announced that the various township chairmen will be named in the very near future. The Pitt County organization is part of a national movement to coordinate and combine all agencies raising money for relief recreation and community service into one campaign this fall.

Slightly larger civilian supplies of shortening, cooking oil, and soap will soon be made available.

EMPEROR VISITS MacARTHUR FOR HISTORIC CONFERENCE

Tobacco Experts Confer On Prices

Farm Bureau and CCC Officials Attempt To Check Decline In Lower Grades

Wilson, Sept. 26.—Discussion on ways and means to halt the sudden decrease in tobacco prices on the North Carolina markets were taking place here tonight at the Cherry Hotel at a joint meeting of the Price Stabilization, Committee of the Commodity Credit Corporation and the Tobacco Committee of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

The meeting was called so that the CCC committee might hear the farmers' side of the price question, as well as that of the tobacco interests.

Earlier today, J. E. Winslow of Greenville, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau; Fluke Shaw of Greensboro, executive secretary of that group; C. T. Hicks of Winston-Salem, chairman of the farm group's tobacco committee; and F. S. Royster of I. Jenson, president of the Bright Leaf Tobacco Warehouse Association, filed protests with Washington over the price decline on the weed markets in the state, and urged immediate stabilization of prices.

Prices on poor quality tobacco were off in all markets between 5 and 20 cents a pound under two weeks ago, while the price of better quality of tobacco remained the same, thereby causing the price averages on the marts to go down.

No one seemed to know the reason for it. The thousands of pounds of spoiled tobacco on warehouse floors in recent weeks that had caused some price decline was not the cause of the most recent sharp price decrease, farm experts said tonight.

CCC Buying Slowly. In Washington, some \$55,000,000 was set up at the beginning of the season by the CCC for tobacco alone, but only a small part of this has been used. It may be that the CCC will be urged to use this money to help stabilize the markets at once.

There seemed also tonight to be a difference of opinion on the question of government grading. At South Boston, Va., it was reported that the tobacco groups there are urging the abandonment of government grading, but in this state the trend seemed to be the other way, even for a tightening up of the grading already in operation.

The tobacco marts in the Eastern Belt tonight were still as glutted as they were two weeks ago, and much of the weed continues to spoil on the warehouse floors as sales were at least two days and in some instances five days behind.

For the last seven days the War Food Administration has reported a steady decrease up to yesterday in price averages on the belt. The prices went up yesterday around 7 cents on the hundred pounds, but was such a small increase that it was almost negligible.

Low Quality Drops. For the first time this season the WRA has reported in some instances on some marts poor quality weed selling as low as \$6 per hundred pounds. At the same time there have been isolated instances of a price of \$50 a hundred pounds for the better weed, top price for any weed sold on the belt this year.

One official of the North Carolina Farm Bureau said today that there must be an immediate stabilization of prices if the average is not to continue to drop.

At Farmville earlier this week the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association urged the Federal government to take immediate steps to insure price stabilization on all grades of tobacco at a level not below the 1945 ceiling.

Shoe Rationing May End Oct. 1

Washington, Sept. 25.—The government will decide next week whether to end shoe rationing October 1.

The War Production Board's leather bureau has recommended termination of the program. But OPA and WPB's Office of Civilian Requirements and to see September production figures before they commit themselves.

Both of the latter agencies feel the figures may show it would be best to continue rationing until October 15 or possibly November 1. The decision will be made by WPB Chairman J. A. Krug.

Men are indifferent to women's equality.

Mikado Goes to American Embassy For 39-Minute Visit With Allied Commander; Japanese Peer Demands Hirohito Quit Politics So As To Encourage Democracy

Tokyo, Sept. 27.—Emperor Hirohito talked for 38 minutes with General MacArthur this morning in a historic meeting marking the first visit ever made by a Mikado to the foreign ruler of his own nation.

It unofficially was reported that the meeting was just a social call. MacArthur received the man through whom he is ruling the Japanese in the main living room of the American Embassy—one of the few buildings in Tokyo spared by American bombs.

The emperor arrived and departed in his long, low car, one of a convoy in which he made the journey with the grand chamberlain, the minister of the imperial household, and an interpreter. The correspondents stood on the sidelines as the emperor's party departed.

Party Conveyed. The emperor had a motorcycle escort for his five automobile convoy for the 10-minute ride from his palace to the Embassy. Two of the cars halted at the entrance to the Embassy grounds; the other three entered.

MacArthur's aide, Brig. Gen. Bonner Fellers, met the Mikado at the Embassy door and escorted him and his party into MacArthur's presence.

The emperor's visit to MacArthur followed a demand of a Japanese peer that the Mikado get out of politics but there was no hint that there was any connection.

Such a visit had been expected for weeks. Previously, the emperor had received foreign emissaries only in his palace. These included a few American correspondents and Army officers on official business.

Yesterday, MacArthur had issued new orders cracking down on the imperial army and government.

The Japanese army and navy were ordered to yield up food, clothing and arms. Food and clothing will go to civilians, impoverished by eight years of sacrificing everything to Nippon's war machine. Arms will be turned over to occupation forces for use as memorials, study, training or to be converted into scrap.

President Truman said in Washington that an Allied reparations committee would decide the fate of fleet units that survived the onslaught of American air and sea power.

A general shakeup was ordered in the central liaison office to rid it of domination by the foreign office, which worked hand in glove with the army in Tokyo's military expansion over Asia and Pacific islands. The liaison office is the agency through which the occupation force controls the conquered nation.

One of Nippon's noblemen demanded that the shakeup go all the way up to the emperor, removing him completely from politics.

Marquis Yoshichika Tokugawa said this was the only way to eliminate the ruling clique which still dominates the nation and pave the way for a Democratic government. Under Tokugawa's proposal, the Mikado would remain only as the country's spiritual leader, as in the days of the Shoguns.

Soviets Disappointed

Allied demands for sterner control of Japan were reported from London. Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov of the Soviet Union assertedly termed American occupation too soft and sought establishment of an Allied control commission.

President Truman said he had heard nothing of such complaints and that MacArthur's occupation organization was approved in advance by the Big Four.

A Chungking spokesman announced that Chinese occupation forces would join Americans in Japan.

General Stilwell, former American commander in China who now directs occupation forces in islands south of Japan, arrived in Tokyo today from Okinawa, presumably to confer with MacArthur.

Emperor Hirohito's expected visit to the Supreme Allied commander would give him his first real sight of American armed forces. Since the occupation, he hasn't been out of the palace compound, guarded 24 hours a day by U. S. First Cavalry Division troops. They are on duty to keep out lightning U. S. aviators.

Most parents have turned eyes to professionals in the use of rationing as a good example for the children.