

THINK BARON AND BARONESS IN SUICIDE PACT

REV. MR. McLENDON BEGINS REVIVAL AT MT. OLIVE THIS P. M.

BARONESS HURLED SELF DEATH FROM EIGHTEENTH STORY WINDOW OF HOTEL

"We Died Happily As We Lived Together" Says Note Found in Room

MIAMI, Fla., July 31.—(AP)—While police expressed belief in the theory of a suicide pact search was continued tonight for Baron Royce-Garrett, former Russian nobleman whose youthful wife hurled herself from the eighteenth floor of a Miami hotel Friday night.

The double suicide theory was predicated upon a note found in the hotel apartment of the couple today which said "We died happily as we lived together." Apparently it was in the handwriting of the Baroness. It bore the signature "The Royce-Garretts."

Aside from the opinion expressed that the couple were in financial straits little is known of the events immediately preceding the death of the Baroness. Investigators did learn however, that on the afternoon before, when the Coral Gables hotel weeping, followed shortly after by her husband, and inspection of their apartment revealed that neither had returned.

Although it was understood by friends of the couple that they were in financial difficulties the Baron and Baroness lived at an exclusive hotel and were before frequently at social functions.

Shortly before the note was found William McInnes, acting justice of the peace, had issued orders for police to arrest and hold the Baron without bond pending the coroner's inquest into the death of his wife. It was said that the arrest order was issued solely because of the "disappearance" of the Baron, who was last seen following his wife from the hotel.

GOVERNING NOT GOOD FOR M'LENN

No Longer Can He Plough all Day and Not Feel It

RALEIGH, July 31.—(AP)—Governor McLean is afraid the constant confinement attendant upon his gubernatorial duties is not the best thing for his health.

Discussing his mode of living, Mr. McLean says that in days gone by he was a good man physically but since being on an office job he is getting soft. A big man physically, he feels it is almost imperative that he get plenty of exercise and he outdoes a great deal if he is to keep in trim.

The executive does not care for tennis, golf and such activities and his idea of exercise is what another man would term work—he likes wood-chopping and ploughing.

The governor's health has been such that he would plough in his own days all night at a country dance and be on the job at sun-up the next morning feeling fresh as a daisy. Now it is only on rare occasions he is able to get away and he does not feel as fit at all times as in days gone by.

He remarked that on his trip to Blowing Rock this week he was on the road for 21 hours, had no rest and no sleep and stopped only occasionally. Yet, at the end of the trip he felt better than if he had spent a day in the office plugging away on matters of state. He believes this can be accounted for by the fact that he was able to give his mind a complete rest and he was in the open air.

State Taxes Fall Short

Raleigh, July 31.—(AP)—North Carolina has made a poor start on its new fiscal year which began July 1, so far as tax collections are concerned. The state tax collections of July were more than \$100,000 less than during July of last year.

The collections for the last month totaled \$595,526.42 as compared with \$727,575.73 for July a year ago.

PREDICTED SPLIT FAILS TO OCCUR

But Klan Recalcitrants Claim They Won Much They Wanted

Durham, July 31.—All indication of the predicted split in the ranks of the North Carolina realm of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, had disappeared at the close of the morning session of the state convention of Klorero at 12:30 yesterday, because it was stated, Judge Henry A. Grady, Grand Dragon, had announced the resignation of the advisory committee and that the finance and budget committee will go away with, along with the resignation of R. A. Wadsworth, of Raleigh, as clerk in the state headquarters.

These, it was stated, were points on which the so-called McMillaine followers were fighting. Wadsworth was put in the state as clerk when Grand Dragon C. McMillaine, as Grand Kliff, was the latter's charged activities in the campaign for Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, for U. S. Senate. The McMillaine forces wanted him out and claim they were able to force his resignation.

They also claim that they brought the pressure necessary for the resignation of the advisory committee, which they say should be over the state and not confined to the Raleigh clan, as had been the case. This committee was composed of Howson, E. L. Harris, and Andrews, all of Raleigh.

Judge Grady announced also that the finance and budget committee would be done away with and that this committee in future would be composed of the Grand Dragon and the three Great Titans of the state body. Rev. J. W. Alford, of Kenly; Rufus H. Williams, of Kannapolis, and O. E. Bass, of Hendersonville. This was done at the suggestion of Imperial Representative Spratt, here to represent the Imperial organization in Atlanta and to conform to the constitution and by-laws of the order—which, it is said, had not been followed previously.

When the vote was announced or taken, the forces joined and no friction was shown. No trouble from the so-called outlaw mountain klans appeared.

Rivers D. Johnson, of Warsaw, who fought the fight of the Klan when the unmasking bill came up three or four years ago, made the response to the address of welcome which was not delivered. The man scheduled to welcome the klansmen did not appear, but the response was given regardless. Rev. J. W. Alford, of Kenly, Great Titan, gave the invocation, after Judge Grady had called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock in the city auditorium.

MERCHANTS OF 3 STATES ATTEND

Fremont Man President and Expect Good Meeting

Numerous merchants from Virginia, North and South Carolina will, in the opinion of Mr. J. A. Best, of Fremont, N. C., who is president of the Southern Retail Merchants Conference, take advantage of the unusual opportunity in merchandising that is afforded them by the Short Course in Retailing which has been inaugurated this year by the Conference as a service to its members.

The Short Course in Retailing will be given at Richmond, Virginia, during the week of August 23-27, immediately following the conclusion of the Conference which will be held August 17-20. Morning, afternoon and evening classes will be held in the John Marshall high school, the course being under the direction of Professor E. B. Harris, of the School of Business, University of Richmond. Special arrangements have been made whereby all members of the Southern Retail Merchants Conference and their assistants are eligible for enrollment, the only direct expense of the course being a tuition fee of \$10. Special rates for rooms and board have been secured, ranging from \$5.50 to \$10 a week for room and from \$0 to \$10 a week for board. Under this plan it is possible for merchants to receive highly specialized instruction, the assistance of experts in solving their problems and a printed digest of the entire course at a total cost of less than \$25.

Dr. Norris A. Briscoe, New York University School of Retailing, has been secured for the session and will be the chief instructor, insuring those who take advantage of this course, the first of its kind ever to be arranged for merchants of this section, of the services and advice of one of the most capable instructors along merchandising lines in this country.

The daily schedule of classes includes: Morning-Sales Promotion; Stock Turnover and Round Table discussion of Merchandising Problems; Afternoon-Visits to Stores and Factories to Study Systems and Problems; Evening-Psychology of Retail Merchandising Control.

Merchants, through the territory covered by the Southern Retail Merchants Conference have expressed the greatest enthusiasm over this course, and, from indications which have been received, there will be a large attendance, both of merchants and their assistants. It is the first opportunity ever accorded our merchants for securing schooling as an aid to their daily experiences. The instruction should be most valuable in improving methods, in meeting the changing conditions surrounding us and as an aid toward the successful conduct of our business. The cost has been placed so low that every clerk can take advantage of this opportunity and be assured of benefits that will repay him many times. I myself hope to take the course and to have at least one of my assistants do so.

Education and entertainment features of the Conference, the most elaborate arranged during the last six years, are expected to attract one of the largest meetings in the history of the organization.

SPRINT CLASSIC, PUSH AUTOMOBILE CONTEST IS BILLED AT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, July 31.—The world sprint classic at the Charlotte Speedway isn't the only thing that's coming off here late in August.

The national pushmobile title also will be decided here August 23, prior to the automobile races. Cities from all parts of the country will send contestants to vie for the title, according to C. C. Coddington, president of the Speedway.

ISSUE MANY AUTO TAGS HERE

Total of \$97,196 Paid For Licenses in Local Office

Through 6 o'clock last evening the local department of the Department of Revenue of North Carolina handling license tags for automobiles had issued 6,647 numbers. A total of \$97,196.50 had been paid the local office for these tags.

Clerks were kept busy yesterday and a total of 102 tags were issued. It is estimated that there are many cars in the district which have not yet been supplied with tags, and a rush is expected Monday.

A last minute extension of time as announced in a letter from E. A. Doughton, in charge of the distribution in the state. Owners of cars will be given until Tuesday, August 3, to secure the necessary license. Delinquencies will not be tolerated after that date.

In the notice to the local department, Mr. Doughton pointed out that an extension of time had several times been granted, that all had been given ample opportunity to secure the tags.

NEGRO TRADES MULE FOR MELON

Thirty Pound Watermelon Was More Than He Could Resist

Winston-Salem, July 31.—Jack Spratt could eat no fat, his wife could eat no lean, and so betwixt them both you see they licked the platter clean. A modern version of this nursery rhyme was seen yesterday afternoon when E. J. Howard, a negro who runs a grocery store on Hickory street, traded a mule for a watermelon. A farmer had a thirty-pound watermelon and wanted the mule, Howard had a mule and wanted the melon so they "swapped" even.

Immediately upon the information of this exchange of property, a reporter was rushed to the scene where the bargain was said to have been driven. This representative of the press sneaked around on his gum shoes in an effort to see if there was anything wrong with the mule.

There it stood, peaceable like with all parts, tail, both rear and front legs, ears and all other things which all well ordered mules have in evidence. It really looked like it was worth more than a watermelon, but then "A watermelon is a watermelon" in these days and a mule is a sort of second-best since the advent of gasoline.

State College Wins Poultry Diploma

RALEIGH, July 31.—(AP)—Dr. M. A. Hull of the United States Department of Agriculture has been informed of the awarding of a diploma for an Educational Poultry Exhibit to the Poultry Exhibit to the Poultry department at State College by the Second World's Poultry Congress held at Barcelona, Spain, during May, 1924.

The diploma is signed by Professor Saladors Castella, president of the exhibition and president of the Association of Spanish poultry breeders.

The exhibit was prepared in the poultry department at State College by members of the staff and exhibited by Dr. B. F. Kaupp, head of the department.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, July 31.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady unchanged to 3 points down. October 17.65; December 17.65; January 17.70; March 17.10; May 18.07.

BATTERY A IS TO LEAVE MONDAY

Will Spend Two Weeks At Fort Bragg

Battery "A" 117, F. A. Goldsboro's unit of the North Carolina National Guard leaves Monday August 2nd for Fort Bragg for the annual encampment. The Battery is commanded by Capt. B. M. Britt who has as his Lieutenants Lt. C. S. Onslow Jr. and Lt. W. B. Yelverton. There are sixty-four non-commissioned officers and enlisted men in the Battery.

The annual camp is looked forward to by the entire personal with great interest and pleasure while the military training at the camp is intensive and instructive, much of the time is set apart for recreation and sports. Beginning with a review of the military subjects covers during the winter training and culminating with target practice in which our boys actually fire the large guns in which they are equipped and in field maneuvers.

In the maneuvers the officers men of the Battery are required to demonstrate all of the technical subjects of the artillery Branch of the service, selection of positions, laying of telephone lines, and schemes of attack and defense.

Fort Bragg is well equipped with sports grounds and entertainment facilities, several large and attractive swimming pools, tennis courts, basketball diamonds and a polo field are available for the men of the Battery. A large and attractive moving picture house is open each evening and the entertainment office of the Post provides varied and wholesome attractions for the men each evening.

At the last annual inspection held in March of this year, Battery A. was rated above average by the regular army inspector. A splendid group of young men compose the battery and the high rating which they have earned will be reflected by the field work of the Battery this summer—both by the military work and in the field of sports.

Automobiles won't make people forget the art of running—not will men continue to wear straw hats.

EVANGELIST FAILED TO ARRIVE YESTERDAY BUT HE IS EXPECTED THIS MORNING

Governor Will Chop Some Trees

Raleigh, July 31.—(AP)—Worn from twelve months close attention to the affairs of the state, Governor A. W. McLean will leave here tomorrow on a vacation. The executive will go to Wisconsin where he has spent previous vacations and will remain from two to three weeks. He plans to chop trees, build roads and fish most of the time he is away.

Mr. McLean will be accompanied by two of his children. Mrs. McLean and the other child will go on a vacation shortly. It is understood.

Lumberton Man At First Baptist

Judge I. R. Varner, of the Lumberton Bar, recently resigned from the State Supreme Court, will deliver an address at the First Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock.

Judge Varner is one of the outstanding laymen of his denomination. A brilliant and forceful speaker, he will assuredly bring to his hearers a message uplifting in theme and very thoughtfully developed.

The public is invited to hear him.

SEEDS IN MILLINERY

LONDON, July 31.—(AP)—Agriculture is getting very much mixed up with millinery and gowns in London. Melon seeds and pumpkin seeds are appearing on both gowns and hats, and Miss Eva Moore is wearing a gown in the play "Cook of the Roost" which is trimmed with strings of rice dried in various brilliant colors.

"CYCLONE MACK" IN ACTION



Meeting to Organize Choir Held Last Evening, But More Singers Needed

All details were yesterday afternoon completed for the beginning of the "Cyclone Mack" revival at Mount Olive this afternoon. Rev. McInnes failed to arrive in Mount Olive as scheduled yesterday, but members of his party expected him early today.

Two services for today were announced as the opening gun in a revival which promises to be his victory over Wayne county. Mount Olive was reported as usually holding the beginning of the season. The services today are scheduled for 8 o'clock this afternoon and for 5 o'clock tonight.

The first service in connection with the meeting came at 5 o'clock last evening when J. H. Jones, song leader for the revival, met singers for the purpose of getting organized for today's services. A number were present for the meeting, but the hope was that there will be an addition of some twenty or thirty more for the opening service.

"Mack will be able to preach much better if we can get the right sort of choir behind him. As I am a member of this section I know what such folks can do in the way of singing. We have the voices and if the singers of all denominations will just turn out, we will have some singing that will make this county no. 1," declared Mr. Jones yesterday.

A special section of the tabernacle, which is built to seat 2,000, will be reserved for singers and all who can carry a tune are requested to take a place in the reserved space this afternoon.

"Oh, you can depend upon Mack getting in early Sunday morning, and coming in late this time," declared "Bill" Mack. Mack's advance men, who were asked about the evangelist not reaching Mount Olive Saturday afternoon as he had planned to.

"As yet I do not know what Mack is going to preach about, but you can depend upon it that it will be straight from the shoulder, and that it will start the folks to thinking right off," said Mr. Edson.

After today's service will probably be held only in the evening.

Record time was made in creating the huge tabernacle in which the meeting will be held. After the material was assembled, and a huge crew secured, the work went along in fine fashion.

Indications were that the big building would be crowded for both services today. People from all parts of Eastern North Carolina were expected to be in attendance.

New York Sees Barrage Of Pink

NEW YORK, July 31.—(AP)—With mid-summer bringing hot breezes and a hot sun, the fashion world is turning to pink. Pink has decorated the colorful ball on a heat-dodged city.

Pink blooms like wide-printed roses in the picture hats or tulle or tulle that nod over wide skirted matching silk frocks. Pink makes crushed strawberry ices out of the demure pleated sport dresses that crowd in among more formal costumes. Pink so pale as to be little more than the breath of the color, glimmers like a pearl in the rich tulle when do styles that make the most gracious of all evening toilettes.

Pink even slippers the feet the mode, choosing satin for after sunset, and linen or straw for noon-day hot sidewalks.