

# The Last Of The Duke Family

Durham Sun.

Benjamin N. Duke, the last of the Dukes, dead. The family of Titans who sprang from the soil of Durham county to flourish mightily for the span, to the soil have returned. There are daughters surviving and a good host of relatives, but the line fails with the death today of the last of that sturdy sire and his triumvirate of giant sons, who gave to the United States one of its most powerful industries. To them must be credited not alone the achievement of the American Tobacco company and Liggett and Myers, but the tobacco manufacturing industry in its entirety.

It was Washington Duke, and his sons, who took hold of a small beginning and built an economic structure towering among the industrial clouds. And Ben Duke played as important a part in that lasting work as his more generally known brother, James B. Duke.

James B. or "Buck" as he was called, was indeed the buccaneer of the House of Duke. He was the swiftest of captains of industry who took the bull by the horns, in quite literal fashion, when one considers the original brand, "Bull Durham," and defied the world to stem his energies. James B. Duke was the super-salesman-executive type.

Ben Duke was the manager-executive. He worked diligently, intelligently and effectively, but, withal, quietly. "Buck" Duke liked to review what he had done, to speculate upon what he intended to do. Ben Duke shied from publicity, was almost reticent in his magnificent philanthropies. Both were able and sagacious, but Ben got the greater of public credit. Only those who knew Benjamin Duke, thoroughly appreciated him.

The third son, Brodie L. Duke, parted company with his brothers. Too, he died many years ago. He, too, showed the Duke stamp of ability and success, although his operations never displayed the breadth of vision and tremendous scale of those of his brothers.

The last of the Dukes was a man of the finest character. He was upright, religious, generous and kind. His outstanding characteristic, perhaps, was his devotion to his family—his filial piety—his love for his friends and his loyalty to his community. There is not a church in Durham which has not felt the helping financial hand he extended. He was a liberal and consistent benefactor of charitable and philanthropic movements of all kinds. The family has given at least a hundred millions in good works and much of that came from Benjamin.

He never forgot Durham or Durham's people. He was never aloof from his humblest associates after wealth had been won, remaining accessible to all. He was interested in Negro education and hospitalization, aiding both extensively, including Lincoln hospital here and the North Carolina college for Negroes, also located in Durham. He was a solid backer in the movement for the education of the mountain whites and was a member of the Durham city board of education for years. He was a member of the Methodist board of stewards. He was a close friend of Guilford college, his alma mater, and of Trinity college, now Duke university, attending its commencement regularly until his health prevented. He was largely instrumental, in fact, in bringing about the removal of Trinity college to Durham.

Another trait which won Benjamin Duke a place in the hearts of those Durham people who knew him, was his fidelity to his father. He was devoted to him and his interests. He gave a lesser, but similar loyalty to Durham, and became one of the greatest powers in the city's development.

At his desk, efficiency was his watchword, throughout an active business life. He was not stern, yet he was inflexible. His hand was gloved when holding the reins, but unyielding none the less when needs be. He was, in fact, a genius at business management.

In his home, his neighbor's home, in the church, he was a kindly, good, and tender-hearted gentleman. His scholarly appearance did not belie the nature that lay beneath his exterior. He was of refined heart and mind and well read. He was a patron of arts and letters and was moved by a consistent impulse to do lasting good, returning his money to the service of those people from whom he considered it had come.

It is said he went upon hearing moving sermons. He felt a deep humanity to man. With his passing, his city, his state, his nation, lose a useful citizen, a noble character. He worked long and he worked well. He accumulated the goods of the world and he revealed a fine appreciation of the uses to which they should be put in the elevation of his fellows. Durham extends his sincere condolences to the family and the immediate friends. The world needs more of his calibre.

# Republicans Behind Gardner On Major Bills, Says Leader

### Senator Weaver Forecasts Discarding Party Lines On Big Problems Before Assembly.

Raleigh.—A prediction that party lines would not be drawn on the major problems confronting the general assembly, now in session here, was made by Guy Weaver of Buncombe county, minority leader in the senate, in a statement made public here.

Mr. Weaver said his party was in accord with the stand taken by Governor Gardner in his inaugural address upon major questions, and especially with regard to the Australian ballot and an equal statewide school tax.

### War On Absentee Vote.

The Asheville attorney declared that the representatives from Buncombe county would introduce a bill to repeal the absentee ballot law in that county. His statement in full follows:

"I believe that those who look for or expect the drawing of party lines upon the major problems of the general assembly will be disappointed. Upon the great questions confronting the assembly there is little difference between the position of the majority and minority parties."

"The Republican party has long stood for equal educational opportunities for the children of the whole state, with an equal tax burden upon the whole people. This is in agreement with Governor Gardner's position taken in his message. The Republican party stands for a fair election law for the whole state, one through which the people may express their untrammelled will. The governor has declared for this principle.

### Agree In Principle.

"There will be differences in detail as to what constitutes an impartial law, but in principle the two parties agree. The Republicans, especially those from Buncombe county, desire the absolute repeal of the absentee voter's law. They will introduce a bill to repeal it as to Buncombe county. Should the majority introduce a measure abolishing it for the whole state, the Republicans would support it, but they will not press for it except with reference to Buncombe and perhaps some few other western counties.

### Lighter Taxes.

"The leaders of both parties seem to recognize the fact that the state should not retrench too much; that it must continue its onward march, but at the same time the tax burden of the people must not be increased, but that it must be lightened.

### Administrator's Notice.

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Joseph Palmer, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to file the same with the undersigned properly proven on or before the 8th day of January, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any right of recovery thereon. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 7th day of January, 1929.

L. C. PALMER, Lawndale, N. C. R-1.  
COLEMAN BLANTON, Shelby, N. C. R-5.  
Administrators of Joseph Palmer's Estate.  
B. T. Falls, Attorney.

### Administrator's Notice.

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Pinkney Little deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present same to me for payment on or before the 14th day of December, 1929, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereof. All persons owing the said estate will make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This 14th day of December, 1929.

J. B. ELLIS, Administrator Estate of Pinkney Little, deceased.

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WILLIE AGER, Administrator of Damon Jenkins, deceased.  
A. R. Bennett, Atty.

### Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as executor of the will of W. F. Gold, deceased, this is to hereby notify all persons holding claims against his estate to file same with me on or before the 7th day of January, 1930, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery in same; and this is to further notify all persons to make payment immediately of any indebtedness owing said estate.

This January 7th, 1929.  
J. M. GOLD, Executor of will of W. F. Gold, dec'd.  
Newton & Newton, Attys.

### Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of the power vested in me as trustee in a certain deed of trust, executed the 20th day of December, 1928, by W. R. Martin and wife, Mattie Martin, to secure an indebtedness to the Farmers and Merchants bank of \$290.00, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and demand having been made upon me to execute the trust.

Reference being had to the record, book 144, page 20, of the register's office for Cleveland county, N. C., for the said deed of trust.

I will sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, on

Saturday, January 19, 1929, at 10 o'clock or within legal hours the following described real estate: A 2.5 acre tract bought of J. F. Bland and J. P. Massey, and by him sold to Martin and Bro., bounded by J. A. Martin, on the west and L. M. Scoggin on the north, south of the first street in the town of Mooresboro, N. C. This being a part of the 140 acre lot bought of L. M. Scoggin by J. F. Bland and containing about 2.5 acre more or less, and includes the dwelling and building now used and occupied by W. R. Martin.

This the 17th day of December, 1928.

J. H. QUINN, Trustee.  
B. T. Falls, Attorney for Trustee.

Uplifting The Bootlegger.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"The calibre of bootleggers is becoming lower and lower," commented Federal Judge Wham last week in sentencing an East St. Louisan for violation of the liquor laws. "When the prohibition law was passed a great many otherwise good people violated it. But I notice the calibre of bootleggers has been going steadily downward until now they are a very low class."

Since this has been called to our attention we have been trying to devise means of improving the social status of our bootleggers. There is no use dodging the issue by saying that they are a passing class. They are here to stay, since they are the creatures of prohibition. And if any one doubts that the latter is booked for a long stay let him look at the dwindling block of wets in congress.

Society must accept the bootlegger, and by society we mean the bride and hunt club people, the horse show group, the Hispano-Suiza folks. Society must permit the bootlegger and the bootlegger's wife and daughter to enter by the front door instead of sliding in the back way with their hats on. The plight of the bootlegger we fancy, is the result of a dreadful inferiority complex, and the socially prominent should let down the bars a bit and help correct it. Otherwise, the race of bootleggers may die out. And then what would become of society?

### Card Of Thanks.

I wish to thank the good people of Shelby for their goodness and kindness shown me during the sickness and death of my dear wife.

W. H. KALE 3t 11

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# DEMOCRATIC PARTY LIVING, HE SAYS

### Roosevelt Declares Party Has "Will To Win" As Plans Are Made For Future.

Albany, N. Y.—After analyzing replies to a questionnaire sent to more than 3,000 Democratic leaders throughout the country Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt was convinced the "party has the will to win."

Former Governor Alfred E. Smith was in Albany and had what was described as a "heart-to-heart" talk with his successor.

Mr. Roosevelt said replies to his questionnaire indicated that Democratic party leaders were in a militant mood and stood ready not only to contribute enough to wipe out the party deficit of \$1,500,000 but enough more to carry on the work of the national party during the next four years.

### Chief Handicap.

Inactivity of the national party organization between presidential elections was given in the questionnaire answers as one of the handicaps of the party.

Mr. Roosevelt said the fighting spirit of the Democrats had been aroused by what he termed the methods of the Republicans "to cheat the Democratic party out of the presidency."

The party will win," he believes, "can only be compared to that which followed the exit of the presidency in the case of Mr. Tilden. Bigotry, ignorance of Democratic principles; the spread of unpalatable and un-American methods of the atrocious falsehoods; unfair and improper pressure brought to bear upon workers in specially favored Republican industries false claims for the prosperity of the country and kindred propaganda, cheated, so my correspondents feel, our party of the presidency.

### Touching on the \$1,500,000 Deficit.

Touching on the \$1,500,000 deficit in the party, the governor said: "Four years ago the burden of \$350,000 loomed large in the minds of my correspondents as indicating an impossibility of financing active organization work. This year I think at least half of my correspondents have noted that sum, while large in itself, would represent the contribution of only a few cents from every one who voted for the ticket and many hundreds of county workers have expressed a willingness to raise, by an exceedingly modest contribution from the individuals in their district, not only their portion of this indebtedness but enough in addition to finance the national work during the next four years."

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# 200,000 MOTORISTS STILL LACK 1929 LICENSE TAGS

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—With approximately 200,000 new automobile licenses yet to be issued, 16 inspectors under the direction of Leland S. Harris, director of the state department of revenue, are scattered over the state checking on motorists who have not yet equipped their cars with 1929 licenses.

No arrests have been made, but many persons have been cited to court, or allowed to purchase their licenses immediately instead of being sent to court.

Reports of sales received here Saturday night showed that 277,696 plates have been sold as compared with 280,504 on the same date last year.

# Shelby And Forest City Spirit.

Rutherford Co. News.

The News has noted one thing about two of our sister towns that we wish to commend to the people of Rutherford.

Shelby is noted as a friendly city. A visitor always feels welcome when he gets to Shelby. There are citizens of Shelby who make it a special point to welcome all visitors and strangers. This has done much to put Shelby on the map. It has helped to build up strong banks and mercantile firms. It cost nothing and is worth untold good.

The people of Forest City are to be commended for their spirit of boosting, or loyalty to their town, as some might call it. They believe in Forest City. They boost Forest City on every occasion. You never hear a good citizen of Forest City knocking his town.

# PROMINENT SCREEN STARS WILL MARRY

Hollywood.—The Examined said in a copyright story today that Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon, screen stars, are to be married in the near future, and that the engagement will be announced early next week. It was said that Miss Daniels appeared at a party recently wearing an engagement ring presented to her by Lyon. Neither Miss Daniels nor Lyon ever have been married.

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