

Tributes To Judge Webb

A Benevolent Man.
(Monroe Journal.)

A benevolent man, a wise judge who mixed common sense and sympathy with the law, passed away in the death of Judge James L. Webb, which took place at his home in Shelby Wednesday. When Union and Cleveland were in the same judicial district many years ago, Judge Webb was then solicitor. It is commonly said that a prosecuting attorney makes a harsh judge. But it certainly did not turn out so with this kind-hearted man, who went on the bench at the age of 50 when the habits of men have crystallized.

"He Was a Man."
(Rutherford News.)

In the death of Judge James L. Webb of Shelby, the state loses one of its ablest jurists. He was full of the "milk of human kindness" and tempered his decisions with mercy. He was learned in the law and always favored justice. He enjoyed a wide friendship and was a devoted follower of the lowly Nazarene, a thing which cannot be said about all judges on the superior or supreme court bench.

A Career Of Honor.
(Asheville Citizen.)

Judge James L. Webb was a good lawyer, a fine judge and one of the best citizens in North Carolina. A large part of his long life was spent in the public service. Before he went on the bench he had made a record in the state senate, where he served as president pro tem, and as solicitor, but that part of his career was far in the past. For more than a quarter of a century he had been a judge of the North Carolina superior court and in that capacity had presided over courts and dealt out justice in every county in the state.

Judge Webb was as fair as he was just. His patience could not easily be strained, his sympathies were not dulled but deep and tender, and in the discharge of his duty he ever sought to temper justice with mercy. The lawyers who appeared before him all respected his ability and his integrity. The public had confidence in him and admired him an dheid him in affection. His whole long career was one of honor and good repute.

Loved By Barristers.
(Hickory Record.)

The death of Judge James L. Webb removes one of the most con-

spicuous members of the bar from this district. For more than thirty-five years Judge Webb has played a prominent role in the judicial affairs of this section of North Carolina where he served twelve years as solicitor and twenty-four years as judge of the superior court.

During his service on the bench, Judge Webb visited every part of the state and was one of the most widely known of all North Carolina jurists. He was as sincerely respected as he was generally known, for he had administered justice without fear or favor throughout the long years of his tenure of office.

The expressions from Hickory lawyers who knew him intimately, are a splendid tribute to Judge Webb. These words of praise and sorrow were from the heart, and are typical of how leading members of the bar everywhere throughout the state regarded this just and good man. No finer heritage could possibly be left by a public servant.

Had Many Friends.
(Lenoir News-Topic.)

The high calibre of public service in North Carolina is exemplified to a large degree by the record of Judge James L. Webb, whose death yesterday removed, if not a great jurist, certainly a noble character. Judge Webb entered public service as a career, giving more than 40 years of his life to it. He gave it the best he had and he was one man who lived to witness the reward of public appreciation. In all of that long and useful career he was never opposed one time for the nomination within his own party.

He had as many personal friends as any man in North Carolina, we feel convinced. Starting life with the grandfathers of the present generation, he became intimate and friendly with each new set that came along in the state. There are hundreds of people in every county in North Carolina today who sense the loss of a friend in the passing of that venerable man.

An Honorable Career.
(Statesville Daily.)

Judge James L. Webb of Shelby, who has answered the summons to the last great court, spent more than half his life of 76 years in public office—mayor, state senator, district solicitor, and for more than a quarter century superior court judge. His long record is an honorable one and that with the accompanying testimony that he had the confidence and support of his home people, those who knew him best, is the highest tribute that could be paid

him. Judge Webb was in his 77th year and was voluntarily retiring from the public service. His active career would have ended with the close of the year. No doubt he looked forward to his retirement with satisfaction, with feeling of relief that he could devote the few years remaining to such things as appealed to him, free from the labors and restraints of public service. That is a period which many people in active life contemplate with hope of realization, but the expectation is rarely met. About the time we think we are ready to spend our time in the luxury of leisure—not entirely in idleness but in doing some of the things we have always wanted to do but which circumstances denied—the removal from early existence may be ordered. Judge Isaac Meekins of the United States district court, was quoted as saying recently that instead of holding on, as most men are disposed to do, it is his purpose to retire as soon as he reaches the age of 70—the retirement age—and spend the remainder of his life in travel and reading. That has its appeal to those of us who desire leisure for the things we would like to do, and here's hoping that Judge Meekins may realize his hope.

Also we are hoping that some time it will occur to some of the multimillionaires to provide a fund that will supply those who have served time faithfully and well but were unable to lay by in store, the means to do the things that have so long appealed to them, that they may pass out with longings satisfied. Usually these unsatisfied desires are very modest and satisfying them would make the ending a happy one.

Helped The Lowly.
(T. M. Pridgen in Charlotte News.)

On many a stockade and penitentiary gang of prisoners Thursday there are saddened hearts, which may have been what was on Judge Jim Webb's mind time after time, year after year, when he tinkered his judgments with kindness and mercy. There are not many who can look upon a prisoner in the courtroom or on the county roads and still remember that the prisoner is a human being even as all others except for weakness or misguidance, and Judge Webb was one of the few. Always he seemed to hold himself aloof from and above the strife and bickering and lies and jealousies which brought clamor and discord when the law drew issues with the offenders, seeming to hold himself in readiness for the time when the lawyers and the witnesses and the jurors would conclude their part of the case and permit him to take charge for final disposition. He seemed to say to

himself: "This man has done wrong, of course—there are very few in this world have not. Now we shall attempt to administer discipline in a manner which will make a better man of him." No man can live a life of action with an attitude such as that and not leave his imprint on the hearts of men. When the great old man finally closed his eyes, we hope that some new power may have been given him by which he is able to look back over his long life and read, like pages in a great volume, the reformations he wrought in the miserable men and women who through the years streamed before him on the bench. That happiness, we believe, was that to which he looked forward.

"I don't mind death," he once said to me in one of those rare occasions when he would sit and talk in philosophic vein about the lessons which life had taught him. "I merely don't like to think of ending this life. There are many things to be done."

In his early life Judge Webb engaged in weekly journalistic endeavor, and through the rest of his life one of his pleasures was to talk with newspaper folk about their work. No reporter was ever happier than he with the thrill of seeing a long hung jury come out and take its seats in the box just in time for the verdict to meet a "dead line." He as one of the few public men who made themselves sufficiently acquainted with exacting requirements of the craft to understand them, but he was no seeker of publicity.

He had a great admiration for the law and he upheld it steadily through the years, but the part of him which seemed to endear him to hordes of people was that he took time to understand the viewpoint of the lowly and to sympathize.

School Bus Turns Over.

Wooster, Ohio.—Twenty-three pupils were injured when a school bus turned over on a hill. None of them were seriously hurt.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

North Carolina, Cleveland County. Pursuant to an order made by Horace Kennedy, recorder of Cleveland county, in the case State against J. A. Taylor, said J. A. Taylor having been convicted of transporting liquor by means of one Ford coach, the undersigned will sell at public auction at the court house door in Shelby, N. C. on the 3rd day of November, 1930, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described property: One Ford coach, motor No. A2371374. Terms of sale cash. This the 3rd day of October, 1930. J. M. ALLEN, Sheriff of Cleveland County. Oct 6

Star Advertising Pays

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Makes Solo Flight



Emil Lembree, 16-year-old lad, of Brookline, Mass., went aloft alone at the East Boston airport to win the distinction of being Boston's youngest pilot. Lembree received only 5 hours and 40 minutes of instruction before he took the plane up alone.

(International Newsweek)

"Jake And Jonas"

Raleigh News and Observer.

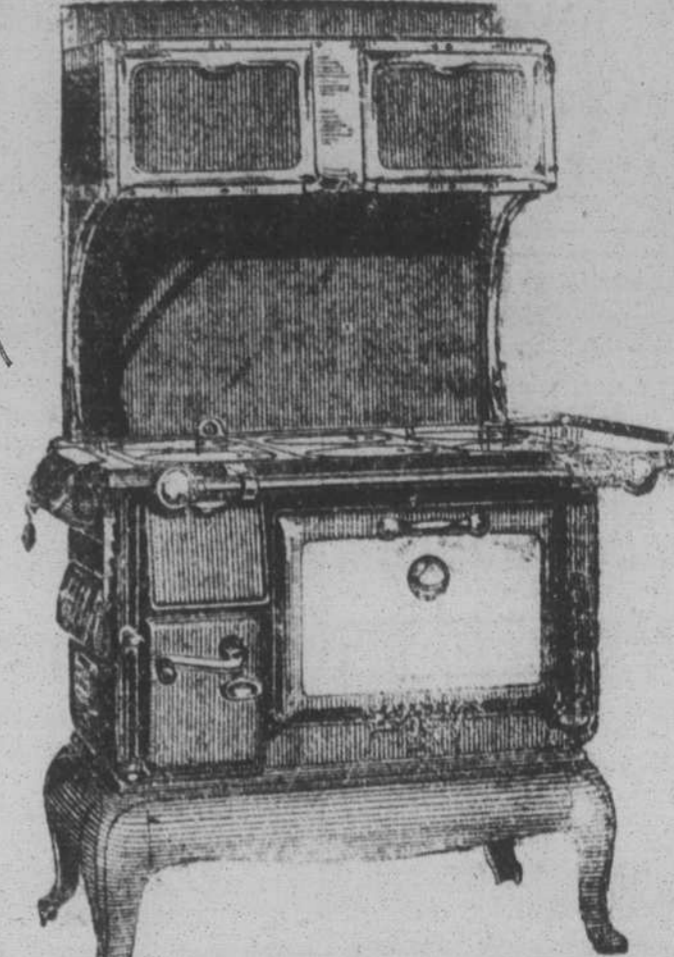
A correspondent of the Charlotte Observer points out that two Republican spellbinders are so opposed to each other that they should go to a singing school and get in tune.

Jake Newell said at Albemarle on September 26: "I tell you there is no panic in this country, though conditions are bad in some localities." On the same date Congressman Charles A. Jonas said: "The business depression as it is world wide and is not the result of the activity or inactivity of any political party."

Jake and Jonas ought to take a day off and learn to sing the same tune. There is business depression or there is not. Which horn of the dilemma will they take? Probably keep on both

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