

# ARKANSAS SOLONS FACE GREAT TASK AT COMING MEET

### Abolition of Several State Boards and Other Changes Are Favored by Governor-Elect McRae.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—A program of economy which would include the abolishing of the state corporation commission, the highway commission, the penitentiary commission and the board of control of the state's eleemosynary institutions, will be presented to the legislature by Arkansas' incoming governor, Governor-Elect McRae, when the general assembly convenes Jan. 10. The governor-elect's program holds chief place of interest among proposed legislative matters, and since many legislators have expressed opposition to the program, a bitter fight is predicted by state officers and by the legislators themselves.

Next in point of interest is the education program to be presented to the legislature. The state board of education is expecting little if any more help from the legislature than it has received in the past and is basing its hope for greater moral support on a proposed constitutional amendment initiated by petition which will be voted on two years hence.

An agricultural educational program, however, will be presented to the legislature looking to the extension of the work of the colleges of this kind now in the state. The program still is in the nebulous stage, but Gov.-Elect McRae has promised his support to legislation looking to the betterment of the College of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas, and the four district agricultural schools of the state. A movement also is on foot to seek provision for the erection of an agricultural and mechanical college separate from the university, to cost several million dollars, but no bill yet has been drawn.

The state board of health, according to its secretary, Dr. C. W. Garrison, will ask the legislature to levy a one mill tax to provide funds for maintaining a full time, trained personnel in every county of the state; to provide for the erection of a state tuberculosis sanatorium; to provide a 16-year program for malaria control; to establish an isolation hospital for venereal and to establish a school for feeble-minded persons.

Other legislation, which it has been announced will be introduced, in addition to numerous local bills, include a proposal to place the national guard on a permanent militia basis, instead of providing for its maintenance by biennial appropriation; to establish a state legal aid bureau for the benefit of improvident litigants; to make anti-speeding laws more stringent and provide for confiscation of automobiles when owners have been convicted of speeding, and to make the old state house in Little Rock a permanent memorial.

The last proposal is sponsored by the American Legion, which is preparing a bill which would provide that the old capitol building be turned over to the legion and kindred organizations for preservation and for use as state headquarters.

# TAX PAYMENTS IN ARKANSAS PROMPT

### Receipts Good Despite Reports of Financial Depression.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—Despite the present financial depression taxpayers of Arkansas paid the final installment of their income tax as promptly as any of the previous installments, A. V. Smith, chief deputy at the internal revenue office, announced recently. Mr. Smith declared that though the list of delinquents would not be completed for several weeks there had been no falling off in collections for the final quarter, which ended Dec. 15.

"These taxes, however, covered incomes earned last year," Mr. Smith added. "Reports on incomes for the present year will not, of course, be filed until early in 1921, and, according to present indications, many merchants will show losses in business."

Mr. Smith said that about 80 per cent of the number of taxable incomes reported at the beginning of the present year for 1919 were below \$5,000 and that more than 5 per cent of the reports filed were for incomes between \$2,000 and \$5,000, but exempt from taxation.

# Reaches Arkansas From Russia After Fight Of 7 Years

(Special to The News Scimitar.) HELENA, Ark., Dec. 24.—After seven years of red tape in applying for a passport, in dodging revolutions, in being captured and recaptured, Mrs. I. Miller and her nine-year-old son have arrived here from Warsaw, Poland. The two came to join their husband and father, who has been here for several years conducting a shoe store.

The fight to come to America began before the great world war. Application was made for passports, but on account of delay and unsettled conditions they were held up until after the outbreak of the war. This, of course, halted all immigration from European countries. Following the signing of the armistice, Mr. Miller secured through the local United States court clerk passports. They were forwarded to Warsaw. On reaching that city the delay had been such that the poles were in possession and declined to honor the papers. When the matter had been adjusted another reverse had come and the Russian Bolsheviks was in charge. Mrs. Miller and son were made prisoners. Two weeks passed and the Poles again held the city, only to lose it to the Lithuanians, who, after two weeks, were driven out by the Poles again.

Mrs. Miller had all of her household goods confiscated along with silverware. All food was taken and the two lived on sunflower seed for seven weeks. At another time they existed for six weeks on five pounds of rye flour which she ground.

Both are overjoyed at being in America and declare it is the only country for the oppressed people of the conflict-torn regions of Europe.

# The Adventures of Ann

## By HAL COFFMAN

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"You were an inspiration and a friend to me," said Ann, addressing the photograph of her dead friend.

**CHAPTER 47.**  
The death of the mysterious woman had been Ann's first experience with the grim reaper. She all must meet some day. It stunned her, and she could not realize that the woman who had been such an intimate companion and friend to her had gone forever. In looking through her effects she could not find a line as to her real name or identity. Of course, she had told Ann a name when they first met, but later Ann had found out that it was not her true one. The only one who really knew was Harwood, and he refused to tell. Ann herself had phoned him—unknown to Betty—and told him of the death of the mysterious woman. Harwood pretended to be greatly

shocked—but was secretly glad. When Ann asked him over the phone if he would arrange for sending her body to her former home for burial he readily agreed.

The mysterious woman had been a great help to Ann in the ways of the world. She had had an excellent education herself. Had traveled the world over and remembered what she had seen. She taught Ann the worthwhile things in life to strive for, and had coached her in many ways that Ann found a great help in after years. She had read nearly every worthwhile book and taught Ann how to profit by them.

And now she was gone forever just as Ann had begun to realize how much she had meant to her. She

also was beginning to look at her immediate surroundings in her own family. Betty and Claire were good, wholesome girls, who had worked hard, without advantages, but who had done the best they could and raised Ann and looked after her since she was a baby. Ann loved them dearly, but was beginning to see there was something else in life besides a hum-drum every-day existence.

That night as she went to bed she stood gazing at the picture of the mysterious woman and said, "You may have been wrong in the accepted ways of the world, but you were an inspiration and good friend to me, and I shall always love you."

(To be continued.)

# TO PRESENT COURT WITH JUDGE LURTON PORTRAIT

### Picture To Be Hung in Courtroom at Knoxville.

(Special to The News Scimitar.) KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—An oil painting of the late Justice Horace Lurton will be presented to the United States district court here. The painting was given to Col. Wm. A. Henderson, of Washington, D. C., just before the death of Judge Lurton, and Colonel Henderson wants the federal court here to have it for the walls.

Colonel Henderson was in the city and spoke to Judge E. T. Sanford about the portrait. Judge Sanford said he would be delighted to accept the portrait for the court, and it will be sent here some time after New Year's. It is in the law office of Colonel Henderson in Washington.

Judge Lurton was a justice on the Tennessee supreme court and later chief justice. He was then made federal judge of the court of appeals at Cincinnati and was afterward made an associate justice of the United States supreme court.

He was born in the neighborhood of Clarksville, Tenn., and is buried there, having died in Atlantic City a few years ago.

Colonel Henderson proposed to make a speech of presentation in January if he can get the painting in that month. He said today that Justice Lurton was a great admirer of Judge Sanford and made certain predictions regarding him, one of which

was that Judge Sanford would "stick to the law" and not go into politics. This has been carried out so far, for Judge Sanford recently announced that he will not be a candidate for the United States attorney-generalship which friends had urged him to work for.

The colonel said Justice Lurton was the highest judge who ever sat in Knoxville and that the painting would be most appropriately located here than at Washington.

# MARRIAGES.

**BATESVILLE, Ark.**—Walter McDowell and Miss Cecil Walbert were married in this city at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Walbert. The Rev. Alonzo Cagle, of the First Baptist church, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell left immediately after the wedding for a honeymoon trip to St. Louis and Shreveport, where they will remain until after the holidays.

**TREZEVAULT, Tenn.**—Clarence R. Williamson, of McMoresville, and Miss Cattie Trawick, of the Eleventh district of this county, were married at the home of the bride's parents. The bridegroom is a well-known young business man of this county and is the son of Mrs. A. C. Williamson, of Henry, Tenn., and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Trawick.

**PONTOTOC, Miss.**—Miss Martha Weatherall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Weatherall, and Charles P. Dunbar were married at the home of the bride yesterday and left on the afternoon train for their future home in Memphis.

**MCCARLEY, Miss.**—Dr. and Mrs. George Irby Redditt, of McCarley, Miss.

announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sunflower, Miss, the wedding to take place at the home of the bride's parents on Dec. 30.

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# Arkansas Divorces Comprise Third Of Marriage Licenses

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—The number of divorces which are being obtained is approximately a third of the number of marriage licenses issued, according to Dr. C. W. Garrison, who recently compiled divorce statistics from every part of the state.

Dr. Garrison said that his investigation has revealed an alarming condition and that he will urge the next legislature to establish a central divorce registration bureau. In this way, he declares, conditions in various localities may be studied with a view to adopting remedial measures.

# HOUSTON BLAMES BONUS FOR DECLINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Market prices of Liberty bonds and other government securities were said by Secretary Houston to be suffering as a result of the continued discussion of the soldiers' bonus and the various legislative measures for the relief of the farmers, such as the revival of

the War Finance corporation. Enactment into law of either of these propositions, the treasury secretary declared, would necessitate flotation by the government of a loan which would add to the amount of government securities now outstanding and cause consequent reaction in the market for government bonds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Compensation for injured seamen and their relatives is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Johnson, a Republican, of California.

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# RICE SPECIALISTS TOUR ARKANSAS COUNTY AREA

DEWITT, Ark., Dec. 24.—A party of rice specialists composed of C. L. Goodrich, of Washington, D. C.; Prof. A. D. McNair, of the college of agriculture, Fayetteville, Ark.; Prof. J. M. Johnson, farm economist, Raleigh, N. C.; Prof. L. D. Stevens, farm economist, of Birmingham, Ala.; Prof. Ray Bryant, farm accounting specialist, Frederick, Okla.; Prof. E. C. Martin, farm specialist, of Bryan, Tex.; and Prof. L. D. Docks, farm accounting specialist, of Raleigh, N. C., has just completed investigating cost of rice production in Arkansas county.

It is generally known that Arkansas county produces more and better rice than any other county in Arkansas and excelled by few if any counties in the South; hence the importance of obtaining valuable data in a section of country where the highest and best scores in rice production obtain.

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