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## Chapel Hill Items.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 10.—The high school activities of the University for this spring are gathering in interest and momentum as the time for the approaching State Wide Contest draws nearer. First among these comes the High School Debating Union, which is carried on under the auspices of the "Di" and "Phi" Literary Societies and the bureau of extension of the University. One hundred and fifty of the leading secondary and high schools of the State have enrolled in the Union and have been arranger in triangles. The triangular debates will be held throughout the State on March 20, and the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup will be held at Chapel Hill on April 3. The query that will be discussed by all of these schools is "Resolved, That the Constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to allow the Initiative and Referendum in State-wide legislation." B

Burlington is in the triangle with Graham and Jamestown.

The second annual inter-scholastic track meet of North Carolina will be held at Chapel Hill on April 3, under the auspices of the Greater Council and the Alumni Athletic Association of the University. Any secondary school in the State is eligible to send representatives to compete in the meet. Eleven events including the usual field and track features will be held. To the school which wins the highest number of points, a championship cup will be awarded, and to the team winning the relay race a cup will be awarded. Every contestant winning a first place in any event will be awarded a silver medal, and every contestant winning a second place will be awarded a bronze medal. All who come to the meet will be entertained by the students of the University, through the county clubs. Among the schools that have already enrolled for this meet are: Raleigh, High Point, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Gatesville, Burlington, Edenton.

The first annual championship contest in baseball for this year is open only to public high schools, city and rural. Any team, representing a public high school, city or rural, that shall have played and won, up to and including May 2, as many as four games from teams representing schools of similar rank, and shall not have been defeated, shall be eligible to enter the preliminary contest. The committee at Chapel Hill, through this elimination contest and the preliminary games which shall be arranged, will settle on the two best teams in the State. These two teams will come to Chapel Hill some time in May to play the championship game. All expenses, including transportation both ways, hotel bills, entertainment on the "Hill," of the two teams thus selected for the final game will be paid by the Alumni Athletic Association of the University, under whose auspices this contest is being held. The committee in charge of this contest is composed of the following members: N. W. Walker, T. G. Trenchard, C. E. Ervin, Oscar Leach, N. J. Cartmell, and E. R. Rankin.

Rev. Bennett Falls Dead While Praying at Grave.

Charlotte, Feb. 7.—Rev. J. L. Bennett died at Marshville, Union County, Friday evening of apoplexy. He had gone from Leno, S. C., to conduct the funeral of A. J. Brooks, and while repeating the Lord's Prayer and while kneeling on the ground, he was 68 years old and a preacher in the Baptist Church since 1870. He was also a Confederate soldier.

## Convict Served in Alamo for Murder in Greensboro.

Greensboro, Feb. 10.—After four and one-half months of tedious and tiresome investigation the authorities have Paul Conwell, alias Ed Robertson, negro, in the Guilford county jail charged with the murder of J. H. Taylor, the West Lee Street groceryman who was slain in his store on the night of September 24, 1913. The negro was brought here yesterday afternoon by automobile from Alamance county.

He had been in custody since October 5, last, having been arrested as a suspicious character ten days after the murder was discovered. At that time he showed unusual anxiety to get back to the Alamance county roads whence he escaped some days before and where he had 17 months more to serve. He has been in the hands of the Alamance authorities ever since, and in the meanwhile the police have been picking up one clue here, another there, and in all a string of clues until they believe that they have full evidence that Conwell is the man who killed Mr. Taylor.

Yesterday morning Chief Ira B. Iseley, Sheriff D. B. Starford and City Prosecutor E. D. Kuykendall left Greensboro by auto for their man. It was necessary to visit the commissioners of Alamance to get their signatures for a release and the party travelled some 100 miles before their man was secure in the strong cell of the Guilford county jail.

Conwell was arrested in October by Officers Glenn and Causey in the Bull Pen on suspicion. Conwell is said to have been especially nervous and almost glad of the chance to get back to the Alamance roads. He had been sentenced there for storebreaking, which appears to have been his profession.

He is wanted now for robbing the express office at Mebane several months ago. At Hickory he is wanted for robbing a jewelry store. He is said to have had a criminal record in other places. Before he was arrested here last fall he was found to have several suits and several pairs of shoes. We was wearing a new suit of clothes when arrested and is said to have told that he secured them from a box car between Greensboro and Raleigh.

He is a trifle over 30 years of age from appearance, and came from Ireland county originally. He has been to several places. He is married and his wife lives in Greensboro.

The crime of which Conwell, alias Robertson is charged was one of the most brutal ever known in Guilford county. J. H. Taylor, proprietor of a small grocery store on West Lee street was discovered on the morning of September 25th, on the floor of his store with two bullet holes in his body, one entering from the front and the other from the rear. He was in his night clothes, and the appearances were that he had been awakened, had gone out to meet an intruder and had been shot with his own gun. The side door was standing open, and there were no clues leading to the criminal.

Many suppositions were advanced at the time. Officers searched out every clue and a thorough investigation of all the surroundings and possibilities was made without any results. Many had given up the case at one of those mysterious ones in which the criminal had been favored by luck as well as by sagacity, and had made good his escape for all time.

The authorities, though withholding their evidence for special reasons, stated last night that they are confident they have the right man.

## AGED NEGRO WOMAN BURIED IN HER HOME.

Greensboro, Feb. 11.—J. P. Staley received a message yesterday from his father, who lives near Siler City, telling him of the fearful death of an aged negro woman at her home near Providence Church, in Chatham county, seven miles from Siler City. The woman, Nancy Patesawie, was buried with her home, which was discovered about 3 o'clock yesterday morning to be on fire.

The house, one room in size, had well burned down before discovered. Neighbors hurried to the scene and found only the embers and the ghostly sight of a few bones in the ashes. Everything was destroyed, and there was no evidence as to how the flames started.

The woman lived alone and was about 75 years of age. So far as it is known there was no reason for anyone burning her, since she had no valuable and was kept up by the neighborhood, which is a quiet one.

## MR. JETTON SPENDS NIGHT IN PRISON.

Coroner Hovis, of Mecklenburg, Commits Davidson Druggist to Custody Without Bail.

Charlotte, Feb. 12.—Mr. Monroe Jetton, the prominent young druggist of Davidson, who shot and killed his fellow-townman, Dr. W. H. Wooten, a leading physician of that community, Tuesday night because, as he said, he had "invaded his home," was committed to jail without bond last night by Coroner Z. A. Hovis, following an inquest held at Davidson that covered the greater part of yesterday. The finding of the coroner's jury was that "W. H. Wooten came to his death by a pistol shot in his left side, the pistol being in the hands of R. M. Jetton at the time of the shooting." It is stated that an effort will be made today by counsel for the prisoner to secure bail, a writ of habeas corpus being sworn out before Judge W. J. Adams, who is here presiding over Mecklenburg Superior Court. It is understood that Mr. Jetton is prepared to give almost any reasonable bond. Messrs. F. I. Osborne and E. T. Canaler have been retained to defend the accused.

The developments of yesterday brought to light the various ramifications of the distressing tragedy, one of the most unfortunate that has occurred in this section of the State within recent years.

## IN A FIT OF JEALOUSY.

"He shot me in a fit of jealousy," declared the wounded man shortly before he died. And then, as though voicing the agonizing appeal, he added: "If he had only given me a chance to explain."

"He ruined my home," was the curt statement of Mr. Jetton, and more than this he would not say. To an Observer man, shortly after his arrival in Charlotte yesterday morning and while in the custody of a special officer, he declared, "I have nothing to say for publication at this time." Mr. Jetton had communicated with counsel and they had advised him to say nothing for the present. Mrs. Jetton was also cautioned and until Judge Osborne arrives this morning, nothing will be given out. Mr. Canaler stated yesterday afternoon that he would confer with Judge Osborne today and that a statement from Mr. Jetton would doubtless be forthcoming shortly thereafter, but that for the present he deemed it inadvisable for anything to be said.

## BROUGHT TO CHARLOTTE.

This unfortunate tragedy was the talk of the city yesterday. Mr. Jetton arrived in Charlotte at 10 o'clock in the custody of Town Marshal J. A. Johnson to whom he had surrendered shortly after the shooting. He was accompanied by Mr. J. R. Caldwell and several intimate friends. Immediately on their arrival in the city, they drove to the court house where the prisoner was turned over to Sheriff N. W. Wallace. A special deputy was then assigned to the duty of guarding him and he was allowed to consult with his counsel, Mr. Canaler. Later he was taken to the Stone-wall Hotel where he spent the remainder of the day. Last night he was carried to the county jail where on the commitment of Coroner Hovis, he will be held until the question of bail is determined.

Having been apprised of the tragedy Tuesday night, Coroner Hovis left early yesterday morning for Davidson to hold an inquest. He quickly impelled a jury consisting of the following citizens: Messrs. F. O. Johnson, C. T. Wally, C. D. Bradford, F. A. Graham, H. D. Winecoff and S. T. Caldwell. An examination of the premises was first made and then the work of the inquiry begun. Coroner Hovis stated that he found the bullet had penetrated the raincoat which Doctor Wooten was wearing at the time of the tragedy about six inches to the left. There were powder burns on the garment to show that the pistol was not held at a great distance when the shot was fired. The coat, vest, shirt and underclothes were all pierced. The bullet entered the chest below the heart and about four inches from the medial line. Mr. Hovis gave it as his opinion and also that of those who examined the wound, that the dead man was standing up when the shot was fired.

The several witnesses were then called. Mr. T. F. Lottery, a neighbor of the Jettons, testified that he heard the shots shortly after 7 o'clock and ran over to learn the trouble. Mr. Jetton and his wife, he said, were standing on the porch, Mr. Jetton seeming

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## Three Deaths from the Cold in New York.

New York, Feb. 12.—The cold snap which yesterday descended on this city and sent the mercury below the zero mark had caused three deaths up to a late hour tonight. The local weather bureau predicted a probable drop to five degrees below zero by morning. The low record today was two below. The maximum was 10 above. Police and hospitals were busy giving aid to those who had been overcome by the cold.

With the coming of the cold spell the unemployed problem of the city again has become pressing. Last night 1,771 homeless were cared for in municipal lodging houses, while in the recently equipped refuge quarters on one of the recreation piers 600 others found shelter. Another 386 were quartered on boats owned by the city. Tonight municipal shelters again were crowded to capacity and many persons had to be turned away. Orders were issued by General Ballington Booth, head of the Volunteers of America, that the halls of the organization should be kept open and that coffee and bread should be given all persons needing it.

Zero weather had no terrors to 36 athletes who today started on the annual Brooklyn-Seagate Marathon. It was a shivering crowd that watched the runners start on their 26 mile journey. Three of the runners were taken to a hospital suffering from cold and exhaustion and two were sent home for the same reason. Only 11 finished.

## Coldest in Washington in 10 Years.

Washington, Feb. 12.—With an area of biting cold centered in New York State and New England a second disturbance today was preparing to sweep northeastward from Texas that threatened to bring snowstorms to the Middle Atlantic territory and rain to the Gulf States.

In western New York the lowest temperatures noted in 10 years were recorded. At several points the mercury reached 24 degrees below zero. In some parts of eastern New York it was the winter's coldest day, with temperatures ranging from 36 to 37 below zero.

In several towns there were the usual number of "cold weather" fires and firemen suffered keenly in fighting the outbreaks.

## Car Robber Taken to Jail.

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—United States Commissioner John Nichols yesterday tried the case of Tally Rogers, the young man who robbed a Seaboard freight car near the city a few weeks ago, and remanded him to jail to await trial at the next term of Federal Court for the trial of criminal cases.

All of the witnesses in the case were present, and the young man admitted that he was guilty of the charges preferred against him. He was offered his liberty in return for a \$500 bond, but this he could not raise, and he was sent to jail.

## Ends His Life on Eve of Marriage.

Charlotte, Feb. 12.—The body of S. M. Mackendree, a business man of Spartanburg, S. C., was found today in a room in a hotel here. A pistol shot wound in the temple and a revolver lying on the floor disclosed the manner of his death. Many letters found in the dead man's room have been taken in charge by the coroner.

Investigation showed that Mackendree was the traveling representative of an Atlanta, Ga., coal company. He also is said to be interested in a coal company in Spartanburg. He had been despondent for several weeks, according to advices here.

## Grafter Hill Given Freedom.

Fayetteville, Feb. 11.—After spending a day and a part of an evening in the lock up here, C. E. Hill, of Atlanta, who, it is alleged, has been making a specialty of victimizing clergymen throughout North Carolina and Virginia, was released by Mayor Underwood. Hill who left Kinston hurriedly after giving a bad check and attempting to fleece an Episcopal rector, came here and borrowed money from Father Gaiagnier of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and tried to work one of the priest's parishioners who informed the police.

When arrested, he gave his name as Edwards, but subsequently admitted his identity, giving Atlanta as his home in each instance. After Hill was released a member of the police force found a paper which the alleged grafter had thrown away on his arrest. It contained the address

## Call Boy Fails Attempt Hold Robber at Spencer.

Spencer, Feb. 12.—A bold robber was foiled in an attempt to plunder and rob the store of C. E. Fesperman in East Spencer early this morning. Two hours before daylight John Lentz, a call boy from the Southern yard office, in making his rounds saw a man approach the front of the store. A few minutes later he heard a crash and looking back saw the robber enter the front of the store from which he had smashed a large plate glass.

Lentz then hurried to the yard office and in company with eight men from the night force, including Gordon Brown, Fencie Pemberton, E. B. Gill, John Praley and others, surrounded the store where the robber was at work. Mr. Fesperman was sent for and rushed to the scene. The robber could be heard at work, and two of the men approached the rear door while Mr. Fesperman and others were looking for a gun.

Finding he was being watched, the robber plunged out the front window and dashed through the crowd, making his escape across town. He was chased for a considerable distance, and officers who went to work on the case early in the morning believe they will locate the robber.

The thief placed a stolen sheet on the floor and had already piled a large quantity of goods on it ready for removal when he was chased out of the building.

## Leaves Money to College.

Rutherford College, Feb. 12.—Miss Mary Ann Fowler died at her home here Tuesday from a complication of diseases. She was more than eighty years old and the last living member of her immediate family. The village in her death loses one of its most loved women.

Miss Fowler donated all her property to Rutherford College. This, amounting to several hundred dollars, will very likely be the first of a series that will be directed towards building a dormitory for girls.

## Blew Off Top of His Own Head.

Danville, Va., Feb. 9.—While arrangements were being made for his removal to an asylum W. J. Hinton, a well-known farmer of Milton, N. C., loaded his double-barrelled shot gun, crept up stairs and blew off the top of his head on Sunday afternoon.

His mind became impaired two weeks ago and he had been watched continually by his family and he made threats last week to take his own life. He leaves a wife and several small children.

## Southern Averse to Giving Up Steamship.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Southern Railway today applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to retain, after July 1, its holdings in the Old Dominion Steamship Company, the Chesapeake Steamship Co., and the Virginia Navigation Co. Under the Panama Canal act, the road would be compelled to sever its connection with all steamship lines unless the commission decides that in the public interest such affiliation may be allowed.

## Democratic Senator is Elected.

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 10.—Henry Vollmer, Democratic candidate for congressman to succeed the late I. S. Pepper, today was elected by about 1,500 plurality. Harry E. Hull, Republican candidate, ran second and C. P. Hanley, Progressive, third. The Progressive vote was about one third of the Republican figures.

## Death of Miss Mary Denny.

The remains of Miss Mary Denny were brought to Burlington Wednesday morning for burial. She died at her home at Raleigh. Rev. A. B. Kendall, of this place, had charge of the burial. She was related to a number of friends in this town and county, being the sister of Mrs. Ernest Murray.

## Death of Levi Jeffreys.

Levi Jeffreys, a respectable colored man from near McCrays, died Wednesday morning. He was about 75 years old and a good old darkey. He was one of the leaders in his church and neighborhood. He leaves an estate valued at fifteen or twenty thousand dollars, all of which he accumulated by hard work and economy. Quite different from the average man of his race he was buried in a casket with a metallic case.

Car of Cabbage, Apples, Banannas, and Peatoes, at Merchants' Supply Co.

## Great Sunday School Worker Coming to Burlington.

Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, of Chicago, superintendent of the Elementary Division of the International Sunday School Association, will arrive in Burlington next Sunday afternoon and address a Union Mass Meeting at Front Street Methodist Church "Sunday night, beginning at 7:30. Burlington is exceedingly fortunate



in getting this distinguished woman of international reputation to stop here for an address.

Mrs. Bryner is passing through North Carolina on her way to Lynchburg, Va., to attend the Virginia State Sunday School Convention. She is now at Anderson, S. C., attending the South Carolina State Sunday School Convention.

Mrs. Bryner travels throughout North America and represents in her division 40 per cent. of the Sunday School army of the continent.

Some years ago she wrought out a system of Sunday school organization in Mexico that was so state-manlike that it appeared to diplomatic minds as a masterpiece.

Mrs. Bryner will be accompanied by J. Walter Long, general secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Mrs. E. R. Michaux, Superintendent Elementary Division of the same, both of Greensboro.

## When the Bottle is Labeled.

First New York Sport—Will you have a skull julep, Bill?

Second New York Sport—No, I think I'll try a crossbones cobbler.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## Another Hard-Luck Tale Meets With Cool Reception.

Fayetteville, Feb. 12.—Today another stranger "working" preachers was taken into custody here and was given until 3 o'clock to leave town by Reorder Oates.

The man who designated himself as John E. Roe, went with a hard-luck tale to Rev. W. B. Royall, pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church. The minister phoned to the police. Roe could not furnish satisfactory account of himself before the recorder and was given privilege of extending his travels.

It was learned today that E. C. Hill, who was taken here Tuesday while working the same game and is wanted in South Boston, Va., for forgery, is said to have "touched" B. F. Huske of Christ Church, Newbern, for \$14 in that city a few days ago.

## Child Taken in Auto.

Orlando, Fla., Feb. 12.—Authorities late today began search for an automobile party which shortly before noon took Catherine McCallie, five years old, from the home of her aunt here. Two men and a heavily veiled woman were in the party, according to witnesses who were playing with Catherine. She was forcibly taken into the car. The woman is said to have been the child's mother.

Catherine McCallie is the daughter of Edward McCallie, of Chattanooga, and was here for a visit. Her parents were divorced several years ago. Mr. McCallie being awarded the custody of the child.

## Held on Assault Charge.

Salisbury, Feb. 12.—Charged with an assault upon a young white woman, Bryce Butler, aged about 16 years, was locked up in Salisbury Wednesday night in default of a bond of \$250. The young woman charged that Butler assaulted her on one of the streets in Salisbury and the magistrate who heard the complaint believed her story and sent the young man to jail to await trial in Rowan Superior Court.

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