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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

Mrs. Ida Hall Warren and Samuel Christy Will Not Sit in the Electric Chair.

Raleigh, March 21.—The death sentence imposed upon Mrs. Ida Hall Warren, the first woman ever sentenced in North Carolina to die in the electric chair, was commuted to life imprisonment today by Governor Craig.

The Governor also commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Samuel Christy, convicted with Mrs. Warren for the murder of her husband.

Governor Craig's statement in part follows:

"There is no escape from the conclusion that this woman Ida Hall Warren, is guilty of murder, deliberate and premeditated, conceived and executed in determined wickedness fully sustained by the evidence; the sentence of the court is fixed by the statute. But, as Governor of the State of North Carolina, it is not my judgment that the majesty of the law demands that this woman shall be put to death. I cannot contemplate with approval that this woman unworthy and blackened by sin though she be, shall be shrouded in the ceremonies of death, dragged along the fatal corridor and bound in the chair of death. The spy, in all countries has been punished with death. German executed the woman spy. England did not. The action of the military governor of Belgium was condemned by the conscience of the world. The killing of this woman would send a shiver through North Carolina. Humanity does not apply to woman the inexorable law that it does to man. This may arise from misconceived sentimentality; it may arise from the deep instincts of the race.

"The participation of Christy in this murder makes more difficult the question presented to me. He too is guilty.

"Since life has been spared to her, Christy too must escape death.

"This action is in accord with my conception of the just and humane

commenced by many of the strongest wisest and best people. Many good men do not approve of any commutation of the judgment of the court. The responsibility of the decision rests with me."

BELIEVES HARNETT WILL GO DEMOCRATIC THIS YEAR

The next election in Harnett will be so overwhelmingly Democratic that the Republicans who now hold office there will hardly have nerve to run again, is the belief of Hon. Charles Ross, twice representative in the lower house of the North Carolina Legislature and now chairman of the Democratic executive committee in Harnett.

Mr. Ross was here yesterday en route to his home at Lillington from a visit to eastern towns of the State. He said he warring factions of Harnett Democracy had about settled, their differences, agreed not to rock the boat and were lining up for the most aggressive fight they had ever made.—News and Observer.

THREE INJURED WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Fayetteville, March 19.—Richard Wade, of Dunn, was severely but not seriously injured about the head, W. F. Wade, his father, was bruised and Sam Odum of Goldsboro, was cut in the head, when an automobile on which the men were riding turned turtle on Person street yesterday afternoon. The breaking of the steering gear of the machine caused the accident. The men were rushed to a hospital it being at first thought that Richard Wade's skull was fractured. But it was stated at the hospital this morning that such was not the case and the young man was doing very well.

Linden Lost to Bunnelevel.

Bunnelevel, N. C., March 18.—Linden lost the second inter-school debate to Bunnelevel last night after a hard fight. Each of the representatives from the two schools did honor to themselves and to their community and school. This is the second inter-school debate that Bunnelevel has won over Linden.

The judges were Professor Hare, Superintendent of the Lillington city school; Professor C. C. Davidson, principal of the Fayetteville City School, and Miss Esther Turlington, of Turlington, N. C.

The speakers were: For Linden, Misses Paunes Smith and Pearl Adams. For Bunnelevel—Misses Vira and Elva Byrd. The question discussed was: "Resolved, That the Women of North Carolina Should have equal suffrage."

THORNTON STORE SOLD TODAY FOR \$36,500

B. Fleishman & Bros. the Purchasers Through Smith & Sandrock

B. Fleishman & Bros. today bought the large three-story brick department store of F. W. Thornton on Hay street. This building is without doubt the best located, most commodious and best arranged stand for a large dry goods, clothing and general merchandising business in the city. The price paid was \$36,500.

The deal was made through Smith & Sandrock, real estate brokers, auctioneers and insurance agents. The Messrs. Fleishman will in their new building conduct a much larger and more extensive business than at present.—Fayetteville Observer, 21st.

DR. CULLOM TO LECTURE BEFORE MISSION CONVENTION

Wake Forest, March 19.—Dr. W. R. Cullom, of the school of Bible in Wake Forest College, left this afternoon for Fort Worth, Texas, to attend the Baptist student Missionary Convention which convenes from March 22 to 26. Dr. Cullom was accompanied by Dr. B. W. Spilman.

While there Dr. Cullom will make two addresses before the convention, one on "The Baptist Ideal in Education" and the second on "The Christian Opportunity of the Present Generation." He will also lead a conference on the study of the Bible and missions in Baptist colleges and universities. From Fort Worth Dr. Cullom will go to Waco, Texas, where he will speak before the students of Baylor University.

Dr. E. C. Dargan, pastor of the First Baptist church, Macon, Ga., who was recently extended a call to the pastorate of the Wake Forest Baptist church, has declined the call, stating in his letter to Dr. E. W. Sykes, which was read at church Sunday morning, that he regretted very much that he was unable to accept.

Duke, March 1.—Tuesday night the Methodist congregation founded their minister, Rev. W. L. Maness. To be sure that the minister and his wife would be at home, Mr. W. H. Crawford called at an early hour and remained until the party arrived. The congregation met at the church and lined up placing a small boy in the lead and following him were the other children and the older people came behind. They marched into the dining room at the parsonage and delivered their pounds on the minister's table. The crowd was so large that part had to go in at the time, and those on the outside waited for their turn. Many household articles were left for the minister and his wife. The appreciation and embarrassment were about equal.

Friday night at the home of her sister, Mrs. Felix McKay, Miss Eliza Green entertained in the form of a book party. Each person invited was asked to wear something indicating the name of a book. After the guests arrived much merriment and amusement were derived from the guessing contest as to what the various costumes and apparel resembled. Miss Anna Powell was the lucky guesser, and took the prize. Other games and amusements were entered into. The refreshments were a salad course with coffee. Lucy Dupree, Bettie Pearl Flemming, Nancy Kate Long, Nell Broome, Rosa Wyche, Anna Powell, Edith McKay, Eunice Elliott. The gentlemen were Prof. B. F. Dalton, Messrs R. S. Kelly, S. T. Daniels, W. A. White, E. C. Weisner and Dr. H. L. Williamson.

Rev. W. Marvin Huggins of Newbern, filled the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning. There is a strong probability that he will be called to the church.

Masonic Funeral Services

The funeral services of Brother L. W. Taylor, a deceased brother Master Mason of this lodge will be held at the family cemetery about one mile from town Sunday April 2nd at 11 o'clock A. M. All Master Masons both of this and adjoining lodges as well as the public at large are cordially invited to attend these services.

R. L. DENNING, Sec'y Palmyra Lodge No. 147.

Enrico Visconti, an Italian subject and one of the best known foreign ranchers in Mexico, was murdered by Mexican bandits on his ranch at Encinillas, Chihuahua, last week. The matter has been taken up with the State Department at Washington, by the Italian Ambassador.

Mrs. John Hodges returned Sunday afternoon from a visit to Clayton, where she was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Stallings.

TO CARRY EVERY COUNTY DECLARES GODWIN

Asserts People Want Him and He Will Get It in First Primary.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—After reading over the last of several thousand letters received during the past two weeks from the voters of the Sixth Congressional District, expressing their satisfaction with his services, Congressman Godwin this afternoon declared he felt quite confident of re-election.

"I am satisfied that my re-nomination is assured," said Mr. Godwin. "Judging from the information I am receiving from every section of the Sixth District the people have made up their minds not to make any change at this critical period. They appear to be well satisfied with my services and the stand I have taken with the President and are determined not to turn down a man of experience and service for a man who has no experience, simply because the contestant wants the job. 'I feel sure I shall be nominated in the first primary and there will be no second primary. I will carry every county in the district.'"

Mr. Godwin said that the letters he has received by the thousands in reply to a circular letter, sent out by him asking the opinion of the voters have clearly indicated he is their choice and will be renominated at the first primary, on June 8.

President Lansing.

Because March 4 next year, falls on Sunday, Henry M. Ross, assistant secretary of the United States Senate, figures out that no matter who may be chosen the next President, Robert Lansing, if then Secretary of State, will be President of the United States pro tempore for about 24 hours if precedents are followed. The presidential term and the session of Congress will terminate on Sunday, March 4, 1917. The inauguration of the new President, according to custom, will take place on Monday, March 5. Under a precedent, the Secretary of State is first designated to act until this office is again legally filled. Under this provision, from noon of Sunday March 4 next, until the President elect has taken the oath of office the following day—usually between noon and one o'clock—Secretary Lansing will be "acting President of the United States." Never before has any Secretary of State thus temporarily held the chief office of the Nation.

Baraca-Philathia Convention

What promises to be one of the greatest conventions ever held by the North Carolina Baraca and Philathia organizations will meet in Goldsboro, April 27-30. Unusually strong speakers and leaders have been secured to take part on the program. Miss Henrietta Heron, of High, Ill., first Vice-President of the World-Wide Baraca-Philathia Union and editor of the popular Sunday School paper, "The Young Men's Class Weekly" and the Young Ladies Class Weekly, published by the Davis C. Cook Publishing Co. has been secured to make a number of addresses and to lead in some discussions. Miss Heron is a Sunday School worker of broad reputation and the fact that she has attended similar conventions in North Carolina before will insure a large delegation, because those who have heard her once will want to hear her again. She is an authority on Sunday School work and her coming will mean much to the cause of Baraca and Philathia in North Carolina.

Dr. Chas. D. Bula, of Nashville, Tenn., Superintendent of the Wesleyan Adult Class Department of the A. E. Church South will be one of the principal speakers of the convention. Dr. Bula's efforts in the interest of the Adult Bible Class work is well known throughout southern Methodism. For a number of years he has been conspicuously connected with the Sunday School work of the Methodist church in the South and the North Carolina Baraca and Philathia organizations are indeed fortunate in having secured his valuable services.

A number of other able speakers some of them of nation-wide reputation have been secured. All Baraca and Philathia classes are entitled to send as many delegates as they wish, and pastors, superintendents and all others interested in more efficient Sunday school are extended a most cordial invitation to attend.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deeds have been filed in the office of Register of deeds for registration since March 1:

B. F. Wiggins and wife to J. D. Upchurch and B. F. Wiggins, 1-4 acre in Bule's Creek; consideration \$110.

H. C. McKay to J. Marks, 162 acres in Johnsonville township; consideration, \$1,000.

E. S. Smith to E. K. Baggett, E. S. Smith home place in Lillington; consideration, \$1,500.

A. J. Fletcher, trustee to R. M. Mann, 50 acres in Black River township; consideration, \$1,000.

Franklin T. Dupuy, commissioner to R. D. Overby, 100 acres in Angier; consideration, \$100.

Franklin T. Dupuy, commissioner, to D. W. Denning, 100 acres in Angier; consideration, \$100.

J. N. Fuquay and wife to D. W. Sherrill, 20 acres in Lillington township; consideration, \$1,000.

R. D. Overby and wife to D. W. Denning, one lot in Angier; consideration, \$100.

S. W. Williams and wife to J. A. Hockaday, one lot in Angier; consideration, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

J. N. Fuquay and wife to D. W. Sherrill, 20 acres in Lillington township; consideration, \$1,000.

N. McLaughlin and wife to A. F. Young, lots Nos. 1 and 8 in Block "2" in Lillington; consideration, \$147.

A. F. Crismon, commissioner, to J. Johnson, 20 acres in Grove township; consideration, \$200.

W. F. White and wife to O. S. Young, quit claim 100 acres in Grove township; consideration, \$1 and other considerations.

John McArthur and wife to H. T. Spears, quit claim 100 acres in U. L. R. township; consideration, \$200 and other valuable considerations.

Jose Altkman and wife to J. Jerry McKay, 33 acres in Lillington township; consideration, \$400.

W. W. Allen and wife to H. H. McArthur, 3 1/2 acres in Buckhorn township; consideration, \$200.

PERSHING REPORTS HE IS NEAR VILLA BAND

Washington, March 21.—Gen. Pershing, leading the American expeditionary forces in Mexico, reported to the war department that he had today reached a point near Villa and his outlaws. It was made clear in the dispatch that Gen. Pershing believed the troops of the de facto government were co-operating in the bandit hunt and that it is quite possible Villa may be trapped.

Noted Violinist Coming.

The following account is taken from the News and Observer concerning Mr. Ed Stallings' recitals given in the college auditorium:

"Wilson, Jan. 22.—The concert last Thursday given by Mr. Stallings, violinist, was highly appreciated by all who were present. He was assisted by Miss Harriet Settle, mezzo soprano; Miss Ruth Hardy, lyric soprano, and Miss Maude Bowen, alto.

"Mr. Stallings is a talented young musician recently returned from New York where he studied with Jan Munkacsy, and also played with Stowis' Symphony Orchestra. He plays with splendid technique and taste. His selections were of a high order, and executed with a style and expression that could not fail to appeal to the most discriminating musician. He was compelled to respond to hearty encores after every number.

"The auditorium was filled with the representative people of Wilson and the program was one of the most classical ever given here."

Rev. S. W. Oldham.

There is great regret at the departure of Rev. S. W. Oldham and family from Dunn. He has accepted the call to Salisbury and will move at an early date. We pray that the Lord's blessings may continually show upon his abode. He has been our pastor upon whom we count always for co-operation in every effort to move forward in the Association. We shall miss him in our midst and hope he will find time to take up his work in the little river record.

F. Morris, 3 lots in Angier; consideration, \$1,200.

Albert Hickey and wife to Mary C. Fuller, 22 acres in Barbecue township; consideration, \$10 and other considerations.

A. D. Guate and wife to G. W. Partin, one lot in Coats; consideration, \$25.

F. B. Cooper and wife to Willie M. Pope, Lot 8, Block "F" in Dunn; consideration, \$1,250.

Frank McLeod to Jas. E. Johnson, 7-10 acres in Black River township; consideration, \$180.

W. R. King and wife to J. E. Williams, 40 acres in Black River township; consideration, \$200.

W. H. Rowland and wife to L. C. Dupree, 1-2 interest in 77 acres in Black River township; consideration, \$500.

K. A. Stewart to Willie Pope, 3 acres in Averasboro township; consideration, \$100 and other considerations.

S. W. Williams and wife to J. A. Hockaday, one lot in Angier; consideration, \$10 and other considerations.

DREADFUL TRAGEDY IN GREENSBORO, N. C.

Man Thought to Be Temporarily Insane Shoots and Kills His Four Children and then Slays Self.

Greensboro, March 21.—Believed by the authorities to have been temporarily insane, Daniel G. Patterson formerly yard master here for the Southern Railway, early today shot and killed his four children and himself. Louise, aged 16; Frances, aged 9; and Cowles, aged 7, were instantly killed as they slept. Gordon, aged 11, had arisen and was dressing when his father, entering the room shot and fatally wounded the lad. He died several hours later.

After shooting the children Patterson went to his wife's room on the first floor of the home and told her not to worry that the children were all right. Mrs. Patterson had been awakened by the reports of the gun. Patterson then reloaded the weapon, went to another part of the house and shot himself, dying instantly. Mrs. Patterson, who was the children's stepmother, discovered the bodies a few moments later.

A will and testament, believed to have been written by Patterson several hours before the tragedy, appointed a brother at Liberty, N. C., guardian of any of the children that might survive.

Business Men Offer the Prizes.

We have mentioned the question of prizes to only a few of the business men in the county. Only one firm has responded that they did not have anything they could give. We appreciate the spirit manifested in this for it is truly encouraging to find people ready to help in an important movement. The following have been waited on and have made contributions:

The Bank of Coats, Bank of Cape Fear, and J. W. Jordan will give gold medals. The First National Bank, Mr. P. F. Pope, and the Harnett Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will each give \$2.50 in gold. The Board of Education will give thirty single desks. Hood and Grantham will give a patent pencil sharpener and Wilson Lee a blackboard. The business men of Lillington will give the trophy and prizes for the athletic contests. Other prizes will be announced next week. Twenty-eight prizes are to be given.

UNIVERSITY NEWS LETTER
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In North Carolina high schools from Manteo and Dare counties in the East to Murphy and Cherokee counties in the West, over two thousand young debaters worked on this subject for many weeks. The occasion is the annual triangular contests of the High School Debating Union and each of the two thousand debaters was spurred on by the desire to represent his high school in the triangular contest. Each school has five and two to ten boys, and now the ultimate hope of each team to win the Aycock Memorial Cup.

The schools winning out in the triangular contests will send their teams to Chapel Hill. There, two teams will be selected to participate in the final debate which is to be held Thursday evening, April 15.

Only six counties in North Carolina have no representatives in the contest. These are: Brunswick, Clay, Graham, Hoke, Madison and Watauga. Five of these are situated either in the extreme East or extreme West; the sixth is in the Piedmont section.

April 14 to 15, the date of the final debate at Chapel Hill, will also be the date of the fourth inter-scholastic track meet; and the first annual inter-scholastic high school tennis tournament. The track meet will be held on the new Emerson Field, which is to be formally opened April 30, the Carolina-Virginia baseball game. Among the schools already enrolled for the track meet are: Friendship, Graham, High Point, Burlington, Hillsboro, Piedmont, Siler City, Huntersville, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh and Charlotte. Friendship has won the meet twice; if it wins this year, the Friendship boys will carry the cup home for good. Among the schools contesting in the Tennis Tournament are Greensboro, Trinity Park School, Chapel Hill, Normal College High School and Raleigh.

Beautiful Surroundings.

Nothing adds more to the farm than beautiful flowers, shrubs and trees. The varied colors, hues and delightful fragrance of flowers; the cool green of the swaying foliage; the restfulness and beauty of a well-kept lawn—all of these add to the value of the home and elevate the esthetic side of the inhabitants.

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Make plans to make the farm more endearing to the boys and girls. Prepare a lawn, plant out trees and shrubbery, for beautiful surroundings are strong links that bind the young folks to the old home.—C. J. Hayden.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

People in the County Interested in The County Commencement.

If we may judge by reports coming to this office and by conversations with people over the county we shall expect the largest crowd at Lillington April 7th that ever assembled in the County. Nearly every school in the county will be largely represented and many expect to bring the entire enrollment. In addition to the address by Dr. Poter there will be the various contests presentation of prizes, and the awarding of certificates to pupils who complete the seventh grade. People who stay at home will miss the encouragement and enthusiasm to be gained by attending the most interesting event that takes place in the county. The people in Lillington would be glad to furnish lunch to those who attend but since we are expecting the number to run well up in the thousands this seems practically impossible. It will be easy to bring lunch and we think this the best solution of the dinner problem.

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Use Pecans for Shade Trees.

Every farmer of the coastal region who has not planted pecan trees is not living up to his best opportunities. There is no shade or lawn tree to be found anywhere that is handsomer than the pecan tree, and none that better sets off farm buildings and makes a place home-like, attractive and salable. But besides being thing of beauty, a pecan tree is a good revenue producer, which will add materially to farm proceeds. The pecan will grow on any land of the South that will produce good corn or cotton. The trees should be set not less than 50 feet apart. The wide middles between the rows can be used to advantage for the raising of a variety of cultivated crops. The fertilizer and cultivation given these inter-crops will keep the pecans a thrifty and growing condition.

After four or five year the trees will be showing a few nuts, and by the time they are ten or twelve years old they will be able to use all the land and give paying crops for it.—The Progressive Farmer.