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Capt. Richard Finner Yarborough

Another of the land-marks has been removed. Once again the ranks of the "Old Guard" have been invaded and one of its members taken. At his home in Louisburg, on the night of April 25, 1910, at the ripe age of seventy-six years, Captain Richard Finner Yarborough entered into that rest for which he has waited for ten years past.

We are still so close to the tragic event, and our hearts are so sore to write of this man as he was. To get the true perspective of man whose life has exercised a large influence upon a community, one must wait long enough after the passing, to be able to calmly sum up his virtues, and make proper appraisal of them as assets of citizenship. At this moment we write of him under the stress of genuine sorrow, and with the sense of personal bereavement yet very poignant within us.

Captain Yarborough was born on January 29, 1834, at Louisburg. His ancestry was of gentle blood, and his long life illustrated to the full the value of such heritage. On August 4, 1859, he was married to Miss Eleanor Foster, who survives him. Of the marriage there were born nine children, of whom seven are living. At the breaking out of the war Captain Yarborough entered the service as 2nd lieutenant. At the death of his brother, John, which occurred early in the war, he resigned and was at once elected Captain of the Home Guards, from which he derived his title, and as such, during the last years of the war, he saw much active service. He was a man of approved courage, a good disciplinarian, and made an excellent soldier.

At the close of the war, which had wrecked his fortune he began life anew, and until the end came, in prosperity and in adversity, through good fortune, evil fortune alike, he bore himself gallantly and well, as became a gentleman. Capt. Yarborough was a man of intense convictions. There was nothing of the dilettante about him. For him there were certain great principles in life which fixed about which to doubt would be disloyalty, to falter would be sin. He had for the truth a passionate devotion; he loved the truth for the truth's sake. His scorn of shame and deceit and falsehood was unutterable, and his regard for the true and the genuine was to him a religion. His hatred of a lie, and all things that were akin to it was so bitter as to make him unwilling to even hear excuses or listen to apologies.

Himself possessed of a high order of intellect, which especially during his latter years he had cultivated by constant reading, he indulged an admiration for lofty thought and pure diction, amounting to absolute reverence. He was instinctively a gentleman. Superadded to his intense love of truth and justice, and his fiery scorn of falsehood and deceit, was an almost errorless instinct for the nicer and finer things of life. To sum it all up, he was a splendid example of the best type of the antebellum Southern gentleman. Higher praise may not be spoken. He taught us many things, not the least of which was to meet death quietly, calmly and fearlessly. For more than a year in his home he has sat waiting, looking into the eyes of the great enemy, and his face has not blanched nor his nerve broken under the long strain. As became a brave man whose heart knew not fear, he went out to meet the enemy smiling and unafraid.

He was a golden hearted gentleman. God rest his gallant soul.

Funeral of Capt. R. F. Yarborough

The funeral services of Capt. R. F. Yarborough were held from St.

Paul's Episcopal church on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. John London, where a large crowd of friends and relative of the family had gathered to pay their last respects to the dead. The chancel had been beautifully decorated with flowers and after the arrival of the body the choir sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and "The Haven of Rest." Mrs. E. S. Ferd beautifully sang "Calvary," after which the remains were taken to the cemetery where the service was completed. At the grave the choir sang "How Firm a Foundation" and "The Christians Good Night." The pall bearers were as follows: Honorary—F. N. Egerton, J. S. Barrow, C. W. Raney, A. S. Strather. Active—F. S. Spruill, J. M. Allen, W. H. Allen, G. W. Ferd, J. J. Barrow, L. L. Jeyner, L. P. Hicks, P. A. Reavis.

The long procession and the many beautiful flowers spoke in the highest terms of the love and friendship that he enjoyed from his fellowmen.

Annual Address

We are requested to state that Hon. T. M. Pittman, of Henderson, has accepted the invitation to deliver the annual address of Mapleville Academy on Wednesday morning, May 4th, at 11 o'clock. The concert will be held in the Academy building that night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Hon. B. F. Aycooke Dead

The news of the sudden death of Hon. Benjamin Franklin Aycooke, a member of the Corporation Commission of North Carolina, which occurred at his home at Fremont on Tuesday night, brought sadness to the entire State. He was a brother of ex-Governor Ohas. B. Aycock and in his death North Carolina loses one of its best citizens. Heart trouble was the cause of his death, which came without warning, and he passed away while sitting talking with his family about 8:30 o'clock. He was apparently in better health the day before than he had been in some time.

Jones-Mitchner

On Wednesday morning April 27th at the home of her father Mr. J. R. Mitchner, of Franklinton, Miss Eula Mitchner became the bride of Mr. William Goodman Jones, of Wilmington. The parlor in which the ceremony was performed was beautifully decorated in roses and ferns, and softly lighted by many candles. On the walls hung pictures painted by the bride who is an artist of much taste.

Miss Sallie V. Harris, cousin of the bride, played the wedding march to which the bridal party entered.

First came Misses Elizabeth Bagley, of Jackson, N. C. with Miss Ella Harris wearing white batiste. Following came Messrs. B. S. King and Jim Mitchner. The groom came after these alone, then the maid of honor Misses Evie Belle Mitchner, sister of the bride, and Miss Mamie Jones, sister of the groom, both of whom were gowned in pale blue and carried pink carnations. The bride, tastily and becomingly attired in a tailored suit of champagne venetian cloth with hat to match, entered alone and joined the groom at the altar. She carried brides roses and lilies of the valley. Rev. Mr. Stamps assisted by Rev. Mr. Justice impressively read the ceremony that made them man and wife. At its conclusion the congratulations and good wishes of the many friends and relatives present were extended the happy couple who drove to Franklinton to take the North-bound train for a trip to Washington and other cities.

Miss Mitchner is the daughter of Mr. J. R. Mitchner, and has, since entering young womanhood, been much loved and admired for her many sterling traits of char-

acter and her sweetness of manner and disposition.

Mr. Jones holds a responsible position on the railroad with headquarters at Wilmington. He is a deservedly popular young man with all who know him. He is the son of Rev. James R. Jones, of Franklin County. The presents of which this happy young couple were the recipients were many and beautiful and bespoke the high esteem in which they both were held.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were passed by the Bar of Franklin County upon the resignation of Hon. O. H. Guion, Judge of the Superior Court:

Whereas the Bar of Franklin county has been advised of the resignation of Hon. Owen H. Guion, of the Superior Court of North Carolina, to take effect at the end of this, the April term, 1910, of Franklin Superior Court so that this is the last court which he will hold in the State; and whereas it has been the pleasure of the Bar to conduct with Judge Guion a term of the Court in that close relationship existing between the bench and the bar which gives such opportunity to measure the man and officer presiding over the court; and whereas after such measurement of the man and officer we desire to express to the people at large our estimate of Judge Guion; therefore be it,

Resolved, that we as individuals feel a personal loss in the resignation of Judge Guion from the bench of the State and while we will always have pleasant memories of his association with us as the man, lawyer and judge, it is with deep regret that we will from the nature of our several situation have less intercourse with him in the future, and that we cannot look forward to having him preside over our courts for a longer term.

Resolved further that as a Bar, in the estimate of lawyers of a lawyer, who by virtue of his office presides over the court, we esteem and held Judge Owen H. Guion to be one of the ablest, most impartial, learned, industrious and courteous judges that has ever adorned the Superior Court bench of North Carolina, a Judge who in the conduct of his courts presided with an ease and dignity which impressed all people and yet, without undue hurrying of counsel or driving of officers and attendants, dispatched the business of the court with a rapidity which delighted the tax payers who bear the burdens of maintaining the same. That we admire his clear cut rulings, supported always by reason and authority in such convincing manner as to take away the sting of being defeated before the court, that we applaud his clear, concise, plain and yet thorough manner of charging a jury which always gave to the jury a clear idea of the law applicable to the issues and enabled them to arrive at a verdict with intelligence.

Resolved further, that the State suffers a distinct loss in the retirement of Judge Guion from the Superior Bench for it thus loses one of its most conscientious, affable and impartial jurists, one who has upheld in an admirable way the power and dignity of the courts of North Carolina and administered justice with an even hand.

Resolved further, that as we reach the conclusion of this the last court which Judge Guion will hold, we express to him our individual and collective sincere regret that he will no longer serve the State as a jurist and as he returns to the practice of our beloved profession in the language of my lord Coke. And for a farewell to our jurisprudent we wish unto him the gladsome light of jurisprudence, the loveliness of temperance, the stability of fortitude and the solidity of justice.

Personal.

W. M. Person went over to Kirtrell Monday.

J. W. Mann, of Sanford, visited relatives in town the past week.

C. E. Garton passed through town Monday en route to Greensboro.

Mrs. S. B. Parker, of Newberne, is visiting at Mr. D. F. McKinnie.

J. M. Person and wife visited her people at Avenon the past week.

Mrs. John A. Tucker, of Greensboro, is visiting her people here.

Mrs. T. W. Watson, of Jacksonville, is visiting her people in town.

Mrs. Mattie Hawkins, of Pittsboro visited friends in Louisburg the past week.

Mr. R. S. White and wife, of Raleigh, visited his people here the past week.

Mr. O. C. Gregory, of Greenville, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mrs. J. T. Mills and children, of Manson, are visiting relatives in Louisburg.

Dr. E. S. Green, of Littleton, was the guest of his people a few days the past week.

Miss Martha Mann returned Monday from a visit to Fort Moultrie South Carolina.

Mr. R. A. Bobbitt, arrived home this week from a trip through the Southern States.

W. D. Morris returned Monday from Goldsboro where he had been to visit his wife.

Mrs. D. E. McKinn, of Princeton, is visiting her sons, Messrs. F. B. and D. F. McKinn.

Miss Elva Jones left Saturday for Raleigh to attend a graduating recital at Peace Institute.

J. E. Williams, who has been attending a business college at Raleigh returned home Monday.

Miss Annie Foster, of Laurel, who has been visiting Mrs. C. V. Strickland, returned home Sunday.

Mr. H. D. White, wife and daughter, Miss Josephine, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with his people here.

Mrs. W. E. Foster, of Raleigh, was in town Wednesday to attend the funeral of Capt. R. F. Yarborough.

Miss Annie Stallings, of Castala, passed through town Wednesday en route to Franklinton to visit friends.

Judge Coke came home and spent several days the past week. He left Sunday for Jacksonville to hold court.

Dr. A. H. Fleming left Wednesday for Spartanburg, S. C., where he has been invited to attend a meeting of the Piedmont Dental Society.

Aaron Deitz left last week for Baltimore to visit his family and to purchase the spring and summer stock of clothing for his store here.

Mr. J. L. Palmer and wife returned Saturday from Richmond where Mrs. Palmer had been receiving treatment. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she is much improved.

Mrs. B. H. Alford, Mrs. Jack Collins and Roger Collins, of Nashville, accompanied Miss Ellice Alford, who has been visiting relatives in Nashville, home and spent Sunday in Louisburg.

Mr. Jno. A. Tucker, of Greensboro, arrived in Louisburg Saturday. He is on his return from Norfolk where he has been to make the necessary arrangements for opening the Virginia Bay Hotel at Ocean View again this summer.

The Fireman's Fire Insurance Company Elects Officers.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the North Carolina Fireman's Fire Insurance Company in this city the organization of the company was pertected by the election of officers

and a board of directors for the first year. Though the capital stock was fully subscribed for it developed that a majority was not held by the active firemen of the State and as it was deemed very important that the firemen should control the policy of the company, it was decided to reopen the books of the company for thirty days longer in order to allow them to increase their subscriptions, which will almost surely be done. The stockholders present in person and proxy elected the following board of directors: Jas. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville; E. L. Clarke, of Greensboro; Joe. F. Taylor, of Washington; Jas. A. Turner, of Louisburg; S. G. Bernard, of Ashville; T. V. Moseley, of Kinston; M. M. Miller, of Concord; C. A. Meser, of Hickory; R. C. Taylor, of Winston.

The board of directors thereupon elected the following officers for the ensuing year; Jas. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president; A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, 1st vice-president; F. B. McKinnie, of Louisburg, 2nd vice-president; S. G. Bernard, of Asheville, attorney; E. L. Clark, of Greensboro, secretary; J. M. Allen, of Louisburg, treasurer.

It was decided to name Raleigh as the present home office of the company subject to change at the next meeting of the stockholders. Several cities made attractive propositions, but it was deemed best to wait until the next meeting before a final decision was made.—News and Observer.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COTTON BEARS.

An effort to put the power of the United States government back of a retreat of "welching" bears on the cotton market is the seeming significance of recent developments in the federal prosecution of the alleged pool of the ball interests.

And yet the government, apparently eager now to respond to the demands of the contract dodgers of the cotton exchange, has complacently watched this identical Element of professional Price-Depressers year after year annually slaughter the profits of millions of Southern farmers, by thimble-rigging the market during the bona fide selling season from September to January, while the bulk of the crop was yet in the hands of the producers, without lifting a hand to protect the producer.

Ne oftentary more outrageous was ever foisted upon a government or practiced upon the men who actually produce or spin cotton, for in this instance producer and spinner have common cause.

If present indications are borne out by investigation, Attorney General Wickersham has permitted himself and his assistants to become cat-paws of this welching bear element on the New York Cotton Exchange.

At the least, the attorney-general has acted with gross precipitation in allowing the government to be placed in the attitude of aiding and abetting cotton "shorts" to either renew their contracts or fulfill them at the expense of the farmers by using the government as a lever to depress the price of cotton.

The facts are as plain as day. They seem open to only one interpretation.

Scores of southern mill owners bought cotton on the New York cotton Exchange, for actual delivery in May, June and July at a Fixed price. It will be remembered that the virtuous New York Cotton Exchange laws put particular emphasis upon the bona fide nature of its contracts.

So far as these mills are concerned, there was not the semblance of speculation in the transaction. They bought cotton for actual delivery, to be used in feeding their looms and spindles during the summer months.

The men from whom they bought

this cotton cannot now themselves fulfill their contracts at the price stipulated. They are fine-tooth combing the world, and are unable to secure the staple for delivery at a price that will enable them to emerge with their hides whole.

All other organized efforts to beat down prices to a level at which they could, without loss, execute their contracts, have failed, and as a last desperate resort, they have hoodwinked Mr. Wickersham into placing the power of the Government back of a typical Bear raid as a result of which they can either hammer cotton to a level upon which they can profitably fill their contracts or welch on the latter outright.

Dispatches published elsewhere by The Constitution bear out this ugly interpretation of the situation.

The mills are justified in protesting against a deluded government co-partnership with welching gamblers with all the vehemence at their command. And the southern farmers have a right to demand that if the government is going to exercise its functions as empire at all, it exercise them for the benefit of the man that knows the cotton rather than the bear speculator whose operations take from the farmer the profit to which he is justly entitled.

Does the New York Cotton Exchange still claim that it is a legitimate market for barter and sale, or is it hotly-detested "contracts" only paper pawns in a giant skin?

And since when did the government become the defender of welching bears against both producer and spinner?

Somebody has made a fearful break and we will hear more later of this interesting episode.—Atlanta Constitution.

Civil Service Examination.

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the post-office in Henderson on May 18th, 1910.

Age limit, 18 to 45 years, on the date of the examination. Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced or those who are separated from their husbands and support themselves, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerks.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height without boots or shoes, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.

For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately.

JOHN F. HICKS, Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post-office, Henderson, N. C.

U. D. C.

The U. D. C. will meet in regular session on Wednesday evening, May 4th at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall. All members especially urged to attend.

Mrs. J. E. MALONE, Pres. Mrs. R. H. DAVIS, Sec.

Items From Centreville

We had some very heavy rains on Sunday the 17th, which done much damage to the crops.

Our friend W. D. Upchurch is occupying the Alston building on Gold Mine street.

From what we can learn the revenue officers are keeping a close watch on Centreville—boys you had better look out.

There will be prayer meeting held at Mrs. Ida Gupton's, near Sandy Creek, on the fourth Sunday night in May. All are cordially invited to attend.

With best wishes for the Times and its editor.