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MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE READERS OF THE PATRIOT FAR AND NEAR.

Good Butter Production.—During the year 1914 Mrs. Lizzie McFarland, of western Guilford, made and sold 684 1-2 pounds of butter.

Job in Legislature.—Mr. A. T. Marable, who resides northwest of the city, has been appointed to a position as laborer in the house of representatives at Raleigh.

Tobacco Sales.—The state agricultural department reports that the Greensboro market sold 454,277 pounds of tobacco during the month of December.

Temperance Lecture.—Mayor Murray made an address before the temperance society of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for the colored race yesterday afternoon.

Infant's Death.—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bennett, who reside near Guilford College, died Saturday morning of pneumonia. The burial took place yesterday afternoon at Pleasant Ridge.

Quit Keeping House.—Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bradshaw have given up housekeeping and moved from their residence on Church street to apartments in the McAdoo hotel, where they will make their home for the present.

Wilkinson-Dark.—Mr. O. P. Wilkinson and Miss Vyra E. Dark, both of Orange county, were married in this city Thursday evening, the ceremony taking place at the residence of Rev. J. Clyde Turner, who was the officiating minister.

Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday night, when reports will be received from the officers of the past year's work and directors elected for the ensuing year.

To Wed.—Mr. and Mrs. John Petty have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Martha Tomlinson, and Mr. James Hunt Hannah, the ceremony to take place in the Moravian church Tuesday evening, January 10, at 8.30 o'clock.

State School Law.—Guilford county's share of the state school fund of \$250,000 this year will be \$6,426.61, based on a school population of 20,727. Only two counties is the state, Mecklenburg and Wake, have a larger school population than Guilford and in consequence receive a larger appropriation.

Indian Relics.—Col. Fred A. Olds, of Raleigh, collector for the North Carolina historical commission, has presented the State Normal and Industrial College with an interesting and valuable collection of Indian relics. The relics were found in different sections of the United States formerly inhabited by the Red Man.

Occupy New Parsonage.—Rev. Dr. C. W. Byrd and family have moved into the residence on West Market street, adjoining the home of Mr. C. H. McKnight, recently purchased by the congregation of West Market Street Methodist church for a parsonage. The old parsonage property, on the corner of West Market and Spring streets, will be sold.

Harness Stolen.—When Mr. W. A. Montgomery, of eastern Guilford, who was in the city Saturday, went to fetch up his mule to return home he found that some one had stolen the harness from the animal's back, leaving only the collar and bridle. The matter was reported to the police officers, who are on the lookout for the thief.

Dividend Declared.—Meetings of the creditors of Robert Harris & Bro., J. H. Walker & Co. and the Reidsville Fertilizer Company, bankruptcy concerns of Reidsville, were held here Friday before G. S. Ferguson, Jr. referee in bankruptcy. A per cent dividend was declared by Robert Harris & Bro. and a 2 per cent dividend by J. H. Walker & Co.

Tom Beall Appointed.—Mr. Thomas S. Beall, a bright young member of the Greensboro bar, has been appointed second assistant United States district attorney for the western district of North Carolina, a position created on account of the extra work in the district attorney's office incident to the purchase by the government of thousands of acres of land in the Appalachian mountains. It is understood that Mr. Beall's work will be in connection with clearing up the titles to these lands. The appointment is for six months, but may last longer, and the salary is at the rate of \$2,000 a year.

Death at Pomona.—Mrs. D. J. Aiken died Saturday night at her home at Pomona after an illness of only a few hours. Heart trouble was the cause of her death. Mrs. Aiken is survived by her husband and one child. The funeral was held from the residence yesterday afternoon and interment made in Greene Hill cemetery. Rev. Mr. Barrs, of Proximity, conducted the services.

Y. W. C. A. Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Greensboro Young Women's Christian Association was held Friday night. The reports showed that the past year was a successful one in the life of the association, progress being reported in all departments of the work. The financial report showed total receipts of \$2,665.77 and total disbursements of \$2,522.05, leaving a balance of \$143.72.

Made Superintendent.—Mr. Oscar R. Teague, who was employed by the Southern Railway as a train dispatcher in this city a number of years ago and who has been with the Seaboard Air Line since leaving Greensboro, has been made superintendent of the Alabama division of that road, with headquarters in Savannah, Ga. For some time he has been trainmaster of the Florida division of the Seaboard.

Debate at Guilford.—The annual debate between representatives of the sophomore and freshman classes of Guilford College was held in Memorial hall Saturday night. The subject of the debate was "Resolved, that the United States should maintain her position as one of the three leading naval powers of the world." The sophomores upheld the affirmative side of the question and were declared winners of the debate.

Business Change.—Mr. C. T. Hagan, who has conducted a china store on South Elm street for several years, has sold the business to Messrs. W. J. Tonkin and J. Mourane, who will continue it at the same stand. Mr. Tonkin is well known to the local trading public, having been in charge of the novelty goods department of Meyer's department store for the past four years. His associate is an experienced business man. The new owners will run the store under the name of "The Crystal Palace."

Want a Market.—A number of citizens residing in South Greensboro have petitioned the city commissioners asking for the reopening of a city market on Asheboro street. A market was conducted on this street for a number of years, but it was closed when the city built the new market on South Elm street. The petitioning citizens complain that it works a hardship on many people to be compelled to go to either of the two city markets for their fresh meats. The commissioners have taken no action in the matter as yet.

Aged Woman's Death.—Mrs. Jacob Baach died yesterday morning at her home on Chestnut street. She was in the seventy-third year of her age and had been in feeble health for some time. Mrs. Baach is survived by her husband and 11 children, three of whom—Mrs. A. M. Lindau, Mrs. S. J. Lindau and Mrs. J. B. Gump—reside in Greensboro. The funeral will be held from the residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock, followed by interment in the Jewish cemetery. Rabbi Friedlander will conduct the services.

F. Z. Clapp Dead.—Mr. F. Z. Clapp, an aged and well known citizen of southeastern Guilford, died at his home Saturday morning. He was in the eightieth year of his age and had been in feeble health for some time. The funeral took place at Brick church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, interment being made in the church burying ground. Mr. Clapp is survived by two sons and two daughters; a brother, Mr. John E. Clapp, of the Brick church community, and three sisters—Mrs. Augusta Michael, of Whitsett; Mrs. C. T. Foust, of Gibsonville Route 2, and Mrs. Elvira Boone, of Sedalia.

Store Robbed.—The Terra Cotta Store Company's store, at Terra Cotta, was entered Friday night by thieves and robbed of 13 pairs of men's shoes and a number of pairs of socks. This seems to have been the extent of the needs or desires of the thieves, for nothing else was missed from the stock. The robbery was discovered when the store was opened for business Saturday morning and officers were notified, but no trace of the thieves has been discovered. A blood hound was procured from High Point and put on the trail, but it did not take the animal long to demonstrate that, whatever other qualities he might possess, he was no good as a man-catcher.

Branch in Sweden.—J. E. Latham & Co., cotton merchants of this city, who do a large export business, are sending two representatives to Sweden to look after the company's business in that far-off land. The representatives are Messrs. M. Schwab and Edward Latham, the latter being a son of the head of the firm. They sailed from New York a few days ago for Copenhagen and will be located in Gottenburg.

Deserted Wife and Baby.—Friday a rather handsome young woman called at the police station and informed Chief Iseley that she and her seven-month-old baby had been deserted by her husband and asked for assistance that she and her child might go to relatives in Greenville, S. C. The young woman stated that her husband had come to Greensboro in search of work and had deserted her and the baby after remaining here a few days. The police officers took up a collection among themselves and paid the woman's bill at a local boarding house and bought her a ticket to Greenville, where she said she had relatives who would care for her.

For Reckless Driving.—Justice of the Peace Collins was engaged for several hours Saturday in trying several cases that grew out of an accident near Jamestown on the night of December 19, when an automobile driven by John Ridge struck and badly injured a mule and buggy driven by Charlie Noble, colored. The defendant was found guilty of driving in a careless and reckless manner, of driving without lights and of cruelty to animals. Two cases were made out and in each case Ridge was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. The defendant gave notice of an appeal and was held under a bond of \$100 in each case for his appearance at the next criminal term of Superior court.

Killed by Fall.—While at work on the roof of Greensboro College for Women Saturday morning Alfred Blount, a respected colored citizen of the city, fell to the ground and sustained injuries from which he died a few hours later. Blount was engaged in painting the gutters and was at work over the dining room when he lost his footing and fell. He fell a distance of about 45 feet, and in addition to fracturing his skull and breaking his right leg, he suffered serious internal injuries. The injured man was carried to St. Leo's hospital, where everything possible was done for his relief. Blount was about 50 years of age and had spent his entire life in Greensboro. He was a tinner by trade and enjoyed a good reputation.

Robbery Prevented.—An unknown negro made a bold attempt to enter Hanner & McCuiston's hardware store, on South Elm street, Friday night and had almost succeeded in his purpose when he was detected and scared off by Mr. J. T. Blackmon, who rooms across the street. Mr. Blackmon was aroused by the sound of breaking and falling glass, and when he went to a window to investigate he saw the would-be robber in the act of climbing through a hole he had made in the plate glass door. When asked what he was doing, the negro drew a pistol and told Mr. Blackmon it was "none of his business." The negro then walked off down the street. Mr. Blackmon produced his revolver and notified a police officer at the railway station. Search was made for the negro, but nothing further was seen of him.

C. E. SCHOOLFIELD ENDS HIS LIFE WITH SHOTGUN.

Mr. C. E. Schoolfield, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Schoolfield, committed suicide Thursday morning at the home of his parents, about five miles north of the city, by shooting himself with a double-barrel shotgun. Despondency over the condition of his health, which had been poor for some time, is believed to have caused him to commit the rash act.

A few moments before ending his life Mr. Schoolfield left the house by the rear door with the shotgun. Passing out into the back yard, he discharged both barrels of the weapon, the contents of which entered his breast and made a horrible wound.

Mr. Schoolfield was about 25 years of age and a young man of promise. He was well known in Greensboro, where he was employed until his health broke down. Several months ago he gave up his position and returned to his father's home in the hope that the change and a rest would restore his strength, but his condition did not improve.

TO EXTEND PRIVILEGE OF CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

The report of the proceedings of the county commissioners published in Thursday's Patriot told of a movement to have the privileges of the Carnegie library extended to all the white people of the county and of a request for the co-operation of the county in the way of an appropriation to the library.

Mr. E. P. Wharton, chairman of the board of trustees of the library, is interested in having the benefits and influence of the library extended to the whole county. At present people from outside of Greensboro have the privilege of going to the library at their pleasure and reading the periodicals and reference books, but they are not permitted to take any book away with them.

If the plan inaugurated by Mr. Wharton and others is carried out, it is contemplated to establish stations at about half a dozen convenient points in the county to which a certain number of books would be sent every month. Under such an arrangement people would be able to get books from the library without coming to the city for them.

Another part of the plan is to send books from the library by parcel post, the library to pay the postage one way and the person using the books to pay it the other.

It is stated that any money appropriated by the county would be used exclusively in buying new books, none of it going to defray running expenses.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Social Welfare League of Greensboro was held Friday night in the Odd Fellows hall, on West Market street. Reports of the work of the league for the past year were made by Rev. Earl J. Harold, the secretary, and Mrs. Blanche Carr, the family visitor. Among her other work, Mrs. Carr made 729 visits to 122 families and distributed 329 garments and 245 papers and magazines.

Dr. C. W. Moseley told of the league's method of handling charity work. The charity funds are now kept and disbursed separately from the league's general account and a contributor to the league may designate that a part or all of his contribution is to be used for charity.

Mr. A. W. McAlister, president of the league, spoke on "The Social Welfare, a Man's Job and a Job for Every Man." Dr. J. I. Foust handled the subject of public amusements and Dr. J. T. J. Battle spoke on the public health and the need of a whole time health officer. Mr. W. H. Swift talked on "Law and Order" and declared that Greensboro is the best governed city in North Carolina, due largely to the enforcement of Guilford's public morals act.

The report of the treasurer showed that receipts for the year amounting to \$4,345.88 and total disbursements of \$4,305.80, leaving a balance of \$40.08. The disbursements were divided as follows: Miscellaneous, \$327.94; printing and postage, \$392.90; salaries, \$2,547.50; charity, \$1,037.71.

No Dum-Dum Bullets Exported.

In reply to Germany's complaint that American manufacturers were exporting dum-dum bullets and "riot guns" for the British army, Secretary Bryan has informed Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, that the manufacturers named had denied the charge, and asked that the state department be furnished any evidence the ambassador might have to support his protest. The secretary added that he was directed by President Wilson to say that if any American company was shown to be engaged in such traffic, he would use his influence to stop it, regardless of questions of legal or conventional duty.

As to the German protests against alleged use of dum-dum bullets by the allies in Europe, Mr. Bryan said the United States government, in its efforts to maintain a strict neutrality in the present conflict, was "obliged to refrain from investigating their truthfulness or making any comment in regard to them."

Baby Killed.—The nine-year-old son of W. McI. Blue, of Aberdeen, was caught between an automobile truck and a gate post Friday and crushed so badly that he died at a hospital in Fayetteville some hours later.

GREAT BRITAIN REPLIES TO AMERICAN PROTESTS.

Great Britain's preliminary reply to the protest of the United States against interruption of American commerce by the British fleet has been made public.

The British note concurs in the view of the United States that commerce between neutral nations should be interfered with only when absolutely necessary and officials here construed it as conceding that the principles expressed by the American protest were just.

The only formal comment was this statement, issued by Secretary Bryan:

"This answer, being preliminary and not being intended as a complete reply, we will postpone comment until the full answer is received."

Briefly, the British reply, while conceding the principles on which the American contentions are based, points out difficulties in actual practice, refers to alleged fraudulent practices by shippers and cites statistics showing an increase rather than a decline in certain neutral commerce in support of Great Britain's suspicions that Germany and Austria have been indirectly obtaining contraband through neutral countries.

The note promises, however, that Great Britain will make redress whenever the action of the British fleet may unintentionally exceed the limits of international law.

Storms and Floods Interfering With Armies.

Winter storms and floods, while they are preventing any extensive military operations, have not kept the armies in the eastern and western fields of the European war from pursuing the offensive at isolated points along the two extended fronts.

In the snow-covered hills of the Caucasus the hardy Siberians are searching out the routed Turks, who are reported to be surrendering by thousands. In Flanders, which is virtually all under water, the allies assert they have found it possible to make some headway. Only in Poland, where Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's offensive is held up on the banks of rivers between him and Warsaw, and in Galicia, where the Russians have been compelled to halt their advance, does there seem to be an almost entire lull in the fighting.

The Russians continue their forward movement in the Carpathians and in Bukovina, while in France infantry attacks have been made at many points, followed by artillery engagements, sapping and mining operations.

The French have advanced a few yards in the vicinity of Rheims, but were compelled to give ground in the Argonne, where the Germans captured some of their line trenches.

Rumania May Join Forces With the Allies.

Should Rumania, now that the Russians are on the border, if not actually in Transylvania, decide to join the allies, her army will provide the missing link in the chain of troops 1,300 miles long winding from the Baltic to the Adriatic.

This battle line would be composed of Russians, Rumanians, Servians and Montenegrins on one side, and Germans and Austro-Hungarians on the other.

The allies believe Rumania soon will take the plunge. Other developments are expected. Relations between Greece and Turkey have reached the breaking point over the alleged ill-treatment of Greeks in Asia Minor. Italy is growing restless over Turkey's delay in giving satisfaction for the violation of the Italian consulate at Hodeida, from which the British consul, who sought refuge, was forcibly removed.

Italy also, it is reported, has agreed that Serbia should be granted a port in the Adriatic. Rumania and Greece, it is thought, however, may delay taking up arms until Bulgaria, which is anxious for a part of Macedonia, is satisfied, for a hostile Bulgaria on their border would compel them to divide their forces.

Found Dead.—J. A. Fountain, division superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, was found dead on a street corner in Wilmington at daybreak Thursday morning. He had left his office for home the night before and it is believed that he was overtaken by an attack of heart trouble. There was no evidence of foul play.

PRESIDENT WILSON SPEAKS

HEARD BY THOUSANDS IN JACKSON DAY ADDRESS IN INDIANAPOLIS.

In an address at the Jackson day celebration in Indianapolis, Ind., Friday, President Wilson voiced what his hearers interpreted as a hint that he might be a candidate for the presidency again in 1916. The audience of more than 4,000 people rose to their feet and cheered until the president called for quiet.

The president had been discussing the Mexican question. Referring to his belief that he knew the temperament and principles of the American people, he added that he would not be fit to stay where he was if he did not understand them.

"There may come a time," he said, "when American people will have to judge whether I know what I am talking about or not."

There was a slight pause and then the crowd began cheering. Realizing the construction which had been put on his words, the president held up his hand for silence and said:

"I did not mean to stir up anything. That was merely preparatory to saying that for at least two more years I am free to think I know the American people."

Previously the president had attacked the Republican party, defended the record of his administration on the Mexican policy, the tariff and currency and declared that a careful examination of the returns from the election last November showed that if it had been a presidential year a Democrat would have had a majority of about 80 in the electoral college.

The president criticized Republican Senators opposing the government ship purchase bill, whom he characterized as "self-styled friends of business." He said the Republican party had not had a new idea in 30 years, and that "the Republicans do not know how to do anything but sit on the lid." He added that the country wants the ship purchase bill enacted into law and "will have it."

Mr. Wilson gravely spoke warning to Democrats not to break up the solidarity of the party. He declared those who did would gain an unenviable position for themselves.

"If a man won't play on a team he must get off the team," he said and later spoke of himself as the "captain of the Democratic team for the present."

The president spoke briefly of Mexico. He said the people there are entitled to liberty, "no matter how long they take in determining it." Speaking slowly and carefully, he declared that "so far as my influence goes, while I am president, nobody shall interfere with them."

"Have not European nations taken as long as they wanted, and spilled as much blood as they pleased to settle their own affairs," he continued, "and shall we deny the same right to Mexico? No, I say."

Much of Mr. Wilson's address was devoted to the independent and progressive voters. He said about one-third of the Republican party is progressive and about two-thirds of the Democratic party is progressive. "Therefore," he added, "the Democratic party is more progressive than the Republican. He declared that most of the voters of the country are independent, but that it was his ambition to have them vote with the Democrats. He spoke of himself as an "animated conservative" and added:

"The people of the United States should not pay too much attention to the European war, but should keep their own affairs in good order." He closed his address with a fervent expression of the hope that the time might come when the United States could be instrumental in restoring peace.

Business conditions were taken up briefly. He characterized talk of business depression "as a state of mind." He said the Democratic party already had done much to free business and that its program was not yet complete. Whenever the country really wants something beside talk, he added, it turns to the Democratic party.

The president advocated establishment of a great federal employment bureau; said some means should be found for quickening and cheapening the processes of the courts, and spoke of the necessity of Congress passing the administration conservation bills.

Cheering interrupted the president at frequent intervals during his address.