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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

On His Old Job.—Mr. Exton Barker has disposed of his interest in the firm of Hiatt & Barker and is again with Thacker & Brockmann, where he served the public acceptably for several years.

Property Leased.—The city commissioners have leased to R. L. Steed several acres of land surrounding the septic tank on South Buffalo creek. The lessee will use the land for agricultural purposes.

Sudden Death.—Mr. William Richardson, a brother of Mr. L. Richardson, of this city, died suddenly Friday afternoon at his home in Selma. He was 72 years old and is survived by his widow, a son and three daughters.

To Build New Church.—The members of the Methodist church at Pleasant Garden are considering plans for the erection of a new church building. They propose to build a church to cost not less than \$5,000.

Negroes to Meet.—A call has been issued for a meeting of the colored citizens of the city in the court house tomorrow night to consider several questions of local interest to the race, especially the establishment of a public library.

Revival Meeting.—A series of evangelistic services will begin at Westminster Presbyterian church Friday night and continue through the next week. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Hodgins, will be assisted by Rev. Robert King, of Kenansville.

Social Meeting.—A large number of the members of the congregation of Asheboro Street Friends church enjoyed a social meeting at the church Friday night. A splendid supper was a pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment.

Buy Farm.—Mr. R. D. Douglas has purchased from Messrs. W. H. and Clarence Woods, administrators, the home place of the late J. R. Woods, in Greene township, consisting of 263 acres. The purchase price was something over \$5,000.

Fourteen Arrested.—The police officers of the city yesterday arrested 14 negroes charged with retailing, this being the biggest blind tiger raid made here in a long while. The prisoners were locked up to await trial in Municipal court today.

Home Burned.—The home of Mr. A. C. Coletrane, who resides about seven miles south of Greensboro, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. The members of the family were aroused by the flames about midnight and had time to save but little of the household effects.

Adopt Children.—Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher McCulloch, of the Alamance church community, who have not been blessed by the arrival of children in their home, have just adopted a boy and a girl, and one of their neighbors tells The Patriot that they are as proud of them as if it had been a case of twins.

Revival Services.—An interesting and helpful revival meeting is in progress in the Methodist church at Pleasant Garden. Rev. D. H. Coonan, an evangelist of the Western North Carolina Conference, was called to the assistance of the pastor, Rev. P. L. Terrell, and has been preaching splendid sermons.

Miss Barbara Neese Dead.—Miss Barbara Neese, a well known woman of southern Guilford, died yesterday at the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. C. M. Jobe. She was 64 years old and had been in failing health for a year or more. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Jobe, and two brothers, Messrs. John and Frank Neese.

Increasing Force.—The convict force of the city is being increased by the city court sending negroes to the body instead of to the county roads. The good weather now is enabling the department of public works of the city government to begin work on streets in the greatest need of improvement and a strong body of convicts can be used.

Mrs. Frank Sink Dead.—Mrs. Frank Sink died suddenly Saturday night at 11 o'clock at her home on Spring Garden street. She was 42 years old and is survived by her husband and seven children. The funeral was held from the home this morning at 10 o'clock and interment made in Greene Hill cemetery. Mrs. May Carlton Ledford, of Winston-Salem, a sister of Mrs. Sink, died last Monday.

Died Last Night.—Mr. G. E. Clark, a well known citizen of Greensboro, died at his home on South Eugene street last night at 8.30 o'clock, following an illness of 18 months. He was 66 years old and is survived by his widow, three sons and four daughters. The body was carried this morning to Charlottesville, Va., the former home of the family, where the funeral and interment will take place this afternoon.

Aged Woman Dead.—Miss Amelia Langley died Friday afternoon at the home of her nephew, Mr. C. P. Langley, on West Market street. She was 77 years old and had been in feeble health for quite a while. The funeral was held from the residence Saturday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. J. R. Miller, of St. Andrew's Episcopal church. Interment was made in Greene Hill cemetery.

Studying Farming.—Many negro farmers of the state are attending the fifth annual convention and school for negro farmers at the Agricultural and Mechanical College for the colored race. Among the speakers that have addressed the meetings are E. S. Millsaps, E. H. Anderson, C. S. Browne, Doctor Lyman, Doctor Fulton, Doctor Ross, Miss Mahler, Prof. E. C. Combs, C. R. Hudson and others. All subjects of agriculture and husbandry are being discussed.

School Board Meets.—The Guilford county board of education held a special meeting Saturday afternoon, in the office of County Superintendent Foust, to consider several matters that relate to the educational advancement of the county. The only definite action taken was a decision to enlarge the grounds of the Pomona graded school, this being made necessary by the increased enrollment. The establishment of a training school for colored teachers and other matters will be considered at another meeting of the board to be held today.

Insurance Meeting.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company was held at the company's home office in this city last Thursday, when very satisfactory reports were submitted of the past year's business. The reports showed the insurance in force to be about \$43,000,000, the gain for the year being about \$2,500,000. The assets of the company amount to \$5,500,000 and the surplus fund is richer by \$200,000 on account of the accumulations of the past year. Following the meeting of the stockholders, the directors held a meeting and re-elected the officers of the company.

Work For the Idle.—Mr. W. M. Weatherly appeared before the city commissioners Friday afternoon with a proposition that the city provide work for the unemployed people of the community. He thought it would be a good idea for the city to buy machinery and do its own street improvement work, instead of letting it out to contractors, and he also suggested that the municipality might engage in the manufacturing business to good advantage. Mr. Weatherly estimated that there are about 3,500 idle people in the city and county, and he thought it would be a fine thing for the city to provide jobs for those who are out of work.

Beautiful Sentiment.—Mr. W. J. Armfield, of High Point, who has played no small part in the development of the financial and industrial life of Guilford county and the state, has just celebrated his seventy-first birthday, and in commemoration of the event he sent to many of his friends and business associates the following beautiful sentiment: "At the age of 71 I can truly say the world has been good to me. The days are very beautiful and life still has its charm. I hear the music of the winds, read poems in the sunny landscapes and see pictures in the stormy clouds. God rules and is merciful." Mr. Armfield has thousands of personal friends and business acquaintances who wish for him many happy returns.

Peace Contest.—The state intercollegiate oratorical peace contest for a first prize of \$75 and a second prize of \$50 will be held in the auditorium of Meredith College in Raleigh Friday night. Nine colleges will be represented, these being as follows: Atlantic Christian College, Wake Forest, Agricultural and Mechanical, Trinity, the University, Elon, Guilford, Davidson and Lenoir.

MERCHANTS HOLD MEETING

GREENSBORO BUSINESS MEN IN ANNUAL SESSION—NEW OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Greensboro Retail Merchants' Association was held Friday night in the Odd Fellows' hall, on West Market street. Mr. J. M. Hendrix was elected president for the ensuing year, succeeding Mr. J. Norman Willis. Mr. C. H. Grantham was elected vice president and Miss Muriel Joyner was re-elected secretary.

Discussing the relation of the merchant to the bad pay customer, the retiring president stated that the merchant should bear in mind that his goods were his money and that he was not really favoring a customer when he gave him too burdensome credit. Mr. Willis reported the success of an advertising contract with a local paper which was paid for by voluntary subscriptions, and declared that the tobacco market and other semi-public industries have been aided in their growth by Merchants' Association propaganda.

To the resolution of a year ago that the association furnish aid to worthy merchant enterprises which are temporarily embarrassed, by the extension of credit on proper recommendation, Mr. Willis devoted a few minutes of approval. He commended the spirit of brotherliness which has enabled the merchants to aid each other. Upon motion from the floor, the address of the retiring president was made a matter of permanent record.

Miss Joyner made the report of the secretary-treasurer. This report showed that \$404.69 in debts has been collected during the year by the association for its members.

Mr. R. C. Bernau, chairman of the advertising committee, told of the work of his committee in uncovering fake advertising schemes and preventing their successful operation in the city.

Shop-lifting will be vigorously prosecuted, regardless of the position of the thief, when discovered, the association decided by endorsing the recommendation to that effect made by Mr. J. M. Hendrix, who was chairman of a committee of investigation.

Mr. H. E. Cartland offered a resolution, which was adopted, whereby the merchants pledged themselves to prosecute each case of the giving of bad checks for goods which occurs in the city trade. It was pointed out that this misdemeanor is becoming more common, and after consideration of the law under which the cases can be handled, the resolution was adopted. By resolution, too, it was decided to prosecute persons who obtain goods for approval and retain them unpaid for after demand is made for their return or their money equivalent.

Mayor T. J. Murphy spoke briefly upon invitation.

The association endorsed the city banks' Christmas savings plan.

The work of Mr. Willis, the retiring president, was warmly endorsed by resolution.

Mrs. John A. Barringer Dead.

Mrs. John A. Barringer died Friday morning at 3 o'clock at the family home on Ashe street, following an illness of three or four days of pneumonia. It was not generally known that Mrs. Barringer was critically ill, and the announcement of her death came as a distinct shock to the community.

Mrs. Barringer was the wife of Col. John A. Barringer, one of the most prominent members of the Greensboro bar, and a daughter of the late Robert M. Sloan. She was a woman of deep culture and refinement and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband and a daughter, Mrs. John D. Waldrop, of Norfolk, Va., and four sisters—Mrs. Fannie Logan, Mrs. Neil Ellington and Mrs. Julia Mebane, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Jefferson Scales, of Staten Island, N. Y.

The funeral was held from the home Saturday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. Dr. Melton Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Barringer had been a member since early in life. Interment was made in Greene Hill cemetery.

Mr. G. A. Kirkman, of Greensboro Route 1, was a welcome caller at The Patriot office Saturday afternoon.

TEACHERS OF COUNTY HELD MEETINGS SATURDAY.

The monthly meeting of the grammar grade section of the Guilford County Teachers' Association was held in the court house annex Saturday morning at 10.30 o'clock. Mr. H. W. Reynolds, principal of the Center school and president of the grammar grade section, presided.

Several chapters of "Geographic Influences in American History" were discussed by the teachers. Miss Kime, of the Pomona school, talked on "The Appalachian Barrier and the Great Lakes;" Miss Rosa Case, of the Muir's Chapel school, discussed "The Prairie;" Miss Ida Millis, of the Guilford College graded school, took as her subject, "The Story of the Civil War," and also talked on "Cotton, Rice and Cane." Altogether the meeting was very helpful and interesting.

At the next regular meeting, which will be held on the 13th of March, the grammar grade teachers are expected to discuss how to make agriculture and civil government interesting.

The Guilford County Primary Teachers' Association also held a meeting in the court house annex Saturday. Miss Bettie Aiken Land, of the Pomona school, president of the association, presided. Miss Madge Coble, of the Pomona school, gave an interesting talk on "Story Telling." This was followed by "The Story of the Three Bears," told by Miss Maribel Thomas, of the Proximity kindergarten, who, in telling the story, illustrated the principles which Miss Coble had given. The story was presented in such a way as to make it realistic to the children, special attention being given to gestures, tone of voice, etc.

Mrs. Lizzie McIver Weatherspoon, supervisor of drawing in the training school of the State Normal and Industrial College, was present and discussed with the primary teachers the subject of drawing. Mrs. Weatherspoon is a woman of culture and has made a careful study of the subject of drawing and, therefore, was able to give the teachers many helpful suggestions on this somewhat neglected subject. The teachers present took advantage of the opportunity to ask questions and gained much valuable information.

The primary teachers are doing good work in these meetings and getting much valuable information to carry back to their school rooms for practical use. Their meetings are always interesting, and the teachers are very enthusiastic in their work.

MRS. ELVIRA BOON DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

Mrs. Elvira Boon, widow of the late ex-Sheriff C. A. Boon, died early Thursday morning at her home near Sedalia. She had been an invalid for years and helpless for a long while. She was in the eighty-fourth year of her age.

The funeral and interment took place Friday at noon at Bethel Presbyterian church, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Redding, and Rev. S. M. Rankin. A large crowd was present and the graves of both Mrs. Boon and her husband were covered with a profusion of floral offerings. The following grandsons of Mrs. Boon served as pall-bearers: Charles Boon, Percy Cobb, Clyde Clapp, Leslie, Porter and Robert Troxler. The flower-bearers were five granddaughters and one great-granddaughter of the deceased: Misses Marie Summers, Lizzie Dick, Myrtle Boon, Nola Dick and Joy Garrison.

Mrs. Boon is survived by six children, who are: Mrs. B. C. Troxler, of Mill Point; George Boon, of Greensboro Route 2; Mrs. G. L. Summers, of Gibsonville; Mrs. J. S. Ferguson, of Hartshorn; E. E. and Miss Zula Boon, who reside at the old home. The following eight step-children also survive: H. M. Boon, of Memphis, Tenn.; R. A. and R. M. Boon, of Indianapolis, Ind.; J. D. and D. L. Boon, of McLeansville; Mrs. John A. Cobb, of Greensboro Route 2; Mrs. Mattie Clapp, of Summerfield; Mrs. John F. Dick, of Greensboro Route 2, and Mrs. George Summers.

The Patriot was glad to receive a call Saturday afternoon from Mr. John S. McMasters, of the Alamance church neighborhood.

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE'S LAWMAKERS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

The Hobgood equal suffrage bill had an airing on the floor of the senate Friday, giving Senator Hobgood opportunity to warn his fellow senators that equal suffrage is a coming issue and that it must win in this state ultimately. He said his "house was divided against itself," but that this only went to show that in his advocacy of the bill he is tied to no apron string.

When the bill came up Senator Johnson, of Duplin, moved to indefinitely postpone, as the house had done the duplicate bill by Roberts, of Buncombe, in that end of the capitol. Hobgood strenuously resisted this and resented alleged efforts to cut off debate. Johnson insisted this was not the case and, with reiterated charges by advocates of the bill, he withdrew this motion and made another to table the bill and give a direct expression on the measure. However, this was finally in turn withdrawn, and the bill set as a special order for Thursday of this week.

Provision for a legislative reference librarian to perform his duties under the direction of the North Carolina historical commission is made in a bill just introduced in the senate by Senator Thompson, of Onslow, and carrying an appropriation of \$5,000. The librarian would collect and prepare in accessible form references for legislative committees, and other state officials and for the counties and municipal government, keep the records and supply the specific information wanted. He would also keep the state revisal revised up to date and perform any other duties that the state historical commission might require of him.

Tomorrow will see the final passage of the revenue bill in the house and its transfer to the senate, where it is thought that it will come in for very few changes, and also, most probably the final passage of the machinery bill, which, however, has not come into the house from the joint finance committee.

Some sort of a state-wide primary will also come in during this week, most probably in the senate, where a sub-committee has been working on a substitute for the Weaver-Hobgood and other primary bills introduced.

The Weaver child labor bill is to be a special order in the senate Tuesday morning, coming up under unfavorable report from committee through favorable minority report.

An important special order in the house is that of the senate bill for uniform examination and certification of public school teachers. It is set for Wednesday at noon.

Got Another Man's Money.

Carl Larkin, a young white man about 20 years of age, was arrested in the Greensboro postoffice Thursday just after he had obtained \$15 on a postoffice money order that belonged to another. He was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Collins and bound over to the next term of Federal court.

Larkin and a companion by the name of Dague, both of whom are from Ohio, had been serving a term on the roads for beating a ride on a train. They finished their terms Wednesday evening and were discharged. Dague had written home for money and was expecting a letter. Larkin started to town ahead of him, met the carrier and got the letter containing the order. Dague phoned to Postmaster Douglas who found Larkin getting the money when he went to the money order desk.

Death of William A. Jobe.

Mr. William A. Jobe, a well known and highly respected citizen of the Alamance church community, died at his home about 2 o'clock Saturday morning. He had been ill for a long while, suffering from a complication of diseases, and his death was not unexpected.

The funeral and interment took place at Alamance church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. Dr. E. C. Murray, the pastor.

Mr. Jobe was a good citizen and will be missed by the people of the community. He was about 55 years old and is survived by three daughters and five sons. His wife died about two years ago.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY MAKES BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

There has been much interest and speculation in local real estate and business circles during the past few days over the announcement that the Southern Railway has purchased or secured options on practically an entire block of property on East Washington street. With the exception of the Doak property, the purchases and options include all the real estate between East Washington street and the railroad tracks from Lyndon street to the sidetrack in the rear of the wholesale houses on South Davie street. It is one of the biggest real estate transactions in the history of Greensboro. The amount of money involved in the deal is not known.

The Southern is acquiring the property for depot purposes, and it is understood that the work of constructing new freight and passenger depots will be begun as soon as all the details can be arranged. The plans look to the erection of the freight depot on the Washington street property and the passenger station on the side occupied by the freight depot that was abandoned some years ago, on Depot street, between South Elm and South Davie.

A definite announcement as to the plans may be expected as soon as the Southern completes the purchase of the various pieces of property involved.

RURAL DELIVERY SERVICE IS TO BE CURTAILED.

A sweeping reorganization of the rural delivery mail service throughout the United States for purposes of economy will be completed within the next six months, in accordance with amendments to the existing postal laws and regulations issued Saturday by Postmaster General Burleson. The effect of the new regulations will be the discontinuance of many routes in sparsely settled communities, the reduction in frequency of service of many routes, re-arranging of many routes where duplication may exist and increasing the difficulties in establishing new routes.

Data upon which changes in existing routes are to be based will be secured by postmasters. During one month of each quarter every piece of mail carried by rural carriers shall be counted and weighed and an accurate account shall be made of the number of patrons served. Routes on which the quantity of mail collected and delivered has averaged for six consecutive months less than 75 pieces per month per mile are to be discontinued unless they can be rearranged so as to come under the new rules.

This regulation will make the greatest changes in North Carolina of all the new rules, for three are many routes serving sparsely settled communities which cannot show the required number of pieces of mail. Routes which have service not more frequent than three times a week will have the greatest difficulty in getting daily service. The requirement for increase of thrice-weekly service is that 150 pieces of mail per mile per month shall be delivered to families numbering four to the mile.

Postmaster Douglas says the new regulations will not affect any of the routes running out of Greensboro, but he could not speak as to all the routes in the county.

Earthquake and Tidal Wave Destroy Towns.

Tutuila, American Samoa, Feb. 12.—An earthquake and a tidal wave accompanied the hurricane which swept No Man's Island of the Samoan group, first reports of which reached here two days ago. Fuller details received today show that three persons were killed.

Entire villages disappeared. Those of which traces remained were ruined. All shipping either was destroyed or badly damaged. Three-fourths of the cocoa palms, on which the islands depend for nourishment, and their commerce in copra were leveled and all the remainder injured. Some plantations were wiped out.

It will be a year before any food plants can be brought into bearing again and three thousand inhabitants are destitute. The American gunboat Princeton is conveying food, clothing and temporary assistance but the need for further aid is urgent.

The South seas have known hurricanes before, but the situation left in the wake of this one is described as unprecedented.