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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

New Lawyer Here.—Mr. J. Mack Williams, formerly of Charlotte, who was recently licensed to practice law, has located in Greensboro.

Stole Automobile.—A Ford automobile belonging to Messrs. M. Robins and Charles Weill was stolen from in front the Y. M. C. A. building last night between 8.30 and 10 o'clock. The car is practically new.

Buy Property.—Messrs. O. L. Sapp and M. W. Gant yesterday purchased a lot on South Elm street, adjoining Mr. J. A. Long's bottling works, for a consideration of \$7,000. The property has a frontage of 79 feet and a depth of 128 feet.

To Sell Bonds.—The city commissioners say the issue of \$100,000 of street improvement bonds advertised for sale March 1 will doubtless be sold at a good price. Inquiries have been received from a number of prospective bidders. The commissioners are planning to begin the street work by May 1.

To Visit Neighbors.—The directors of the Chamber of Commerce are planning a number of monthly trips by business men of the city to neighboring towns, the idea being to strengthen the business relations between Greensboro and her neighbors. The first trip will be made to Mt. Airy next Wednesday.

Moves to Greensboro.—Mr. Thomas J. Jerome, one of the state's well-known lawyers, has moved to Greensboro from Salisbury and will engage in the practice of his profession here. Mr. Jerome enjoys the reputation of being a splendid lawyer. He has leased Mrs. Rebecca Schenck's residence, on Edgeworth street, and will occupy it upon the arrival of his family in a few days.

Want New Building.—A delegation of colored citizens appeared before the city commissioners yesterday afternoon and asked for a new public school building to take the place of the present building on High street, which was declared to be inadequate to the demands made upon it. The commissioners promised to use their best efforts to improve conditions at the High street school.

For New Members.—Several teams representing the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday began the annual canvass for new members and renewals of membership. They reported a splendid day's progress. More than 200 people and firms are to be canvassed. During the last two years subscriptions to the work of the organization have been liberal and as a result, the chamber has done much effective work.

Many Convictions.—So far this week more than 20 defendants have been convicted in Municipal court on the charge of retailing liquor, and while it is not claimed that the blind tiger industry in Greensboro has been entirely destroyed, it has probably received the worst scare in its history. Judge Brown sentenced practically all the convicted defendants to the county roads. Several of them took an appeal to the superior court and were released under bond.

Case Tried Yesterday.—The case charging A. Horwitz and his daughter, Miss Tillie Horwitz, with concealing assets in a bankruptcy proceeding, came up yesterday for a hearing before United States Commissioner D. H. Collins. Miss Horwitz was discharged and her father was held under bond for a judgment to be rendered today. It is contended by the government that about \$2,000 was concealed by Horwitz when he went into bankruptcy some months ago.

The Guilford Banquet.—Preparations have been completed for the annual alumni banquet of Guilford College, which is to be held in this city Saturday night, and the indications are that the attendance will be the largest in the history of these annual events. The principal address of the occasion will be made by Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford College, one of the leading Quaker educators in the country. Official announcement will be made of the retirement of Dr. L. L. Hobbs from the presidency of the college and an address will be made by Dr. Hobbs. Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, chairman of the board of trustees, and Mr. George W. Wilson, of Gastonia, a member of the class of 1892, will also make addresses.

Wants Football Game.—Secretary Garland Daniel of the Central Carolina Fair Association announces that he is prepared to offer special inducements to football teams that will play a game on the large field in the center of the race track during the annual fair here next fall. He has invited two elevens and wants at least one game. Probably arrangements could be made for at least one more game during the four days of the fair. The plan is in keeping with the movement by Greensboro people to bring intercollegiate games to the city.

Funds Distributed.—In the United States District court here yesterday Judge Boyd signed a supplemental decree in the case of the United States against S. Montgomery Smith, making a further distribution of the funds in custody of the court for the purchase of the lands of the defendants, which were condemned under the provisions of the Appalachian park act. The original purchase price was \$107,000, and the amount heretofore distributed, together with that disbursed yesterday, leaves still in the custody of the court about \$15,000, concerning which there are conflicting claims.

Playground For School.—The Pomona school has arranged to purchase an entire block of property on Spring Garden street and Cameron avenue to be used as a playground. The property was purchased at a good figure, yet the advocates of the proposition feel that it is a moderate price considering the location and the advantages that will come to the school from it. The block is about 300 feet square and is a very attractive piece of property. The school now has an enrollment of 400, which will be doubled within the next few years. It is one of the most progressive schools in the state.

Southern Buys Farm.—The Georgia Industrial Realty Company, acting for the Southern Railway Company, has purchased from Mr. H. C. Rudd 116.80 acres of land lying along the tracks of the Southern near Rudd station, paying \$10,000 for the property. In its double track work north of Greensboro the Southern has deviated from the original right-of-way in several places, the Rudd farm is one of these points of change. The new survey ran between the Rudd residence and the outhouses of the home. Under this survey the Southern contracted for the tracks to be laid, whereupon, when the work was begun, Mr. Rudd sought an injunction and secured it. Tied up in its contract, it is said that the offer of sale for \$10,000 was accepted by the railroad or by those purchasing for the purpose of guaranteeing the Southern right-of-way.

Killed by Train.—C. W. Gordon, a prominent citizen of Mullins, S. C., was instantly killed by an engine on the C. A. and W. Railway in Hamlet at 8.30 yesterday morning.

PRESIDENT HOBBS RESIGNS

HEAD OF GUILFORD COLLEGE TO RETIRE—DR. NEWLIN WILL SUCCEED HIM.

Dr. L. L. Hobbs, one of North Carolina's foremost educators, has resigned the presidency of Guilford College and will sever his connection with that old and honored institution of learning at the end of the present term. He will be succeeded by Dr. Thomas Newlin, at present president of Whittier College, in California.

It is understood that Dr. Hobbs is to retire from the position he has adorned so long out of consideration for his health. He placed his resignation in the hands of the trustees of the college about a year ago, since which time the members of the board have been quietly looking around for a suitable man as his successor. The resignation was formally accepted at a recent meeting of the board of trustees, after it had been ascertained that Dr. Newlin would accept a call to the presidency of the college.

Dr. Hobbs has been connected with Guilford College for about 30 years, going to the institution as a teacher when it was known as New Garden Boarding School. Under his administration the college has taken high rank among the educational institutions of the state and is recognized as one of the leading colleges of the Society of Friends in the nation. The retirement of Dr. Hobbs will be a matter of regret to the thousands of his former students and the public generally.

Dr. Newlin, the president-elect, is a splendidly equipped man and will not come to Guilford as a stranger. He formerly taught in the college and was dean of the faculty when he resigned some years ago to become president of Whittier College, the Quaker institution of learning on the Pacific coast. He will receive a cordial welcome upon his return to Guilford, and the friends of the college believe it will continue to grow and prosper under his guidance.

Fatal Sawmill Accident.

Oscar Spaug, aged 17 years, was suddenly killed about six miles from Winston-Salem Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when he was caught by a belt which he was trying to put on the fly-wheel of a saw mill engine. When he was caught and carried around the first time he struck the belt running the governor and knocked it off. The governor did not shut off the steam entirely and the unloaded engine ran at a terrific speed, carrying the young man round the fly-wheel for about 15 minutes before it was stopped.

When the engine was finally stopped Spaug was dead. His clothing was torn and he was badly bruised and washed, but it is said that he was not torn or cut.

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

The joint liquor committee of the legislature last night voted to report favorably the Anti-Saloon League bill to prohibit the shipment of intoxicating liquors from any point within the state of North Carolina to any point within the state, and to prevent the delivery and receipt of any intoxicating liquors so shipped within the state.

The house yesterday passed by a large majority the Seawell insurance bill to give the state commissioner of insurance the power to raise or lower the fire insurance rates after the manner of the law in Kansas, as recommended by the legislative investigation commission.

The house defeated by a vote of 70 to 40 the bill of the state department of education and State Teachers' Assembly to provide uniform examination and certification of public school teachers.

Senator Hobgood introduced a bill yesterday to amend the corrupt practices act by prohibiting the payment by candidates any money for services other than clerical service, being designated to stop ward heelers from taking money for their votes on the pretext of rendering service in the primary.

The house yesterday killed the Douglas bill providing for the examination of railroad trainmen in North Carolina. This measure had been opposed by trainmen from all parts of the state, committees going to Raleigh from various cities.

A joint resolution passed by both branches of the legislature endorsing the administration ship-purchase bill that has been pending in the United States senate for some days under such strenuous conditions. It passed the house without opposition, but in the senate Senator McMichael pronounced the resolution a "step in the face" for Congressman Claude Kitchin.

Senator Ward denied that anything of the sort was intended, but insisted that he and the North Carolina legislature have the right to differ with Congressman Kitchin on any measure of public policy. Mr. McMichael's vote was the only one against the resolution in the senate.

The house committee on education has reported favorably several bills providing for election of the county boards of education by the people. Several of the bills included provision that the county superintendent of schools be elected also, but this was eliminated in each case. The counties named are: Lee, Moore, Henderson, Richmond, Brunswick, Beaufort and Anson. Two are Republicans, these being Henderson and Brunswick.

The joint finance committee has about completed the machinery bill but it will require a day or two to perfect it for introduction. It was decided to cut out the \$6,000 appropriation allowed the state auditor for enforcing the machinery act and concentrate this duty and the appropriation with the state tax commission which has had \$6,000 appropriation for several years. This was increased to \$10,000.

Bankers Want Legislation.

There are five bills that the North Carolina Bankers' Association will undertake to press at this session, chief among which is a bill to authorize eight per cent interest on loans in cases where there is agreement in writing between the parties. Another would specify a penalty for false pretenses in the making of false statements in effort to obtain a loan from a bank. Still another would impose severe penalties for making false statements or starting reports about the standing of any bank; and another would make the crime of breaking into banks with the use of explosives a felony and impose severe penalties. There will also probably be a bill to prevent the use of the term "trust" in the name of any company that is not engaged in the actual banking business under the supervision of the corporation commission.

Death From Apoplexy.—Thomas E. Caldwell, for 13 years dining car conductor on the Southern Railway between Charlotte and Jacksonville, suffered a stroke of apoplexy while on his run Wednesday night and died from the effects.

NEGRO DRAYMAN KILLED UNDER FREIGHT TRAIN

John Walker, a colored drayman, was crushed to death under a freight train at the Davie street crossing Monday afternoon while engaged in hauling stage property from the Southern freight depot to the Grand opera house. When the accident occurred the dray Walker was driving was crossing the railroad tracks on South Davie street, and it is supposed that he failed to see the moving cars because of his interest in keeping the piled up trunks from falling. When the wagon was struck Walker was knocked under the car and his body was cut almost two pieces.

Another colored man engaged in the work was uninjured. He felt the impact of the car and escaped, but after the accident was unwilling to return and refused to go on with his work. The engineer of the locomotive to which the freight car was attached is said to have been unable to see what was happening at the end of his half dozen or more cars, on account of the misty atmosphere. He did not know until the car struck that the accident was imminent.

Walker's body was sent to his former home at Mebane for burial.

In the Superior Court.

The superior court yesterday afternoon took up the case of John H. Deligny against the Tate Furniture Company, of High Point, it being a damage suit for \$10,000 for alleged personal injuries.

A non-suit was entered in the suit of E. G. Allred against the Southern Railway Company for damages alleged to have been sustained in a collision between a train and the defendant's automobile at a street crossing in this city.

J. R. Pitts was given a verdict for \$199 against the trustees of Mt. Sinai colored church, in this city.

A verdict for \$100 was given the plaintiffs in a suit brought by Aunfield & Taylor, of High Point, against the A. G. Dale Motor Car Company.

The Vaughn Seed Store was given a verdict for \$122.32 in a suit against George W. Todd.

A non-suit was entered in a suit brought up on appeal by Claude Mills against C. B. Mattock.

Real Estate Transfers of the Week.

Deeds for the transfer of real estate have been filed in the office of the register of deeds this week as follows:

C. C. Walker, et ux, to Ada L. Ragan, a lot 68 by 75 feet in the city of High Point, High Point township, \$200.

R. M. Stafford to N. L. Hanner, a small tract, \$5.21.

W. L. Hanner and wife to J. B. Cobb, a tract consisting of 52.94 acres in Morehead township, \$2,435.24.

C. E. Rutledge to T. B. Mooney, a lot 100 by 160 feet on Julian street, in the city of Greensboro, Gilmer township, \$350.

A. C. Lyons to Nathan L. Hanner, a tract consisting of 17 acres, \$41.

R. M. Stafford to Pleasant Burton, a small tract, \$5.21.

G. P. Edwards and wife to E. F. Edwards, a tract consisting of 13 acres in Friendship township, \$200.

E. B. Stilwell and wife, Mary Stilwell, to H. H. Hill, two lots, one 50 by 150 feet and the other containing 7,500 square feet, in the city of High Point, \$600.

W. G. Balsey and wife to Joseph H. Armfield, two small tracts in Morehead township, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

J. A. Newton and wife, S. A. Newton, to R. B. Murphy, two lots on Cassady street, each 50 by 150 feet, in the city of High Point, \$350.

Tells Alleged Trade Oath.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 15.—An oath of allegiance to the National Association of Master Plumbers containing the sentence, "May all the horrors of the damned be my portion when I retire at night," was declared by Joseph Hagen, of Sioux City, in his testimony at the trial of the 36 master plumbers charged with violation of the Sherman law here today to have once received his signature. He was to suffer the "horrors of the damned" in case he violated the rules of the organization, the witness said. Each member, he testified, was sworn to the utmost secrecy.

Mr. J. H. Stanfield, of Greensboro

Route 4, gave The Patriot the pleasure of a call Tuesday.

GERMANY'S WAR ON SHIPPING

TIME LIMIT OF WARNING TO NEUTRAL NATIONS HAS EXPIRED.

The time limit set by Germany for neutral shipping to take measures of safety has expired and Germany is now expected to put into operation her declared intention of employing her submarines and mines in the waters around the British Isles, which she has proclaimed a war zone, with the object of cutting off food supplies to the British people.

Germany has earnestly warned the neutral states that this zone will hereafter be a danger zone for all shipping and has expressed her determination to take the most stringent action against British merchantmen.

It is announced from Berlin that Germany's reply to the American note of protest against this action has been handed to the American ambassador at the German capital, but the reply has not been received by the state department at Washington.

In the meantime, Germany, in developing her submarine warfare, has added one more merchant ship to the list of vessels destroyed, by sinking the small French steamer Ville de Lille off Cherbourg.

Regarding operations of land, it is apparent from the official announcements issued by the French war office that heavy fighting is taking place both in Belgium and in France.

British Make Another Air Raid.

London, Feb. 16.—The air wing of the British navy today made another massed attack on the German positions along the Belgian coast in an effort to destroy or damage the submarine base at Zebrugge, the guns at Ostend and Middelkerke and the aerodrome at Ghisteltes.

According to the official report good results were attained. Forty machines were utilized.

While the British airmen were dropping their bombs on the gun positions and the supply trains, barges and trawlers used in mine-laying and mine-sweeping operations, eight French airmen attacked the Ghisteltes aerodrome, preventing the German airmen from making an attempt to cut off the British machines.

"The air operations of the naval wing against the Bruges, Ostend and Zebrugge district were continued this afternoon. Forty aeroplanes and seaplanes bombed Ostend, Middelkerke on transport wagons on the Ostend-Ghisteltes road, on the Mole at Zebrugge to widen the breach damaged in former attacks on Zebrugge.

"Instructions are always issued to confine attacks to points of military importance and every effort is made by the flying officers to avoid dropping bombs on any residential portions of towns."

The official report makes no mention of the airmen engaged, so it is presumed they all returned safely. The day was bright and clear, conditions being more favorable than for last week's raid.

MAY ABOLISH OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER.

The citizens of Guilford generally will be interested in the announcement that a bill has been drawn and is to be introduced in the legislature to abolish the office of county treasurer. The bill was sent to Raleigh this week and probably will be introduced within the next few days. The bill was drawn at the instance of the county commissioners and the county board of education.

Should the office of treasurer be abolished, the county's funds would be disbursed by a bank or banks without cost to the county. Such a law has been in effect in Moore county for the past two years and is said to be working well there.

The proposed law would result in a saving of \$1,200 a year, which is the salary of Guilford's treasurer. If passed, the law could not become effective until the expiration of the present term of County Treasurer McKinney on the first of December of 1916.

Prof. Thomas R. Foust, county superintendent of schools, spent yesterday in Raleigh on business.

Mr. E. P. Huffines, of Gibsonville

Route 2, was in the city on business Tuesday.



Dr. L. L. Hobbs, Retiring President of Guilford College.