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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

Seriously Ill.—Mr. Will R. Rankin is seriously ill at his home on West Market street and his condition is such as to occasion alarm on the part of relatives and friends.

Death of Infant.—Mary Lydia, the four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Womble, died Saturday morning at the home of her parents on West Lee street, following an illness of erysipelas.

Revival Ends.—The revival meeting that had been in progress at Westminster Presbyterian church for the past ten days closed last night. There were 35 or 40 professions of religion during the special services.

Appendicitis Operation.—Miss Ruth Ammon, a daughter of Mr. L. M. Ammon, underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Leo's hospital a few days ago. Her condition is satisfactory and a speedy recovery is expected.

Aged Woman Dead.—Mrs. William Andrews died yesterday afternoon at her home eight or ten miles north of the city at the advanced age of 87 years. The funeral and interment will take place at Lee's chapel this afternoon.

Baseball Officers.—The directors of the Greensboro Baseball Association have elected the following officers for the ensuing season: Robert G. Sloan, president; Rev. Father Vincent Taylor, vice president; E. E. Bain, secretary and treasurer.

F. J. Horney Dead.—Mr. F. J. Horney, a well known business man of High Point, who had been a great sufferer from rheumatism for years, died at his home yesterday morning. He was 66 years old and is survived by his widow and two daughters.

Death of M. M. Teague.—Mr. M. M. Teague died Saturday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. G. Patterson, on Gorrell street. He was 55 years old and had been ill for some time. The body was carried to liberty yesterday afternoon for the funeral and interment.

Attended Brother's Funeral.—Mr. George A. Grimsley, Mrs. C. C. Taylor and Miss Alice Grimsley were called to Snow Hill, Greene county, Friday to attend the funeral of their brother, Mr. John D. Grimsley. The deceased was 64 years old and a well known citizen of his section.

Carl Ray's Job.—Carl Ray, who had reputation as a baseball player while a student at Whitsett Institute and later was a star member of the Winston team, has gone to Orlando, Fla., to join the training camp of the Birmingham, Ala., team, in the Southern league, of which he is to be a member this year.

Former Resident Dead.—Mr. H. J. Williams, who resided in Greensboro a number of years ago, died Saturday at his home in Fayetteville at the age of 74 years. The body was brought to Greensboro yesterday afternoon and interred in Greene Hill cemetery after a short service conducted by Rev. Dr. C. W. Byrd.

Work Plentiful.—Mr. M. L. Ingram, of the Guilford Battle Ground neighborhood, received a letter recently from his son, Mr. W. H. Ingram, of Colfax, Ill., in which the statement was made that work in that section is plentiful and that it is not difficult for a man to get a job at \$20 a month and all expenses paid.

Sale at Pleasant Garden.—An advertisement on the eighth page of The Patriot calls attention to an auction sale of household and kitchen furniture, farming implements and other personal property to be conducted by Mr. Luke W. White, of Pleasant Garden, Wednesday, beginning at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

John Whitsett Dead.—Mr. John Whitsett, a well known citizen of Gibsonville, died suddenly at his home Thursday. He was 55 years old and is survived by his widow and several children. The funeral and interment took place Friday at Sharon Lutheran church, the services being conducted by Rev. S. M. Rankin of this city.

At Y. W. C. A. Yesterday.—Rev. Robert E. Roge, the new pastor of Holy Trinity Episcopal church, was the speaker at the vesper services at the Y. W. C. A. yesterday afternoon and made a most interesting talk on his missionary work in Alaska. The services were open to men and were attended by a large crowd of both men and women.

Missionary Speaker.—Dr. Mary Glenton, missionary stationed at Nuchang, China, made an address Thursday afternoon before the women's missionary societies of St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity Episcopal churches. The address was delivered in the Sunday school room of Holy Trinity church. Dr. Glenton is in this country on a furlough from her mission work in China.

Adjudged a Bankrupt.—C. H. McDaniel, a well known citizen and business man of Surry county, a dealer in horses, mules and other live stock, was adjudged a bankrupt in the United States court here a few days ago and the matter was referred to J. E. Alexander, of Winston-Salem, referee in bankruptcy. The assets are scheduled at \$25,519.60, with liabilities amounting to \$24,969.94.

Mock Trial Pleaded.—A great many people found pleasant diversion Friday night in attending a mock trial in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. building. Col. James T. Morehead presided as judge and the culprit on trial was Henry W. Wharton, who was charged with cheating in a horse trade. The jury, composed of both men and women, could not agree upon a verdict and the defendant was discharged.

New Management.—Mr. A. N. Perkins, who recently returned to Greensboro from Charlotte, where he was proprietor of the Central hotel for several years, today becomes manager of the Guilford hotel, succeeding Mr. J. L. Clements. Mr. Perkins is one of the best known and most experienced hotel men in the state and years ago was connected with the Guilford, when it was known as the Benbow hotel.

Special Services.—White Oak Lodge No. 187, Knights of Pythias, held special services of an interesting character yesterday afternoon. The meeting was held in the White Oak assembly hall and the principal speaker was Prof. J. G. Baird, of Charlotte, grand chancellor of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias. A number of visiting Pythians were present for the occasion, which was most enjoyable in every respect.

Guilford Jessup Tried.—Guilford Jessup, who was arrested last week by Sheriff Stafford for participating in an affray at Guilford Battle Ground on the occasion of the Fourth of July celebration last year, was given a hearing Saturday before Squire D. H. Collins and fined \$15 and costs. He was acquitted of the charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Jessup left the county after the fight and eluded the officers until taken in custody by Sheriff Stafford at Piney Grove school house.

For Abandonment.—Sheriff Umstead, of Mahoning county, Ohio, was in the city a few days ago and carried back to the Buckeye state Dolph Whitsett, colored, who was arrested early last week on the charge of abandoning his wife in Ohio. Whitsett was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Caffey at the home of his father near Rudd, on a fugitive from justice warrant issued by Squire D. H. Collins. The crime of abandonment is a felony in Ohio, and if convicted, things are liable to go hard with Whitsett.

Revenue Officers Change.—In pursuance with an order issued recently by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn, Messrs. T. H. Vanderford and W. H. Chapman, agents in charge of the offices in Greensboro and Richmond, respectively, swap jobs today. Mr. Vanderford goes to Richmond and Mr. Chapman comes to Greensboro. Mr. Chapman has been in the service of the revenue department for a number of years and has been stationed in Greensboro two or three different times in the past. Mr. Vanderford was appointed agent after Col. W. H. Osborn assumed the duties of commissioner of internal revenue and has had his headquarters in Greensboro since he went into office.

D. Y. Cooper For Governor.—Writing from Raleigh, the editor of the Charlotte Observer says: "By way of political gossip, there is talk going around the capitol today that the friends of Mr. D. Y. Cooper, the well-known banker, manufacturer and business man of Henderson, will try to bring him out for the nomination for governor by the Democrats. Whether Mr. Cooper has been consulted, has not developed. In Raleigh one hears talk also that Senator McRae may be in the field as candidate for Congress from the Charlotte district."

JOHN W. COOK FOUND DEAD IN BATH ROOM OF HOME.

Mr. John W. Cook, one of Guilford county's best known and most prominent citizens, was found dead in the bath room at his home on Spring Garden street extended at an early hour yesterday morning. The discovery was made by his little daughter, who missed her father when she awoke and went in search of him. Mr. Cook had been suffering from heart trouble for some time and this is supposed to have been the cause of his death.

The position of his body when found indicated that Mr. Cook had gone into the bath room to wash his hands when the attack came upon him. Mr. Cook and his young daughter were alone for the night, Mrs. Cook having gone to the home of a friend in which there was serious illness.

The funeral will be held from the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. C. W. Byrd and Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine. The burial will take place at Guilford College.

Mr. Cook lacked one day of being 63 years old. He was born and reared near Guilford College. He was a successful farmer until elected sheriff of the county in the late '80s. He held this office for eight years and was a capable and popular official. After retiring from the sheriff's office he became interested in the Pomona Terra Cotta Company. Last year he was appointed postmaster of Pomona.

Mr. Cook was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Boren, a sister of the Messrs. Boren, of Pomona. One child, a daughter, was born to this union. She has been dead for several years. His second wife was Miss Minnie Blackman, of this city. She and a young daughter survive.

GUILFORD TRUSTEES HOLD SPECIAL MEETING.

In response to a petition from members of the faculty of Guilford College protesting against the retirement of Dr. L. L. Hobbs from the presidency of the institution, a special meeting of the board of trustees was held in this city Friday afternoon. The protesting members of the faculty were present and explained that their protest did not arise from any objection to Dr. Thomas Newlin, the president-elect, but was due to their affection and regard for Dr. Hobbs. It is understood that the matter was settled satisfactorily.

Mr. J. Elwood Cox, chairman of the board of trustees, made the following statement concerning the matter:

"The whole trouble arose from a lack of understanding of the situation. Dr. Hobbs was in the meeting when the call was made to Dr. Newlin to the office and he heartily agreed with the action. He had asked us a long time before to prepare to relieve him of the burdens of the presidency and he is in thorough sympathy with the action."

"The trustees have a great affection for Dr. Hobbs. They would not consider the reduction of his salary, but he will stay on with the institution as president emeritus, at the same salary that he has been receiving as active head of the institution. It is to relieve him, as he is growing old, of some of the smaller duties of the office which should be borne by younger men, that the action of electing Dr. Newlin was taken."

Says Girl Proposed to Him.

Atlanta, Feb. 27.—Charging that he was forced to wed a pretty West Virginia girl through fear of violence, C. W. Wannamaker, a civil and mining engineer of Atlanta, filed suit for divorce today.

Mrs. Wannamaker was formerly Miss Cylie Maxie and is living with relatives near Bluefield, W. Va. According to Wannamaker, he separated from the girl immediately after the ceremony and fled.

Wannamaker is a native of Virginia. He was engaged in engineering work near Bluefield when he met Miss Maxie, and he alleges that she became infatuated with him and proposed. He said he protested that he didn't want to marry and had no idea of marrying her. Wannamaker's next surprise came when an officer appeared and arrested him. He said he was taken to Tazewell, where threats of violence were made, after which the marriage took place.

Wannamaker says he would have been shot if he had not married the girl.

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

The senate has set the anti-jug bill as a special order for tonight, when it is expected the argument will be concluded and a vote reached.

The senate Saturday killed the Weaver child labor bill by a vote of 29 to 8. The vote is declared to be a complete vindication of the contention of the manufacturers of the state that they are not violating the child labor laws and are ready to cooperate in every way possible with the properly constituted authorities.

Senate Passes Primary Bill.—The Hobgood-Weaver bill providing for a legalized primary for all political parties was passed by the senate at 1 o'clock Friday morning, following hours of debate and after many amendments had been offered and voted down. The vote was 36 to 10. The bill is now in the house, where a long debate and sharp contest awaits it.

The amendments offered by the committee were adopted, but all those offered after the argument began were voted down except two, one by Senator McRae, of Mecklenburg, and the other by Senator White. The McRae amendment provides for the exemption of 50-odd counties specified from operation as to county officers, including members of the house of representatives. The White amendment provides that any one of the counties so exempted may vote themselves under the primary through petition of one-fifth of the voters in the county asking for the election.

An amendment by Johnson, of Duplin, to also exempt a large number of senatorial districts was lost by a close vote. The McRae amendment carried by one majority, 24 to 25.

Divorce Bill.—The divorce bill over which there was considerable agitation in the last legislature, has bobbed up again in a slightly amended shape. It has passed two readings in the house and was about to be put through the third when it was held up by a member who wanted to look into it further. The bill, in short, provides temporary divorce on the statutory ground, and permanent divorce after a separation for a term of five years.

Machinery Act.—For the past several days the house has been engaged in considering the machinery act. The most spirited debate has centered around the question of tax assessors. The members voted down Representative Allen's amendment to section 14 and sustained the report of the finance committee. The section of the proposed bill provides for a county assessor and section 15 appoints only one assessor for each township. The Allen amendment would re-enact the 1913 law, which does not provide for a county assessor, and three men compose the board of assessors in each township. Mr. Carr, of Duplin, offered an amendment leaving the county assessor but providing for three township assessors, but this was voted down, as was the amendment of Mr. Roberts, of Buncombe, providing for two assessors in each township. Mr. Valentine offered an amendment providing that the local authorities of the county appoint the county assessor instead of the state tax commission, but this was lost by a big majority.

Chairman Doughton had charge of the bill and was kept busy answering questions concerning the bill, but came forth from the battle with flying colors and had the satisfaction of seeing the house stand by him and the finance committee, who he said had taken great pains and much labor to work out this bill in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Bynum, of Chatham, opposed the section under discussion, but admitted the merit of the bill and said that his constituents were opposed to it, hence his position. He referred to the fact that he had voted against the anti-liquor bill for the same reason, that his people were against it. Mr. Bowman, of Guilford, who had not heretofore spoken on the floor of the house, stated that he thought the Chatham member was mistaken about the temper of the people of that county in reference to the anti-liquor bill; that he had just been in Chatham county and the people there were not all endorsing the position of the Chatham member on the liquor question, and he added that Mr. Bynum might also be mis-

taken regarding the machinery bill. The Bowman, as a farmer, endorsed the section and hoped that the Allen amendment would be voted down. Mr. Small, of Pasquotank, endorsed the section and Mr. Darden, of Halifax, also added his endorsement, saying that the equalization of taxes was a most complex problem. He declared there should not be a pauper county in the state, and if property was assessed at its true value there would not be.

Mr. Grier, of Iredell, said that these two sections were the keystone of the arch and if they are stricken out the whole structure will crumble. He said that Chairman Doughton had been charged with being a stand-patter, but now he was charged with being too progressive.

Mr. Brockett, of Guilford, praised the work of the committee and stated that he believed that one assessor could better do the work than three. Mr. Leonard, of Davidson, was against centralizing power in Raleigh.

Dr. Kent made a strong speech in favor of the bill and exhibited a number of figures to show where counties in his section were benefited under the 1911 act.

In closing Mr. Doughton said he would be frank and stated that the Democratic party was responsible for the bill. The committee had considered the political effect and as well as the business effect and he was willing to stand by the measure.

Mr. Roberts, of Buncombe, asked Mr. Doughton why the county commissioners could not appoint the assessors as well as the state tax commission at Raleigh, as it was presumed that the Raleigh body would appoint the assessor on the recommendations of commissioners anyway.

This question was very much of a surprise, coming from the gentleman from Buncombe, Mr. Doughton declared, and he said he had expected to hear this kind of argument from other sources, but did not think a man of such broad intellect and possessing so much intelligence as the gentleman from Buncombe would talk of centralization of power in Raleigh.

A Plea For the Orphans.—A plea for the crippled, diseased and indigent orphans of sound mind was made before the appropriations committee Friday afternoon.

R. B. Babbington, S. J. Durham and A. G. Mangum, all of Gastonia, appeared before the committee and asked an appropriation of \$10,000 to erect a hospital building for this purpose on a site already secured. Some of the most prominent men of North Carolina are named as the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital board of trustees. Among them are F. M. Simmons, B. N. Duke, J. Y. Joyner, Heriot Clarkson, Lee S. Overman, Junius M. Horner.

The North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital has been chartered by the state. The object of the institution is to care for diseased, crippled or deformed orphan and indigent children of sound mind of the state, giving them expert medical treatment.

The need for the institution is admitted. While the appropriations committee is a sorely harassed body with demands on them far beyond their power to fill, yet there are many who hope the cry of these children may not go unheeded.

Mill Men Agree on Child Labor Bill.

The legislative committee of North Carolina Manufacturers Association, in special conference in Raleigh Friday, agreed on a bill asked to be passed by the legislature to strengthen the child labor law, believing that the Weaver bill will be defeated. The measure that the manufacturers offer provides that the county superintendent of schools "shall" instead of "may" investigate as to observance of the law as to children in factories. It also requires that superintendents of mills shall semi-annually certify under oath to the county superintendent of schools names and times of work by children under age in the mills, if any and that in case of failure of superintendent of any mill to certify under oath as required, the superintendent of schools shall inspect the mill or have inspection made, a fee of \$5 to be taxed against the mill for inspection. Also it is made obligatory on the truant officers to investigate and report every case of violation of the child labor law in any mill.

SPEAKER WOOTEN DIES AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT.

Hon. Emmett R. Wooten, of Kinston, speaker of the house of representatives, died in a hospital in Raleigh Saturday afternoon as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on the night of February 18, when William T. Aycock, engrossing clerk of the senate, was instantly killed and Senator Johnson of Duplin, and the negro chauffeur, were painfully injured. The funeral and interment took place in Kinston yesterday afternoon. The services were attended by committees from both houses of the legislature, as well as a number of other members of the general assembly and state officers.

Mr. Wooten was 36 years of age and is survived by his widow, two children, his aged mother, a brother and a sister. He had held a number of positions of trust and honor for one of his years. He had served as city attorney of Kinston, county attorney of Lenoir county and had been elected to the legislature for the last four successive terms. At the beginning of the present session of the legislature he was elected speaker of the house by acclamation, the other candidates for the position retiring in his favor.

Had he lived, Mr. Wooten doubtless would have been a candidate next year the Democratic nomination for attorney general of North Carolina.

RUSSIANS HAVE CHECKED THE GERMAN ADVANCE.

The Russian offensive operations appear at the present time to extend along their whole front—an indication that they have brought strong reinforcements into the field. They have checked the German advance in North Poland, where the Germans are reported in retreat and the capture of Przasnysz after severe fighting, has given them an excellent pivotal point from which to carry on further operations.

All the Petrograd correspondents refer to the capture of a large number of Germans as a new phase of the war, and credit it to a lack of officers among the German armies and the large number of young untrained men drafted into them. The Russian offensive extends to what is what known as the Buzura-Rawka front, where they successfully opposed Field Marshal von Hindenburg's attempt to advance on Warsaw in December and January.

There has been heavy fighting in Western Galicia and in the Carpathians, but no notable changes in the situation. In Eastern Galicia the Russians report another repulse for the Austrians, who again have lost a number of prisoners.

With Russia it would seem to be a case of keeping up the supply of ammunition, which the opening of the Dardanelles would greatly assist.

The allies, however, do not anticipate that their success in the Dardanelles undertaking will be immediate, for they are now facing the hardest part of the problem, having the strongest forts ahead of them, although the guns of these forts have not the range of the guns of the larger ships.

The Belgian army reorganized and re-equipped again, has been taking part in the fight for the recovery of its country and, according to the French report, has advanced across the Yser and taken a farm from the Germans, while its artillery has demolished two German works.

Otherwise the battles in the West are still confined to the Champagne and the Vosges, where both sides claim successes.

Candidate For Mayor.—Mr. J. H. Cook has announced his candidacy for mayor and commissioner of finance and will oppose Mayor Murphy in the approaching primary election for the nomination. Mr. Cook moved to Greensboro some years ago from Cincinnati and is engaged in the insurance business. Mr. Cook's entry gives all the elective city officials opposition. Mr. J. Henry Phipps has been nominated by the South Greensboro people to oppose Mr. R. M. Rees, the commissioner of public safety, and Mr. Charlie Hendrix is after the job now held by Mr. J. Giles Foushee, commissioner of public works. Mr. William B. Byrd, one of the younger members of the local bar, is trying to beat Judge S. Glenn Brown for the nomination for judge of the Municipal court.