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

Recovering From Illness.—Mr. W. J. Blackburn is recovering from a severe illness that has kept him confined to his home on North Elm street for the part of the past week. He is able to sit up a little each day and expects to be out shortly.

Dr. Lawrence in Hospital.—Dr. W. P. Lawrence, of the faculty of Elon College, was brought to Greensboro Saturday and placed in St. Leo's hospital for treatment. He is suffering from an acute attack of gastritis, and while his condition is serious, it is not considered especially alarming.

Name Changed.—The recent session of the legislature passed an act changing the name of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, in this city, to the Negro Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina, the change being made in order to avoid confusion with the A. & M. College in Raleigh.

President Few Lectures.—Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, delivered a lecture Friday night at the Agricultural and Mechanical College for the colored race on the subject of "A Strong, Dependable Character." It was a scholarly and helpful address and was listened to with great interest by his hearers.

To Speak in Asheville.—Mayor Murphy left this morning for Asheville, where he will make an address tonight on the commission form of government. The people of Asheville are to vote tomorrow on the adoption or rejection of the commission form of government, which has been agitated in that city for some time.

Takes Charlotte Hotel.—Mr. Frank P. Morton, one of the state's best known hotel men, today becomes manager of the Central hotel, in Charlotte. He has managed hotels in Greensboro, Morhead City, Toxaway, Brevard and other places, but for the past few years has been engaged in the insurance business in this city.

Death of J. R. Haitcock.—Mr. J. R. Haitcock died yesterday afternoon at his home on Liberty Hill, following a long period of ill health. He was 61 years old and is survived by his widow, three daughters and four sons. The funeral will take place at Holt's chapel this afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. L. Townsend.

Died Yesterday.—Mrs. Winnie Gertrude Short died yesterday morning at her home on Railroad street, following a lingering illness. She was 24 years old and is survived by her husband and an infant. The funeral will be held from the First Reformed church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, followed by interment in Greene Hill cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. Shuford Pfeeler.

School Building on Fire.—The Glenwood public school building caught on fire Friday, and if it had not been for a painter who was at work on the building and had ladders handy, the building probably would have been burned to the ground; but as it was, the damage was confined to a part of the roof and ceiling. This building is one of the best public school structures in the county.

Play Presented.—The dramatic club of the University of North Carolina presented "The Arms and the Man," a splendid comedy, at the State Normal and Industrial college Friday night. There was a large and enthusiastic audience. This production has been presented at a number of places in the state and has been well received wherever it was presented. It will not be given but one more time.

Litigation Over Hotel.—The litigation over the McAdoo hotel has been settled for the present. Judge Brown, in municipal court, ruled that W. D. McAdoo was not guilty of forcible trespass in attempting to take charge of the hotel and putting J. L. Clements in charge as manager. Judge Lyon, in the Superior court refused an injunction asked by Manager Sterne, who sought to have McAdoo stopped from interfering with his contract. Mr. Clements will have charge of the hotel in the future as manager and Mr. Sterne, who has a contract until October as manager, will bring suit against Mr. McAdoo for damages for breach of contract.

D. L. Clark Dead.—Mr. D. L. Clark, the oldest citizen of High Point, died at his home in that place Saturday night. He was 91 years old and had resided in High Point over 60 years. Until his health failed a few years ago, he was actively engaged in business as a painter and photographer. He possessed considerable ability as an artist. The funeral will take place this afternoon and will be conducted with Masonic honors.

Monthly Dinners.—The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce is arranging to give a series of monthly dinners in order to bring the business men of the city together and cultivate a better community spirit. The first of these dinners will be given at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening, March 24. The principal speaker will be Mr. C. Grosvenor Dawe, of Washington, the organizer and managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress.

Guilford's Share.—Guilford county will receive this year \$11,688.07 as its share of the fund apportioned by the state board of education to bring the terms of the schools of all the counties of the state up to the required length of 100.2 days. The apportionment was made by the state board of education at a meeting held in Raleigh Friday. Under the apportionment Alamance county receives \$4,422.45; Rockingham, \$8,048.22, and Randolph, \$5,563.62.

Gibsonville Cleaning Up.—The present week is to be observed as "clean-up" week in Gibsonville, and all the residents of the town are supposed to put their premises in "apple pie" order. A public meeting in behalf of the clean-up movement is to be held in the graded school building tonight. Dr. W. M. Jones, the county physician, and Mr. E. P. Wharton, who has made for himself a reputation in ridding Greensboro of flies, will be present and make addresses.

Mrs. T. C. Williams Dead.—Mrs. T. C. Williams died Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at her home near Summerfield. She was about 25 years old and is survived by her husband and two young children. The funeral was held from the Summerfield Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. The services were conducted by the pastors of the Baptist and Methodist churches of Summerfield.

Revival in Negro Church.—A goodly portion of Greensboro's colored population is greatly interested in a revival meeting that is being conducted in St. Matthew's Methodist church, the largest and most influential colored church in the city. Modern evangelistic methods are employed and the church is crowded at every service. It is said that the revival has aroused more interest on the part of the colored people of Greensboro than any similar meeting held in this city in years.

Firemen Give a Supper.—The members of the Eagle Hose Company gave a delightful supper to a number of their friends at their headquarters on South Davis street Friday night. The occasion was a most enjoyable one in every particular. Mr. John L. Thacker presided in the capacity of toastmaster, and short speeches were made by Mayor Murphy, Commissioner Rees, Commissioner Foushee, City Clerk Michaux, Judge S. Glenn Brown, H. J. Elam, the organizer and first president of the Eagle Hose Company; Sherwood Brockwell, deputy state fire insurance commissioner, and R. E. Steele, of the American Commission Company, who recently suffered a severe loss by fire.

Firemen Kept Busy.—The Greensboro fire department has been kept pretty busy during the past week, having been called on to fight several fires. The climax came Saturday night, when the firemen were called on to fight two fires at once. The first alarm came in from Sampson street, in the southeastern part of the city, where five houses occupied by colored families were burned, entailing a loss of about \$3,000. While this fire was being fought an alarm called the firemen to the old building occupied by the Mowrey Transfer Company, on West Washington street, this being the third alarm sent in from this building during the last two days. The fire was extinguished without any considerable damage. This building is the old Mendenhall residence that formerly stood on South Elm street, opposite the McAdoo hotel.

Old Women's Home.—Plans for the establishment in this city of a home for indigent old women were considered at a meeting of women of various churches of Greensboro Friday afternoon. The meeting was held in the parlors of West Market Street Methodist church, and it was unanimously decided that such a home should be established in the city. The proposition will be presented to the various churches of the city, and it is hoped that plans for building the home can be perfected in the near future.

Pilate the Politician.—The people of Greensboro and the sojourners within the gates of the city who failed to attend the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon missed a treat that would have well repaid them for passing up their Sunday afternoon siesta. The speaker of the occasion was Dr. Archibald Johnson, of Thomasville, editor of Charity and Children, and he talked to an interested and appreciative audience about "Pontius Pilate the Politician." He made one of the most helpful and inspiring talks heard by any crowd of men in Greensboro in a long while.

Stole Valuable Diamonds.—Lacy Peques, a negro boy of 13 or 14 years, was arrested and locked up Saturday afternoon charged with the theft of \$800 worth of diamond rings from the home of Mr. J. W. Brawley, on South Ashe street. The boy has been employed by a local grocery store and Saturday morning went to Mr. Brawley's residence to make a delivery of goods. Mrs. Brawley, who was doing her kitchen work temporarily in the absence of the cook, had removed her rings and placed them on the gas range. When the boy went into the kitchen to deliver the groceries he saw the diamonds, was tempted and fell. He turned the diamonds over to his mother, who delivered them to the officers after his arrest. The boy will be given a hearing in Municipal court today.

TRAINING SCHOOL IS MEETING WITH SUCCESS.

The training school for Sunday school workers recently organized in Greensboro has started out under the most favorable auspices and already has more than demonstrated its right to existence. The weekly meetings are well attended by the superintendents, teachers and other workers in the Sunday schools of most of the churches in the city.

At the meeting Thursday night, which was held in the Sunday school building of West Market Street Methodist church, Dr. W. A. Harper, of Elon College, delivered the second of a series of three lectures he is to make before the training school. He spoke on "Conserving Christian Energy" and made an interesting and helpful address.

Following Dr. Harper's lecture, the various classes assembled for work. The leaders of the classes reported a fine attendance and splendid interest.

The department or organization and management decided at a previous meeting that the time had come to elect a regular leader and an associate leader for the department, and Rev. J. Walter Long, secretary of the state association, was elected leader and Miss Mary Petty, of the faculty of the State Normal and Industrial College, was elected associate leader.

Rev. J. W. Long presented the work leading up to the city association. Mr. A. W. McAlister set forth the significance of the city association and the city training school. Mr. W. M. Combs spoke on the place of the department of organization and management in the whole system, being the last link before coming to the local school. Rev. E. J. Harold spoke of an efficiency program for the local church and school, such as is now being worked out by the Friends church of Greensboro.

Russia's Prime Minister Dead. Count Sertius Julovitch Witte, Russia's first prime minister, died Friday night. He was taken ill last week.

Count Witte, who was born June 19, 1849, at Tiflis, was one of the Russian delegates to the Portsmouth, N. H., conference in 1905, which ended the Russo-Japanese war. He afterwards was made count and appointed president of the new ministry, but retired in 1906, and has held no important post since.

TEACHER'S PLACE A BIG ONE

HAS MANY OPPORTUNITIES OF AIDING IN COMMUNITY BETTERMENT.

The monthly meeting of the Guilford County Teachers' Association was held at the Carnegie library Saturday forenoon, with an attendance of teachers from all sections of the county. The meeting was opened by singing "Come, Thou Almighty King," after which devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. V. R. Stickley, the opening exercises being concluded by singing "America."

County Superintendent T. R. Foust presided and discussed with the teachers the seventh grade examination relative to issuing certificates to pupils completing the elementary school. The arithmetic work of the seventh and eight grades was discussed, because it is easier to determine the work of the child in that subject than any other. Mr. Foust told the teachers that it was a mistake for a pupil to get an idea that he is further along in his school course than he really is, and impressed upon the teachers the importance of good grading.

Dr. W. T. Whitsett, chairman of the county board of education, was present and made a short talk to the teachers. He said that he never dropped into a teachers' meeting that he did not get interested in the discussion of the questions under consideration. He urged upon the teachers the necessity of grasping the opportunities that come to them of uplift and community helpfulness.

"There is so much to be done," he said, "and in proportion to our dreams, we realize so little. Whenever I feel that I have neglected something along a line that may help a community, I feel that I have missed something. All of us can do a great deal more in life and in school work than we imagine that we can do, and I believe that we simply lack the courage to do the big things, and there is not a force in Guilford county that can do the great things better than this body of people in this hall today. When we get rid of the idea that we are teaching arithmetic and history and see that we are teaching boys and girls for American citizenship and the exercise of all the privileges that the world means, and when that vision dawns on us, we get to be the power that uplifts things in this world."

Mr. Garland Daniel, secretary of the Carolina Fair Association, presented the teachers with charts, "Half Century Memorial of the Civil War in America," one for each school room in the county. These charts contain Lincoln's Gettysburg address, pictures of Lincoln, Grant, Lee, Meade, Bell, Sherman and many other generals of the war between the states, and Northern and Southern war songs. Prizes are to be offered by the Central Carolina Fair Association for the best essays written on some feature of this chart, the essays to be handed in to Mr. Foust by the first of May. Pupils of any grade can compete for these prizes, the grade which the pupil represents to be given, and this information will be taken into consideration in awarding the prizes. The prize essay will be printed in the premium list which the fair association gets out in the fall. Mr. Foust called to the attention of the teachers the necessity of collecting work from their schools now for the fair next fall as there is not time after the schools open in the fall to get a collection together for a good exhibit.

Mr. E. H. Anderson, county farm demonstration agent, was present and begged the teachers for more support in the club work, and especially to let him have the names of the boys and girls who would be benefited by belonging to one of the clubs.

Prof. Joseph H. Peele, of Guilford College, lectured to the high school teachers on "The Teaching of English in the High School." In his lecture he touched on the use of the dictionary and the essentials of composition work, and dwelt particularly on the study of literature, giving an illustration of the teaching of "Macbeth" to high school pupils.

Prof. E. E. Balcomb, of the Normal College, presented to the grammar grade teachers a very interesting plan in agriculture for rural teachers to attempt next year. He gave printed plans to each teacher present which will prove very helpful. Part of his plan was for the

school to give credit to the child for home work in agriculture.

Mr. W. H. Reynolds, of the Center school, discussed the teaching of civil government and how to make it interesting to grammar grade pupils. The next meeting of the grammar grade department will be held at the court house annex on April 10.

WARSHIPS TO FORM COAST PATROL GUARD.

Washington, March 12.—Secretary Daniels announced late tonight that the armored cruiser Brooklyn, receiving snip at the Boston navy yard, had been ordered to patrol the border there to guard against neutrality violations.

Although officials here continue to deny that any evidence had been discovered to bear out stories of a plot to turn German steamers laid up at American ports into warships and rush them to sea, developments of the past three days have demonstrated the government's determination to take extraordinary precautions against any neutrality violation.

Four warships and a coast guard cutter now have been detailed for patrol duty in Boston and New York harbors.

Assistant Secretary Peters, of the treasury, was an early White House caller today and had a long talk with President Wilson. He is in direct charge of customs matters, and the preservation of neutrality by foreign ships in American ports is under his charge. A few hours later he left for New York.

Mr. Peters said his trip had nothing to do with neutrality, but it became known tonight that he was expected to confer tonight with officials of both the New York and Boston custom houses. In the harbor of these two cities are some of the finest of the merchant fleets that kept the German flag flying in the North Atlantic lanes before the war.

Whether additional ships will be sent either to New York or Boston was not disclosed tonight.

Shortly after the outbreak of the war Collector Malone, at New York, formed a neutrality squad of custom officers which has kept close watch on all interned ships as well as all those outbound.

Precautions of the same sort have been taken also at Boston.

BOND ISSUE TO REBUILD JAMESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL.

The prospects appear bright for the early erection of a handsome and commodious high school building at Jamestown to replace the structure recently destroyed by fire. The Jamestown district and high school committees appeared before the county board of education at a special meeting Saturday and presented a petition for a bond election for \$15,000 to aid in the construction of the new building.

The board of education approved the petition and has requested the county commissioners to hold a special meeting and order the election. The request for a special meeting of the commissioners was made in order that no time may be lost in holding the election and proceeding with the erection of the new building. The election probably will be called for Tuesday, April 20.

The new building is to be of brick and will represent an investment of over \$20,000. In addition to the proposed bond issue, there is a sum of \$6,000 representing the insurance on the burned building. It is desired to have the new building completed in time for the opening of the fall term.

White House Disbursing Officer Dead.

Col. W. K. Crook, disbursing officer of the White House, who was President Lincoln's body guard and who had been intimately acquainted with every president since, died Saturday at his home in Washington. He had been suffering from pneumonia over a week.

Fifty years of service as a White House employe, through the administrations of twelve presidents, made Col. Crook one of the most familiar figures in the national capital, and in his old age left him rich in personal reminiscences of the intimate side of White House life. The assassinations of Lincoln and Garfield, various weddings at the White House, and the impeachment of President Johnson, were among numerous events which Col. Crook recalled, in memories of his half-century of White House service.

AMERICAN CITIZEN IS KILLED

SHOT DOWN IN HIS HOME IN MEXICO CITY BY FOLLOWERS OF ZAPATA.

Washington, March 12.—Encouraging advices telling of the relief of the food famine in Mexico City through the evacuation of the capital by the forces of General Obregon, the Carranza commander, were beclouded today by the news that on the entry of the Zapata troops John B. McManus, an American citizen, was murdered—shot down in his home, the door of which had been sealed with the coat-of-arms of the United States and over which flew the Stars and Stripes.

Instant demand was made by the Brazilian minister on behalf of the United States government for the punishment of those guilty of the crime.

After a conference between President Wilson and his cabinet, Secretary Bryan telegraphed the Brazilian minister, approving of the action he had taken and adding a demand for reparation to the victim's family. The minister was instructed to insist on the early punishment of the offenders and to impress on the post commander at Mexico City—General Salazar—the seriousness with which the American government viewed the occurrence. The general promised that the demands of the United States would be promptly met.

The Brazilian minister reported in several dispatches on the murder. The motive for the crime, he explained, undoubtedly was one of revenge for the killing of two Zapata soldiers by McManus. The minister said that when the Zapatistas withdrew several weeks ago after the departure of General Gutierrez some of them attempted to loot the home of McManus. The latter stood on his doorstep and is said to have killed two of the raiders.

Apprehensive of what might be his fate on the return of the Zapata forces, McManus induced the Brazilian minister to seal his house with the coat-of-arms of the United States, and hoisted an American flag over his home. Apparently, the minister reported, McManus was killed by a simultaneous volley.

The killing of McManus, coming after the serious developments of the last week has increased apprehensions here for the safety of foreigners.

Employe of Greensboro Firm Imprisoned.

The Washington correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer sends his paper the following item of local interest:

"Senator Simmons attempted today to secure the release, through the French ambassador, of Baron William G. Von Wolff, an employe of J. E. Latham & Co., of Greensboro, who is in a French prison. Wolff was making his way to Germany through France when he was caught and imprisoned at Brest. The French ambassador gave Senator Simmons little encouragement, on account of the fact that Wolff is not an American citizen, but is a German reservist. His mission to Germany was said to have been in the interest of his firm, but since he was liable to be forced into military duty as soon as he arrived, the French government will probably hold him as long as the war lasts."

Gave Life For Her Child.

Asheboro, March 11.—Mrs. Will Sykes, living about one and one-half miles southeast of Asheboro, was burned to death yesterday afternoon and her little child was burned so severely that its life is despaired of. It seems the child was playing, with an old sack around it, which caught fire. The mother tried to put the fire out and her clothing caught.

Mr. Sykes had left only a short time before for his work as night watchman at one of the factories here, and there was no one present except children too small to be of any help in a circumstance like this, and the mother was burned to death. Her clothing was completely consumed, with the exception of the waist band of her dress. When assistance arrived it was too late for the mother, who died shortly thereafter.

Mr. A. V. Sapp has gone on a business trip to Baltimore and New York.