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

Baseball Yesterday.—The last exhibition baseball game of the season was played here yesterday afternoon by the Greensboro and Oak Ridge teams. Greensboro winning by the score of 13 to 2.

To Widen Street.—The city commissioners have acted favorably upon a petition presented a few days ago asking for the widening of Ashboro street. The street will be widened three feet, 18 inches on either side.

Fire This Morning.—Fire was discovered about 7.30 o'clock this morning in a house on Schenck street owned by Dr. M. Royal Farrar and caused considerable damage before it was extinguished. The prompt arrival of the fire department saved the building from total destruction.

Blockading Charged.—Joseph Young, a white man of Rockingham county, was given a hearing Tuesday before United States Commissioner Collins on the charge of operating a blockade still. Commissioner Collins considered the evidence of guilt insufficient and dismissed the warrant.

Election Carried.—The election on the proposition of issuing \$15,000 in bonds for the purpose of rebuilding the burned high school building at Jamestown was held yesterday and carried by a good majority. There were 90 votes for the bond issue and seven against, with 33 registered voters failing to vote.

Everett Routh Dead.—Mr. Everett Routh died Monday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Routh, in southern Guilford. He was 31 years old and had been ill for some time. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters—Mrs. Walter East, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Eva Routh, of Proximity. The funeral and interment took place Tuesday afternoon at Burdette chapel, the services being conducted by Rev. G. F. Milloway.

Col. Chapman Here.—Col. W. H. Chapman, formerly of Richmond, Va., who was appointed revenue agent at Greensboro March 1, exchanging places with Col. T. H. Vanterford, who was transferred to Richmond, arrived Tuesday and assumed charge of the office. Col. Chapman has just recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia and is still quite feeble. He has been stationed in Greensboro as revenue agent before and has many friends here and throughout the territory the office serves.

High School Contests.—The public high schools of the east central district of the state, embracing the counties of Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Lee, Moore, Montgomery, Orange, Rockingham, Stokes, Vance, Wake and Warren, will hold a track meet and contests in declamation, recitation, spelling and composition in Greensboro tomorrow night and Saturday. The following Guilford schools will be represented: Jamestown, Pleasant Garden, Monticello and Summerfield.

City Cleaning Up.—This week is clean-up week in Greensboro as "clean-up week" and it's a safe bet that the city is cleaner and tidier than it has been in a long while. Diligent efforts are being made to clear the sidewalks, vacant lots and all other places of all the accumulated trash and rubbish. Where property owners and householders go to the place of gathering the trash and deposit it in a receptacle at a convenient place the city is co-operating to the extent of having the trash removed to it to the crematory. By the end of the week the clean-up campaign will have covered every corner of the city.

Monday Dinner.—Nearly 150 business men of the city attended the dinner given by the Chamber of Commerce Monday night at the M. C. A. and heard a very interesting lecture by Dr. Edward Amory of the Redpath lecture series on the subject of communication. Prior to the dinner Dr. Amory addressed a large audience at the opera house on the subject "The Haunted House, or Will the Demons Come True?" This was the last of the season's attractions of the lyceum course that was conducted during the winter and spring by the Baraca and Philaena classes of the city.

Two Weddings.—Misses Emily and Elizabeth Westbrook, daughters of Mr. S. W. Westbrook, of Atlanta, were married in this city Tuesday at the residence of their uncle, Mr. C. W. Westbrook, where they have made their home for the past few years. Miss Emily Westbrook and Mr. Wiley H. Simms, of College Park, Ga., were married at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon and at 8.30 in the evening the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Westbrook and Mr. Clifton L. Leak, of this city, took place. Both ceremonies were performed by Rev. Dr. C. W. Byrd.

Fire at Normal College.—A small blaze in a room in the rear of the Spencer building at the State Normal and Industrial College about 8.30 o'clock Tuesday night called out the fire department. The flames were extinguished quickly and with scarcely any damage. The firemen were called from the Normal College to the home of Wash. Ingold, on East Washington street, where a blaze in the room was extinguished. The same house caught fire again about 4 o'clock yesterday morning and was badly damaged, the building and furniture being almost destroyed.

Baseball Season Opens.—The season of the North Carolina Baseball League opens today with teams representing the following North Carolina cities: Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Asheville and Charlotte. Greensboro opens the season in Charlotte and the first game here will be played Monday, when Raleigh will come to Greensboro for three days. Those who think, move and have their being in the baseball world will find life worth living for the next few months. The war, politics, business and everything else save baseball will be relegated to the rear.

Closing Exercises.—The closing exercises of the Brightwood graded school will be held next Monday evening, Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening. There will be exercises by the pupils Monday evening, the program to begin at 8 o'clock. Mr. W. H. Swift will deliver an address Tuesday morning at 10.30 o'clock, following which there will be a debate on the subject, "Resolved that the government should settle all disputes between capital and labor." The afternoon will be given over to athletic events and in the evening there will be exercises by the primary grades.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORK WAS BEGUN TUESDAY.

The road improvement work the county commissioners have been planning for some time was begun Tuesday on the Greensboro and High Point road. The work was started at the city limits on Spring Garden street and will be carried on to the Central Carolina fair grounds and perhaps a mile or two farther. This is the most heavily traveled road in the county, and in order to accommodate the traffic better, the width of the roadway is to be increased from 10 and 12 to 18 feet. The road is to be of concrete and macadam foundation, with a three-inch layer of asphalt on top.

The work is in charge of Mr. D. Tucker Brown, who was recently employed by the county as highway engineer. He is arranging to have work on two roads in progress at the same time, and while it has not been definitely settled, probably the next road to receive attention will be the road extending north of the city from North Elm street.

The work will be carried on until all the roads leading out of the city are put in good condition.

Seriously Injured in Street Fight.—Maxton M. Mays is in St. Leo's hospital suffering from serious injuries and A. A. Jenkins is in the county jail without bond as the result of a bloody fight the two men engaged in on South Elm street Tuesday morning. Mays is suffering from several knife wounds inflicted by Jenkins.

The two men are brothers-in-law and the fight is said to have been the result of a grudge of long standing. Jenkins, who is in the employ of the Mowery Transfer Company, went into Woolworth's store Tuesday morning to collect a bill and claims that Mays, an employe of the store, followed him out on the street and attacked him, knocking him down. Jenkins drew his knife and cut Mays across the forehead, across one hand and inflicted a deep stab in the back. It is the latter wound that is causing apprehensions as to the results.

CONTINUED ACTIVITY IN THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The real estate market in Greensboro and the county has been pretty active of late, and as spring comes on apace there seems to be no abatement in the buying and selling of property. Numbers of transfers of both city and country property are being recorded. Following are among the deeds filed in the office of the register of deeds during the present week:

Thomas F. Causey to Mrs. Nancy L. Regans, a tract 404.6x410.3 feet on Lexington avenue in the city of Greensboro, Morehead township, \$700.

H. C. Kearns, Jr., to T. F. Wrenn, a tract consisting of eight acres in High Point township, \$600.

D. N. and C. S. Welborn to S. I. Davis, a tract consisting of one-half an acre in High Point township, \$325.

M. J. Wrenn to J. Lewis Woodson, a tract consisting of two acres in High Point township, \$450.

J. E. Younts to John D. Atkins, a lot 50x141 1-2 feet in the city of High Point, fronting on Dewey street, \$1,400.

Ed Allred and wife to Joab Leonard and others, a tract consisting of five acres in Jamestown township, \$400.

J. T. Plott to Dr. C. W. Moseley, four small tracts in Gilmer township, near Greensboro, \$2,750.

R. T. Groome to C. A. Groome, one-half undivided interest in a tract consisting of 100 acres in Jamestown township, \$1,950.

John E. Sockwell to A. C. Goodwin, a lot 50x186.7 feet on Bellemeade street, in the city of Greensboro, Morehead township, \$4,000.

James F. Chrismon to H. W. Chrismon, a tract consisting of 30 1-2 acres in Madison township, \$600.

Joshua Warner and wife to J. L. Davis and wife, five lots in Jamestown, \$160.

A. L. Rankin to J. R. Thomas, a tract consisting of 59 acres in Morehead township, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

The Real Estate and Trust Company to W. G. Balsley, a lot 50x150 feet on Cedar street, in the city of Greensboro, Morehead township, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

Loretta C. Liles and Floyd Liles to Samuel B. Jones, a lot 45x135 feet on Lindsay street, in the city of Greensboro, Gilmer township, \$375.

James Snipes and wife to J. M. Albright and R. S. McNairy, a tract consisting of 31.8 acres in Morehead township, \$1,000.

S. M. Irwin to Cora L. Prince, a tract consisting of 178.750 square feet in Friendship township, \$225.

J. H. Millis to S. M. Irwin, a tract consisting of three acres in Friendship township, \$100.

M. W. Lewis and wife to R. W. H. Stone, two lots on Pine street, in the city of Greensboro, 75x300 and 150x300 feet, \$300.

R. W. H. Stone and wife to H. A. Wilson, two lots on Pine street, Gilmer township, city of Greensboro, one 75x300 feet and the other 150x300 feet, \$300.

W. Millner and wife and Hayward Miller and wife to James and Margaret Snipes, a tract consisting of 31.8 acres in Morehead township, \$1 and other valuable considerations.

C. F. Neeley and wife to Mrs. J. H. Dixon, a strip of land 12 1-2 feet wide by 150 feet long, fronting on West Lee street, in the city of Greensboro, Morehead township, \$75.

EX-CONGRESSMAN FAISON TAKES HIS LIFE.

Dr. John M. Faison, who represented the third district of North Carolina in the last two Congresses, committed suicide yesterday morning at his home at Faison, Duplin county, by shooting himself with a shotgun. He had been in poor health for some time and it is thought that this caused him to take his life. He was 53 years old and had long been prominent in business, professional and political circles. He is survived by his widow and six children.

Dr. Faison was elected to Congress in 1910 and again in 1914, but was defeated for a renomination in the Democratic convention last year by George E. Hood, of Goldsboro.

Spending Money.—It is announced that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is spending \$20,000,000 for new equipment. The Lehigh Valley road is also investing much money in equipment and other improvements.

ELECTION OFFICIALS NAMED

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPOINT REGISTRARS AND POLL-HOLDERS.

The board of county commissioners held a called meeting Monday and appointed the registrars and judges for the \$250,000 court house bond election to be held Tuesday, June 1. The registration books will be opened in every precinct in the county on Thursday, April 29, and will be closed on Saturday, May 22. An entire new registration has been ordered.

Beyond naming the registrars and poll-holders for the bond election, the only business transacted by the commissioners at Monday's session was the appointment of John H. Whitt as tax assessor for Gilmer township. He takes the place of John E. McKnight, who is to be one of the poll-holders in the bond election at the White Oak precinct.

The registrars appointed by the commissioners are as follows:

Washington—T. J. Busick.
North Rock Creek—Ralph Steele.
South Rock Creek—J. W. Summers.

Green—G. M. Amick.
North Madison—J. Richard Moore.
South Madison—W. H. Milloway.
North Jefferson—R. L. Davis.

South Jefferson—David Forsyth.
Clay—E. F. Gamble.
North Monroe—J. J. Mitchell.
South Monroe—J. A. May.

White Oak—J. T. Caruthers.
Proximity—J. J. McDonald.
Precinct No. 3—F. M. Hood.

Precinct No. 4—T. G. McLean.
Fentress—J. R. Ross.
Center Grove—T. Highfill.

Precinct No. 2—John H. Rankin.
Precinct No. 1—J. A. Coppedge.
Sumner—Oliver Short.

Bruce—H. C. Brittain.
Friendship—M. L. Kendall.
Jamestown—C. V. Richardson.
Oak Ridge—A. S. Clark.

Stokesdale—Frank Jones.
Deep River—J. O. Ball.
South Morehead—F. M. Fields.

North High Point—J. M. Sechrest.
South High Point No. 1—John Farlow.

South High Point No. 2—J. F. Hoffman.

Following are the poll-holders in the various precincts:

Washington—Y. W. Brann and Alfred Apple.

North Rock Creek—C. A. Wharton and W. S. Wagoner.

South Rock Creek—John Rankin and E. B. Wheeler.

Green—W. M. Thompson and J. B. Corsbie.

South Madison—A. R. Hines and P. M. Michael.

North Madison—J. F. Doggett and J. A. Wyrick.

North Jefferson—W. L. Wharton and C. D. Cobb.

South Jefferson—C. V. Paisley and M. C. Shaw.

Clay—G. A. Garrett and R. A. Starr.

North Monroe—Madison Beville and L. S. Reece.

South Monroe—Lewis Hawkins and J. R. Schoolfield.

White Oak—J. E. McKnight and B. B. Bunting.

Proximity—G. D. Oakes and J. W. Mills.

Precinct No. 3—W. L. Abbott and W. M. King.

Precinct No. 4—W. O. Stratford and W. H. Dailey.

Fentress—C. T. Weatherly and P. M. Riley.

Center Grove—R. W. Winchester and H. W. Gordon.

South Morehead—W. N. Stack and A. B. Hinshaw.

Precinct No. 1—J. Ed. Albright and J. H. Combs.

Precinct No. 2—J. R. Cutchin and G. Will Armfield.

Sumner—C. A. Groome and J. O. Murrow.

Bruce—J. F. Summers and C. H. Willson.

Friendship—S. W. H. Smith and W. H. Swing.

Jamestown—W. G. Ragsdale and I. N. Robinson.

DISPOSITION OF CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

The Superior court jury in the case wherein Oliver A. York was suing the city of Greensboro for \$5,000 damages for personal injuries Tuesday returned a verdict for the defendant. The plaintiff claimed that he was thrown from his buggy by Spring street about five years ago and permanently injured. He has been unable to work since and is carried about in a wheel chair.

The city showed that the driveway where the accident occurred was private property and that the owner had warned the public, including the defendant, not to use it. On this showing the jury returned a verdict for the city.

Judge Lyon has set aside the verdict previously rendered in a damage suit brought by I. E. Jones against the city of High Point, wherein the plaintiff was awarded a judgment for \$1,375 against the defendant. Jones sought to recover damages because the city of High Point had emptied a sewer line in a creek near his place. Judge Lyon set aside the verdict because he considered the amount excessive.

Divorces were granted in the following cases: Emeline Sweatt vs. William T. Sweatt and Myrtle Williford vs. Lawrence Williford.

The jury yesterday afternoon returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$1,800 in a suit brought by Blanche Dickerson against Seidenberg & Co., cigar manufacturers of this city, for \$5,000 damages for personal injuries. The plaintiff was injured by the explosion of a steam pipe while in the employ of the defendant company.

The court is now engaged in hearing the case of Philip Nelson against the Southern Railway Company. The plaintiff is suing for \$25,000 damages for personal injuries alleged to have been received while in the employ of the railroad company in Virginia several months ago.

DID MURDERED MAN HAVE TWO FAMILIES?

Yesterday's Winston-Salem Journal says the veil of mystery which surrounds the past of G. J. Warren, the man who was killed in the Piedmont boarding house on the morning of August 18, and whose body was found in the waters of Muddy creek a week later, may be lifted in the very near future, and it may be found that he, like Sam P. Christy, became infatuated with Ida Ball and deserted a family for her. According to a letter received in Winston-Salem by Mr. Ira L. Sink from Indianapolis, a man by the name of Warren, answering closely to the description of the Warren who was killed, has been missed from that city for the past five years, and when last heard from was in Texas.

Positively nothing is known by the local officials of the past life of G. J. Warren, who was murdered, other than that he has a mother living in Louisiana and that he met Mrs. Warren, then Ida Ball, in Texas about two years ago, where she had gone with Sam P. Christy.

According to the letter received by Mr. Sink, the Warren who has been missing from Indianapolis was about six feet, one inch in height, had brown hair, and long, slim fingers, and weighed about 190 pounds. This answers closely to the description of the murdered man, although the names differ somewhat, the murdered man's name being G. J. Warren, while the man missing from Indianapolis is Oliver Grant Warren, the letter "G," as will be noted, appearing in both initials.

The letter to Mr. Sink goes on to state that the missing Warren has a mother still living, but does not state whether she lives in Indianapolis or Louisiana, and asks for all the information possible regarding the man murdered in Winston-Salem, saying that it is quite possible that the writer (Mr. C. M. Warren) may come to Winston-Salem to attend the trial in an effort to establish the identity of the murdered man.

Don't Have to Pay.—Two men arrested for refusing to pay for drinks they took in a Chicago saloon Sunday were released in court, the judge saying the saloons violated the law by keeping open on Sundays and that customers could not be forced to pay for drinks sold them illegally.

ORATORY HEARD IN THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

The municipal campaign in Greensboro has reached the stage of stump speeches, something new in the politics of this city. The practice seems to have been inaugurated by Mr. J. H. Cook, who is a candidate for mayor, and for the past several nights both Mr. Cook and Mayor Murphy have been speaking in different parts of the city.

In spite of the efforts of candidates to arouse their supporters, the voters so far have failed to evince any unusual interest in the approaching primary and election. The nominating primary will be held next Monday and the election on the first Tuesday in May. Under a provision of the city charter, the primary is a non-partisan affair and may be participated in by all qualified voters, both white and colored, Democrats, Republicans, Bull Moose, Prohibitionists, Populists, Socialists, etc.

Following are the candidates to be voted for for the several offices:

Mayor—Mayor Thomas J. Murphy and J. H. Cook.

For commissioner of public safety—Commissioner R. M. Rees, R. E. Andrews, D. F. Causey, W. B. Sellers and J. T. B. Shaw.

For commissioner of public works—Commissioner J. Giles Foushee and Charles A. Hendrix.

For judge of the Municipal court—Judge S. Glenn Brown, W. B. Byrd, J. Grasty Fowler and Thomas E. Jones.

THIS NO TIME EVEN TO SUGGEST PEACE TALK.

This is no time even to suggest peace talk. Stoppage of the war at this time would benefit only Germany. The allies have assumed the task of crushing Prussian militarism and "must refuse to be diverted from that task."

That is the word given Colonel E. M. House, personal friend and "observer" for President Wilson, who is now in Paris.

In blunt, but very courteous language, Colonel House was told that if he desired to initiate a movement for peace this was not the time. Such a mission was worse than useless. Any real or attempted movement to end the war with German troops holding the long line through French territory and Belgium, would give Germany too great an advantage. And Colonel House was told that France could view only with disfavor the initiation of a movement for Germany's benefit.

The allies are now prepared, he was told, with men, money and ammunition to continue the war until Germany is completely defeated. The countries are united on the necessity of continuation to ultimate victory.

The allies daily are growing stronger, while Germany daily is growing weaker.

Any attempt by the United States to bring about peace now would be regarded by Frenchmen, so Colonel House was informed, as an unfriendly act on the part of Americans.

It is understood that Colonel House will communicate the substance of the statement presented to him to President Wilson at Washington.

Ridiculed Billy Sunday and Hall Burned.

Paterson, N. J., April 20.—Devout followers of Billy Sunday professed to see signs of a divine vengeance in the destruction early today of a hall in which the baseball evangelist and his work had been held up to ridicule.

Emma Goldman, "high priestess" of anarchy, addressed the anti-Sunday meeting. She ridiculed Billy Sunday, according to police who attended the meeting, and burlesqued his actions on the rostrum, ending with the exclamation: "If all those people I saw in Sunday's tabernacle last night are going to heaven, then I want to go to hell!"

A few moments after Miss Goldman and her followers left the building burst into flames. Firemen had little success in combating the blaze and the structure was destroyed at a loss of \$75,000. The police said an anarchist probably dropped a cigarette.

Bonds Sold.—The commissioners of Iredell county have sold at a premium of \$1,248 \$80,000 of 5 per cent bonds to take care of a floating indebtedness.