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

pr. Beall III.-Dr. W. P. Beall has been confined to his home on Asheboro street for several days by ill-

Special Services.—Special services are being held at the Moravian church on East Lee street, thisweek Rev. E. S. Crosland, of Winstor-Salem, is doing the preaching and good congregations are attending. Services are held each evening

Ray-Harris. -- Mr. Archibald S. Ray, of Robeson county, and Miss Maude Harris, of Guilford, were married yesterday at noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kirkman, on McIver street. Rev. R. D. of Centenary Methodist church, performed the ceremony.

on a Vacation .- Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Walker left Monday night on an extended trip to the Pacific coast. They will visit Mrs. Walker's parents at Lamanda Park, Cal., and the San Francisco exposition. The Asheboro Street Baptist church, of which Mr. Walker is pastor, granted him a vacation of two months. -i

Rev. Dr. Smith Here. - Rev. Dr. E. W. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., general missionary secretary of the Greensboro, where he spent so many useful years of his life. .

Admits Authorship .- Dr. C. W. Banner, who owns the six-story office building immediately north the county court house property, has admitted the authorship of the anonymous circular that was sent broadcast over the county in an effort to prejudice the people against the court house bond issue.

Mr. Justice Here .- Mr. E. J. Justice who is representing the government in important oil land litigation in California, arrived Monday night on a combined business and pleas-He went to Washington last night for a conference with the attornes general of the United States and will return to Greensboro tomorrow for a week's visit. Mrs. Justice remained in California.

The Last Day.—Saturday will be the last day on which voters can register for the \$250,000 court house bond election to be held June 1. As has been explained many times before, the law requires an entire new registration for this election, but in spite of all the publicity that has been given the matter, it's a safe bet that quite a few voters who desire to participate in the election will Tail to qualify themselves.

Mr. Andrew May Resign.—A report from Newton says that Rev. J. D. Andrew, president of Catawba College, has notified the trustees of the institution of his intended resignation of the presidency. Mr. Andrew is a native of Guilford county and has many relatives and friends among the readers of The Patriot, all of whom will be interested in the report. It is understood that pressure is being brought to bear upon Mr. Andrew in an effort to have him reconsider his decision to resign the presidency of Catawba College.

New School Location-The Jamestown high school is to be moved from the old location to what is known as the Potter place, which is situated about half way between the village and Deep river. The new location comprises about 30 acres of land and will provide an abundance of room for the farm life school, the campus, etc. Work on the school building and dormitories will be rushed so as to have them completed by the opening of the fall term. The new buildings and equipment will represent an investment of about \$25,000.

Shriners' Meeting .- The decorations for the big meeting of Shiners here next week are going up rapidly, tried. and the business part of the city will have a most festive appearance in a tay or two. The Shriners will artive here next Tuesday and Wednesda. Members of Oasis Temple, of triachitte, will be quartered at the Gain and those of Khedive Tenpie of Norfolk, will have quarlers at the McAdoo hotel. It is estima oil that there will be between 1.000 and 1,200 Shriners from North arolina and Virginia here for the nleeting. The local Shriners are making extensive preparations for the entertainment of the visitors

esting visitor in Greensboro Tuesday was Mr. George W. Sheram, a Confederate veteran of Georgia, who was walking to Richmond, Va., to. attend the reunion. Although bowed beneath the weight of 76 years, the old veteran appeared to be hale and hearty. He stated that he was making the trip to Richmond on foot "just for the fun of the thing" and expected to reach Richmond several days in advance of the reunion. . He will have walked a distance of about 700 miles from his home when he reaches the former -capital of the Confederacy.

Whiskey and Potatoes.-The latest scheme evolved by the blind tigers and the Virginia liquor houses in an effort, to evade the anti-jug law is to ship whiskey in barrels labeled and billed as potatoes. Three of these barrels were seized by the police officers at the express office yesterday and when opened were found to be well filled with whiskey, each barrel containing a layer of potatoes at the The barrels were shipped to two negro women and a foreigner with an unpronouncable name. The foreigner, who is an Abyssinian, was placed under arrest, but the negro women have not been located.

Returns to Basebalk-Mr. Charles Sisson, who was a member of the Greensboro baseball team in the pennant-winning days, has been made manager of the Charlotte team. Southern Presbyterian church, was which has been playing in mighty in the city this week on a visit to his hard luck since the opening of the mother and other relatives. Dr. season. At the close of the last sea- that High Point and community had Smith is always a welcome visitor in son Mr. Sisson purchased his release fared well at the hands of the county from Elmira, N. Y., and returned to commissioners, despite contrary re-Greensboro to engage in business ports by the opponents of the bond with his father-in-law, Mr. G. S. Ser- issue. According to figures quoted geant. The call of the diamond was by him, during the year the commisstrong, however, and he capitulated sioners will have spent \$52,000 upon to the overtures of the Charlotte club the roads of High Point township, owners. The Charlotte team has won all of which was expected to be comonly four of the 21 games played pleted by the fall. This included two this season, and Sisson has a job on miles of asphalt road to be constructhis hands in pulling the aggregation ed wherever High Point desired at out of the league cellar.

MAY EMPLOY PHYSICIAN FOR HEALTH OFFICER.

The commissioners are giving serious consideration to a proposed reorganization of the city health department and the employment of a capable physician as health officer, working out the plan something after the order of that employed by the county board of health.

At their meeting Tuesday afternoon the commissioners heard with interest and apparent favor suggestions made by Dr. J. T. J. Battle that a physician be employed to devote his full time to the public health of the municipality. Dr. Battle stated that he believed a man with an automobile could inspect the meat for the city market, test the milk, inspect the dairies, conduct the mosquito campaign, examine the school children, vaccinate them and perform the other duftes of the city health officer. There was some difference of opinion as to whether these things could all be done by one person, but Dr. Battle thought they could, and he stated that such an officer as he suggested should not cost the city much more than is now being paid for part of the service.

Mayor Murphy expressed the opinion that a health officer should be secured to give his full time to the work. The other commissioners did not appear averse to the idea, and it is probable that the new plan will be

adopted and put into execution soon Dr. Battle said that the recent rains and other circumstances have intensified the difficulties in the antimosquito campaign, and he feels that this year the problem of keeping down the pest is to be harder of solution than it was last year.

Dull Days in Superior Court.

Civil terms of Superior court are usually dull and uninteresting, and the term now in progress here is no exception to the rule. No cases of, importance or interest have been

The jury gave J. M. Simpson a verdict for \$1,800 in a suit he brought against the Southern Railway for \$3,000 for personal injuries.

In a suit brought by the Fitzgerald Manufacturing Company against the Holt, Gant and Holt Manufacturing Company the jury gave the plaintiff a verdict for \$411.31 and allowed the defendant \$225 on a counter

Amos Powell was given a verdict for \$14.25 in a suit against R. E. Steele.

LEADING CITIZENS OF THAT CITY HEARTILY FAVOR THE PROPOSITION.

Messrs. W. C. Beren, John N.-Wilson, R. R. King and Judge N. L. Eure were in High Point Monday night to attend a meeting of business men of that place for a discussion of the proposed \$250,000 court house bond issue. The meeting was held in the rooms of the Manufacturers' Club and was very satisfactory to the advocates of the bond issue.

Mr. John N. Wilson, who in his capacity of county attorney and legal adviser to the board of commissioners, is thoroughly familiar with all the details that have been worked out in connection with the proposed bond issue, briefly related the movement for a new court house, giving in some detail the history of the legal fight over the site-of the building. He declared that there was an overwhelming sentiment for a new court house and produced argument to show that to erect a building for court purposes alone would require interest on this would have to be paid annually by the tax-payers, while by erecting an office and court building together, costing \$250,000, the revenue from offices would be sufficient to care for the interest, thereby giving the county a creditable court house at no interest cost.

a cost of \$10,000 per mile.

Mr. R. R. King warmly advocated the bond issue as a wise and safe departments of church work. business proposition. He showed bonds, which are to draw 5 per cent, can be cared for by rentals from the tenants of the building.

Mr. W. C. Boren, chairman of the board of commissioners, clearly defined the position of himself and the why he believed the erection of a combined court house and commercial building would be of advantage to the tax-payers of the county.

Judge Eure also spoke briefly, adding his endorsement to the bond is-

Several of the High Point business men present expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the bond issue, among them being Messrs. J. Ed. Kirkman, J. J. Farriss, J. M. Hedgecock, Homer Wheeler and County Commissioner Jones.

Messrs. Fred N. and A. E. Tate W. P. Ragan and Capt. A. M. Rankin stated that they had not reached the point where they were prepared to declare themselves, but nothing was said to indicate that they would fight the bond issue.

The High Point Enterprise, in reporting the meeting, says the advocates of the bond issue made clearcut arguments that won converts for their cause.

Transfers of Real Estate. Deeds have been filed in the office build only submarines. of the register of deeds this week recording transfers of real estate as

Calvin C. Clapp to J. M. Stewart. four acres of land in Morehead township, \$300.

Spring streets, 60 by 141 feet, More-

head township, \$1,350. R. W. Stone to Cora E. Inman, a lot on Lexington avenue, Morehead

township, \$250. James Mundy to George Motley, a 45 by 165 feet, \$10 and other con-

George Motley to James Mundy, a lot on High street, Gilmer township, \$10 and other considerations.

E. L. Ragan and R. R. Ragan to Jessie Burns, a lot in High Point,

Albert Griffin to Boss Inman, a

tract of land in Friendship township,

six acres, \$700. Elliot, a lot at the intersection of Olive street and Bessemer avenue. 50 by 150 feet, \$10 and other considerations.

Walking to Reunion.—An inter-BOND MEETING IN HIGH POINT DIOCESAN CONVENTION HERE

EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEETING OF INTEREST IN SESSION IN GREENSBORO.

The ninety-ninth annual convention of the North Carolina Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal church convened in Holy Trinity church, on North Elm street, Tuesday morning the law is a fact that speaks for itat 10 o'clock with morning prayer and the roll call. The opening sermon of the convention was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. Francis M. Osborne, of Charlotte, and was followed by the observance of the holy communion

The first business session was given over largely to the consideration of a pension plan for ministers and the widows and dependent children of ministers. The convention voted unanimously to adopt the plan.

The movement for the adoption by the church of a pension plan was inaugurated three years ago and recommended by the General Convention of the Episcopal church of the United States, which appointed a joint commission to formulate plans an outlay of \$150,000, and that the for an adequate pension system for the clergy and their dependents. The system proposed was worked out by the best actuarial expertof the coun- lieve in the existence or effectivetry and it has placed itself under the ness of the dog law, they will have supervision of the insurance depart- all doubts removed when the soliciment of the state of New York, to tor and the grand jury get through be regularly checked up by experts. with them, for it is a misdemeanor The maximum pension allowed is to fail to list Spot, or Ring, or Rover Mr. Wilson gave figures showing \$2,000, while the minimum is \$600. for taxation. The age of retirement is fixed at 68.

The system also provides pensions in case of disability and pensions for widows and orphans of deceased clergymen.

Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire delivered his annual address to the convention Tuesday night and was heard with interest by a congregation that filled Holy Trinity church. He gave a very encouraging report of the year and told of plans that are being worked out for the extension of all

how the interest on the \$250,000 of the work of St. Mary's School, at Raleigh, and the Thompson Orphanage, at Charlotte, both of which are under the control of the church. The condition of both institutions was reported as very satisfactory.

The service last night was given other commissioners and explained over to the cause of missions and several stirring addresses were made by both ministers and laymen.

The convention will come to a close this afternoon.

Our Navy as Good as Any.

We are not contemplating war, but as a reasonable degree of preparation is generally regarded as desirable, it is reassuring to learn from Admiral Dewey, who may be supposed to know something about it that our navy is as good as any navy in the world in ships, guns and officers, and better in men. He would like to have the navy larger, but sees no other respect in which it could be improved. Its efficiency, he says has been improving in the last 15 years. This ought to silence the Gardners of every sort who are in a state of panic over our defenselessness. We shall go on building a moderate number of battleships, but the value of the battleship is still a matter of dispute, and the result of the war's teachings may be that we shall discontinue the big ships and

Long Trip to Soothe Ma.

Atlantic City, May 18 .- For no other reason than to convince his mother that he had not been injured Robert Morrison to D. L. Kivette, in an automobile mishap in which he her that his sister had arrived at his lations between the United States a lot on the corner of Bragg and figured recently, Gilbert Collins, son house to spend the winter, accom- and Germany, Brazil and Argentina of Mr. and Mrs. N. Collins, owners of the Hotel Gladstone, in Chelsea, crossed the continent from the state of Washington, arriving here yesterday. The chauffeur of an automobile in which Collins was riding was lot on High street, Gilmer township, stricken with epilepsy, a collision occurred and he was killed.

> When the news was imparted to Mrs. Collins she became obsessed with the idea that her son was also badly hurt, and to allay her fears he made the trip from the Pacific coast.

Melons in Plenty.

If the season continues favorable, there should be no scarcity of melons in North Carolina this year. The Mary J. Wharton to Miss Nellie truck crop specialist of the department of agriculture estimates that there are 5,100 acres in watermelons and 2,250 acres in cantaloupes in the state this year.

SOME DENY EXISTENCE OF GUILFORD'S DOG TAX LAW

The Patriot has been informed by two or three reliable men that a report is being circulated in certain sections of the county denying the existence of any law to tax dogs in Guilford. Just why any one should wish to circulate a false report of this nature is not apparent, since

As published in The Patriot of May 3, the law was passed by the legislature of 1913, but in some manner was overlooked and only came to light when discovered by Clerk of the Court Gant. Any person of an inquisitive turn of mind who desires to read the law may do so by turning to chapter 646 of the public local/acts of the general assembly of 1913. The act specifies that an annual tax of \$1 on every male and \$2 on every female dog shall be paid.

Inasmuch as this is the month in which property is listed for taxation, it would be a safe plan for every owner of canines to either count or kill his dogs before calling on the list-taker.

If there are any doubting Thomases in the county who refuse to be-

PROTEST BY BAPTISTS AGAINST-PAPAL DELEGATE.

Opposition to the endorsement of the National Anti-Saloon League because of centralization of power in the league made by recent constitutional changes developed when the report of the temperance and social service committee was submitted at work of the diocese during the past the last day of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Tex., Monday. The work of the league was finally unanimously endorsed, how Vesterday reports were made of ever, after the opinion of the convention had been expressed, recommending to the league a change in the constitution so as to get away from the centralization of power objected to.

> Protest against the presence at Washington of a papal delegate from the vatican was made in a resolution passed by the convention. The resolution also condemned a bill now before Congress seeking to bar from the United States mails literature reflecting on the belief or practice of any religious body.

The establishment of a Southern Baptist educational commission to be composed of members from the different states embraced in the Southern Baptist Convention was made.

A resolution authorizing the home board to establish a mountain school in Oklahoma was passed after considerable discussion. The school will be for whites and Indians.

The convention adjourned to meet in Asheville May 17, 1916.

Wife.

about forty live, squirming, twisting, wriggling snakes was placed in the progress, for it was pointed out that sitting room of the home of Mrs. Grace George, of Indianapolis, by a sister of her husband, Pern George, now said to be in Chicago, obtained a divorce for her in Superior court. Mrs. George alleged her husband was guilty of cruel treatment.

Mrs. George, in her testimony, did not mention the snakes, but her mother did not hesitate to tell about cial and diplomatic circles as to the them. Her son-in-law, she said, told possible severance of diplomatic repanied by her pet snakes. There are most frequently mentioned as were about forty of the reptiles.

Judge Clifford said that snakes might constitute an element cruelty if kept about the house, and he thought that with the other testimony to the effect that George had struck his wife and had a habit of breaking the dishes, constituted sufficient grounds for a divorce.

Americans Reported Safe.

Immediate fears for the safety of 65 or more American settlers in the Yaqui Valley, Mexico, where Yaqui Indians are on the warpath, have been relieved by advices to the state and navy departments at Washington. The Americans, the reports said, had concentrated at Yaqui Pueblo, on the railway within reach of the coast, but for the present they near future we will be in a satisfacwere waiting and hoping for restoration of order.

DELAY IN GERMANY'S REPLY

IS EXPECTED TO BE CONCILIA-TORY IN TONE AND MAKE CONCESSIONS.

Advices from Washington state that two important factors are working to delay for another week Germany's reply to President Wilson's note on the Lusitania disaster. They

First, the next few days are expected to show whether Germany will be confronted with a new military situation by the entrance of Italy into the war.

Second, interested diplomatists here believe the interim of delay will reveal whether the United States of its own initiative will send a general protest to the allies againstalleged violations of international law by interfering with commerce between American ports and neutral European countries.

Officials here generally think the Austro-Italian situation may absorb the attention of the German government and delay final composition of the reply. It is realized that should Italy become a belligerent, Germany would lose all hope of obtaining foodstuffs or other supplies through the Mediterranean, and if Roumania fellowed Italy's lead, as predicted, the wheat supply from southeastern Europe would be cut off. In such circumstances, it was explained in diplomatic quarters, Germany would find the submarine even more invaluable as a weapon for reducing

enemy supplies and commerce. The idea that the United States will send a note to the allies seeking modification of the order-incouncil has its origin in quarters where the conviction is held that such a move would demonstrate to Germany that the United States intends to be equally vigorous in insisting on the observance of neutral rights by Great Britain and her allies, making unnecessary an offer by Germany to return to the maritime rules of international law if the allies do likewise.

Although without definite information, there is a disposition in wellinformed quarters to believe the president will withhold any representations to England until Germany's reply is received, because of a desire to obtain a frank understanding with Germany without complicating the situation as existing between the United States and the al-

It is known that for several weeks there have been under preparation two notes eventually to be sent to Great Britain, one dealing with the general subject of contraband and the other embracing general representations on detentions of vessels plying between neutral ports carrying non-contraband American goods.

In diplomatic quarters friendly to

Germany it is confidently believed that the German reply to the United States will be conciliatory and make broad concessions in principle, if it is certain that strong efforts will be made to induce the allies to aban-Hubby's Snakes Won Divorce For don their commercial embargo. There is little fear now that any pas-Testimony that a box containing senger ships will be torpedeed while the diplomatic discussions are in since the suggestions of the Austrian and German embassies in Washington that the submarine program be suspended had reached Vienna and Berlin there had been no such attacks, although many opportunities apparently had presented them-

In the general speculation in offithe nations likely to take over the diplomatic interests of the United States in Germany and Austria, as well as those of countries whose affairs now are cared for by the American embassies and consulates.

England Will Retaliate.

Lord Kitchener announced in the house of lords this week that "since Germans persist in the use of asphyxiating bombs, the allies must protect their troops by employing similar methods."

The English war lord did not go into details regarding the "similar methods" the allies intend to adopt. He spoke briefly of the allies' pros-

pects in the summer campaign. "I am confident that in the very tory position regarding the supply of ammunition," he said.