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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

Excursion to Richmond.—A number of Greensboro people went to Richmond last night on the Southern Railway Company's special excursion.

Excursion Yesterday.—The Sunday school of Westminster Presbyterian and Friends churches had their annual picnic at the Battle Ground yesterday. A special train was run for them.

Henricks-Garrett.—Miss Elizabeth Henricks and Elmer E. Garrett were married Monday afternoon at the home of Rev. Shuford Peeler, who officiated. They will live in Greensboro.

Association to Meet.—The Upper County Cline Tentative Baptist Association is called to meet in Greensboro Saturday before the third Sunday in August. The gathering will last three days.

Stevenson-King.—Miss Mattie Stevenson and Mr. Luther King were married Tuesday morning. Squire W. C. England officiated. Both bride and groom are Greensboro people and will continue to live here.

Summer Fete.—The regular Friday evening social occasion of the State Normal College summer school tomorrow evening will be featured by a summer fete of special interpretative dancing by students of the college.

Mrs. Millikan Ill.—Mrs. J. M. Millikan is a patient in St. Leo's hospital, where a few days ago she underwent an operation of a rather serious nature. Her condition is considered favorable and an early recovery is expected.

Mrs. Boren Ill.—Mrs. Mary J. Boren, mother of the Messrs. Boren, of Pomona, is seriously ill at the home of Mr. W. C. Boren. Much anxiety is felt on account of her condition. She is suffering from no malady other than extreme physical weakness. She is 83 years old.

At A. & T. College.—The summer school work at the A. & T. College this week is featured by the addresses of Dr. H. C. Lyman, the well known Sunday school expert, who is connected with the international association. This evening a joint session will be held and he and his wife will lecture.

City Water Pure.—A recent analysis of the Greensboro water shows it to be free from any disease germs, and as pure as any city water in the state. The sample showed no traces of colin bacilli and the count of chlorin was only two to the million. The other parts of the analysis were highly favorable.

Mrs. Turner Dead.—Mrs. Turner, mother of Mrs. J. V. Orrell, died Monday morning in Spray and the funeral was held in Greensboro Tuesday afternoon. Her daughter, Mrs. Orrell, died Friday at Spray and was buried here Sunday. Monday Mrs. Turner suffered a stroke of paralysis and died in a short time.

Mr. Holliday Improving.—Mr. A. W. Holliday has returned from Baltimore, where he went after breaking his leg. The break was of peculiar nature, one of the bones at the ankle being pulverized while the others were not fractured. The broken bone had to be removed and a plate put in its place. Mr. Holliday is improving.

City Purchases Land.—The city of Greensboro has purchased two tracts of 31 acres each in the Reedy Fork bottoms just above the intake of city water. The sellers were Messrs. J. R. Pitts and S. M. Maddox, of this city. This land was desired in order that the city might be able to control the Reedy Fork bottoms at this place. Considerable land had been purchased before at this place.

Railroad Men Meet.—A meeting of a committee of short line railroad representatives, appointed at a conference with the North Carolina corporation commission held on July 6 to draw up a uniform scale of rates for short line railroads, was held at the McAdoo hotel here Tuesday. Nothing of the transactions of the committee was disclosed. The personnel of this body is: W. A. Sanders, general freight agent of the Black Mountain railway; F. J. Sizemore, traffic manager of the Carolina and Yadkin River railroad; M. F. Pigat, general manager of the Durham and South Carolina, and W. P. Edwards, general manager of the Atlantic and Western.

Invitations Issued.—Invitations as follows have been issued: Mrs. Robah Kerner invites you to be present at the South Greensboro Moravian church on the afternoon of Wednesday, August the eleventh, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, at four-thirty o'clock, to witness the marriage of her daughter, Robah Mae, to Mr. J. Randolph Lowgill.

Goes to Mechanicsville.—Miss Daisy Osborne, of Worthville, who taught in the city schools at High Point two years, has accepted the principalship of the Mechanicsville school. Miss Osborne was much liked in High Point as a teacher, and the people of the suburb are to be congratulated upon securing such an efficient woman to take charge of their school.

Wants to Come Back.—Will Parks, a negro boy who ran away with a circus a few months ago, has decided that he would like to get back to Greensboro and has written a letter to Sheriff Stafford asking him to get in touch with his folks and the "pastor of the Methust church on Maken street." He wants these people to raise the money to pay his fare to Greensboro.

Convention at Elon.—The Sunday School Convention of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference is being held at Elon College this week. The Palm Street and First Christian churches of Greensboro are represented. Mr. Charles A. Hines, superintendent of the First Christian Sunday school, went to Elon this morning to deliver an address before the convention.

Dies in Yanceyville.—Mrs. Nannie Woodson Williams died Monday at the home of Mrs. Nannie W. Neal, in Yanceyville. The deceased was a traveling representative of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, of this city, and was about 50 years of age. She is survived by two sons, Monroe Williams, who is with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, and Woodson Williams, of Philadelphia.

Institute Workers to Meet.—Farmers' institute workers, one hundred strong, are to gather in Raleigh July 19 for a three days conference before they divide into three parties to go into different sections of central and eastern Carolina for holding institutes for farmers and for farmers' wives and daughters. The holding of the institutes begin July 21 at three different points and they continue through the greater part of August.

Mrs. A. B. Stutts Dead.—Following a short illness, Mrs. A. B. Stutts died at her home in Edgeville yesterday at noon. The body will be carried to Troy today on the noon train and the funeral will be held there tomorrow. The deceased was 26 years of age. The surviving relatives are the husband, a daughter and two sons; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Leach, of Troy; five sisters and five brothers, including M. J. and O. D. Leach, of this city.

Death at Pomona.—Miss Georgiana King died yesterday morning at her home at Pomona, following a long illness of pellagra. She was 34 years of age, and is survived by her mother, Mrs. E. C. King, four sisters, Mrs. Lula Nicholson, Mrs. Victoria Coffin, Mrs. Sallie Jones and Miss Ida Kellam, and three brothers, Arthur, William and Luther King, all of this city. The funeral will be conducted at Pleasant Ridge church this afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Higgins.

War on Mosquitoes.—The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Dr. Battle, are making quite a fight on mosquitoes by breaking up their breeding places. Each morning the boys meet at the Y. M. C. A. and make a trip over parts of the city. Tuesday one group of boys found an old lard can, which was quite a breeding place. It is believed that there were at least two million mosquitoes in the can and would have been going over the city in a few days.

Vaccination Campaign.—Dr. W. M. Jones started off his vaccination campaign at Oak Ridge, Stokesdale and Summerfield Tuesday, when he was assisted by Dr. J. T. J. Battle. There were a number of vaccinations at these places, though more at Summerfield than at both Stokesdale and Oak Ridge. This was caused by a case of typhoid fever at Summerfield making people there anxious to be inoculated. At Pleasant Garden yesterday afternoon the vaccine was administered to more than 60 people. Dr. Jones did not expect so many there, for he thought he vaccinated last year nearly everybody in that vicinity.

Jamestown School Bonds.—Mr. W. J. Armfield, of High Point, purchased the \$15,000 bond issue of the Jamestown high school. The bonds were signed Monday by Chairman W. C. Boren, of the county commissioners, and Register of Deeds W. H. Rankin. They sold at par. The money will be used, together with insurance and other money, in erecting a splendid new high school building at Jamestown.

Hard on Stills.—Deputy Collector Galloway has been rather active the past few days in raiding illicit distilleries in the western part of the state, as evidenced by reports received at the revenue office here. Mr. Galloway reports the seizure of one plant in Henderson county, one in Haywood and one in Transylvania. Deputy Cabe assisted him in the Haywood raid. In addition to these, Deputies Stell and Gulley report the destruction of two plants in Chatham, while Deputy Lisk captured one in Stanley.

Old Negro Dies.—George Simpson, an old negro of the ante-bellum type, so rare these days, who was believed to be more than a hundred years old, died Tuesday at his home near McLeansville. No one knew his exact age, but those who had known him a long time are inclined to believe that he was over rather than under 100 years of age. He was a typical darkey of the old school and had the utmost respect for the "white folks," which the latter returned. His death removes a landmark—the last of his type in his section.

Mrs. Bailess Dead.—After an illness of more than two years, Mrs. N. E. Bailess died at her home near Glenwood Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Paralysis was the disease from which she had so long suffered and which produced her death. She was 64 years of age and had been for 25 years a member of the Lutheran church. She is survived by her husband and one sister, Mrs. Pennie Correll. The funeral was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at Zink's chapel, and interment was in the church cemetery.

Held For House-Breaking.—Walter Marshall, a negro boy fifteen years old, was arrested Tuesday and bound over to Superior court for breaking into the house of Mr. Yow, near the fair grounds. The youth went into the house in day time when no one was at home, dressed in Mr. Yow's clothes and started up town. It happened that he met Mr. Yow before he got very far. Mr. Yow took the youth in charge until the officers came. It was discovered later that he had entered other houses. The youth admitted the theft.

Mr. J. L. Brann dead.—Mr. J. L. Brann died at his home near Brown Summit last Sunday night after an illness of two weeks. The funeral was held at Monticello Tuesday afternoon and interment was there. He is survived by a wife, one child, his father, J. P. Brann, a brother, J. H., of Caswell county; two half brothers, G. W. and W. H., of Reidsville; a sister, Mrs. Emily J. Brann, of Reidsville; two half sisters, Mrs. Mary Suthard and Mrs. Ellis Craddock, of Reidsville. His wife and child have the sympathy of many friends.

Preaches Farewell Sermon.—Rev. L. H. McFarland preached Sunday morning his last sermon as the pastor of the Friends' church of High Point. Though Mr. McFarland will remain in the city in his new position as secretary of church extension and evangelistic work of the Friends' Yearly meeting, this was really a farewell service, and the splendid sermon with reference to the severing of the tie binding pastor and people caused tears to rise in many eyes, for Mr. McFarland has endeared himself to the members of his church during his stay in High Point.

Small Increase in Postoffice Receipts.—The receipts at the Greensboro postoffice for the quarter ending June 30, were lower than for the preceding three months but higher by a small margin than for the quarter ending June 30, 1914, which was before the outbreak of hostilities. Apparently the postoffice has suffered in a measure from general conditions. Following are the figures:

For quarter ending June 30, 1915, \$23,611.40; for quarter ending March 30, 1915, \$32,354.53; for quarter ending June 30, 1914, \$29,118.47.

April was the best month in the last quarter. The monthly figures follow: April, \$16,007.45; May, \$9,104.00; June, \$9,761.00.

BOARD OF TAX EQUALIZATION

FEW COMPLAINTS FILED AS TO EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

The county commissioners met Monday as a board of equalization to hear complaints as to the recent assessment of property for taxation. The complaints were comparatively few, and with one exception, all of them were settled. The commissioners increased the assessment in three townships and decreased it in two.

Mr. B. E. Jones, the county assessor, gave the board an estimate of the assessed valuation of farm lands in the county. His figures, which are not official but are in the neighborhood of correct, show a total assessed valuation of \$4,698,341, an average of \$9.13 per acre. The average per acre is 20 cents in excess of the assessed valuation of four years ago.

The estimate made by Mr. Jones by townships is as follows, the first column of figures showing the total assessed valuation of farm lands and the second the average per acre:

Washington	\$171,866	7.02
Rock Creek	197,894	9.00
Greene	169,887	7.71
Madison	213,165	10.04
Jefferson	217,928	8.43
Clay	211,974	9.06
Monroe	206,788	10.06
Gilmer	400,253	20.00
Fentress	219,995	10.31
Center Grove	222,896	9.40
Morehead	602,237	29.06
Sumner	207,646	9.34
Bruce	199,519	9.08
Friendship	281,268	12.02
Jamestown	278,087	11.00
Oak Ridge	208,645	10.80
Deep River	203,652	8.80
High Point	475,641	23.00

The commissioners ordered an increase of 10 per cent in the assessment in Rock Creek, Greene and Gilmer townships, the increase in Gilmer applying only to property outside of Greensboro. A decrease of 5 per cent was made in the assessment in Madison and Friendship townships.

Changes in the assessment of property of individuals were made as follows:

Gilmer township—A. T. Whitsett, increased to \$3,500; J. A. Donnell, increased to \$5,500; J. E. McKnight, (home place) increased to \$7,500; Bernard Cone, (home place) increased to \$6,000; Caesar Cone, (home place) increased to \$30,000; J. W. Barker, increased to \$3,000; J. A. Stanfield, reduced to \$1,500; J. H. Luther, reduced to \$1,250.

Jefferson township—J. A. Fishell, increased to \$4,000; H. L. Cannon, increased to \$2,390; L. R. Anderson, increased to \$1,400.

Fentress township—R. H. Smith, reduced to \$1,335.

Center Grove township—L. A. Walker, reduced to \$4,250.

Morehead township—G. S. Boren, a six-acre lot reduced to \$400.

The Armour Fertilizer Company asked that the assessment on its property in Morehead township be reduced from \$40,000 to \$30,000. Action in the matter was deferred until the next meeting of the board.

Mr. R. R. King, attorney for the Proximity Manufacturing Company, asked that no increase be made in the assessment of the company's property in Gilmer township, the assessors having added \$25,000 to the former valuation of \$823,000. The old valuation was allowed to stand.

The work of compiling the tax books is proceeding as rapidly as possible, and until the task is completed it will be impossible to tell the total valuation of taxable property in the county. It is known that there has been a substantial increase, and the total will probably figure up in the neighborhood of \$32,000,000.

Ferguson Retires From Navy.

The news from Washington that Secretary Daniels has finally decided to accept the resignation of Naval Constructor William B. Ferguson, Jr., that the young North Carolinian may enter the employ of a large private shipbuilding concern, will be read with keen interest throughout this state. Constructor Ferguson is a son of the late William B. Ferguson, more familiarly known in Haywood county as "Bertie" Ferguson, and a nephew of Judge Garland S. Ferguson, of the Superior court bench. G. S. Ferguson, Jr., of Greensboro, is his first cousin.

Mr. A. B. Kimball has gone to Gainesville, Ga., on legal business.

WAYLAND VICKERY IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Wayland Vickery, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vickery, of Pleasant Garden, was the victim of a tragic accident Monday afternoon just as his family was starting home from a day's picnic at Davis' mill. While the father was harnessing the horse, Myra, a seven-year-old sister of the boy, picked up a 22-calibre rifle, and was playing with it. As she was doing so, the weapon was accidentally discharged and a bullet went entirely through her brother's body, penetrating his heart and producing almost instant death. The child died in a few minutes in his father's arms. The children were in the wagon when the accident occurred. The mother and other children were at a house a few hundred feet away.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Pleasant Garden church and interment was in the church burying ground. The pallbearers were R. P. Gossett, J. D. Quate, J. G. Kirkman and S. W. Davis. The flower-bearers were Misses Lucile Hodgkin, Novella Kirkman, Grace Quate and Ralie Quate.

GREENSBORO VOTES \$60,000 BONDS FOR ITS SCHOOLS.

A part of the voters of Greensboro decided Tuesday to issue \$60,000 in bonds for school buildings for the city. There was little opposition to the bond issue on the part of citizens, but never has there been witnessed such apathy among voters as was shown on this occasion. Greensboro has more than 3,000 qualified voters, yet only 455 registered for this election. It took the hardest sort of work Tuesday to get out the 307 that came to the polls. Of this number 296 voted for the bonds and 11 against their issuance. The bonds carried, therefore, by a majority of 55.

Plans are already drawn for a new school building on Bragg street, near Asheboro street school, and for a negro school on East Washington street. The West Lee street building will be enlarged, and houses will be erected in northeast and northwest Greensboro.

The bonds voted Tuesday will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and one bond will be paid off every year for the next thirty years.

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL CONSULT ENTIRE CABINET.

The first official announcement of President Wilson's plans for dealing with the situation between Germany and the United States was contained in a telegram from Cornish, New Hampshire, to Secretary Tumulty, saying that the president would return to Washington soon, and lay the entire subject before the cabinet.

The message indicated that the president has not yet arrived at a decision as to the American policy.

Secretary Tumulty made public the text of the telegram, which set at rest the reports that the president already had made up his mind on the German reply and that he did not view the situation as seriously as the high officials in Washington.

The statement indicated that the president had definitely abandoned the idea of summoning Secretary Lansing to the summer capitol, and the president is expected in Washington the last of the week. So far as can be gathered the president will find his advisers practically unanimous in the belief that the crucial point in the correspondence with Germany over submarine warfare has arrived and that the next note must convey more or less pointedly the purpose of the United States in the event of further violations of American rights in the war zone.

Price of Farm Products.

The weekly statement of the range of prices of cotton, corn, oats, cowpeas and Irish potatoes on various markets, eighteen in all, in this state the past week show that cotton held around 8 1-2 to 9 cents, standard corn was 80 cents to \$1.05, oats 50 cents to 65 cents, cow peas \$1.25 to \$2, and potatoes \$1.25 to \$2. Butter was 30 to 35 cents, eggs 15 to 20 cents and poultry per pound for roasters 10 to 14 cents. Markets reporting were Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Hamlet, Hendersville, Hickory, Lumberton, Maxton, Monroe, Newton, Raleigh, Salisbury, Scotland Neck, Statesville, Winston-Salem, Wilson and Wadesboro.

JUDGE PEEBLES HOLDS LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Judge R. B. Peebles, in Wake Superior court, yesterday, ruled the Grier act unconstitutional in the light of the recent Kentucky case, which he quoted, and charged the grand jury that it is no violation of the law for a carrier to deliver whiskey in quantities larger than a quart often more than twice a month if the liquor is for personal consumption.

The judge quoted the opinion of Justice Day, which appears to be as clear law as the books carry. He declared that he had heard often from officers and others that the quar law is doing good and that prohibition is being made more effective by it. And he declared that his interpretation of the law does not shift the burden of showing that liquor received by individuals here from the shoulders of those individuals. The man with the quantity must explain that he has it for no criminal intent.

Judge Peebles also told the grand jury that the Glenn case that went up from Raleigh is now under consideration of the state Supreme court pending the decision from Kentucky. The United States Supreme court has spoken for Kentucky and held that it is no violation of the law to ship or transport liquors into prohibition territory, provided that shipment is not to be used for violation of the law. Judge Webb has held that it is not against the law to receive intoxicants for personal consumption. Recently Judge Daniels held that the Grier act is constitutional and that the Southern Express Company was right when it refused to deliver any whiskey to George M. Glenn, Mr. Glenn having had his allotment a few days earlier.

From the court of Judge Daniels it went up to the Supreme court. That body had not then had the advantage of the 19 cases that went up from Whiteley county. Neither had the Alabama cases, for the highest court of Alabama decided their cases but in very different way.

Alabama decided that the law was constitutional, but Justice Day in the highest court of the nation wrote quite diversely. Judge Peebles spoke of all these conflicts and said that not only is there great diversity of thought in the state but in the country also.

Judge Peebles charged the jury to remember that the burden of showing that whiskey found in one's possession are not to be used for sale, remains still with the possessor. All recent legislation has had that trend. He merely means that it is not against the law to have liquors in one's possession.

LOSES HIS LIFE IN WINSTON-SALEM FIRE.

Winston-Salem, July 14.—D. Kiser, a young freeman of company No. 2, of the local fire department, died at the city hospital here at 10 o'clock tonight as the result of getting badly shocked at a small fire which originated in the tailoring establishment of H. Miller, located in the Paramount theater building at 9 o'clock.

According to witnesses the young man entered the tailor shop, the floor of which was covered with three or four feet of water, and while standing in a pool of this picked up an electric iron. The current was on. Kiser could not loosen his hold and he presented a pitiful sight, standing there writhing in agony with the iron grasped in his hand. The attempts of several men to wrench it from his grasp were futile. When the current was turned off the young man sank to the floor in an unconscious condition, and was rushed to the hospital where in a final attempt to save his life physicians administered artificial respiration.

The fire was quickly extinguished with chemicals. It created a bit of excitement, as the large theater was crowded with people, all of whom rushed pell mell into the streets when the first alarm was sounded.

Cooler Weather Coming.

Washington, July 13.—Weather conditions over the southeast during the week beginning tomorrow were forecast as follows today by the weather bureau:

"Middle Atlantic states: Warm and generally fair during the next two or three days, followed by showers and considerably cooler weather beginning about Saturday.

"South Atlantic and east Gulf states: Generally fair and warm except probably scattered showers.