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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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

Labor Day.—Today is officially known as labor day, which is a legal holiday in this state. In Greensboro the day is being observed by the postoffice and the banks.

Still Captured.—Revenue Officers Patrick and Johnson Saturday seized a blockade still which they found at a point about four miles north of Gibsonville. They didn't have the pleasure of meeting the owners and operators of the plant.

College Opening.—Greensboro College for Women will open Wednesday morning for the fall term. Formal opening exercises, to which the public is invited, will be held in the college chapel Tuesday morning, September 14, at 10.30 o'clock.

New Lawyers.—Guilford county furnished six of the 77 new lawyers licensed by the Supreme court last week. They are: Robert Evans Deane, Stephen Blund Dolley, Banks Hub Mebane, Hubert Dale Pegg, Edward Columbus Jerome and Don Raymond Kirkman.

Negroes to Clean Up.—Acting under instructions of the city health department M. K. Tyson, the assistant health officer for the colored people of Greensboro, has announced that September 15, 16 and 17 will be observed as clean-up days in the colored settlements of the city.

Civic Meeting.—The Civic Council of Greensboro, which was formed recently by representatives of a number of organizations in the city, will hold its first meeting in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night. The call does not specify the object of the meeting.

Fine Apples.—County Treasurer McKinney is exhibiting some very fine apples that came from an orchard on his farm near Stokesdale. They are of the Red Buckingham variety, and are very large and almost perfectly formed. One of the finest specimens measured 11 7-8 inches in circumference, and Mr. McKinney says there are still larger apples on the trees.

Death in Leaksville.—Mrs. John D. Martin, the mother of Mrs. W. H. McGlamery and Mr. G. A. Martin, of this city, died Thursday night at her home in Leaksville. She was 60 years of age and is survived by her husband and several children. Before her marriage she was Miss Annie Dillard, a member of one of Rockingham county's most prominent families.

Auto Accident.—An automobile occupied by J. T. Brown, Jr., T. M. Price and Misses Florence Allred and Florence Elkin, of Proximity, turned turtle at the corner of North Elm and Church streets shortly after 8 o'clock last night, the accident being due, it is alleged, to reckless driving. Brown was pinned beneath the car, but suffered no injury worthy of the name. The young women suffered several cuts and bruises.

S. H. Boyd Named.—Mr. Samuel H. Boyd, of Greensboro, who holds a position in Washington as chief of the income tax division of the treasury department, has been named by Secretary McAdoo as one of a committee of six "to make a thorough investigation of the entire treasury service for the purpose of making recommendations for placing the department on a more efficient, economical and modern business basis."

Hebrew New Year.—The Jewish new year's day, the oldest of all the religious festivals of the world, will be celebrated Thursday. The observance of the holiday, which is one of the most solemn in the Hebrew calendar, will begin at sundown Wednesday evening and continue until sundown Thursday. The places of business of the Hebrews of Greensboro will be closed during the day. Religious services will be held in the synagogue, on East Lee street, Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

May-Stratford.—Mr. D. Burton May and Miss Isla Stratford were married Thursday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stratford, on Asheboro street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Hodgins, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, in the presence of relatives and a few friends of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. May will be at home after the 20th inst. in Richmond, Va., where the groom has headquarters as traveling salesman.

CONFERENCE ON GUILFORD COLLEGE SEWAGE MATTER.

Dr. Thomas Newlin, president of Guilford College; Dr. L. L. Hobbs, president emeritus, and Mr. J. Elwood Cox, chairman of the board of trustees, held a conference with the city commissioners Thursday afternoon regarding the disposal of the sewage of the college. The matter has been a bone of contention for some time, the city authorities contending that the sewage should be either diverted from the Greensboro watershed or a system of sand filters installed in accordance with instructions from the state board of health.

In Thursday's conference the position of the college was outlined by Dr. Hobbs, who assured the commissioners that the college authorities are desirous of co-operating in every way possible with them in order to better conserve the health of the community. He suggested, however, that the institution is not a money making one and that the expenditure of a sum of money that would be necessary for this work would be a very serious drain on its resources. He made a proposition, therefore, that the proposed sand filters be installed and the college and city share equally in the expense.

The commissioners took no official action on this proposition, although Mayor Murphy spoke unofficially for the board, stating that he did not think the city would be willing to bear part of the expense for this work, but that he would make a counter proposition that if the sewage be diverted to some other stream, not emptying on the Greensboro watershed, the city would bear half the expense of the work.

The college authorities seemed to think that the expense that would be involved by the proposition tentatively submitted by Mayor Murphy would be too great for them to bear. However, it was decided to have the city engineer make a survey and submit an estimate of the probable expense of diverting the sewage to some other stream, presumably South Buffalo, after which another conference will be held and some definite plan of action agreed upon.

TO APPRAISE PROPERTY FOR INHERITANCE TAX.

It appears that there are quite a number of estates in this county descended from people who have died since 1905 that have not paid any inheritance tax, and preparations are being made to appraise the property and collect the money, which will amount to a snug sum. The inheritance tax law was passed in 1905 and has been changed by practically every legislature that has met since then.

The corporation commission, which collects this tax, has appointed Mr. B. E. Jones, appraiser for Guilford county, and he has been engaged for several days in familiarizing himself with the law so as to be able to perform the duties of the position intelligently and with expedition. There is a good deal of valuable real estate in Greensboro, High Point and throughout the county to be appraised for the inheritance tax. All the back taxes will be collected.

Guilford's Assessment Raised.

The North Carolina corporation commission, in its capacity of state tax commission, has ordered an increase of 10 per cent in the assessed valuation of all real estate in Guilford county, this being done in an effort to place the assessments of the various counties of the state on a basis of equality as nearly as possible. The figures are not available yet to show just what this will mean in the way of increased revenue, but it will amount to a considerable sum. It is estimated that the increased assessment for the entire state will amount to \$92,000,000.

Money For Farm Life Schools.

The county board of education Saturday made an appropriation of \$600 to each of the farm life schools at Pleasant Garden and Jamestown for the coming school year. The money will be used in purchasing needed equipment and supplies for the two school farms. While there is no agreement to that effect, it seems to be understood that the appropriation will be continued for two or three years. The people have taken a good deal of interest in these farm life schools, and it is said by those who ought to know what they are talking about that the results have been very satisfactory.

KING BEE OF BLIND TIGERS

OFFICERS ARREST JOHN WADE AND CONFISCATE AUTO, TWO HORSES AND LIQUOR.

John Wade, a white man of High Point, who is reputed to be one of the king bees of the blind tiger industry in Guilford county, ran afoul of the law Friday night, and when he regained his liberty Saturday afternoon the officers had confiscated his automobile and about 15 gallons of corn whiskey and required a justified bond of \$1,000 for his appearance at the next criminal term of Superior court. The arrest of Wade is one of the most important blind tiger raids made in the county in some time.

Friday afternoon Deputy Sheriff Shaw, who is holding things down during the cross-continent trip of Sheriff Stafford, received a grapevine telegraph message to the effect that Wade had an appointment to deliver an automobile load of liquor that night to several Greensboro tigers at a rendezvous on the High Point road. He decided that he would be on hand for the performance and invited Deputies Weatherly, Hobbs, Clark and Ingram to join him in the chase.

Along about 8 o'clock the officers rode out to a point a short distance beyond the Jewish cemetery and concealed themselves along the side of the road. In a short while two or three negroes appeared on horseback and began riding slowly up and down the road, and the deputies knew then that they had chosen the right place. Later other horsemen and a man in a buggy appeared. Leaving one of their number to keep watch on the road, the tigers gathered in a small body of woods between the officers and the cemetery to await the coming of their Saturday and Sunday supply of liquor.

After lying on the wet ground about two hours the deputies were rewarded by the appearance of Wade's automobile. The machine had hardly come to a stop in the road when the negroes began swarming out of the woods and claiming their liquor. The officers made a rush for the machine, coming up from the rear. Wade was under arrest before he realized what was happening, Deputy Shaw seizing him as he sat in the car. The negroes made a break for liberty and all but one got away. Two of the men ran off through the woods and left their horses tied to trees.

Wade and the negro, along with the automobile, the liquor and the two abandoned horses, were brought to town, the two men being committed to jail. Wade was unable at that hour of the night to give the bond of \$1,000 required of him, but he furnished it readily when carried before Justice of the Peace Collins Saturday afternoon for a preliminary hearing. The negro, who is held under the charge of having more liquor in his possession than the law allows, will be given a hearing today.

The officers seized the automobile and the two horses under the section of the prohibition law which says that any vehicle, animal or other property used in transporting liquor illegally shall be confiscated to the state. The officers know the owners of the two horses and they will probably be arrested.

At a recent term of court Wade was convicted of selling liquor, but got off by paying a fine and giving a bond of \$500 for his appearance at court from time to time to show that he had not been engaged in the liquor business. It is presumed that this bond will be declared forfeited at the next term of court.

Commercial Secretaries Meet.

A meeting of the North Carolina Commercial Secretaries' Association, the membership of which is composed of secretaries of chambers of commerce, boards of trade and similar organizations of the state, was held in Greensboro Friday afternoon for the purpose of launching a movement for a state-wide home-coming period. It was decided to wage a vigorous campaign for bringing back native North Carolinians on visits to their old homes. It was decided to have this home-coming period during the month of October, when the various fairs of the state will be held, and the co-operation of the officials of the fairs will be sought in inviting the Tar Heels dispersed abroad to come home and spend a while on a visit to the folks.

RESIDENCE SECTION OF WEST MARKET INVADE

An important real estate deal of the past few days was the purchase by Mr. W. C. Boren of the vacant lot immediately west of Dr. A. F. Fortune's residence, on West Market street, and running through to Sycamore street. Mr. Boren will erect on the property a two-story fire-proof building to be used as a garage. The building will extend through the block, with entrances on both West Market and Sycamore streets. It is rumored that the building will be occupied by the Greensboro Motor Car Company, which at present is quartered in the old Banner warehouse building.

Mr. Boren's purchase marks the invasion of the residence section of West Market street for business purposes. This street furnishes the most attractive outlet for the expansion of the business district of the city, and Mr. Boren's lot is one of the most desirable pieces of unimproved property in the city. It lies between the homes of Dr. Fortune and Col. John N. Staples and almost directly opposite West Market Street Methodist church. It was purchased a few years ago for the erection of a church jointly by the congregations of St. Barnabas (now Holy Trinity) and St. Andrew's Episcopal churches, and when the project was abandoned the property passed under the control of Mr. J. R. Donnell. The price at which he sold to Mr. Boren has not been made public.

BOND ELECTION FOR THE SOUTH BUFFALO SCHOOL.

A meeting of the school patrons of the South Buffalo district was held at the school building Friday night for a discussion of a proposed bond election to provide funds for the erection of a new building, which is declared to be badly needed. Considering the inclement weather, the meeting was well attended, and considerable interest was shown in the question under discussion. It is proposed to vote bonds to the amount of \$10,000, which would build and equip a modern building suitable to the needs of the school in all particulars.

The location of the proposed new building was the only subject that created any division in Friday night's meeting. A considerable number of the patrons desire the new building erected north of South Buffalo, while those patrons who reside south of the creek are in favor of retaining the present location at the intersection of the Alamance and Tabernacle roads. The meeting finally voted to leave the selection of a location to the county board of education, which body has jurisdiction in the matter anyway.

WILL NOT AID NORMAL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL.

The commissioners have decided that the city, which bears a part of the expense of the training school at the State Normal and Industrial College, will not pay for any high school instruction in the school after this year. The matter came up when the authorities of the Normal decided to add the tenth grade to the work of the training school and asked the city to defray its share of the expense.

Dr. J. L. Mann, superintendent of the city schools, believes that all the high school pupils should be required to attend the high school on Spring street, where there is plenty of room and ample equipment. The commissioners decided that the city would continue to bear a share of the expense of the eighth and ninth grade work at the training school for another year, but beginning with next fall, no grade higher than the seventh will receive financial aid from the municipality. Dr. J. I. Foust, president of the Normal College, stated that, while he would prefer to have the co-operation of the city, the high school work would be carried on in the training school, even if it should be necessary to go out of town for the pupils.

Road Recruits.—Six prisoners from Caldwell county were brought to Greensboro Saturday to work on the Guilford roads. They are to serve sentences aggregating 33 months.

Mr. J. R. Wall of Gibsonville Route 2, was a caller at the office this morning.

SCHOOL GRIEVANCES AIRED

WHITSETT PEOPLE BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT SATURDAY'S MEETING.

Dr. W. T. Whitsett, chairman of the county board of education, was under fire at a meeting of the board Saturday, the attack coming from neighbors of his at Whitsett who are dissatisfied with the manner in which the public school at that place is being managed. A delegation of citizens appeared before the board and asked that body to take steps to remedy conditions surrounding the conduct of the school, which for years has been operated in connection with the work of Whitsett Institute, of which Dr. Whitsett is the head and controlling spirit.

The complainants asserted that Dr. Whitsett made promises in the campaign preceding an election on special school taxation in the district which he failed to keep. The election, adding 20 cents on the \$100 to the taxes, was carried almost unanimously, because the people were led to believe, so it was stated, that a meeting would be called for the community to decide upon and recommend committeemen for the district before those officers were appointed by the board of education. Dr. Whitsett had promised such a meeting, it was alleged, and broken the promise.

Rev. R. E. Redding said that Dr. Whitsett had secured his assistance in campaigning for the special tax and had led him into giving his word that the choice of the committeemen would be left to the voters, and had made him untrue to that obligation. He was fighting out of the false situation for his honor and integrity as a preacher of the gospel, he said.

Messrs. L. A. Carmon, Richard Wharton and Vernon Iseley addressed the board along the same line.

At the regular meeting in July the board appointed Messrs. Joseph B. Whitsett, (the father of Dr. Whitsett) J. W. Summers and Ed. B. Winstead district committeemen, and subsequently the committee made a contract for the school to be taught at Whitsett Institute, as has been the case for a number of years. Out of deference to Dr. Whitsett's position as a member and chairman of the board of education, the contract was made with Prof. J. H. Joyner, a member of the faculty of Whitsett Institute.

Mr. R. R. King, who appeared before the board in the capacity of attorney for the protesting citizens, said he had come to realize that there will be no peace until the matter is straightened out according to the contentions of his clients, and he charged that Dr. Whitsett held the key to the situation. This key was in his ability to cause the peaceful withdrawal from office by resignation of the three committeemen.

It developed that the resignation of Mr. J. B. Whitsett was before the board, and it was the sense of the meeting that the situation would be clarified by the resignation of the other two committeemen. It is understood that these resignations will be forthcoming, and when they have been received the board of education will be in position to entertain any suggestions that may be made by the patrons of the school concerning the personnel of the district committee.

While Dr. Whitsett was the subject of sharp criticism, there were expressions of appreciation of his interest in the school work, it being stated that his action in connection with the school in the Whitsett district had been generous.

Laborers Return to High Point.

A report from High Point says: A number of the couple of thousand persons who left here during the winter on account of the shortage in work are drifting back in response to the calls of the manufacturers, and it is not impossible that the September payrolls will contain the names of 1,000 more employes than were on them several months ago. Especially is this true in skilled labor. The factories are using skilled men almost as fast as they can get them, an indication that there is a tendency to improve the standard of goods turned out. It is said that the plants manufacturing the high-grade goods suffered the least during the depression, a condition that will probably encourage others to add to their higher grade departments.

MOVEMENT OF RUSSIAN AND GERMAN TROOPS.

The great battle being waged in Courland, upon the outcome of which hinges the fate of the important Russian port of Riga, at present a closed gate to a possible German advance on Petrograd, is the dominant feature of the latest war news. Further success by the Germans in their attempt to force a crossing of the Dvina river is reported from Berlin, but the Russians are defending this most crucial line stubbornly. Along the rest of the eastern line fierce fighting is continuing at various points. Northwest and west of Vilna, the Russians have been making counter-attacks, but the Germans claim that this Russian offensive, undertaken in an attempt to arrest the Teutonic advance, has resulted in failure. Vienna announces that at several points near the Galician frontier the Russians again are offering resistance along the entire front.

In the western theater there has been at many points violent cannonading.

On the Austro-Italian frontier the main activity has been in the Tolmino district, where, Vienna asserts, an attack against the bridgehead was repulsed.

It is announced in Athens that Serbia has accepted in principle the proposals made by the entente powers for territorial concessions to Bulgaria. Serbia is said to have made the reservation that her new frontier remain in contact with Greece in some part. According to a semi-official announcement from Nish, the Serbian reply will be presented at an early date.

The efforts of the pope in behalf of peace continue to be an absorbing topic. The pontiff has expressed the belief that the United States is now in a position to address both groups of belligerents in the matter of peace, with the probability of inducing them to take the preliminary steps which would lead to negotiations for the ending of the war.

In London the rumors of peace overtures are exciting considerable interest, but it is authoritatively stated that the rumors have no foundation in any step taken by the British government or in any statement issued in London from authoritative sources. It is added that England has no intention of making at present any concessions other than those enumerated in Premier Asquith's speech of November 9 last, when he said, "the irreducible minimum of terms included the restoration of Belgium, security for France against aggression, the rights of existence for small nations and the overthrow of the Prussian military machine."

EIGHT DROWNED WHEN STEAMER WAS TORPEDED.

London, Sept. 5.—The Allan line steamship Hesperian was torpedoed at 8.20 o'clock last night off the south coast of Ireland, 100 miles southwest of Fastnet. Approximately 350 passengers were on board, one or two of them Americans. Eight persons were drowned, but it is not known whether they were passengers or members of the crew.

The steamer did not sink, and is reported proceeding under convoy to Queenstown, where most of the passengers and crew were taken by rescue steamers summoned by wireless calls for help.

Passengers landed at Queenstown asserted that the attack was made without warning. The United States embassy here has not yet received any confirmation on this point. The American consul at Queenstown telegraphed that there were one or two Americans aboard, adding that none were lost.

The Hesperian, 1,920 tons gross, was outward bound from Liverpool for Montreal. Many of the passengers were wounded Canadian soldiers on their way home from the front. Early reports from Queenstown were that there were 50 passengers in the first cabin, 150 in the second, and 250 in the third, but it later was announced at the Allan line offices in Liverpool that the passengers numbered only about 350. There were approximately 250 in the crew.

1,000 Christians Killed.

At least 1,000 Christians were killed and about 4,000 others died of disease in Urumiah, Persia, during the five months of Turkish occupation, according to a letter received by J. L. Teheran, from Dr. William A. Shedd, of Urumiah, and made public in New York by the Presbyterian board of foreign missions.