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## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

**Census.**—Mr. John L. Hooper has been employed to take the school census of the city and began the work this week. The job will keep him busy for several weeks.

**Revival Meeting.**—A successful revival meeting is in progress at the Methodist church at Jamestown. The preaching is being done by Rev. Dr. C. W. Byrd and Rev. W. O. Goode, of this city.

**Bankrupt.**—Frank A. Carr, of Lincolnton, a photographer, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States court here Tuesday. His liabilities are scheduled at \$257, with assets of \$280.

**Comes to Greensboro.**—Mr. C. R. Ashley, of Person county, has purchased an interest in the Center brick warehouse and will arrive in a few days to join Messrs. King and Asdlette in the management of the business.

**Returns Home.**—Mr. A. J. Lambeth, of Brown Summit, who has been a patient at St. Leo's hospital for the past five weeks, receiving treatment for stomach trouble, returned to his home yesterday afternoon. He is considerably improved in health.

**On Fishing Trip.**—Capt. Neil Elington, Dr. A. R. Wilson, Messrs. R. M. Rees, S. L. Gilmer, R. G. Vaughn, John W. Crawford and C. M. Vansoren went to Manchester this week on a fishing trip. They arrived just in time to be caught by the spell of cool weather.

**Receives Call.**—Rev. Henry W. Blanchard, a native of Greensboro and a recent graduate of the Baptist theological seminary at Louisville, Ky., has received a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Greenville. This is one of the oldest churches of the Baptist denomination in the state.

**Teachers' Meeting.**—County Superintendent Foust has a notice elsewhere in this issue of The Patriot calling attention to the fact that the first meeting for the year of the Guilford County Teachers' Association will be held in this city, at the Carnegie library, Saturday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock.

**Two Marriages.**—Squire D. H. Collins officiated Monday night at two weddings at his home on Douglas street. One of the couples was Mr. Albert H. McCurrie, of Stokesdale, and Miss Mary E. Hanner, of Ore Hill, and the other was Mr. Julian Harrison and Miss Virginia Lee Thomas, of Amherst, Va.

**S. P. White Dead.**—Mr. Stephen P. White died Sunday afternoon at the home of his son, Mr. John S. White, at Archdale. He was 80 years old and a native of Guilford county. He is survived by his widow, two sons and three daughters. The body was brought to Greensboro and the funeral held from the Holiness church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

**Grace Church Revival.**—A revival meeting is in progress at Grace Methodist Protestant church. Rev. R. M. Andrews, the pastor, began the services Sunday and did the preaching until last night, when the pulpit was occupied by Rev. J. C. Broomfield, of Fairmount, W. Va., who will remain during the remainder of the meeting, which is expected to run through next week.

**Died Suddenly.**—Mr. R. L. Andrews died yesterday morning at 11:45 o'clock at his home on Mebane street, following a stroke of paralysis he had suffered a short time before while at the county court house. He had been in feeble health from the effects of a previous paralytic stroke. Mr. Andrews was 40 years old and is survived by his widow and a brother. The funeral and interment will take place at Hines' chapel this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**New Business House.**—Gilmer Brothers Company is the style of a new mercantile concern in this city. Their store is located at 326 South Elm street, opposite the Odell Hardware Company, and is filled with an attractive line of merchandise. An advertisement on the sixth page of The Patriot conveys an idea of the stock carried and the reasonable bargains that are offered. This is one of a chain of six stores backed by a big wholesale dry goods concern.

**Mr. Eugene Wall, of Lima, Ohio,** is in the city on a visit to relatives and friends.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS RECORDED THIS WEEK.

Deeds for the transfer of the following pieces of real estate have been filed in the office of the register of deeds this week:

A. Schiffman to Henry B. Delaney, two lots no East Market street, city of Greensboro, each 45 by 150 feet, for a consideration of \$1,400.

T. L. Hill to Clay H. Clinard, lot 20 in block 4 of the Show park property in the city of High Point, \$160.

J. W. Hedgecock to Clay H. Clinard, a tract consisting of one-third of an acre in the city of High Point.

T. W. Hubbard to Clay H. Clinard, a narrow strip of land in the city of High Point, 20 by 143 1-2 feet, \$5.

Claude Kiser and wife to W. Z. Brown, a lot 50 by 150 feet on Wainman street, in the city of Greensboro, Morehead township, \$10 and other valuable considerations.

W. J. Meadows to Nellie E. Herndon, a tract consisting of 6.60 acres in Morehead township, \$500.

The trustees of the Church of the Redeemer to A. Schiffman, a lot 50 by 150 feet on Dodson street in the city of Greensboro, \$350.

The Home Investment and Improvement Company to C. C. Swain, a tract consisting of 14,250 square feet in the city of High Point, \$1 and other valuable considerations.

Charles A. Hines, trustee, to A. Horwitz, four small tracts in Summer township, 6, 2 1-2, 2 and 2 acres, for a total consideration of \$50.

Henry Palmer to A. Schiffman, a lot 50 by 150 feet on the McConnell road, near the city of Greensboro, \$225.

Car Jones and wife to R. T. and M. E. Scott, a lot 50 by 200 feet on Dairy street, in the city of Greensboro, \$225.

Arlie B. Owen to John H. Walker, a tract consisting of 10.06 acres in Rock Creek township, \$704.20.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT GUILFORD COLLEGE.

At a recent mass meeting of the young men students of Guilford College it was decided by a unanimous vote to retain for the coming year the system of student government. In the open discussion which characterized the meeting the efficiency of the system of student government last year, its first year of operation, was clearly presented. Speeches by representative students and members of the faculty heartily endorsed the action of the student council last year and predicted a splendid year for 1915-1916, provided the authorities were given the moral support of the student body.

After the mass meeting the various classes met for the election of their representatives on the student council, the result of the elections being as follows: T. R. Short, Thomas Semans, A. L. Riddick and Harrell Budd, senior class; Robert Thayer, Jesse P. Garner and Paul Hinkle, junior class; A. Jones Smith and Lawrence Grissom, sophomore class; and W. G. Lloyd, preparatory school. At the subsequent meeting of the council Troy R. Short was elected president.

## FATHER SUES COLLEGE FOR DEATH OF HIS SON.

Purdue University, of Lafayette, Ind., is the defendant in a \$25,000 damage suit filed by Abraham L. Oberchain, of South Whitley, Ind., father of the late Francis W. Oberchain, who was killed in the university "tank scrap" on the night of September 19, 1913. The boy was but 20 years old.

The plaintiff alleges that the "university, through its officers and authorized employees, organized, conducted, tolerated and encouraged what was generally known as hazing, and what was known as the 'tank scrap.' That the tank scrap was brutal, degrading and a vicious fight, having the purpose of inflicting injuries upon new students."

It is further alleged that the university was cognizant of the brutal character of the fight and that the boy had no knowledge of its brutal character. The plaintiff further avers that his son was induced by threats of losing his prestige as a student to enter the fight and was used by the officials and employees of the university who made the threats. The "tank scrap" was abolished at Purdue after the death of young Oberchain.

Mr. D. H. Martinson went to Norfolk yesterday on a business trip.

## CLAIM AGAINST GOVERNMENT

### DOUGLAS HEIRS TO ENDEAVOR TO COLLECT \$190,000 FOR PROPERTY DESTROYED.

A special dispatch from Washington to the Daily Record says that during the approaching session of Congress an effort will be made by heirs of Stephen A. Douglas, the senator from Illinois who figured before the nation so prominently in the fifties, to make further recovery for cotton destroyed by federal soldiers in 1863. The amount that will be asked aggregates \$190,000.

This sum represents part of \$250,000 that was claimed originally, of which over \$58,000 has been paid. Effort to secure the remainder has been put off from time to time, to be taken up now by Mr. Martin F. Douglas, of the Greensboro bar, a grandson of Stephen A. Douglas, Sr.

When ex-Judge Robert M. Douglas, of Greensboro, and his brother, Stephen A. Douglas, Jr., were minors, or in the year 1857, they were the sole owners of a large number of slaves and a large amount of real and personal property from their grandfather's estate, of which their distinguished father was executor and their guardian, until his death in 1861.

The latter, in 1857, made an agreement with one J. A. McHatton, of Mississippi, to transfer their slaves, numbering 143, from certain lands to other lands, numbering about 2,000 acres and owned by McHatton. The property of the Douglas youths was valued at about \$118,000 and that of McHatton at about \$80,000, on which basis the profits were to be proportioned.

When the Civil war broke out the property was in the keeping of McHatton and successive overseers and general managers until 1863, when United States troops under the command of General T. E. G. Ransom appeared in March, confiscating much of the property and burning much. The proportion of cotton belonging to the heirs was estimated to be, in the aggregate, 1,635 bales. Cotton was worth then what would be now a fabulous sum, considerably more than \$200 per bale. It was impossible to state the precise number of bales, and eventually the claim was made for 1,000 bales.

It was ascertained that 326 bales were carried away to a Mississippi landing and later taken on a steamer to Memphis and sold. It became mixed with a lot of other cotton, all of which was sold together for \$421,063.39, which was turned into the United States treasury. It was from this sum that \$58,422.46 was awarded the Douglas heirs.

They brought their efforts to bear on the claim as soon as they became of age and it was on June 22, 1874, that the president approved a bill of Congress which referred their petition to the court of claims. It was some years later that the foregoing award was made.

Believing there is still a large sum due, the grandson of the distinguished statesman and opponent of Lincoln is now seeking to recover it, and accordingly is planning to have the bill presented in Congress to secure a new hearing.

Among the articles of property lost during the raid by the federals were said to be 15,000 bushels of corn worth 80 cents per bushel, 292 head of hogs worth \$8 around, 93 mules worth \$200 each, 11 bushels of pork, 91 suits of clothes, one bale of linsey goods, 72 hats, etc.

## Conditions in Mexico Better.

Conditions in Mexican territory controlled by General Carranza are rapidly becoming normal, according to advices to the state department from American Consul Blocker at Piedras Negras. Telegraphic communication which for many months has been paralyzed is now open to Mexico City as well as several other cities. Railroad communications are in the process of repair, according to official advices.

Consul Blocker, describing conditions at Piedras Negras, stated that the Carranza administration was extending guarantees to all foreigners and had distributed circulars to all soldiers warning them that any molestation of peaceable people and their property would result in severe measures of punishment.

Mr. J. Frank Foshee, editor of the Lexington Herald, was in the city yesterday afternoon.

## DANVILLE YOUNG MEN FORFEITED THEIR BONDS.

The five young men from Danville, Va., who were arrested here Saturday afternoon charged with an assault with a deadly weapon on Miss Minnie Lambeth, of Brown Summit, failed to appear for the preliminary hearing that was to have been held before Justice of the Peace Collins Tuesday afternoon and their bonds of \$250 each were declared forfeited. The defendants are: W. M. Sneed, E. P. Melton, J. H. Osborne, A. C. Erpes and R. A. Benton.

It will be recalled that the young men were coming to Greensboro in an automobile and that when near the residence of Mr. H. W. Lambeth, north of Brown Summit, Miss Minnie Lambeth was struck by a partially filled beer bottle thrown from the machine. The arrest of the young men followed their arrival in Greensboro, W. M. Sneed signing the bonds for the party.

It appears, however, that the young men are not to be allowed to go free simply upon forfeiting the sum of \$1,250 to the state of North Carolina and the county of Guilford. If they continue to refuse to return to Greensboro and stand trial, an effort will be made to bring them on requisition papers.

The young lady who was struck by the beer bottle is more seriously injured than was thought at first. The bottle struck her where an incision was made for a recent operation for appendicitis, and it is understood that the attending physician says she may be confined to her bed for weeks and perhaps months.

## Orphans to Give Concerts.

A class of children from the Nazareth orphans' home will visit a number of German Reformed churches in this section, beginning next Sunday. The class will be under the direction of the matron, Mrs. J. W. Bell, and will appear at the following churches on the dates named:

First Reformed, Greensboro; Sunday, September 26, at 11 A. M.

Mt. Hope, Sunday, September 26, at 3 P. M.

Brick church, Monday, September 27, at 11 A. M.

Whitsett Reformed church, Monday, September 27, at 7:30 P. M.

St. Mark's, Tuesday, September 28, at 11 A. M.

Burlington Reformed church, Tuesday, September 28, at 7:30 P. M.

The public is invited to attend these concerts and bring liberal offerings to help the orphans.

## Met Death by Accident.

Charles Adkins, colored, who was employed at the Armour fertilizer works, south of the city, was killed by accident Tuesday morning while attempting to scrape a belt pulley. Adkins and another negro were the only two employees working in that particular part of the plant at the time, and while his companion went into another part of the building to turn on the power Adkins attempted to clean the pulley by using a piece of iron. The other negro turned on the power and the machinery ran for a few seconds and then stopped. An investigation resulted in finding the arms and head of Adkins tightly pulled in between the belt and pulley he was trying to clean, death being caused by choking.

The dead man was 39 years old and leaves a widow and a child.

## CARRIED MESSAGE IN A GOLD-HEADED CANE.

New York, Sept. 21.—The whereabouts of a gold-headed cane supposed to have belonged to Correspondent James F. J. Archibald is today the latest puzzle in the letter carrying episode which resulted from Austrian Ambassador Dumba's recall. Five treasury officials came from Washington to New York to ask Archibald regarding the cane, he admitted today. He said he had never had one.

Persistent declarations have been made in the investigation of the case of the correspondent who carried the letter from the Austrian ambassador to Vienna, that Archibald carried the most important documents in a hollow cane. The cane was said to be weighted so it would readily sink. It is also intimated that had the papers in the cane been found German Ambassador Bernstorff would have been implicated.

Archibald, who arrived yesterday from the Rotterdam, said he did not believe Dumba intended to implicate him in any trouble.

## WORK OF CRIMINAL COURT

### GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE IN DISPOSING OF THE WEEK'S DOCKET.

Good progress is being made in disposing of the docket of the week's criminal term of Superior court, which convened Monday. Judge Thomas J. Shaw is presiding and the following constitute the grand jury: W. H. Glasgow, foreman; M. C. Brookbank, L. J. Ketchie, P. L. Stanley, C. C. Muse, John A. Woodburn, J. H. Henderson, J. W. Alexander, Clyde Ward, W. M. Kirkman, G. A. Ballard, John Nicholson, M. M. Boyles, S. L. Phillips, M. E. Taylor, L. S. Reece, R. A. Apple and R. L. Stegall.

The first case called was an indictment against Lee Roach, white, charged with retailing. The jury said he was not guilty.

Will Clendenin, negro, pleaded guilty in one case charging him with larceny, while he was found guilty in another. Sentence was not passed in either case.

Jack Johnson, a white man, pleaded guilty to the charge of selling wine and was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs.

Walter Marsh, a negro, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of breaking and entering, but sentence was not pronounced.

Schofield McNeil, colored, and George Robertson, white, both entered pleas of guilty on charges of having in their possession liquor for sale. Sentence was not passed in either case.

George Thompson, a negro, was sentenced to the county road for a term of 12 months after being convicted of breaking and entering.

Leroy Clendenin, colored, was found guilty of breaking and entering and given a sentence of six years on the roads.

Burley Foust, colored, was given a sentence of six years on the roads for breaking and entering.

Hattie Gates and Alice Wagoner, both colored, were convicted of retailing, sentence being reserved.

George Powell, white, pleaded guilty to a charge of retailing. W. D. Spencer, white, was found guilty of retailing and carrying a concealed weapon. Judgment in the case of both these defendants was reserved.

Will Rees, colored, was convicted of a retailing charge.

Bertha Siler, colored, was sentenced to the work house 12 months for highway robbery.

Hattie Jeter, colored, was sent to the work house for 12 months for retailing.

Andrew Garvin drew a sentence of eight months on the roads for retailing.

The grand jury yesterday afternoon returned four true bills against O. C. Klingman, charged with embezzlement while manager of the Greensboro branch of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company. It will be recalled that Mr. Klingman was arrested in Seattle, Wash., recently and brought back to Greensboro. It is not thought that his case will be reached for trial at the present term of court.

## Sunday School Convention.

The next convention of the Guilford County Sunday School Association will be held at Guilford College Saturday, October 9. The convention will meet at 10 o'clock and continue through the day, with an intermission for a picnic dinner. An attractive program is being arranged. A new plan for holding the township conventions will be proposed and discussed, likewise a plan for the complete survey of the entire county. The plan of work for the new director of religious education will claim a place on the program, and types of training schools adapted to the needs of the small towns and rural communities will be presented.

## Runs a Horseless Farm.

Eighty acres of land cleared and cultivated without a horse setting foot on the place is the record made by W. C. Wyckoff, a former Bloomington, Ill., farmer, who located at Crivitz, in Marinette county, Wis., last year. His farm was entirely raw land in the spring of 1914.

Wyckoff says this is the age of power. He has an 11-ton tractor, and whether the task is clearing land, leveling, plowing, disking, harrowing or harvesting, the tractor furnishes the power. When he goes to town Wyckoff drives an auto.

## DEFENSE PLANS GAINING STRENGTH IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Sept. 22.—There has been a decided toning down within the past fortnight in the attitude of congressmen who oppose an elaborate national defense program in Congress next winter. Members of the senate and house have found their constituents are actually interested in the question of strengthening the army and navy. As a result of interviews with Representative Hay, chairman of the house committee on military affairs; Representative Kitchin, prospective floor leader of the house; Senator Tilman, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs, and Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, which have been published, the people "at home" have begun to discuss seriously the question of better national defense.

Senator Stone, who has just returned from an extended tour of the West, including some of the Pacific coast states, says he believes the average American citizen is in favor of going a little further than preparing the army and navy to repel an invasion. He thinks they would strengthen both the army and navy and make them fit for duty on short notice if an enemy became aggressive. He is opposed to a large standing army, but would bolster up the present organization considerably.

The attitude of most of the Democratic congressmen toward the proposed national defense program is that of compliance with the wishes of the president. It is believed they will support the president against William J. Bryan if he recommends a reasonable increase in the appropriations for the army and navy. The estimate of Secretary Garrison will be for about \$250,000,000 and Secretary Daniels will ask for that much or more. The president will trim these estimates down several million dollars after he has talked with the chairmen of the senate and house naval and military committees.

Majority Leader Kitchin has said that he would not support any program that called for \$500,000,000 for the army and navy. Other Democratic leaders in Congress will oppose such large increases, but Representative Kitchin says the house will vote for what the president recommends.

## SOME BANKS CHARGE EXORBITANT INTEREST.

Facts concerning high interest rates being charged by national banks throughout the country, particularly in the South, were disclosed by W. P. G. Harding, member of the federal reserve board, in a speech Monday night before the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. He was explaining the reserve board regulation granting preferential rediscount rates to notes secured by staple commodity warehouse receipts, provided the maker has been charged not more than 6 per cent interest, and defending the action of Secretary McAdoo in depositing \$15,000,000 in Southern federal reserve banks to aid in financing the cotton crop.

"From the report to the comptroller of June 23, 1915," he said, "it appears that there are five national banks in Alabama whose maximum rates of interest average 26 per cent, the rate in one case being 60 per cent and in another \$4 per cent. The average rate of interest which one of these banks was charging on all its loans amounted to 12 per cent, another 10 per cent. In Arkansas one national bank admitted making a loan, at a rate as high as 120 per cent, another one at 50 per cent, another at 60 and another at 25.

"In Georgia there were 11 banks where the average maximum rate of interest was about 30 per cent. The maximum rate charged by one of these banks was 40 per cent and the average on all loans was 15 per cent. In Texas a number of banks reported rates in excess of 100 per cent, and many of them stated that their average rates on all loans were 1 per cent per month or more.

"These high rates, however, are not confined exclusively to the South, for the reports show occasional rates of 50 per cent in the East and North, as well as in the far West and South. Twelve per cent seems to be regarded still as not extraordinary by the country bankers of Minnesota, Wyoming, Kentucky and California.

Mr. Harding explained that no North Carolina banks were included among those making exorbitant interest charges.