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OUR SPECIAL OFFER EXTENDED FOR SHORT WHILE

The Great Subscription Proposition of The Patriot is Meeting With Popular Favor.

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Our special October subscription offer was received with such favor on the part of the public that we have decided to extend for a short while the time in which we will receive subscriptions to The Patriot at the rate of \$1 a year, cash in advance.

Many new subscribers were added to The Patriot's list during October, the number really exceeding our expectation when we first made the special offer. We know there are many more people who would like to take advantage of the offer, and for their benefit we are going to hold the proposition open a little while longer.

No subscription for less than a year will be taken at this special price, nor can we make any clubbing offer at this rate.

We have not reduced the regular subscription price of The Patriot, which is \$1.50 a year, in advance, but make this special offer in order to add a number of new names to our list.

Formerly we have had a soliciting agent in the field during the fall and winter, but so far we have not employed one this season and have decided instead to try the experiment for a while of giving the agent's commission to the subscriber.

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To Old Subscribers.

For the reason that we have never made a subscription offer that did not apply to both old and new subscribers alike, we will, while this offer remains open, accept renewal subscriptions also at the special price of \$1 a year.

Last Fight For Negroes' Lives.

Mr. Charles A. Hines leaves this afternoon for Raleigh, where tomorrow he will appear before the Supreme court and argue the case on appeal of Ed. Walker and Jeff Dorsett, both colored, who are under sentence of death for the murder of Mr. John Swaim, of Pleasant Garden. Mr. Swaim was shot and fatally wounded near South Buffalo creek on the evening of the 20th of last January, dying at St. Leo's hospital a few days later. The prisoners were tried for the murder at the April term of Superior court and convicted on a strong chain of circumstantial evidence. Mr. Hines was appointed by the court to appear for Walker and Dorsett and conducted the defense in a skillful and able manner.

Should the Supreme court refuse to grant a new trial, Governor Craig will fix another date for the execution of the prisoners, who have been in the county jail since their arrest over nine months ago.

Morehead Portrait Presentation.

The exercises incident to the presentation of a portrait of Col. James T. Morehead, dean of the Guilford bar, to the Supreme court of North Carolina will take place in the court room in Raleigh tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, tomorrow being the day set for the calling of the docket of this judicial district. A majority of the lawyers of the city will be present for the exercises. The speech of presentation will be made by ex-Judge R. C. Strudwick and the acceptance will be by Chief Justice Walter Clark, both of these gentlemen being warm friends of Col. Morehead.

Mrs. M. V. York and daughter, of Greensboro Route 1, gave The Patriot the pleasure of a call while in the city Saturday.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

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

Court Next Week.—The November civil term of Guilford Superior court will convene next Monday, November 8, with Judge Thomas J. Shaw on the bench.

Commissioners' Meeting.—The board of county commissioners assembled this morning for the regular monthly meeting and will be in session through today and tomorrow.

A Great Defeat.—The football team of the Greensboro high school met the Charlotte high school team in Charlotte Saturday afternoon and was defeated by a score of 32 to 0.

Milk Inspection.—According to the report of Dr. W. A. Hornaday, the city meat and milk inspector, the milk tests for October show a decided improvement in the product of the local dairies.

J. W. Beeson Dead.—Mr. J. W. Beeson, a well known young man of Friendship, died yesterday morning at his home. He was 26 years old and is survived by his father, four brothers and three sisters. The funeral was held this afternoon.

Gray-Lewis.—Mr. Grier Gray, a well known young man of southern Guilford, and Miss Dittie Lewis were married in this city Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. A. M. Lewis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. L. Townsend.

Accepts Call.—Rev. W. R. White, of Campbellsburg, Ky., has accepted the call recently extended to him to become pastor of Asheboro Street Baptist church. He has notified the congregation that he expects to take up the work about the middle of December.

Mrs. Hackett Dead.—Mrs. Lydia Hackett died Saturday afternoon at her home about ten miles southeast of the city. The funeral and interment took place at Tabernacle church yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock; the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. M. Johnson.

Mrs. A. M. Hall Dead.—Mrs. A. M. Hall died Saturday night at her home on Bellevue street. A short funeral service was held at the home this morning at 10 o'clock, after which the body was carried to Center church for interment. Rev. C. E. Hodzich conducted the services.

Chestnut Blight.—Mr. E. O. Cromwell, of the North Carolina experiment station, is making an investigation of the prevalence of chestnut blight in Guilford county. The blight exists in this county to some extent and an effort is being made to check it before any great damage results.

Held For Retailing.—Thomas Patterson, a white man residing near Jamestown, was given a hearing before Squire Dave Collins Thursday afternoon on the charge of retailing and held for the December criminal term of Superior court under a bond of \$300. It is alleged that Patterson sold liquor on the fair grounds during the recent Central Carolina fair.

M. P. Conference.—The annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant church will convene in Grace church, this city, Wednesday morning, November 17. The conference will bring to Greensboro many ministers and laymen of this and other states. There are 63 pastoral charges and over 20,000 members of this branch of Methodism in the bounds of the North Carolina Conference. Rev. C. A. Cecil is president of the conference.

Many Burglaries.—Thursday and Friday nights about a dozen residences in the city were entered and burglarized. Thursday night the thieves operated in the northern end of town and the next night on the southern side. They secured money and jewelry at several places they visited, apparently not caring for anything else. No arrests have been made in connection with the thefts and by this time the thieves have probably moved on to some other town.

Return to Greensboro.—The family of Mr. E. G. Sherrill, who moved to Raleigh recently, upon Mr. Sherrill's appointment to a position in the office of the secretary of state, have returned to Greensboro to reside. They were not overly pleased with the capital city as a place of residence, and in addition, found living expenses in Raleigh higher than in Greensboro. As the cost of living in Greensboro has attained a considerable altitude, it must be out of sight in Raleigh.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD CLOSES

WILL MEET IN SALISBURY NEXT YEAR—GOOD REPORTS SUBMITTED.

The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, which met in Gastonia last week, adjourned Friday afternoon, following a busy and profitable session.

The report of the committee on systematic beneficence showed the following contributions to various causes during the past year: To Synodical home missions, \$11,920; to Presbyterian home missions, \$27,269; to congregational home missions, \$32,475; to Christian education and ministerial relief, \$62,212; to synodical schools and colleges, \$27,638; to publication and Sabbath school work, \$10,677; to the American Bible Society, \$1,395; to the orphan's home, \$31,283; to miscellaneous, \$21,000. This is an increase of \$41,017 over the contributions of the previous year.

A significant report was that of the evangelistic committee. The report showed 500 more professions of faith and 100 more additions to the church than any previous year. The work of the general and local evangelists was summarized as follows: 3,858 sermon preached, 2,736 professions of faith, 1,252 additions to Presbyterian church, 81 additions to other churches; 17 Sunday schools organized, 10 churches organized, \$2,149 raised for the Synod's work. Appropriations to the amount of \$14,285 have been made for the year and Synod apportioned \$20,000 to the churches to sustain this work.

Rev. William Black and Rev. O. G. Jones, general evangelists, and Rev. A. W. Crawford, superintendent of home missions, were re-elected.

Rev. Dr. E. C. Murray, pastor of Alamance church, was elected permanent clerk to succeed Rev. E. L. Siler.

Dr. W. J. Martin, president of Davidson College, submitted the report of that institution and made a strong plea for better financial support. He stated that \$75,000 had been pledged for the college already, provided the church will raise \$25,000, and he asked that this amount be pledged and raised in the Synod. He asked also for the prayers and support of the people, stating that they were needed more than the money.

In his address Doctor Martin stated that, of the 350 students at Davidson, only 18 are not members of any church, and that in recent meetings held there by Dr. J. W. Chapman, ten of that number professed religion.

Following Doctor Martin Dr. Thornwell Jacobs, field agent for Oglethorpe University at Atlanta, which is an old institution being revived and rebuilt, made a strong appeal for that institution. He had only a limited time in which to talk, but so forcefully did he present the history of this college until its collapse during the war and the magnificent work that lies before it in the future that he held the attention and enlisted the hearty sympathy of the entire Synod.

Of much interest was the report submitted of the systematic beneficence committee by Dr. Neal Anderson, of Winston-Salem. It showed the sum of \$193,626 contributed by the Presbyterians of the state for the five assembly objects. This was only about \$1,000 short of the amount the assembly had apportioned to the state. Fifty-nine per cent of this went to foreign missions.

The report of the Barium Springs orphanage showed 202 children in the institution, a school building and auditorium recently completed and a contract let for a central heating plant at the cost of \$11,500. The farm showed a profit of about \$1,500; truck farm, \$900, and dairy, \$400. The support fund last year amounted to \$25,104.90; building and equipment fund, \$4,726.68; bequests, \$2,025.22. The report recommended apportionment of \$25,000 among churches for support of orphanage during the coming year. Dr. H. G. Hill submitted the report, and despite his 80-odd years, made a splendid impression.

It was decided to hold the next session of the Synod in the First Presbyterian church of Salisbury the fourth Tuesday in October, 1916.

The Patriot was pleased to receive a short visit Saturday by Mr. W. M. Shaw, of Climax.

QUARANTINE LAW FOR COUNTY

REGULATIONS FOR CONTROL OF DISEASE ADOPTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH.

At a meeting held Friday afternoon the county board of health adopted quarantine regulations for the control of communicable diseases in the county outside of Greensboro and High Point, elected Dr. H. W. McCain, of High Point, to succeed the late Dr. J. A. Turner as a member of the board and adopted resolutions concerning the death of Dr. Turner.

Dr. McCain is one of the leading physicians of High Point and a man of progressive ideas, and it is believed that he will make a valuable member of the board of health.

The resolutions concerning the death of Dr. Turner follow:

"Whereas, Dr. James A. Turner, a member of this board, and who had been since its establishment under the present laws, has been removed by death, in meeting assembled, do hereby resolve:

"1. That this board has lost in Dr. Turner a member who was intensely interested in all its deliberations and actions and who was always ready to give his best work for the advancement of the sanitary conditions of the county.

"2. That it is with much sorrow that we chronicle the death of so valuable a man.

"3. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this board and a copy forwarded to Mrs. James A. Turner."

Since the state quarantine law was repealed by the legislature of 1911 this county has had no regulations for the control of communicable diseases. The law enacted by the board of health will be controlled in its operation by Dr. W. M. Jones, county health officer, and he may establish rigid and complete quarantine in cases of diphtheria or membranous croup, scarlet fever and smallpox.

The full provisions of the new law follow:

"Through and by the authority invested in section 10 of the public health laws of North Carolina, the Guilford county board of health does hereby enact the following regulations to apply to the county of Guilford, with the exception of the cities of Greensboro and High Point:

"Section 1—All previous laws are hereby ratified except when they are in conflict with the following:

"Section 2—That the term 'communicable disease' shall include every disease of a contagious, infectious, or pestilential nature, particularly diphtheria or membranous croup, scarlet fever, smallpox, measles and whooping cough.

"Section 3—That rigid and complete quarantine may be established in diphtheria or membranous croup, scarlet fever and smallpox, whenever in the judgment of the health officer it is necessary to prevent the spread of these diseases.

"Section 4—Where no physician is in attendance, the nurse shall furnish the information of the presence of a known or suspected communicable disease, and if no nurse is in attendance, then the parent, guardian, or custodian of the person sick with any disease mentioned in section 2 shall report the same to the health officer in writing.

"Section 5—That the physician or householder shall report to the health officer in writing of the termination by recovery, or otherwise, of every case of a disease mentioned in section 2.

"Section 6—The health officer is hereby empowered to post in a conspicuous place upon any building, or premises, wherein any person is afflicted with a communicable disease, a placard specifying the name of the disease. It shall be unlawful for any person to tear down or mutilate such notice in any way except upon authority from the health officer.

"Section 7—It shall be unlawful for any principal or teacher of any public school or private school, or any parent, guardian or custodian of any minor child affected with any of the diseases mentioned in section 2, to permit such minor to attend any public or private school, Sunday school or public gathering. It shall further be unlawful for any parent, guardian or custodian of any minor child to permit such child to attend any public or private school, Sunday school or public gathering, from any house or premises wherein a case of

BIG SUIT IN SUPREME COURT

EFFORT TO RECOVER \$200,000 IN STOCK AND DIVIDENDS IN DEFUNCT CONCERN.

One of the biggest lawsuits brought in North Carolina in some time was argued before the Supreme court Thursday and Friday. J. B. and B. N. Duke, George W. Watts, the estate of J. E. Staggs and J. B. Cobb, trustee, are the plaintiffs and B. Frank Mebane and the Spray Water Power and Land Company, of Spray, Rockingham county, are the defendants. The case involves about \$200,000 dividends and stock in the American Warehouse Company, alleged to have been guaranteed through a special contract with B. Frank Mebane and the Spray Water and Land Company.

The American Warehouse Company was declared a bankrupt two years ago and no longer exists, but the contract with B. Frank Mebane and the Spray Water Power and Land Company is alleged to be such that they are still liable for annual dividends guaranteed at six per cent and stock. In the trial below Judge Justice overruled the demurrers of the defendants and the plaintiffs appealed.

It seems that originally the plaintiffs were owners of stock in the Nantuxett mills and other corporations under the control and domination of B. Frank Mebane and they became dissatisfied with the management and threatened litigation, to avoid which B. Frank Mebane and his associates issued to the plaintiffs, in lieu of their stock, shares in the American Warehouse Company which guaranteed six per cent, pledging earnings of future years if earnings in a specific year failed to provide this. There was the additional pledge endorsed by the shares of stock by the Spray Water Power and Land Company and B. Frank Mebane further guaranteeing these dividends or any part that the American Warehouse Company failed to pay in any year and specifying that this agreement was binding during the life of the Spray Power and Land Company rather than the life of the American Warehouse Company, whose stock was being guaranteed.

The plaintiffs are seeking to hold the defendants strictly to the fulfillment of the contract of guarantee and the defendants are pleading that, there being no evidence that the American Warehouse Company earned any money that should have applied to dividends, none can be exacted; that if the contract of guaranty is to be construed as providing that the defendants must pay such dividends, earned or not by the American Warehouse Company, such contract would be void; that the contract is, furthermore, ultra vires and void and that the real purport of the guaranty was that the earnings declared, should there be any, should be properly and legally distributed in accordance with the stock certificates of the American Warehouse Company.

On the other hand, the plaintiffs insist that the stock in the American Warehouse Company was taken solely on the guarantee of B. Frank Mebane and the Spray Water Power and Land Company, the plaintiffs believing at the time that the American Warehouse Company was really insolvent.

The attorneys for the plaintiffs are Jones Fuller, of Durham; W. M. Hendren, of Winston-Salem, and R. C. Strudwick, of Greensboro. King & Kimball, of Greensboro; E. S. Parker, of Graham, and A. D. Ivie, of Leaksville, appear for the defendants.

To Debate Suffrage.—The second of the series of debates recently inaugurated by members of the Y. M. C. A. will be held Wednesday night and the opposing teams will argue for and against woman suffrage. The affirmative side of the question will be presented by Judge N. L. Eure, A. B. High and Joseph J. Stone and the negative by C. M. Waynick, Dr. C. T. Lipscomb and G. E. Petty.

any of the diseases mentioned in section 2 has been reported, except upon written authority of the health officer.

"Section 8—Isolation from all public and private schools for cases of known exposure to the following shall be: Scarlet fever, seven days; diphtheria, seven days (unless immunized); smallpox, 14 days (unless vaccinated)."

20 CHILDREN LOST IN FIRE

PUPILS SEIZED BY PANIC IN BURNING SCHOOL HOUSE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Twenty children, most of them girls ranging in age from seven to 17 years, lost their lives Thursday in a fire which destroyed St. John's parochial school, at Peabody, Mass. Another girl has injuries regarded as probably fatal, while others were less severely hurt.

The 600 children had just entered their classrooms when the fire was discovered, and although a majority were guided to safety by sisters of the Order of Notre Dame, who were their teachers, panic seized a large number as they neared the front door, and in their rush to escape they lost their footing and their bodies blocked the exit.

All of the sisters escaped, but Mother Superior Marie Carmelita was seriously burned.

How the fire started may never be known. An early theory that a boiler explosion caused it having been dismissed, state police officials were of the opinion that a store room in the basement, where a gas meter was located, was its source.

The first word of the fire is believed to have come from a tardy pupil who smelled smoke and reported it to the mother superior. The children had just finished morning prayer when the gong sounded for fire drill. Mother Marie hurried to tell the sisters of the actual danger, and the movements of the fire drill were quickly started. The building would have been emptied in the opinion of the Rev. Nicholas J. Murphy, pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic church, but for the falling of a child, believed to be a cripple, in the front vestibule. Over her body child, after child, fearful of the flames and pressed on by the crowd behind, stumbled and fell. The opening was choked and further escape stopped.

The jamming of the rear door also impeded the movement of the children through the building. The exit was reopened and many children escaped through it.

The classes of pupils had fled through the corridors and started down the stairs in orderly procession, notwithstanding curling plumes of smoke, until the blockade occurred at the doors. Then with cries from those below in their ears, the children in the rear of the lines scattered to the rooms on all three floors of the building.

Those on the lower floor dropped safely to the ground. From the second floor most of the children, supervised by the sisters, jumped into the coats of firemen and bystanders which were held out to catch them. Many of those who went to the windows of the upper stories were warned against risking the long jump and escaped from windows below. Some of the braver and more resourceful slid down water spouts, among them a boy of 14 years, who assisted another boy with only one leg over a shaking spout. Two girls were dropped to the ground, sustaining serious injuries, one dying at a hospital later.

The sister teachers controlled the situation until the mishap at the front door. Mother Superior Marie Carmelita said during the fire that she had made certain that all the children had left the upper floors before she did. No bodies were found above the first floor.

Former Greensboro Man Sued For Divorce.

Mr. E. T. Garsed, formerly a resident of Greensboro but now engaged in business in Charlotte, is being sued for divorce by his wife. In Mecklenburg Superior court a few days ago Judge James L. Webb issued an order, pending the trial of the case, in which he awarded Mrs. Garsed \$100 a month as alimony and \$200 for lawyers' fees.

The finding of facts embodied in Judge Webb's order contains many highly sensational entries, the official order including citations of episodes tending to bear out the contention of the plaintiff that the defendant's attitude and manner was cruel and barbarous, while additional notations appeared, on behalf of the defendant, tending to explain or to account for such episodes and incidents.

While in Greensboro Mr. Garsed was connected with the Proximity Manufacturing Company. He is engaged in the mill supply business in Charlotte.