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LOCAL NEWS

Sheriff Stafford Ill.—Sheriff Stafford is confined to his room by a severe cold and an attack of rheumatism. He hopes to be out in a few days.

On Farm Bureau.—The agricultural bureau of the Chamber of Commerce has elected Messrs. John A. Young, J. E. Latham and C. W. Gold to represent the organization as members of the Guilford county farm bureau.

To Sell Bonds.—The city commissioners will open sealed bids February 17 for the \$50,000 issue of street bonds and one-third of the \$75,000 issue of sewerage bonds recently authorized by a vote of the people of Greensboro.

Mrs. Mattie Warren Dead.—Mrs. Mattie Warren, who had been suffering from grippe and complications for several weeks, died Friday morning at her home on North Cedar street. She was 30 years of age and is survived by her husband and three children.

Court in Session.—A week's term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases opened this morning with Judge E. B. Cline on the bench. No time was lost in getting down to business and the indications are that the court will have a busy week disposing of the docket.

Osborne-Jackson.—Mr. W. E. Osborne, of Danville, Va., and Miss Omie Jackson, a daughter of Mrs. Amanda Jackson, of this city, were married in Winston-Salem Thursday afternoon. They will reside in Spencer, where the groom has recently taken a position with the Southern Railway.

Fine Watch Stolen.—A thief entered the home of Mr. J. E. Latham, in Fisher park, about 7 o'clock Saturday evening and stole a watch belonging to Mrs. Latham valued at over \$1,000 and about \$5 in change. The theft was discovered immediately after the robber had left the house and the police officers notified.

Market Men Feast.—The market men of the city, with a few invited guests, enjoyed themselves Thursday night at a sumptuous banquet in the hall of the Eagle Hose Company, on South Davis street. There being no after-dinner speeches, nothing was said about the meat inspection law or the sale of fresh meat in the city by the farmers.

Declines Call.—Rev. V. Y. Boozer, of Lexington, who was recently called to the pastorate of the First Lutheran church of this city, has declined the call and will remain in his present field. It is expected that a call will be extended to another minister in the near future, as the church here is anxious to secure the services of a pastor as early as possible.

Mr. Daughtridge Here.—Lieutenant Governor E. L. Daughtridge, of Rocky Mount, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, spent Friday in Greensboro with friends. Mr. Daughtridge is one of the biggest farmers and most successful business men in eastern North Carolina, and his friends insist that he would make a splendid governor.

For Robbing Mail.—Willie McWilliams, a 14-year-old negro boy of Milton, Caswell county, was brought to Greensboro Friday by Deputy Marshal Boger and placed in jail to await trial on the charge of robbing mail sacks. The boy had been assisting his brother in carrying the mail from the depot in Milton to the postoffice and seems to have made a specialty of stealing parcel post packages.

Change at Postoffice.—With the close of business today Mr. Robert D. Douglas retires from the office of postmaster of Greensboro and is succeeded by Mr. A. Wayland Cooke. Mr. Douglas was appointed by President Roosevelt in the summer of 1906 and has served about nine and a half years. He has made a good record and retires from the office with the best wishes of the public. Mr. Cooke is a man of capacity and energy and may be expected to give the public faithful and efficient service.

W. H. Trollinger Dead.—W. H. Trollinger, one of the best known citizens of Alamance county, died Thursday night at his home at Haw River at an advanced age. He had been prominent in the business life of his section for many years. He was engaged in the cotton manufacturing business at Haw River for a number of years.

MURDERERS ARE EXECUTED

ED. WALKER AND JEFF DORSETT PAY DEATH PENALTY FOR KILLING JOHN SWAIM.

Ed. Walker and Jeff Dorsett, both colored, were electrocuted in the state penitentiary at Raleigh Friday morning for the murder of John Swaim, of Pleasant Garden, on the evening of January 20, 1915. Before going to their death the condemned men confessed their guilt. It was the first double electrocution in this state.

A tragic circumstance in connection with the dual execution was the sudden death from heart failure of T. P. Sale, warden of the penitentiary, and the state's official executioner. Death came upon him within a few minutes after he had applied the electric current that snuffed out the lives of the two confessed murderers.

The following is from the Raleigh News and Observer's account of the execution:

"Ed. Walker and Jeff Dorsett, Guilford county negroes and confessed murderers of John Swaim, a Pleasant Garden farmer, forfeited their lives in the first double electrocution in the history of North Carolina yesterday morning at the state prison. Walker, as the man who fired the fatal shot, was the first in the chair. Within fifteen minutes from the time he entered the execution chamber both of the men had been carried out dead.

"The failure of the electric current momentarily while Walker was in the chair horrified the thirty-six witnesses. The body of Walker relaxed under the receding current and between the slit in the mouth-piece his lips moved as if in an effort to speak. Warden T. P. Sale was at the switch, however, and the loss of the electricity was for just a few seconds. After the first shock had been administered the physicians present, Dr. J. R. Rogers and Dr. W. C. Horton, advised a second. Following this, they pronounced him dead.

"Dorsett, apparently a much younger negro, had less resistance. One shock was sufficient to produce death.

"Both men approached the end calmly. Walker came in without a word and took his place in the chair. He needed no assistance. His first word was spoken as the belt straps were fastened about him.

"'Good-bye,' he said, 'I am going to meet my God.' With this he began to pray audibly, his prayers accompanying the scripture reading of his spiritual adviser.

"Dorsett prayed from the beginning, the burden of his prayer repeated again and again. And when the current struck him it broke into the midst of it, the half-uttered prayer smothered on his lips.

"Both of the men went to their death with confessions of guilt. With death staring him in the face, Walker wrote to Governor Locke Craig declaring that he himself fired the shot and asking for clemency for Dorsett, who was his partner in the robbery scheme.

"Dorsett, however, confessed that he was present and planned with Walker for the hold-up and robbery. Governor Craig considered the petition but wired to Warden Sale, 'Dorsett did not shoot but he was present and participated in the robbery.'

Among those who witnessed the execution were the following citizens of the Pleasant Garden section: W. S. and A. H. Quate, H. B. Kirkman, R. L. Neelley, W. J. Upchurch, T. M. Adcock, J. F. Gossett, W. B. Hardin, Sam Davis, Lee Dailey and Matt Rogers.

Story of the Crime.

John Swaim was fatally shot near the South Buffalo bridge on Wednesday evening, January 20, 1915, while returning to his home at Pleasant Garden from a trip to Greensboro. He died in St. Leo's hospital the following Saturday. In the meantime Walker and Dorsett had been charged with the crime and arrested. While the evidence against them was circumstantial, there was but slight doubt in the mind of any one as to their guilt.

Under Judge Lyon a jury of Guilford county men held Walker and Dorsett guilty of murder in the first degree and court rendered judgment of the extreme penalty. Appeal to the Supreme court failed to secure a new trial. The only relenting in the strict administration of the sentence

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MISSIONARY WORKERS MEET

WOMEN OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE IN SESSION HERE.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, which is in session at West Market Street Methodist church, is attended by a large number of delegates and several missionaries from the home and foreign fields. Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, of this city, president of the conference, is presiding over the business meetings.

The conference opened Thursday night with devotional exercises, the first business session being held Friday morning.

Preceding the organization of the conference Friday morning, a communion service was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. H. Weaver, Rev. Dr. C. W. Byrd and Rev. Frank Siler.

Owing to the inability of the recording secretary, Mrs. Frank Siler, to attend the conference, Mrs. G. W. Whitsett was elected to perform the duties of this office.

The report of Mrs. H. A. Dunham, the corresponding secretary, was very encouraging and showed progress along all lines. In making her report Mrs. Dunham spoke especially of the good being done in the home field, in the Wesley home, rescue homes, mountain schools and for the foreigners in this country. Mrs. Dunham has visited most of these institutions, and she was especially impressed with the work being done in New Orleans for Italians. The work on the Pacific coast, too, she declared, is reaching a large number of those who have recently come to this country. The work being done for the Koreans in California is steadily growing in interest, she said.

The largest Japanese Sunday school on the continent, it was pointed out, is in California, and most of the workers are native Japanese who have been educated in America. The Scarrett Bible and Training School, in Kansas City, is where the mission workers are trained, and the Christian atmosphere of the school is most beautiful.

The conference treasurer, Mrs. P. N. Peacock, reported quite a gain in finances, though the ladies had hoped for a larger increase, both in money and members. During the past year there was raised for the foreign field a total of \$21,549.48, while for work in the home field the total amounted to \$7,950.

The reports of the various district secretaries were of a gratifying nature.

At Friday night's session addresses were delivered as follows: "China," by Miss Wu Tsung Zung; "Japan," by Miss Siler; "Home Work," by Miss Rena Murphy; and "Korea," by Miss Ellasue Wagner. Miss Siler and Miss Zung were attired in native Chinese and Japanese costume, respectively. Their talks were most interesting. Miss Wagner, who is a returned missionary, reviewed in appealing detail the growth of work in Korea during the past 11 years.

The addresses were followed by pageants staged by young ladies of the Greensboro College for Women. The first of these was put on by 18 young ladies, representing foreign countries that needed help, coming on the platform bearing unlighted candles. The other was participated in by 20 young women, each bearing a lighted candle, who sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Saturday morning's session was devoted to the work of the young people and children. The reports of these societies showed an increase of 156 in membership and of \$106.82 in finances.

A memorial service was held Saturday afternoon, being conducted by Mrs. L. W. Crawford and Miss Estelle Haskins.

The annual sermon was delivered before the society in West Market Street church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock by Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, Va. Basing his remarks on the verse of scripture reading, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith," the bishop preached one of the most eloquent and forceful sermons heard in Greensboro in a long while.

Yesterday afternoon a very attractive program was carried out by children of the missionary societies of the various Methodist churches in the city. The children carried signs of

PROSECUTOR GETS IN BAD

CAPIAS ISSUED FOR J. A. TERRY, WHO CHARGED NEIGHBOR WITH LARCENY.

After three dates had been set for the trial the warrant in a case charging Robert L. Stewart, of Greensboro, with larceny was dismissed Saturday by Justice of the Peace Collins as frivolous and malicious, and J. A. Terry, who had sworn out the warrant, was taxed with the costs and fined \$25 for his failure to appear in court. A capias was issued and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Henry Andrew, of Jefferson township, for the arrest of Terry, whose present whereabouts are unknown.

The warrant was first made returnable on January 18, but for the convenience of some of the witnesses the trial was postponed until the 22nd. The defendant, with his witnesses and a number of friends, came to Greensboro on the second date named ready for trial, but a week's continuance was granted on the alleged illness of two witnesses for the prosecution—sons of the man who had sworn out the warrant.

Mr. Stewart, his witnesses and friends were back again Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the hour set for the trial, but not a single witness for the prosecution put in an appearance. The trial was to have been held in the Superior court room and a large crowd assembled for the hearing, among those present being many leading citizens of Jefferson and Clay townships who did not hesitate to let it be known that their sympathies were with the defendant. Appearing as counsel in the case were Col. John A. Barringer for the prosecution and ex-Judge W. P. Bynum and ex-Judge R. C. Strudwick for the defense.

Upon motion of counsel for the defense, Justice Collins dismissed the warrant as frivolous and malicious, named J. A. Terry as the prosecutor and taxed him with the costs. Terry was called out in open court, and failed to appear, whereupon a capias was then issued for his arrest and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Andrew.

The costs in the case amount to \$60.40, which, with the fine of \$25, make a bill of \$85.40 the court holds against Terry. Subpoenas had been issued for 43 witnesses, about 40 of whom were witnesses for the defendant.

A summons for Terry to appear in Guilford Superior court February 14 and answer a complaint to be filed in a damage suit instituted by Stewart was issued by the clerk of the court shortly after the magistrate had dismissed the warrant.

In the warrant he swore out Terry made affidavit that Stewart stole the sum of \$45 from him on February 25, 1915, almost a year ago. The affair aroused a good deal of feeling and indignation in the community, where Robert L. Stewart has resided for a number of years and is regarded as a man of honor and integrity. He is the miller at Stewart's mill and in that capacity has business dealings with many people.

After the warrant charging Stewart with theft had been issued at his instance, Terry deeded his real estate, which lies in Jefferson and Clay townships, to his wife, and is reported to have transferred his personal property to his sons. He left home after returning from Greensboro on the 22nd inst., when the trial was continued for a week, and has not been seen or heard of in the community since.

In the meanwhile no explanation has been made of why Terry should have charged Bob Stewart with larceny or waited almost a year after the alleged theft before making the accusation.

Mr. Swift to Speak.—Mr. W. H. Swift, of this city, is on the program for an address at a conference on child labor to be held in Asheville Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

The various nations in which the church is engaged in mission work and rendered a number of songs and recitations in a delightful manner.

Last night's session was devoted to the home and foreign work, Mrs. Hume R. Steele speaking for the home work and Miss Ellasue Wagner for the foreign work.

Business sessions of the conference were held at 9.30 o'clock this morning and 2.30 this afternoon. The closing session will be held tonight.

WARDEN SALE DIES SUDDENLY

HAD JUST OFFICIATED AT THE EXECUTION OF GUILFORD COUNTY MURDERERS.

Thomas P. Sale, warden of the state penitentiary at Raleigh, fell dead across a desk in his office Friday morning at 11 o'clock, a few minutes after leaving the death chamber where he had officiated at the electrocution of Ed. Walker and Jeff Dorsett for the murder of John Swaim, of Guilford county.

Mr. Sale had blotted the last of the twelve signatures of witnesses to the execution. A request to Mr. C. C. Hayes, deputy warden, to show the Guilford county visitors over the institution had hardly passed his lips when he fell forward on his desk. Desperate efforts of prison officials, several newspaper men and visitors assisting Mrs. T. P. Sale, who rushed to the aid of her husband, failed to revive him. The two physicians arriving first, Dr. M. R. Gibson and Dr. G. M. Bell, could only pronounce him dead. Heart failure brought on by shock of the execution was assigned as the immediate cause.

Mr. Sale's health had been failing recently and friends had urged him to give up the strain that the office carried and seek rest for his nerves. Thursday night Mrs. Sale pleaded with him to turn over the duty of state executioner for the day at least to his deputy. But he insisted on doing his duty. As the witnesses gathered in the little octagonal room on the north side of the building, Mr. Sale talked and joked with his friends. As a usual thing he was not talkative on such occasions and very nervous.

The first appearance of breaking nerves came with the failure of the electric current for a few seconds after the switch was pulled on Ed. Walker.

"My Lord," the warden was heard to exclaim by those in the room. Immediately the current was coursing again through the body of the condemned man. When it was turned off for the examination by physicians Mr. Sale was noticeably excited and he showed signs of extreme nervousness during the remaining part of ten minutes required to complete the dual execution.

Mr. Sale was 56 years old and a native of Georgia. He had made his home in Raleigh for 20 years and for the past eight years had been warden of the state prison. He is survived by his widow and four children.

Lumber Company in Receiver's Hands

Upon the petition of creditors, Judge James E. Boyd, of the United States court, Saturday afternoon signed an order naming J. T. B. Shaw temporary receiver of the Cape Fear Manufacturing Company and citing the company to appear in court February 5 and show cause, if any exists, why it should not be adjudged a bankrupt. The petitioning creditors allege that the company has an indebtedness of something like \$40,000 which it is unable to meet; that a large number of court judgments against the company remain unsatisfied and executions in some of them are about to be issued; and that the only assets of the concern are its plant and interest in a few contracts. These assets are not estimated, but it is claimed that the company is insolvent.

The Cape Fear Manufacturing Company has been engaged in the lumber business here for a number of years. The officers of the company are: John A. Hodgins, president; B. E. Smith, vice president and manager; A. A. Johnson, secretary and treasurer.

Death of Mrs. S. J. Barber.

Mrs. S. J. Barber, the mother of Mr. W. M. Barber, formerly editor of The Patriot, died January 21 at the home of her son in Ashland, Oregon. The body was carried to Mrs. Barber's old home in Cambridge, Ohio, and interred by the side of her husband, who died about 15 years ago. Mrs. Barber was 84 years old and had been quite feeble for some time. After the death of her husband Mrs. Barber made her home in Greensboro with her son's family until their removal to the West six years ago. During her residence in this city Mrs. Barber made many friends who will learn of her death with sorrow.

Although a semi-invalid for years, Mrs. Barber never lost interest in the affairs of every-day life. She possessed a bright and cheerful mind and found joy in the companionship of loved ones and friends.

ACTIVITY ALONG WAR FRONTS

CONFLICTING NEWS SENT OUT BY GERMANS AND FRENCH CONCERNING ATTACKS.

Although considerable fighting has taken place along the various war fronts, there have been no notable changes in positions.

Near Neuville St. Vaast the French attacked with hand grenades the positions taken from them by the Germans. Berlin says they were repulsed with heavy losses, although a mine crater was captured by the French. Paris says two attacks by the Germans between Arras and Lens were put down and that a German munitions depot was blown up near Puisseleigne by the French artillery.

Along the line from Riga to Bukowina there have been artillery bombardments and occasional infantry attacks by the Russians and the Germans and Austro-Hungarians. Petrograd reports a surprise attack near Buczac, Galicia, by the Russians, in which a large party of Teutons was put to flight with heavy losses, and also the capture of three mine craters by the Russians north of Boyan.

Dispatches from Kiev say the Austrians and Germans are making great preparations to stem any attempt to a further advance by the Russians in Galicia. Large quantities of artillery of all calibers are being rushed to this front.

The Italians have re-occupied the heights to the west of Worizia, from which they had been forced to retire, and also have put down with heavy casualties a strong attempt by the Austrians to advance in the upper Isonzo region.

In the Caucasus the Russians claim further successes and the captures of large quantities of arms and ammunition. Between Erzerum and Mush they have occupied the town of Khynyskala. In addition, south of Lake Urumiah, in Persia, the defeat of large Turkish forces is reported, together with the capture of prisoners and supplies.

Operations which may have an important bearing on the Balkan situation are now taking place in Albania. It appears that the Austrians and Bulgarians jointly are making the most of what appears to be their present opportunity to over-run the country. The entente powers seem to be placing reliance on Essad Pasha, who favors their cause, to hold the forces of the Teutonic allies in check temporarily, but what measures, if any, are being taken to assist him are not yet apparent.

The Greeks are said to be reinforcing their detachments at the Albanian border points and developments as to the attitude to be adopted by the Greek government, in view of the Bulgarian activities in southern Albania, are being closely watched by entente interests in Greece, according to news agency advices from Athens, there being some distrust, it is said, regarding the policy of the Greek government.

More than half a million casualties have been suffered by the British forces so far in the war. The official figures give the total up to January 9 as 549,467, the number being made up of 24,122 officers and 525,345 men.

Federal Prisoner Removed.

Tom Davis, alias Tom Dowd, a noted postoffice robber, who had been in the Guilford jail about three weeks on the specific charge of robbing the postoffice at Hillsboro, was carried to Asheville Saturday by United States officers and placed in the Buncombe county jail. Some uneasiness was felt that the prisoner, with the assistance of confederates, might escape from the jail here. Davis, or Dowd, is 63 years old and has a long record of crime, his specialty being blowing open postoffice safes and escaping from prison. He was arrested in Winchester, Va., where he had recently married. He is to be tried at the approaching term of United States court in Charlotte.

To Change Method of Pay.

Pay for railway mail transportation on a basis of space measurement, instead of by weight, is provided in the \$328,000,000 postoffice appropriation bill, as approved by the postal committee of the house of representatives.

The bill increases the remuneration for railroads by \$1,500,000, and adds \$4,500,000 to rural mail service appropriation.