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MUST ENFORCE LAWS HERE AND ELSEWHERE

REV. T. A. SIKES FLAYS ALLEGED FAILURE TO ENFORCE LAWS IN THIS CITY.

Making a vigorous plea for enforcement of the laws relating to decency and other offenses as well as prohibition, Rev. T. A. Sikes at West Market Street Methodist church last night wanted to know "how under high heaven can any authority in Greensboro release a prisoner from the chingang?"

He added: "We have cussed and discussed Cole Blease and Walter Bickett till we are almost disgusted," reference being to the extensive pardoning activities of those former governors. He thought that enough clemency had been shown by those executives without any local official undertaking to usurp the pardoning power.

Rev. Mr. Sikes' earnest discussion of alleged failure in local law enforcement came at the prohibition service observed at West Market Street church under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Miss Louise Alexander talked of "What Woman Can Do for Law Enforcement." Rev. J. H. Baruhardt, D. D., pastor of the church, presided over the preliminary exercises which preceded the prohibition service, Mrs. Ellen J. Y. Freyer conducting the latter.

Business has been better, schools have been bigger, more roads and streets have been built and the churches have done better work in the last decade than in any other ten decades in this country's history, declared Rev. Mr. Sikes, who said that in 1920 the number of people attending church was greater than the number attending all amusement places. These conditions exist, he said, because the manhood of the country has been turned into channels of uplifting character.

It was denied that prohibition had been a failure and asserted that in whatever measure it has failed to accomplish what it was expected to accomplish was due to the lack of law enforcement. The law is on the statute books and should be enforced, he said. In one North Carolina county, it was pointed out, there has not been a term of court in ten years at which there was not a murder case. "Shall we repeal the law against murder because the law fails to prevent it?" the preacher asked.

He had known towns in which officers winked at violations of the law, Rev. Mr. Sikes said, adding that he was not entirely certain Greensboro has no such officers. He was shocked, he said, when recently he read in the local papers the account of the "pardon" of Will Jeffers, a fugitive from justice, by a man whose duty it is to uphold the law. If the newspaper articles are true, he asserted, Greensboro has such officers, and if they are not true he contended that the accused officers should prosecute the papers.

Rev. Mr. Sikes said he had in his hands a list of 25 cases of men released from the city streets since April 1, 1917, by the order of this officer, whose duty it is to uphold the law. The list, he said, was taken from the Municipal court records. "These 25 men were released by somebody who had no business doing it," he declared. Detailed statements concerning the circumstances in those cases were given by the minister.

"I hope everything I said here tonight is a lie," said Rev. Mr. Sikes "but here are the records. And the time has come when every believer in law and order and God should stand in one solid phalanx and say that such conditions shall not continue to exist. Let the women voters vote, the preachers preach and the newspapers write until the men in authority who wink at infraction of the law and allow criminals to run loose on society are driven out of office."

County Teachers Discuss Plans For Commencement.

Discussion of plans for the annual commencement of the schools featured the regular monthly meeting of the county teachers at the court house Saturday. Athletic activities in the schools also engaged a large measure of attention.

OBJECTIONS TO SCHOOL BONDS ANSWERED HERE

PEOPLE URGED TO VOTE FOR \$1,000,000 ISSUE IN TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

Objections to the proposed issuance of \$1,000,000 worth of bonds for the improvement of Greensboro schools were answered by E. D. Broadhurst and other members of the city board of education at a mass meeting in the county court house Friday night. Those present were urged to vote for the bonds in the special election to be held here tomorrow.

"The mayor is entitled to his opinion about the bonds," said Mr. Broadhurst. "Anyone is. But for any man to say we ought not to vote \$1,000,000 worth of bonds because we need more streets is simply putting the children in the streets."

Only 70 pupils living outside the city were enrolled in the Greensboro schools last year, said Mr. Broadhurst, answering one of the objections raised to the bond issue. Those pupils paid tuition, he added, stating that outsiders vacated their places in the schools as soon as children living in the city applied for admission in their places. He also stated that the city school board would not erect any buildings outside of the corporate limits.

Chairman J. Norman Wills referred to the great need of funds for extension of the physical facilities of the Greensboro school system. It has been necessary to erect a number of temporary buildings in order to care for the rapidly increasing enrollment. All of the money is to be spent for permanent improvements, it was pointed out, although not all of the fund can or will be spent in one year.

The enrollment, it was shown, totals 4,248, of which 2,264 are in elementary schools, 717 in the high school and 1,267 in the negro schools.

SUGGEST REMOVAL OF A. & T. COLLEGE.

No money is recommended for permanent improvements for the negro Agricultural and Technical College, of this city, in the report of the North Carolina budget commission to the general assembly, the reason assigned being that the "commission is of the opinion that before any further appropriations are made for improvements at this college a careful investigation should be conducted to determine whether or not it is the part of wisdom to continue this college in the section of Greensboro where now located."

Dr. James E. Dudley, president of the college states that one member of the board, J. E. Latham, of Greensboro, had made a proposition to the board, offering to purchase the college buildings, grounds and the entire farm, embracing about 128 acres land, offering to pay \$200,000 for the land and buildings. Dr. Dudley says Mr. Latham expressed the opinion that the college should be located in the county.

The college proper, Dr. Dudley says, is opposed to any move, believing the present site to be ideal. President Dudley also states that funds for carrying on the work of the institution are badly needed.

VARNER CASE SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL FEBRUARY 14.

The case of Mrs. H. B. Varner against her husband, H. B. Varner, of Lexington, is on the calendar for trial at the term of Federal court which will be held here beginning February 7. February 14 is the day set for trial of the Varner case. Mrs. Varner is suing for "a reasonable subsistence." She and Mr. Varner have not lived together since the alleged discovery of a negro, Baxter McRary, at the Varner home in Lexington last August.

Gives Pianos to Church.

Two pianos have been presented to the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant by J. R. Caffey, a member of the church, the gifts being made as a memorial to his two deceased sons. One is being used in the ladies' parlor of the church and the other in the primary department of the Sunday school.

ROADS ASSOCIATION FORMED BY FARMERS

PROPOSE TO FORMULATE DEFINITE PLANS AS TO ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Formation of a temporary organization to be known as the Farmers' Good Roads Association of Guilford County was effected here Saturday morning by the executive committees of the Guilford County Farm Bureau and the Guilford County Farmers' Union. J. A. Young was elected temporary chairman and John W. King was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Committees will be appointed in the various townships in the interest of further organization activities. A joint meeting of the committees will be held at the county court house at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, February 5, at which time a permanent organization probably will be effected.

The prime purpose of the association, it is announced, is to reach an agreement in regard to a definite plan of road improvement and to co-operate with county officials in connection with road development.

John W. King is chairman of the tobacco growers' executive committee, the other members being W. H. Dunbar, R. W. Winchester, S. E. Coletrane, and James D. Doggett. On the executive committee of the Farm Bureau are H. W. Lambeth, S. E. Coltrane, H. T. Antrim, W. A. Bowman and J. A. Hoskins. Those representing the Farmers' Union were G. E. Chappell and J. L. Hawkins.

After the discussion of roads a report from the meeting of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers' Association, held in Raleigh on January 12, was presented. The community plan was discussed in some detail. Under this plan each farmer signs a contract to deliver all of his tobacco to the association for disposal.

DANIEL B. SMITH DIES AT HOME IN COUNTY.

Daniel Brooks Smith, aged 77, died yesterday morning at his home two miles south of Monticello, in Madison township, following a brief illness.

Mr. Smith was a native of Guilford county. He married Miss Sarah J. Smith, who survives, with the following children: Henry B. Robert R. V. Ogburn and Turner E. Smith and Mrs. L. G. Faucett, of Brown Summit; Capt. Cicero W. Smith, of Spencer, and Mrs. G. W. Apple, of Greensboro. Another son, Rev. W. A. Smith, died several years ago. He also is survived by two brothers, Anderson and Abner Smith, and one sister, Mrs. Rachael Wyrick, of this county, 28 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

During the Civil war Mr. Smith made an enviable record in the Confederate army. He served in company K, 47th North Carolina regiment, and was in Pettigrew's brigade at Gettysburg. Since early manhood he had been a member of Hines' chapel (Christian). He was engaged in farming, in which he attained success.

The funeral services were conducted early this afternoon at Hines' chapel by the pastor, Rev. Carl Garinger, assisted by Rev. W. C. Wicker, D. D., of Elon College, former pastor.

BODY OF THOMAS SETTLE REMOVED TO WILMINGTON.

Last Saturday the remains of the late Thomas Settle, of Asheville, whose death occurred January 20, 1919, were removed from Greene Hill cemetery to Wilmington, to be interred beside the grave of Mrs. Settle, who died some months ago. The removal was made in conformity with the wish expressed by Mrs. Settle in her will.

Lena Belle Reese Dead.

Lena Belle Reese, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reese, died at the home of her parents, eight miles east of the city, at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, death resulting from pneumonia. The funeral was held at Bethel Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon. Rev. G. W. Whitley officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

J. P. SANDERS HEAD OF NEW BANK HERE

FARMERS AND MECHANICS BANK TO OPEN FOR BUSINESS ABOUT MARCH 1.

At a meeting of the directors Friday night J. P. Sanders was elected president of the recently organized Farmers and Mechanics Bank; C. J. Tinsley, first vice president; S. A. Caviness, second vice president. A cashier will be elected in the early future, it is expected.

The following committees were chosen: C. J. Tinsley, S. M. Bumpass and W. H. Matthews, executive; V. M. Kirkman, C. I. Clark, E. C. Caldwell, J. P. Pleasants and J. E. Faulkner, finance; J. E. Faulkner, Phil R. Carlton and Reid C. Jones, examining.

Work on the bank's home, corner of South Elm and Fayetteville streets, will begin at once. Already the bank fixtures, furniture and other supplies have been ordered, it is announced. It is expected that the bank will open for business about the first of March.

The directors were chosen about two weeks ago at a meeting of the stockholders. At that meeting it was reported that all of the capital stock had been subscribed.

Those who are backing the city's latest banking enterprise are much pleased with the prospects for success. It is generally believed that this banking institution will become one of the leading factors in the business and financial development of Greensboro.

NEGRO THANKS JUDGE WHO IMPOSED SENTENCE.

A court sentence of sixty days on the city streets may be a blessing in disguise or undisguised. At any rate, such seemed to be the conviction of a negro named Charlie Griffin, who last Friday morning upon being informed that a sentence of that character was his portion said: "Thank you, judge!" The defendant had just been convicted in Municipal court, where he was tried for an assault upon a negro woman last August.

"You don't mind a short sentence like that, do you?" Judge C. A. Jones asked Griffin, who smilingly replied: "Naw suh, judge, that will be a short playtime."

It was charged that Griffin stabbed a negro woman with a knife. Following the alleged assault he went to Pennsylvania. Returning to the city a few days ago, he was arrested, the woman whom he is alleged to have assaulted having then instigated the action.

CARPENTER IS VICTIM OF APOPLECTIC STROKE.

While working on a house in the eastern part of the city Thursday Johnathan C. Stevenson, aged 60, a carpenter, was stricken with apoplexy. A physician who happened to be near rendered medical aid, but the attack proved fatal, death coming about ten minutes after Mr. Stevenson was taken from his work bench.

Surviving are the widow, two sons, W. N. Stevenson, of Greensboro, and Henry Stevenson, of Randleman; two daughters, who live in Randleman, and a half-brother, James Stevenson, of High Point. The funeral was held at the grave in Greene Hill cemetery Friday afternoon, Rev. J. Clyde Turner, D. D., officiating.

Stokes-Nowlan Marriage.

In the presence of a few intimate friends and relatives Miss Susan Elizabeth Stokes and Albert Edward Nowlan were united in marriage at 12 o'clock Saturday at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Rev. R. Murphy Williams officiating. Shortly after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Nowlan left on a bridal trip for points in western North Carolina.

The bride, who has been residing with her sisters, Misses Marion and Alice Stokes, on South Mendenhall street, is a young lady of rare personal charm. Mr. Nowlan, a successful young business man, and is a member of the official personnel of the El-Reese Cigar Company, of this city.

CARPENTERS DECLINE TO ACCEPT 20 PER CENT CUT

CRAFTSMEN DECLARE THEY WILL DEAL DIRECT WITH THE INDIVIDUAL.

Having been advised by the Greensboro Builders' Association that it would not revoke its order reducing wages of carpenters, bricklayers, painters and other members of local building crafts 20 per cent, representatives of these crafts affiliated with the Central Labor Union on Saturday announced that they would deal directly with the individual, refusing to accept the wage reduction. In other words, the workmen propose to "eliminate the contractor."

It was stated that the members of the Central Labor Union offered to have the wage question settled by arbitration; they also offered to accept a five per cent wage reduction. However, the contractors, through the secretary of the Greensboro Builders' Association, on Saturday notified the craftsmen that the ordered reduction would stand. The message to the Central Labor Union from Secretary C. J. McMichael was as follows:

"Gentlemen: The Builders' Association of Greensboro decided at their regular meeting last night to leave the 20 per cent cut just as it was, as that seems to have the approval of the majority of the people."

Tonight a meeting of the Central Labor Union will be held at the union hall for further discussion of the wage question. To this meeting the unionists invite the public; they say they wish to bring the matter to the attention of the entire citizenship of Greensboro.

MRS. F. F. BAYNES PASSES AT RESIDENCE OF SISTER.

Mrs. F. F. Baynes, aged 42, died at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. G. Sherrill, 219 South Eugene street, following an illness of four months. She is survived by her husband, who is a Summerfield merchant; her mother, Mrs. Emma Medearis, of Summerfield; two brothers, J. F. Medearis, of Summerfield, and J. I. Medearis, of Greensboro; three sisters, Mrs. E. G. Sherrill and Mrs. H. B. Moore, of Greensboro, and Mrs. N. G. Wilson, of Fieldale, Va.

The funeral services were conducted at the Summerfield Methodist church yesterday afternoon by Rev. T. B. Johnson, of Thomasville former pastor of Mrs. Baynes.

LOCAL MACHINE SHOP DESTROYED BY FLAMES.

The machine shop of Robertson-Strader Company, on Watson avenue, near Pomona, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. The flames were discovered at 5:30 o'clock, at which time their destructive effect already was very noticeable. The office and store room of the company were not damaged. The loss was estimated at \$30,000, while the insurance totaled only \$4,750. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

It appears probable that the plant will be rebuilt by the company.

Box-shoots were manufactured at the Robertson-Strader factory. As a result of the fire about 35 men were made idle.

AMERICAN RED CROSS WORKER IN MOSCOW JAIL

Washington, Jan. 14.—Capt. Emmet Kilpatrick, American Red Cross worker, who was reported last November to have been killed by the Bolsheviks, was in jail at Moscow, advices to-day to the state department said. It was added that he was captured last October 29 while engaged in relief work along the front occupied by the Wrangel forces in the Crimea.

Kilpatrick, whose home is in Uniontown, Pa., was captured during a cavalry raid with A. Atechny, of the Menomite Relief Society. No word has been received of the latter. When last seen, according to the state department advices at the time, Kilpatrick had been stripped of his underclothes in zero weather and was being led away by the raiders.

BANNER BUILDING IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

FIRE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN RESULTS IN ESTIMATED \$15,000 LOSS.

Damage estimated at \$15,000 resulted from a fire of undetermined origin which was discovered in the Banner building at 4 o'clock Friday morning. The flames started in the basement and made rapid progress before their discovery. The firemen had a hard fight to extinguish them.

Great destruction was wrought by the fire in the basement, while the stairway and elevator shaft, also were gutted. Damage on the first floor from the flames and water was extensive and almost all of the glass on the fourth floor was wrecked. The plaster and ceiling fared badly as a result of the intense heat. The offices, however, were not greatly damaged, the effects of the fire being made noticeable in the hallways.

The elevator was rendered inoperative because of the fire, the motor having been partly under water. The furnace could not be operated, either, for some time, as the basement was flooded with water.

Repair work is now in progress and it is hoped that the building will be in first class condition again soon. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The Banner building, a five-story brick structure, was really considered fireproof. It contains many offices, which are occupied by various business and professional firms. In the basement is a barber shop.

M. P. CHURCH PLANS COLLEGE IN STATE.

Plans are being formulated by leading representatives of the Methodist Protestant church with a view to the establishment of a college in this state. Soon a campaign for funds with which to consummate this object will be waged. It is hoped to have the new Methodist Protestant College ready for opening in the autumn of 1922; with an original investment of \$400,000 or more in buildings and an endowment. Rev. R. M. Andrews, D. D., of this city, president of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Protestant church, is a member of the special college committee.

MERCHANTS SOON HAVE THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET.

At a meeting of the directors of the Greensboro Merchants' Association Thursday night it was agreed that the annual banquet of the organization would be given on the second Thursday night in February.

George W. Coggin, of the federal vocational training department, suggested that the merchants aid in the inauguration of a course of salesmanship in the city schools. Officials of the city schools expressed their favor of the proposal and a committee was appointed to study the question.

Death of Miss Johnson.

Following a brief illness, Miss Carrie Lee Johnson, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of Pomona, died Saturday morning. The funeral was held at the Johnson home yesterday afternoon and the remains were interred in Greene Hill cemetery.

MAJOR STEDMAN HAS TWO VACANCIES TO FILL.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Congressman Charles M. Stedman says that he is very anxious to appoint two young men to vacancies in the naval academy at Annapolis, to be filled, if possible, by boys from the 33rd congressional district. "I am very anxious," Major Stedman says, "that these vacancies be filled by worthy boys. There will be two examinations, one on February 16, the other on April 20. I shall be very glad to recommend for the two vacancies which I have applicants who can furnish recommendations as to their character and fitness." Unless the appointments are filled by March 4 the secretary of the navy will appoint two boys. Any one who wishes to apply should get in communication with Major Stedman.