

SMALL PROGRESS IN RACE SINCE 500 B. C.

Dr. Poteat Presents Problem Of Degeneracy Of Human Species In Lecture

"Which had you rather be—Bickett or Cicero? I'd rather hear Bickett talk than any other man I know. If there ever was a man who could say the right word at the right time, it's T. W. Bickett, and yet, I think Cicero rather had it on him, don't you?" So said Dr. William L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, last night in the opening lecture of his series on "Eugenics" before the teachers of the State College Summer School, in making the point that there has been relatively small improvement in the human stock during the historic period of man's approximately 500,000 years' occupation of this planet.

"I simply lay the problem before you tonight," said Dr. Poteat, "and the progressive degeneracy of the race resulting from anomalies of sex life is a present problem before which no civilization can go on. It is just as much a superstition to consider defectiveness and dullness and degeneracy as included in the dispensations of Providence as it is to believe in the luck of the rabbit's foot which you carry around in your vest pocket."

Dr. Poteat represented the three main factors which determine life as environment, training and heredity, portrayed graphically as a triangle with heredity as the base line.

"Environment is what we have, training is what we do, and heredity is what we are," said the speaker. "These three factors are the expression of the Divine method in the formation of human life."

Taking as his examples the great statesmen, sculptors, playwrights, poets, and orators of the Golden Age of Athenian culture from 500 to 300 B. C., Dr. Poteat declared that in the human stock since then. In explanation of this he gave four reasons; first, that the best blood of the race has been wasted in war—"We have burned the seed corn and what will the harvest be!" he exclaimed—second, that the best blood has been polluted by mis-mating; third, that emphasis has been placed upon environment and training rather than upon heredity; and fourth, that there has been "a conspiracy of silence" in regard to the last among all the agents of progress, the school, the press, and the church.

"The church has been so concerned with snatching the brand from the burning that it hasn't stopped to put the fire out," Dr. Poteat declared.

The speaker took up the arguments of those who would hold that intelligent investigation of heredity, and study of eugenics as "the science of being well born" robs the love relation of its glamour and its romance, and found that a possible decrease in race degeneracy from such a study was more important than such romance.

With the preliminary ground thus cleared, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock Dr. Poteat will deliver his second lecture on Eugenics at Pullen Hall, treating, especially then of the biological basis of heredity and some theories of heredity and their application.

117TH ENGINEERS IN 2ND ANNUAL REUNION

Big Welcome Extended Veterans Of War At Hickory; Gardner Speaks Today

Hickory, July 11.—With a reception and dance in the Armory tonight, the first day's session of the second annual reunion of the South Carolina chapter of the 117th Engineers' Regiment, Rainbow Division, came to a brilliant close.

The veterans were welcomed briefly by Hickory orators and leads of fried chickens at noon today, taken out for automobile rides this afternoon and into Hickory homes tonight.

Col. J. M. Johnson, in responding to Jos. L. Murphy's address declared that the chapter had come to Hickory in honor of two Hickory men, Lieut. O'Brien M. Sigmon and Sergeant Chester C. Williams, who lost their lives in France.

C. E. Burgess, State Adjutant of the American Legion, received a tremendous ovation when he spoke this afternoon and he was on the program for another address tonight.

The reunion will come to a close with a business session tomorrow a memorial service at which O. Max Gardner and others will speak and a lunch at noon for the veterans.

PRINCIPAL POWERS APPARENTLY FAVOR DISARMAMENT IDEA

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discusses the possibility of holding a conference on disarmament.

Mr. Whitehouse delivered no document in this connection, merely engaging in a tentative conversation on the subject.

Official comment on President Harding's initiative for a conference on the limitation of armaments is withheld pending receipt of the official invitation, but unofficial opinions, gathered in official circles, are to the effect that France officially will accept the invitation if one is received.

The attitude of the French government, however, is said to be unchanged since it was set forth in the assembly of the League of Nations last December by Leon Bourgeois. France it is explained is ready and would be glad to reduce her armaments, and save the heavy expense involved as soon as she can safely do so, but any decision on this question must depend upon absolute security from the east. Inquiries in official circles disclose the impressions that such security has not yet been obtained.

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OFFICER PLEASED WITH CAMP GLENN

Colonel Freer Inspects Tar Heel Guardsmen and Praises Their Appearance

By JONATHAN DANIELS.
Camp Glenn, July 11.—Col. J. H. Freer, of Fort McPherson, Ga., officer in charge of the National Guard affairs in the fourth corps area, arrived here last night to inspect the camp. Sunday night he made an address to the officers of the post and today inspected the camp and its personnel.

He declared that he was much pleased with the camp in every particular and that he wished that every State was as well fixed in the way of an encampment as is North Carolina. The Colonel was especially pleased with the appearance of the men.

Adjutant General, J. Van B. Metts, formerly Colonel of the 119th regiment of the 30th Division, addressed the officers and men of the encampment this morning at 11 o'clock on the parade ground.

The first personnel report of the regiment, as announced by Capt. C. A. Gosney, adjutant, shows that there are 1,120 men and 63 officers in camp here. The service company of Raleigh is the largest with 81 men. This company also includes the first regimental band.

Capt. Sprague Silver, of Raleigh, regimental intelligence officer, has been detailed as provost marshal and Sergeant W. F. Danjelly, of Raleigh, has been made sergeant of the guard.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR COL. DAN HUGH M'LEAN

Lillington, July 11.—Col. Dan Hugh M'Lean, leading lawyer of the Cape Fear section, was laid to rest this afternoon at Summerville in a grave seventy-five yards from the spot where he was born, seventy-five years ago.

An immense throng of mourning friends and neighbors attended the funeral, conducted by Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick, assisted by Rev. J. K. Hall, a former pastor.

The funeral service was conducted under Masonic direction and the active pallbearers were the members of the board of education and the board of commissioners of Harnett. The honorary pallbearers were the members of the Lillington bar.

Approximately 80,000 persons were accidentally killed in the United States in 1919.

PLAN TO CONTEST SPEED WARRANTS

Charlotte Automobile Owners Up In Arms Against Wake County Officials

Charlotte, July 11.—At a meeting of the Charlotte Automobile Trade Association today, the statement was made that Wake county, through one of its deputy sheriffs and a justice of the peace is warring fast at the expense of the peace and safety of the State.

It is understood that five or six Charlotte citizens who state they have not been in Wake county or Raleigh in the last six months face warrants for exceeding the speed limits and it is understood further that Deputy Sheriff Mangum and Justice Owens may face suits for false arrests. It was reported here today that Charlotte citizens, with the backing of the automobile trade association, will contest the warrants and file counter suits.

Osmund Barrieger is the official route man for the Blue Book and it is understood that he will take up the matter with the American Automobile Association and other national automobile bodies and advise all tourists to avoid Raleigh and Wake county in traveling North Carolina.

THE WEATHER

Raleigh, N. C., July 11, 1921.
North Carolina: Partly cloudy weather with local thunder showers Tuesday and Wednesday. No change in temperature.

TEMPERATURE.	
Highest temperature	94
Lowest temperature	72
Mean temperature	83
Excess for the day	5
Average daily excess since January 1st	2.3

PRECIPITATION (in inches.)	
Amount for the 24 hours ending at 8 p. m.	0
Total for the month to date	1.71
Deficiency for the month	.23
Deficiency since January 1st	6.78

HUMIDITY.	
8 a. m.	79
12 m.	81
8 p. m.	82
Wet bulb	74
Rel. humidity	79

PRESSURE.	
(Reduced to Sea Level.)	
8 a. m.	30.02
8 p. m.	29.99
Sunrise: 5:06 a. m.	Sunset: 7:33 p. m.

Action On Linney Report Goes Over Until Next Week

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appointment would hurt the enforcement of the law and encourage the liquor dealers."

Mr. Davis urges the parties to whom he writes to send letters of protest to Commissioner Blair, and commends as "faithful and efficient Americans who have served well the State and the Republican party," some whom he says have been mentioned for the position and that he has it "on the best authority" that some of them would be glad to land the job. The list he gives had the names of C. R. Pugh, Elizabeth City; Claudius Dockery, Try; J. J. Britt, Asheville; C. E. McCrary, Lexington.

Senator Simmons is taking steps to aid in the request that has come to him to secure beacon lights for what is known as "The Thoroughfare" connecting Core Sound and Pamlico Sound near the mouth of the Neuse River. He has taken the matter up with the Bureau of Lighthouses of the Department of Commerce, the request being for range lights at the entrances and beacon lights on the shoals, known as Mullet, Long Bay Point, Cedar Island Lump, New Stamp, and Raceon Island Narrows. Senator Simmons has informed the bureau of the large traffic passing through "The Thoroughfare" in the last season, such as 60,000 bushels of sweet potatoes, 20,000 bushels of oysters every week during the open season, 50,000 bushels of oyster shells for planting purposes. And further that twenty-two crews ply on its waters almost daily, with some three hundred or more motor boats using the course. The importance of "The Thoroughfare," he holds, warrants the establishment of the beacon lights asked for.

Invitation to Wallace
A delegation consisting of Senator Simmons, Representatives Lyon and Brinson will tomorrow call on Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and extend to him an invitation to speak at the opening of the Harnett County Agricultural Fair at Dunn on October 11. The request that the invitation be ex-

ended comes through T. L. Biddle, the secretary of the Fair Association.

The Postoffice Department announces that Clifton E. Wabak has been appointed acting postmaster of the fourth class at Bridgeton, Craven county, and the appointment of postmasters of the fourth class as follows: Lily H. Killian to succeed Jessie Thompson, resigned, at Denver, Lincoln county; Fannie Hollifield to succeed W. P. Heywood, resigned, at Sevier, McDowell county; Joseph H. Gooch to succeed Lucy Hardee, resigned, at Stem, Granville county. Announcement is made also that the civil service commission has been asked to hold an examination to fill vacancies in Presidential post-offices at Belmont and Dallas, dates for these to be announced later.

Mrs. M. C. Austin, of Asheville is in Washington today, and accompanied by Representative Zeb Weaver, went to Arlington Cemetery to be informed of the plans for the burial of her son, Enoch Austin, who was killed in action in France nearly three years ago. Young Austin was a member of the 110th machine gun battery. Mrs. Austin was formerly of Mississippi and in Asheville is in charge of the business of the Austin-Vasey Company.

Bulwinkle Returns
Representative A. L. Bulwinkle returned this morning from Hoboken where he went as a member of the Congressional committee appointed to be present at the services on the arrival of over 7,000 of our overseas dead from France. He says that the services were most impressive, in attendance being a great crowd, the addresses of General Pershing and Senator Lodge being heard with marked attention. Unfortunately, he said, there was no list of the dead by states, and he learned of the body of one North Carolinian, that of Sergeant Hummel, of Goldsboro. In his connection Representative Brinson had a letter yesterday from Captain George K. Freeman of Goldsboro, asking him to arrange to have the body of Sergeant Hummel sent to Goldsboro. He took up the matter at once with the War Department, which sent telegrams to Goldsboro asking the wishes of the family, as this is required. If an answer is received in time tonight the orders will be sent to Hoboken to have

the body of Sergeant Hummel sent at once to Goldsboro.

Representative Brinson today had a request from John Joseph, of Goldsboro, to aid in the securing of a passport for him to visit Syria. Mr. Joseph is a native of Lebanon, Syria, and came to this country in 1909, being naturalized at Goldsboro in 1908. He is the son of the late Joseph Farfour, of Syria, and wishes to go to that country to visit relatives and settle up the estate, hoping to be able to sail in the first of August.

Karin Farrar, of Goldsboro, writes Congressman Brinson, asking his aid in having the American consul at Beirut assist in securing a passport for his sister, whom he wants to join him at Goldsboro. Three Farrar brothers left Beirut several years ago and left their sister there. The letter to Congressman Brinson comes from Captain George K. Freeman, who says that Karin Farrar is a hard working young man and is able to provide for his sister.

Port Caswell Matter
Having noticed in the papers reports from Washington that the War Department was planning the abandonment of practically all the coast defenses of the South Atlantic and Gulf States, and also the matter being called to his attention by the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington, Congressman Lyon took the matter up with the Chief of Coast Artillery, General Cox, to find out whether or not Port Caswell, at the mouth of the Cape Fear, would be affected. He was informed that what was contemplated by the Department was a reduction in forces at practically all these posts, owing to the reducing of the army to 150,000 men as required by recent act of Congress, but that the report as to the abandoning or junking of these posts was entirely without foundation. Just what reductions will be made at the various posts has not been determined.

Commander John N. Ferguson and his family arrived in Washington today from California. Commander Ferguson is the son of Judge G. S. Ferguson, of Waynesville, and brother of G. S. Ferguson, Jr., an attorney of this city. He has been in command of the U. S. S. Stoddard and also of division 33 of the torpedos section of the Pacific fleet, coming now to Washington under orders

which assign him to duty with the Navy Department here.

James Brinson, of Charlotte, treasurer of Mecklenburg county, was here today on his way to New York to arrange for the sale of some county bonds. With him were J. B. McLaughlin and Floyd Gresham, both of Charlotte, the three going to New York together.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Rucker, of Greensboro, who are making an automobile trip were visitors to Washington today. They are friends of Congressman Stedman, and spent some time with him, Major Stedman escorting them on their visit to the House and Senate and about the capital. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Long, of Winston-Salem, were visitors to Washington today.

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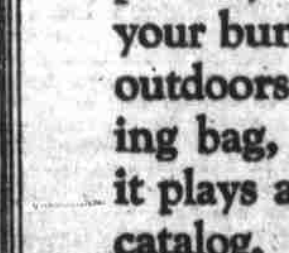
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