

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

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Parent-Teachers' Association Was Organized Yesterday.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon at No. 2 Graded School a Parent-Teachers' Association for the school was organized. The organization was made by the Welfare Department of the Woman's Club and was under the direct supervision of Mrs. S. W. Rankin, chairman of the Educational Department of the club.

A large number of women were present for the meeting and keen interest was manifested in the proposition. Thirty-nine members were enrolled.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. P. H. Scarborough, president; Mrs. John McInnis, vice president; Mrs. B. B. Howard, secretary; and Mrs. S. L. Bost, treasurer.

The next meeting will be held on March 21st.

After the organization was perfected and all business was transacted coffee and cheese wafers were served by the teachers of the school.

Legion Auxiliary Meeting.

On account of the boxing program to be offered this evening in the American Legion club rooms, the March meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Victor A. Means, on North Spring street. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Moving to Winston-Salem.

Mr. J. L. Brown and family, who have made their home in Concord for many years, today are moving to Winston-Salem, where they will live in the future. Mr. Brown has accepted a position with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Miss Mund Still in Raleigh.

Miss Rosa Mund, engrossing clerk in the House of Representatives at the 1923 session of the State Legislature, is expected to return to her home here either Saturday or Monday. The Legislature adjourned Tuesday. Miss Mund has been detained in Raleigh winding up the affairs of her office. Miss Mund is the first woman in the history of North Carolina to hold the position of engrossing clerk in either branch of the Legislature, and she has received many just compliments on the efficient manner in which she conducted the business of her office.

With Our Sick.

The condition of Mr. N. A. Archibald, who was confined to his home for several days on account of illness, continues to improve slowly. He is able to be at his office on Church street again now.

The condition of Miss Cottrell Sherrill, who has been ill the past several days, is reported today as improved.

Mr. John K. Cruse has entered the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte for treatment.

No change was reported this morning in the condition of Mr. John R. Patterson, who has been critically ill for several days at his home on East Corbin street.

U. D. C. Meeting Tomorrow.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mesdames G. M. Lore, Nellie Edson and Parks Lafferty at the home of Mrs. Lafferty on North Union street. The members are reminded that the annual dues are now due. A full attendance is desired.

Club Meeting.

The Thursday Afternoon Sewing Club is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. W. D. Pemberton, at her home on North Union street.

Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow to Sail. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stringfellow, of Aniston, Ala., and blowing back, expect to sail in April on the Majestic for Europe, where they will spend the summer on the continent. Mr. Stringfellow will send his car to Europe and they will spend the time motoring through the various countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Linker Entertain. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Linker delightfully entertained at their lovely country home Saturday night in honor of Mrs. Linker's sisters, Misses Fidelia and Virginia Viola, and Miss Edna Jackson, of Concord.

The living room, where the guests assembled, was beautifully decorated in Jonquils and ferns. Many interesting games were played, and music was furnished by Messrs. Carlin and Ansil Christy, and Robby White, after which Mrs. Linker, assisted by Mrs. Foy Fisher, of Kannapolis, and Mrs. Gilbert Linker, served delicious cake, candy and fruits to her guests.

The following were present: Misses Edna Jackson, Fidelia and Virginia Viola, Marie Furr, Ella Bost, Annie Mae Ritchie and Bonah Linker; Messrs. John Fisher, James Bosvick, Weir Tarlton, James McKay, Robert Fisher, Jay Tarlton, Lock and Wade Linker, James Ridenhour, Robby White, Carlin and Ansil Christy, Mrs. Canda Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Linker.

Auxiliary Meeting.

The regular March meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock, on account of the boxing match to be held in the Legion club rooms this evening, the meeting will be held with Mrs. V. A. Means at her home on North Spring street.

T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church. An important and interesting meeting of the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist Church was held at the pastor's home Tuesday evening. After the class song and scripture reading Mrs. L. I. Bunsley led in prayer. Mrs. T. D. Maness, first vice president gave some valuable suggestions on class building and management. Miss

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Mt. Pleasant, March 7.—Rev. and Mrs. Tash, from Pennsylvania, the latter having been Miss Stella Foil, are visiting relatives in our town. Mrs. Eloise Bernheim, of Wilmington, paid a visit this last week to her sister, Mrs. J. S. Hood, of the faculty of Mont Amocna Seminary. Both ladies are the daughters of the late Rev. Dr. C. D. Bernheim, who was for some years and at different times president of both institutions in Mt. Pleasant.

A competitive basketball game was played Friday afternoon, between the Churchland team and that of the M. P. C. I. on the latter's field, the result being a victory for the home team, by a score of 15 to 10.

The ladies of the Methodist Church gave a silver tea in the hall over Lentz's cafe, last Saturday night, while the ladies of the Lutheran Aid Society will give a supper this Saturday evening in the same place.

A most delightful reception was tendered one evening this week by the faculty of the M. P. C. I. to the faculty and students of the Seminary, thus affording the members of the two institutions ample opportunity for that agreeable social commingling and "communion of spirits" so heartily enjoyed by both parties. Splendid refreshments were served.

A most enjoyable Students' Recital took place in the Assembly Room of the Seminary last Friday evening. The hall was filled to overflowing by an appreciative audience. The program was admirably rendered, showing great improvement since the last recital last December, and reflecting great credit upon the pupils themselves and their efficient instructors, Miss Mae E. Smith, directress, and her able assistant, Mrs. H. A. Fisher.

Mr. R. H. Rice, dean of the Publicity Department of Flora McDonald, met with the class and gave an interesting address, setting forth the advantages of the church college.

Following Mr. Rice's address delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Boger and the meeting was closed by the singing of college songs.

James S. Rimer. Mr. and Mrs. James S. Rimer announce the birth of a son, James S. Rimer, March 8th.

With Our Sick. Mrs. J. P. Allison is confined to her home on North Union street by illness. The condition of Mrs. Sam Eudy, who underwent an operation at the Concord Hospital Saturday, is reported as slightly improved today.

PERSONALS. Rev. W. C. Lyerly has returned from Hickory, where he was called by the serious illness of Mrs. Lyerly's sister.

Miss Salome Shirey, of Mt. Pleasant, is spending the day here with her aunt, Mrs. John M. Cook.

Miss Ola Yerton, of Newell, is spending a week here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Yerton of East Depot street.

Mr. Ramsay, of the Kirkpatrick-Bell Company, of York, S. C., spent yesterday here with friends.

Mrs. John McCreary, of Philadelphia, is spending several weeks in this city with friends and relatives.

Mr. Ed. Tucker, of the Bick store in Spartanburg, spent Wednesday in Concord with relatives.

Mr. Herbert Ridenhour returned yesterday from Graham, where she spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. John Hornbuckle.

Mr. Eugene Caldwell was a business visitor in Charlotte Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rimer and daughter, who have been lying on Ann street, are now living on East Depot street.

Mr. Frank Armfield, representative from Cabarrus county in the State Senate, returned to his home here yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Cannon has returned from Florida, where they spent several weeks.

Mr. R. P. Benson returned yesterday from a visit with Mrs. Benson in eastern North Carolina.

Mrs. D. M. Long returned Tuesday to her home in Cabarrus, after spending several days in Concord with relatives and friends.

Mr. M. L. Cannon has returned from a business trip to Texas.

Mr. C. M. Sappenfield, Jr., returned Tuesday to his home in Shelby; after spending several days here with home folks.

Mr. J. B. Sherrill, Cabarrus' representative in the lower house of the State Legislature, returned home Tuesday night.

Mrs. E. T. Barrier and son have returned to their home in No. 6 township, after spending several days here with Mrs. Barrier's mother, Mrs. W. M. Cline.

Miss Alice Slater Cannon, who was the guest here of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cannon, returned Tuesday to her home in Salisbury.

Mr. Ed. Patterson, of Salisbury, spent Tuesday here with his brother, Mr. W. R. Patterson, who has been ill for several days.

Rev. W. C. Lyerly left yesterday for Newton, having been called there on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Lyerly's sister.

Mrs. W. H. Hiller and Mr. Ray Patterson, of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived Tuesday to be at the bedside of their father, Mr. John R. Patterson, who has been critically ill for several days.

Mr. Robert Linker spent Tuesday in Albemarle on business.

Miss Jennie Brown left Tuesday for Marion, where she will make her home in the future with her sister, Mrs. Ed. Gastor.

Mrs. U. G. DesPortes and little daughter, Mary, of Winsboro, S. C., arrived Monday night to spend several days here with Mrs. DesPortes' mother, Mrs. T. W. Smith.

Mr. John Hatchett returned Monday night to his home in Atlanta after spending the week-end here with Mrs. Hatchett.

Miss Josie Taylor, of Greensboro, is a guest of Mrs. Ben Craven at her home on White street.

Misses Mabel Gaither and Gertrude Fraley have returned to their homes in Statesville, after a visit to Mrs. L. L. Mauldin.

There are concerns in New York which make a business of supplying "original sermons" to preachers at a fixed price per year.

Britain's annual taxation per head of the population now amounts to more than one hundred dollars.

KANNAPOLIS DEPARTMENT

Kannapolis, March 8.—A marriage upon which centers much interest and which was a surprise to the friends of the contracting parties was solemnized in Concord Saturday evening when Mrs. P. T. Lockman became the bride of Mr. C. P. McGee, both of this city. Rev. J. Frank Armstrong performed the ceremony. Mrs. McGee was attractive in a lovely gown of dark blue, a combination of canton crepe and Spanish lace, with accessories to match. The couple spent several days in Charlotte and Monroe, returning here yesterday to Mr. McGee's home on Walnut street. Mrs. McGee is a woman of intelligence and refined tastes. Mr. McGee possesses those fine characteristics which go far in making up the ideal man. Both are prominent members of the First Baptist Church of Kannapolis. Mr. McGee being a member of the board of deacons, Mrs. McGee a member of the choir. Mrs. McGee has been making her home at the Gilman Hotel, and both she and Mr. McGee are well known here and elsewhere. A large circle of friends wish the bride and groom much happiness.

Mrs. J. W. Carthen, who has been spending some time in Concord with her sister, Mrs. Z. B. Thornburg, returned here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. W. L. Spry and family spent Sunday in High Point with relatives.

Mr. Chas. McKinley spent last week in Morganton.

Miss Katie Lou Steele, of Cool Springs, was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Troutman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vost and Miss Annie Honeycutt spent Sunday with Miss Alberta Parks.

Miss Thelma Farnell, who has been in for quite awhile, is improving.

Mrs. Louis Cole, is improving after a severe illness.

Mrs. Irvin Graham is indisposed at her apartments at Mrs. J. W. Flower's.

Mrs. Ed. Brown and family spent Sunday in Catawba with Mrs. Brown's father.

Miss Harriet Glass, of Glass, spent yesterday afternoon in the city shopping.

A debate will be given at the A. R. P. Church of Kannapolis on Sunday night, March 11th, at 7:30 o'clock. The query is: Resolved, That Joseph was a greater man than Daniel. Those on the affirmative are Elsie Vost, W. H. Bass, and Clara Bost; negative, M. M. L. Baker, Bertie Bost and T. I. Graham. The public is cordially invited.

The many friends of Mr. Lloyd E. Dennis and Miss Daisy Honeycutt were greatly surprised to learn of their marriage which occurred at the home of Rev. T. N. Lawrence, of Concord, on Monday evening, March 5th. Miss Honeycutt is a brunette of pretty coloring, is bright and vivacious, and is loved by everyone who knows her. She spent her childhood days in Mooresville, but has made her home in Kannapolis for the past few years. She has been an active and valued member of the First Baptist Church of Kannapolis for a number of years. Mr. Dennis is a young man of sterling worth whose home has been in Kannapolis for a number of years. He holds the responsible position of assistant manager of Parks-Bell & Co., which position speaks well for one so young. He is cultured, polite, and courteous in business as well as in society, and numbers his friends by his acquaintances. He is to be congratulated on winning so charming a young woman for his bride. Their many friends are delighted to know that this young couple are to make their home in Kannapolis for the present. They are at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. A. Honeycutt at Midway, a suburb of Kannapolis.

On last Sunday evening at 7:30 the members of the Methodist Church choir gave a splendid sacred concert in the church. This concert was given under the direction of Mr. Fred Kuten, who is himself a real violinist. Miss Eva Sechler presided at the piano. A very large crowd was present to enjoy the program, which was as follows: Opening, Humoresque, piano solo by Miss Sechler. Make a Joyful Noise, anthem by the choir. Braveheart, by Rev. R. A. Swearingen. Close to Thee, solo by Mr. Huges Robertson. He Lifted Me, male quartette by Messrs. Wiley, Tolbit, Kuten and Swearingen. Living, Loving, Lifting, Redding by Miss Hallie Kineaid. Traumeri, violin and piano, by Mr. Kuten and Miss Sechler. Perfect Day, solo by Miss Lou Sides. Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet, quartette by Messdames Widenhouse, Ketchie, Goldstein, and Wampler. Trovatore, violin and piano by Mr. Kuten and Miss Della Mae Peeler. The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away, anthem by choir.

The Woman's Wesleyan Bible Society of the Methodist church will give a box supper on the night of March 20. It is hoped every woman will take a box, and every man his pocketbook. A short program will be rendered, and there will be fun for all.

Little Miss Evelyn Coggin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Coggin, is very ill, having developed a severe case of flu.

Guests-Sunday of Mrs. P. L. Ketchie were: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stevens, Misses Annie Shulenberger and Willie Kilpatrick, all of Mooresville. They were accompanied by Master Lyddell Ketchie.

Miss Fannie Corriher, of Landis, spent the week-end with Mrs. W. L. Sechler.

George Athanacelos, proprietor of the Palace of Sweets, who has been ill at the Mary Ella Hall, is now able to be out again.

Mr. G. C. Ritchie and family, of Albemarle, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Coggin.

The Woman's Club will meet Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Henry A. White, chairman of the Education Department of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs, will be the speaker. This will be a meeting of unusual importance. Besides Mrs. White's address, the annual election of officers and the business meeting will be held, and after the regular meet-

ing, a social hour of unusual pleasure and profit awaits every member of the club.

Mr. Alfred and Mr. Parks, of Concord are in the north in the interest of Parks-Bell & Co.

Mr. W. E. Bailey, of Charlotte, was a week-end visitor in the city.

The Social Hour Club meets Thursday in Concord with Mrs. Guy Beaman.

Miss Meta Sechler, of Lenoir College, spent the week-end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Sechler.

Mrs. J. E. Halstead entertained the 500 club Thursday afternoon.

Mr. H. L. Life, Master Edwin, and little Miss Louise spent Saturday and Sunday in King's Mountain and at Charlotte. Mrs. Life, who is in the Charlotte Sanatorium, is improving.

Mrs. W. E. Bailey, of Charlotte, spent the past week with her sister, Mrs. F. W. Wilcott.

Rev. T. W. Rev. and Mrs. G. H. C. Park, of Gastonia, February 16th, a son, Robert George. This is the third son, the other two are Conrad and Harold. The above will be read with interest by many Kannapolis people.

Misses Lois Howie and Lucy Stough spent the week-end in Charlotte.

The friends of Mrs. S. C. Simmons will learn with regret of her illness.

Rev. Mr. Bryson, teacher of the Landis school, was heard with interest and profit Sunday and Sunday night at the Baptist church. Mr. Bryson makes his points very clear, and the people here very much enjoy his sermons.

The friends of Mr. Herman Sloop will be pleased to know he is recovering following an attack of tonsillitis. Mrs. Norman Galloway is convalescing after suffering with an attack of flu.

Mr. J. V. Smith and mother, Miss Fannie, and Master Ralph, of Mill Bridge, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. L. Smith on Maple street.

Mrs. Hinson is ill at her home on Maple street.

Rev. Melvin Trotter, a prominent evangelist, will give a lecture tonight at the Y. M. C. A.

The friends of Mr. J. C. Funderburk will be glad to know that he has returned improved, after undergoing an operation at the Charlotte Sanatorium.

Miss Martha Rowe has as her week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rowe and daughter, Carolyn, of Spray; Miss Beatrice Rowe, of Raleigh, and Mr. Henry Rowe, of Mass, the latter leaving Sunday night for Toledo, Ohio.

Misses Sullie and Geneva Morgan visited Mrs. J. L. Smith and family a few days ago.

The Home Economics Department of the Woman's Club will meet on the night of Tuesday the 13th, at the Y. M. C. A. Miss Wilson will be present. The program will demonstrate millinery and "Better Kitchen Week."

Mr. J. T. Wilcott is slowly improving following an illness of flu and pleurisy.

Mr. Harris, of Albemarle, brother of Mrs. Burley Beaver, and Miss Bessie Harris, Mrs. Beaver's sister, of Norwood, were week-end visitors at her home.

Miss Mary Bradley, Thompson arrived home Monday to spend a few days on account of the illness of her grandmother, Mrs. Bradley, of Charlotte.

The young seven or eight months old child at the office of the Wilkinson Undertaking parlor attracts much attention, especially on Saturdays when large crowds are assembled about the stores. The parrot is just beginning to learn to talk.

Mr. Tom Oakley died on Friday, March 2nd, following a lingering illness. Interment was made in Greenlawn cemetery. Mr. Oakley has been here for a number of years, and was known by many of our people.

Miss Pauline Tesh spent Wednesday with Miss Bost. She spent Thursday at Mrs. Bost's school, where Miss Mabel Reed is teaching.

The Baptist congregation extended a unanimous call last Sunday to Rev. C. A. Turner, of Statesville. It will be known in the near future whether Mr. Turner will accept the field.

Mrs. E. P. Peel, of Oak street, is now able to be out again after an illness of a few weeks.

Little Miss Ola Bell Harris is suffering from an attack of measles.

Mr. Dave Cook, of Ridge avenue, is seriously ill.

The infant of Major Johnson, of East avenue, is critically ill.

Drs. M. L. Troutman and G. C. Bernard attended the second district Dental Society of North Carolina at Winston-Salem recently. Dr. G. C. Bernard was chosen to serve as vice-president of this society during the ensuing term.

According to some material recently contributed into a state contest, our Kannapolis school is not short of talent and original work.

The observance of "Better Speech Week" has grown to be quite an event in our country and this year the week February 18-24 inclusive, was strikingly celebrated here. Through a public-spirited citizen of Burlington, N. C., some attractive cash prizes were offered as follows for best contributions from the children of the state:

For posters suggestive of "Better Speech," for school children over 12 years of age, first prize \$5; second prize \$2.50. For school children under twelve years two prizes of \$2.50 each.

For essays, subject: "Why We Should Use Better English," first prize \$5; second prize \$2.50 for children over 12. For children under 12 two prizes of \$2.50 each.

The North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs has put on this campaign, "Better Speech Week" in our State, as a result of the campaign in our town, aided by the teachers forty essays and nineteen posters were submitted to the committee from the club of Kannapolis. The list printed below contains the necessary information about the best papers and posters which were immediately forwarded to the state chairman of this work, Mrs. C. C. Haworth, of Burlington. The local committee was Mesdames G. G. Allen, H. B. Robertson and R. T. Frye.

Under 12 years, North school: Ruby Minot, sixth grade. Helen E. Helms, sixth grade. Rachel Ketcher, fifth grade. Over 12 years, South school:

Allie Mae Smith, seventh grade. Ruby Eloise Ketchie, seventh grade. Sadie Clawson, seventh grade. Louise Lemmons, seventh grade. Bettie Propst, seventh grade. James Walton, seventh grade. Posters, South School: Sadie Clawton, 12. Ralph Kimball, 12; Ruth Owensly 13; Connie Harmon 13; Delma Lee 15; John Halstead 13; Blanche Cox 14.

The entire lot of posters was on exhibition in the window space of Parks-Bell Co. last Thursday and Friday, and attracted much attention and favorable comment for originality and neatness. The committee would like to here thank all who aided in any way in the contest, especially for the window display, through the courtesy of the Parks-Bell Co.

At an early date it is hoped that at least some of the local contestants will be notified of their success in a substantial way.

Quite a stimulus in the way of correcting careless enunciation, ungrammatical construction, use of slang, and mispronunciation, was noticed at a result of the efforts of the Kannapolis children to profit by the "Better Speech Week."

The children deserve to be commended for their hearty response in writing the essays and the good works they did on the posters.

PRESIDENT WRITES TO OFFICIALS OF SHOPMEN

Sees No Reason Why the Shopmen's Strike Everywhere Cannot Be Settled.

Washington, March 6.—President Harding informed officials of the railway shop crafts that he can see no adequate question of principle, which warrants further delay in settlement in all districts of last summer's shopmen's strike.

In a letter written just before he left Washington for Florida and made public today at the White House, the President declared that "a minority of the interests involved" by their refusal to settle were "largely responsible for the interrupted coal deliveries and other unsatisfactory railway conditions in certain parts of the country."

Bean Beetle in State Now.

Raleigh, N. C., March 5.—A new destructive insect—the Mexican Bean Beetle—has invaded North Carolina and now is in eight mountain counties, according to Franklin Sherman, chief of the Division of Entomology, Experiment Station.

"About 1919, there was an outbreak of a new pest around Birmingham, Alabama, which soon was determined to be the Mexican Bean Beetle, long present in southwestern states, but not before known eastward," he said tonight.

"During the most several years, it spread around Birmingham, but its progress was most rapid to the north-west. As it can both crawl and fly, no quarantine measures had any effect and soon were withdrawn. The beetle now is in a large part of eastern Tennessee and parts of Kentucky. In 1921, it invaded Cherokee and Clay counties of this state. During 1922, it spread nearly to Waynesville and Hendersonville and will likely reach Asheville in 1923."

Letters to the expert, he said, from farmers in the affected territory in this state indicate that the beetle is the most destructive insect of their experience, and seriously reduces the crop of table beans and other varieties.

A Lane to the Gravel Pit.

Charlotte Observer.

Every once in a while the highway construction forces have a fine gravel bed by the wayside from which a convenient supply of surfacing material is in sight, but not within reach. The man who owns the land between the bed and the road refuses to give permission to make a roadway over which the needed gravel could be transported.

They are not all like J. P. Cook, who ruralizes between Concord and Mt. Pleasant, and who not only gives his gravel and his land away to the road-working forces, but prepares a chicken dumpling dinner for them on occasion. So, the State Highway Commission had to do something, and to this something a friend in the Legislature helped it to. The law now is that the contractor may condemn a lane of land from the highway to a gravel bed, no matter how much land the owner may kick up about it. The obstructive disposition in small matters sometimes works much annoyance, and highway sentiment in North Carolina will be found in full sympathy with this amendment to the road law.

Trespass Notices, 10 Cents for Six at Tribune and Times Office.

INGRAM CASE IS READY FOR JURY

Children of Defendant Attempt to Establish an Alibi for Their Mother. Florence, S. C., March 7.—The government late today rested its case in the trial of Mrs. Eugene O. Ingram, of Columbia, charged with poisoning her husband with the marriage last October of Margaret McGregor, of Columbia, (Thomas Boyle, of Sumter. Two defense witnesses, children of the defendant, were heard before court adjourned for the night. The case is expected to go to the jury some time tomorrow.

B. C. Farrar, chief accountant of the postoffice division of the United States treasury department, a handwriting expert, and R. E. Lofton, department chemist, were the last witnesses for the government.

Francis Ingram, aged 14, and Helen Ingram, 18, son and daughter of the defendant, testifying for the defense, said that their mother remained at their home until 10 o'clock on the evening of October 12, 1922, the day of the McCreary-Boyle poisoning, when she went for a ride with their father. Later they attended a conference at the office of Post Inspector Arthur J. Kugler.

Mrs. Ingram was confronted by a letter she had written to Boyle in response to one written to her while she was in Hendersonville, N. C.

Postoffice Inspector Kugler, testifying today, said that the letter written by Boyle was for the purpose of obtaining a specimen of the writing of Mrs. Ingram.

The inspector told of going to Columbia on the day of the poisoning for the purpose, he said, of finding if possible the carrying of the threat, contained in one of the letters, to shoot the Rev. Henry B. Phillips, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, who performed the ceremony. He said that he called Mrs. Ingram and her husband to the postoffice building and confronted her with the anonymous letters, but she denied writing them.

NEGRO ARMY OFFICER CONVICTED OF ASSAULT

Instructor in A. and T. College is Sentenced to Serve Seven to Ten Years in Penitentiary.

Lexington, March 7.—William W. Green, negro army officer, and for the past four years military instructor at the A. and T. College, Greensboro, was found guilty by a jury here Saturday of assault with intent to commit rape. The 34-year-old victim was a 16-year-old girl of near Linwood. Judge Stewart sentenced Green to serve not less than seven years nor more than ten years in the penitentiary.

Green's counsel gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court, and Judge Strick fixed appearance bond in the sum of \$4,000, which it was explained, Green would promptly arrange.

Green testified he had been in the regular army for 23 years and was actively in Cuba, Philippines, Mexico and France. He was due for retirement on pay within a few days. He is 44 years old and has a young wife.

North Carolina as Still Leads in Births.

Washington, March 8 (By the Associated Press).—The following official announcements from United States departments are of interest to North Carolinians:

The United States Bureau of Census figures showing North Carolina still in the lead in births for the first nine months of 1922, with a rate of 50 per 1,000 population, as compared with 34.3 for the same period in 1921 also disclose that 6,437 births occurred in the state in July, 1922, compared with 7,226 July, 1921; 6,5