



By MISS COTTRELL SHERRILL Club and Society Items Are Solicited. Telephone 78, Tribune Office.

Organ Recital Tomorrow Evening. Charles G. Vardell, Jr., head of the music department of Flora Macdonald College, will give an organ recital at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday, May 1st.

Mr. Vardell is dean of music at Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs. He is a graduate of the Frank Damrosch School of Music, New York, a Princeton University graduate and for three years organizer of the University Club. He had charge also of the musical organizations of Hotchkiss school in Connecticut. In 1921 was winner of the loving cup for the best original musical composition. An "Organ Sonata" won the prize.

He is the composer of numerous songs, among them "Nocturne," words by Southey, and sung last year on the Pacific coast by Cecil Fanning, American baritone, and is now being used by him in England. He has also written "A Blinded Poilu and His Nurse," "Two Negro Spirituals," "Four Chinese Tone Poems." These are being sung by Walter Greene, of New York, American baritone.

Christian Reid Book Club Meets With Mrs. Goodman.

The Christian Reid Book Club was delightfully entertained Saturday afternoon by Mrs. J. F. Goodman at her home on North Union street.

"Hamor" was the subject for the afternoon and interesting papers were read by Mrs. E. H. Brown, Mrs. V. A. Means and Mrs. Goodman.

At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served and attractive favors were presented to each guest.

Miss Alice Brown, popular bride-elect of the summer, was the honor guest of the meeting and was presented with a dainty bit of linen by Mrs. Goodman.

Birthday Party at Kannapolis.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ketter, of Kannapolis, was a scene of loveliness Saturday, April 28, when Rachel, their daughter, celebrated her twelfth birthday. About forty of her little friends responded to the invitation which were sent out by her mother. She received many useful gifts. Numerous games were played and the refreshments were served. All reported a joyous time.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Have Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Cline, of Salisbury, are being congratulated upon the birth of a daughter, April 28th.

Mr. Keesler Resigns as Organizer.

Charlotte Observer. Mr. Robert L. Keesler, for nine years organizer at St. Peter's Episcopal church, yesterday tendered his resignation. Mr. Keesler is one of Charlotte's leading musicians. He has had charge of the music in the city schools since becoming a resident of Charlotte, and has been identified with the music of Charlotte in many phases and ways. He is a born musician and can play anything that comes his way. As organizer he has been a leading factor in the musical life of the city, and has been the inspiration of many beautiful evenings of music at St. Peter's church.

Organ Recital.

Of special interest to the musicians of the city is the coming to the First Presbyterian church next Tuesday evening, May 1st, of Mr. Charles G. Vardell, Jr., to give an organ recital, by the fact that his mother, Mrs. Linda Rumpie Vardell, has appeared here in concert and is one of the best musicians of the South. She graduated at the Boston Conservatory, and appeared in Concord at the home of the late Mr. D. F. Cannon in a recital, which is remembered by numbers of the people who were present on that occasion.

Mr. Vardell has inherited all the musical talents of his mother, and with the superior training he has had now ranks among the best organists of the nation. His coming is being looked forward to with the greatest interest by all musicians of the city, and especially those who in former years enjoyed the concerts here given by his mother.

Sunday School Class Entertains.

Misses Cora Pennington, Beulah Praetner and Mamie Sappenfield delightfully entertained the Sunday school class of Miss Nellie Dry Thursday evening from 8 till 11 in the lecture room of St. James Lutheran Church.

A business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Grady Gibson, President. Miss Beulah Praetner, Vice President. Miss Mamie Sappenfield, Secretary-Treasurer.

Numerous games were played and a delightful social hour was spent, after which dainty refreshments were served.

War Mothers Elect Officers.

At the State meeting of War Mothers in Wilson Thursday, officers for the next year were chosen. Among them was Mrs. John K. Patterson, of this city, who was chosen Fourth Vice President. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Hugh Montgomery, Charlotte State War Mothers; Mrs. A. M. Leach, Gastonia; First Vice President; Mrs. E. C. Rawlins, Wilson, Second Vice President; Mrs. J. M. Parker, Asheville, Third Vice President; Mrs. L. C. Phillips, Asheville, Fifth Vice President; Mrs. J. A. Henderson, Wadesboro, Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. P. Tingley, Charlotte, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. C. Hales, Wilson, Treasurer; Mrs. W. P. Vaughan, Washington, Registrar; Mrs. Sue D. Swindell, Wilson, Parliamentarian. The next session will be held in Washington.

The Concord chapter is represented

at the meeting by Mrs. John K. Patterson and Mrs. D. B. Morrison.

Mrs. W. B. Hill Honor Guest. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. R. P. Gibson entertained at bridge in honor of Mrs. W. B. Hill, of Danville, Va., who has been the guest of Mrs. J. A. Cannon.

Mrs. W. W. Flowe also entertained at cards Friday morning in honor of Mrs. Hill.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Hill was the guest of the Colonial Dames committee at the regular meeting held with Mrs. J. F. Cannon.

Dr. Rankin Entertains Rotary Directors.

On Thursday evening Dr. S. W. Rankin entertained the directors of the Rotary Club at a delightful buffet dinner at his home on West Depot Street.

Following the social hour a business session was held, during which plans for work of the ensuing year were freely discussed.

Mr. E. G. Gaffney at Hot Springs, Va.

Friends in Concord and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gaffney, of Raleigh, will regret to learn that Mr. Gaffney has been in ill health for some time. He is now at Hot Springs, Va., recuperating, and hopes to soon be able to resume his work.

PERSONALS.

Miss Nell Wellons, of Smithfield, is the guest for several days of Miss Annis Smoot, on Grove street.

Miss May White is spending several days in Huntersville with her aunt, Miss Mollie White, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. John K. Patterson has returned from Wilson, where she has been attending the convention of War Mothers.

Mrs. D. B. Morrison is spending about a week in Wilson as the guest of her son, Mr. M. Stuart Morrison.

Misses Mabel Lippard and Lena Keller, of Mont Amonea Seminary, at Mt. Pleasant, are spending the week-end here with home folks.

Mr. Drayton Horton has returned to Norfolk, Virginia, after visiting home folks in this county for some time.

Mr. John Whiteside, of Trinity College, is the week-end guest of friends here.

Mr. Harry Caldwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Caldwell, left Saturday night for Puerto Leftz, Honduras, where he has accepted a position with the Cuyamel Fruit Company. He will spend several days in New Orleans before sailing.

Mrs. W. B. Hill, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. A. Cannon for several days, left Saturday for her home in Danville.

Miss Jean Maxwell spent Friday in Charlotte with friends.

Mr. J. B. Sherrill and Miss Cottrell Sherrill returned Friday night from New York City, Plainfield, N. J., and Washington, D. C., where they spent the past week.

Dr. W. H. Whitsett, of Whitsett, N. C., who today delivered the literary at the County Commencement, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ritchie while in Concord.

Mr. W. M. Sherrill is spending the week-end in Greenville with Mrs. Sherrill and daughter, who are visiting Mrs. Sherrill's father, Mr. J. Lee Carpenter.

Mrs. D. B. Pemberton and Miss Marjiam Coltrane have returned from Monroe, where they attended the conference of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. R. P. Crooks and Mrs. T. B. Sturgis left Friday for Lincoln County. They go to see Mrs. Crooks' sister, who has been ill for some time.

Dr. W. H. Wadsworth has returned from Philadelphia and Baltimore, where he spent several days on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Jarrett have returned from a trip to Florida. Mrs. Jarrett spent several months there and her friends will be interested to know that her condition is greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Allison returned Thursday night from Macon, and other points in Georgia, where they spent several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Ira Long, Mrs. Mangum, Mrs. Bessie Long Hartsell and Mrs. Joe Y. Morrison and children spent Thursday afternoon in Charlotte.

Miss Blanche Teeter, of Atlanta, is spending several days here at the home of her father, Mr. M. F. Teeter.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. Shakespeare Harris, of Cabarrus county, the well known Confederate veteran, and Miss Emma Harris, his niece, spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Grace Brown Saunders.

Mr. Holston Goldston, Mr. Johnnie Goldston, Mr. Bruce Carter, and Mr. Jim Thompson, of Leaksville, spent Saturday and Sunday here with friends.

Miss Wilma Correll spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Correll at Hiddenite.

Miss Elizabeth Coltrane returned Saturday night from a trip to New York.

Mrs. A. H. McCarrell, of Ridgeway, S. C., is visiting friends in Concord.

Miss Elizabeth Hahn, student at Mont Amonea Seminary, spent the week-end here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gardner, of Charlotte, are spending several days here with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stewart, the latter their daughter.

Miss Cora Lee Buchanan spent the week-end in Mt. Pleasant with relatives.

Miss Helen Brown and Miss Mary Horton are spending a week in Charlotte.

Mr. Peter Boger Rost, student at M. P. C. L., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Jennie Rost.

Mrs. P. D. Berlin and baby have returned to their home in Greensboro, after spending three weeks here with Mrs. Berlin's sister, Mrs. J. E. Love.

Mr. J. L. Hartsell and Mrs. I. I. Davis, Jr., returned Sunday from a week's trip to New York.

Miss Hattie Thompson and Miss Martha Barringer spent the week-end in Salisbury with Mrs. George Miller.

Mrs. D. A. Kearns, of Greensboro, spent several hours with Mrs. H. S. Williams Sunday.

Rev. Oscar F. Blackwelder, of Roanoke, Va., is spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blackwelder.

Mrs. J. L. McEachern and Mrs. J. C. Stegall left today to spend several days in Davidson county with Mrs. Stegall's mother, Mrs. Becker.

Miss Virgie Cook, who has been in a Hickory hospital as surgical supervisor, spent several days here last week with relatives. She has resigned the position in Hickory and accepted a similar one with the French Broad Hospital in Asheville.

Mr. C. A. Meis has returned from a business trip to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Yarborough and son, Baxter, Jr., spent the week-end in Lexington with relatives.

Mrs. Geo. M. Murr is visiting Mrs. F. B. Irvin, of Salisbury.

BANKERS NOT BACK OF WORLD COURT PROPOSAL

So Declares Harding in Talking to Editors; Declares Statements Untrue. Washington, April 29.—Speaking intimately as an editor to editors, President Harding, in his address last night before the American Society of Newspaper Editors, declared to be without truth statements that the administration had proposed American membership in the permanent court of international justice at the behest of international bankers.

The President touched upon a number of subjects of special interest to the editors of the country and said he would "rather be a newspaper publisher than anything else in the world." For that reason, he added, he was going to remain publisher of the Marion Star "until they settle up my estate."

Municipal Election Absorbs Interest of Charlotte Folks.

Charlotte, April 29.—The municipal pot in Charlotte never boiled harder than it did last night, while Honeycutt's faction were meeting in one place, Mayor Jim Walker and his constituency were having their own little sessions, one of the most important having present able leaders of the Democratic host who have stood behind him and Commissioner Stanchfield through thick and thin.

Commissioner Honeycutt at one end of the triangle is out of time with the other two ends of the triangle. His grievance is with the police, especially with Chief of Police Walter Orr, whom the town backed so solidly two years ago when Honeycutt and friends tried to beat him.

Mayor Walker and Commissioner Stanchfield told Honeycutt that if he would prove any of his charges against Chief Orr they would ask for his resignation at once.

They even went so far as to send to Washington and get two officers to watch Chief Orr. Within two days after they came here Chief Orr had them arrested for having whisky. He didn't know until he arrested them that they were here to arrest him.

The registration is the heaviest ever known—15,000. Fourth ward registered its highest number, nearly 3,000.

The election is the absorbing theme and everybody is at fever heat.

Concrete Being Poured on New Charlotte Road.

Road contractors building part of the new road from Charlotte to Concord are now having concrete poured on part of the road. This work is being done by the contractors who are building the Mecklenburg end of the road. Concrete is not being poured all along the route, but at certain points, where the excavation work has been completed, the concrete has been laid.

MYSTERY MAN IN BALTIMORE MAKES BUT LITTLE HEADWAY

Still Believes He Is W. G. Farnsworth, But Knows Not His Place of Residence. Baltimore, April 26.—As mysteriously as he appeared in this city this morning, the amnesia victim from Charlotte, disappeared shortly after noon today.

Leaving the train at Baltimore, W. G. Farnsworth, the name he uses now, went to the hotel Beyvedere. Lugging his baggage, which consisted simply of a traveling bag, there, he went to the hotel Emerson. Here he spent several hours going over the register for several years back. Farnsworth explained that he could recognize his hand writing, although he could not recall his name.

After going through the entire register, he picked out three names, U. E. Anderson, Frank W. Campbell, and W. J. Bagby, all of Philadelphia. Writing the name "W. G. Farnsworth" at the top of a sheet of paper, the amnesia victim then wrote the three names below it. Comparing his writing with the writing on the register, he pointed out to a little group of men who were aiding him discrepancies which proved that he had not written the originals.

Farnsworth is wearing a Masonic charm but does not recognize Masonic symbols when they are placed before him. Several of the men, however, also of the same order, took an active part in trying to help Farnsworth for fraternal reasons. It was one of these who suggested that he mention some name which he remembered. After a little thought Farnsworth mentioned the name of Silas Huntington Carpenter, whom he said was chief of police of Montreal, Canada. Police head quarters were called at once and a long distance call to Montreal revealed the fact that in 1918. He has a son living in Edmonton, Alberta, and efforts are being made to locate this son in the belief that he may shed some light on the mystery.

Refusing a room at the American Hotel, the "Mystery Man" left about noon today. He has not been seen since. Baggage which he left at the Bellevue vanished into thin air, none of the employees there being able to identify a picture of Farnsworth as any one they had seen there today.

The "Mystery Man," who was found suffering from amnesia near Columbia, S. C., last week arrived in Baltimore today from Charlotte, N. C., where he had been in a hospital since last Friday.

He was still uncertain of his place of residence, but believed that one of the clerks at the Hotel Emerson, where he remembered having stopped sometime ago, would be able to recognize him and make his identification certain. He denied, however, that he has \$100,000 deposited in a local bank.

When he left the train at Union station, he refused to talk to reporters who met him, declaring that he had been hounded by too many people for the last few days and that he would have to rest before he could make a statement.

"I'm nearly wild," he said, "and I want to rest. If you don't leave me alone now, I'll hit you with this stick." He wrote a telegram to friends in Charlotte, notifying them of his arrival and saying that he was going to a hotel here, signing his name "Walter G. Farnsworth."

When a photographer snapped his picture as he was waiting for a car to take him down town, he raised a heavy cane and attempted to hit the man.

Union County Man is Held in Jail on Serious Charge.

Monroe, April 28.—An anonymous letter received Thursday by Sheriff Fowler led to the arrest of Walter Morgan, living on Drake Starnes' place, in Buford township, on a charge of terrorizing his family and of having ruined his own daughter, Morgan. It is alleged, admitted his guilt, and was placed in jail to await his trial before the recorder.

The daughter is 17 years of age, and is to become a mother within a few days. Sheriff Fowler made arrangements for her care before sending her father in jail.

Mrs. Morgan is a woman of intelligence and has several other children, all of whom seemed to be in fear of their father. She told a revealing story of his conduct for several years past. Morgan is 49 years of age and came to this section from Yorkville, S. C.

Greensboro Climbs Into Third Place in Population.

Greensboro, April 28.—Greensboro's population is 43,525 according to announcement of S. D. Rhodes, of the Federal census bureau, made this afternoon. He completed checking his figures yesterday.

The figures put Greensboro third among the cities of the State in population, being surpassed only by Winston-Salem and Charlotte, taking rank over Wilmington, Asheville, Raleigh, Durham and High Point.

The population by the 1920 census was 19,861. The city recently extended its limits. By the count announced today there are 25,072 in the former limits and 18,453 in the territory recently annexed.

London Given Shock, Lizzie Isn't Seized.

London April 26.—Those who have been happy in the belief that the Duke of York is marrying a Scotch girl received something of a shock today when they read in the Daily Express a statement by Arthur C. Fox-Davies, the distinguished genealogist, that Lady Elizabeth is not Scotch, but English. Mr. Fox-Davies traces the new duchess' ancestry back to the first Duke of York who was born in 1341 and from whom the present duke of York is descended.

Capt. Madon Turns Up.

Rome, April 28 (By the Associated Press).—Capt. George Madon, commander of the round-the-world "Flying Circus" organized by Capt. Bapt. arrived here today, thus ending fears for his safety. He explained that he had been obliged to make a landing in the country. Italian airplanes and dirigibles had been searching for him.

FAMILY OF SIX BURIED IN WRECKAGE OF HOME

Violent Wind and Rain Storm Sweeps Over Georgia—No Fatalities Reported. Wrightsville, Ga., April 29.—A violent wind and rainstorm that struck the eastern part of Johnson county early this morning, destroyed a number of homes of tenant farmers, leaving one family of six burned in the debris of their home.

The greatest damage was reported from the plantation of J. T. Fulford, seven miles east of here, where the home of John Brantley, a widower was destroyed.

Rescuers who rushed to the scene after the storm passed found Brantley buried under the debris and timber although he was not badly hurt. The oldest daughter, Adell, 24, sustained a broken left thigh and ankle and a lacerated hand. She was pinned under a heavy sill. She was taken to a hospital at Sandersville, Ga.

Beatrice Brantley, 21, was badly bruised and hurt internally. She was found under a table, which had been buried in the debris. Charlie, 18, was bruised. He said that he had gotten up and while waiting for the storm to pass, dropped on to a bed, a few minutes later the bed was gone, he said.

Guy Brantey, 12, sustained cuts in the head and hands. Annie Brantley, 6, escaped without a scratch.

There was one mule tied to a post in the stable. The stable was carried away by the storm, but the mule was still there.

The Price school house in the eastern part of the county was completely destroyed.

AMNESIA VICTIM FROM CHARLOTTE DISAPPEARS

Man Who Went From State to Baltimore to Identify Self Drops Out of Sight. Baltimore, April 28.—As mysteriously as he appeared in Baltimore Thursday, the amnesia victim from Charlotte, N. C., disappeared a few hours later. Before dropping out of sight he visited several of the leading hotels and examined their registers for several years back. He explained that he could recognize his handwriting although he could not recall his name, which he thought was W. G. Farnsworth. Writing this name he compared it with three other names he found in one hotel register, and pointed out discrepancies which proved he had not written the originals.

The man mentioned the name of Silas Huntington Carpenter, who he said was chief of police of Montreal, to a group of men who were trying to help him, as a man whom he remembered. Police headquarters thereupon telephoned to Montreal eliciting the fact that in 1912 Carpenter was superintendent of police there, but that he died in 1918.

MRS. JOHN PRESSLEY, 102 YEARS OLD, DEAD

Buncombe County Women Survived By 84-Year-Old Son—Tennessee Native. Asheville, April 26.—Mrs. John Pressley, of Arden, age 102 years and four months, possibly one of the oldest residents of Buncombe county, who is survived by a son 83 years of age, died at her home yesterday morning at 11:25 o'clock after an illness of several days. Mrs. Pressley was born in Cooke county, Tennessee, and had resided in Buncombe county for 75 years. On her 101st anniversary she was tendered a dinner and a number of her direct descendants, of which there are 228 living, were present for the occasion.

She is survived by four sons, Howard, 83; Joseph, 65; Sam, 58, and Robert, 56 and two daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Jones, 69, and Mrs. Laura Lambert, 62.

Funeral services will be held from the Calvary Baptist church, at Fletcher Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

THINKS LEAGUE COULD SETTLE RUHR TROUBLE

Lord Robert Cecil Says Time is Ripe For Question to Be Put to League. New York, April 27.—Ending his tour of America, Lord Robert Cecil, league of nations champion, today expressed before an audience here a wish that some great power would ask the league to intervene in the Ruhr.

He declared the time is ripe for the league to take up discussion of the Ruhr situation, the reparations question involved and the demands of France that her safety be definitely and specifically guaranteed by the other major powers.

McNeely is Elected Mayor of Mooresville.

Mooresville, April 28.—P. McNeely was today reelected mayor of Mooresville. The only opposition to the old ticket developed in ward 2, where T. S. Fleming ran for commissioner against C. E. Hawthorne. The result in this ward could not be ascertained tonight. Fred Clerk was re-elected town clerk. It was rumored that a full new ticket would be in the field, but there was no campaign except for the old ticket.

New Schedule Now in Effect.

The new schedule of the Southern Railway System became effective yesterday. While the new fast train, No. 34, did not stop here, it is known that it carried a capacity crowd on its first trip from New Orleans to New York City. No. 28 stops in Concord now, and southbound No. 33 stops here, these trains taking the place of Nos. 137 and 138. Hereafter No. 46 will reach Concord at 3:15 p. m. and No. 45 will reach Concord at 4:35 p. m.

Will Make Investigation.

Washington, April 27.—Frederick M. Ryder, American consul at Vancouver, was instructed by Secretary Hughes today to investigate the firing on the American schooner Ssloom by a Canadian fisheries patrol boat, which resulted in the death of J. M. Yorke, a member of the Ssloom's crew.

According to scientific estimates the water that goes over Niagara Falls represents a waste of energy at the rate of about \$5,000,000 a week.

BENJAMIN N. DUKE IS HONORED AT TRINITY

Over 200 Leading Citizens Pay Tribute at Birthday Dinner in His Honor. Durham, April 27.—As guests of Trinity College, approximately 200 leaders in civic, religious, educational and industrial life of Durham and North Carolina united at 10 o'clock today in honoring Benjamin N. Duke, one of the state's greatest financiers and philanthropists, on the occasion of his 68th birthday. Tributes to Mr. Duke were made on the beautiful lawn near East Duke building on the Trinity campus, and enhanced by elaborate decorations. Every phase of life in Durham was represented at the affair.

Featuring the celebration was the presentation of a book of greetings which contained tributes from practically every interest in Durham, for at some time in his life Mr. Duke has been connected with all phases of the city's life. The book was an elaborately gotten up volume of 32 pages with an oze leather binding. On the back of the book was embossed in golden letters the words, "Greetings to Benjamin N. Duke on his birthday, April 27, 1923." The pages were of heavy mounting material and each page given to one letter of tribute.

Governor Cameron Morrison paid his respects on the second page of the book. He was expected to attend the barbecue, coming from Lowe's Grove school where he was to speak today, but a late arrival and an engagement in Raleigh kept him from being present.

The book of greetings, along with a handsome silver loving cup, given by students and faculty of Trinity College, was presented by Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity, who characterized Mr. Duke as a man of deeds and not of words. Dr. Few also presented D. W. Newsom, Trinity's poet, who read an original poem entitled, "Trinity College Greets her Unfading Friend," and Dr. N. I. White of the department of English who read his poem expressing the sentiments of the alumni.

TRUNK RAILROAD IS TALKED AT ASHBORO

Representatives of Fayetteville, Raeford and Other Places in Conference. Fayetteville, April 27.—Winston-Salem, High Point, Pinehurst, Ashboro, Aberdeen, Randleman, Raeford and Fayetteville today sent their representatives to Ashboro to confer on the plan which Edward Smith has worked out for linking the seacoast and the mountains with a trunk line railroad.

Nine of these industrial leaders were delegated by the conference to formulate a definite plan of organization by which the road may be built. Great interest was shown by the delegations present in all the communities mentioned and indications are that this project, nurtured by Mr. Smith, is going to be consummated. His idea is to build a railroad from Swansboro to Winston-Salem, to connect at that point with the coal carrying roads, J. R. Baggett, of Lillington, who has had a similar vision since his college days and had it well on the way to realization when the war came on, was present at the request of Mr. Smith and talked the plan over with the delegates present.

SEES STRANGE CREATURES IN KANSAS FARM POND

Half Fish and Half Reptile, Medicine Lodge People Assert. Medicine Lodge, Kan., April 28.—All Barber county is interested in the origin and nature of queer creatures, half fish, half reptile, which are working havoc in a pond on A. D. Shaw's farm near here. The creatures have heads shaped something like those of a mud catfish, but have four legs and feet. The feet have five toes each. The tail is long and flat, but is solid, not being fan-shaped like that of a fish.

The freaks swim by use of the tail but when at the bottom of the pond crawl around on their legs. Just behind the head it has long feelers much heavier than those of a catfish, while the tongue is long and white. The pond is alive with these queer animals. They have been pronounced an immature species of the salamander and are believed to be very poisonous.

Several cows have been killed by bites from the creatures.

Woodrow Wilson Thanks the War Mothers of the State.

Wilson, April 27.—The North Carolina chapter of American War Mothers, which closed a two days' session in Wilson yesterday, sent a message of interest and sympathy to ex-President Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Wilson promptly acknowledged receipt of the message, and the following is the answer received from Mr. Wilson.

"The message from the War Mothers of North Carolina has given me great cheer and gratification and I beg to express my heart-felt thanks." (Signed.) "WOODROW WILSON."

Five Members of the Hansel Family Slain.

Haworth, Okla., April 27.—Ira Gardner and A. B. Miller, farmers, were arrested today by a posse and placed in the city jail here in connection with the killing of five members of the family of Tom Hansel at the Hansel home near here last night. Officers declined to discuss the arrests of the two men other than to say they were taken into custody because of letters recently received by Hansel and members of his family.

American Held by Chinese Robbers.

Hong Kong, April 27.—(By the Associated Press).—H. C. Rowson, a member of the staff of the British-American Tobacco Company, has been captured by robbers at Moll, north of the port of Pakhoi, in the southwest of Kwangtung province, and is held for \$20,000 ransom, according to presentations made by the company to the British consular authorities today.

Four Marathons, one each in Detroit, Boston, New York and Baltimore, afford plenty of action for the long-distance runners this spring.

J. B. COBB LEAVES 3,800 Acres IN GUILFORD, TO DAUGHTERS

It is Estimated Mr. Cobb Left an Estate Worth, Approximately \$500,000. Greensboro News. The will of John Blackwell Cobb, who was found dead on