

TRIANGULAR DEBATE TO BE HELD MARCH 26

Much Interest Being Manifested All Over the State in the Coming Debates.

Chapel Hill, Mar. 3.—A great interest in North Carolina is being aroused and maintained in the approaching State-wide contest of the High School Debating Union.

Two hundred and fifty schools, representing 90 counties of the State, with one thousand debaters, all told, now have their earnest attention and effort centered on the triangular debates which will occur on March 26.

The question to be discussed this year is one of much time-interest: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of subsidizing its merchant marine engaged in foreign trade."

As a part of the State University's policy of extending its helpfulness to every section of North Carolina, the High School Debating Union takes high rank.

Inquiries from other States as to the nature and conduct of the Debating Union come regularly to Secretary E. R. Rankin.

The Hickory High School is in a group with the Morganton and Lenoir High Schools.

Increase Output of Gasoline.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Two discoveries, each of vast importance to American industries, and one regarded also as a priceless military asset, were announced today by Secretary of the Interior Lane.

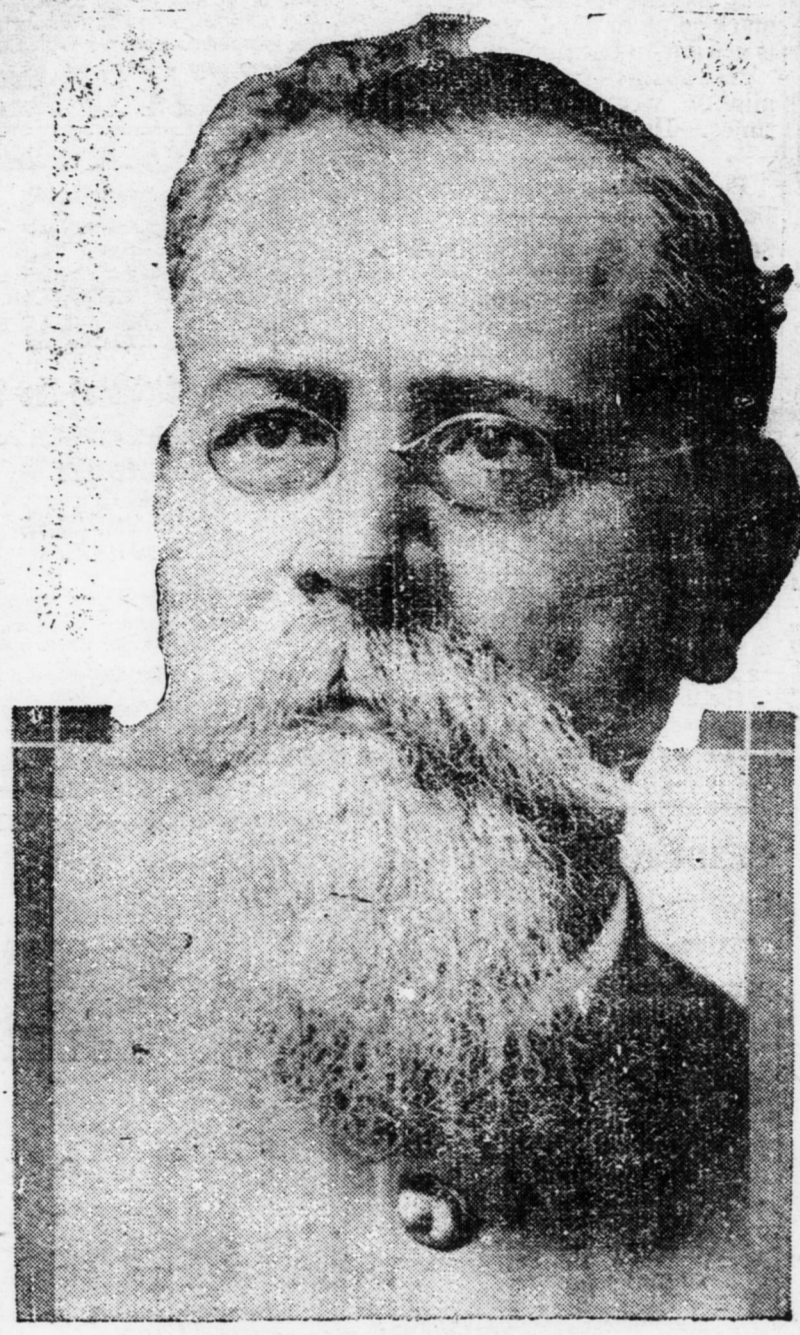
Speaker Wooten Dies.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Death claimed Hon. E. R. Wooten, speaker of the house of representatives, this afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

A Card of Thanks.

We take this means of thanking our many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.

And just why does the month of March remind one of Joe Cannon?



VENUSTIANO CARRANZA First Chief of the Constitutionalists.

Mrs. L. R. Whitener Passes to Rest

Mrs. L. R. Whitener, a woman of most estimable character and a prominent church and social worker, died at her home in this city February 25, aged 67 years and three days.

Mrs. Whitener was a daughter of the late Jeremiah Ingold and was the eldest of a family of eight children.

The funeral services were held Friday afternoon from the Reformed church, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. L. Murphy.

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Rev. J. H. Wannemacher, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Morning Service, 11 a. m. Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. Morning Theme: "Food for the Soul."

Hello, Mex! How many presidents have abdicated today?

Across the Atlantic ...to Africa...

Being a Narration of Incidents and Descriptions of Places Visited by a Hickory Boy and His Wife on Their Way to Mission Work at Luebo, Congo, Belg., Africa.

By AUBURN H. SETZER

Thursday, January 1, 1914.—This morning a small party of missionaries went two miles below the town of Leopoldville where are the real cataracts of the mighty Congo as it narrows from the broad Stanley Pool into a gorge a mile or two wide.

Jan. 8.—Got our trunks packed once again preparatory to our leaving on the little company steamer Saturday for up-river.

Jan. 9.—We are on the steamboat "Madelaine" of the Compagnie du Kasai—a big rubber and ivory trading concern operating along the Kasai river.

Jan. 10.—Left Kinshasa early this morning. Very soon we were running along one of the large sandbank islands of Stanley Pool.

Jan. 11.—Sunday, but it hasn't seemed at all like Sunday for some time. Last night at about eight o'clock we ran alongside the bank and a native jumped into the water and swam ashore with a rope which he tied to a tree and made fast the boat for the night.

Jan. 12.—Three passengers left us at Mushie, bound for Lac Leopold Deux, a large lake some distance to the north of us.

Jan. 13.—We arrived at Dima today. This is where we were to meet the "Lapsley," but as it is not yet here we shall have to use some more of our patience and wait for it to appear.

Jan. 15.—Suspect I hadn't better say much about our stay here, but I wish the "Lapsley" would arrive, or at least that we might know when to look for her.

Jan. 16.—Still waiting at Dima. When we get home I don't think we shall ever again grumble about waiting on delayed trains for they are nothing as compared to this. We met a representative of Harper's magazine.

Jan. 18.—A boat coming down river brought us news that the "Lapsley" was up river only a short distance spending Sunday and would be down to us in a day or so.

Jan. 20.—The "Lapsley" actually arrived this morning about eleven o'clock.

Jan. 21.—A storm came up this morning and prevented the leaving of the "Lapsley." However, it had passed away and we were able to leave at one-thirty p. m.

Don't sit out for war until you are ready to go yourself.

had stopped 35 woodcutters jumped ashore and began cutting wood—each three men cutting a pile of wood four feet long, four feet wide and four feet high.

Jan. 22.—The "Lapsley" is a palace compared with the old "Madelaine", which we have just left.

Jan. 23.—We are now studying the Baluba language, which is the language of the people round about Luebo.

Jan. 24, Saturday.—We stopped here about five o'clock and will stay at this place until Monday morning.

Jan. 25.—This morning there was a native service in a beautiful open-air chapel.

Jan. 27.—We passed Basongo, a post of the State today and saw some natives carrying a hippo which they had killed.

Jan. 28.—Only two more days and we shall arrive at Luebo where our long journey will be ended.

Jan. 29.—We are very much excited over the fact that tomorrow about 10 o'clock we shall reach Luebo.

Jan. 30, Friday.—This morning everybody was preparing for the arrival and you may believe there was some excitement in our breasts as we counted the minutes before we would reach our goal and shake hands with those whom we knew would be down at the river bank to welcome us.

A week later.—We have begun keeping house and Mrs. Setzer is teaching in the day school while I am in the printing office.

Carrier Protests. Raleigh, Feb. 28.—Judge Frank Carter tonight issued to the general assembly, to the committee appointed by the lower house to investigate his official and moral conduct, and to the state at large, a passionate protest against delay in proposed inquiry.

To feel strong, have a good appetite and digest, sleep soundly and enjoy life, use Burdock Blood Biter, the family system tonic. Price \$1.00.

Five hundred people were bathing at Coney Island last week. No doubt they needed the bath.

Colonel Writes Interesting Letter

Hickory, R. I., Feb. 23.—There seems to be no important news in this neck of the woods.

The health in this section seems to be fairly good. Whiskey raised a hallaboo at the Rolly church a few nights ago while preaching was going on.

We noticed in the columns of The Democrat that our good old brother, Rev. J. H. Shuford, the walking encyclopaedia, has entered upon new and expansive fields to gather up historical facts and matters.

Next he told about the Golden Apple Tree. Then about the negro, Isaac and the Yankee soldiers. Then in the last issue how negroism was introduced in America.

The citizens of Jacob's Fork township have put in three lines of telephones to the post office at Henry.

Mrs. Fanny Shuford and daughter, Rosa May, of Shelby, are on a visit to the old home place to visit their old neighbors and relatives.

Col. G. M. Yoder celebrated his 64th wedding anniversary last Thursday. The day he was married was a beautiful, warm day and so was it on last Thursday.

Edgar Yoder is now coiled up in his new house. As my old friends, Rev. J. H. Shuford, was talking about old faithful Abraham having servants we want to ask him how often the word "slave" is found in the Bible.

Yelling and happy native boys and girls following after us. At the entrance to the station we met Mrs. C. L. Crane, (who is a native of Hickory) who welcomed us only as a former acquaintance can. We went to their house for dinner and will stay here for a week or so until we can prepare our house for housekeeping.

Keep Your Bowels Regular. As everyone knows, the bowels are the sewerage system of the body, and it is of the greatest importance that they move at least once each day.

When baby suffers with eczema or some itching skin trouble, use Doan's Ointment. A little of it goes a long way and it is safe for children.

How it clears the throat and head of its mucous ailments. It is this spirit of Newness and Vigor from the health-giving Piney Forests brought back by Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, Antiseptic and Healing. Buy a bottle to-day. All Druggists, 25c. adv.

DEATH REMOVES GOOD WOMAN OF HIGHLAND

Mrs. F. L. Fry Passes to Rest—Population Steadily Increasing.

Highland, Mar. 1.—On last Saturday morning the good people of Highland, were saddened to hear the news of the death of Mrs. Fry, wife of Mr. F. L. Fry, who, together with his family, has been living here for more than a year.

Pneumonia was the cause of her death and so quickly did it complete its purpose that several of the children, who were away from home, could not reach here until after she had passed away.

The deceased had reached the age of 59 years when death called her, and during these years she had carefully and tenderly mothered and reared a family of 14 children, 9 boys and 5 girls, 7 of the boys and 4 of the girls are still living.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod. The body was carried to Friendship cemetery in Alexander county, Monday, and was there laid to rest to await that great day when all nations shall be gathered together.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hunt, have also been on the sick list for several days. The Shuford Mill Co., are building another small addition to their mill. Mr. Monroe Alred, now has charge of this mill.

Lenoir College in Raleigh. Mr. James Frye of our city, a member of the senior class of Lenoir College, represented his college in the Interscholastic Peace Orators' Contest held in Raleigh, February 19.

Mr. Fry did splendidly. Mr. Fry is a graceful, dignified speaker. The winners seem to have captured the judges by such action—many and various jestures, walking the platform, etc.

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