

CHIEF JUSTICE CLARK DIES AT HOME AFTER VERY SUDDEN ILLNESS

Death of the Chief Justice of State Supreme Court Occurred at 8 O'clock This Morning.

WAS TAKEN ILL SUNDAY MORNING

Had Served on Court For Many Years and Had Been Chief Justice of Court Since 1902.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., May 19.—Walter Clark, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, died at his home here at 8 o'clock this morning. He was stricken yesterday morning with what is believed to have been an attack of apoplexy.

Judge Clark was taken suddenly ill shortly after he had prepared to attend church services. His physician advised him to rest quietly at home. Two hours later he sank into unconsciousness from which he did not rally, and died this morning.

Judge Clark had served as a judge in the Supreme Court for 30 years. He was 78 years old, having been born August 19, 1846.

The father of the chief justice was Gen. David Clark, one of the foremost citizens of Halifax County in his day. His mother was Anne M. Thorne, of Halifax, and from both sides of his house the chief justice inherited the blood of many of the state's foremost families.

He attended Tew Military School at Hillsboro, and at the age of 15 was assigned to duty as a drill master in the 35th N. C. Regiment of the Confederate Army, returning to school after that service was done.

Two years for service, although he had seen two years of it, he returned to North Carolina and entered the University, where he graduated in 1864. After that he re-entered the military service and was made Lieut. Colonel of the 70th N. C. Regiment, which saw heavy service in the eastern part of the State. He was mustered out after fighting the battle of Sherman across the state. He went to Columbia Law School in Washington, where he graduated in 1867.

After several years of practice at Scotland Neck and in Halifax county he moved to Raleigh, where he engaged in newspaper work, directing the editorial policy of the News. In 1874 he married Miss Susan Graham, daughter of Governor Wm. A. Graham, and a sister of the late Major W. A. Graham.

In the campaign of 1884 he was brought forward as a candidate for Governor, but withdrew in favor of Daniel G. Fowle, of Raleigh. The following year Governor Fowle appointed him to the Supreme Court to succeed Justice Merimon, and he was re-elected thereafter, being nominated by the Democrats and endorsed by both populists and republicans.

In 1902 he was nominated and elected Chief Justice of the Court, which post he held until his death. He was one of the foremost jurists of his time, and his decisions were often cited as precedents.

COMMENCEMENT AT MT. PLEASANT IS BEING CONDUCTED

First Exercise Was Held Yesterday Morning When Annual Sermon Was Delivered to the Seniors.

ANNUAL DRAMA THIS EVENING

Play This Year Expected to Be One of Best.—Reve. P. E. Scherer, D. D., Delivering the Sermon.

Mount Pleasant, N. C., May 19.—Again has commencement week rolled around—that "maddest, merriest day of all the glad year." In the two institutions of learning in our pleasant little college town, the year 1924 has been one of unusual interest.

Mont Ansonia Seminary graduates the largest senior class in its history—nineteen bright, lovely young ladies who have labored here for five years to prepare themselves for entrance into the arena of life: while the Collegiate Institute sends out twenty-three young men who have done the same thing.

Our finals opened with the Seminary Class Day exercises, which were held in the town auditorium Saturday night, the 17th. When the curtain arose there was seen a living crescent of bewildering beauty, for the juniors were joined with the seniors in order to sing the opening class song, all bearing the daisy chain. This song was rendered to the tune of "Annie Laurie," and was composed by a gifted member of the sophomore class, Miss Mary Frances McEachern, and reflected much credit upon this talented young lady.

Then followed the salutatory address by the president of the class, Miss Thelma Sifford; the class history by Miss Gertrude Furr, the class poem by Miss Mary Ridenhour, the last will and testament by Miss Laura Dry, the class prophecy by Miss Ethel Blackwelder, a clever rhyme, depicting by the turning of a spinning wheel, bringing each girl a prophecy of her future, and the farewell address by the class valedictorian, Miss Daisy Klutz.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the baccalaureate services were held in the auditorium. Excellent music was rendered by a special choir composed by members of the three town choirs, assisted by several of the Seminary seniors, all directed and trained by Miss Helen Misenheimer, our directress of music. But the chief event of interest was the baccalaureate sermon by one of the town's most gifted sons, a worthy son of a distinguished father, Rev. Paul M. Scherer, D. D., pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York City, and only son of Rev. M. G. Scherer, secretary of the United Lutheran Church of America. His text was taken from one of Paul's epistles, "Having gifts differing from one another." It was a masterly address, rich in scholarly love, delivered in the finest oratorical manner, in an impressive style that held the large audience spellbound during the whole time.

Dr. Scherer is a young man of unusual ability, with a wonderful personality, a good "mixer," showing his geniality and love of life and people with every gesture. Having attained the high position in the church that he now so acceptably fills, while yet in the early thirties, it is difficult to predict to what heights of power and usefulness he may reach when he has arrived at the full attainment of his possibilities. He is also one of Concord's most gifted sons, for he was born in that town, his father having been pastor of St. James Lutheran Church at that time, while he was for year president of Carolina College, now Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute. In addressing the senior class of the two institutions, Dr. Scherer laid stress upon the wonderful possibilities open to the young people of this day and time, with all its various avenues of usefulness and distinction: of the need the world has for educated men and women to take up the work of the world, and of the value of self-consecration to the tasks set before us, and of the benefits of losing ourselves in the service of the accompaniment of the daily tasks that God has placed in our hands. It was an earnest appeal for service for the betterment of humanity in all walks of life.

In the evening Dr. Scherer gave another magnificent address before the religious organizations of the two institutions, on the part of a sentence depicting the life of Christ, "And He went with them into Nazareth." He therein held up before the mental vision "The Bread of Jesus," the bread and scope of a soul's life and attainments despite environment and possibly narrow limitations. It showed what a person may become, if the life and example of Jesus is always held in view as a guide and inspiration, and it was delivered with the same fervor and earnestness that characterized his morning sermon. An attractive feature of the musical part of the program was the flute obligato and a masterly instrumental selection by Mr. S. K. Paterson, Concord's talented flutist.

The large auditorium was packed to more than its capacity by crowds from all the surrounding cities, towns and communities, who are always eager to attend the events of the commencements at Mt. Pleasant. Further accounts of the succeeding specials each day will be given as they occur. The program for tomorrow and Wednesday follows: Tuesday, May 20, 10:30 a. m.—Liter-

KILAUA VOLCANO ON ISLAND OF HAWAII CAUSES DEATH OF 3

Violent Explosion in Crater of Volcano Followed by Disappearance of Three Persons.

AMERICAN NURSE AMONG MISSING

Explosion Most Violent of Current Period of Activity of Volcano—Searching For Those Bodies.

Honolulu, May 19 (By the Associated Press).—Three persons are unaccounted for following a violent explosion in the crater of Kilauea volcano on the island of Hawaii, said advices reaching here last night from Hilo, on that island. They are: Miss Mollie T. Thomas, a district nurse of the Board of Health; and two soldiers whose names were not given.

The explosion was the most violent of the current period of activity in the volcano. The three were seen at the edge of the great pit of the crater immediately before the explosion. A searching party was sent out in an effort to locate the bodies.

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Campaign For Concord 'Y' to Start Tomorrow

The Campaign Committee to Meet Tonight at the Y and Outline and Perfect Plans For First Day.

CITY EXPECTED TO BE LIBERAL

Work of Association During Year Has Been Such That Campaign Deserves Support From Every One.

The annual campaign for financial support of the work of the Y. M. C. A. is scheduled to open Monday evening, May 19, with a dinner conference of fifty well-known Concord men, who with the help of a division of High School boys headed by Cameron MacRae, expect to complete the canvass of the city in three days.

The organization will be directed by T. D. Maness, as Field Marshal, who will have for his immediate aides Jones Y. Pharr, Dr. W. S. Rankin and A. G. Odell as Division Generals. The forces of the men are organized as three divisions of five companies each, with the following Captains as company commanders: C. H. Barrier, Beaufort Blackwelder, C. W. Byrd, L. D. Coltrane, Jr., J. E. Davis, W. H. Gibson, E. L. Hicks, Charles Ivey, Parks M. Lafferty, J. G. McEachern, Robert Ridenhour, C. F. Ritchie, L. M. Richmond, C. S. Smart and S. K. Patterson. General MacRae, commanding the High School division, has as his Captains Billy Brown, Walter Sullivan, Hubert Pink, Carl Benfield, and Thos. L. Moose.

The main part of the work will be done by the following men who have enlisted under the various Captains as workers: C. H. Barrier, Capt., Buford Blackwelder, Capt., Leonard Brown, C. W. Byrd, Capt., L. D. Coltrane, Capt., J. L. Crowell, Capt., Dr. J. V. Davis, J. E. Davis, Capt., Robert Dick, Jr., Chas. N. Field, Wm. Flowe, Wm. Gibson, A. F. Hartwell, E. L. Hicks, Capt., A. H. Jarrett, C. W. Jenkins, G. S. Klutz, P. G. McEachern, J. M. McGraw, J. O. Moore, Rev. C. M. Myers, Joe Pike, Ernest Porter, Pat Ritchie, C. F. Ritchie, Capt., Rev. J. C. Rowan, L. M. Richmond, Capt., J. L. M. Smith, C. S. Smart, Capt., W. B. Ward, H. S. Williams, Ed. E. White, Julius Pharr, M. R. Fuller, L. T. Hartwell, Jr.

The very unusual work being done by the general secretary Blanks and his two associates on the executive staff, Physical Director Denny and Boys' Work Director Johnson, has enlisted the enthusiastic support of ministers, school men and other leaders in religious, educational and civic organizations.

This popular approval has also found expression in the comparative ease with which the campaign organization has been effected, men willingly giving of their time and energy to make sure of the needed financial support.

The slogan of the campaign will be "A continued square deal for the boys of Concord." This slogan has been adopted because it is generally conceded throughout America that a square deal for the boys of any American city includes a modern "Y"—modern in plant, personnel and program. While the Concord plant is not entirely modern, the personnel and programs are entirely so, comparable to the best to be found anywhere. Adequate financial support will enable the men who are giving so generously of their time and energy as directors, and the executive staff, to continue their present activities and perhaps broaden still more their field of community service.

While the objective is slightly smaller than that of last year, the budget figures are based upon the minimum need, and those responsible for the program feel that there should be no diminution on the part of anyone in their financial support as compared to last year. On the other hand it is hoped that increased subscriptions may render even more efficient community service possible during the coming year.

E. T. Baer, Secretary Financial Service Bureau of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, who is here from New York to help the local Y men in the campaign, says that he has found nowhere more general approval of the work of the local Association, and feels that with such favorable sentiment and the active help of fifty capable men there should be no unusual difficulty in securing at least the minimum sum needed, \$15,000, but has warned the management and workers that over-confidence on this point on the part of workers and people often results in disaster in such efforts. "Only the united support of all the people of the community will insure success for the campaign," said Mr. Baer.

The workers will all meet at a dinner conference on Monday evening at 6:30 at the Y. This dinner will be served by the Parent-Teachers Association, Mrs. Joe Pike, Chairman. At this conference the workers will select their own "prospects" and receive material and final instructions for the campaign work. The Executive Committee will report on initial gifts secured and several short talks will be given by the Field Marshal, president of the Y and others.

FOES OF THE BONUS MAKING LAST STAND IN THE SENATE NOW

Seven Senators Who Are Regarded as "Doubtful" Were Called to the White House by the President.

OPPOSITIONS WANT DELAY FOR WEEK

Friends of the Bill Are Anxious to Get Roll Call Before Night, and Are Waging Bitter Fight.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 19.—Oppositions of the bonus bill rallied and fought for a time today as the measure approached its final test in the Senate.

Seven republican senators who have been numbered as friends of the bill, were called to the White House and exhorted by President Coolidge to sustain his veto.

Afterward, Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, in charge of the anti-bonus forces, declared the situation "certainly is looking brighter," and made overtures to delay the final vote a week.

Nevertheless, the supporters of the bill remained steadfast in their prediction of a roll call before night, which would override the President and make the bonus insurance plan law.

Without exception the seven senators summoned into conference by President Coolidge, joined in this prediction. One or two were said to be wavering but the leaders on the side of the bonus declared the defection was of so small number would not be sufficient to defeat the bill. Neither Senator Reed nor any other supporter of the President was prepared to give any definite figures to counterbalance the claim of the opposition.

WHISKEY CONFISCATED AT A CHARLOTTE HOME Warrant Will Be Sworn Out For Mrs. N. M. Schiltz, a Prominent Person.

(Charlotte, May 18.—More than five gallons of pure whiskey and seven quarts of pre-Volstead red liquor were found Saturday night by federal dry agents in a raid on the home of Mrs. N. M. Schiltz, four miles from this city.

Mrs. Schiltz, one time candidate for register of deeds of Mecklenburg county, is one of the best known women in Charlotte, having been in business for a number of years. She is a member of the merchants association and other organizations about town. Her husband, a prominent railroad contractor, was not at home at the time of the raid.

The whiskey, according to Mrs. Schiltz, was placed in the home before the prohibition law went into effect and she didn't think she was violating any law by keeping it. She denied selling the liquor.

The officers who made the raid did not arrest Mrs. Schiltz, but confiscated the liquor. A warrant has been drawn for her arrest and will be forwarded this week to District Attorney Frank Linney for his approval before being served.

THE COTTON MARKET Very Quiet in Today's Early Trading With Prices Lower Under Liquidation and Selling.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 19.—The cotton market was very quiet in today's early trading, with prices lower under further commission house liquidation and local and Southern selling, which was attributed chiefly to the better weather reports from the South.

PROMINENT FARMER FATALY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

J. S. Kiser Thrown From Buggy Near City When Auto Is Alleged to Have Struck the Vehicle.

DRIVER OF AUTO IS BEING HELD

C. A. Missimer, of Washington State, Was Driving the Car—Will Be Given Hearing Tomorrow.

C. A. Missimer, civil engineer, of Everett, Washington, is being held under bond here in connection with the death of J. S. Kiser, successful farmer of this county, who died in the Concord hospital yesterday morning from injuries alleged to have been received when he was thrown from his buggy when the vehicle was struck by an auto driven by Mr. Missimer.

In the collision, police officers state, a wheel was torn from the buggy and Mr. Kiser was thrown to the road, his forehead striking the asphalt. He was rushed to the hospital, where he lived about an hour.

Mr. Kiser was 66 years of age and was prominently known throughout the county. Surviving are his wife, three sons, Reuben, Oscar and Stacy Kiser, one sister, Miss Mollie Kiser and one brother, Jule Kiser, all of this county.

Mr. Kiser was a member of the West Concord Baptist Church, but formerly belonged to the Cold Water Church and funeral services were held at the latter church, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. R. G. Short and interment was made in the church cemetery.

According to reports to police officers Mr. Kiser and Mr. Missimer, who is accompanied by his wife on a trip from Florida, were both driving toward Concord on the Concord-Charlotte highway. Mr. Missimer was behind the buggy, it was reported, and had just started around it when he saw another car approaching. He applied the brakes to the car, he is quoted as saying, but was closer to the buggy than he thought. A large horn attached to a running board of the car struck the buggy, tearing off the wheel and throwing Mr. Kiser to the road.

Mr. Missimer drove to the hospital, where he was placed under arrest. He knew no one in Concord, but is a Shriner and brother Shriners here arranged his bond. He was first informed that he would be required to give bond in the sum of \$2,500 but after it was learned that Mr. Kiser was dead the bond was raised to \$5,000.

It was first planned to hold a preliminary hearing this afternoon. The hearing has been postponed until tomorrow morning so it will not interfere with the funeral of Mr. Kiser this afternoon.

Mr. Kiser's skull was fractured in the fall, he having struck the pavement with his forehead just over the left eye.

NORMAND DRIVER DEPARTS Shooting Trial Waits—Acress May Not Testify Against Greer.

Los Angeles, May 19.—Mabel Normand, film actress, may never testify against Horace Greer, her former chauffeur, for shooting Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil man. Mrs. Dines' night, as Dines was permitted to leave the court's jurisdiction on his own recognizance today.

At a conference today, counsel for the State, Miss Normand and Dines, decided to postpone the case, set for May 29th until June 16th, and agreed to use Mabel Normand's testimony given at the preliminary hearing if she is not here when the trial starts.

Mrs. Jennie Talbert Dies at Her Son's Home in Salisbury.

Salisbury, May 18.—Mrs. Jennie Talbert, aged 77, widow of Owen Talbert, who died 40 years ago, died this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the home of her son, W. D. Talbert, death being caused by a general breakdown due to old age. Funeral will be conducted from the residence Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Three children, 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren survive. The children are: Thomas J. Talbert, of Charlotte; William D. Talbert and Mrs. William M. Julian, of Salisbury.

Evelyn Nesbit Drops Her Fight.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, May 19.—The motion for a new trial to determine the sanity of Harry K. Thaw was formally withdrawn today by counsel representing Evelyn Nesbit, Thaw's former wife. Thaw was recently declared sane.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Fair tonight, Tuesday partly cloudy, probably showers in the north portion; no change in temperature.