

In What Month Were You Born? February, the Birth Month of Geniuses

Is there a scientific reason why more geniuses are born in February than in any other two months of the year?

Alfred Russel Wallace, well known invertebrate and writer, sets a new task for scientists in a problem stronger than astrology yet scientifically true. In the May issue of the International Cosmopolitan, he shows how one's chances for fame vary with one's birth month.

The idea that the month of birth might have a good deal to do with success was first suggested to Mr. Ireland by a casual investigation into the birth months of men and

national biography as a basis. Mr. Ireland has worked out results of his study of many years, involving birth-month statistics of more than 21,000 men and women of prominence here and in other countries.

He comes to the conclusion that there is a good, scientific reason why February is the birth month of geniuses and has made up a chart

showing the proportion of chance the several months of the year hold for the birth of geniuses. The reasons Mr. Ireland sets forth for the results discovered

have aroused widespread interest among scientists. His theory is said by sociologists to hold forth great hope for future racial advancement.

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women in the hall of fame for Great Americans, New York City. The results were so startling that he decided to investigate further. Taking the dictionary as inter-

mediate index, he found that the names of the great men and women of the world were listed in the dictionary in the order of their birth months.

MORE THAN CAR LOAD OF CHICKENS SOLD

Farmers brought fowls by the thousands to Monroe Tuesday.

Two hundred and eight farmers and poultrymen brought nearly 7,500 hens and broilers to Monroe Tuesday of this week, which were shipped to Northern markets. This was a notable event for it was the first time in the history of Union county that a solid car load of

fowls had ever been shipped in one day. For the hens 24 cents a pound was paid, while broilers brought 30 cents a pound. Checks aggregating \$4,282 were distributed in amounts varying from a few dollars up to \$125 were paid those who brought poultry to town.

Two weeks ago when T. W. Heitz, of the Special Division of Markets, representing the State Agricultural department at Raleigh, came to Monroe to confer with T. J. Broom county agent, in regard to securing a car load of poultry

from the county, he was told that possibly part of a car might be secured at Monroe and Marshallville combined. Announcement was made that poultry car would be placed on the Seaboard tracks at Monroe on April 25th, with buyers on hand. It was a great surprise to all when trucks and automobiles began to arrive early Tuesday morning laden with chickens of all description. Weighers were kept busy all day long, and the writing of checks lasted until late in the afternoon. When all the fowls had been placed aboard there was one full car and another almost half filled.

The poultry was purchased by the Southern Commission and Brokerage Company of Houston, and the cargo shipped direct to New York City. The filled car stopped at Wadesboro Wednesday morning and was completed there. Much credit is due T. J. Broom for getting a good price for this poultry shipment as practically all the hens sold were "culls," and the price paid the farmers was from four to six cents above that which has obtained locally within the past several weeks. It is now the intention to ship a car of poultry every month from Monroe, with the exception possibly of July and August when it is so hot it is dangerous to ship poultry.

The Division of Markets is doing some good work in assisting farmers to get an outlet for their produce. Farmers of Union county were much pleased, and thanked Messrs. Heitz and Broom for their good services in creating a market for their poultry.

News of the day. The father of the Whites was absent from home with his horse, each carrying a big grain. The White boys were on foot, and wishing to move rapidly with their comrades, all mounted, in pursuit of the wagons loaded with the munitions of war, fortunately, for their feet, but their father returning home with the burdens, and immediately demanded the use of his horses. The old gentleman, not knowing who they were (as they were his own), pleaded helpfully for the horses, until he could come home with his bags of meal; but his petitions were in vain. The boys (his sons) ordered him to dismount, removed the bags from the horses, and placed them by the side of the road. They then immediately mounted the disburdened horses, joined their comrades and in a short space of time came up with the wagons encamped on "Phifer's Hill," three miles west of the present town of Concord, on the road leading from Charlotte to Salisbury. They immediately unloaded the wagons, stove in the heads of the legs, threw the powder into a pile, tore the blankets into strips, made a train of powder a considerable distance from the pile, then Major James White fired a pistol into the train, which produced a tremendous explosion. A stove from the pile struck White on the forehead, and cut him severely. As soon as this bold exploit became known to Colonel Moses Alexander, he put his whole infantry to work to find out the

The "Black Boys" of Cabarrus

Cabarrus County Was a Part of Mecklenburg Until After the Revolutionary War

(The following article published by the Charlotte Observer, is the fourth of a series of sketches of early Mecklenburg and Charlotte, prepared by the historical committee of the Mecklenburg pageant. The three sketches previously dealt with "The Catawba Indians," "Alexander Craighead" and "Queen's Museum.")

Previous to the battle of Alamance, on the 16th of May, 1771, the first blood shed in the American revolution, there were many dissenters, the advocates of law and order, throughout the province, who sympathized with the justness of the principles which actuated the "regulators," and their stern opposition to official corruption and extortion, but did not approve of their hasty conduct and occasional violent proceedings. Accordingly, a short time preceding the unfortunate conflict which only smothered for a time the embers of freedom, difficulties arose between Governor Tryon and the regulators, when that royal official, in order to cause them to discontinue their submission, presented from Charleston, S. C., three wagon loads of the munitions of war, consisting of powder, flints, blankets, etc. These articles were brought to Charlotte, but from some suspicious arising in the minds of the whigs as to their true destination and use, wagons could not be fired in the neighborhood for their transportation. At length, Colonel Moses Alexander, a magistrate under the colonial government, succeeded in getting them by importation. To convey the munitions to Salisbury, a tyrannical governor, the vigilance of the jealous whigs was ever on the lookout for the suppression of all such infringements upon the growing spirit of freedom, then quietly but surely planting itself in the hearts of the people.

The following individuals, viz.: James William and John White, brothers, and William and John White, also brothers, raised on Rocky river, one mile from Rocky river church, Robert Caruthers, Robert Davis, Benjamin Coker, James and Joshua Hildley bound themselves by a most solemn oath not to divulge the secret object of their contemplated mission to intercept and destroy these supplies, and, in order more effectually to prevent detection, blackened their faces preparatory to their intended work of destruction.

They were joined and led in this and other expeditions by William Alexander, a soldier, and afterward known and distinguished from others bearing the same name as "Captain Black Bill Alexander," and whose sword now hangs in the library hall of Davidson College, presented in behalf of his descendants by the late worthy, intelligent and Christian citizen, W. Shakespeare Harris, Esq.

These determined spirits set out in the evening, while the father of the Whites was absent from home with his horse, each carrying a big grain. The White boys were on foot, and wishing to move rapidly with their comrades, all mounted, in pursuit of the wagons loaded with the munitions of war, fortunately, for their feet, but their father returning home with the burdens, and immediately demanded the use of his horses. The old gentleman, not knowing who they were (as they were his own), pleaded helpfully for the horses, until he could come home with his bags of meal; but his petitions were in vain. The boys (his sons) ordered him to dismount, removed the bags from the horses, and placed them by the side of the road. They then immediately mounted the disburdened horses, joined their comrades and in a short space of time came up with the wagons encamped on "Phifer's Hill," three miles west of the present town of Concord, on the road leading from Charlotte to Salisbury. They immediately unloaded the wagons, stove in the heads of the legs, threw the powder into a pile, tore the blankets into strips, made a train of powder a considerable distance from the pile, then Major James White fired a pistol into the train, which produced a tremendous explosion. A stove from the pile struck White on the forehead, and cut him severely. As soon as this bold exploit became known to Colonel Moses Alexander, he put his whole infantry to work to find out the

perpetrators of so foul a deed against his majesty. The transaction remained a mystery for some time. Great threats were made, and, in order to induce some one to turn traitor, a pardon was offered to any one who would turn king's evidence against the rest. Ashmore and Hadley, being half brothers, set out unknown to each other, to avail themselves of the offered pardon, and accidentally met each other on the threshold of Moses Alexander's house. When they made known their business, Alexander remarked that by virtue of the Governor's proclamation, they were pardoned, but they were the "first that ought to be hanged." The rest of the "Black Boys" had not fled from their country. They fled to the colony of Georgia, where they remained for some time.

The governor, finding he could not get them in his grasp, held out insinuations that if they would return and confess their fault, they should be pardoned. In a short time, the boys returned from Georgia to their homes, but they found it was only a ruse to capture them.

And thus the "Black Boys" fled from cover to cover to save their necks from the blood-thirsty loyalists. They would be concealed for weeks at a time, and the neighbors would carry them food until they fairly wearied out their pursuers. This persecution continued until the time was ripe for the revolution when these boys joined the ranks of their countrymen in the fight for independence.

The regulator movement, which finally resulted in the battle of Alamance, covered a territory of about 10 counties as now constituted and extended over a period of ten years 1762-1772.

Governor Tryon's extravagance in building the palace in Newbern costing 15,000 pounds and compelling the people to pay taxes in money of which there was little in circulation, extortion and corrupt courts caused resistance to the king's officers in the counties of Orange, Alamance and Hatteras, and finally led to the battle of Alamance, which was a contest between the regulators and the royalists.

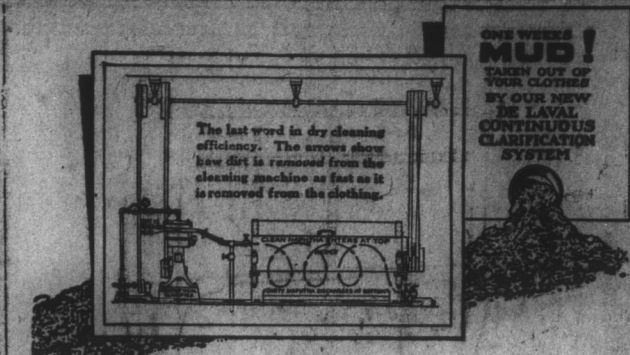
There was much bitterness between the opposing parties and many unlawful acts were committed on both sides.

Governor Tryon made a visit to Mecklenburg in 1768 to review the county militia and secured 300 men to go to Hillsboro to assist in the sessions of court. During his stay in Charlotte he was entertained by the Folks, Alexander and Davidsons. It was at this time that Tryon street was named for the governor and his interest was sought to secure a chapter for Queen's museum, the college which they hoped to establish in the town.

The regulator movement and its relation to the "Cabarrus Black Boys" matters came to a climax three years later in 1771, when each side prepared for a final test of strength between Tryon and the regulators. Governor Tryon sent Gen. Hugh Waddell through Rowan and Mecklenburg counties to raise troops for his cause, but he only obtained 100 men in Mecklenburg, commanded by Col. Adam Alexander, and 200 in Rowan. These were to remain with Waddell in Salisbury until munitions of war arrived from Charleston, then he was to join Tryon at Hillsboro with his large command from the eastern counties.

A number of Mecklenburg and Rowan men were in the ranks of the regulators and when Waddell crossed the Yadkin river with his command, his men refused to fight their friends and neighbors, those from eastern Carolina sympathizing with the justness of the cause of the regulators, refused to fight also. Upon receiving threats of violence if he continued to advance, in a council of officers he decided to retreat across the Yadkin. The two officers signed a paper saying their men refused to advance.

After the bloody battle ended, the regulators were defeated because there were only a few armed. Tryon hung many prisoners and only pardoned others after swearing to the oath of allegiance to the crown, by whole companies. He exempted the Cabarrus Black Boys from his pardon, however.



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