

DIARY OF REV. JOSEPH BLOUNT CHESHIRE REFERS TO ORGAN IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Joseph Blount Cheshire III of Raleigh Writes to Rev. C. A. Ashby Following Recent Article Appearing in This Newspaper

The Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of St. Paul's, had an article in The Chowan Herald on the old organ now in that church, taken from the July issue of The American Organist. Mr. Ashby sent a copy of the paper to Joseph B. Cheshire, III, Esquire, an attorney of Raleigh. Mr. Cheshire replied by thanking him for the article and saying that he was going to put it in the "Life of My Grandfather." Mr. Cheshire states that his grandfather was a native of Edenton, and that his grandfather's mother's father, grandfather and great-grandfather were successively vestrymen and wardens of St. Paul's.

Mr. Cheshire sent with his letter the following:
From a Biography of the Reverend Joseph Blount Cheshire (1814-1899) by his son, the late Bishop Cheshire. This was written by Bishop Cheshire about 1912.

"A curious story is told of the way in which the first organ was placed in St. Paul's Church. One of the leading men in the Vestry and in the community was Mr. Joseph Blount Skinner. He was a man of considerable ability, of large wealth, and of a generous nature. He had been for some years married, but he had no son. Some of the ladies of the congregation undertook to raise money for the purchase of an organ. Mr. Skinner was naturally one of the first persons to whom they applied. He received them most cordially, heard their statement and appeal, and then submitted to them a counter proposition: 'You all go home, and pray for me, that I may have a son; and if I have a son, I will give an organ to the church.' It is to be presumed that they all went home and prayed for the fulfillment of his hopes. At any rate, not very long after this, his only son was born, the late Col. Tristram Lowther Skinner; and as a thank offering for him Mr. Skinner presented its first organ to the Parish Church.

"My father recollected having heard the foregoing statement at the time; and also the sensation created in the community by the arrival of the vessel upon which the organ had been shipped from the North. The Master of the Edenton Academy celebrated the event by dismissing

the school, in order that teachers and pupils might go down to the wharf and behold the wonderful instrument.

"The following Saturday, the organ in the meantime having been put up in the Church, eager to see and to hear this new marvel, he crept to the Church door, and lying flat upon his face on the threshold, and gradually advancing until his head was within the half opened door, he lay and listened in breathless bliss while Miss Betsy Blair practiced the music for the Sunday service. More than fifty years afterwards, going to Edenton to officiate when his nephew, the Rev. Robert B. Drane, was married to the daughter of Col. Tristram Lowther Skinner, and remaining over Sunday, he declared that when the 'Venite' was sung, it seemed to him that he heard the same strains to which he had listened as Miss Betsy Blair practiced the Sunday music in those old days."

The Organ of St. Paul's, Edenton
The organ given by Mr. Joseph B. Skinner at the birth of his son, was replaced some years afterwards by a larger one. This was given by a Mr. Coffield upon the marriage of his daughter to Dr. Thomas Warren, his daughter desiring him to do so instead of making her an expensive present. The old organ was thereupon given, or sold—probably given—Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, where it was used until about 1890. It was then given, or sold, to St. Luke's Church, Halifax, where it is still in use.

Joseph Blount Skinner
Mr. Skinner was a generous man, and something of a "character." There have been few men just like him. On Easter Monday, when in accordance with the evil custom of the day, the pews in St. Paul's were being rented for the year, he is said to have been much provoked, and to have shown his zeal for the temporal interests of the Parish by running up the prices upon the bidders, with the result of finding most of the pews first put up "knocked down" to himself. But as he continued to bid upon all that were put up, one of the "bears" of this ecclesiastical market asked him what he proposed to do with so many pews. "I will put my Negroes into them, sir," he replied in a great heat. "The Church shall be supported, sir." Knowing that he might do what he said, they thereupon not only bid better prices for the remaining pews, but were glad to take his superfluous pews off his hands.

Original
Father—My son has original ideas.
Teacher—Especially in arithmetic.

Herald Want Ads Bring Results



Deep in the recesses of the jungle, Tarzan and Jane perform the everyday duties of the household, in this scene from "Tarzan's New York Adventure," at Taylor Theatre, Edenton, three days, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Johnny Weismuller and Maureen O'Sullivan again play the leading roles.

Taylor Opens New Movie Season With Schedule Big Shows

With September starting the new movie season and following a trip to Charlotte last week by Manager Jimmy Earnhardt, a schedule has been completed for the biggest pictures in movie history to be shown at Taylor Theatre.

To give some idea of what moviegoers may expect to see in the near future at the Taylor, Manager Earnhardt has secured the following: Johnny Weismuller in "Tarzan's New York Adventure"; Betty Grable and John Payne in "Footlight Serenade"; Ray Milland and Betty Field in "Are Husbands Necessary?"; Monty Woolley and Roddy McDowall in "The Pied Piper"; William Powell and Hedy Lamarr in "Crossroads"; Laurel and Hardy in "A Haunting We Will Go"; Shirley Temple in "Miss Annie Rooney"; Ray Milland, Paulette Goddard and many others in "Reap the Wild Wind"; John Sheppard and Linda Darnell in "The Loves of Edgar Allan Poe"; Glenn Miller and Orchestra, George Montgomery and Lynn Bari in "Orchestra Wives"; Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright in "The Pride of the Yankees"; Jean Gabin and Ida Lupino in "Moon Tide"; Brian Donlevy and Robert Preston in "Wake Island"; Clark Gable and Lana Turner in "Somewhere I'll Find You"; Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire in "Holiday Inn"; Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Pardon My Sarong"; Sonja Henie and John Payne in "Ice Land"; Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon in "Mrs. Miniver."

Other pictures to be released in the late fall include: "Panama Hattie"; "The Gay Sisters"; "Desperate Journey"; "Now Voyager"; "Talk of the Town"; "A Yank at Eton"; "Yankee Doodle Dandy"; "My Sister Eileen"; "The Flying Tigers"; "Eagle Squadron"; "Tales of Manhattan."

The best westerns with the favorite western stars are booked to play on Saturdays.

Revival At Bethany Church In Charge Of Durham Preacher

Revival services, which will continue for a week, will begin Sunday night, September 6, in the Bethany Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Arthur Stephenson, of Center Hill, is pastor. Services will be held both afternoon and night, with the preacher for the meeting being the Rev. J. W. Hoyle, of Durham. Mr. Hoyle will be assisted by D. C. May, a prominent Baptist layman, of Durham.

Robert M. Francis Promoted In Navy

Robert M. Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Francis, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy, has been promoted to third-class aviation metalsmith through the Bureau of Navigation. The promotion will go into effect during September.

Mr. Francis visited his parents over the week-end.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL
Friends were glad to learn that Mrs. John M. Elliott, Sr., who was rushed to General Hospital, Norfolk, Va., last week, had recovered sufficiently by Thursday to be returned to her home, where she is getting along well, though still very weak.

"THAT SHE BLOWS!" SAGA OF THE SEAS
Another thrilling tale in which one of the few surviving captains of the old whaling expeditions, spins yarns of glorious days that will never come again. Don't miss this new chapter in the September 13th issue of **THE AMERICAN WEEKLY** The Big Magazine Distributed With The **BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN** On Sale At All Newsstands

Catholic Services At 10:30 Coming Sunday

Holy Mass will start Sunday, September 6th, at 10:30 a. m., in St. Ann's Catholic Church, announced the Rev. Father F. J. McCourt, Pastor, who will preach on "The Catholic Church's Regulations of the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony."

Everybody is invited to these and to all other services on every first and second Sunday of the month at 10:30 a. m., and every third, fourth and fifth Sunday of the month at 8 a. m.

Confessions are heard beginning half hour and ending five minutes before every service.

Bethel Church Revival Drawing Big Crowds

A series of revival meetings began Monday afternoon in the Bethel Baptist Church, with services being held in the afternoon at 3:45 and in the evening at 8:45. The meeting is scheduled to continue through the first Sunday in September.

Preaching during the meeting is the Rev. Frank E. Morris, of Newport News, Va., pastor of the Ivey Memorial Baptist Church. Splendid congregations have been attending the services, to which the public is invited.

MERRY HILL

Mrs. Edison Knowles was called to New Bern Thursday on account of the serious illness of her sister.

Mrs. R. I. Collins, Mrs. Francis Everett, Buddy Collins and Miss Hester Ricks spent the past week-end in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Johnnie Everett, Miss Elizabeth Chesson and Mrs. William Livermon were in Plymouth Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Davenport and Miss Mary Davenport went to Windsor Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank this means to thank our friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown us at the time of the death of our husband and father, William Thomas Davis. We gratefully appreciate the deeds of kindness and the words of sympathy, also the floral tributes.

THE FAMILY.

Great Hope Church Revival September 7

Beginning Monday night, September 7, revival services will be held at the Great Hope Baptist Church, with the Rev. W. R. Stephens, of Elizabeth City, preaching.

The congregation of the church has extended a call to the Rev. Frank Cale to become pastor of the church, and it understood that he will accept the pastorate following the forthcoming revival meeting.

NATHAN EVERETT WRITES
Mackey's—Early in June Mrs. Nan Everett's son, Nathan, a pharmacist in the U. S. Navy, left New Orleans for a destination unknown. In a recent letter to his mother post-marked Moffett Field, California, Mr. Everett writes: "We're really getting down to serious drilling and physical examinations. I can run, jump, and do almost anything now... getting us tough for a tough job. Whenever the time comes, I will try to do my part and do it willingly."

A Question
"How old are you, my little man?"
"I don't know, sir. Mother was 26 when I was born, but now she is only 24."

GEORGE WARD JOINS NAVY

George Case Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ward, will go to Newport News, Va., Monday to begin a six-year enlistment in the U. S. Navy. He has been working at the Naval Mine Depot at Yorktown, Va., for the past few months, but left there Saturday to spend a few days at home before entering the service. He passed a perfect physical examination.



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