

The Rhamkatte Roaster Turns To Edenton For Topic Of Column In News and Observer

Old Codger Tells About Organ at St. Paul's Church

Though the history of the organ in St. Paul's Church appeared in The Herald some time ago, readers will no doubt enjoy The Rhamkatte Roaster column recently appearing in The Raleigh News and Observer. The column, written by Editor Joseph Daniels follows:

"Does you remember that when I wuz in yer sanctum sanctorum yistidy we wuz a-talkin' erbout a answer ter prayer I had seed with my own eyes?" was the Old Codger's question. Ye Editor recollected the graphic relation of the story of the Old Codger how a drought was broken by prayer.

"I is ov the opinion that if ye ask anythin' in the name of Jesus, believin' He will grant it, your request will be shure to git you what you prayed fer. I seed the answer to prayer fer rain answered. I seed it with my own eyes an' got wet leavin' the church. But I cud tell yer other sech experiences. Howsumever, ye mite not believe me an' but I am goin' fer to give you a most remarkable answer to prayer a hundred years ago that will be vouched fer by the people ov Edenton, Nof Caliny, a example that ort fer to be followed.

In the early days the good wimminal ov the Episcopal Church wanted a organ fer their church. But they diddent have the money fer ter buy the instrument 'fer ter worship God with musical instruments as David did in the temple ov Jerusalem. Instead ov tryin' fer to raise the money by oyster stews an' strawberry festivals an' makin' garments, these good wimminal hit on a more Bible-like plan. There wuz a rich man in Edenton who belonged ter the church, but like a lot ov men folks, he kept his religion in his wife's name. But he wuz unhappy becase he had no son fer to inherit his lands an' carry on his bizness when he passed away.

In course ye know, Mr. Editor, that the heart's desire ov evry ritely constertuted married man air fer to be the daddy ov a son so that when he is dead his name won't be ferret. Well, that wuz what this rich Edenton man craved above ducats an' ducks, fer his chief sport wuz shootin' ducks which wuz plentiful on Chowan Bay an' Albemarle Sound. So this rich man axed the wimminal ov St. Paul's Church: 'I'll make yer a proposhishun: Does ye believe that prayers will be answered?' When they all chimed in, 'We shore do,' he sed: 'If ye will pray that I will become the father ov a son (he had 8 daughters an' wanted a son) an' there is answer ter yer prayers in a male child, I'll pay fer the organ fer the church.' They prayed hard an' in due course a son wuz born, an' he bought the organ. Let me quote the authenticated story as recently told by H. W. Thomas in a article in The Nuisance Disturber which air printed at Rolly an' air known as 'The Old Reliable' becase if ye see it in the Disturber ye kin swear it air true. Here air the story which wuz written by the late Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire:

A curious story is told of the way in which the second organ was placed

in St. Paul's Church. One of the leading men of 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, and if I have a son, I will give the 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 second 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 50 years afterward, 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.

"I wuz a-readin' last week a book by a feller named Winkler who writ erbout James Buchanan Duke, who he called 'the Tobacco Tycoon.' Fer the first time I learned that Buck Duke's heart's desire wuz for a son, an' he criticized his first wife, sayin': 'I wanted a son; she wouldn't give me a son.' Now, Mr. Editor, if these Methodists had bin like the Episcopalian wimminal at Edenton, they wud hav got the money fer Duke University and charities long afore if they had told Buck Duke: 'If you'll give yer money to build a college an' hospitals an' other good things, we will pray fer you to have a son an' there'll be a James Buchanan Duke No. 2.' I kain't doubt it wud hav cum that way, fer I think the Methodists cud pray as long an' as loud an' with as good results as the Episcopalians. An' then everybody wud hav bin happy. Buck Duke wud hav had a son an' the Duke Foundation wud be functionin' fer education an' hospitals an' orphanages an' other good causes."

W. H. Gardner, Jr., Member Kappa Sigma

W. H. Gardner, Jr., has accepted a bid to join the N. C. State College chapter of Kappa Sigma, national social fraternity. Dean E. L. Cloyd, secretary of the Inter-fraternity Council, has announced.

A total of 197 students accepted bids to the college's 13 social fraternities after the chapters had staged their annual Rush Week. A good scholastic average is required for membership in a State College fraternity.



The Gaylor family as played by Barbara Stanwyck, Nancy Coleman and Geraldine Fitzgerald, get together for a confab in this scene from the new film "The Gay Sisters," at Taylor Theatre, Monday and Tuesday.

All Saints And All Souls Days At Local Church

The Feast of All Saints will be celebrated Sunday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, at 11 a. m., with Holy Mass, sermon on "All Saints and All Souls Days," announced the Rev. Father F. J. McCourt, Pastor. The Commemoration of All Souls Departed, a religious memorial day, will be observed at St. Ann's Monday, November 2nd, with Holy Masses at 6:30, 7 and 8:30 a. m. Everybody is invited to all the Services. Confessions will be heard Sunday 10:30 to 10:55 a. m., 4:30 to 5, and 8 to 8:30 p. m.

ACORN HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Hurdle, of Suffolk, Va., visited his mother, Mrs. Maude Eason, Sunday. Miss Wessie Harrell called to see Miss Frances Stallings Sunday afternoon.

Bruce Briggs, of the Air Force, visited his parents Sunday. He is now stationed in Norfolk, Va., after being in Texas all summer.

Pvt. John R. Eason, of Goldsboro, spent Sunday with Mrs. Elsie Eason. Mrs. Lee Ralph, of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Elsie Eason.

Mr. and Mrs. Heber Eason spent a few days this week with his mother, Mrs. Maude Eason.

Mrs. Maude Eason called to see Mrs. Lillian Stallings Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lucy Briggs is able to be out again after being quite ill this week. Pvt. Lester Jordan, of Fort Bragg, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallett Jones, of Portsmouth, Va., spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Stallings.

Roy Harrell, Earl Stallings, Misses Addie Jordan and Wessie Harrell took Pvt. John R. Eason to Winton Monday morning where he caught a bus for Goldsboro.

Victory Apple Drive Will End Saturday

Fresh apples have been featured as a Victory food special since October 22, and will continue through October 31, according to Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan County Home Agent. Victory food specials are designated by the Agricultural Marketing Administration and represent foods in temporary abundance.

Because of the large apple harvest, the Department of Agriculture designated apples for this special drive. Homemakers using Victory Food Specials help to conserve other foods needed for the war and also prevent possible food waste.

Joseph Long Promoted To Captain In Army

Joseph Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Long, has recently been promoted to captain in the U. S. Army. Captain Long is now in charge of a finance division and spent a day last week with his parents while enroute to Maryland, from where he was transferred to South Carolina.

30 Colored Boys Go To Fort Bragg November 2

Thirty colored boys from Chowan County will leave Edenton on November 2nd for Fort Bragg, where they will receive their final physical examination prior to being inducted into the army.

Included in this group are: Wm. Henry Martin, Wm. Henry Wright, Waders Cedric Hathaway, Melton L. Halsey, John Edward Jordan, John Wesley Rawlins, Perry Louis Holley, Wm. Henry Gilliam, George Wm. Riddick, George Clinton Wills, Joseph Wm. Costen, Charlie Satterfield, James Arthur Goodwin, Wiley Williams, Eugene C. White, Walter W. Nowell, Wm. Thomas Foxwell, Ervin Stallings, Charlie Granby, James T. Perry, George R. Sutton, Kelly M. Carr, Wm. Warner Perry, James Edward Granby, Willie Wadsworth, Edward Lee Drutt, Herman Drew, Samuel Costen, Lester Martin, Herbert Lee Hassell.

EGG AND POULTRY MARKET

Eggs, per dozen—Hennery whites, 43-46; hennery browns, 43-46; current collections, 43-45. Live Poultry, per lb.—Hens, rocks, 20-22; mixed colors, 20-22; light breeds, 16-18; fryers, heavy, 22-25.

PEANUT REPORT

Virginia-North Carolina Section: Rains during much of the past week over the Virginia-North Carolina area stopped digging, and reports indicate that the crop has been damaged both as to color of hulls and quality of meats. Estimates indicate that from 15 to 35 percent of the crop in the Virginia-Carolina Section is still to be dug. Few, if any, peanuts will be available for milling or shelling before November 1. Prices on farmers' stocks have not been definitely established, and shippers have generally withdrawn quotations on shelled and cleaned stock.

BYRUM-JORDAN

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jordan announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Kathleen Jordan, to Melvin A. Byrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Byrum, of Tyner. The marriage took place at South Mills on October 18. The bride wore a suit of burnt topaz with matching accessories. The couple are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Byrum, at Tyner.

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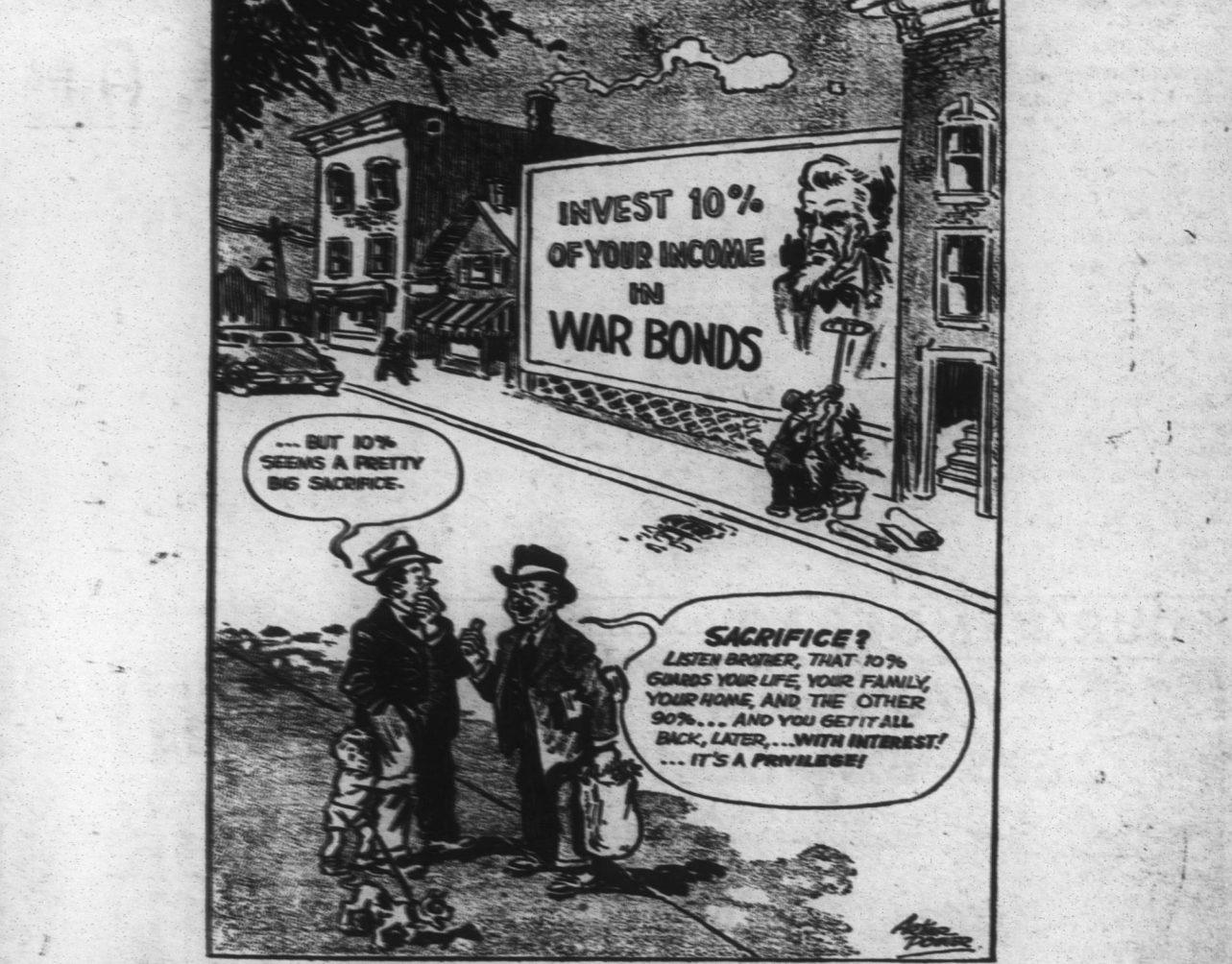
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