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## SAYS SOLICITOR AND SHERIFF ARE MOST IMPORTANT

### Biblical Recorder Says Present Race More Than Matter of Mere Politics

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP NOT TEST, SAYS EDITOR

### Dr. Livingston Johnston Is Urging Readers To Use Great Care In Casting Their Votes For Sheriff and Solicitor In Coming Primary: Same Stand as Stanbury

(News and Observer)

Taking the same stand that was taken by Dr. W. A. Stanbury in a recent sermon at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Dr. Livingston Johnston, editor of the Biblical Recorder, in an editorial in the current issue of the organ of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina urges his readers to "exercise great care in casting their votes, especially for the men to whom is committed the duty of seeing that the law is enforced."

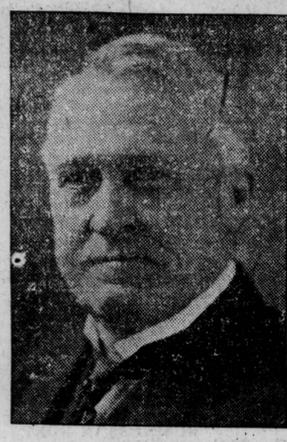
"If this were a matter of mere politics, this paper would have nothing to say about it but great moral issues are involved," declares the editorial which begins with the assertion: "Perhaps the two most important offices to be voted for in the approaching primary are sheriff and solicitor."

"It ought to go without saying," declares the editorial that a man who is a member of a church can be put down as a moral man and a law-abiding citizen; but alas! such is not always the case. Sometimes a man who holds a high position in a church, has the reputation of being immoral, and of sympathizing with violators of the prohibition law."

Dr. Johnston's Editorial The editorial follows in full: "Perhaps the two most important offices to be voted for in the approaching primary are sheriff and solicitor. The solicitor prosecutes those charged with crime, but he cannot do this unless the offenders are apprehended and brought to court. This is specifically the duty of the sheriff. A sheriff and solicitor should both be known as moral, law-abiding citizens. If they themselves are violators of the law, or are in sympathy with those who do violate it, we cannot suppress lawlessness. The solicitor may do his duty, but the first step must be taken by the sheriff."

## A GOOD CHURCH MEETING

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church met with Mrs. Arthur H. London Thursday afternoon. The program prepared for the afternoon by Mrs. Arthur London was quite unique and interesting in every detail. It was really a United Thanksgiving Offering Convention. The meeting was opened with prayers and hymns. Articles on United Thank Offering were read by the following in the order named: Mrs. Henry A. London, Mrs. F. C. Mann, Mrs. Victor R. Johnson and Mrs. Daniel Bell, showing aim, purpose and results of this offering. Each member was then asked to make a report as though she were Blue Box herself. These reports were splendid, and did much to impress the importance of this our Blue Box Thank Offering on each one. Resolutions were read by Mrs. W. L. Powell on these reports and the resolutions were adopted. At the conclusion of the meeting sandwiches and coffee were served.



Senator Lee S. Overman.

## New Elam News.

New Hill, May 31.—Mr. W. M. Goodwin motored to Hamlet last week and was accompanied by Miss Maggie Marks, a trained nurse, who is going to nurse Mrs. Ben Goodwin. Miss Marks has been spending several weeks with Mrs. G. L. Mann and will be greatly missed in this community. Mrs. G. L. Mann spent one day last week in Sanford with her sister, Mrs. O. M. Goodwin.

Mrs. Addie Webster, Rennie and Dwight Webster spent Friday night near Bynum with Mr. and Mrs. J. Jeter Hackney. Mr. Monroe Poe, Miss Mozell and Brice Poe spent a few days in Southern Pines last week. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin R. Hearne and Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Goodwin and little son of little Rock, S. C. spent a few days recently in this section with kinsfolk. While loading logs one day last week, Herbert Holt happened to the misfortune of hurting his right foot. In some way the chain broke and a log fell on his foot. We certainly hope he will soon be able to go back to work again.

Mrs. W. A. Drake spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Bettie Thomas on Pittsboro, Route 1. Mrs. S. C. Hughes of Snow Hill spent last week with her daughter Mrs. G. F. Carr. Mr. Millard Goodwin spent the week-end at Broadway with Mr. E. T. Mann and family. He was accompanied home by Mary Lee Mann. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton Sauls and children were Sunday guests of relatives at Mrs. Lina Holt of Varina is the guest of Mrs. E. H. Holt. We have a few cases of measles in our section, though they are not serious. There are not many people through here to have the measles, only small children.

## TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY:

I understand that it is being circulated throughout the county that if I am nominated and elected Sheriff that I would not put forth any effort to enforce the prohibition law. The report is also being circulated by my enemies that I am not a prohibitionist. I wish to correct these false and malicious statements so far as possible. These statements certainly must have been started by my political enemies. I do not believe that they were started, or circulated, by my opponent, Sheriff Blair, for he knows me well enough to know that the statements are not true, and I know he is too much of a gentleman to be a party to such false and malicious statements. If nominated and elected Sheriff of this county I pledge myself to do all in my power towards law enforcement, and especially towards enforcement of the prohibition law. Of course, I want all the support I can get from the voters in the Primary on next Saturday, but I want to say most emphatically that if anyone votes for me with the hope or expectation that the prohibition law enforcement in this county will be lightened, or overlooked in the least respect, this one will be most sadly mistaken, for it will be my expectation to maintain the high standard set by my opponent and his predecessors in office. It hurts me to think that such false and malicious reports should have been circulated, for I do feel that both my private and public life has been so conducted that the people of this county should not question or doubt that I am in favor of strict enforcement of the prohibition law. I trust that I have made myself clear, and I hope that it can be said that no one has cast his vote against me for fear that I will not enforce the prohibition law; also that no one will cast his vote for me, thinking that he will weaken enforcement of the prohibition law in Chatham County.

Most sincerely,  
J. DEWEY DORSETT.  
Pol. Adv.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

The following white couples have secured marriage license since May 10: G. R. Markham and Sallie L. Arnold; Frank G. Brooks and Louise E. Cunningham; Edmond Williams and Della Mae Barker; John W. Cole and Martha P. Pearson; T. Raymond Wilkie and Clara E. Bell; James Harrington and Lucinda Lee; Willie G. Phillips and Brona D. Carter.

## GULF NEWS

Julian Moore is spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore previous to his graduation at State College.

Miss Frances L. Beal of Durham spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Viola Johnson of Pineland School for girls and Miss Virginia Murchison of Meredith College are at home for the summer.

Mr. John Wesley Russell of this place was one of the students of Sanford high school who graduated last week.

Mr. C. S. Martin left Monday to accept a position at Madison with the A. and Y. R. R.

Mr. D. E. Murchison has accepted a position with Carolina Fire Proofing Co.

Mr. J. B. Little and family of Merry Oaks were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Little.

Mrs. D. M. Tyner delightfully entertained a number of young people Wednesday evening from eight until eleven. The occasion being a surprise party for Miss Bessie Poe, one of our popular young ladies. A contest and several games were enjoyed after which refreshments in the way of cream and cake were served. Those present were Misses Alma and May Osborne, Jettie and Mary Phillips, Ina Lakey, Margaret and Isabelle Palmer, Helen Wicker, Blanche Wilkie, Annie and Elsie Tyner, Bessie Poe, Louise Jourdan, Messrs. Wiley and Billie Beal, Russell and Bright Phillips, Billie Beaufort, Byron Johnson, Robert Jourdan, Richard Moore, Clarence Wilkie, Martin Palmer, Mack Wicker.

## BYNUM ITEMS

Mr. A. B. Riddle of Durham spent the week-end here with his family. Mrs. D. L. Tripp of Chapel Hill spent Saturday and Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. E. Riggsbee.

Mr. Potts and Mr. Odell Butler of Durham spent the week-end here visiting Mr. A. B. Riddle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poe and son, Mrs. W. A. Poe and Mrs. L. J. Andrews of Durham spent Sunday here with their sister, Mrs. E. Riggsbee, who has been sick, but is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Pardou and Mrs. Duncan of near Chapel Hill spent Monday here with Mrs. W. L. Carter.

Rev. C. E. Ruffin of Ellerbe was with us last week-end and conducted service here in the Methodist church each night. His preaching was very much enjoyed by all.

On last Friday night the Ladies Aid Society of this place gave Mrs. R. L. Eubanks a shower of various articles which are useful in a home. Mrs. Eubanks had the misfortune of getting her home and contents burned some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Neal spent the week-end in Durham visiting Mrs. Neal's mother, Mrs. R. L. Smith. Miss Nell Page Atwater of Durham spent the week-end here with her father and friends.

On next Sunday, June the 6th Children's Day will be observed at Cedar Grove church on the Haw River circuit. Dinner will be served on the grounds. The public is cordially invited. All are expecting a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Snipes of Route 1 spent the week-end with Mr. Snipes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Snipes.

## SILER CITY SCHOOLS TO HAVE NEW HEAD

W. G. Coltrane, of Grifton, Is Elected Superintendent and F. P. Chapman Principal

Siler City, May 27.—Of interest is the announcement today by Junius Wren, secretary of the local school board, of the election of W. G. Coltrane, as superintendent for the coming year to succeed S. J. Husketh, who is retiring after having held this position for the past four years. Mr. Coltrane comes from Grifton, where he has been engaged in his profession for ten successive years. The board also elected F. P. Chapman, of Whiteville, as principal of athletics. Other members of the local school and director of faculty will be elected at an early date.

W. A. Headen and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomas have returned from Gainsville, Ga., where they attended the commencement programs at Riverside Military academy, from which institution William Headen and Fred Thomas were graduated. The young men accompanied their parents home and will spend the summer vacation here.

The union revival services being held this week at the Methodist church by the three local ministers.

### Training Class Commencement

Pittsboro and all Chatham county are peculiarly favored in the establishment here of the teacher-training class, which for two years has been under the efficient charge of Miss Luan Berry. The second session has ended. The class gave what Supt. Thompson terms the best play ever given in a Chatham school, "Daddy Long Legs." Another feature of the commencement exercises was the address of Dr. C. C. Taylor of State College. The members of the class were named last week.

## "JIMMIE" HANCOCK GONE

Chatham's Tiny Citizen Passes Under Exceedingly Distressing Circumstances—Father Weighed only 30 lbs.

Bear Creek, N. C., May 31.—Jimmie D. Hancock, known all over this section as "Little Jim," died Sunday afternoon at 12:45 in Scott's Hospital at Sanford.

This is one of the saddest deaths that has occurred recently in this community. Little Jim attended an ice-cream supper at Mr. W. A. Phillips' Saturday night and at midnight some boys called Mr. Phillips and asked him if they might place him in his barn and if he would not look after him. Sunday morning when Mr. Phillips went out to feed his stock he found Jimmie in the barn unconscious and struggling for breath. He notified his brother, George H. Hancock, who immediately carried him to Glendon where Dr. M. E. Street examined him and state that he was suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage and advised that he be carried at once to a hospital where something might be done for him. He was then carried to another brother's home, Mr. John H. Hancock, who took him in his car to the Scott hospital, where he passed away at a quarter to 1:00 p. m.

He was buried at Tyson's Creek Baptist Church at 4:00 p. m., Monday, the service being conducted by Rev. Grover C. Phillips, who read Job 14 and spoke from 2 Kings 20:1.

A very large crowd attended the funeral service, many not being able to get a seat in the church.

Mr. Hancock was born March 20, 1873 and was a son of Mr. Mack Hancock and Mrs. Parlee (Smith) Hancock, who later married Mr. Thomas Gerrey. He is survived by two full brothers, Messrs. George H. and John M. Hancock and by five half brothers and sisters, Messrs. Oscar and William Gerrey and Messdames H. B. Phillips, C. H. Wilkie and G. H. Shuskey. Also one half brother by marriage, Mr. T. H. Gerrey. The Gerreys all live in Walnut Cove except Mrs. Phillips, who lives at Siler City and Mrs. Wilkie, who lives at Bear Creek, Route 1. The Hancocks live near the old home place where they were reared about three miles Southwest of Bear Creek.

Up until he was thirty-five years of age Mr. Hancock's average weight was only about 50 pounds, but he reached the weight of around 100 pounds at the time of his death. His father's average weight was thirty-five pounds and he was but thirty inches in height, being one of the smallest men ever to have lived in this section. We understand that he had six children born to him and his good wife (who was a large woman, weighing 250 pounds) three of them were small, like their father and three of them were of average size. Two of the small ones died in infancy and one of the larger, the other three, John, George and Jimmie, living to maturity.

Little Jimmie was loved by everybody who knew him, was of a most congenial and friendly disposition, full of life and humor, and was the warm friend of every person he knew. We shall miss his familiar form as he went from place to place among his friends. The writer would commend his sorrowing people to Him who is ever the comfort and help of those who suffer grief. He doeth all things well.

GROVER C. PHILLIPS,  
Bear Creek, N. C., May 31, 1926.

## COMMENDS COMMISSIONERS AND SUPT. A. T. WARD

Editor The Chatham Record, I wish to commend our County Commissioners for one of the most forward steps taken for the interest of Chatham I am sure that ninety per cent of the people of this County approve and will continue to laud them for their wise decision when they decided to give Chatham County road manager to work out a system of building and maintaining our roads.

I think our Board was very fortunate indeed, and are to be congratulated for their ability to reach out and secure from our State Highway a man of experience and ability in the person of Mr. A. T. Ward for this position. Mr. Ward is no stranger here; he served two years as County Commissioner, and four years with State Highway Commission; and he is familiar with our local road conditions. He will make an excellent road manager. I know Mr. Ward personally, and will say that he has a reputation without reproach; he is a gentleman of courage and ability, and will work for the best interests of the County.

I wish to thank Mr. Ward personally for the excellent condition he has our roads in, at the present time. I drive over the roads quite often and will say that I have seen quite a change for the better. I believe, at the present rate, within two years Chatham will be second to no county in the State in good roads. It is wonderful to see the transformation taking place over the county. Roads are being widened; rocks removed; and short links built connecting the roads with our Highway system; making it possible to drive in almost any direction over the county; and thereby saving many miles for the traveler. Bynum, N. C., May 31st, 1926.

T. A. THOMPSON

Mrs. W. B. Chapin, after spending several weeks in a Richmond hospital, arrived home a few days ago greatly improved.

## THE AVENT FERRY BRIDGE

Lee and Chatham Make It a 50-50 Job—Contract to be Let—Main Bridge 540 Feet

Discussing the action of the Lee and Chatham commissioners in a joint session at Pittsboro Friday, May 23, with regard to building a bridge across the Cape Fear at Avent's Ferry, the Sanford Express says:

"For several years the question of constructing a bridge across the Cape Fear River at Avent's Ferry has been discussed by people on both sides of the river and by the commissioners of both Lee and Chatham. Meetings were held from time to time, but it seemed it was hard for the commissioners of the two counties to get together on any proposition proposed. But it seems that during the past few weeks the matter has taken concrete shape and there is bright prospect of the proposed bridge being built in the near future."

Some time ago the matter of making the surveys and the estimate of the cost of the bridge was placed in the hands of Gilbert C. White Company, civil engineers, of Durham. They came down, made the survey and submitted a report of the cost of the bridge to the commissioners of the two counties. According to their estimate a steel bridge would cost \$60,000 and concrete bridge \$75,000. This is the cost of the bridge proper and does not include the cost of the approaches and perhaps one or two small bridges leading to the main bridge. According to the report the main bridge would be 540 feet long. It is estimated that a short bridge on this side of the river would cost Lee county about 16,000. This does not include the entire cost of the Lee county approach. Chatham county, would, of course build the approach on the other side of the river. The river bridge can be constructed and used without building the small bridge at this time. Very seldom the water would be high enough to prevent people from crossing the river bridge.

The commissioners of the two counties met at Pittsboro last Friday and after discussing the matter from every angle passed a resolution ordering that the bridge be advertised for letting, with the proviso that any and all bids can be rejected should the commissioners of the two counties find this course advisable. Bonds will probably be issued by the two counties for the construction of the bridge.

According to the contract with Gilbert C. White Company should the bridge be built they are to draw six per cent of the cost of the structure for making measurements, soundings, estimates, and other service rendered in connection with the preliminary surveys. Should the commissioners of the two counties decide not to build the bridge the surveyors would be paid not exceeding 2 per cent for service rendered. The commissioners who attended the joint meeting from this county were Chairman T. A. Riddle, W. Gilliam Brown and Percy Seymour. They were accompanied by County Attorney W. R. Williams and County Auditor J. M. Clark."

## COURT CALENDAR

Court calendar for criminal term, commencing June 7th, 1926. Hon. N. A. Sincclair, Judge Presiding.  
Monday, June 7th, 1926.  
56 State vs. Lenning Mashburn.  
90 State vs. A. L. Dunn  
93 State vs. J. O. Medlin  
132 State vs. J. W. Allred  
182 State vs. Lenning Mashburn  
185 State vs. Lewis Rogers  
185 State vs. Prince Matthews  
188 State vs. John Kidd  
191 State vs. Shed Petty  
194 State vs. Off Gunter  
245 State vs. Adolphus Dickens  
244 State vs. Fletcher Dowdy  
206 State vs. L. P. Wilkins  
208 State vs. Howard Stackhouse  
209 State vs. Will Emerson  
Tuesday, June 8th, 1926.  
224 State vs. Marvin A. Conklin  
229 State vs. Ernest Brown  
231 State vs. J. A. Stephens  
232 State vs. Charlie Alston  
233 State vs. Fletcher Siler  
235 State vs. Claud Hicks  
241 State vs. Jim Hearn  
242 State vs. Horace Phillips  
All jail cases not calendared will be called on Monday. All defendants who are bound to appear to show good behavior or pay costs will appear on Monday.  
All other cases not on calendar will be called at the end of Tuesday's calendar.  
Defendants and witnesses need not appear until the day on which their case is calendared.  
E. B. HATCH,  
Clerk Superior Court Chatham Co.

## DROUGHT DISASTROUS

The dry weather continuing up this writing has played havoc with crop prospects. Very little cotton is up, and the danger is that the seed germinated and died. Gentle showers Monday evening and night and the promise of more Tuesday evening, which promise we hope to have seen fulfilled before this appears in print, gives considerable encouragement. A seven weeks' drought at planting season is a severe blow to the farmer ready impoverished by two bad crop years.

Miss Minnie Bell is among the large number of young ladies receiving diplomas at Meredith this week. She gets the B. A. degree.

## MONCURE NOTES

Misses Nita White and Sarah Daniels who came home with Miss Catherine Thomas from college returned home last Friday to Atlanta, Ga. They were accompanied home by Misses Catherine and Elizabeth Thomas for a visit.

Mesdames Thomas R. Wilkie and John Belle, Jr. spent today, Tuesday, in Raleigh.

Mrs. Geo. W. Geide and Miss Anna Hershey of Pennsylvania are visiting Capt. J. H. Wissler.

Mrs. Daisy Lambeth and little daughter, Mary Helen spent last week-end in Fayetteville visiting her mother.

Miss Stella Womble, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Womble who finished the training course under Miss Berry at Pittsboro, last week, is spending her vacation at home here.

Mrs. Julia Stedman is visiting Mrs. R. L. Lambeth at Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Wilkie have rented rooms from Mr. Moody Womble and are doing light house-keeping.

Miss Leona Johnson of Bonsel is spending this week with Miss Mary Womble.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Womble and family spent last Sunday at Bynum with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Jack Thomas on Route two has been very sick. Hope that she will soon be better.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Kennedy of Southern Pines have moved to Lockville to assist with the Power Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Self attended the commencement at Elon College last week.

Mr. William Womble, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Womble has gone to Florida where he has again secured a position with Mr. W. L. Wade, who is building roads there.

Miss Willie Bostain and a friend are visiting Miss Katherine Hackney this week.

Many from Moncure are planning to attend Children's Day or Sunday School Day at Mt. Zion church next Sunday afternoon.

There will be Sunday School Day at Providence church, four miles north east of Moncure the second Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

## MAY MEETING OF U. D. C.

The Winnie Davis chapter, U. D. C. was entertained in May by Mrs. J. L. Griffin and Mrs. E. A. Farrell at the home of Mrs. Griffin.

The meeting was opened by prayer. The minutes were read and the treasurer collected dues. Mrs. Lee Farrell, chairman of relief, reported flowers and fruit sent to sick. Mrs. C. C. Hamlet, chairman memorial committee, gave a report of the Memorial Day exercises.

We were urged by our president, Mrs. H. A. London to give the Confederate graves special care. Chairman of the ways and means, Mrs. R. H. Hayes told of plans to sell sandwiches the day of the primary and by unanimous vote all arrangements were left to her and her committee.

It was voted that we each send a card to Mrs. W. B. Chapin in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Richmond, and to Miss Fannie Nooe at Sanatorium. Also that we send flowers to Mrs. Will Bland.

Mrs. O. J. Peterson was named chairman of the badge committee, and the chapter voted to buy a supply of flags. A new member, Miss Fredricka Brooks was received into the chapter.

Miss Margaret Womble gave information about Stone Mountain coins and also read a paper on a noted woman spy, Mrs. Rosa Greenborough, who is buried in Wilmington, being one of the very few women buried with military honors.

A rising vote of sympathy was given Mrs. H. D. Gunter and Mrs. J. W. Johnson.

Dixie was sung as a closing song and a delicious ice cream course was served by Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Farrell assisted by the little Misses Sarah Griffin and Hayes.

A special guest of Mrs. Griffin's was Mrs. P. A. Hayes of Greensboro.

## FOUND ON THE HOOK

The editor found the following item on his file and gives it for what it is worth: "Henry F. Durham says anybody that has read the Bible knows that it does not mention anywhere in the ten commandments not voting for Dewey Dorsett, but it does command us not to bear false witness against our neighbor and to love our neighbor as our selves, and if Sheriff Blair is not our neighbor who is? But I do not say Mr. Dorsett has failed, but somebody has reported things perhaps on all and I fear we do not love our neighbors as ourselves."

## BUILDING IN PITTSBORO

The Baptists are adding three small Sunday school rooms to their church. The work is being done by Mr. Oscar Petty. Mr. Newton Moore is erecting an eight-room residence on his lot in the Lanus grove. Mrs. W. L. Powell is having the preliminary work done toward the building of a new home on the site of the one recently burned. Progress is being made in changing the Nooe saw mill and planing plant to a steam basis. Since the blowing up of the boiler a few years ago the plant has been operated by electricity. The saw mill will be placed near the planing plant in order that one boiler may furnish steam