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A PITTSBORO BOY 125 YEARS AGO

Barefoot Lad Who Was To Win Distinction As Educator

A hundred and twenty-five years ago a barefoot lad who was to win distinction as educator and minister might have been seen plodding along the dust covered roads about Pittsboro. His name was William T. Brantly, and he was one of a numerous progeny of parents blessed with few of this world's goods, according to a sketch written by one son.

Whether his family lived in the May's Chapel neighborhood, or in the Rock Spring community is not quite certain. Blake Brantly was the deacon at Rock Spring, and Wm. T. may have been his son. But the indications are stronger that he was a resident of the May's Chapel neighborhood. Purefoy's history of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association states that Wm. T. Brantly was a member of that church, then known as George's Creek. And there was another William Brantly who was a member of that church, and who is recorded as a delegate to the Sandy Creek association in 1807 as William Brantly; the next year he is recorded as minister, and the next year as a student at S. C. College, where he graduated in 1808.

These early years of the nineteenth century was the era of a remarkable revival that spread over the whole country. It is noted in the sketch of Rock Spring church that that church enjoyed a great revival in 1800. That was probably about the time Wm. T. Brantly was converted, which was at the age of fourteen.

The boy was so bright and so religious that he soon began to speak in public. After the pastor had preached he would ask to be allowed to speak and it is related that more than one man attributed his conversion to "that boy who spoke after the minister was done."

There lived at Pittsborough in those days one William Warden, a wealthy Scotchman but a member of no church, who was so impressed by the talent of the boy that he offered him the funds necessary to prepare him for college, and the youth gladly accepted the proffered aid. Afterward, as stated above, he attended S. C. College, of which Jonathan Maxcy, a former scholarly president of Brown University, was president, and between whom and the young Pittsboro student sprang up a deep friendship.

Completing his college course in 1808, the young man became "rector" of Richmond Academy, in Augusta, Ga., preaching to the destitute congregations of that section on Sunday. While residing at Augusta he married a sister of Governor McDonald.

Later he became pastor of the Beaufort, S. C., Baptist church. In 1819 he returned to the rectorship of the school in Augusta and while teaching organized the first Baptist church of that city.

In 1824, the former Chatham county lad was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Philadelphia, which was at that time one of the most distinguished Baptist pulpits in the Union. While pastor at Philadelphia he edited one of the leading Baptist papers of the country for eight years. At the end of twelve years, his health failing in that northern climate, he returned south and became pastor of the First Baptist church of Charleston, S. C., and also served as president of the College of Charleston. The double work that he had so long done finally broke him down and he was stricken with paralysis while hearing the senior class recitation on July 13, 1844. He never recovered.

Memorial Meeting At Rock Springs

Mr. P. T. Farrell has reported the memorial day services at Rock Spring cemetery, just out of Pittsboro, quite a success. Besides the pastor's sermon, addresses were made by Mr. J. L. Griffin and Mr. A. C. Ray. A big dinner was served. Mr. Griffin's address was of a historical nature. Mr. Farrell has loaned one of the rare volumes of Purefoy's history of the Sandy Creek association, from which we give here the story of Rock Springs church.

The Sandy Creek church, in Randolph county was the parent of the Baptist churches of a large part of the south. The old church started with sixteen members who moved to the Sandy Creek community from Virginia. Shubal Stearns was the notable leader of the little church which was to revolutionize the church life of so large an area. In a comparatively little while the members of the church had grown from sixteen to 606. The association soon embraced churches in a territory extending as far as New River in Onslow county, and in South Carolina. A little later and the membership of the church itself which covered a large area began to withdraw and establish new churches. It is supposed, you note, that Rock Springs existed for a time as a mere arm of the Sandy Creek church. But here is what Purefoy's history, published in 1859, nearly seventy years ago, says:

"Rock Springs Church.

This church is located two miles north of Pittsborough in Chatham county. It was known probably by the name of "Haw River Church" at first, then by the "Old Fork," and finally when it moved to its present site it took the name of Rock Spring. It was no doubt an arm of Sandy Creek church, at the formation of the Sandy Creek Association, in 1758, and was soon afterward constituted into an independent church; consequently, it may be considered the second oldest church in this association, that is in 1858, the centennial of the organization of the Sandy Creek Association—Ed.), and Bear Creek the third oldest. The church records, previously to 1817, cannot be found. In 1800, or during the next year, this church enjoyed an extensive revival of religion, under the ministerial labors of Rev. George Pope. Elder Elathan Davis, it is supposed, succeeded him in the ministry at this place.

From 1816 to the present time, 1859, the following ministers, in the order in which their names came, having been the pastors of the church: Elders Robert T. Daniel, George Brown, Hezekiah Harmon, Thos. D. Armstrong, William H. Merritt, Geo. W. Purefoy, Jesse Sowell, and William Lineberry.

The deacons have been Robert Ward, Blake Brantly, Stephen Moore, Richard Webster, Willie B. Straughan, Ransom C. Poe, Guilford Petty, Elisha H. Straughan, Geo. W. Dismukes, and C. C. P. Dismukes.

The clerks have been, since 1816, Basil Manly, William Lightfoot, W. B. Straughan, S. Moore, E. H. Straughan, and Joseph G. Dismukes.

Brethren Basil Manly was licensed to preach by this church April 25, 1818, and Brethren Edmund A. Poe and Richard R. Moore were licensed in 1854.

Note that the ancestor of the notably influential Manly family was clerk of this old church. The editor himself studied Latin at Wake Forest under Dr. Geo. W. Manly, a grandson of this Basil Manly, while hundreds of the most prominent preachers in the south studied under Basil Manly, Jr., son of the old clerk of Rock Springs, at the Louisville, Ky., Seminary.

Many a man's good reputation is due to what isn't found out about him.

Writing has one great advantage. It makes no noise to annoy people.

Farm-Grown Sausage Pays Large Profits

Minnesota Man With 10-Acre Farm Sells Minneapolis Hotel \$6,800 Worth of Sausage in Year

More than \$6,800 worth of farm-grown and farm-manufactured sausage was sold to Minneapolis hotels, clubs and housewives last year by William J. Gregg, a hog raiser at St. Bonifacius, Minn., who believes that the day of big opportunity has come for the little farmer who puts out a high quality product.

On his little 10-acre farm 28 miles from Minneapolis last season Mr. Gregg and his son Walter raised 250 Berkshire shoats and put them through the sausage mill, says the Minneapolis Journal. This year they plant to convert nearly 100 purebred pigs into sausage and realize 510,000 profit. In order to manufacture his sausage under better conditions Mr. Gregg now is building a small modern plant on his farm.

No hog raised by Mr. Gregg is allowed to reach a weight of more than 180 pounds before going into the sausage grinder, "for he won't make as good sausage if permitted to get fatter than that." The pigs grow up in plentiful alfalfa pastures leased nearby and get a little shorts and shelled corn in the summer. They are then finished on Canada field peas, boiled barley and a little corn.

Mr. Gregg contributed much of his success to his careful methods of growth and feeding of the animals, to the fact that he tried to make sausage that is better than his competitors', and lets trucks or the mailman do most of his delivering.

"I have noted," Mr. Gregg said, "that the farmer who puts out a high quality product, for which there is a real public demand because of its better quality, and who avoids the high costs of transportation, handling and manufacturing that intervene between the farmer and consumer, is the one who has made the most money."

GARDNER WILL OPEN DURHAM EXPOSITION

Durham, May 9.—O Max Gardner, conceded by many to be the next governor of North Carolina, has accepted the invitation extended him to open the Durham exposition, which will be held in this city during the week of May 16. The Shelby man, probably one of the best known orators, and officials of the exposition feel that he will attract an enormous crowd on the opening night of the exposition. The exposition is being staged under the auspices of the Durham merchants' association with the view of showing to the people of this section of the state the wide diversification of products made and sold here. One of the most elaborate programs ever presented in this section of the state has been prepared for the week and includes musicians and speakers of note, in addition to other features.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS

The following contributions to the flood relief fund are reported by Mrs. N. M. Hill of the Red Cross:

Supplies	\$139.00
Rev. R. G. Shaunorhouse	1.00
Mr. J. L. Griffin	1.00
Baptist S. S. Pittsboro	15.00
Rev. Mr. Brown of Ebenezer church	20.00
Mrs. J. E. Morgan	1.00

SANFORD BANK MAN TAKES NEW POSITION

Sanford, May 8.—John R. Jones, Jr., who has been cashier of the Sanford branch of the Page Trust company for the past three years, has resigned to become Southern representative of the National Bank of Commerce, New York.

Mr. Jones is one of Sanford's prominent young business men and leaders in civic affairs.

REGARDING KNOWLEDGE.

(Henry Ford in Dearborn Independent.)

Knowledge is something that somebody once knew and left in a form which enabled anyone else, who wanted to, to know it.

If a man is born with normal human faculties, if he is equipped with enough ability to use the tools which we call 'letters' in reading or writing, there is no knowledge within the possession of the race that he cannot have—if he wants it!

The only reason every man does not know everything that the human mind has ever learned is that no one has ever yet found it worth while to know that much.

Men satisfy their minds more by finding out things for themselves than by heaping together the things which somebody else has found out.

You can go out and gather knowledge all your life, and with all your gathering you will not catch up even with your own times.

You may fill your head with all the 'facts' of all the ages and your head may be just an overloaded fact-box when you get through.

The point is this: Great piles of knowledge in the head are not the same as mental activity. A man may be very learned and very useless. Any college professor will tell you that. And then again, a man may be unlearned and very useful, very wide-awake in his mind—and any professor of psychology will tell you that, too.

The object of education is not to fill a man's mind with facts; it is to teach him how to use his mind in thinking.

Just how much knowledge must be held in common by everybody is a matter of fashion. It is largely a matter of the class of people you want to associate with.

If you move in one class you will discover that you are expected to be able to talk about art, and music, and poetry and similar subjects. Thousands of people are chattering about those things who don't know anything about them at all, but they have learned the phrases and they pass for 'educated.' A scholar of wide fame said just a little while ago; 'It is now possible in our best society to express opinions about a book without having read it, or to gabble about without knowing a single fundamental principle.'

People do this because it is expected of them and because it is the fashion. Most of the fads of society are intellectual fads, which change like the style of hats.

Of course, if you want to gather knowledge like pebbles and exhibit it, all right. That is one form of human vanity. But to flatter yourself that you are learned, while the man who does not follow your fad is unlearned, is to add a vicious flavor to your self-flattery.

There is a young fellow standing before you. His skin is clear, his eyes are bright, he understands what he sees, and his mind is awake. He doesn't know everything. As educational fashions go nowadays he may 'know' comparatively little. That is, his head may still be unburdened by a load of facts out of books.

No, he doesn't know everything. But as you look at him, as you note his comprehending gaze, as you mark the cool glance of his eyes, this thought comes to you: 'He doesn't know everything, but there is nothing he could not know if he wanted to; and when he chooses his work in life, he will learn it clear through to the end and beyond.'

He doesn't have much knowledge, but he has a lot of brains.

Please note!—if you are ever given a choice between brains and knowledge, choose brains.

With brains you can get any form of knowledge you need. But better than that—with brains you can use any kind of knowledge that you have. Without brains, no amount of gathered knowledge will ever amount to a straw.

The best thing a book does for a man is to make him think. All

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Legion Auxiliary.

The American Legion Auxiliary met with Mrs. C. E. Bryan Thursday evening, May 5th, 1927.

The meeting was opened with allegiance to The Flag. After which the secretary read the preamble.

It was decided to send our soldier at Oteen a year's subscription to the Saturday Evening Post, as a gift for Mother's Day.

The medal given by the auxiliary to the eighth grade girl in the Pittsboro high school was won by Miss Elsie Riddle. It was voted by the auxiliary to give this medal annually.

Mrs. C. E. Bryan gave a splendid report of the meeting in Raleigh.

The following program arranged by the president was then given: Memorials and memorial Day, Mrs. W. C. Johnson.

Poem—"Poppies"—Mrs. Geo. W. Brewer.

"The Message of the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy,"—Mrs. W. P. Latham.

"In Flanders Field,"—Mrs. Roscoe M. Farrell.

Mrs. Walter C. Johnson and Mrs. C. E. Bryan were appointed chairmen of the Poppy sale.

A delicious ice course was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. H. D. Gunter.

SHERIFF ENJOINED.

Judge W. C. Harris, on the plea of J. N. Peoples, represented by attorney Daniel L. Bell, ten days ago granted a temporary injunction against Sheriff Blair, forbidding him from advertising Chatham county lands for sale for 1926 taxes. The hearing on the matter is to be held by Judge Harris at Sanford today. If the injunction is made permanent, the matter may be carried to the superior court.

W. P. Horton, as attorney for the county, will represent the commissioners at the Sanford hearing.

The plea of Mr. Peoples is based on the ground that the context of the bill under which the land is to be advertised indicates that the law was not intended to apply to 1926 taxes.

The injunction is serving the good purpose of giving the people more time to raise the money for their taxes, but Sheriff Blair insists that they do not take too much for granted in this matter of the injunction, since he has to make his settlement according to law, and it is possible that the supreme court may set aside the injunction if made permanent by Judge Harris, and that the hardship on the delinquent tax-payers would be all the greater, since a delay might prevent his being able to collect all the taxes even if the people are prepared to pay them. A similar injunction has been secured in Wake and Johnston.

If you pay now as the Sheriff asks, the thing is over, whatever else happens.

FRED EXPECTS TO KEEP S. C. MONEY SAFE

Mr. Fred Paschal, newly elected Mayor, and Mr. Mann, both of Siler City, were here Wednesday and consummated a trade for the big iron safe that was used in the Clerk's office for nearly forty years. It was sold at auction when the new court house was occupied and purchased by Mr. J. S. Cook—Alamance Gleaner.

LOOKING BACK 72 YEARS.

Sanford, Rt. 4, May 4.

Editor Record:

I was at Pittsboro 72 years ago today, May 4, 1855, and saw Sheriff Richard Paschall hang Willis Hester, the first man in North Carolina to be hanged for stealing negroes? Jack Williams was sheriff, but Paschall as deputy was present and assisted in the execution. It was a rainy day, but there were thousands of people there. I do not know another that was there who is living. Major William Guthrie and I were together, but he is dead. If any one who was there that day sees this, I would be glad to have his name and address.

Respectfully,
J. R. BRIGHT.

Road-Bridge Work In Progress In County

Work is in progress on the repair of Moore's bridge preliminary to the turning of the Chapel Hill and Durham traffic through the deour being prepared in view of the early beginning of paving work on the Pittsboro end of the Pittsboro-Chapel Hill highway. The cost of the repairs to the bridge will be considerable, and then, we believe, that a new bridge is contemplated at another point on the Haw when the Pittsboro-Raleigh highway is constructed. But the work done on the old bridge and that done in making the deour fit for extensive traffic, will benefit the several communities in which the work is being done. The best way to Raleigh at present is by way of Durham, as a detour on route 50 lengthens the trip by Moncure, and the repair of Moore's bridge cuts off traffic on the Jenks road. When the bridge is repaired, the Jenks route can be resumed.

A rock crusher just out of Pittsboro is crushing stone for the paving work on the Chapel Hill-Pittsboro project, and a considerable sum is being expended in the purchase of stone. Several of our citizens are hauling great quantities of the rocks that have been a nuisance about their places. The price is 65 cents a ton delivered, but it doesn't take many stones to weigh a ton. It looks like slow money at first glance, but a good truck can haul many a ton a short distance in a day.

Also work begins this week on the Lockville Bridge across the Deep. That means that three bridges are under construction within a very few miles of Moncure. The Haywood bridge across the Haw and the Lockville bridge are state projects on route 50, but the bridge across the Cape Fear just below the confluence of the Haw and the Deep is a joint project of Lee and Chatham county.

The paving work, the engineering on both the Pittsboro-Raleigh and the Pittsboro-Chapel Hill routes, the construction of the detour, and the building of these three bridges, all together, are distributing quite a lot of money in the county. Moncure is peculiarly favored, and at a time when the good little town needs help to push it over the difficulties arising from the failure of the bank and of the Mill and Ginning Company.

Club Notes

The Civics department of the Woman's club held its regular meeting Friday evening May 6th, at the home of Mrs. Reid Thompson, with the Chairman, Mrs. Arthur Hill London, presiding.

Following the reading of the minutes of last meeting, etc., it was decided to ask all who would contribute a book for the club library.

A Better Garden Campaign was discussed and an exchange day, of shrubs, flowers and plants of all kinds will be held at an early date. It was also decided to have a flower show in the early fall.

Mrs. N. C. Shivar and Mrs. Walter Johnson will have charge of the program, which will be given at the next regular meeting of the club.

At the close of the business session delicious strawberry cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Many Additions to Durham Churches

Durham, May 8.—Scores of people have been converted in Durham during the past several weeks and many have joined the church as the result of a series of revival meetings which have been in progress for some time. Several denominations are included in the churches holding special services. A number of outstanding churchmen have been brought here for the meetings, including Bishop E. D. Mouzon, head of the two North Carolina Methodist conferences; Dr. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore, Md.; Rev. H. W. Connelly, of Roanoke Rapids, Va., and others. Several services are still in progress.

MEMORIAL DAY IN PITTSBORO

The Occasion One of the Most Delightful — Only Eleven Veterans Answer to Roll- Call

Memorial Day in Pittsboro was one of the most delightful in the history of the day. Only eleven veterans reported, but each of them seemed hale and hearty, and carries his eighty odd years more like a man of sixty than eighty.

Present were: G. T. Hart, G. S. Williams, H. M. Lewter, T. H. Gilmore, W. H. Cross, T. Y. Mims, J. Dan Dorsett, A. D. Burnett, J. B. Thomas, Richard M. Jones, J. R. Bright. Present also were Mesdames T. Y. Mims, J. R. Bright, Carson Johnson, Isaac Morris.

The ladies had prepared a most excellent and abundant dinner, and the youngsters of the sixties enjoyed it. After dinner, the boys were seated on benches in the court house hall and had a jolly good time, telling yarns and singing old war songs. The occasion was more social and had less of formality about it than any the writer ever witnessed in this, or any other county.

At one-thirty the crowd assembled in the court room to hear Senator W. B. Horton, of Caswell county, but a brother of our Senator W. P. Horton delivered an address upon the service of the Junior Reserves, especially with reference to the Battle of Bentonville.

After prayer by Rev. Jonas Barclay, the ladies sang the Bonnie Blue Flag. Mayor Ray then introduced Mr. Daniel L. Bell, who introduced most fittingly the speaker of the hour. Mr. Bell attributed to Mr. Horton the credit for the passage of the pension bill allowing the veterans a dollar a day.

Senator Horton, in his first words, identified himself with this county. He was glad to come home and have the honor of speaking on this occasion.

He paid glorious tribute to Mrs. H. A. London, and stated that he only did his duty in fighting for increased pensions for the veterans. Mrs. London deserved more credit than any one, and the D. D. C. of the state the whole credit. It was a real grief to him that Mrs. London could not be present on this occasion.

The speaker, before proceeding to the discussion of his subject, "The Junior Reserves," paid tribute to the North Carolina soldiers and to Governor Zeb Vance, the war governor who foresaw the needs of the Confederacy and provided blockade runners to bring in the needed goods from Europe.

Mr. Horton, as known to our readers, spent his boyhood in Chatham. He joined the navy as a youth. Served in it through the world war, and later retiring studied law and settled at Yanceyville, where his talents and high character won him the senatorship last fall.

He was chairman of the pension committee in the senate, and from the very beginning fought for the increase in pensions, and making the most celebrated speech of the whole session in behalf of his bill.

With him was his bride of Jan., a charming young lady who married him at the very opening of the session of the legislature in which he won his spurs as a statesman.

He is a good speaker and his address was thoroughly enjoyed by the appreciative audience.

While he was here as orator of the day, his brother who fought with him for the increase of the pension fund, was in Raleigh, where he was the Memorial Day orator. The Horton brothers certainly have won the hearts of the old soldiers and the U.D.C.

Just Too Dead

Judge (about to sentence a prisoner)—You have a pleasant home, a good wife and happy children? Prisoner (hopefully)—Yes, yer Honor.

Judge—Well, you won't see them for two months—Sydney Bulletin.

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