

# **GLEANING HISTORY** FROM AN OLD-TIMER

The Record Quizzes Judge J. S. Manning About Pittsboro and Manning Family

It behooves the residents of any He carried a minnie ball behind the It behooves the residence of a long shoulder-blade till death. He mar-community to catch and pass along shoulder-blade till death. He mar-the traditions of the past, and it ried Miss Tish Suitt, who preceded the traditions of the past, and it seems the peculiar province of the newspaper to put them in more permanent form, or to make the knowledge of them more general. In Chatham The Record man has to acquaint himself with the history of the county-seat and county. Accordingly, when he gets a chance at an old-timer he is alert to the opportunity.

Such an opportunity arose Friday, when Judge J. S. Manning, of Ra-leigh, was here on legal business. First, the editor wanted to get a clear understanding of the coming of the first Manning to Pittsboro. That was Judge Manning's own fa-ther, the late John Manning, whose name is perpetuated in the Manning Law School at the University.

The original seat of the Manning family was Edenton. Capt. John Manning was a naval officer, and captain of the famous gunboat The Bainbridge. For convenience's sake he moved to Norfolk. His young son John started out with his father on a voyage to South America and At Rio Janeiro, he tired of Africa. the gunboat regimen and returned home. He decided to be a lawyer, and came to Pittsboro to study under his kinsman John B. Haughton, then a well known attorney of this town, and the grandfather of Mrs. Nat Hill, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Ed Pou, and Dr. Ihrie. Mr. Haughton, if we get it straight, moved to New Bern, and young Manning assumed the practice of his preceptor. Soon afterward he married a daughter of Dr. Isaac Hall, who then lived where Mrs. Henry A. London now lives, and who was a son of Judge John Hall, one of the first justices on the supreme court bench under the present organization. The young couple built the Man-

ning residence, now owned and oc-cupied by Mr W. M. Eubanks, and became fixtures in the old town. But in 1881, John Manning was selected head of the law school at Chapel Hill. Previous to that date, Kemp P. Battle, long time president of the



Preach at Mandale to Junior Order at 2 P. M.

Editor Record: There will be a Junior O. U. A M. sermon preached by Rev. Paul Caudill, state chaplain of the Junior Order, in the Baptist church at Manndale on the first Sunday in April at 2 p.m. This will afford the brethren an opportunity of seeing and hear-ing the state chaplain. We want a full delegation from each council. Manndale is near the Alamance line. Highway 93, from Pittsboro to Graham, runs by the church. The following is the program for

the afternoon: Song by congregation. Invocation by H. C. Clegg.

Quartette by Cane Creek Council. Scripture reading. Quartette by Manndale Council. Introduction by A. A. Apple, Burl

ngton. Sermon by State Chaplain, Rev. R. Paul Caudill.

Quartette by Chatham council. Song—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"—by congregation. Benediction by Rev. O. C. Loy, Saxapahaw.

With best wishes for you and your council, I remain,

Yours respectfully, W. T. HURST,

BONDS SOLD FOR **Buried Last Monday PAVING STREETS** The funeral of Veteran Jerry Tripp was held at Mann's Chapel Monday afternoon of last week. Mr. Pittsboro Bond Issue of \$18,000 Daughter of Murdered Woman Tripp was a member of Mt. Pleasant. The pastor of the two churches, Rev. Sold for Street Improve-Mr. Brown, conducted the funeral service. Mr. Tripp served during the

ments-Par at 6 Per Cent

whole of the war between the states, and was wounded in the left shoulder. The Record carried an advertise-ment of a sale of \$18,000 in Pittsment of a sale of \$18,000 in Pitts-boro bonds but, it confesses, that it took for granted that the bonds were for the murder of whom J. H. Lawa part of the issue authorized by pub- rence was convicted in Chatham lic vote for the instalment of a town water system. But it turns out that the assumption was incorrect and damages. Lawrence, after an unthat the bonds are to be applied in paving certain streets, and in fund-

ing several thousand dollars of debts. It is proposed, we understand, to pave the sides of Main Street from the curbs to the highway paving in the deceased was maintaining a home the middle, and to surface the depot for four children and that the finanstreet, the one extending eastward cial damage is reckoned at \$25,000. from the court house, and possibly some of the cross streets. The sur-face of the latter are not to be cement, but the tar and broken rock surface, similar to that on highway cepted as evidence in a civil case

The issue of bonds was sold last week to Donald Lewis of Greensboro, the price being par with accrued interest since January 1.

# Marked Last Week

Rains, wind, and floods played hoped that the defense will try to havoc in numerous sections of the discover the whereabouts of the de-South the past two weeks. Southeastern Alabama and southwestern Georgia had unprecedented floods. Towns were covered to the housetops. In Tennessee a flood swept a in Durham some one else than Lawbunch of boy scouts from a river rence took her away. bank where they were camping, several losing their lives. A cyclone killed thirteen people in northwest-ern South Carolina, and a dip of a storm wrecked a section of the suburbs of Charlotte and killed one Other sections suffered simchild. ilarly. The nearest cyclone to Pittsboro was that which is reported to have cut a swath across a part of Randolph county, crossing the high-way near Staley only a few yards

way near Staley only a few yards from the Chatham line. A young gentleman who saw some of the effects reports that he saw a huge white oak, apparently perfect-ly sound, twisted down. A Mr. York four miles from Ramseur reported his ble about the crops, these of 1927 Whitehead Holt, an ex-president of North Caro-Company is reproduced from The and timber. A Mr. Lowe near Staley suffered losses also. It is said that scuppernong vines were uprooted. One man's barn was reported blown away. He is said to have found his horses qquite a distance from the location of the barn, but no tracks leading to the spot where they were. 1926, would have probably been that the county could not make a crop, as severe as anywhere, but fortunatedate. ly did not strike any residence. Of two tobacco barns standing near each other, one was scattered to the winds and the other left untouched.

SUED FOR \$25,000 Sues Man Convicted of Crime for Large Sum

ceased during the two hours that

Lawrence is known to have been in

Durham after the son of Mrs. Terry

left her on the street. If she wasn't

as the cotton was not up at that

The following are the figures as furnished by Mr. W. H. Woody, cen-

1927, at the same price. And that

measures the shortage that year over

the crop of 1927 in cotton alone.

The corn crop was also a very short

one last year, and the tobacco crop

short, or less valuable. Yet Chatham

farmers are coming through. Their

spunk is to be admired. The crop of

1925 if raised last year would have

given the cotton farmers a half mil-

sus taker:

1925—11,046 bales. 1926—10,190 bales. 1927— 7,741 bales.

1928- 6,759 bales.

**Ginning Figures for** 

friends from far and near will be in attendance. The exercises will be-gin at 11:30, dinner to be served at Mrs. Yandle, daughter of Mrs. 1 o'clock, from baskets brought from the homes of the charge. A great laymen's meet will come in the after-County Superior Court, has sued Lawrence for the sum of \$25,000 successful appeal, is serving a term

of thirty years in the penitentiary. Mrs. Yandle brings suit as administrator of the estate of her

HISTORICAL PRIZES mother, and sets up the claim that OFFERED BY U. D. If the suit goes to trial it will probably come up in the Durham county court. Just how far the ver-dict of the jury here would be ac-List of Prizes Offered This Year by U. D. C. for Best is an interesting question. Lawrence **Historical Work** is undergoing a penitentiary sentence on the verdict of a Chatham county jury, but whether a Durham county

1. A silver loving cup to chapter ury would consent to award damages eporting the greatest amount of hison the strength of that verdict is torical work along all lines. Given annually by Mrs. S. A. Kindley, Gashardly probable. If that verdict should not be allowed as sufficient tonia, in memory of her mother, Mrs. evidence, then it would seem that the Martha Glenn. whole fight would be to make over.

2. Ten dollars to the chapter reporting the greatest amount of historical work done in schools, offered by Mrs. W. E. White, Louisburg. chapter placing the greatest number of stars and bars flags in schools. Offered by the Orren Randolph Smith chapter, C. of C., Henderson, in memory of Orren Randolph Smith, designer of stars and bars flag.

Interest over the territory of the

Pittsboro circuit is great, looking to

the all-day service at Pleasant Hill

will be regarded as a home-coming occasion, and it is expected that

Essay Prizes the Past Four Years (For members of the North Caro-lina Division U. D. C.)

4. Twenty-five dollars for best es-For four years, yes five of them, the Chatham county cotton crop has fallen lower and lower. Yet that is not exactly right. The 1924 crop a memorial to his father, General James I. Metts, who was severely paid by the Stout Company, which wounded and left for dead on that puts a different phase upon the matwas smaller than that of either 1925 or 1926, but the 1924 crop was much smaller than that of 1923. The 1928 battlefield.

Pleasant Hill Church SCHOOL BOARD AND LOCAL BANK SUED Methodist church next Sunday. It Bonding Company Claims \$4,357 Paid on Note Prior

to Meeting Other Claims

The Bynum school building was erected under peculiar circumstances, to start with. The old building was noon. There will be a number of brief talks by local laymen, with main address by Dr. Matthews of Sanford. The public is cordially invited to enjoy the Easter day with us. J. A. DAILEY, Pastor. There are no district funds to meet payments on the interest and sinking funds, and the board of education has taken funds voted to extend the school term an extra two months and are applying them, it is understood, to the building debt. At least, the Bynum school ran only six months.

Now to an already complicated af-fair, a new feature is added. The building was erected by the J. W. Stout Company, which has since be-come bankrupt. There were left by the Stout Company, it seems, \$4,357 in claims for material and labor, which, of course, constitutes a lien upon the building. But the Mary-land Casualty Company had bonded the Stout Company, and claims were made upon the bonding company for payment of these labor and material charges. The bonding company, seeking to secure itself, discovers that the Stout Company had bor-3. Large stars and bars flag to the rowed \$6,000 from the Bank of Pittsboro to be used in the construction work, and that payments had been made on ths loan before the material and labor claims were settled. Accordingly, the bonding company has entered suit against the School Board and the Bank of Pittsboro for the recovery of \$4,357, which it is al-leged was paid on the note by the school board. However, an official

and 1928 got much the better start and looked more favorable till late in the season. The two better crops were made the two dry years. In 1926, chopping was going on the first of July. Thus it is seen that there is no judging a cotton crop till near hervise time 4 arediction June 15. 7 Ten dollars for best essay on the States and Reconstruction," of-is no judging a cotton crop till near hervise time 4 arediction June 15. 7 Ten dollars for best essay on the States and Reconstruction," of-is no judging a cotton crop till near dated school, before the payment should have been made and with full knowledge of the fact that certain claims for material and labor had not been met, the Maryland Casualty Isler, Greensboro, in memory of her Company has started a suit in equity in federal court here asking for the bank to refund this money and for an accounting. "J. W. Stout and Company, Sanford contractor, has been adjudged bankrupt. On the job of building the Bynum school, the Maryland Casualty Company was surety and is now being asked to meet certain material and labor claims. "J. W. Stout and Company borrowed \$6,000 from the Bank of Pittsboro and gave an order to the Chatham board of education to pay money due it to the bank for a credit on the note. This was paid ahead of material and labor claims, the plaintiff says, and asks not only for the court to disallow the claim of the bank for the difference between the \$4,957 paid and the \$6,000 but asks for a refund of that which has been

niversity. but under Mr. Manning's auspices, the law school first assumed form. All the Manning children, how-

ever, were born in Pittsboro. Judge S. was a little chap when Wheeler' Cavalry encamped on the silk mill hill, and he recalls how he was, one day, peeping through the fence at the soldiers when a cavalryman asked him to get over and ride with him. But he didn't accept the invitation.

Many years later J. S. Manning was attorney for Mr. Alex Ramsey in a suit growing out of a tragic inci dent at the close of hostilities. General Atkinson with a Yankee force was encamped at Chapel Hill He had forbidden his men to cross the Haw River; yet a bunch of them did cross it, robbed the DeGraffenreidt home on Hickory Mountain, were pursued by some Confederates who happened to be at home. Two of them, instead of crossing at Bynum, wandered up toward the Pace Mill bridge and were shot down by some one. In 1885 Alex Ramsey sought a government position and one Cheek at Hillsboro opposed his appointment on the grounds that he had murdered those two Yankee soldiers. Ramsey sued for slander or libel, and the case came to trial with Mr. Manning one of Ramsey's counsel. Cheek made out so clear a case that it became necessary for Ramsey to go on the stand or lose his suit, but he declined to do so. Judge Manning is confident that it was not because he had shot the men, but simply because testimony to clear himself would necessitate his telling who did shoot the Yankees, and he was right

there and knew. It was only a few days before this interview with Mr. Manning that Mr. E. M. Fearrington told the Record man about this tragedy, and that as a little chap he visited the home where the men were killed the next morning and saw the bodies.

After the murder of the Yankees, the people of Pittsboro were greatdisturbed lest General Atkinson

should send troops and take vengeance upon the town. Two representatives of the town were sent to buried here in the churchyard of St. see General Atkinson, and when told Bartholomew's church. Besides Judge about the matter, that gallant officer told them not to worry, that he vive, the two doctors, one mayor of had forbidden the soldiers to cross Durham and the other a resident of the river, and that if any more made he same way.

cane swooped down upon the town by the writer. the residents of the village. The knew and whose funeral he attended.

District Deputy. **New Ealm News** 

> Mrs. W. A. Drake spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Bettie From our informant's description of Thomas, on Pittsboro R. F. D. No. 1. the effects, the storm in Randolph was Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jones Sunday, March 24, a son.

Margaret Thomas, who has been visiting her aunt. Mrs. G. L. Mann, has returned to her home near San-

Mr. and Mrs. U. M. Goodwin and children visited friends in Sanford Sunday afternoon.

William Sturdivant of Mount Pleasant spent Friday of last week with his uncle, Mr. R. F. Sturdivant. Mrs. R. F. Sturdivant and children and Mrs. Glenn Tysinger spent Monday in Raleigh shopping.

#### **DURHAM EXPOSITION**

Durham is preparing for a great tertaining features are planned. Governor Gardner will deliver an address. A baby show featuring twins and triplets will be a notable feature. But there are so many attractions on the schedule that we refer you to the advertising of the Exposition, one of which appears in this paper. The exposition opens April 8.

Nothing makes a bride so angry as to be told that she might have done better.

Who wouldn't walk a mile for a Camille?

house is now and landed against the bank on the east side of the road. Wonder if it is possible that the little negro of that day is still living,

and who it is. About ten years after the removal of the Manning family to Chapel Hill, the youngest daughter died and was Manning, two other sons still sur-Winston-Salem; also several sisters, depredations over here to do them Mrs. Huske of Fayetteville, Mrs. Will illness.

Judge Manning recalled March of the famous Webb school of Bell-1875, when Judge McKoy, of Clin- buckle, Tenn., one unmarried daughton, was holding court and a hurri- ter, and possibly others not recalled

and lifted the roof from the court In connection with the mention Mesdames C. C. Hamlet and house, frightening the court, and all of Judge McKoy, whom the writer Brewer were guests present.

storms of last week were practically while the writer was a school boy at It takes sixteen acres of spruce on the anniversary of that storm of Clinton, Mr. Manning informed us trees to make the paper for the Sun-1875, which seems to have been just about such a storm as that which wrecked a small section of Charlotte. ried a sister of Judge McKoy. The newspaper is made from our forests He recalls that a little negro was family later removed to Wilkesboro, to form a strip as wide as a daily lifted bodily from the yard of its where two of the sons have been paper and long enough to reach to home about where Victor Johnson's druggists.

## **Club Notes**

The Music Department met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. R. M. Favrell. The meeting was opened with the club hymn followed by the collect. The chairman, Mrs. Peterson, read a letter from Mrs. Meekins expressing thanks for our contribution of five dollars to the Music Loan Fund. Mrs. Peterson then gave a resume of the work covered by this exposition. Many attractive and en- department for the past club year, the outstanding work being the study of four of the greatest composers, observance of Schubert Week, contribution to the Loan Fund, presenta-tion of Orthophonic Victrola and records to the Pittsboro school, a musical tea, and special observance of

music week. Following this report, on motion of Mrs. Victor Johnson, a rising vote

expressing the love and lovalty of the members of the Music Depart-ment was extended Mrs. Peterson.

It was decided to have a rummage Pullman Is Named

sale, Saturday, March 30th. On the fourth Friday evening, in April, a musical tea will be held in

the club room. Committees were appointed as fol-

Program-Mrs. Victor R. Johnson. Decorations-Miss Cordie Harmon. Refreshments-Mrs. A. J. Farrell. The organists of the different churches were requested to prepare special music for the first Sunday in May, this being the opening day of Music Week.

The department, by a rising vote, expressed its love, and sympathy for Mrs. Henry A. London in her present

An amusing program of stunts was given by those present.

Mrs. Farrell served a delightful salad course.

Mesdames C. C. Hamlet and G. W.

harvest time. A prediction June 15.

7. Ten dollars for best essay on 'North Carolina's Contribution to the Confederacy in Men Supplies," offered by Mrs. Hattie Watlington mother, Mrs. Eugenia C. Watlington.

8. Ten dollars for best essay on History of the First North Carolina Cavalry." offered by Mrs. W. S. Bernard, Chapel Hill, in memory of her uncle, Captain George S. Dewey. 9. Ten dollars for best essay on

Now when it is recalled that 1925 'General Nathan B. Forest, the Cavalry Leader," offered by the James B. Gordon Chapter, Winston-Salem, was also a short crop, it is not surprising that Chatham has seen hard times, but from what we hear the in memory of Mrs. Henry L. Riggins. people of the county are in better 10. Ten dollars for the best essay on "Why Fort Fisher Should Be Marked," given by Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, condition than those of many counties which have had no such series of short crops. Last year's crop was Wilmington. worth \$125,000 less than that of

11. Ten dollars for the best essay on "Our Territorial Expansion under Southern Leadership," offered by Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Gastonia, in honor of her father, Mr. D. B. Coltrane, of Concord, N. C.

12. Ten dollars for best essay on 'The Peace Conference of the Sixties," offered by Mrs. H. A. Cren- paid.' shaw, Salisbury, in memory of her father, Judge Joseph J. Davis.

lion dollars more than the crop of last year actually gave, and that is some money for the farmers of this ory of his father, General William Ruffin Cox.

14. Ten dollars for best essay on "Raphael Semmes-His Service Afloat," offered by Mrs. J. G. Stikeleather, Asheville, in honor of her father, Captain W. E. Weaver.

15. Ten dollars for best essay on "The History of Lee County's Liv-ing Veterans," given by Lee County Chapter, Sanford.

16. Five dollars for best essay on "Service Rendered by Surgeon of the Confederacy from North Carolina," offered by Mrs. Henry W. Wharton, Greensboro, in memory of her father, Dr. James Thomas Graves, a Confederate surgeon.

All reports and essays must be in the hands of the Division Historian, near Sanford and was a member of Mrs. William S. Bernard, Chapel Hill, not later than September 15th, long been prominent in this section. although it is urged that they should be sent in as early as possible.

Essays must be typewritten, with fictitious signature. Real name, chapter and address must be in sealfictitious name only.

Only correct and comprehensive papers will be considered for prizes. and the preference will be given those showing best original research.

"In other days the women wore their dresses down to their insteps." "Yes, but now they wear them up to their stepins."

#### **Policeman Kelly Is** Native of Chatham

Policeman J. C. Kelly, who was shot to death by a negro at Southern Pines the first of last week, was a native of New Hope township, this county. Most diligent efforts have been made to apprehend the murderer, but he hasn't been captured. It was discovered that the man whose name was on a letter found in the car abandoned by the desperate negro is a convict on the Caledonia farm, and he was down there at the time of the shooting. That left the offi-cers without any clue as to the identity of the murderer.

### **Dewey Dorsett Likely** to Get Appointment

News comes out of Raleigh that our Dewey Dorsett is in the lead in the running for appointment as the industrial member of the workman's compensation commission under the ed envelope on outside of which is new law. The commission is to consist of three members, one representing industry, another labor, and the third the public. A secretary is to be provided, and Alex Lassiter, longtime principal clerk of the house of representatives, is said to be the most prominent candidate for the job.

> All the world loves to laugh with or at a lover.

county. for Dr. D. C. McIver

Sanford, March 22 .- The memory of the late Charles Duncan McIver founder and first president of North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro, has been honored by the Pullman company, which has named one of its newest cars for the great Tar Heel educator. The car, bear-

ing on its side the name "McIver," is now in service on the Seaboard Air Line railroad. Dr. McIver was born and reared

the family of that name which has

'May I print a kiss on your lips?" I said,

And she nodded her sweet permission. So we went to press and, I rather guess

We printed a full edition. 'One edition is hardly enough," Said she, with a charming pout.

So again on the press the form was placed, And we got some extras out.

Chickens that come home to roost

have more sense than some people.

