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Threatens Food Administrator

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Dear Mr Manning
I will drop you a few lines to tell you if you or any of your friends are going to come out here to search for food stuff or any thing you had better not come for your grave is dug and you all will sure get in it for the guns is loaded for the woman is going to burn you and the men has their guns red dy you had better stop the molases question rite now or they all say this is a free country and they are going to keep it free you tend your own business and let others alone or you will dy and no one will not no what become of you—

The foregoing letter was recently received addressed to Mr. Asa J. Manning, which was evidently intended for W. C. Manning

In analyzing this letter, I conclude that it must have been written by one of my fellow citizens as his postoffice is Williamston; second, I must be held in the esteem of a friend as he says: "Dear Mr. Manning" I thank him for this. Third, I guess that he is expecting to be examined by the authorities of his county, which is usually some evidence that a man is not within the law. And then he says that my grave is already dug, and that I will be sure to get in it.

Now as to the method of getting in the grave there is some question, as he states that the men have their guns to shoot and the women will burn. So the death will be in secret and the grave will be hidden. This would closely resemble the death and burial of Abel of old, when his brother Cain harbored murder in his heart and slew him when no eye save that of God beheld him. Well, secret murder has occurred many times in the past and every man knows that the mangiest cur that ever scratched a flea, can hide under the door step and bite an innocent child.

Then he seems to stress the molases question, about which he fails himself to make clear. Then the question of freedom is touched, which is a beautiful thought. But what does a slave of the devil know about freedom, is he capable of discussing freedom? That is a freedom that has truth and honor for its foundation, and he has neither for he seems to have unlawfully used the mails, harbored murder in his heart and violated many laws, and it is safe to say it all because he is engaged in an unlawful business. And while he is too cowardly to sign his name and everything he is going to do he proposes to do in secret which would be a high crime against society, against the State and against the Nation.

I respectfully submit to him that I am willing for honest men to judge me at any place and at any time. And I hope that my fellowmen will weigh our differences and see who is right. Now should you write again, please be kind enough, man enough and honest enough to sign your name.

W. C. Manning.

Notice

The Williamston Unit of the Council of Defense will meet on March 28th for the transaction of business. All those desiring to help in this work are invited to join and increase the activities for good.

Sergeant Dennis Taylor, who is at Camp Jackson, is at home on sick leave after an attack of pneumonia and meningitis.

Ruling Of Food Administrator

Raleigh, March 19th, Henry Page, U. S. Food Administrator for North Carolina, today dropped a bomb into the camp of blockaders and those merchants and millers who have been supplying blockaders with food products. Mr. Page's statement covering the matter was characteristically short and sweet. Here it is:

"To use food products, sugar, corn meal, molasses and the like in the manufacture of blockade whiskey, rum, etc., is clearly a wilful waste of food and as such is punishable under the Lever Act. It is also unlawful for merchants or millers to sell these products to such persons or in such quantities as make it appear reasonably certain that they are to be used in the manufacture of illicit intoxicants.

"The Federal Food Administration for North Carolina gives notice that it will take prompt and drastic action when evidence can be secured that any merchant or miller has offended.

To Camp Jackson

The Martin County Board of Exemption sent six men to Camp Jackson on Wednesday morning. These assembled here on Tuesday afternoon and were guests at the Atlantic Hotel for the night. Mr. John L. Hassell, a member of the Board, gave them every attention and the Martin County men at the Camp will be pleased to have these splendid sons to join them in the fight for humanity. The six men were necessary to complete the quota that was due some months ago. Those that went Wednesday were, Thomas V. Davis, Clyde M. Robbins, William Clarence Wallace, of Jamesville; S. H. Grimes, Robersonville; Marion L. Burnett, Oak City; B. F. Whitehurst, Williamston.

Red Cross Auxiliary

On Friday afternoon last, Mesdames W. R. Burrell and C. H. Godwin and Miss Daisy Manning organized a colored Auxiliary to the Red Cross Society at the Graded School building. There were thirty-three of the most prominent colored people present, who were deeply interested in the formation of the Auxiliary. W. T. Alexander was made Chairman, Mrs. Bettie Andrews, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Maud Alexander, Secretary, Mrs. Alice Ormond, Treasurer, Miss Bessie Scott, Chairman of Knitting Committee. The Auxiliary will make comfort bags and knit sweaters, socks, scarfs, etc., according to the rules of the Society.

Days To Be Longer.

Congress has passed a law which requires that the clocks of the country be moved up one hour on April 1st. This will be in effect until the last day in October, when clocks will be moved back one hour, or sun time will be in effect again. So when you go to bed on March 31st, set your clock one hour ahead.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thrower and children, after a visit to relatives, left for their home in Hollister on Tuesday. Miss Mary King Ellison accompanied them as far as Rocky Mount.

Mr. James C. Riddick Dead.

After several days illness with pneumonia, James C. Riddick died at his home on the Leggett Farm near Williamston, Monday afternoon about 4:20 o'clock. He was born in Martin County in the year 1877, and upon reaching his majority, he married Miss Annie Askew, sister of Mr. Charles A. Askew, of Jamesville, who, with four children survive him. He was the son of Mr. James Riddick, Williams Township, and has several brothers and sisters living.

For years he had been a member of the Methodist Church, and was also a member of the Roanoke Camp, W. O. W., at Williamston. Engaging in the farming industry, he worked faithfully and industriously, providing comfortably for his family and giving full value to those with whom he worked.

On Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Harrison, of Plymouth, in the absence of the pastor at Williamston, conducted the services, and the members of Roanoke Camp, using their beautiful ritual, paid their tribute to the deceased brother. The body was taken to the Askew home near Jamesville and there interred.

Much sympathy is felt for the wife and children, who are forever to be deprived of the love of a husband and father.

Colored Selected Men.

List of Colored Men called for Military duty for Entrainment to Camp Grant, Ill. Tuesday, April 2.

James Arthur Jenkins, Alfred Wilson, Noah Wallace, Arthur Boston, P. W. Wright, Peter Davis, Frank Walker, Fred Spruill, W. H. Wynne, Sylvester Woolard, Walter Daniel, Everett Bryant, Garfield Teel, Robert Johnson, Anthony Worden, Isaac Purvis, Jesse Williams, Joseph Wilson, Tony Everett, James Columbus Hopkins, Edward Briley, Gus Wilson, Albert Williams, William Jenkins, Gully Mason, Charles Evans, George Clemmons, Sherman Moore, Will Brown, Alexander Coburn, Sam Highsmith, John Henry Ormond, John Hopkins, George Coburn, Henry Lewis, Joe Harry Williams, Elisha Dickens, George Shepherd, Augustus Roberson, Paul Clemmons, Herman Cox, Jesse Rascoe, Willie Johnson, Bruce Gee, Jasper Wiggins, Dennis Simmons, William Spruill, Oscar Lewis, James Cherry, Ruffin Council, John Hassell, Jr., John Staton, Spencer Octavius Towns, Sam Mayo, Paul Cherry, Harry Whitfield, John William Holliday, Arthur Whitfield, Jarrett Dolberry, John Lee, Moses Jones.

Auction Sale Today

Burton Bros. Auction Co., are selling citylots for r. James S. Rhodes today. These lots are situated on Haughton Street extension and are excellent lots for building purposes. Dr. Rhodes opened that section of the town several years ago and made an attractive addition. One very neat home has already been erected there, and no doubt, there will be others. While there are many vacant spots in the town very few lots are for sale at any price, as the citizens who own them prefer to remain owners. Haughton Street is one of the new streets in Williamston, but one of the most attractive, leading from the railroad to the cemetery.

Went After Cars.

The sales for automobiles here is so great that it was necessary for dealers to have some to satisfy the trade. Owing to the freight congestion, it was not possible to secure a single car. Nothing daunted, the dealers planned to get a number by going to Ohio and Michigan for them. Last Friday morning, S. Collins Peel, of the firm of York & Peel, agents for the Overland and Willys-Knight cars started to Toledo, Ohio, to bring cars back with him. To do this he had to carry a number of men and boys with him to drive the autos through the country, the trip being over 1,000 miles. Those accompanying Mr. Peel were, Heman Peel, Oscar Peel, James Manning, Preston Minton, J. D. Ward, Jr., Luther Peel, J. Griffin, Clifton Stokes, Hugh B. Anderson.

On the afternoon of the same day, J. W. Watts, who desired to secure Buick cars started to Flint, Michigan. He carried with him a sufficient number of men and boys, too, to drive the cars that he wanted to get, here for sale. No doubt the trip will be delightful, as the country through which they will drive is beautiful and interesting. He was accompanied by Paul Simpson, William Manning, Garland Anderson, Frank Saunders, Hermon Taylor, W. J. Whitaker, Oscar Anderson.

The Triangular Debate

The Triangular Debate between Robersonville, Scotland Neck and Williamston High Schools will be held here on March 29th at 8 o'clock in the Court House. The debaters from Robersonville and Scotland Neck will meet here, and the locals will go to Robersonville and Scotland Neck. The affirmative for Williamston: Louise Robertson and Mary King Ellison; Negative: Ethel Griffin and Esther Hodges.

Question: Resolved, That Congress should enact a law to settle industrial disputes by compulsory arbitration.

Oak City Items

The musical entertainment given by Mrs. Bowers and her pupils last Friday was well rendered, even by the youngest musical students.

Rev. W. R. Burrell and Mr. Clayton Moore, of Williamston, lectured on the war question and Thrift Stamps, Sunday p. m., at the Baptist Church.

Corporal B. L. Hines, of Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala., is spending the week at home.

Joe Ayers returned to Camp Jackson last Saturday after a week with relatives here.

Miss Harriet Tingle spent the week-end with her sister.

Mrs. R. W. House spent Saturday in Winterville.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Worsley and children spent Saturday and Sunday in Stokes.

J. B. Quartermus spent Saturday and Sunday in Williamston.

Jim Averett spent Saturday in Greenville.

F. Forbes spent the week-end in Weldon.

A dance given by the Dancing Club of Oak City was thoroughly enjoyed by a select crowd, Friday night.

Mrs. P. H. Davenport and Miss Annie Jones, of Hamilton was in town Wednesday.

Millinery Display

Thursday and Friday of last week, Harrison Bros. & Co., and Watters & White opened their Spring millinery, which was shown in beautiful designs and colors. A number of both small hats in black, grey and blues were on the counters, Milan straws prevailing. Both firms had some difficulty in getting their shipments of goods from the Northern markets owing to the congestion of freight and express, but finally a large assortment arrived. More millinery was sold, perhaps, previous to the opening than ever before, as the weather had been so spring-like for so many weeks. Purchasers were plentiful, however, on the two special display days, and prices ranged as usual. Harrison Bros. have the more attractive quarters for millinery than any firm in the county "The Biggest Store" is an ideal place to shop with comfort, as rest rooms are provided for ladies and there is a splendid amount of space. The county folks will find Williamston just the town in which can be found all things for the fashionable woman.

Conditions Favorable

The people who were in the automobile accident last week are all out with the exception of Mrs. Biggs and Mr. Crawford; and the latter will have to remain in bed for several weeks until the condition of his knees is better, as one patella is cracked. Mrs. Biggs is suffering from a sprained and bruised back and a shock to her entire system. Friends are hoping that she will soon be out of her room, and that no permanent ill effects will follow the accident. Jim Elmore, Jr., for whom grave fears were entertained, is able to get out in the open air.

Honorable Mention

Among the papers that we have received which are doing extra good work are: The Daily Reflector, Greenville (K. W. Cobb, Publicity Manager); The Sandhill Citizen of Southern Pines and Moore County News of Carthage (C. P. Heyward, Publicity Manager); The Montgomerian of Troy (C. C. Broughton, Publicity Manager); The Elkin Tribune and Mt. Airy News (W. R. Simpson, Publicity Manager); Bryson City Tribune (J. H. Harwood, Chairman); The Enterprise of Williamston (W. C. Manning, Publicity Manager). We know that all the papers are helping and doing fine but we cannot tell exactly unless we get copies.—War Savings News.

Attempted To Burn Store.

Tuesday morning, smoke was seen issuing from the store of L. R. Moore & Co., at Jamesville, and upon investigation it was reported that two fires had been started in the building, one at the front door and the other at the back door. Moore was at breakfast and the store was closed when the fire was discovered. Local authorities phoned for Sheriff Page, and Moore was arrested, later giving a bond for \$1,000 for appearance at court.

Attorney J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, attended court here this week.

Mrs. Harry Waldo and little daughter were here from Hamilton Tuesday.

March Term Of Court.

Judge Frank Daniels opened court here Monday at 2 o'clock, having been delayed in Rocky Mount by a late train on Sunday. The Grand Jury was chosen and P. H. Davenport, of Hamilton, was made Foreman Judge Daniels addressed the Jury on the annunciation of the law to which when prevails as usual over the land. Solicitor Allsbrook appeared for the State.

Criminal cases heard:
Chas. Scott, Murder. Nol pros with leave.

Moses Bell, c. t. a. Continued, Jim Parisher, c. t. a. Nol pros with leave.

Jim Parisher, l. f. t. u. Nol pros with leave.

Jim Parisher, a. s. w. Nol pros with leave.

Elias Gray, Murder. Nol pros with leave.

W. W. Williams, u. p. l. Nol pros.

Cornelius Lilley, Nol pros.

Elbert and Guilford Cotten, l. & r. Guilty. Required to pay O. W. Jones \$75 and capias to be issued at any time upon request of Solicitor.

Sam Bryant, d. r. c. Guilty. Fined \$5 and cost.

Sarah Brown, l. & r. Not guilty.

Robert Wiggins, S. A. Wanted bill and pleads guilty. Sentenced to jail one year to be hired out for cost, and to pay Dr. B. I. Long for doctor's bill and \$21 to provider for time lost.

Joe Taper, D. R. C. Plead guilty. Judgment suspended.

Joe Taper, Housebreaking. Plead guilty. Sentenced to jail 12 months, to be hired out for cost, and to pay Tom Bailey \$15 for goods lost.

J. A. Brown, A. D. W. Plead guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

J. A. Brown, C. C. W. Waived bill and pleads guilty. Fined \$50 and cost.

PERSONALS

J. A. Getsinger and Jesse Dardens were here Monday.

Miss Alma Sparks spent the week-end with her parents in Robersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion Dunn and little son, of Greenville, were here last week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brown and children, of Greenville, are visiting here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roebuck with Misses Lillie and Hattie Floyd, of Hamilton, were here Thursday.

J. W. Perkins, of Wendell, who travels for J. W. Olds Co., Lynchburg, and who formerly lived here, has been in town this week.

Misses Mary Gladys Watts and Elizabeth Hassell spent the week-end with Miss Florence Hornthal at Plymouth.

Skewarkey Union

The Skewarkey Union of 26 Churches is to meet, D. V., with the Church at Skewarkey, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, March 29th, 30th, 31st. The most of the visitors by rail will probably come on the 6:37 p. m. train. We would thank the members and friends, who are willing to help entertain them a day or two, to meet them at the depot at that time.

Sylvester Hassell.

Judge Steven Bragaw, of Washington was here this week on business.