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MAKES ATTACK ON COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Commissioner Takes Exception to Remarks Made in Town Convention by Mr. Moore

To the editor:
I listened very attentively to the highly flavored speech of the Hon. Clayton Moore during the recent town convention, and the reason and purpose of his remarks during that convention are somewhat puzzling to me, as I feel they were to quite a large majority of the people there assembled.

In his opening the convention as chairman, he stressed the object of the gathering, and everything seemed to be going well when like a thunder storm from a clear sky he yields the chair and plunges into a speech entirely foreign and without the slightest connection to a city convention, warning the audience of Bolshevik tendencies and conditions.

Why, in the name of any sound reasoning, can we couple the act of people gathering in "knots" on the street corners, if you please, and discussing and criticizing deeds and officials as being in any way the slightest kin to Bolshevism. It is a right that we Martin County people feel that we have to discuss and criticize our officials and their official acts and deeds of omission and commission; and should the time ever come when that right is denied then we will indeed be living in a condition very close akin to Bolshevism.

If the gentleman's speech had been directed to a jury in the courthouse, and he defending those charged with crime, it would have been entirely appropriate and well timed, but it looks like he was trying somebody's case or cases before the time had come.

I do not know many facts in connection with the deplorable affair which took place in our good old county a few weeks ago; but I do know that in the State's history no such crime has been committed before; and when on that Sunday evening a portion of the board of county commissioners went to Mr. Moore's house to see him, as county attorney, and he promised to call the solicitor at once he failed to do so, and it was left to some private citizen to get in communication with the solicitor, after it looked like no official action was to be taken by our own town and county.

As to the charges current on the streets and all over North Carolina against Sheriff Roberson, I know nothing of the merits of the case. I do know the courts will act and act promptly, and the sheriff will have the opportunity to defend his actions; and I take it he will be glad of the opportunity, as he should be. I sincerely hope there is no truth in the various rumors which are being so much talked against the sheriff. There is some place in Holy Writ where it says you can't serve God and mammon; and I believe there is no place in the Bible, where a greater truth is written; and, if so, then how can the Hon. Clayton Moore serve the County of Martin in the capacity of county attorney in the Needelman matter, and yet appear as attorney for the defense? How can the solicitor freely confer with him when he knows he is on the other side of the fence? He ought to have resigned as county attorney when he found out he was getting on too many sides of the same old fence.

In the short time he has been Martin County attorney, he has been paid more money for services than the county paid for thirty years before. And I assert that the county commissioners have not needed such service and that it was a useless expenditure of the people's money.

Yes; we have got a right to talk.

Two Candidates For Mayor in Field

At the polls next Tuesday Williamston citizens will find an independent ticket, on which Mayor John L. Hassell is running for reelection.

He is making the race against Mr. R. L. Coburn, who was nominated at the town convention some weeks ago.

DISCUSS PLANS TO ENDOW LOUISBURG

Methodists Hold Meeting in Bethel Wednesday; Complete District Organization

A meeting of all the pastors and lay representatives of the Methodist churches in the Washington district of the North Carolina Conference was held in the Bethel Methodist Church, at Bethel, Wednesday, April 29.

The purpose of this meeting was to complete the Washington district organization for the Louisburg College Half-Million-Dollar expansion campaign.

The meeting was called by Rev. S. A. Cotton, presiding elder of the Washington district, who is serving as clerical chairman, and Mr. C. G. Morris, of Washington, who is serving as the lay chairman of the Washington district campaign organization.

A complimentary supper was served by the ladies of Bethel church at 6.30, following which prominent clerical and lay leaders of the Methodist denomination presented the cause of the college and outlined the plan for the district campaign.

The president, A. W. Mohn, discussed the history and needs of Louisburg College, a junior college for girls, which has a record of 122 years service to the young women of the North Carolina Conference and of the State.

Rev. Cotton discussed the relation of the college to the church, and Rev. O. W. Dowd, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist church, discussed the need for support by Methodists generally, of the expansion fund program. Chairman Morris presided at the meeting, and outlined the plan of the district campaign.

The expansion fund program provides for the raising by popular subscription of \$500,000, which will be used for constructing and equipping additional buildings and for an adequate endowment. Of the total amount needed, \$150,000 has been subscribed by the residents of Louisburg and Franklin County.

and it sometimes seems as if that is the right that is left to the average taxpayer and about the only right—when you carefully consider about how much they are being consulted when they are being taxed off the face of the earth.

H. M. BURRAS.

Twelve-Year-Old Girl Dies of Heart Failure

Frances, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Martin, who live near Woolards Cross Roads, died Wednesday morning from an attack of heart failure.

Chicken Supper Fairly Successful

The chicken supper given by the 1925 graduating class of the Williamston High School at the Masonic Hall was fairly successful. Friends had been very generous in donating their services, etc., and they an abundance of supper and not-folks folks to eat it.

The class will buy some gift for the school with the proceeds, which amounted to about \$20.00.

NEW SPEED LAW EFFECTIVE TODAY

Allows 35 Miles Per Hour on State's Highways; 12 Miles in Business Sections of Towns

The new automobile speed law, permitting 35 miles per hour on the highways of North Carolina will become effective today. The new law increases speed, raising the limit by five miles an hour, and defines the residential sections of cities and towns. The limit in business sections is raised from 10 to 12 miles per hour and retains the regulation of 20 miles per hour in built-up residential sections.

No section of the State highway shall be constituted a built-up residential section, whether within or without the corporate limits of a city or town, if there are not more than eight houses on either side of the road continuously for 1,000 feet, according to the new law. Fifteen miles per hour is permitted when passing schools or churches—but this is only effective when people are leaving or entering the grounds. At all other times 35 miles is permissible.

When the driver's view is obstructed for 100 feet before he reaches intersection, and 200 feet on the intersecting road, he shall slow down to 15 miles. If he can view both roads as designated, he may travel the full 35 miles provided by law. Only 15 miles is permitted when the driver is traversing curves or corners of the road unless he can view the highway for 300 feet.

"Another interesting feature of the law is the ruling against misuse of signal devices. Open muffler cut-outs, exhaust whistles, or horns are considered 'objectionable' devices. The law is more explicit and makes possible a complete understanding by all motorists. It is uniform with many other States and will save many motorists the fine being imposed by operators of so-called 'speed traps'."

Marriage Licenses Issued During April

White
Allie R. Latham, Washington County, 29; Mannie C. Roberson, 19; Slade Revels, 33; Ida Silverthorn, 19.

Leroy G. Taylor, 26; Mary L. Taylor, 23.
Sylvester Taylor, 19; Nella Jones, 18.

Clancy C. Carson, Pitt County, 21; Myrtle L. Thomas, 18.

Colored

Samuel Reddick, 21; Martha Price, 19.

Willoughby Purvis, 44; Diney Griffin, 30.

Alexander Slade, 21; Viney Briley, 19.

Herbert Little, 31; Carrie Pratt, 20; Church H. Newsom, Pitt County, 21; Lizzie Simmons, 18.

Isiah James, 22; Pecora Morris, 19; Less Hardy, Bertie County, 32; Ivory Cherry, Bertie, 18.

History Class to Go to Raleigh Today

Professor Ricks's North Carolina history class will leave here today at noon for Raleigh, where they will visit the State museum and other places of interest in the State capital from a historical standpoint.

Cars of Messrs. Harry A. Biggs, C. B. Hassell, and Ricks will be used, and the class will return late Saturday afternoon.

ISSUE INVITATIONS TO COMMENCEMENT

Williamston High School Graduating Exercises to be Held Wednesday Night, May 14

The senior class of the Williamston High School invites you to be present at the commencement exercises on Thursday evening, the fourteenth of May, Nineteen hundred and twenty-five, at half after eight o'clock, Williamston, North Carolina.

The above invitations are being mailed to friends of the graduating class of the Williamston High School outside of town. No invitations are being sent in town, but all the townspeople are given a cordial invitation to attend the exercises.

The members of the graduating class are:
Frances N. Hoyt, Vivian Taylor, Josephine Sykes, Margaret Manning, Ellen Cowen, Laura Orleans, Pattie Edmondson, R. G. Harrison, Jr., William H. Harrison, Fred M. Taylor, George Harris, Jr., Robert E. Manning, Benjamin D. Courtney, John P. Booker Jr.

Officers for the class are:
John P. Booker, Jr., president; Benjamin D. Courtney, vice president; Pattie Edmondson, secretary; Robert E. Manning, treasurer.

Christian Church

A. J. Manning, Pastor
Sunday school, 9.45 a. m.—W. C. Manning, superintendent.
There will be no services at the local church, but the pastor will hold his regular services in the Macedonia Church.

Methodist Church

Rev. E. D. Dodd, Pastor
Sunday school, 9.45 a. m.—R. A. Pope, superintendent.
Morning service, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 7.45 p. m.

Mrs. J. D. Biggs Hostess To The Embroidery Club

Mrs. John D. Biggs, Jr., was hostess to the Embroidery Club on Tuesday afternoon at her lovely home in New Town. Spring flowers made the home very attractive. The hospitality of Mrs. Biggs always make the meetings with her very enjoyable, and this was no exception.

THE ENTERPRISE WEEKLY SERMON

"If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."—Romans 8:9.

By REV. C. O. PARDO

There are a good many different kinds of Christians in the world. We see them here in Martin County, as well as in other places. Sometimes we think different kinds of Christians are meant when we say a man is a Baptist, a Disciple, a Methodist, a Primitive Baptist, or an Episcopalian. But this is not the case. When a man becomes a Christian man he may become a member of any church—Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, or any other Christian body. But there are three kinds of Christian people who are members of most every church.

First, there is the selfish Christian. This kind of Christian doesn't care much for anyone but himself. He seems to think that if he has been baptized and received into Christ's Church there is no need for him to tell others about God's love.

He won't do much church work, and he gives a nickel or a dime in the collection plate and begrudges that.

The selfish Christian is the one who usually finds fault with the preacher and the way things are run in the church, and yet he himself sits back and refuses to help conditions by doing anything. And the selfish Christian expects just as much from God, and perhaps a little more, than other Christians.

Then there is the second type of Christian. The quarrelling Christian. And this type of Christian is worse than the first.

The quarrelling Christian is usually very sensitive and jealous. Always getting their feelings hurt, and thus finding an excuse to say unkind and harsh things about other people. They usually pride themselves on their outspoken manners; seem to feel it is their special duty to do and say things that will "set others in their place." If the parson preachers on love the quarrelling Christian says, "We used to have sermons on repentance." If the next Sunday the sermon is on repentance, the quarrelling Christian says, "Anyone would think we are a lot of thieves and drunkards; why doesn't the parson preach on love." So the selfish Christian and the quarrelling Christian are never satisfied and seldom pleased. They generally are ready to condemn others and the while feel they are a good deal better than most anyone else.

The third type of Christian is the humble Christian. And true humility is the one big Christian virtue most of us need.

The spirit-Christ had in Him was never selfish. He was always doing for others. He joyed when He could help some weak or sad person. He was always thinking of the welfare of other people. Witness His feeding of the five thousand. His healing the sick. Jesus loved people, and true love has no room for selfishness. And

body of Drowned Man Located Wednesday

The body of George Everett, who was drowned Saturday night in the river, near Hamilton, was found floating on the water near where he was drowned early Wednesday morning.

He was buried at Hamilton Wednesday evening.

PROTESTS MOVING CASE TO TARBORO

"Martin County Citizen's Publicity Protest Proposed Change in Mob Members Cases"

A rumor has reached us that the cases against Needelman's assailants will be tried in Tarboro and not in Martin County. Assuming that this is true, the writer wishes to enter a public protest.

There is no denying that justice has miscarried quite a number of times in Martin County. But to one who believes in giving every man and woman a chance to "hear and obey the civil authority" it appears as an added shame on a county already in a sorry moral plight.

Speaking from the moral standpoint we feel that Martin County needs to be put on her honor to carry out justice in this coming trial. She needs this confidence to boost her morale. Will you lightly or unadvisedly take away that privilege and opportunity?

Speaking from the moral standpoint the question Martin County has quite a number of burdens now, and to move this case to another county would add an unnecessary obligation.

No one likes to credit what is heard on the street. But we do like to believe the good things we hear. If the young men who were led into committing such an unmanly act are now as repentant as we hear they are, and are as willing to accept in the proper spirit whatever sentence the judge passes upon their action, why not give them a chance to have this hearing in their own county? Shall we, "who profess and call ourselves Christians," add another blot to the county's long list, and allow this case to be moved from our borders without a single protest? Citizens! Arise, show yourselves with the spirit of the Man of Sorrows and deny not what comfort we may give to those who are already suffering deeply. Save the young men their manhood. Let them be tried by their own citizens. Wipe the blot from Martin County and give her another chance to make good. Show the world that justice can be had in Martin County.

MARTIN COUNTY CITIZEN.

Jesus was never quarrelling. When others accused Him before Pilate, He said not a single word. They abused Him and beat Him, but like the lamb before the shearer, He was dumb or silent. Jesus never tried to pick the flaws or to hurt anyone's feelings. He just always tried to help mankind realize the noblest and best in himself and others. The spirit of Christ was humble. We all need to be less proud, less quarrelling, less selfish. The Christ-man will have the Christ spirit. In the fifth chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Galatians, the twenty-second verse, we read: "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control." Let each of us pray that we may be Christians of this type, having the spirit of Christ.

When the day comes that Christ's spirit rules in our hearts and lives, Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, will be a better place; our own lives sweeter and purer; selfishness, jealousy, narrowness, bigotry will give place to love, joy, peace, kindness, and goodness in the spirit of Christ. Pray that God will help us to be children of the spirit.

Twentieth Century Club Meeting on Wednesday

The Twentieth Century Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Wheeler Martin Wednesday afternoon.

A short but interesting program was enjoyed. Mrs. Martin, president, presided, and Mrs. K. B. Crawford had a paper on the life and work of P. T. Barnum. Mrs. Elbert Peel had a reading and Mrs. R. L. Shirley gave current events.

After the program was concluded an attractive ice course was served. The color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the refreshments and decorations.

Mrs. A. Pendleton, of Elizabeth City, was a special guest for the afternoon.

Mr. Ben Worsley, of Oak City, was in town Wednesday attending to business.

CONTRACT FOR NEW SCHOOL LET

Bear Grass School Will Cost Around \$30,000 When Completed; Bids Bidders Present

A large number of contractors and builders assembled at the courthouse Wednesday to bid on the construction of a new 8-room school building to be erected at or near the site where the Bear Grass school building was recently burned.

There were 13 bidders on the general construction, which was awarded to J. W. Hudson, Jr., of Tarboro, N. C., the bid being \$23,150.

The competition for the heating system was even closer than for the building, there being 14 bidders present. Mr. W. E. Dunn of Williamston, was awarded the contract, at \$2,689.

There were only five bids on the plumbing. The contract was given to Rowan C. Dixon, of Rocky Mount, at \$1,250.

The bids announced above aggregate \$27,134. The contract for water was not let, and it is estimated that it will cost about \$500.

The building when completed, with all furniture, will perhaps cost around \$30,000.

This building is to be ready for the fall session of school. It will be of the low type, such as the State is now advocating in its building program.

Williams Personal And Local News

Mrs. G. W. Coltrane and family and Mr. Theodore Mobley of Rocky Mount, spent the week end with relatives.

Miss Gladys Roberson spent Saturday night with Miss Sue Ashby.

Mr. Earl Herring of Rocky Mount, was the guest of Miss Louise Goldard Saturday night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Goddard a daughter, Tuesday, April 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Holland and Mr. George Holland, of Greenville, spent Sunday with relatives.

Mr. Marion B. Hudson, of Rocky Mount, was the guest of Miss Gladys Roberson Saturday night.

We will be sorry when school is closed, for we hate to part from the Misses Williams and Gentry and Mr. Floyd. School will close Friday, May 1, and the commencement exercises will be held next Monday and Tuesday nights. There will be a big picnic Tuesday. Come and bring your basket of chicken, cake, etc.

To Present Play at Schoolhouse Tonight

"The Minister's Wife Comes Back," sequel to "The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet," will be given by a Washington east tonight at the school building auditorium for the benefit of the missionary societies of the Washington and the Williamston Christian churches.

Several of the members of the cast are well known in Williamston, and the entire company is good.

Seats are only 15 and 35 cents, and the show is supplemented by other attractive numbers. Don't forget the time, 8.15 tonight.

BAPTIST PHILATHEAS TO MEET WITH MRS. BENNETT

The Philathea class of the Memorial Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. L. C. Bennett tonight.

You are cordially invited to attend.

TAKING SHRINE AT NEW BERN THIS WEEK

Messrs. Hugh Horton, Oscar Anderson, and Cortez Green returned today from New Bern, where they have been to take the Shriner's degree for the past few days.

Strand Theatre

4 O'Clock Matinee

TOMORROW (Saturday)

Florence and Co.

ALSO TOM MIX

25c and 50c

8 O'CLOCK

Florence and Co.

Also Jack Perrin and

"The Riddle Rider"

Admission Only

25c and 50c

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY



MOTHER'S DAY

Every mother's desire is to see "her boy" a good boy and traveling the paths she knows from experience are the only safe and sure ways to peace and happiness. Can you do a kinder act or please her more than by arranging to go to church with her on Mother's Day? If distance makes this impossible, then write her and tell her you are going "for her sake." If you can do neither of these, then wear a white flower in your lapel—to the sacred memory of her—and Go to Church—your church on Mother's Day.

Strand Theatre

TONIGHT—Friday

8 P. M.

Florence and Co.

Vaudeville Circus

See the Wonder Girl

Acrobatic and Con-

tortion Marvels

Wonderful

Trained Canines

Also TOM MIX in

Deadwood Coach

Admission Only

25c and 50c