

CHANGING TIMES AND TRENDS ROCKY MOUNT—Not that there should be any rejoicing over the fact that a white man received the death sentence after being convicted of the first degree murder of his wife near Tarboro last November, for we regret that anyone should get himself into such a predicament.

FIRST WHITE MAN What is most interesting about the conviction and sentencing of Odie Manning, Sr., Edgecombe tenant farmer, to the gas chamber for the alleged brutal slaying of his wife following a prolonged drinking bout is that he is reportedly the first white man to receive a death sentence in the memory of present court officers.

With the population about equally divided between the races, it is easily seen death sentences have been "a luxury" reserved almost exclusively for Negroes in the county which furnished the last colored congressman from Tarheela, George H. White. Of course there's much speculation as to whether Manning will ever sniff the fumes of the electric chair.

It was in 1927 that the writer heard a young Negro sentenced to the electric chair for the murder of a white merchant in the Negro area of Rocky Mount. He was executed. That building is now used as one of Daddy Green's houses of prayer for all people. Another Negro was sentenced to death in 1946 for the murder of his wife. It is reported.

REVENUE PROCEEDINGS We are indebted to James H. Smith, director of W. T. Gaines of St. James Baptist Church for a summation of the inter-racial revenue proceeding being conducted this year on a world-wide basis. Mr. Gaines, who last year, was commissioned grand director of music for the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, stated that only four ministers from the area of the 25,000-member Negro Baptist Association were invited to the churches were present at the important meeting in which the Southern (white) Baptist Convention is cooperating with the General Baptist State Convention of N. C.

The Revs. A. D. Massey and N. C. Dunn, both of Weldon; W. L. Mason and G. W. Dudley were the area ministers, along with Gaines in attendance. Only a few were seen from other eastern counties. It was noted, The Rev. J. A. Nimmo, Sr., Greenville, was reported ill in a Philadelphia hospital and could not fill his place on the program.

DR. HAYES IN PHILLIPS HIGH SPEAKER BATTLEBORO—The senior class of Phillips High School, C. M. Carraway, principal, recently formally unveiled their 1950 class motto with a brief program and an address by Dr. Charles L. Hayes, professor of education and psychology, A. and T. College, Greensboro.

Class president Dannie Anthony presided over the program with James Coffield giving the invocation and Gerald Lindsey leading the pledge to the flag. Armenta Scott presented the class flower and Ruby Batts the colors. Gladys Grant recited the class poem, following which Samuel Mitchell and Charles Hill unveiled the motto which read: "Less Than Our Best Is Failure." Charlie Mitchell led in singing the class song after Dr. Hayes spoke. Floyd Bellamy gave the benediction.

Dr. Hayes talked on "Education—A Failure" and urged the students to make good use of their time while in high school, less they turn into failures when they have to go it alone on unsympathetic college campuses—far removed from home, parents and old friends. In so doing, he cautioned, they would represent well their parents and school. Mrs. Ruth Anderson-Smith is faculty sponsor of the class.

The Rev. E. E. Lewis, veteran minister, who has had wide experience as a layman is currently shepherding the flock at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Tarboro. He is a native of Charlotte and his more recent pastorate have been Farmville and Elizabeth City.

A SOBERING THOUGHT Henry D. Redding, a bakery assistant, contributes this thought: "Business saves money to spend, while the church spends money to save (souls)." Pastor "Quaker" Coffield said Sunday as we contributed to the "One Great Hour of Sharing Mission Fund." "One dollar will furnish milk for one child for a whole year in the far-away hungry lands. Just think what the price of that next fifth of whiskey would do—furnish milk for three or four hungry, starving kids a whole year!" "In as much as ye did it NOT unto these little ones; ye did it NOT unto ME."

DR. BILL SESSONS PASSES Funeral rites were scheduled Monday for Dr. William Sessons, a Nash County native and practicing dentist in Rocky Mount for more than 35 years. Sessons passed quietly Saturday afternoon, March 7th, after a lingering illness of some duration.

The rites were set for Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, where he held membership, with the Rev. J. H. Costen, minister, in charge. Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Julia Young; two sons, William Jr., and De Forest Young; Sessons of the home. Also a brother, Edward Sessons, Rocky Mount; four sisters as follows: Mrs. Ida S. Body, Mrs. Rosa S. Horner, Nashville; Mrs. Bessie Edwards, Nashville; and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Horner, De Coo.

The writer recalls that he used to ride his bike from Enfield to Rocky Mount some 34 or 35 years ago to Dr. Sessons just to have a colored dentist pull his teeth. Sessons was a student and protégé of the late and lamented Prof. Thomas S. Inberden while attending the old J. K. Brick School about the end of World War One.

GASTONIA POLICE In Gastonia we learn that although Negroes, reportedly, represent only 15 per cent of the population, they nevertheless—courageously—ran Dr. T. H. Williston as a candidate for a position on the local School Board. He lost to Pat McSwain 297 to 281, according to an unofficial tally. McSwain, the white incumbent, thus had a 1-2 to one landslide which the local Gastonia newspaper said was "being called a clear verdict against public school race-baiting."

CLINTON PERSONALITY IN THE NEWS Mrs. Maggie Moore Allison

CLINTON—Give to the world the best that you have and the best will come back to you. This is the philosophy of Mrs. Maggie M. Allison. She has exemplified this motto through the years. Mrs. Allison is known to all of us as one with a sweet, loving, serene, and noble personality, and one who has high principles and is an example of dignified, intelligent, womanhood. She is a person whom all of Clinton and Sampson County can admire. Mrs. Allison demands the respect of all citizens who know her.

Mrs. Allison is indeed a Christian. This is not seen in emotional professions, less in being associated with her fellowmen and in her devotion to her church and her God. Mrs. Allison has had a lot of experience in the church, which she joined at a tender age. During her 51 years of service she has been a member of the senior choir, a Sunday School teacher, Mother of Sorrows and clerk of the church. She organized the "Just Us Club," an organization that has done much for the community and church, as well as the needy. She has been a member of the Young Women's Christian Association, and has served in the guidance capacity for the young people, especially those of the First Baptist Church.

Her favorite verse is: "Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, as the swift seraphim, leave thee the lowly vaulted castles, till thou art lengthened. Let each new temple be nobler than the last, leaving thee outgrown shells by life's unresting sea." This bit of poetry has been responsible for her high regard through the years. It has been responsible for her rich contribution to the human race. The sharing of her life in terms of durable as the seasons have rolled on. Each contribution has been more noble than the last, which means that she has grown in grace and has become more proficient in her work.

Mrs. Allison is a member of the Eastern Star. She received a thorough education that made her more capable of building mansions for the lives of boys and girls who she taught for 35 years. She completed her work at the Union Academy. She later graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers College and taught one year at the Sampson High School and 25 years at the Royal Stevens School where she retired from the teaching profession.

Mrs. Allison is the wife of the late Mr. James W. Allison, Sr. She is the mother of two sons: Mr. Ronald Lewis Allison of Lawrenceville, Virginia, and Mr. James Wesley Allison, Jr., of Clinton. In town last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Maggie Parker were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Peterson of Baltimore, Maryland; Mr. Preston Peterson of Conn.; Mr. William Rutherford, Jamaica, N. Y.; Mr. Charles Saunders, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Saunders, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

FRIENDLY GARDEN CLUB MEETS The Friendly Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Sabara Moore. The president, Mrs. Irene Hill, presided. After the business session, the group enjoyed a delicious repast of fruit cake with whipped cream and coffee.

MEMBERS PRESENT INCLUDED Mesdames Julia M. Holmes, Pauline Soe, Josie Moore, Mattie Boone, Katie Goodman, Mamie Simmons, Kellena Faison, Reva Williams, Sallie V. Boykin, Irene Hill, Sabara Moore and Addie Johnson. The club welcomed a new member, Mrs. Mattie Fryar, and an old member came back, Mrs. Addie Kirby. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Mattie Boone on April 3.

MRS. MARY WHITE RECOVERING Mrs. Mary White of 400 College St., who was a patient at Sampson County Memorial Hospital for a few days, is now recuperating at her home.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY Little Miss Joyce Johnson celebrated her 7th birthday on March 5.

Savannah High News

GRITTON—On March 5, the primary department presented a musical play in two scenes entitled "Mother Goose Island" in the school's gymnasium. At the close of the curtain in the first scene a group of children are found. Miss Bright, their teacher, has invited them to accompany her on a visit to Mother Goose Island. The children are eagerly anticipating the trip and a good time.

Scene 2 represents the home of Mother Goose. The visitors have just arrived and are greeted by the historical personage the island was named for. Mother Goose introduces her celebrated family. All participate in making the occasion an enjoyable one.

Characters were as follows: Miss Bright, Lola J. Williams; Miss Bright's pupils, Martha Pierce, Leslie Thomas and Evelyn Taylor; Mother Goose, Mary J. Steaks; Mother Goose's Adopted Family, Samuel Ellison, McKinley Fisher, Johnnie Hutchins and Harold Cox. Also Jimmie Ellison, Lavern Sutton, Anthony Pope, Lorena Kinsey, Willie West, Doris Fisher, Clarence Kossinger, Anthony Morris, Jacqueline Smith, and Travis Smith.

The directors for the musical play were Mesdames Ernestine L. Woods, Helene B. Maye, Kathryn B. Jones, Anne G. Moore and Katie D. Duggins.

HOME ECONOMICS NEWS Charlotte Dawson, Etta Joyce Koonce, and Edna Mae Russell, seniors from Savannah were among the group who took the Competitive Home Economics Examination at North Carolina College recently. They were accompanied by the home economics teacher, Mrs. Ellen E. Berry.

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM SAV DISTRICT TOURNAMENT Members of the boys' basketball team of Savannah, along with Coach Kenneth Becton attended the Basketball District playoffs held at Georgetown High School at Jacksonville. The group attending included the following: Willie Skimmer, Steven Sutton, Lloyd Rouse, William Dawson, Walter King, Alton Morris, Elijah Morris, Johnnie R. Wiggins, Earl Rouse, James Sutton, Alton Wiggins, Edward Williams and Mr. J. A. Smith.

The Savannah boys had lost in a previous game to their arch rivals, Woodinette High school. JUNIORS AND SENIORS TAKE COMPETITIVE EXAMS Several juniors and seniors were chosen to take the Iowa High School Content Examination on Wednesday, March 4, by the guidance committee. The seventy-five exam included work from the four major phases of high school: English and literature, mathematics,

science and history. The test was administered by Mrs. Doris Alford Strode, guidance teacher. The following juniors and seniors took the examination: Evelyn Morris, Etta Joyce Koonce, Charlotte Dawson, Rosa Wells, Margaret Ayck, Helene Allison, Doris Isler, Leonard Brown, Christine Brown, Lola Thomas, Jean Neuman, Linwood Sutton, Earl Rouse, Donald Ray Fonville and Johnnie Ray Wiggins. Pearl Mae Dove, Mattie Moore, Ruby McLawhorn, Willie Ray Skinner, Elijah Morris, Joseph Sutton, Barbara Daugherty, Ethel Chapman and Mary Alice Coples.

4-R CLUB MEETS The March session of the 4-R Senior Club met at its regular hour on March 6 in the school's gymnasium. Doris Isler gave a detailed report of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Rambling In Chatham

The boys at the girls were defeated by Academy Height High School and ended the season. The boys season wasn't as successful as the girls. They defeated Liberty, Siler City and Hillsboro, once each. In the last game, Horton played its first overtime of the season. There were two injuries in the last game. Jerome Degraffenreid and Willie French Jr.

Girl Scout Troop 86 and 120 of the school worshipped at Mitchell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday, March 8.

J. S. WATERS PUBLIC SCHOOL GOLDSTON—The high school department of J. S. Waters Public School attended the C.I.A.A. tournament, Thursday, February 26th at North Carolina College, Durham.

After touring the campus and buildings, the group returned to the gymnasium to see a thrilling game between the MCC Eagles and W. S. T. C. Rams.

On Thursday night, February 26, the Program and Social Committee sponsored a "Presidents' Ball" in commemoration of two great presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Special features presented during intermission were dances by the "Hula-Hula Girls" and "The Petite Swingers"; two solos; "I Believe", John Thompson and "Sinner Lee", Carolyn Brewer. Shirley Mae Marsh recited "How Do I Love Thee."

On February 26th, students of the J. S. Waters Public School went to Hillsboro to participate in the 3rd Annual County-Wide Talent Contest sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club.

Participants were as follows: Edna Gwendolyn Marsh, Elaine Wicker, John Thompson, Shirley Mae Marsh, "The Petite Swingers" composed of Janice Taylor, Francine Fox, Aniese Hanner, Beverly Thompson and Clarice Barber. "The Top Hats" composed of Jacqueline Jones, Golia Corbett, Patricia Tyson and Catherine Palmer. The "Hula-Hula Girls" composed of Doris Horton and Joyce Jones.

First place in the recitation category was won by Edna Gwendolyn Marsh, coached by Mrs. L. Smith. Honorable mention went to "The Petite Swingers" as a group.

Artesia High School News

HALLSBORO—The Homecoming Committee wishes to express its sincere thanks to all persons and business establishments that helped to make our Homecoming a Friday night success on Friday night.

Our theme was "Out of This World" and with our full cooperation we were able to carry it out in each activity sponsored.

Washington Jr. High News

Editors: Carolyn Ghobrist, Louie Gill, Jacqueline Eberly and Franze Rand. "DEVELOPING PERSONAL RESOURCES" - A PLAY PRESENTED BY THE FIFTH GRADES Mrs. Otha Hill's fifth grade presented the pageant "Developing Personal Resources" on Thursday afternoon in the regular assembly.

The music was furnished by other members of the class. These laws are in accordance with the philosophy of our school. The aims are to help mold the personalities that are flexible and mature and bodies that are healthful and useful.

Apex School

APEX—The faculty of the Apex Consolidated School held its initial meeting of a series of dinner meetings, Monday, March 2, from 4:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. These special meetings are being held to give specific emphasis to "A Guide to Curriculum Study," a study study which is currently taking place in Wake County. The objective of the series consisted of a panel discussion introduced by C. W. Weston, chairman of the local curriculum study committee.

From a major topic, "What is the Role of the Public School," the panel discusses dealt with the sub-topic, "Public School Development in the United States." Members of the panel were Mrs. M. J. Simmons, Miss S. M. Fields, Mr. B. A. Hill, and Mrs. B. W. Blue.

Rush Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church News

As the fresh petals of spring begin to unfold, the minds of true worshippers naturally are following in the same trend. It was a lovely day last Sunday and quite a new face occupied our pews and enjoyed a wonderful service. The junior choir was in charge of the music. A fine group of promising young boys and girls marched gracefully around the altar singing, "God of Our Fathers," kneeling, as is our custom, around the altar for consecration.

Holly Springs News

SCHOOL NEWS HOLLY SPRINGS—The fifth grade of the Holly Springs school held charge of the chapel program Friday, Feb. 27.

Brenda Brant was mistress of ceremonies. There were two folk dances and a play "Toothache Town" presented. The play depicted what happened when teeth were neglected, and the reward for having good teeth. All characters acted their parts well. They were: Danist, Jimmy Lee McClain, School Nurse, Linda Mae Yates, Toothbrush salesman, Lee Weidon Booker, Mr. Tooth Brush, Nelson McLean, and Joyce Woodard, Ray Leach, Jr., Jacqueline Jones, Robert Daymon, Rinnie Douglas, Robert Coffield, Cliff Wilson, Wilbur Durr, Mary Council, and Johnny Mitchell were all patients, awaiting the arrival of the dentist.

Henderson News

Monday—Ham Biscuits, Steamers, Cheese, Potato Salad, Butter and Milk. Tuesday—Chili Con Carne with Beans, Carrot Sticks, Fresh Greens, Fruit like Gelatin, French Bread, Margarine, and Shrimp Cookie. Wednesday—Turkey and Rice, Peach, Grapefruit, Orange Cup, Stringbeans, Celery Sticks, Pocket Roll (cheese), Margarine, Cookie and Milk. Thursday—Deviled Egg Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Orange Potatoes, Crackers, Sugar Cookie and Milk. Friday—Fishsticks, Tomato Sliver on Cabbage Slaw, Corn Muffins, Butter, and Milk.

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