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A NEIGHBOR TAUGHT US

Now is as good a time as any, on the eve of the golden anniversary of Temple B'Nai Sholem, to reveal why the editor of The Mirror has never had his heart cluttered up with hatred, animosity or disdain for those of Jewish birth.

Any inclination we might have had to be anti-Semite was removed from us in very early childhood by as sweet and kind and lovable a woman as New Bern ever knew—Mrs. Sam Lipman. Being her neighbor for a quarter of a century was an inspiring experience.

Mrs. Lipman was all that any good neighbor could be. If she ever spoke harshly to any child, we can't recall it. This despite the fact that most certainly they must have worried her many times. The kids in our neighborhood were no angels, but here was a woman saintly enough in her own right to overlook our shortcomings.

For the life of us, we can't remember her voice raised in exasperation or irritation. Come to think of it, we never did hear her raise her voice about anything. We do, however, affectionately remember her smile, and the "Jew bread" she gave us from a kitchen where she spent many an hour cooking for her large and hungry family.

Mrs. Lipman didn't practice goodness to impress anybody, for she was completely devoid of pretense. She was good because it was in her heart to be good, and that's the way it always ought to be.

Her neighborliness wasn't restricted to children. As a child we found her to be the perfect neighbor, but when we reached manhood's estate she remained no less wonderful. No one could say more than that about anybody, and saying it about her is an accurate statement of fact.

She didn't gossip, and she didn't meddle, but when sorrow came to your door, Mrs. Lipman walked in right behind it. Your trouble was her trouble, and in her own quiet way she was the one friend you would have wanted most to have had around at at time like that.

Along the way, since then, we've had the misfortune to encounter some Jews who weren't quite as nice as this neighbor of ours. In fact, some of them were extremely obnoxious. In the same journey through life we've bumped into some Protestants and Catholics who were mighty obnoxious too.

By the same token we've met other good Jews, in addition to Mrs. Lipman. Some of them, still among the living, are among our dearest friends. It didn't take them to teach us tolerance, however. Mrs. Lipman's example was lesson enough for a lifetime.

That's why, as a Protestant, it does our heart good to see Temple B'Nai Sholem approach the observance of fiftieth anniversary. We're glad, because we're proud to live in a community where people of all faiths can worship as they see fit—in freedom and good conscience.

Any place of worship that has the Ten Commandments inscribed over its doorway deserves to be a lasting House of God. And because Temple B'Nai Sholem has endured, New Bern is a better town for all New Bernians.

The Jews have made a great contribution to our civilization, and through our mutual Biblical heroes of the Old Testament, they have made a contribution to our Protestant and Catholic faiths.

Anyone who heard the program of traditional Jewish music presented last Sunday in the Temple knows too that the Jews have also made a tremendous contribution to sacred music.

Speaking of that program, the four-member choir was composed of two Presbyterians, a Methodist and an Episcopalian. Narration was by a Jewish rabbi, and among the listeners in addition to Protestants and Jews were two Catholic nuns.

That, to us, was America at its best. You can appreciate Jewish music in all of its beauty without being a Jew. And, if your heart is right, you can appreciate the faith that is near and dear to them without being a Jew.

May Temple B'Nai Sholem continue its spiritual blessing and its community service in the years to come.

Historical Gleanings

—By—

FRANCES B. CLAYPOOLE
and
ELIZABETH MOORE

New Bern, N. C.
The Sentinel

April 22, 1831, married on Wednesday evening last by the Rev. J. R. Goodman, Rev. William N. Hawks to Miss Sarah C. Coart, daughter of John Coart, Esq., of this place.

June 17, 1831, married in Jones county on Wednesday evening last 8th instant by Asa Smith, Esq., Edward W. Montford, Esq., of Onslow county to Miss Louisa Howard, daughter of the late Josiah Howard, Esq.

June 24, 1831, married at Washington on Thursday evening last by Rev. Bryan Grimes, Bryan Grimes, Esq., to Miss Lucy Olivia Blount, daughter of John Gray Blount, Esq.

July 6, 1831, married at Fort Barnwell in this county on Wednesday evening by the Rev. John Armstrong, Mr. Alonzo T. Jerkins, merchant of this place to Miss Sarah McIlwain.

July 6, 1831, married in this town Thursday evening last by Rev. John Armstrong, Jr., Mr. John M. Jones of Edenton to Miss Sarah Hancock, daughter of William Hancock, Esq.

July 13, 1831, married on Wednesday evening last by Rev. John R. Goodman, Mr. Frederick J. Jones to Miss Hannah Shine, daughter of the late Col. William Shine.

July 20, 1831, married in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening by the Rev. Michael Osborne, Mr. Martin Stevenson, Jr., to Miss Mary Taylor, daughter of William Taylor.

July 27, 1831, married on Tuesday morning by the Rev. Mr. Baker, Captain Farnfold Green of the U. S. Navy to Miss Laura Pearson, daughter of the late Colonel Richmond Pearson.

April 22, 1831, died on Tuesday evening last in the 32 year of age, Mr. George A. Hall, Esq., merchant of this place. He was a good man and universally loved.

July 13, 1831, died Tuesday last Miss Elizabeth Howard, daughter of Mr. James Howard.

July 20, 1831, died on Friday in the 14 year of age, William T. Lewis, son of David Lewis.

July 27, 1831, died on Tuesday morning last Hannah, infant daughter of Mr. William Hollister.

August 10, 1831, died Monday morning J. S. Ravenscroft, son of the Rev. J. R. Goodman, Rector of Christ Church of this town.

August 24, 1831, died on Monday at an advanced age, Mrs. Maria Simpson, a native of Ireland, and for the past 40 years a resident of this place.

August 31, 1831, died on Wednesday last in the 29 year of age, Charles G. Spaight, Esq., attorney at law, and representative elect of this town in the next General Assembly.

Notice: October 9, 1831, John A. Crispin has just returned from New York with a general assortment of goods for store formerly occupied by the late George A. Hall, Esq.

September 7, 1831, Joseph M. Granade and Company at the store formerly occupied by William Dunn, corner of Pollock and Middle, offers for sale a general assortment of foreign and domestic dry good, groceries.

September 7, 1831, we are authorized to announce Edward Stanly, Esq., a candidate to represent the Town of New Bern in the next

Village Verses

FOR THOSE WE LOVE

Why do we hurt the ones we love,
It's tragic, but it's true;
I've got a smile for others,
But I bring my frowns to you.
Those worries that infest the day,
I guess I get my share,
Are saved until I venture home,
And then I leave them there.
It really doesn't make much sense,
And yet, I always find
That when it comes to strangers
I'm mostly always kind.
But with you, well, things are different,
I never let you know
That you're appreciated, and that I need you so.
Yes, people hurt the ones they love,
It's tragic, but it's true,
That's why I smile for others
And bring my frowns to you.

—JGMcd.

General Assembly.

September 7, 1831. Real estate for sale. Well-known plantation on Brice's Creek about 800 acres now occupied by Col. Eli Ward, lately belonging to James G. Stanly, Esq.; also that well-known plantation and adjacent lands in Jones county on Trent river and Island Creek, lately belonging to John Stanly, Esq., whereof a part has been conveyed to Major Alfred Stanly, the part to be sold contains the mill and about 1700 acres.

September 7, 1831. For Sale. Farm 500 acres on north side of Trent river and east side of Jimmy's Creek, also 400 acres, with dwelling house, 2 kitchens, barns, pantry, dairy, gin house, horse, mill, vineyards, orchards, bricked well, also Lot No. 19 with dwelling house in Dryborough, 900 acres on Brice's Creek, 640 acres adjoining Bay River bridge, 400 acres at head of Little Swift Creek, Indian Island, 150 acres in Pamlico river, 400 acres in Beaufort county, a piano, a share in New Bern Library. —GEORGE WILSON.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Phillip Elmo Batts of New Bern to Dorothy Mae Johnson of New Bern.

Carl Graham Coley of New Bern to Rose Marie Gaskins of New Bern.

Jimmie B. Hicks of route 1, New Bern, to Glenda Faye Games of New Bern.

Walter James Teel of New Bern to Martha Raye Hill of New Bern.

Billy Douglas Newman of Camp Lejeune to Judith Dixie Corby of Miami, Fla.

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