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THE TOWN IS YOURS

We join all New Bernians in welcoming the Lions of North Carolina to our historic first State Capital this weekend.

One of the proud traditions that we cling to in this ancient city by the Neuse and Trent is our famed hospitality. Some may say that it is more myth than reality, but in the next few days we can convince our visitors that such is not the case.

Any community in the Old North State should be happy to play host to the hundreds of Lions and their ladies who will be here for the convention. They represent a great cause, and in the troubled world we're living in there is urgent need for the ideals they adhere to.

Whenever we think of the good work that the Lions are doing, here and elsewhere, we think first of their aid to the blind. Certainly no organization could adopt a nobler project than rendering assistance to those who are sightless, or have serious visual handicaps.

Every town that has a Lions Club in its midst is a better place in which to live. That, in itself, is sufficient justification for the success of the movement.

Here in our own community, local Lions have long made their contribution to New Bern's welfare and betterment. What New Bern Lions are doing, other Lions are duplicating from the mountains to the sea.

So, aside from the financial benefit that any convention of this size means to a town, we can consider ourselves fortunate to have so many public spirited citizens with us for awhile.

Genuine friendliness is easily recognized, just as an imitation of friendliness is quickly spotted for the hoax that it is. The best way we can impress delegates to the convention is by being helpful and considerate.

That's the right attitude to take toward any visitor, with or without a convention badge on.

A WORD TO MOTORISTS

Much as been said, and rightly so, about avoiding traffic accidents involving children going to and from school.

Yet, a still more dangerous time is here, now that New Bern's schools have closed for vacation. Youngsters normally in classrooms or on campus for most of the day are now circulating all over town.

They are thoughtless and impulsive, because that is the way of youth. They are apt to dart into the street when you least expect it, and the results can be tragic.

No amount of safety education is going to fully eliminate the urge a child has to chase a ball into the path of an oncoming automobile. And a little boy or girl who spies a favorite playmate on the other side of the thoroughfare can't be counted upon to pause and look both ways before racing to join that eagerly welcomed friend.

Unlike accidents between motorists, the accident that involves an automobile and a child is not a question of who had the right of way. Usually, the child is at fault, but this isn't much comfort to the man or woman behind the wheel.

Legally, the driver is free of blame when authorities classify the accident as unavoidable. In all likelihood, the motorist did everything humanly possible to avoid striking the little fellow who seemed to come from nowhere in the twinkling of an eye.

But, exonerated though he is, the driver of the automobile that brought injury and death to a child will spend a lifetime wondering whether the tragedy could have been avoided in some manner.

It will be a burden on his heart for all the days to come, unless his is a heart that feels no warmth for the reckless, foolish and unpredictable antics of childhood. Few mortals are that cynical.

So, for the sake of New Bern's children, and for your own peace of mind this side of the grave, think not only for yourself but for the town's small fry.

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Historical Gleanings

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FRANCES B. CLAYPOOLE and ELIZABETH MOORE

The New Bern Spectator, Friday, November 25, 1831. Married last evening by the Rev. J. R. Goodman, Mr. Richard B. Perry to Miss Sarah Ann Suydam.

December 9, 1831, Friday. Married last evening by the Rev. Dr. Leech, Mr. Calvin J. Morris and Miss Nancy LeGrand.

Married at the residence of Richard Richardson, Esq., of the county, Mr. John Green, Jr., to Miss Frances Eliza, daughter of the late Joshua Scott.

Spectator, Friday, December 23, 1831, married on Monday last by Thomas Jefferson Pasteur, Esq., Mr. Alexander Hamilton Stanly, Esq., to Miss Catherine E. Smith, daughter of the late John F. Smith, Esq., of this place.

Married at Kelvan Grove, in Wake County on the 8th instant, by the Rev. M. B. Cox, Dr. Fabius Julius Haywood of Raleigh to Miss Martha Helen, only daughter of Cyrus Whitaker, Esq.

Spectator, Friday, Jan. 17, 1832, married on Thursday evening the 19 instant by Joseph S. Fowler, Esq., Captain Joseph Wade to Miss Theresa J. Lane.

February 3, 1832, married in Carteret county on Wednesday evening the 25 ult. Dr. Richard Bell of Onslow county to Miss Pamela Smith.

Spectator, August 26, 1831, Friday. Died in this place Wednesday evening last Charles G. Spaight, Esq., Attorney at Law and Representative elect of this Town, in the next General Assembly.

Died Monday in the 80th year of her age, Mrs. Maria Simpson, a native of Ireland and for the last 40 years a resident of this place.

Friday, September 9, 1831. Died Saturday morning in the 31st year of her age, Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Donnell, consort of the Honorable J. R. Donnell, and only daughter of His Excellency, the late Governor Richard Dobbs Spaight.

On Sunday afternoon her remains were borne to Clermont, the ancient seat of her family, and deposited in the vault, where but a few days ago those of a beloved brother were entombed.

Friday, September 16, 1831. Died Thursday last Durant, infant son of Alfred Hatch.

The Spectator, August 19, 1831. SEMINARY FOR YOUNG LADIES. Mrs. Clitherell proposes to open a Seminary for young ladies in New Bern on the 1st of November next. Parents and guardians desirous of placing young ladies under, are requested to intimate the same to Mrs. Margaret Scott, Pollock Street, or J. Burgwyn, Esq., of

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You'll find a world of wholesomeness, and in the robin's song,
There joy and peace for all who pass, it seems there's nothing wrong.

Cows graze quietly, chew their cuds—pigs doze in the sun;
Mules and horses pull their plows 'til the day is done.
Small boys, armed with fishing poles, tramp a dusty lane,
Far removed from hate and war, and all its man-made pain.

This world is pretty wonderful, the soil, the sea, the sky,
The wooded dells, the rolling plains; the mighty mountains high.
There's nothing wrong, not with the world, just with the folks that's in it.
It's up to us, to make things right, it's high time to begin it.

God showers blessings on us all, He gives us what we need;
Our mortal troubles here below are caused by selfish greed.
Instead of fancy treaties that are mostly no account,
We need a few more servings of the sermon on the mount;

We need to take our Bibles from off those dusty shelves,
We need to love our neighbors, just like we love ourselves.

Wars will come and wars will go, violence will be wrought,
Until man learns that lasting peace must blossom in his heart.
You can't buy peace, you can't buy love, or fashion it with laws;
You can't produce world kindness with a clever, threatening clause

That stands out in a treaty for everyone to see,
Or simply build a bomb that's worse than those across the sea.

Perhaps man is too little for universal love,
Yet, angels sang of peace on earth, one night, from above.
And Christ, who bore His cross alone, who died on Calvary,
Taught us all a way of life to make the whole world free.

—JGMCD.

East Front Street. Term as usual. A few young ladies will be taken as boarders, and particular attention will be paid to their manners and behavior, so as to render them, on leaving school, fit to enter society or to superintend the management of domestic affairs. Teachers of music and of dancing will be procured as soon as the necessary number of pupils are engaged. French and drawing will be taught. Further particulars will be communicated hereafter. William Gaston, Esq. Hon. John R. Donnell, John S. Hawks, Esq. Washington, Rev. J. R. Goodman, Moses S. Jarvis, John Burgwyn, Esq.

The Spectator, Friday, September 2, 1831.

For Sale by Directors of the Bank of New Bern. REAL ESTATE. Valuable plantation on Brice's Creek, containing about 800 acres, now occupied by Colonel Eli Ward, lately belonging to James G. Stanly, Esq. Plantation and adjacent lands in Jones county on the Trent River and Island Creek, lately belonging to John Stanly, Esq., and whereof, a part has been conveyed to Major Alfred Stanly, the part to be sold contains the mill, the mill seat, and about 1700 acres. A tract of land on Neuse Road about 2 miles from New Bern, con-

taining 62 acres, and purchased by M. C. Stephens from Durant Hatch. A tract of same road about 5 or 6 miles from New Bern containing about 196 acres, commonly called the Folly Tract, bought by John C. Stanly from Frederick Fonvielle. Another tract called the Good tract, containing about 360 acres. Part of Lot No. 50 on Craven street, north of Mr. Isaac Taylor's, 53 feet in front and 214 feet in depth. Part of lots nos. 341-2 on Johnson street back of the Academy extending along that street 214½ feet and 144½ feet in depth, conveyed to M. C. Stephens by John C. Osborn. s/ John W. Guion.

Joseph M. Granade and Co., corner of Pollock and Middle sts. Received this day by Schooner Baltimore, for sale low for cash. Fresh chocolate, London mustard, nails and other items. New Bern, N. C., July 14, 1831.

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Throughout our busy day,
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For His beloved ways.
Do we ever stop and thank Him
For answering our prayers,
And for His merciful guidance
His power and His care?
Do we ever show our thanks for
This our world today.
For without His divine grace
Our world would melt away.
Let us show our gratitude,
(Whatever be the worth)
For every flower, hill, and stream
Of God's beloved earth.
Let us be humble unto Him
Who created all living things,
And lift our hearts, our minds, and souls,
And let our praises sing.

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