

B. C. Kramer Finds An Old Account Of Ancestor's Marriage

Marriage customs of the early day Quakers of Perquimans County, North Carolina, were bared this week through the discovery by Baltzer C. Kramer, of Toledo, O., of an ancient wedding announcement of "Old Neck Meeting House," formerly a headquarters of the Society of Friends located along the water below Hertford. The document yellowed with age and bearing date March 13, 1747, was found in an attic of the dilapidated building where it had been secreted for many years along with other records.

Mr. Kramer, who has spent considerable time in Edenton, making a search of the genealogy of his ancestors, has been particularly anxious to run down a Joseph Ratliff, a great, great, great grandfather. The paper discovered this week meets his expectation in this regard, and reads as follows:

"Whereas Joseph Ratliff and Mary Fletcher, daughter of Ralph Fletcher, both of the county of Perquimans in N. C., having laid their intention of taking each other in marriage before several monthly meetings of the people called Quakers, whose proceedings therein, and being found clear from other entanglements in relation to marriage with any other persons, were approved by the said Meetings:

"Now these are to certify to all persons, that for a full accomplishment of their said marriage they the said Joseph Ratliff and Mary Fletcher appeared at a public and solemn Assembly of the aforesaid people met together at the meeting house of the Old Neck, and did according to the good order used amongst them and the example of the Holy Men of God recorded in the Scripture of Truth, he the said Joseph Ratliff did take the said Mary Fletcher by the hand, did openly declare as followeth—'Friends, ye are my witnesses that I take this my friend Mary Fletcher to be my wife, promising through Divine Assistance to be to her a kind and loving husband until it shall please the Lord by death to separate us.' And the said Mary Fletcher having the said Joseph Ratliff by the hand did openly declare as followeth—'Friends ye are my witnesses that I take my friend Joseph Ratliff to be my husband, promising through Divine Assistance to be to him a kind and loving wife until it shall please the Lord by death to separate us.'

"And for a further confirmation hereof, they the said Joseph Ratliff and Mary Fletcher his now wife have unto these presents subscribed their names and we, whose name are underwritten, being present at their covenant and subscription, have as witnesses hereunto subscribed our names this thirteenth day of the Third Month of the year 1747."

More than 125 such names, all those related to leading Perquimans families of today such as the Newbys and the Skinners, Phelps, Moore, Lawrence, Sanders, Siriven, Bagley, Lacey and Winslows are affixed to the quaint and yellowed document.

Mr. Kramer has also discovered that the Ratliffs lie buried today in the little Quaker graveyard at Elizabeth City under date of 1800, and that their son, Cornelius Ratliff, sold his land holdings for 750 English Sovereigns, gave freedom to his slaves and moved to Wayne County, Indiana.

SENSE AND NONSENSE

By Wilborne Harrell

NOCTURNE

One of these starry nights
With nothing better to do,
Let's wander down the milky-way
And pick a star or two.

And when we tire of picking stars
And weaving them into wreaths,
Let's try a bite of the moon,—
They say it's made of cheese.

What a jolly time we'll have,
Oh, what a lot of fun;
And we won't come home 'til morning
When the world is waked by the sun.

QUATRAINS

Fall days are mellow days,
Crisp days, ripe and brown;
Summer takes her saddened way,
Grim Winter settles down.

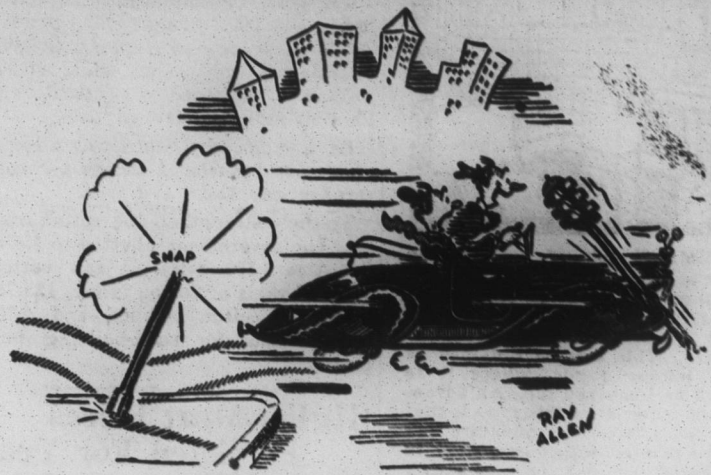
II
What would we do without the weather?
It's something we can't do without.
The whole year round it brings the seasons,
And gives us something to talk about.

III
What better moment, beloved, than this
For time to end, the heavens to fall;
With the still lingering warmth of your kiss
On my lips, I've lived ages, loved all.

FIVE PERFECT SPELLERS

The following girls and boys in the Fifth Grade, taught by Mrs. W. S. Summerell, made a perfect score in spelling for the second month ending November 13, 1936: Dorothy Pierce, Vernell Whitson, Carolina McMullan, Sabrah Boyce, and Charles Lassiter.

NUTS AND BOLTS



"It's O. K. We've Got the Light with Us"

Traffic signals are electrically timed to aid the orderly flow of traffic. They are timed in fairness to all who use the streets—drivers and pedestrians—and it would seem a simple matter to obey them. A review of the accident records, however, would indicate that drivers need to be reformed as to their meaning.

RED means "stop," not "slow down, make sure no officer is in sight, and then sneak through."

AMBER means "wait," not "step on it and get through before she turns red."

GREEN means "proceed with caution, and with due respect for the rights of others," not "go like blazes."

Nine out of ten accidents that involve drivers' mistakes, according to Travelers Insurance Company records, are caused by undue haste.

Slow down and live longer.

CROSS ROADS

Miss Helen Evans, of Manteo, and Miss Frances Evans, of Hertford, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hollowell, Mr. and Mrs. John F. White and little daughter, Carolyn, of Edenton, were supper guests Sunday night of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Harrell and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harrell, of Brayhall, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Privott Saturday evening.

Miss Marjorie Hefren was out of school Monday on account of sickness.

Mrs. W. R. Mann and Mrs. Zeno Mann, of Whitakers, and Mrs. Fannie B. Knight, of Tarboro, spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. E. N. Elliott.

Miss Myra Bunch spent the week-end in Norfolk, Va.

Misses Lois Savage, Eunice Hobbs, May Belle Edwards and Marion Fiske spent Saturday in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elliott and David Parker, of Suffolk, Va., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hollowell and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Welch, Jr., at Washington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elliott and son, Miss Elise Hines and Robert Winborne, of Suffolk, Va., and Mrs. E. N. Elliott visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H.

Winborne Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Asbell and children, of Sunbury, visited Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hollowell, Sr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Welch, Sr., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Elliott on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son spent Sunday afternoon in Rocky Hock with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hollowell and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hollowell, in Green-hall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hollowell and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leary visited Mrs. Jesse Forehand Sunday evening.

Mrs. R. H. Hollowell, Mrs. Lindsey Evans and Mrs. E. N. Elliott attended a meat canning demonstration held at Edenton High School Monday afternoon.

Thomas Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Blanchard, who was rushed to Windsor Hospital last Saturday a week ago, was brought home Friday. He was taken much worse Monday morning and had to be taken back to the hospital.

RIVER VIEW

Miss Montaze Byrum and her brother, Forrest, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Davidson on Monday evening.

Mrs. Lucille Bunch spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Will Williams. Mrs. D. C. Davidson and daughter, Nita, spent Tuesday afternoon with

Mrs. W. J. Bunch and Mrs. H. M. Bunch.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bunch, Miss Eunice Bass and Jennings Bunch attended the show in Edenton Wednesday evening.

Miss Montaze Byrum visited Mrs. Lucille Bunch Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hollowell, Mrs. D. C. Davidson and daughter, Nita, made a business trip to Elizabeth City Friday.

Mrs. J. T. Eason spent Sunday as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Davidson.

The River View Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. J. Bunch.

A. M. E. Z. Conference In Edenton Dec. 2 - 6

The 26th session of the Albemarle annual conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church will be held in Keshesh A. M. E. Z. Church December 2 to 6, with Bishop Paris Arthur Wallace presiding. The five day session includes many prominent preachers of the colored race and will come to a close Sunday, December 6, with the assignment of presiding elders, pastors and district workers by Bishop Wallace.

Rev. H. A. Trotter is pastor of the local church and is included on some of the most important committees of the conference, all of whom will make reports during the session. Many ministers and workers of the church are expected to be in Edenton for the conference.

ODDITIES OF THE LAW

Where a ship was wrecked at sea and all the sailors took to the only life-boat and after making off decided all were going to sink, due to the fact of the boat being over loaded. They cast lots to ascertain which ones would jump over board by common agreement. They lost several men by this method and the courts

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A bank customer picked up a fountain pen from a clerk's desk and unscrewed the top. The pen was a disguised tear gas pistol, and he lost the sight of an eye. In a suit for damages the customer collected \$5,000.00.

Both the states of New York and Florida have laws providing that when a voter places a bet on an election that they are barred from voting in that particular election.

Mr. Frisby of the Frisby Studio of Elizabeth City will be here Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Joseph Hewes Hotel to take Christmas photographs. See or call Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt for appointment. Phone 217-J.

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