

Rev. W. T. C. Briggs Flays Passage Of New Marriage Law

Urges Legislature That Will Erase Law From Statute Books

Rev. W. T. C. Briggs, of Tyner, strongly resents the recent law enacted by the General Assembly making it compulsory for contracting couples to produce a health certificate before being issued a marriage license. In a letter to The Herald Mr. Briggs has this to say:

"I am not looking for any fist and skull scrap with John White, nor do I hold in scorn any physician who is a Christian gentleman, and who would scorn to abuse the confidence of the husbands whose wives and daughters come into their care for medical attention. But I do want to say that when it has come to the pass that a nice, clean, blushing, virtuous young woman has to walk up and expose her body from Cherokee to Currituck to some abominable, old lustful libertine of a doctor before she can obtain a marriage license to march down the aisle of the church and stand before the altar of matrimony, I just want to say that the recent Legislature of North Carolina has enacted a law that was conceived, forged and formulated in a devil's hell."

"What has the State got to do with marriage anyway? Marriage is a matter of religion, and the Constitution of the United States specifically says that, 'Congress shall enact no laws respecting the establishment of religion or the free exercise thereof.' With such an indecent marriage law as has recently been enacted in this State, I cannot blame the young people for going to another state to be married. Nor should I blame them when once they do flee the indecency of such a law should they just remain in the state that solemnizes their marriage vows without exposing them to such beastly indecencies."

"Such an indecent and intolerant law as the one I refer to is calculated to bring about more adultery and cause more young couples to cohabit without being married by the State than the world has perhaps ever thought of. And may the God of Heaven speedily give us a legislature that will do honor to and save the name of our State for decency by erasing such an indecent law from the statutes. This frame-up of doctors for laws in their own interest by creating scares is an outrage that ought to be recanted. Doctors have had enough laws enacted to drive people to them for medical attention that is not desired, but resented by the citizens, and it is time to call a halt."

COLERAIN

Miss Mary Belle Robinson returned to her home Monday night, after spending sometime here with Miss Helen Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stokes, Mrs. Manley White and Mrs. L. A. Nowell were in Norfolk, Va., Tuesday.

Mrs. Graham Harrell, Mrs. Harry Smith, Mrs. H. O. Harrell, Miss Janie Sessoms and Mrs. Shelton Pierce were in Ahoskie Thursday.

Mrs. Bill Smith and little son, of Salisbury, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Britton.

Miss Mary Rhodes Crisp returned to her home in Greenville Thursday, after visiting her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Nowell.

Miss Deborah Allen returned to her home at Williamston on Saturday, after spending sometime here with her sister, Mrs. Harry Barnhill.

Mrs. Obed Brown and children returned to Edenton Sunday, after spending the past week with her mother-in-law, Mrs. John Brown.

Miss Della Bowden returned Friday from Clinton, where she spent a few days with her mother.

Miss Teeny Miller, of Ayden, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Miller.

Miss Hazel Lawrence, of Gates, and Thad Evans, of Aulander, were the guests of Mrs. Martha Evans on Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Deans returned home Thursday night, after attending the New York World's Fair.

Q. C. Davis, who has spent the past several months here in the interest of the Smith-Douglas Company, has been transferred to Murfreesboro, and went to that place Monday.

Miss Louise Britt returned home Sunday night from a two weeks' visit in Swan Quarter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnhill spent the week-end in Plymouth visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCrery and Miss Helen Phelps were in Norfolk, Va., on Friday.

Mrs. Bill Adams, of New York, is visiting her husband here for two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Nowell were in Greenville Thursday on business.

The Harvest. Europe is in the midst of its harvest season, pulling its cannon fodder. —Greensboro (N. C.) Daily News.

CENTER HILL

Rev. Frank Cale has returned home from Croset, Va., where he visited his brother, Paul Cale, and Mrs. Cale.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Walston and Rev. M. T. Mallory, of Durham, are attending the Assembly at Louisburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner had as guests at dinner on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollowell and two children, Bernice and Elizabeth, of Sunbury; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byrum, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Byrum and their daughter, Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Byrum and son, Alma. Additional guests in the afternoon were Mrs. Silas White, Marjorie Ward, of Wha-

leyville, Va., Myra White and Edna Ward, Mrs. J. T. White and her daughter, Miss Artilissa, of Greenville.

Mrs. Rufus Smithson and Miss Lois Hope Lane visited Mrs. Rob Bunch, in North Edenton, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elbert Bunch has returned from Norfolk, Va., where she visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parker. She also visited in the home of her son, T. N. Bunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hollowell and two daughters, Bernice and Elizabeth, of Sunbury, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Turner.

Mrs. Sam Davis, of Elizabeth City, spent Saturday with her father, T. E. Monds, and attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Myrtle Frye Monds, to Robert Johnston, at Center Hill

Baptist Church Saturday afternoon. Mrs. J. S. Turner and daughter, Peggy, Mrs. J. P. Byrum, Mrs. Joseph Hollowell and two daughters were in Hertford Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Perry and baby, of Richmond, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. Perry's father, E. C. Perry.

Mrs. Henry Goodwin and daughter, Mary, of Greenhall, and T. C. Byrum, of Edenton, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, of Phoebus, Va., and Miss Lillian Furry, of Richmond, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Furry Saturday evening.

Mrs. T. H. Byrum, her daughter, Miss Myrtle Byrum, and son, Robert Byrum, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jernigan and daughter, Sylvia, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jernigan and three chil-

dren, Forest, Norma and Janet Faye, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Byrum and Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves, at Colerain, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotter Bright White and daughter, Novella, spent Sunday with relatives at Harrellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Jones, of Norfolk, Va., visited Mrs. Ida Reed on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bepice Howell, of Norfolk, Va., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bunch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey McClenny and daughter, Jeannette, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jernigan.

Mrs. Charlie Hollowell and daughter, Miss Katherine Hollowell, spent Friday with Mrs. Willie Byrum. Robert Turner, Joyce Chappell, Miss Melba Chappell, E. B. White,

Jr., Beulah and Camilla White, Misses Mamie and Annie Mae Hollowell and Lois Hope Lane were among those taking swimming lessons at Hollis Wharf last week.

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