

MARTIN WROTE IT NORTH CAROLINA TOAST

Mr. Harry C. Martin, an accomplished toastmaster of this State, composed the Pretty Little Quatrains, "Here's to the Land of the Long Leaf Pine," etc.

Such has been said and written of the beautiful toast, "The Old North State," within the last two years.

"Here's to the land of the long leaf pine, A summer land where the sun doth shine; Where the weak grow strong, the strong grow great; Here's to 'down home,' 'The Old North State.'"

The author of this exquisite toast is Mrs. Harry C. Martin, who was, before her marriage, Miss Leonora Monteiro, a most accomplished adopted daughter of the Old North State.

Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, of The Observer, is in receipt of the following letters, which will clear up the mystery of the authorship of the toast.

"When I returned to North Carolina, after an absence of two years, I found that the 'North Carolina toast,' which I had written for a banquet of the North Carolina Society, of Richmond, Va., on the 20th of May, 1904, had been printed in black letter wall cards and many copies sold."

"This toast came straight from my heart. I am glad it struck a responsive chord in the hearts of others, but it does seem singular that it should have been attributed to other people, while I only knew, by accident, that it had been republished from The Times-Dispatch, in which it appeared the day after the banquet."

"Enclosed you will find a letter from Mr. Charles E. Borden, of Richmond, who asked me to send four toasts, and one from Rev. Walter W. Moore, D. D., a native of your city, whose speech 'The Old North State' had closed by his proposal of the toast."

"Dr. Moore's graceful letter states the facts of its production. I enclose the three other toasts, which accompanied 'Carolina' on its initial appearance, though the latter is decidedly the best of the quartette."

"If my little quatrain is worthy of printing at all, it, at least, need not sail under so many piratical flags, but under its true colors. As Touchstone said of Audrey, 'A homely thing but all mine own.'"

"I am very glad that you are trying to fix definitely the authorship of the lines to the Old North State, and that they really and truly belong to Mrs. Martin. I always thought the lines were original with her, and wherever I have had the opportunity, when the question was discussed have stated that my impression was that she was the author. I never heard that Tom Dixon had been credited with a line, but in this connection I have taken the matter up with Dr. Moore, of the Union Theological Seminary, and feeling so sure that you and Mrs. Martin would appreciate and prize his letter in reply to mine, I enclose same herewith. You will see that the doctor, while regretting that he did not keep the copy of his speech, states that he has always referred to the lines as emanating from Mrs. Martin."

"DR. MOORE'S LETTER. Dr. Moore wrote: 'I have no record that would be of use in the matter of which you write, but I have a very distinct recollection of the circumstances under which the lines referred to came to my knowledge. I had been requested to respond to one of the toasts at the North Carolina banquet, and a short time before my speech was to be delivered I received from someone a small book, the cover of which bore the verse in question, accompanied with the statement, which I remember vividly, that it was written by Mrs. Martin and a request that I should use them in my speech. It was, I am sure, generally understood at the North Carolina Society of Richmond at the time that she was the writer, and I have never heard it questioned. North Carolinians in our community who have referred to it in conversation with me have always referred to it as hers. Of course, those who were present at the banquet knew that Mrs. Martin wrote it, as the fact was publicly stated by herself and, perhaps, by others. I should feel much less satisfaction in those lines if I had to believe that they were written by Tom Dixon, and I do not see why anybody should suppose that he did write them. I think we are all under obligations to Mrs. Martin for expressing so happily a feeling which lies deep in the heart of every Tar Heel, and I think that it would have been well in reproducing those lines on the wall cards had her name been attached to every copy.'"

"THE CARDS AT THE EXPOSITION. Letter Mr. Borden wrote Mrs. Martin: 'I have your favor of September 30th, and as requested I hand you herewith copies of several toasts which were furnished me by Mrs. Martin. I have assumed in every instance that she was the originator of the lines, and whenever the opportunity has occurred, have so stated.'"

"Last week I was down at the Jamestown Exposition and in the North Carolina Building, hung against the wall in the hall, printed on a wooden table, are the lines about which we have been corresponding. Underneath them has been placed the name Jenkins."

"Mrs. Charles D. Melver, of Greensboro, and whose husband you will recall as one of the great educators of North Carolina, is the permanent hostess for the North Carolina Building. I asked her if she knew by what right the name Jenkins was placed under that toast. She replied that she did not, and that she had further understood that Mr. Jenkins has disclaimed the authorship. The Jenkins to whom she refers is a newspaper man and lives in Baltimore. She promised to write Mr. Jenkins and ask if he would admit to the authorship of the lines, and I left her my card with the understanding that she would at least let me have a copy of the reply if he did not send me his letter. I told her I thought the question ought to be settled, and that North Carolinians were not doing themselves justice by attributing the toast to other than the rightful owner."

COURT IS NO MORE

Long-Drawn-Out Term Comes to an End After Four Weeks of Life—What It Did.

After four weeks of taking testimony, of hearing argument, of delivering charges, of wrestling with "hung" juries, of returning verdicts and figuring on damages, Mecklenburg Superior Court was made an end of yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

A number of motions were argued and formalities for the continuance of cases gone through with but no case was tried yesterday. The present court was made up of one week of criminal and three weeks of civil court. It was not notable in any respect beyond the fact of its length and the fact that at least two weeks of the civil term were devoted to trying cases against one defendant company, the Life Insurance Company of Virginia.

There is no longer any doubt as to who composed the toast. Those who know Mrs. Martin are delighted to know that she wrote the quatrain which has become so popular. North Carolina, glad to claim her, although Mrs. Martin is a native of Maryland, she has spent so much of her life here that she has become a real Tar Heel. She is gifted and accomplished. At present she is in Durham, visiting her niece, Mrs. W. D. Carmichael, whose husband is superintendent of the Durham schools. Mrs. Martin has many friends here. For a number of years she lived at Greensboro, where she is pleasantly remembered.

THE OTHER TOASTS. The following are the other three toasts submitted by Mrs. Martin: THE SONS OF CAROLINA. Strong sons are yours, old State, Carolina!

THE FIRST AMERICAN GIRL—A CAROLINIAN. The first "American Girl" was born a Carolinian fair, And woman reigns still royally where lived Virginia here. Loved as they are lovely, here's to them all good luck, The girls who bloom between "Cherokee and Currituck."

THE LAND OF THE SKY—WESTERN CAROLINA. Land of the glistering lakes, Land of the sunnits high, Land of the rhododendron— Land of the Sky.

FINED \$10 AND APPEALS. Mr. Frank McM. Sawyer is Fined For Alleged Fast Automobile Speeding—Mr. Courtney Fined Costs For Leaving Team Unattended—Other Cases.

Mr. Frank McM. Sawyer was fined \$10 in the recorder's court yesterday morning, the charge being that of running his automobile into the moving van of Courtney Brothers. Mr. Sawyer took an appeal, his bond being fixed at \$25. Mr. A. B. Justice appeared for the prosecution and scored sharply people who run their automobiles too fast to be safe for pedestrians and others. Mr. G. C. Courtney was charged with leaving his team unattended and fined the costs.

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OTTO REIMAN, W. G. Martin and L. T. Verger, white men, were charged with drunk and disorderly conduct. They forfeited their appearance bond of \$10 each. Will Hendrick was fined \$5 and costs for leaving his team unattended.

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MANY LAND TRANSFERS

Real Estate Market Livened Up on the Last Day of the Week—Some of the Transactions Recorded.

Things livened up in real estate circles yesterday and many transfers of Charlotte soil reached accomplishment. Mr. N. J. Sherrill sold to the Traders' Land Company for a consideration of \$2,200 a lot on the east side of South Church street, fronting 31 feet.

Mr. John M. Harry for \$800 a lot fronting 30 feet on the north side of First street. It runs back 99 feet. Dr. John R. Irvin sold to Mr. D. Baxter Henderson for \$925 property on the west side of North Tryon. Mr. Henderson in turn sold to Mrs. Nora Sherrill for \$1,500 a tract of land in the township adjoining those of George Elliott and others.

Mr. Nora Sherrill sold to Mr. D. Baxter Henderson for a consideration of \$4,300 property beginning at the southeast corner of West Stonewall and South Church. It fronts 83 feet on Church and runs back 107 feet.

THE PEOPLE OF DILWORTH COMPLAIN. They Want Their Streets Sprinkled This Week For the Fair—Other Grievances.

The people of Dilworth are clamoring for a street sprinkler this week. They say that the dust is already something fearful and that it will be intolerable during the fair unless something is done. It is likely that the public service board will order one or more of the sprinklers to ply between the city and the fair grounds all the week.

Residents of Dilworth are inclined to murmur because they seem to have been forgotten by the city fathers. Several called at The Observer office yesterday to complain of the awful condition of the streets and the terrible dust storms which sweep up and down the Boulevard almost all of the time. Their fire station too they say seems to have gone by the boards and they are at their wits' end as to how to proceed.

White Woman Occupies Patrol Wagon. The rubber-necks rubber-necked for fair yesterday afternoon when the patrol wagon rolled up South Tryon between thronged sidewalks. Within the vehicle in solitary state was but one occupant, beside the police officers who made the arrest. She was a white woman, as far from an object as could be imagined. Her name is Grace Reed and the charge was drunk and disorderly conduct. She is the wife of Sig Reed.

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SHERIFF WALLACE TO RUN

He Will Certainly Be a Candidate to Succeed Himself and It is Said That Will Baker, of Sharon, Will Run.

"In your prognostications about the sheriff, if that is what you call them," said a far-sighted citizen yesterday, "you left out two Richmonds."

"There's Sheriff Wallace and William F. Baker, the one of this city and the other of Sharon. You may count on them, for they will be in the race."

"That makes more talk," said a reporter. "They are Richmonds, right? There is no better fellow than Sheriff Wallace and Will Baker was one of the best police officers the city ever had."

"Late yesterday afternoon, when the crowd was thickest about the square Sheriff Wallace was button-holed and questioned. 'Are you going to be in the race for sheriff this time?'" he was asked. "You bet I am. I will be there until the whistle blows. I am about the only sheriff that never got the commissions for collecting the taxes of the county. The last term I am collecting for Charlotte township."

"Yes sir. I will be a candidate. 'That is interesting. The race will not be dull if all the prospective candidates materialize.'"

"A Boys' Religion" will be the subject of a talk by Mr. J. A. Helvin at the boys' gospel meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon, at 2:45 o'clock. Mr. Helvin has talked to the boys a number of times and his addresses are always attractive and helpful. All boys of the city are invited.

The Buffaloes won their first victory in basketball yesterday morning by defeating the Panthers in a strongly contested game. The score was 12 to 5. The Panthers played the best game in the first half but lost out in the last. A good game is scheduled for to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the White Sox play the Rough Riders. These two teams generally put up an excellent game.

All employed boys of the city, who are contemplating entering the night school, are requested to be present at the social to-morrow night at 8:30 o'clock when full and complete information will be given regarding the educational classes for the coming season. This is an opportunity that no working boy can afford to miss.

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