

SMITH SAYS NO CONFLICT TWIXT CHURCH & STATE

Governor of New York Claims That He Is Good Catholic But Also Good American

ANSWERS EACH OF MARSHALL'S QUESTIONS

Shows That Decrees Applying To Church Relationship Do Not Apply to Relationship Of Catholics to Government

Boston, April 17.—Governor Al. E. Smith, of New York, in a letter to the Atlantic Monthly, today declared that he recognized no power in the Roman Catholic church to interfere with the operations of the constitution of the United States or the enforcement of the laws of the land.

The governor, a Roman Catholic, and potential candidate for the presidency, wrote the letter to the magazine in reply to an open letter, published in the Monthly last month by Charles C. Marshall, New York lawyer and Episcopalian, who asked him a number of questions and swore to defend and maintain the relation of the Catholic church to the state. Mr. Marshall has been described as an authority of canon law.

The governor's interpretation of Mr. Marshall's questions is described in his letter, as follows:

"Taking your letter as a whole and reducing it to commonplace English, you imply that there is conflict between religious loyalty to the Catholic faith and patriotic loyalty to the United States."

The governor declared that "everything that has happened to me during my long public career leads me to know that no such as that is true."

Smith's Creed.

Governor Smith summoned up his creed as "an American Catholic" as follows:

"I believe in the worship of God according to the faith and practice of the Roman Catholic church. I recognize no power in the institution of my church to interfere with the operations of the constitution of the United States or the enforcement of the law of the land.

"I believe in absolute freedom of conscience for all men and in equality of all churches, all sects, and all beliefs before the law as a matter of right and not as a matter of favor.

"I believe in the absolute separation of church and state and in the strict enforcement of the provisions of the constitution that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

"I believe that no tribunal of any church has any power to make any decree of any force in the law of the land, other than to establish the status of its own communicants within its own church.

Favors Public Schools.

"I believe in the support of the public school as one of the cornerstones of American liberty. I believe in the right of every parent to choose whether his child shall be educated in the public school or in a religious school supported by the use of his own faith.

"I believe in the principle of non-interference by this country in the internal affairs of other nations and that we should stand steadfastly against any such interference by whomsoever it may be urged. And I believe in the common brotherhood of man under the common fatherhood of God.

"In this spirit I join with fellow Americans of all creeds in a fervent prayer that never again in this land will any public servant be challenged because of the faith in which he has tried to walk humbly with his God."

The governor, at the start of his letter wrote: "You 'impute' to American Catholics views which, if held by them, would leave open to question the loyalty and devotion

Waters To Be The Next Principal

At a meeting of the Pittsboro school board last Friday, J. S. Waters, who has been assistant in the high school for the past three years, was chosen principal to succeed A. V. Nolan, who as announced last week, will go to Old Fort.

Mrs. Geo. H. Brooks, who has served acceptably for some time as one of the high school teachers, was chosen as assistant principal. The other members of the faculty for the next term are to be chosen later.

Mr. Waters is a graduate of the University and is a capable young man.

to this country and its constitution of more than 20,000,000 American Catholic citizens. I am grateful to you for defining this issue in the open and for your courteous expression of the satisfaction it will bring to my fellow citizens for me to give a disclaimer of the convictions thus imputed.

Challenge To Patriotism.

"Without mental reservation I can and do make that disclaimer. These convictions are held neither by me nor by any other American Catholic, as far as I know. Before answering the argument of your letter, however, I must dispose of one of its implications. You put your questions to me in connection with my candidacy for the office of President of the United States. My attitude with respect of that was fully stated in my last inaugural address as governor."

Here follows a quotation in which the governor declares that while he is not indifferent to the high honor of the presidency he will make no effort toward securing it than by trying to execute the duties of governor in such manner as to show that he is worthy of the higher honor.

"After giving his interpretation of Mr. Marshall's letter and stating that there was no conflict between religious loyalty and patriotic loyalty, the governor said:

No Conflict.

"I have taken the oath of office in this state 19 times. Each time I swore to defend and maintain the constitution of the United States. * * * I have never known any conflict between my official duties and my religious belief. No such conflict could exist. Certainly the people of this state recognize no such conflict. They have testified to my devotion to public duty by electing me to the highest office within their gift four times. * * * During the year I have discharged these trusts I have been a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. If there were conflict, I of all men, could not have escaped it, because I have not been a silent man, but a battler for social and political reform. These battles would in their very nature disclose this conflict if there were any.

"I regard public education as one of the foremost functions of government, and I have supported to the last degree the state department of education in every effort to promote our public school system. * * * My aim—and I may say I have succeeded in achieving it—has been legislation for child welfare, the protection of working men, women, and children, and modernization of the state's institutions for the care of the helpless or unfortunate wards, the preservation of freedom of speech and opinion against the attack of wartime hysteria and the complete reorganization of the structure of the government of the state.

Battles For The People.

"I did not struggle for these things for any single element, but in the interests of all the eleven million people who make up the state. In all this work I had the support of churches of all denominations. I probably know as many ecclesiastics of my church as any other layman. During my long and active career I have never received from any of them anything except encouragement in the full and complete discharge of my duty to the state. Moreover, I am unable to

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GOLDSTON NEWS

Mr. Alton Goldston, of the University of North Carolina spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Goldston. Mr. Goldston is studying to be a medical doctor, and it is his senior year at the University.

Mr. Milton Garner a university student spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garner.

Messrs. Howard Oldham and Manly Oldham of State College spent the Easter holidays at their homes.

Miss Wilma Garner a teacher in one of the Charlotte schools spent the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Hoghey Alexander of Durham, spent the holidays here with his parents, Edgar Alexander, and aunt, Mrs. J. J. Harris.

Miss Elizabeth Blair of Pittsboro spent the weekend with her cousin, Miss Addie May Goldston.

The Goldston school closes next Monday, April the twenty-fifth. Examinations are on this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Phillips of Greensboro spent the week-end with his parents.

Mrs. B. N. Gilmore of Virginia is also here on a visit.

School ran on the same schedule Easter Monday. After school, Miss Edith Roberts and Miss Ola Harmon gave their pupils an Easter egg hunt which was very enjoyable. Mildred Daurity, a fifth grade pupil, was presented a prize for finding the largest number of eggs.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goldston entertained the members of the school faculty at a sumptuous dinner Easter Sunday in their attractive new home.

Miss Nell Cheek of Meredith college was also a guest for dinner. Miss Cheek finishes in piano music this spring.

The many friends of Mr. Noah Cheek were saddened when they learned of his death which took place at his home here, Friday, April 15th.

Mr. Cheek was born Jan. 4th., 1848, died April 15th, 1927. He was twice married, first to Miss W. J. nie Smith, to which union were born 12 children, seven of whom are living.

His second wife was Miss Mattie Moffitt, and to this union were born nine children, eight of them surviving. The widow also survives. The surviving children by the first marriage are: J. R. Cheek, Barnwell, S. C.; W. B. Cheek, Chapel Hill; J. C. Cheek, Rockwell; Mrs. Luther Womble, Siler City; Mrs. M. L. Phillips, Bonlee; Mrs. J. L. Jordan, Liberty; Mrs. G. B. Rieves, Goldston.

The children by the second marriage: Troy M. Cheek, Bear Creek; Mrs. A. D. Craig, Wilmington; Mrs. D. C. Ritter, West End; Miss Gayle Cheek, Benson; J. K. Cheek, Galax, Va., and Hurley, Samuel and Vernon Cheek, of Goldston.

Mr. Cheek was a member of the Baptist church. He was a Confederate Veteran, being a private in Company H, 70th Regiment, N. C. "Junior Reserves," and was wounded at the battle of Kinston, near the close of the war, being 17 years old at the time.

All the fifteen surviving children were present at the funeral. Twelve were at bedside when death came.

The funeral and interment were at Goldston, on Easter Sunday. The funeral services took place at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Chaffin, and Rev. James Barclay, of Pittsboro.

The grave was covered with a number of beautiful floral designs, among them was a beautiful design given by the principal of the school and the tenth and eleventh grades, and one by the seventh grade.

Mr. Cheek lived a long and useful life. He has reared two families of noble sons and daughters. While nature was filled with its beautiful, with the many buds and blossoms, which scent the air everywhere, so was the soul of Mr. Cheek transferred from earth to Heaven where there is more beauty and perfect peace.

It is sad to part with loved ones, even though we know they have lived out their days, but there is a

A. A. Cotner, of Siler City, Died Tuesday

Mr. A. A. Cotner, for thirteen years the highly esteemed miller at the Bynum mill, died Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Gee, near Siler City, and was buried Wednesday afternoon at Love's Creek Baptist church. Mr. Cotner was 67 years of age, and was most highly esteemed as neighbor and citizen. He is the father of Mr. W. D. Cotner, who is known here as an employe of the firm of Connell and Johnson.

Mr. Noah Cheek Of Goldston, Passes

Mr. Noah Cheek, an aged and most highly respected citizen of Goldston, died the latter part of the week and was buried Sunday morning. Mr. Cheek was the father of 21 children, fifteen of whom survive. Among the survivors are Mr. W. B. Cheek, who made such a good run for the legislature last year.

TAX ASSESSORS FOR TOWNSHIPS

Mr. J. S. Wrenn, recently appointed county assessor by the board of county commissioners, has appointed the following good citizens as township assessors:

Township	Assessor
Albright	J. B. Ingle
Baldwin	C. B. Smith
Bear Creek	R. A. Phillips
Cape Fear	J. M. Craven
Center	H. W. Farrell
Gulf	D. T. Brooks
Hadley	J. A. Perry
Haw River	W. H. Lassiter
Hickory Mt.	W. H. Ferguson
Matthews	J. A. Dark
New Hope	D. L. Thomas
Oakland	C. M. Pattishall
Williams	J. A. Shadrach

THE COTTON PARADE.

Quite a number of Pittsboro ladies and girls were participants in the Cotton Parade Tuesday evening, when prizes were to be awarded for the prettiest cotton dresses worn by mature lady, high school girl, and small girl. As this is written just as the parade is preparing in order to get it to the printer, it may be that the names of the winners cannot be given this week. The parade was under the auspices of Miss Coltrane, teacher of the teacher-training class in the Pittsboro high school. The winners, Mrs. E. A. Farrell, Margaret Hoone Brooks, and Walker Blair, who beat the little girls.

The Elkins Go To Fredericksburg, Va.

(Written for last week's paper)

Their friends regret the early departure of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Elkins, of Siler City, for Fredericksburg, Va., where they will pursue the undertakers' business. Mrs. Elkins is a native of Chatham. A few years ago she and her husband returned to Siler City and published the Grit. After the sale of that paper to C. G. Shaw, they continued doing a job print-business, and also opened a funeral parlor and conducted an undertaking business. A year or two ago, Mrs. Elkins took a course in embalming. Too few people die in Chatham to make the undertaking business a booming success, and they have sold out both the print and the funeral business and are moving to Fredericksburg, Va., where more folks die.

Mrs. Elkins has been very active in civic affairs during her stay in Siler City. She has served on the school board. She has been one of the leading spirits in the establishments of the Chatham county fair, serving efficiently as secretary and treasurer. In short, their removal is a serious loss to the county.

Birthday Dinner.

Mr. B. M. Sanders was gratified Sunday when a goodly crowd of his relatives and friends came in bringing a big dinner with which to celebrate his 75th birthday. There were fifty or seventy-five present, including several from Durham, and a real dinner was enjoyed by the host and all present. It was quite a surprise to the aged citizen, and accordingly the more gratifying.

Easter was a real holiday here. The Record man seemed about the only fellow on main street that put in his usual day's work. Much fishing and several picnics marked the day in the county.

May this large family live as Christ would have them live, and they will be ready when the summons comes.

MONCURE NEWS

Mrs. Mary Barringer, the teacher of the primary class of the Methodist S. S., gave the little folks an egg hunt at her home this morning between nine and ten o'clock. Her large class of little boys and girls seemed to enjoy and appreciate the hunt very much.

The teacher of the little folks of the Baptist church gave an egg hunt this p. m. at three o'clock.

Some of the boys and young men of Moncure went to Bucktom to enjoy Easter.

Mrs. W. W. Stedman, the teacher of the junior class of boys and girls at the Methodist Sunday school took her class on a picnic at the lower gut of Deep river. First we enjoyed getting poles and everything in readiness for fishing, then we fished awhile, but we had no luck in catching fish. Next a nice dinner was spread near the banks of the river and enjoyed by all present. Then Easter eggs were hid by Mesdames J. W. Womble and W. W. Stedman and the girls and boys had much fun in finding the eggs. Misses Dorothy Lambeth, Nellie Womble hid them the second time and all seemed to enjoy finding the eggs. After the eggs were passed around to each one until all were gone, the class went kodaking and several pictures were taken. After which all got in cars and left for home each one saying that they had had a pleasant time.

Miss Chez Holt of Fuquay Springs spent the week-end and Easter with Miss Lucile Wicker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Self spent the week-end and Easter with their parents near Siler City.

Miss Virginia Cathell has returned from a visit to relatives at Lexington.

Miss Sockwell of Greenville, N. C., is visiting her sister, Miss Mamie Sockwell, this week.

The Easter service which was given by the Epworth Leaguers, last Sunday evening was enjoyed by the large crowd present. The decorations were pretty and suitable for the springtime and Easter. The main thought brought out by the appropriate program was "Christ is Risen and Behold He Liveth." The program was rendered well by the leaguers and the choir sang some pretty Easter songs.

Mr. Neal Hanner a member of Sanford Epworth League gave a splendid address on, "What Easter Means to Us."

Miss Hassell of Roanoke, Va., is a guest at Capt. J. H. Wissler's home this week.

Capt. Wissler and friends spent today, Easter, Monday at Buckhorn, Captain states that he caught a nice mess of fish and enjoyed the day fine.

The following Elon College boys spent last week-end and Easter at home with parents: Messrs. Sam and Clarence Crutchfield, Jennings and Glenn Womble, Evan Ray and James Utley, Mr. R. W. Utley who is teaching near Liberty, also spent Easter at home.

Miss Elizabeth Farrell who has a position with Page Trust Company at Aberdeen, spent Easter at home with her mother.

The music recital under the direction of Mrs. John Bell, Jr., teacher, given at the school auditorium last Friday evening was a success in every way and enjoyed by the large crowd present.

THOSE BONDS.

Readers will note the advertisement of the immediate sale of Chatham county bonds to the amount of \$50,000 by the board of commissioners, but may not understand that this sale of bonds does not increase the bonded indebtedness of the county.

On the other hand, it is to the financial advantage of the county. In 1919, \$50,000 of Center township road bonds were sold, bearing six per cent, payable in 1955, but redeemable after 1925. An act of the last legislature enables the commissioners to sell \$50,000 of refunding bonds to take up the higher interest bonds. The new bonds will bear 5 per cent, and will probably bring a premium, thus giving the county the lower interest rate and the benefit of whatever premium they may bring. Also, the new bond issue will be serial, payable \$1,000 each year.

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Fine Commencement Program Planned

Dr. Maddry to Preach—R. B. House To Deliver Address.

The commencement of the Pittsboro school is at hand. An excellent program has been planned. The sermon will be preached next Sunday, April 24, by Rev. Dr. Maddry, secretary of the Baptist State Mission Board and one of the most eloquent of North Carolina preachers.

Tomorrow evening, April 22, Mrs. Bynum's music class will give a recital. Saturday evening, the senior play, under the auspices of Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Waters, will be given.

Next Thursday is commencement day, when Mr. R. B. House, executive secretary of the president of the University, will deliver the address to the graduating class. The address will be followed by the presentation of diplomas to the grammar school and high school graduates.

That evening at eight o'clock, the commencement play, under the auspices of Miss Allgood and Mrs. Horton will be given.

Class Roll.

The members of the high school graduating class are:

Fred Noe, Roland Glenn, Kiah Henderson, Nannie Lanus, Martha Ray, Louise Petty, Mary Louise Burns, Sadie Brooks Johnson, Josephine Amick, Elizabeth Hurdon, Lucille Harris, Mary Sue Poe, Charlotte Copeland, Louise Riddle, Wardie Johnson, Mary Frances Perry, Camilla Powell, Lucy Pierce.

This is the closing of the third year under the principalship of Mr. Nolan. He leaves to go to Old Fort as principal, and Mr. Waters, who has served acceptably as assistant principal, has been promoted to the principalship for the next session, and Mrs. Brooks to the assistant principalship.

HORTON BROTHERS

MEMORIAL SPEAKERS

Senator W. B. Horton of Yanceyville, has accepted the invitation of the Daughters of the Confederacy to deliver the address here on Memorial Day, May 20, while his brother, Senator W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro, has been chosen by the Raleigh U.D.C. to deliver the address at Raleigh on the same day. As formerly stated in these columns, no members of the last legislature made finer reputations than these two Chatham county men, such distinctions as their selection for memorial day addresses prove our assertion. Already W. P. Horton is being talked by people in the state as a future governor. For instance, one of the prominent legislators from the western part of the state has been quoted by Mr. J. L. Griffin as stating that he would never be satisfied till he had voted for Horton for governor. It has been the west and the east. About 1923 it will be time for the central section to claim recognition.

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FOUR GET LONG PRISON TERMS

Trial of Murderers of Sheriff Turner of Lee Results in Conviction of Davis, McAvene, Harrison and Robbins.

NO 1ST-DEGREE VERDICT

Davis and McAvene Convicted of Second Degree Murder Get 30 Years Each; Harrison and Robbins Get 20 and 10 Years On Verdict of Manslaughter.

It was Easter morning when the Harnett county jury trying Bud Davis, Tom McAvene, Malcom Harrison, and Parker Robbins for the murder of Sheriff J. L. Turner of Lee county returned their verdict in open court at Sanford. They brought in a verdict of second-degree murder for Davis and McAvene and manslaughter for Harrison and Robbins, making that early Easter morning practically a resurrection morning for Bud Davis, who was almost sure of a sentence to the chair. In fact, Judge Sinclair openly stated that the jury would have been justified by the evidence in convicting all four of first-degree murder.

For ten days the trial had dragged its rather monotonous way. It was near five o'clock Saturday evening when Solicitor C. L. Williams arose to make the final speech of a series of about a dozen. It was dusk when he completed his assault upon the defense, and court adjourned till eight-thirty, when Judge Sinclair delivered his charge to the jury. It was just about midnight when the jury reported ready to render verdict, but as Judge Sinclair had gone to the hotel and to bed it was between one and two o'clock Easter morning when the four prisoners heard the words that sentenced them to a total of 90 years of hard labor in the state prison. Davis goes for thirty years, likewise McAvene, and Harrison for twenty years, and Robbins for not more than fifteen years and not less than ten.

And they were right off to Raleigh. Judge Sinclair was most impressive in rendering sentence and in taking every precaution against mob violence. But he failed to get over the only deception he undertook. His voice betrayed him when he announced that the officers were directed to take the prisoners to the penitentiary at ten o'clock Sunday morning. The doors were locked on the crowded court room when the prisoners had been escorted from the hall, and in only two or three minutes Ford's were heard getting in tune for the fifty-mile run to Raleigh. But His Honor's precautions were evidently altogether unnecessary. There had been no disposition manifest during any part of the trial to do violence to the prisoners.

Great crowds had attended almost every session during the ten days, but it looked about as much like a preaching service as a murder trial, and if anybody had said anything about violence it was some who could have found no following if he himself had had the disposition and the nerve to undertake a rash move. But if there had been a disposition to resort to violence, there is no question that it would have been a warm time for an incipient mob. When the verdict was to be rendered, His Honor ordered the doors of the court room locked and had officers placed in each aisle with orders to arrest any one who opened his mouth to utter any comment upon the verdict, promising that such one should get a term in jail for contempt of court. Needless to say, the room was as quiet as a cemetery while the four men heard their fate and till they had been conducted from the hall and were being placed in cars for immediate

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