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ONE OF OLDER PAPERS IN NORTH CAROLINA

For Fifty Years An Enlightening Force in Chatham County

tury of service to the people of Attorney D. L. Bell, who had recent-chatham county and the state. We ly come to Pittsboro. But Mr. Bell had contemplated making the anni-soon sold to Mr. Colin G. Shaw, whos Hon. Josiah William Bailey of Rasinister and secret forces are threatversary memorable by a great coun- fiery career as editor is well rem- leigh. The courthouse was filled to ty edition, but the season and the hard times have caused us to defer that event for the present. It may seems planted for the rest of his come this fall, if the circumstances life, especially since he is resolved hours listened with sympathetic atseem auspicious. Anyway, this week we wish to call your attention strong- year in Chatham, when the old party to the fact that the old party will have a show to splurge a have been the best political speech Seal Harbor, Me., a ringing appeal

bitterest campaigns imaginable was tor of the Record, whoever he was, on in this congressional district, and has been able to write "to his own we are hoping to get a copy of the peppery article written by Major London, then a young lawyer, just married three years. It appeared in Chatham county the second issue of the Chatham county. Record, a copy of which we had till With this issue the old paper the fire last year. However, there starts on the second half of its first committee, who presided before incommittee, who presided before incommittees the contract of the contract are supposed to be bound volumes century. We feel that it has the troducing the speaker, made a few of the Record for the first forty confidence of the people so far as years in the State Library, also in its integrity is concerned, though we the University library, and "Henry are aware that many differ as to Major" has been requested to have us a copy made in time for this is-

tor skins him alive and puts pepper fortune and not the Chatham Recand salt on the raw flesh. It was ord's. only two years since the reconstruc- When the next fifty years are many flare backs to those dark days. old paper may have been as true Zeb Vance was serving his first and steadfast in the main as it has term after his war term as goverwithin the scope of the writer's own Let them mark this date down in memory. But we are quite sure that their minds and be able to recall the bigger than any man or any one we heard Zeb Vance speak at the conditions and the people of this Clinton fair during this term, and as date. an eight-year-old lad the present editor was not entirely ignorant of the drift of political events when Contents of First the Chatham Record was launched fifty years ago. There was a cousin horn about this time and named Wade Hampton, and we know why he was so named.

The second issue of the paper, which we have seen, carries very few county news items. There were few Williams & Co., H. Mahler,, N. C. erwise have been deceived by false to record. We recall 25 years ago, Home Insurance Co., W. H. & R. S. statements. county news items. There were few when the writer was editing The Argus at Lumberton, that we would carry the gist of the state news, all the county news we could gather in the great county of Robeson, and a resume of the world news in a fourpage paper. So we may imagine that Chatham fifty years ago was not very prolific in news items. A twenty-mile visit in those days was a matter of a day's journey. is nine years yet before the railroad is built, and one's memory does not have to run back fifty years to get an idea of the condition of the roads an idea of the condition of the roads ner of Orange. The vote in Chatin the county at that time. It has ham was 1348 for Davis, 458 for turn this State over to Republicans. been only a little more than four years since the writer first put foot on Chatham soil and he has seen an astounding change take place in the road conditions within that period.

At that time Raleigh had probably less than six thousand inhabitants; Durham was a large village; Burlington was company Shops, important because of the railroad shops that gave its name; Sanford was a village. Pittsboro itself was an aristocratic old village in the mud, and in the dark after nightfall. As indicated in another article, the names of the people of the town have nearly all changed in these fifty years. Only the Londons' the Williams, Mr. Hanks, Mrs. Hill, and a few others survive as relics of the more or less distinguished families that populated the village fifty church will give a dime party to- fore the convention to Grover Cle

years ago.
The old copy of the Record which we have seen was well preserved. That was before the day of wood some organ recently purchased by All in all, it was a great day for pulp, and the newspaper of that them for their church. Take a pock-Chatham Democracy and from now time was far more lasting than that et full of change with you. of today. It was a seven-column young ladies will be out in full force, Chatham in line for good governfour-page sheet and, despite the ne- and look their sweetest. cessity of printing it on a Washington handpress, was well printed, ev- are about 2,500 girls attending the en better than most of the of the academy and high schools in North NOTICE OF JUNIORS OF NO. 288

weeklies now. Major London made the editorial columns the main forte of his paper, and for nigh forty years sent out from his little press a series of editorials that were forceful and of the population of the people of Pitts- promises to be a worthwhile meeting telling affect throughout the state. boro fifty years ago, as attempted and all the members of this council

quainted with the Chatham Record versary issue, and there may be some ed to attend this meeting. more than twenty-five years ago, mistakes, and, of course, there are when an editor in Lumberton, re- some omissions. The Renchers, if ceiving the Record in exchange, and that is the way to spell the name, always reading the editorials of the were omitted, and it is probable that genial aMjor London, during those Isaac Long, a Jew and a merchant, their kindness and sympathy shown five years at Lumberton, and admir- was in business here fifty years

he moved to Raleigh to begin his ca-R. P. Johnson place.

Well, the Chatham Record greets reer as secretary of a dozen or more you this week after a full half-cen- organizations. He was followed by campaign was opened in Chatham

At that time one of the time than today. As a rule the edi-

sue. We want to show you what real ginger in a campaign was and something of the fiery spirit of the founder and a sample of his editorial work.

We are confident that the people of Chatham county do not want a milk-and-cider editorial policy. They prefer a man, speaking boldly his own opinion, whether they agree with him or not But if there are well dinner was served on the courthouse. him or not. But if there are some Josiah Turner was a candidate for who do not admire such a policy, it Congress and the young lawyer-edicannot be helped. It is their mis-

Some of the

In the first issue of The Record, tion. Tucker, the latter being then one of the largest dry goods stores in sue in American politics is an ofthe state. The mercantile firms of fonce against God, country and man-W. L. London and O. S. Poe adver-kind.

tised their goods for the local trade. 6. That Gov. Smith's position on torials successfully advocated the and whether you agree with him or election of Hon. John M. Moring, one not on that, there is nothing to preof Chatham's representatives in the vent a good Democrat and good legislature, for speaker of the House temperance man or woman from supand the election to Congress of Hon. porting him. And on the other Jos. J. (Honest Joe) Davis of Frank- hand there is great cause to support lin. Davis was elected over Wiley him. D. Jones of Wake and Josiah Tur-Jones and 190 for Turner.

were: Luther B. Bynum, C. Rom Scott, J. W. Hatch, W. P. Wrenn and Thomas Cross. Capt. John W. State, vote for the party that is Taylor was sheriff, W. F. Foushee was the clerk of the court and W. State to the long me H. Hatch was the register of deeds. triumph. Let every Democrat do

ord's first issue: Subscribe to The Chatham Record lish righteousness, equal rights and

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purpose of raising sufficient money higger than any man or any one isto pay the balance due for the hand- site

Major Robert Bingham says there many years. Carolina.

The necessity of hastening off to

### paign in Chatham

Large Crowd Hears Principles of Democracy Expounded And Radical Leaders Roasted. Enjoyable Barbecue, Etc.

and women who for nearly two Van Dyke, eminent educator, Presly to the fact that the old paper per will have a show to splurge a delivered in the county in thirty for religious tolerance.

Never in the history of the old vears. Several times during the ad-It is one of the few papers in the State that have run continuously for pleased. The wrong thing may have the applicable. Every section of the same name, often here said but it has been out to of the county was represented a haif-century under the same nam. often been said, but it has been outthe first issue was on September 19, spoken, but no more so at any
as a result it is felt by political observers that old Chatham will remain safely in the Democratic col-

forceful remarks declaring that the

Mr. Bailey, who has a large personal following among Chathamites. at the outset of this speech stated that he proposed to set up and maintion period had ended and there were many flare backs to those dark days. old paper may have been as true campaign: campaign:

1. The supreme duty of the hour nor. Only two years more and Gar-field will be elected, and that brings Record should be here in their prime country and failed to meet the de-field will be elected. The father and mother house site. John Womack, father of mands of agricultural relief.

issue, and regardless of differences it is our duty to give its ticket loyal support from constable to president. 3. The Democratic party is the only party that understands and sym-Chatham Record rathizes with the Southern people. end we must maintain it as the faithful guardian of our civiliza-

Sept. 19, 1878, appears two columns 4. That Alfred E. Smith is the of advertisement by Raleigh mer-best qualified man in America for chants, among them being Alfred president, and those who think oth-

5. That to raise the religious is-

Besides the salutatory, strong edi- prohibition is better than Hoover's

7. Nobody in North Carolina We have in Max Gardner a worthy In 1879 the county commissioners successor to the long line from Vance

his duty and we shall drive out the These items appeared in the Rec- evil doers and the special interests, nut an end to privilege and re-estab-

Each of the above propositions was taken up, clearly explained and The town commissioners have re-cently had several additional horse applaus; was given when the speakracks erected in our streets for the er read Senator Vance's statement convenience of our friends from the in 1892, when he declared his allegiance to the Democratic national The ladies of the Presbyterian ticket, though personally opposed benight at the old "agle" hotel for the veland, saying that the party was

> Our on the battle will be on to keep old ment which has been realized these

The Goldston Council No. 288 at Goldston, will entertain the families Sampson to the burial of a kinsman Saturday night, Sept. 29th. A speakprevented a thorough checking up of er will address this meeting and this The writer himself became ac- in an article in this fiftieth anni- together with their families are urg-

CARD OF THANKS We hereby wish to extend to our friends our most heartfelt thanks for us during the sickness and death ed him immensely.

After the Major's death his son that the old Stedman home was on H. M. London edited the paper till Main street, rather than at the Mrs. We ever remember these kind deeds. Mr. and Mrs. WILLIS L. DUNN. jury.

### FLAYS BIGOTRY

Dr. Henry Van Dyke Declares Defeat of Smith Would be "National Calamity."

ASSAILS SECRET PROPAGANDA

ening the very foundation on which our Government is built, Dr. Henry

sylvania University, Union College and Oxford University is perhaps one of the best-known of living writers, and clergymen. In a formal state-

ment, he said: "At the present moment there is date has handsomely disavowed any

arguments which characterize this cabal. This is much to his credit. "But unfortunately he can not ,or at least he does not, restrain and check the pernicious activity of his supporters, who are convinced that the end of a victory for their party justifies any means which they em-

personal share in the sentiments or

ploy to secure it. "Hence, if their candidate should be elected, he would owe his election in part to the religious prejudice and anti-Catholic enmity which the cabalists have stirred up and marshalled to the polls. This would be a misfortune for him, and a calamity

Most Important Issue minds to serious thought and earnest action in defense of that real

were just good every-day kind of the late Judge T. B. Womack, lived people. But one son became govwhere W. T. Johnson lives now. Mrs. freedom of conscience which is the ernor of the state and another one W. R. Baker lived in a house behard-won crowning glory of America and the dearest jewel of Christianity.

"That seems to me far and away the most important question before the country today-a question not to be answered by heated appeals to partisan allegiance—a question not raised, thank God, by either of the honorable candidates for the Presidency, but a burning question thrust upon the conscience of every American voter by the over fulminations and covert whisperings of those who seek to defeat one of the candidates

God the things that are God's.' My Protestantism, which is hereditary from the school of William of Orange, tells me that 'conscience is God's province.' My Americanism, which is a stout growth of eight nahis church-membership is to be untrue to the central faith of the Re-

"Freedom of conscience is the greatest thing at stake in this campaign. Hundreds of thousands of voters fail to realize it.

It is time to blow a trumpet to awaken the sleepers. The Palladium of the Republic is attacked by secret and open foes. It is in danger. on that street, as Mrs. London re- then a young man, lived where krtrembling in its marble hall. The calls.

#### **High Court Hears** Lawrence Case

Raleigh, Sept. 12.-J. Elmer Long and Jones Fuller, attorneys for W. ce was burned a few years ago, reresidents of the country side. The
Lawrence, Durham contractor, sided J. Q. Leach, who afterwards
convicted of the slaying of Mrs. built the Harmon home out a mile er distance. We newcomers have state prison, today asked the su-Raleigh. preme court to free their client, arguing that he has been convicted dence" that Judge R. A. Nunn, pretion for a non-suit.

in her home was convicted by the by the Blands today.
lower court of the slaying on cirDr. Poe lived at the next house and defendant released.

returned by the Chatham county she died.

#### As Pittsboro Was Fifty Years Ago

A Glance at the Old Town When the Chatham Record Was Established a Half-Century Ago

changed in that respect as Pittsboro. for the Londons.

It is not a mere matter of the death. The mother of the present Mrs. for religious tolerance.

Dr. Van Dyke who holds degrees from Princeton, Harvard, Yale; Pennsylvania University. Union College

date. The Major's father was still living, when the Record was launened, at the "cottage," out near Mr. R. M. Connell's. Capt. W. L. London was living at the old London don was living at the old London declarated the corner where the Cornwallis filling station now stands. Here Mr. Robert Strowd of Chapel Hill got his wife. The Mallories lived right behind the present Blair Hotel.

Mr. J. J. Jackson, the distinguished.

son, mother of Mr. Joe Thompson now of Raleigh. That was the site of the old Manly homestead, where in years gone by had been reared H. G. Beard now lives, the old Miles nary, a son of whom, Prof. Geo. W. live. A. Mr. Clark lived where Ce-Manly, taught the writer Latin at cil Lindley now lives. This was the name you see in the daily papers great grandmother of Mesdames Wake Forest, Basal Manly III.

seek to defeat one of the candidates because he is a Catholic.

"My Protestantism is obedient to Him who said, 'Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesars' and to the things that are Caesars' and the things that are Caesars' and the things that the things th for comment.

> had come south with his cousin the dier now a member of Congress. late Major Heck of Raleigh. He

C. Mr. Fred Bynum of Rockingham Scutherland formerly a Miss Hall, is one of the sons. On the site of lived there till the Londons bought Rev. R. R. Gordon's new home then it.

was the home of the Reads. The And there you have practically the parents were dead and Mrs. King and entire list of Pittsboro residents fif-Miss Mary Read, sisters, resided there.

Anne Terry, middle-aged dress-mak- from town. Of the family Miss Dixie practically all the homes of the forer, and sentenced to 30 years in married, still survives and lives in mer aristocrats.

old home across the street from the timber and lumber business that on such "flimsy, circumstantial evi- Baptist church. James Moore, an makes him rich. It is nine years dence" that Judge R. A. Nunn, pre- aristocrat of the aristocrats, one of before the railroad is built and the sidn g in Chatham superior court, the Wilmington Moores of revolu- coming of Capt. Alston. Main street had erred in not granting their mo- tionary fame, had settled in Pitts- has the Ramsey Hotel on it and a boro. They first lived on the pres- number of stores, the most of them Fuller cited as a precedent the ent high school grounds, but later presumably stocked as regularly with Montague case of Asheville, where bought the site near the Baptist whiskey as with flour. the victim was found in a lot ad-church. The place later fell into the of the members of this Council on joining her home with her throat hands of Mrs. Fannie Moore, mother slashed and dead. A practical nurse of Mrs. Will Bland, and is occupied

Lina was a seamstress and made all brought home for burial. Arguments of the state were pre- Mrs. London's wedding clothes. Miss sented by Frank Nash, assistant at- Emma was a teacher. Miss Emma pected colored citizen, who lived a torney general. He reviewed the married a Womble and her son is few miles from Pittsboro, is also evidence upon which Lawrence was manager of the Efird store in Ra- dead. He was one of the old-timers convicted, maintaining that it was leigh. When she died Miss Lina and both colored and white friends sufficient to warrant the verdict of married the widower, having been regret his death.

second degree murder which was asked to do so by her sister before Then Robert Alston of Hickory

Having himself seen the popula- a part of the first rectory built by tion of Cdlinton almost absolutely the Episcopalians in the town. It change within fifty years, it is easy for the editor of the Record to realize what has taken place here realize what has taken place here in Pittsboro in the same time. But place was the rectory later. Doctor possibly there is no other town in Sutton, assisted by Bisnop Lyman, the state which has so completely performed the marriage ceremony

of those who were the citizens a Morgan was living at the Morgan

te.

Capt. Denson, later a partner of
Hugh Morson in the famous Mor-A. London about the people of the son and Denson school of Raleigh, town when Major London launched was living at the old Female Semithe Chatham Record in Sept. 1878. nary site, across the branch. He She had been married three years had served in the army and came on foot in these United States a wide-spread cabal to keep one of the can-didates for the Presidency from elec-tion because he is a member of the tion because he is a member of the Ctabolic church. The other candi-It was not till 1882 that she and her husband moved to the present home opposite the post office. They had boarded with Major London's lived and throve in a residence on the corner where the Corner lived and through the Corner lived and through the corner where sister Mrs. Zimmerman up to that the corner where the Cornwallis fil-

homestead, the same as the present home of Mr. A. H. London. He, of course, was the father of Mr. A. H. London and Miss Carrie Jackson, lived in the Jackson home. Mrs. and brother of Major Henry A. London, formerly Mrs. Zimmerman, a sister of Major and Cent London. a sister of Major and Capt. London, On the vacant corner across the lived where Tom Ramsey now lives. new concrete highway from the H. Dr. Berry occupied the home now occupied by Jailer John Burns. Dr. of the most noted Baptist preachers tween the Womack house and the of his day, whose son Basil, Jr., was Jackson house. Mrs. McClennahan, for many years professor in the mother of Miss Maggie, who recently Southern Baptist Theological semi- died, lived where the Taylor girls Wake Forest, and another, who e old hotel. Mrs. Harmon Burke, occasionally, was a classmate at Chapin, Arthur London, Mattie Thompson, lived at the R. M. Burns No house lay between this site place. Dr. Wm. McClennahan lived and the present home of Mr. W. M. where Fred Nooe now lives. The Eubanks, which was then occupied Haithcocks lived in the little two by the Mannings, almost as equally story house near the Presbyterian on the branch. Orren Poe lived On the west side of the Chapel where Mrs. Johnson now lives, which Hill road, or street, the Exline Ho- is supposed to be the old Stedman which is a stout growth of eight hat tel was already in existence. Capt. place, the bithplace of Congressman to vote against a man because of Exline was a West Virginian, who Stedman, the only Confederate sel-

The Williams place on the new Mrs. Exline is still here and run- place. Mr. Williams was living in Raleigh 50 years ago. Mrs. Wilhad fought on the Southern side. paved highway was then the Tayler just above the hotel, Dr. Hanks liams was reared at the old Cotton lived fifty years ago, and is surplace two miles out of town. The vived now by his son Walter Hanks mother of the late W. L. Powell nest Farrell lives. Mrs. Fousher spiritual call to arms goes out to every man and woman. Defend the religious Liberty of America!"

The Lanius place was then occupied by Mr. Alvis Bynum, whose family later left for Rock Hill, S. known as the Hall place and Mrs.

> ty y.ers ago. Few of the names survive. The Griffians, Farrells, Where the W. C. Johnson residen- Harmons, Whites, Hatchs, were still

> It is nearly ten years before Ben-The Moore family occupied the nett Nooe arrives and starts the

COLORED FOLKS DIE

The county has lost three of its good colored people the past few days. First, Jane Brown, a wellcumstantial evidence, but when the toward the Episcopal church. His known colored woman of Pittsboro, case was reversed by the supreme two daughters were residing there died while on a visit to her daughcourt the conviction was stricken out when Mrs. London was married. Miss ter in Washington. Her body was

Gaston Perry, an aged and res-

Then Robert Alston of Hickory Mt. lost his wife the first of the The little negro house hard by is week. She was a young woman,