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TOWN TOPICS

A weekly resume of opinion pertaining to local developments in the news.

Our good friend, John A. Livingstone, supreme court librarian, passionately desiring to keep history straight, sends this illuminating letter:

"I beg leave to submit herewith a corrct definition of drunkenness, as given by the late Dean S. F. Mordecai, of the Duke University Law School, who was always insistent that it be quoted correctly. He did not claim authorship of the definition, which was given in your Town Topics column last week, crediting it to the North Carolina Law Journal, but he was always jealous of having it right. I have been carrying on for him since his death, and have had occasion to correct learned judges of the law. professors of the law, and even editors of law journals. Herewith the correct definition:

"Not drunk is he who from the floor
Can rise againg or drink once more:
But drunk is he who prostrate lies
And cannot either drink or rise."

"You will note that your definition was correct except for the substitution of "to" for "or" in the second line. That is a high batting average, and I congratulate you.

"As pointed out by Dean Mordecai in his commentaries the Roman term for 'dead drunk' was mersus vino—drowned in wine Every symptom of intoxication is not to lead us to the conclusion, said Dean Mordecai, that intoxication exists, as the following colloquy between Dr. Johnson and Boswell will show:

Boswell (speaking of the Scotch before the annexation): "We had wine before the union."

Johnson: "No, sir; you had some weak stuff, the refuse of France, which would not make you drunk."

Boswell: "I assure you, sir; there was a great deal of drunkenness."

Johnson: "No, sir; there were people who died of dropsies which they contracted in TRYING TO GET DRUNK."

"The point to the above definition of drunkenness is that no one could dispute the fact that a man under such conditions [illegible] The usual legal definition is that given in 15 R. C. L. 246: 'Intoxication implies undue or abnormal excitation of the passions or feelings, or the impairment of the capacity to act correctly and efficiently, and suggests a loss of the normal control of one's faculties."

Stuart Harris, who with Dr. Humphrey, passed the Chistmas holidays in Florida, returns with a mass of Koreshanity literature, picked up at Estero, Lee county, Florida, the seat of a thriving colony of Russians, who prescribe to the theory of Koreshanity, a so-called new religio-science.

Followers of Koreshanity, says Mr. Harris, believe in a concave earth as against the convex (rotund) earth, accepted by scientists. They claim the earth to be a cellular cosmogony, and that instead of living upon the earth, we live within it.

They also believe that through the science of religion the body will regain its Edenic purity and again become immortal and that the time is at hand when there shall be no more death.

Seen in Raleigh Tuesday:

Commissioner K. E. Seymour smilingly grasping the hand of Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, and saying: "Hello there, Governor!" And they say that Mecklenburg's Tom liked the appelation immensely, too, and asked about his many good friends down Sanford way.

"Ty" Crabtree, Lee's baby commissioner was in the capital city too Tuesday. In fact the entire board was over there. The occasion was a gathering of the commissioners from all over the state and the purpose was to take stock of what the commissioners are doing and to take a general look-in on what is to be done. In short they wanted to get the "low-down."

The meeting may have been a lark for some but not for Mr. Crabtree; he spent the day getting the viewpoints of and asking questions of commissioners from other counties.

Durant Holler says he is tired of all this "stuff" that would drag Washington, Lincoln and other notables from the high estates they have always occupied in the minds of the American people. If they drank liquor, asks Mr. Holler, then what about it? Thousands of other people do, he says, and are respected, so for what reason all the commotion?

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FARM AGENT'S OFFICE SAVES MONEY FOR LEE

COMMISSIONERS RETAIN McMAHAN UNTIL JUNE 30th.

Farmer's Protest Against His Dismissal At Hearing Saturday Afternoon.

HIS SERVICES ARE NEEDED

A motion for the retention of E. O. McMahan, present county demonstrator until June 30, at which time his contract with the county expires, was unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the board of county commissioners, held at the court house Saturday afternoon. A large number of farmers were present at the hearing and with one or two exceptions all urged that Mr. McMahan be continued in office.

Had Chosen Another.

Something of a furore was raised in the county when the present board of commissioners, taking office early in December, shelved Mr. McMahan and selected R. R. McIver to succeed him in April at which time they believed the former's term would expire.

The Jonesboro Grange immediately protested the action of the commissioners and from all over the county there were outcries against McMahan's dismissal. Opposition over McIver's appointment was grounded upon contentions that his vocational training had been inadequate. Many felt that McMahan had delivered the goods as farm demonstrator.

Wanted Office Abolished.

Behind the movement to dismiss McMahan many professed to see last Fall's agitation by the G. O. P. to abolish the office. Waging a relentless campaign, based on the so-called extravagance of the Democracy, and promising to save the tax-payers money through the abolition of the farm demonstrator and other offices, their flamboyant appeals, no doubt, found support in the Democratic ranks. The switching from McMahan to McIver was believed by many to be the first step toward the abolition of the office.

As it looks now, however, the office is here and here to stay for a long while.

A Money Saver.

In reality the office of county demonstrator is a money-saver for the people of Lee, although Republican leaders decreed otherwise during the late campaign.

To begin with the federal and state governments pay three-fourths of the county farm demonstrator's salary, the county paying the remaining 25 per cent.

The state law requires the maintenance of the office of county welfare officer but Lee's commissioners have found a way to evade this requirement through consolidation of the welfare office with that of farm demonstrator. To employ an all-time welfare officer would cost the county not less than $1,200 per year. Under the present arrangement, however, the welfare and farm demonstration work is carried on by the payment of 25 per cent of the farm demonstrator's salary. Abolition of the office of demonstrator, it may therefore be seen, would cost the county not less than $600 per year.

Board Enlightened.

In rescinding the appointment of Mr. McIver, which was to have become effective on April 30, the board was guided by the advisement of E. W. Gaither, district manager for farm demonstration work for this section of North Carolina. Mr. Gaither pointed out that since the national and state governments appropriate seventy-five per cent of the demonstrator's pay the county board has not the authority to dispense with the present demonstrator until they are first consulted. He also said a successor could not be appointed without recommendation from him and cited precedent in the rulings of the attorney-general on other counties which had pursued a course in like manner to Lee.

Answering the charge of John T. McDonald, White Hill farmer, who asserted ninety per cent of the farmers of the county were dissatisfied with McMahan's conduct of the office, C. R. Hall, Phil Budd, Jim Worthy, J. G. Adams, J. O. Layne and others took exception, declaring that he had been of invaluable assistance to the agriculture of the county.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Golden, of Carthage, spent last Tuesday in Sanford with relatives and friends.

GRAHAM MOFFITT, PIONEER BUILDER, DIES HERE FRIDAY

Deceased Was For Fifty Years One of Sanford "First Citizens."

LEADING INDUSTRALIST

The Concern Of Which He Was Head Enjoyed A State Wide Reputation.

In the passing of E. G. Moffitt at his home here last Friday Sanford lost a pioneer builder. Mr. Moffitt moved to Sanford some 50 years ago at a time when the town was very small. He was connected with the second manufacturing plant started in the town—known as Moffitt Bros. There were four brothers connected with the business—a foundry and machine shop. They made a success of the business from the beginning and for years it drew a big patronage from this and adjoining states. They finally built a larger and more modern brick plant in the eastern section of the town and changed the name to Moffitt Iron Works Company. Most of the timber in this section became exhausted. This made it necessary for the saw mills to move out and as much of the work of this company consisted in handling saw mill machinery the business dropped off.

Mr. E. G. Moffitt was not only an expert machinist, having made a study of the business, he was a progressive, public spirited citizen and was always ready to forward every movement calculated to advance the best interests of the town and community. He gave liberally of his means in support of the civic, moral and religious institutions of the town. He had a part in the building of the first church in Sanford—Steele Street Methodist church—and was for years a steward in that church. He advocated the movement for the establishment of a system of graded schools in the town and always manifested a deep interest in the schools. He led an active life until his health failed. Mr. Moffitt was of a generation that is now fast passing away. There are now few people living in the town that were here when he moved to the place.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Moffitt was a shock to many of the people of the town and community. They knew that he was in declining health, but did not know that he was dangerously ill. A large concourse of friends and neighbors assembled in Steele Street church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 to attend the funeral which was conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. D. Hayman, assisted by Dr. G. T. Adams, a former pastor. The program included music by the choir, scripture reading, prayer and something of the life of Mr. Moffitt by Mr. Hayman. Songs entitled "Abide With Me," "How Firm A Foundation," and "The Old Rugged Cross" were rendered during the services. A splendid tribute was paid Mr. Moffitt by Mr. Hayman who spoke of him as being steadfast in the Christian life. He stated that Mr. Moffitt was the first person to call and welcome him when he came to Sanford to take charge of the Methodist church as pastor. In his modest way of saying things Mr. Moffitt told him of his connection with the church from the time it was organized; that in the last years of his life he stepped aside and gave up the active work of the church so that younger men might "carry on." At the conclusion of the services at the church the remains accompanied by a long procession of cars, were carried to Jonesboro and the interment made in the cemetery at that place. The grave was covered with a collection of beautiful floral offerings from friends. The pall bearers were nephews of the deceased as follows: Connelly Moffitt, Sam Cheek, Raymond Gregson, James Gregson, Arthur Gregson, and Julius Gregson.

Mr. Moffitt who was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Milo Moffitt and was born near Goldston, in Chatham County, 74 years ago. As stated above he moved with three brothers, M. M. Moffitt, T. R. Moffitt and W. B. Moffitt, to Sanford some 50 years ago, M. M. Moffitt and W. B. Moffitt preceding him to the grave. Mr. Moffitt was a member of the Masonic order. After coming to Sanford he married Miss Mattie Clark, of this place. To this union were born three children, Mrs. G. S. Currin, and W. P. and Reid Moffitt, who with their mother, survive Mr. Moffitt. He is also survived by two brothers,

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RECEIVES PRAISE

HON. C. L. WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS STRONG WITH PEOPLE OF HARNETT COUNTY

Harnett County News Praises Fine Record of Solicitor Clawson Williams.

A VIGOROUS PROSECUTOR

Secures Verdicts In Harnett That Sends Six Men To the State's Prison.

Solicitor Clawson L. Williams, who holds a statewide reputation as a fearless prosecutor, and who knows no compromise with those who break the law, comes in for encomiums from Henderson Steele, editor of the Harnett County News this week. The editorial deals with Mr. Williams' prosecution of the Harnett criminal docket this week.

Says Editor Steele:

"Heretofore the News has made mention of the fact that Clawson Williams is a good prosecuting attorney As solicitor of the judicial district, of which Harnett county is a part, he has demonstrated his ability on many occasions. Fighting against terrific odds in many cases he has come out victorious [illegible] that have [illegible] He is so vigorous in his prosecution of crimesters that the remark is some times heard that "he is most too hard." Just what point of degree th prosecution must reach when it may be termed "too hard" is too much for us to say. Maybe those who make such remarks have their own ideas about it, or maybe they are simply in sympathy with criminals brought to justice. We've seen lots of that sort of thing, and it is disgusting to say the least of it.

"Last week in Superior Court here Clawson Williams was put on his mettle. Possibly he didn't realize it, but he was prosecuting the criminal docket before one of the mildest, most even-tempered judges on the bench. those who saw Judge J. Paul Frizzelle in action could not imagine any accused person in his court getting anything that was not rightfully coming to him. The Judge was on the outlook for protection of the rights of the accused.

"With this fine and able judge presiding, and with a group of jurymen as good as ever was summoned to serve, Solicitor Williams secured convictions that sent six men to State's Prison and as many more to the roads. The accused persons were in most cases ably defended by attorneys, which is to say, in view of the foregoing, that every one of those sentenced stood trial under circumstances favorable to them insofar as favor should go.

"Law enforcement has a strong ally in Solicitor Williams. Violators of law can be restrained in no better fashion than by being convicted when they are brought to trial. Respect for laws as well as for the courts is increased when people see that viola

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TANTALIZER

The letters in the lines below properly arranged spell the names of two persons in Sanford. If the persons whose names are represented by the group of letters decipher their own names and bring copies of this paper to The Express Office before next Wednesday night, to each of them will be given a free ticket admitting them to the show at the Temple Theatre Thursday night.

This week's Tantalizer:

LBIIR RMAOJ
ANVODNWEIGVNA

Johnnie Glass
Manager

LOCAL DRY FORCES ORGANIZE

LEE COUNTY MAN HAS BALE OF COTTON ON HAND FOR EVERY YEAR OF AGE

The Express is informed that there are a number of farmers and others in Lee county that have large holdings of cotton that have accumulated from year to year. Our informant states that last fall, Mr. A. A. Bowers, one of the most successful farmers in the county, had a bale of cotton for every year of his life. We are unable to learn the amount he has accumulated since that time. It would be interesting to know the price Mr. Bowers could have gotten for some of that cotton a few years ago. The Express is informed of another farmer who is now holding about 50 bales cotton. It is stated that he could have sold some of that cotton at 20 cents per pound. If he were to put it on the market now it would bring about 6 cents per pound, little more than a fourth of what it would have brought a few years ago. Even less than that when the cost of storage, insurance, loss of weight and the interest of the money is considered. Some one has remarked: "There is one redeeming feature about these holdings; they cannot be lost in a bank failure or in speculation of some kind."

BELOVED WOMAN GOES TO REWARD

Mrs. J. R. Rives, Stricken With Paralysis; Funeral Services Tomorrow.

The death of Mrs. Annie Moffitt Rives, wife of Mr. J. R. Rives, which occurred at 11:30 last night, has cast a pall of sorrow over this community. Mrs. Rives, who was 66 years of age, had been in poor health for a number of years and her death was not unexpected. Her death resulted from an attack of paralysis; since being stricken with this disease ten years ago her health had steadily declined.

The funeral will be held at Steele Street Methodist church at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon and Rev. L. D. Hayman, the pastor, assisted by the former pastor of the deceased. Rev. L. B. Jones, and Rev. J. D. Bundy, former presiding elder, will officiate at the services. The pallbearers had not been announced as this paper goes to press. The interment will take place in the Jonesboro cemetery.

Mrs. Rives was born in Chatham county on August 26, 1866. In early girlhood she became affiliated with the Methodist church and remained a devoted member throughout life. In 1893, she married Mr. Rives, one of Chatham's leading citizens. Following Mr. Rives' term as member of the State senate from Chatham, the couple moved to Jonesboro, where they lived for some years. Upon moving to Sanford, fifteen years ago, Mrs. Rives joined the Steele Street Methodist church, with which church she remained affiliated until her death.

The deceased was the third child of a large family and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Moffitt, the former, a prominent Chatham citizen.

She was a lovable character, a most kindly neighbor and sincere Christian woman. She will be sincerely missed in this community where she exercised a remarkable influence.

Mrs. Rives was preceded to the grave by one week by a favorite brother, Mr. E. G. Moffitt, whose death is recorded in this week's Express.

Surviving are her husband, J. R. Rives, and two daughters, Mrs. C. C. Bowers and Mrs. J. D. Wicker, all of this city. Her eldest daughter, Mrs. Graham Kimrey, died some years ago. Two brothers, T. R. Moffitt and S. C. Moffitt, of Elizabethtown; and two sisters, Mrs. Noah Cheek, of Goldston; and Mrs. J. C. Gregson, of Sanford, also survive.

SENATOR CROSS VERY BUSY MAN

Senator Cross seems to be one of the busy men in the State Senate these days. He has introduced several important bills. He introduced a bill last week that would cut the price of automobile license tags for passenger cars 50 per cent. On Monday a number of important bills relating to statutes regulating building and loan associations were thrown into the hopper by Senator Cross. One measure would amend the building and loan laws to permit purchase of stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank, thereby making the associations eligible to borrow from the Federal bank. Still other bills would place an agent's license at $250 and change petitions for receiverships to require sanction by the State supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Craven, of Ramseur, visited Miss Anna Rogers Sunday.

Friends will regret to hear that Mrs. R. L. Burns is very sick at Lee Hospital.

Mrs. R. E. Carrington, Jr., of Whiteville, is visiting at Mr. Carrington's home.

KIWANIANS NOT WELL POSTED ON CURRENT DOINGS

Seem To Read Very Little And Few Admit Reading Inaugural Address.

"PITT" INFORMS THEM

And Joe Brinn Makes Good Talk On Twenty Important Bills Before Assembly.

The members of the Kiwanis Club at the luncheon at the Carolina Hotel last Friday night had an opportunity to get a slant on the inaugural address of Governor Ehringhaus at the time he was inaugurated to that high office in Raleigh a few weeks ago and to learn something of the work of the General Assembly. All who had read the speech of Governor Ehringhaus were asked to indicate it by holding up their hands. But few hands went up. The same thing obtained when all who had kept up with the proceedings of the General Assembly were asked to hold up their hands. Those who had the program in charge saw an opportunity to give out some worth while information about what is being done in Raleigh by the solons who are there to make and repeal laws. Although club members in Sanford are above the average in intelligence, it seems that they read little and are not well posted on the current news and issues of the day, especially the doings of the General Assembly.

At the conclusion of supper and after business matters had been transacted the program was turned over to J. C. Pittman, chairman of the program committee, by president J. F. Foster. The other two members of the committee ar J. E. Brinn and W. R. Makepeace. Chairman Pittman made a most interesting and instructive talk featuring the address of Governor Ehringhaus, giving 12 high spots in his speech. After hearing Pittman's talk all were convinced that there were at least two things that Governor Ehringhaus heartily favored, good schools and government economically administered.

J. E. Brinn followed with a good talk on 20 of the most important bills that have been introduced in the General Assembly. These bills have to do with various kinds of economical measures, tax bills, repeal of the Turlington Act, modification of the marriage law, making deficiency judgments illegal unless foreclosed property brings the amount of the mortgage, repeal of 15-cent ad valorem tax for schools, a measure regulating lobbyists by requiring them to register and state the concern they represent as lobbyists. Several other bills of importance were briefly discussed by Mr. Brinn.

The club voted to include in the weekly programs information about the doings of the General Assembly during the time that it is in session. It is planned to make this a feature of the programs. An amusing stunt was put on by Gilliam Anderson. F. F. Farabow, a former member of the club, but who is now making his home in Charlotte, was a guest.

Chairman Pittman announced that a debate would be staged on Friday night of next week on the query: Resolved: That the State of North Carolina should use the funds received from the sale of automobile and truck license for the purpose of relieving land of the 15-cent ad valorem tax now assessed for school purposes. The debaters are: Affirmative: L. E. Warrick and Dr. Waylon Blue; Negative: John Davenport and P. H. St. Clair.

Mrs. E. M. Underwood, Jr., who has been visiting friends and relatives in Atlanta, Ga., for the past two weeks, has returned to her home here.

Mrs. James Burch, Sr., of Durham, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carrington and family.

ANNIVERSARY OF DRY WRIT SEES DRYS MILITANT

Temperance and Social Service Committee of Methodist Church Is Active.

ORGANIZE FOR FIGHT

The thirteenth anniversary of the national prohibition amendment comes at a time when its advocates realize that the issue must be fought over again when Congress submits an amendment to the State for repeal or change. As the form of the amendment to be submitted is now in the making the dry forces in many sections of the country are now bestiring themselves and expect to be ready to present a solid front when the time comes for action.

The congregation of Steele Street Methodist church had this in view when they met last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the auditorium of the church to join hands with the Temperance and Social Service Committee in organizing for the fight that is ahead. Paul J. Barringer, who is chairman of this committee, was in charge of the meeting.

Among those who were on the program and made speeches in behalf of the cause of prohibition were Mr. Barringer, Rev. A. J. Groves, Mrs. L. P. Wilkins, H. A. Palmer, Mrs. W. M. Kelly, the pastor, Rev. L. D. Hayman and others. All the speakers took a strong stand against the liquor traffic and in favor of the enforcement of the present prohibition law. They appealed to the people of the town and community to stand together in defense of this law. It was stated by some of the speakers that strong efforts will be made in the General Assembly to repeal the Turlington Act and make North Carolina a wet State again along with other States. Strong argument was made against this course. It was admitted that the law had been flagrantly violated ever since it had been placed on the statute books, but this was no reason why it should be repealed. It was urged that parents teach their children the evils of strong drink and the suffering and misery that follow in its wake.

Mr. Hayman, in order to get the concensus of opinion of the congregation in regard to the prohibition law and let all express themselves on the question of repeal, modification or continuation of the 18th amendment, a vote was taken. Only one member of the church voted for repeal of the 18th Amendment. If there were members of the church who favored the beer bill they failed to make it known by their vote.

POULTRY SALE FOR TOMORROW

The Lee Mutual Poultry Association will hold its first cooperative poultry sale of the year on Friday of this week. This will be a car lot sale with the car loading on the Seaboard track near the passenger depot in Sanford from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

The Lee Mutual Poultry Association was organized by some of the poultry producers of Lee county last spring for the purpose of selling poultry and eggs direct to the northern markets. This mutual association has federated with similar organizations in other counties to form the Producers Mutual Exchange of North Carolina, so as to have one central organization through which to market poultry.

The car for this sale will begin loading at Raeford and then make several stops along the Seaboard road as it moves north, one of which will be Sanford on Friday, January 20th. This sale was first announced as a truck sale, thinking that the poultry would be hauled by truck to Greensboro to be put in a car there, but this Seaboard schedule has been worked out so that the poultry can be loaded into a car to start with.

Heavy hens will sell for 10c a pound and other grades of poultry in proportion. A complete price list is given in an advertisement at another place in this paper.

POULTRY SALE SATURDAY

Announcement of a poultry sale by the E. E. Eller Co., of North Wilkesboro, is made elsewhere in this issue of The Express. This concern will pay the topmost market prices for poultry. Mr. Ray Bullis will be in charge of the sale, which will be held Saturday from 7 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Miss Mary Frances Underwood is in Brunswick, Ga., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byrd.