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CHURCH UNITY IS THREATENED

CLOUD FORMS IN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST SKIES OVER DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES — TWO ASSOCIATIONS IN SIGHT OF EACH OTHER — PROMINENT LEADERS INVOLVED IN THE CONTROVERSY — ALL IS NOT HARMONIOUS IN THE AGE-OLD CHURCH.

For time immemorial the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, the Primitive Baptist church has been a strong, harmonious religious organization in Stokes, Surry and Patrick counties, especially.

The Reporter is informed, however, that recently, within the last year or two, a schism has developed in this age-old church which has almost threatened to disrupt the usual harmony that has so long distinguished the religious body.

The differences, so we are informed, are doctrinal or fundamental, having to do with predestination, that time-honored tenet of this church. The church proper has always stood by this principle, steadfast and immovable, believing in the immutable purpose or decree of God from eternity respecting all events, especially the pre-ordination of men to everlasting happiness or misery.

It is stated that a number of the younger preachers, among them Elder J. A. Faze, Elder J. Watt Tuttle, Elder Brown, Elder Watt Priddy, and others, have adopted a much more liberal interpretation of the scriptures concerning this fundamental doctrine, and that a large following of the church is siding with the newer dispensation.

The Reporter's informant says that Pine Grove, Clear Spring, and several other churches have formed themselves, either nominally or expressly, into a different association from those churches holding to the original and old-time faith on predestination and possibly other fundamental questions.

It is further alleged that T. W. Tilley, a prominent citizen of Peter's Creek township, and for a long time a leader in the functions of the Primitive Baptist Church in Stokes and Patrick counties, is one who is foremost in the adherence to the old-time doctrines and faith, and that he has with him a large and strong following with the center of their strength and activities at Snow Creek church, Peter's Creek township.

The Primitive Baptist Church numbers among its adherents a large per cent. of the citizens both men and women of Stokes county, and any diversities of belief or faith among its members must be absorbing interest to practically all our people of all denominations.

Presiding Elder Poovey Ill

Presiding Elder Poovey, of the M. E. Church, this district is ill in a Mt. Airy hospital, and has just submitted to a serious operation.

I. M. Gordon, popular cashier of the Bank of Pilot Mt., was among the visitors here this week.

DR. GRIFFIN ON THE SALES TAX

THINKS IT IS UNJUST AND UNPOPULAR — CITIZEN OF KING SPEAKS FREELY HIS MIND.

Editor Reporter: Will you be so kind as to publish this brief article touching my views relative to the Merchants Sales Tax.

I think that two-thirds of the people of old North Carolina are in harmony with my views.

Just why an honest, intelligent, consistent and patriotic citizen should help to enact a law so unjust and so unpopular is a mystery to the fair and logical mind of this gentle scribe.

In the first place, it doesn't require a Solomon, or a Socrates to see that it is a piece of ill-advised, complicated, intricate class legislation that handicaps the broken merchants of the State and a financial burden greater than the consumer can bear. Its legality should not only be tested in the courts but the people should rise in mass and demand its immediate repeal.

It should be abrogated by public sentiment and by public sentiment. It is tyrannical, crude and unbecome to say the least.

I know of a legislator who said that he voted against its enactment twice and was forced to vote for it the third time. I don't see what could have forced him to vote other than his honest sentiments, unless it was the influence and the pressure of the lobby-money that was spent so lavishly during the last General Assembly.

The law should have been less diabolical and pernicious if the Legislature had exercised a little common sense to have fixed the per centage at a flat rate of 3 cents on the dollar. This would have eliminated much red tape and trouble with economy of time in its execution. This would have greatly simplified the law and would have enabled the merchants to simply deduct 3 per cent from their total sales with little trouble.

However, I guess the intention of those who voted for it was to pose as super men however, it had the reverse effect which is best expressed by using the adjective effeminate.

Its privilege tax, its special tax, its general tax, its income tax and to cap the climax its dog tax, and then some. And if one has any money left other than theirs they are compelled to pay the State—the State officials are so kind to permit one to use it to buy clothes and food for the family. If the remainder isn't enough to provide food for them let them perish.

If the legislators who voted for this tax had wanted the merchants of the State to be set apart as tax gatherers they should have, at least, honored them and dignified them with the title of sheriff and paid them \$2,500 per annum commensurate with the salaries paid to the State officials for the last twenty years and their indiscreet and miscellaneous appropriations that have caused this tax burden and to have given Fred E. Shore of King the Marshall's baton to force them to obey the law.

DEATH OF MISS M. MARTIN

STOKES COUNTY LADY, PROMINENT IN WINSTON-SALEM BUSINESS CIRCLES, PASSES — NATIVE OF SANDY RIDGE.

Miss Minnie Marion Martin, 68, of Winston-Salem, well known business woman, passed away Wednesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at a Winston-Salem hospital. She had been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Miss Martin was born at Sandy Ridge in Stokes county, January 6, 1865, a daughter of the late J. M. and Ann E. Brown Martin. She had resided in Winston-Salem for the past fifty years.

In 1903 Miss Martin, with her sister, Miss Carrie Martin, established the firm of Misses M. and C. Martin, which was the first exclusive ladies' ready to wear firm in Winston-Salem, and among the first in the South. They built up a large business during the succeeding 30 years, conducting their business in their home at 411 Brookstown ave. She was widely known in Winston-Salem and North Carolina.

She was a consistent Christian woman of sterling character and devoted to her church, the St. Paul's Episcopal, and shed her influence for civic betterment. She attracted a wide circle of friends not only the business world because of her ability and high standard of ethics but in her social contacts throughout her career of accomplishments.

Loyalty to duty and friends was a watchword and despite the encroachment of disease she never failed to take advantage of every opportunity for service. Her disabilities she bore without murmur and when final weakness began to take her strength her faith remained unswerving.

Surviving are the 3 sisters, Mrs. A. V. Nash, Mrs. Eloise Foy and Miss Carrie Martin, all of Winston-Salem, and three brothers, Henry B. Martin of Winston-Salem, city editor of The Sentinel; George J. Martin of Portsmouth, Ohio, and W. J. Martin, of Leland.

Shocking Precedent

Judge Hoyle Sink sitting on the bench pulling placidly at a pipe, is a startling precedent here.

In the audience we saw one or two fellows reaching for their cigarettes, but surreptitiously and doubtful. One old fellow put in a tremendous chew of black tobacco, but he swallowed most of the juice.

In our judgment, His Honor must be a man of great common sense, and capable of trying our culprit, with wisdom and justice tempered with mercy.

Crops Refreshed By Rains

Crops which have seriously suffered from the drought, were greatly refreshed by copious showers Monday and Tuesday.

ERNEST M. GRIFFIN, King, N. C.

SUDDEN DEATH OF WILL BOOZE

HE WAS AGED ABOUT 50, AND LIVED AT KING — COLLISION OF CARS AT MOUNT OLIVE SATURDAY — OTHER NEWS OF KING.

King, July 12.—Will Booze, aged about 50, and single was found dead in the road near his home two miles south east of town Saturday afternoon. Mr. Booze was on his way to attend a lawn party at Jefferson Church when he fell. When he left his home he was in his usual good health apparently. A coroner's jury decided that he died from natural causes.

The funeral service was conducted at Macedonia Church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock and burial followed in the church cemetery.

A. S. Boles, of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days with relatives here. Mr. Boles is a retired railway mail clerk.

The King Tigers defeated Young Transfer Co. of Winston-Salem, on the King diamond Saturday. Score 3 and 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierson Rumley, of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here Saturday.

Edwin W. Carroll, prominent planter of the Neatman section, was a business visitor here Saturday.

Miss Leona Pulliam, trained nurse of High Point, is spending her vacation here the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. B. P. Pulliam.

A Chevrolet coupe being driven by Rev. Robert Gribbins, of Winston-Salem, and a Plymouth sedan with Seales Cromer, of King Route 2, at the wheel, collided on the highway near Mount Olive church Saturday afternoon. All occupants escaped unhurt except a small boy who was in company with Mr. Gribbins; he sustained minor bruises. Both cars were damaged considerably.

Messrs. Thos. E. Smith and A. C. Kiger have returned from a business trip to Washington, D. C.

The S. E. Hauser Co. are closing their store here within the next few days. The stock of merchandise will be moved to their Walnut Cove store.

Mack Kirby has returned from a trip to Oklahoma and other western states.

Mrs. Gurnie Edwards and children, of Winston-Salem, are spending some time with relatives here.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Burrow, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. William Matthews, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hooker, a son and to Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Meadows, a daughter.

Mrs. William Hutchins, of Greensboro, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. M. M. Newsum near here.

The King Junior League defeated Old Richmond in a game played here Saturday. Final score 3 and 2.

Miss Lucy Leary, county nurse, has returned from Portsmouth, Va. where she spent her vacation with relatives.

Quite a number of people from here attended the township Sunday

RECEPTION TO C. C. C. AT COVE

MAYOR JOHN C. HUTCHERSON OFFICIALLY WELCOMES THE CAMP—PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENT.

Walnut Cove, July 11.—On last Wednesday evening, at the school auditorium, the mayor, Mr. John C. Hutcherson, assisted by Mr. Lawrence MacRae, gave a reception to the Civilian Conservation Corps, wherein the town officials and townsmen welcomed the official members of the staff, and the employees of the camp to this town and community. The program was as follows:

1. Song by all, America.
2. Invocation, by Rev. C. R. Hutchison.
3. Address, by Mayor J. C. Hutchison.
4. Address of welcome, by Lawrence MacRae.
5. Response, by Capt. John M. Dowell.
6. Song by all, Battle Hymn of the Republic.
7. Address, by Rev. O. E. Ward.
8. Addresses by member of the C. C. C. official staff.
9. Instrumental music by Mrs. H. R. McPherson while the mayor officially greets the members of the C. C. C. on retiring from the auditorium.

Death Of Mrs. George Smith

Mrs. George Smith, who lived with her husband and family in the upper part of Peter's Creek township, near Campbell old postoffice, died at the Stuart, Va., hospital Monday, after an operation.

The remains were brought to the home in Stokes by Nelson Funeral Association and were interred at the cemetery near the home Tuesday, Elder J. Watt Tuttle conducted the ceremonies.

Mrs. Smith was an excellent woman. She is survived by her husband and several children as follows: Mrs. Robert Craddock, and Miss Irene Smith, daughters; and Messrs. Sam, Drue, Cobb, Ark, Paul and Hobart, sons.

Justice Wall's Court.

Monday, Elmer Brown, Col., was bound over to court on the charge of assault and drunkenness.

Robert Smith, white, charged with indecent conduct, was sentenced to roads for 30 days.

A prolonged drought in Burke County has damaged gardens, hay, pastures, and other crops to the extent of \$50,000, says R. L. Sloan, county agent.

Messdames W. G. Tuttle and Wilburn (House, of Rural Hall, visited relatives here Saturday.

Dr. Spear Hardin, of Mocksville, was among the visitors here Sunday.

R. A. Spainhower and family of Winston-Salem, visited relatives here Sunday.

MID-TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

HIS HONOR, H. HOYLE SINK IS PRESIDING — THERE ARE NO CASES OF LARGE INTEREST—DISPOSITIONS TO DATE.

A number of divorce cases came up for trial on Monday's calendar. Judge H. Hoyle Sink, who is presiding at this mid-term of Stokes Superior Court, civil actions, hastily pushed these cases to trial resulting in a divorce for Walter Spencer Fowler who was suing his wife Brona Wall Fowler.

Another divorce case was that of I. W. Ashburn vs. Mary Frances Ashburn. This resulted in a quick verdict for the plaintiff. Annie B. Cooksey was suing Hallis Doyle Cooksey, this action ended in a mistrial, no divorce yet.

In the case of Cardinal Hat Com. Dany vs. J. R. Leake, the verdict was in favor of the defendant, who produced evidence that the debt alleged against him had been paid to the agent's plaintiff.

An action for divorce was that of Mrs. Ferol M. Snell vs. Robert G. Snell. Divorce was granted.

In the action of H. O. Kennedy vs. H. McGee, judgment of nonsuit was signed.

Rex Smith vs. G. C. Jessup and Ida Jessup resulted in judgment for the plaintiff.

In Archie Kingston by his father and next friend, John G. Kingston, vs. Mrs. Julia Cornelia Redmon and others, judgment was in favor of plaintiff.

At this writing, Mrs. Ann Bennett vs. Howard Bennett and others is being tried.

E. R. Nelson Makes Fine Catch

E. R. Nelson caught seven carp in Dan River near Buck Island ford Friday.

These fish were small, none of them weighing over 10 pounds apiece. Mr. Nelson means no discredit or disparagement to Hance Flinchum or Raleigh Young, or other fishers of Danbury and Steadman lake, as he is not a professional himself, but just goes out occasionally when there is nothing else to do.

Mr. Nelson says that Friday was not a good day to fish, and that he hopes some time soon to make a real haul when the signs are right.

M. E. Church Services, July 16

Services of the M. E. Church for Sunday, July 16 are announced as follows:

At Pine Hall 11 A. M. Message by the Rev. J. T. Rutledge.

The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Needham will preach at Davis Chapel at 11 A. M., at Forrest Chapel in the afternoon at 3, and again at 8 P. M. Services will be held at Forrest Chapel each evening during the following week at 8. The Rev. W. B. Thompson will assist in these services.

Calvin Mabe, of Lawsonville, was here Sunday.