

Connor Appointed Associate Justice

Governor Morrison Confers Honor on Wilson Man and Also Elevates Nash Man to Judgeship.

M. V. Barnhill To Superior Court

Quite Likely That Vice-Recorder D. W. Perry Will Be Made Recorder.

A telephone message from Raleigh to The Graphic Monday night about 10:00 o'clock conveyed the information that Governor Cameron Morrison had named Judge George W. Connor, of Wilson, for associate justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Associate Justice W. A. Hoke to the Chief Justiceship following the death of the late Judge Walter Clark. In the same message came the announcement that County Recorder M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, had been chosen to take the place of Judge Connor as judge of the Superior Court of the Second District composed of Nash, Wilson, Edgecombe and Martin counties.

Since the elevation of Judge Hoke to the Supreme Court bench and even immediately following the death of Judge Clark, the friends of Judge Connor and Recorder Barnhill have been active in their interest in an endeavor to capture the honors, since it was known that Governor Morrison was favorable to an Eastern man and was desirous of showing his appreciation of his friends both in Wilson and in Nash, although other Eastern men held in high esteem by the Governor were making a lively effort in the interest of Judge Frank Daniels, of Wayne and Judge O. H. Guion, of Craven.

The active efforts of friends of Judge Connor and Recorder Barnhill, who had secured the endorsement of the Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson County Bar Associations as well as that of many private citizens has brought the honors to Wilson and Nash. Although there has been no public announcement of their intentions, it is a generally accepted fact that both Judge Connor and Recorder Barnhill will accept the appointments tendered them.

Judge Connor is too well known to the citizens of Nash County and all Eastern North Carolina to need any introduction. He comes from a family noted for their legal acumen and judicial ability. He is a son of the United States District Court of Eastern North Carolina. He has had considerable legislative experience and during this service was Speaker of the House of Representatives. It was during the administration of Governor Locke Craig he was appointed to the Judgeship and has held the position since, being regularly re-elected in all following general elections.

M. V. Barnhill, who will succeed Judge Connor on the Superior Court bench, is a native of Halifax county, where he graduated in the high schools at Enfield and later attended the law school of the University of North Carolina in 1908-9. He opened law offices in Rocky Mount and some years after the creation of the Nash County Recorder Court he served as solicitor, relinquishing this position to represent Nash County in the General Assembly. He was later appointed judge of the Nash County Recorder Court, which position he has held for the past two years.

It is understood that Judge Connor will assume his duties under the appointment on or about July 1st, at which time Mr. Barnhill will relinquish his duties as County Recorder and take up those imposed by reason of his advancement to the Superior Court bench.

While it is not definitely known who will be the successor to Mr. Barnhill as County Recorder, the general belief prevails that this will be tendered to Mr. D. W. Perry, who is at present Vice-Recorder of the Nash County Recorder Court and who has served in that capacity for the past year or two.

Leaders from among the ranks of the boys' and girls' clubs of North Carolina will gather at the State College for a week's short course on June 23. These boys and girls will be under the careful supervision of workers from the extension division during their stay.

KILGORE IS HEAD OF COTTON GROWERS.

Succeeds W. M. Sanders As President of Big Co-operative.

Without a dissenting voice, Dr. B. W. Kilgore of Raleigh was elected President of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association at the meeting of the directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association Mon-

A GREAT GOSPEL FEAST AWAITING

Great Throngs Gather to Hear Preacher John W. Ham of Atlanta

It is indeed a good sign when you see business men and citizens in all walks of life lay aside their daily grind and can find time to try and improve their spiritual condition by cooperating with those forces which mean for a higher standard of citizenship and christian living. These seasons of refreshings come at different intervals and it is usually the case that evangelists who are devoting their energies and God-given powers to this great work of arousing men to a sense of their duty to their fellowman and to their God, have the satisfaction of knowing their labors are not in vain in the accomplishment of the ends sought.

With this thought in mind, it must be a source of gratification to Preacher John W. Ham, his choir leader, Mr. Spooner, and Rev. C. A. Upchurch, pastor of the local Baptist Church, to know the people of Nashville and surrounding country are sensibly appreciative of their efforts in staging one of the most refreshing revivals held in Nashville within recent years. This is evidenced by the interest shown at each service, especially at the evening service, when practically the entire townspeople and scores from the surrounding country can be found in the warehouse lending their influence to the cause for which these men are laboring.

If you have been so unfortunate as not to avail yourself of participating in the meeting, you have missed a wonderful opportunity for real service, for the powerful discourses of Preacher Ham, the splendid music led by Mr. Spooner, the inspiring supplications by Rev. Upchurch and all who are taking an active part in the services are impelling forces inspiring, elevating and otherwise helpful.

These meetings will continue for this and next week coming to a close the latter part of next week. Two services are being held daily, at 9:00 A. M., and again in the evening at 8:00 o'clock. This order of service will also be observed on Saturday, while on Sunday there will be no morning service, but in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock the big warehouse will be filled to capacity at a big union service. And again in the evening Preacher Ham will continue his fight for the souls of men at a service that will be none the less inspiring and convincing than the able discourses delivered during the past week.

To all of these services the workers cordially invite the people of Nashville and all surrounding country. Come and bring your friends and neighbors. There is ample room for a great throng and much helpfulness to all who attend.

Religion in Politics Tested on Election Day

No citizen really possesses any more religion than he practices on election day.

The voting-booth is the laboratory wherein the acid test is applied to a person's faith.

If religion has done nothing for a man's citizenship then it has done nothing for his soul.

Prayer-meeting professions that do not accord with election day practices indicate that on one occasion or the other the Christian is a hypocrite.

If "good" men and women could not be counted upon by bad politicians to leave their religious convictions at home on election day, there would be no use in a politic machine's trying to live; for good people are in the majority; and wherever their righteousness becomes really operative, it dooms the "organization" type of politics.

Politics has no place in religion, but religion expresses itself in politics.

When a Christian's lips pray, "Thy will be done in heaven," and his ballot prays, "Thy bosses will be done on earth," what does he really mean?

Religion that does not work out in civic righteousness is entirely out of employment.

Give the devil the votes and he will not care who gets the hallelujahs.

Preachers who write letters endorsing the candidates of corrupt combinations of predatory politicians should not complain if their endorsement of godliness also goes unheeded.

Plant two acres of land to oats followed by soybeans to produce the hay or roughage needed to carry one mule one year, say livestock workers for the State College of Agriculture.

SEN. SMITH SAYS CO-OPS WILL WIN

Farm Bloc Leader Tells Southern Belt Farmers To Stick By Association.

At the largest mass meeting of tobacco farmers held in North Carolina this year, United States Senator, E. D. Smith, told members of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association from the South Carolina belt that the associated farmers of the tobacco and cotton co-operatives may look, next year for 75 per cent payments on delivery to their association, if the bill which he has introduced to help finance the marketing associations becomes law at the next session of Congress in Washington.

A barbecue at Chadbourne, where the merchants and Chamber of Commerce turned hosts to the farmers of Columbus and adjoining counties on the meeting day of the Columbus County Unit of the tobacco association, last Tuesday became a huge affair, featured by the roasting of twenty-two pigs and several heaves, a fiddlers' convention at which old-time tunes were enjoyed and a reunion of the co-operative farmers who met from North and South Carolina. But the feature of the day was the prophecy by the veteran leader in staging one of the most refreshing revivals held in Nashville within recent years. This is evidenced by the interest shown at each service, especially at the evening service, when practically the entire townspeople and scores from the surrounding country can be found in the warehouse lending their influence to the cause for which these men are laboring.

Senator Smith earnestly warned the farmers that to continue and fulfill the success of co-operative marketing, they must do their share in signing up and delivering enough tobacco to the association to make the volume of the product guarantee a control of the price. "We must have a majority of the product" he warned the farmers, "and it is not fair for you to come as mendicants to Congress when they have helped you with the War Finance Corporation, with the Intermediate Credit Act and with special exemption from the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, unless you show that you mean business and deliver a majority of your tobacco to the co-operative warehouses of your own association."

Senator Smith explained that the feature of his bill, which makes it the hope of the farmer, is that it duplicates the Federal Reserve system for the benefit of the farmers.

Satisfaction over the second payment made by the tobacco association last week in Eastern North Carolina is expressed by farmers from all sections of the Eastern Belt, and many cases have occurred where association members have already received more for their two payments to their own selling organization than it has been possible for their neighbors to obtain on the outside. I. Herring, a member of the association from Snow Hill writes: I had a tenant that did not want to pool his tobacco and who was not a member of the association. We divided four barns and he averaged for his on the open market \$18.40, never to receive anymore, and I pooled my part and have averaged for mine, with the first and second payments, \$19.57 and still another payment to come. E. F. Dean, of Wendell Route No. 2, divided seven acres of tobacco with his tenant, Doc High, who received \$347.95 for his three and a half acres on the auction floor. Last week's payment to Mr. Dean brought his receipts on his 1923 deliveries to the association to exactly \$449.64, with another payment to come from the association. Charles E. Hughes, of Wilson, sold a load of tobacco on the auction warehouse floor and took it in at \$110.48, delivering it to the co-operative association from which his two payments to date net him \$115.00. Many other similar cases which have encouraged members of the tobacco association in Eastern North Carolina occurred last week, according to the associated farmers at various marketing points of the Eastern Belt.

Within recent months, says Dairyman T. N. Ross, he has lost several hundred milk bottles which have been supplied his customers in making deliveries of milk each morning and evening. By not placing these bottles convenient for the deliveryman to take up and return to the dairy is causing considerable inconvenience to Mr. Ross, who is desirous that every milk patron look about their premises for these bottles and have them returned to the dairy promptly. Place them where the delivery man can get them.

Frank Bennett of Anson County is selling over \$2000 worth of hogs from his farm each year largely because he grazes them on a legume pasture, reports county agent J. W. Cameron.

Nash County Youth In Drowning Tragedy

Son of Former County Commissioner Strickland Drowns With Companion in Lake at Seattle.

Many Sailors Killed On U. S. Battleship.

An Associated Press dispatch from San Pedro, Cal., dated June 12th., brought tidings of another death-dealing mishap on board of an American battleship. The dispatch says:

Forty-six men were killed outright and probably 20 injured today when turret number 2 on the battleship Mississippi blew up while the dreadnaught was in firing practice on the San Clemente drill grounds off here. The explosion occurred early in the afternoon. The dreadnaught immediately after the explosion wireless the navy hospital ship Relief in the harbor here, and it proceeded full speed, making a record run for the 45 miles between the harbor and drill grounds.

The white hospital ship immediately proceeded to meet the dreadnaught and the meeting was effected just outside the breakwater. As the transfer of stretcher cases started, a second violent explosion occurred when a 14 inch shell discharged, the projectile narrowly missing the coastwise passenger liner Yale at the harbor entrance.

Within a few minutes after the dreadnaught came to anchor, 20 stretcher cases were transferred by small boats to the hospital ship.

Turret Blown Away
Details were lacking as the stricken war craft speeded shoreward and watchers at the point signal station here reported that the views about the turret showed it had been blown away.

The explosion of the 14-inch shell in the harbor here was due to striking of the projectile on the turret. The projectile buried aft of the steamer Yale, which was on its way to San Francisco, and fell in the beyond. No one was injured by this second explosion.

The mine sweepers Bran and Kingfisher were ordered to stand by for transfer of the dead to the hospital ship Relief.

A "flareback" from one of the 14-inch rifles in the turret ignited the powder supply which practically wiped out of existence the entire crew of the turret room and also killed several men in the upper handling room.

Several Terribly Burned
Four powder bags containing 450 pounds of explosive each were inside the rifle turret, according to one of the surviving sailors in the handling room above, where several were also killed.

Of the injured, several sailors in the passage spaces and handling room above the turret were terribly burned by gas from the explosive.

The 14-inch rifle that ignited the turret powder supply was practicing extreme elevation firing at the moment of the explosion, the idea being to take advantage of the battleship's roll or list to the opposite side for maximum altitude and efficiency of the gun.

Ku Klux Takes Hand When Law Fails to Function

An article appearing in the Williamson Enterprise has the following account of an incident the State press has failed to take note, since it apparently did not occur in Nash:

"On Friday night about 10:00 o'clock, J. R. Crisp of Hamilton while out in the country at one Courtney Braswell's house (Braswell, a negro woman,) was warned that the Ku Klux Klan was looking for him. Crisp immediately stepped in his Ford and drove for home, hotly pursued by six Klansmen, who after a hot chase extending six miles, run him to his home where they immediately followed. Crisp took refuge in the closet at the home, carrying his shot gun with him as the masked crowd rushed in the room he raised his gun and fired, missing his mark, however. He was quickly overpowered and carried out of town about two miles and given a little physical treatment and a good moral lecture.

"While the people of Hamilton do not advocate taking the law into their own hands, yet when one of its citizens stoops so low that the law cannot reach him or does not touch the desired spot, then its citizens appreciate relief furnished by the Klan, as such conduct of this nature is very degrading and a poor moral lesson for the young people."

Body of Youth Not Yet Recovered

Nash County Man and Lady, Companion Lose Lives While Canoeing.

Very few particulars have been available throwing any light on the unfortunate accident occurring at Seattle, Wash., on Monday, June 11th, wherein Norman R. Strickland, son of former County Commissioner A. T. Strickland, of Nash County, when the young man lost his life by drowning. Some light has been thrown on the occurrence by the following account given in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer dated June 11th, which reached The Graphic this week:

"Caught by a sudden squall while canoeing on Lake Washington, Norman R. Strickland, twenty-two, University of Washington senior, and Miss Wilma Talmadge, pretty, twenty-one-year old stenographer of Carter Rice & Company, were drowned late Monday night near the University boat house.

"The body of Miss Talmadge was discovered floating near the boat house early yesterday morning by N. Huey, attendant, and removed to the county morgue pending telegraphic instructions from her parents at Rosland, B. C., who were immediately notified of the tragedy. Police and the harbor patrol spent yesterday dragging the lake for Strickland's body, but up until a late hour last night it had not been recovered. The capsized canoe, with a blanket, vanity case and Strickland's coat, lodged under a seat, was found drifting at the Lake Union end of the canal.

Strickland, who was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the June graduating class at the University, was last seen at 11:30 o'clock Monday night by Huey at the boat house, as he and Miss Talmadge were starting on their fatal canoe trip. An hour later the capsized craft was seen drifting at the north end of the Lake Washington-Union canal. Police of the Denmore station and R. A. Strickland, a brother of the drowned lad, were notified and the search began.

"Miss Talmadge lived with Mrs. Jessie Lee at the Darrell Hotel, 703 Eighth Avenue. She came to Seattle last September and has been employed by the Carter Rice company since. Strickland's home is at Middlesex, North Carolina. He was a pre-medical student at the University and would have left in a few days to arrange a course at the John Hopkins Medical University.

Strickland is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Strickland, of Middlesex, North Carolina, and two brothers, R. L. Strickland, a banker of Newark, N. J. and Rex S. Strickland, an importer of Seattle.

The Home Merchant And You

The success of our city depends upon our prosperity and our prosperity is gauged by the financial showing of our local banks, and the success of our business concerns, and our business concerns are dependent upon our citizens for success. There is not a citizen—when away from home—who does not boast for "my home town," but do they do it here? The dollars spent with the home merchant are the dollars that help build up a community. The merchant in the big city pays nothing towards the support of the school in which your children are educated. In fact, the dollars sent to the merchant in the big city is gone forever so far as any good to your community is concerned. Is it fair to deprive the benefits to be derived from keeping this money at home? Civic pride is a virtue to which that citizen cannot rightfully lay claim who makes a practice of sending away from home for his purchases. If you patronize your home merchants you will make a bigger and far more prosperous community in which to live. While the value of your property is bound to increase in a corresponding ratio to the growth of our city and natural increase of business, which must necessarily follow.