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**A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

A democracy, in its final analysis, must rest on the good will and intelligence of its constituents.—Prof. Edgar J. Swift.

**BE A BOOSTER**

The Raleigh Christian Advocate in the current issue has this to say of the Carter-Abernethy investigation: "The Carter-Abernethy investigation came to a close in this city on Tuesday night, March 30, after eight days' continuous work, omitting Sunday. The committee is to meet here on April 26 to make up its findings and report to the Governor. We do not wish to anticipate what that finding will be, but editorial comment generally would not indicate that the prevailing sentiment favors any impeachment proceedings. While the judge may not always have controlled his temper as well as he should, and at times spoken more harshly than was necessary, yet he has shown commendable zeal in enforcing the law against the rich and influential as well as against the poor. He has probed some situations that badly needed it and has been a terror to evil-doers. He has had some unfortunate clashes with men, the merits of which it is not our province to judge; but it seems to us that he has come unscathed out of this investigation as a jurist of high and honorable purpose."

We agree with the Advocate that Judge Carter has been a terror of evil-doers, but as to his honorable purpose in all of his dealings there is some doubt. We would not say that his action in fining and belittling two prominent citizens of New Bern and the flying into a rage with the solicitor was so "high and honorable," in fact, we think very little of any such occurrences. Judge Carter may mean well, but until he learns the lesson of self-control he will never be numbered among the greatest jurors of the State.

As we predicted, the commander of the German ship Prinz Eitel Friedrich, has allowed his ship to be interned. The German may have been a brave man and all that, but it would have been nothing less than pure foolishness to have attempted to run his little dinky ship through a lane flanked by the battleships of the Allies and he showed common sense in his action. There is one thing regarding the case of the Prinz Eitel that is rather disgusting to us, and that is, after this vessel had fired upon and sunk the American schooner Frye, she sails into Newport News, a neutral port and there her officers and crew are given the fat of the land, favored and feted and placed upon the pedestal of being heroes. Seems to us that the whole bunch of them had a galling nerve to even make a stop there unless they were so badly scared of capture and destruction (the fate they had meted out to one of our ships) that they simply had to seek cover. We believe in being charitable to the afflicted, but this business of gushing all over a crowd of men who have defied and defamed the American flag seems to us to be a little far-fetched.

One of the railway companies doing business in North Carolina is the Norfolk Southern, and, strange to say, one man but little known outside against this road. The Norfolk Southern has at its head men who are thoroughly familiar with the work of the company and who are the friends of their patrons, mingling with them at every opportunity and getting next to the people. Whenever possible this road makes improvements and among the most recent is a better train service on the Charlotte system. The Charlotte Observer comments very favorably upon this improvement and the Raleigh Daily News observed yesterday had the following to say in regard to it: "The Norfolk Southern also gets much deserved credit for its new train service, its improvement of this road to be in a class or so a step ahead of the other roads in this State."

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And now Billy Sunday has called into the members of the newspaper fraternity. Well, the scribes know that Billy means well and will not take his remarks seriously.

The fact that New Bern is to have a great series of revival meetings is no reason for believing that the crop of morally stunted is excessive hereabouts. The main object is just to keep alive the religious spirit which has for years imbued the inhabitants of this city.

The Kinston Free Press suggests that the reason the King of Italy does not join the Allies in their campaign against the Germans, is the fact that he is a heavy stock holder in the German Krupp gun factories and that he does not feel like fighting against his own interests. Too bad that John Bull and his French ally don't own a few millions of stock in the same company.

Chirps the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "That Cleveland lawyer who says a tax on inheritances is an outrage must be expecting a legacy in the near future." Either that or he has a client who is about to fall heir to a few simoleons.

**Do You know there's lot of people, Settin' round in every town, Growin' like a broody chicken, Knockin' every good thing down? Don't you be that kind 'Cause they ain't no use on earth. You just be a booster rooster, Crow and boost for all your worth.**

If your towns needs boostin', boost 'er; Don't hold back an' wait to see If some other feller's willin'—Sall right in, the country's free. No one's got a mortgage on it, It's just yours as much as his; If your town is shy on boosters, You get in the boostin' biz.

If things don't just seem to suit you, An' the world seems kinder wrong, What's the matter with the boostin', Just to help the thing along? 'Cause if things should stop a-joinin', We'd be in a sorry plight— You just keep that horn a-blowin', Boost 'er up with all your might.

**SUMMARY OF WAR**

Although she has concentrated her army along the Austrian border and her navy within striking distance of the Adriatic, Italy still is endeavoring to exhaust every diplomatic means for settlement with Austria of the question of territorial concessions. Rome advices indicate that even should Italy enter the war she will not strike for some time. It is believed the decisive struggle will not begin before the early summer, which would allow Italy a considerable interval to decide on her policy.

The Austrian correspondent of a Turin newspaper telegraphs he has reliable information that there is a basis for the reports that Austria is seeking peace with the Triple Entente powers, the better to deal with Italy.

The losses of men during the first eight months of the war are estimated by the military expert of a Rome newspaper at 5,800,000. The cost of the war for the first six months is alone placed at \$5,400,000,000.

General Fauri, of the French army, is in Naples on his way from Petrograd and the Balkan capitals.

Austrian aviators dropped seven bombs yesterday on Podgorica, Montenegro. A Cetinje dispatch says that twelve women and children were killed and 45 other persons wounded.

**NEW BERN COTTON MARKET**

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 Middling..... 8 3-4  
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 Receipts yesterday, 25 bales.

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**SOCIAL**

A social event out of the ordinary was the Art Exhibit held in the Woodson-Moulton studio on Thursday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Wooten, the progressive head of the firm, received her visitors in a most cordial manner and showed them through the display rooms where her photography, in every conceivable style, was displayed. Attracting much attention in the main exhibit room was a lovely group of pictures by the celebrated photographer, Mr. Knaff, of Knoxville, Tennessee, who possesses a mastery of the camera second to none, and whose unerring judgment of good work received the highest recognition at the National Federation of Photographers held last year. Mrs. Wooten herself occupies a prominent place on the official board of this organization. Mr. Knaff pays tribute to Mrs. Wooten's skill in the gift of this beautiful collection of pictures which were the main feature of this exhibit. Mr. George Moulton of the firm was in charge of this display, pointing out and explaining the difficult studies. His wide range of subjects shows a wonderful conception of human life. Conspicuous in the group were the Madonnas. Some of these were Mr. Knaff's own conception and were very distinctive in their poses. Another Knaff greatly admired was "The Guardian Angel." This, a beautiful winged figure with a spiritual face hovering over innocent youth. Notable in the collection was the dark group, portraying a negro wedding with all the characteristic inequalities in the principals, the affected solemnity of the parson, the self-consciousness and air of importance in the attendants were all realistic of a wedding in high circles of the dusky race. Every picture was a study of art as well as human nature and the appropriate framing gave to earn its proper value.

The Music Department of the Woman's Club gave a delightful recital of their choicest choruses with solo and quartet parts well taken. This added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. Mrs. Wooten assisted by Miss Celia Moulton and Miss Marena Pigott served the cheering cup of tea and wafers to the appreciative throng of visitors who were coming and going throughout the afternoon and evening.

**Mrs. C. R. Thomas Hostess**  
 Mrs. Charles R. Thomas was the gracious hostess to the Bridge Club at her colonial home on Thursday afternoon, this being the first meeting of the club since before the Lenten season opened. The spacious parlors of Mrs. Thomas' home were converted into a veritable spring garden by a wealth of native cut flowers showered upon her in great profusion by a host of friends. Golden daffodils, waxy narcissi, fragrant Japanese violets, lilies and hyacinths all combined to delight the beholder with their beauty and fragrance. Seldom indeed, is seen such quantities of home grown blossoms of early spring, typical of a southern climate second to none.

A spirited game of bridge was played after which the hostess served a delicious salad course followed by an ice in the prevailing colors of white and yellow to the following guests and club members: Mrs. H. R. Bryan, Jr., Mrs. James Mitchell, Mrs. William Dunn, Sr., Mrs. William Hand, Mrs. J. K. Hollowell, Mrs. T. G. Hyman, Mrs. John Tull Hollister, Mrs. Robert Nixon, Mrs. Robert Jones, Miss Mollie Heath, Mrs. Margaret Nelson, Miss Laura Hughes, Mrs. Francis Duffy, Miss Janet Hollister, Mrs. Sophia Duffy and Mrs. P. M. Pearsall.

**Masque Ball**  
 The masquerade ball given tonight under the auspices of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society promises to eclipse everything preceding this. There will be a large number of masqueraders who will make it hard for the impartial judges to award the prizes, one each for the best costumed lady and gentleman.

The old armory is in gay attire for the occasion, presenting a lovely background for the picturesque dancers in fancy dress. Be on hand if you wish to enter the grand march, or to witness the same.

**REV. W. B. EVERETT THANKS THE LADIES**

I wish to thank the Ladies' Aid Society of the Tabernacle church for the very generous manner in which they showed their sympathy to myself and family in our afflictions on Wednesday evening. My heart was made to rejoice when I looked over the liberal supply of good things these ladies have provided, and I thought how our Heavenly Father has said "I will supply all your needs according to my riches in Glory." And my needs are urgent at this time, and these groceries could not have come in a better time. My heart seems to almost overflow with gratitude for the kind and thoughtful friends I have in New Bern who have stood so close to me in the dark days that have been mine. I want to thank the members of my own church also for the very generous pouring they gave us Wednesday night. May the Lord bless each one who has in any way come to our relief in this hour of trial.

Very Sincerely,  
 W. B. EVERETT.

**UNION MEETING IS TO BE HELD**

**Great Revival to Take Place In This City Very Soon**

At a meeting held at the Presbyterian church last night, there was a discussion in regard to the place at which the union meeting to be held under the auspices of the Methodist, Presbyterian and First Baptist churches would be held. It was suggested that the old tobacco warehouse on George street be secured and it is possible that this may be done, though nothing definite has been decided upon at the present time.

Prayer meetings are now being held preparatory to the beginning of this meeting and will continue until its opening.

The following committees have been appointed in connection with the meeting:

Executive committee: Dr. J. N. H. Summerell, chairman; H. E. Brown, secretary; T. A. Green, treasurer; John M. Aberly, W. C. Chadwick, F. G. Battle, J. G. Delamar, C. L. Ives, Rev. L. B. Padgett and Rev. E. H. McWhorter.

Committee on Publicity: John M. Aberly, chairman; Mrs. B. G. Moore, Mrs. Whit Gaskins, Mrs. Fred Battle, Miss Mary Ward and Mrs. S. M. Brinson.

Committee on Prayermeeting: W. C. Chadwick, chairman; Mrs. C. E. Slover, J. C. Whitty, Miss Lizzie Hancock, Mrs. T. J. Mitchell and Mrs. J. N. H. Summerell.

Committee on Personal Work: Fred G. Battle, chairman; Mrs. A. D. Ward, Mrs. S. H. Scott, Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. C. S. Hollister, I. W. Medlin and W. H. Truman.

Committee on Ushers: J. G. Delamar, chairman; A. E. Hibbard, Mark Stevenson, W. H. Newell, Jr., T. J. Mitchell and E. L. Rodden.

Committee on Finances: C. L. Ives, chairman; T. G. Hyman, H. C. Armstrong, T. A. Green, W. P. Metts and W. L. Lewis.

Committee on Music: Rev. L. B. Padgett, chairman; Geo. N. Ives, David S. Willis, and Mrs. A. O. Newberry.

**THURMAN ENJOYS BEST OF WEATHER**

**Old Sol Smiles Upon That Section and the Farmers Rejoice**

Thurman, April 8—Bright sunny days once more prevail, and the farmers are doing some hustling. There were quite a few farmers who planted corn before the snow and storm of last week, and they are wondering if they will not have to plant over. There will be more corn, potatoes and hay crops and less cotton planted in this section than ever before.

On Monday evening Mrs. S. Hasket of Thurman, gave an oyster roast in honor of Miss Hazel M. Shaffer, of Spencerville, Ohio. There were quite a large crowd of the young people from Thurman and Riverdale present. They assembled at 7:30 and at 8 o'clock a huge fire was built in front of a long row of oysters that had been previously stocked in the afternoon, and it was only a few minutes before the bivouacs had their staring mouths wide open. They were then shovelled onto a long table, and the guests greatly enjoyed hiding them. After all had eaten as they could, the party then gathered in the spacious parlor of the hostess and delighted themselves playing games and telling fortunes. At 11 o'clock the guests departed to their homes, each one having spent one of the most delightful evenings of their lives.

We note with much pleasure the item in your paper of Wednesday the names of some of the Thurman school girls that passed with honors the examination, and to whom diplomas will be given at the county commencement Friday. We only regret that the class had not contained twenty instead of four. We expect at the examination next year that our school will have a much larger class to receive diplomas.

Our young people are all participating a big time at the county commencement Friday, and are making great preparations for the occasion.

The young ladies of Riverdale, Thurman and James City have arranged to meet at Thurman on Thursday and decorate the school wagons with the Thurman school colors, with a view of capturing the prizes offered for the school making the best showing in the parade on Friday. We hope they will win.

The following students have been appointed as special marshals, pennant bearers and flag bearers for the Thurman consolidated school, in the parade at the county commencement.

Ernest Fisher, William Moore and Willie Messie, marshals; Miss Gladys Wood, Daisy Connor and Daisy Boyd, pennant bearers; Edward Watson, Verna Horne, Duquid Fisher, Laura Williams, Dewey Connor, Sadie Knull, flag bearers.

Mr. Joseph D. Williams has been selected as our chief marshal to represent the school in the parade. Our township committee will also be present in the parade.

We see a bright future for the cause of education down in the good old county of Curran, and we will believe these county commencement are one of the best means of educational advancement that has ever been instituted in the Good Old North State.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S CLUB**

**The Woman's Club held its annual meeting in the club rooms on Wednesday, April 7, at 4 o'clock.**

In the absence of the president, Miss Windley and First Vice-President Mrs. C. R. Thomas, the chair was most ably filled by the second vice-president, Mrs. S. H. Scott. Recording Secretary Mrs. Owen Dunn read the minutes of the last meeting as written reports of all officers and chairmen of departments are required by the constitution at this meeting. The president called for these reports in due order. Some failed to have written reports, so they can hand them in to Miss Windley by the 15th. The address of the president is published in both daily papers, so every one can enjoy it. A rising vote of thanks was given to our out-going president.

The following delegates to the State Federation in Goldsboro were elected:

The president, Miss Windley and General Federation State Secretary Mrs. S. L. Dill, already being delegates by virtue of their office: Mrs. M. M. Marks, Mrs. J. T. Hollister and Miss Etta Nunn; alternates Mrs. C. L. Ives, Mrs. S. H. Scott, Mrs. G. W. Stratton and Mrs. Owen Dunn.

The following delegates to Fremont for Reciprocity Day were appointed: Mrs. J. P. C. Davis and Miss Bettie Windley.

The club decided to let a young lady have the use of the piano an hour every day.

The May meeting is to be postponed a week on account of the Federation at Goldsboro.

The chairman of the nominating committee was called. The following names were presented for election: President, Mrs. Z. B. Vance; first vice-president, Miss Etta Nunn; second vice-president, Mrs. C. D. Bradham; recording secretary, Mrs. Owen Dunn; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Rodney; treasurer, Mrs. Lenaer Duffy; public secretary, Mrs. B. E. Moore; and auditor, Mrs. Clyde Eby. It was moved that we accept the entire slate. A vote of thanks was given to the nominating committee for their wise choice.

It was suggested that we have a lady come to give a reading but as it would be impossible for her to come before May it was thought unwise as it is almost impossible to make anything as late as that.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

EULA S. COLE.

**PISTOL DUEL IS ALMOST FATAL**

Greenville, N. C., April 8.—A pistol duel in which Police Officers Brewer and Bland had as their adversary the notorious criminal Jim Brown came very near resulting in a serious fatality this morning about 10:30 o'clock. In the rapid fire and exchange of shots between the officers and the desperate negro law-breaker Officer Warren Brewer received two wounds, one taking effect in his left shoulder near the collar bone and the other a slight flesh wound on the first finger of his right hand. As a result of the negro's sudden madness he now lies in jail with two bullet wounds from the pistol of Officer Brewer.

Jim Brown is not an unfamiliar name with officers here but has been considered a violent and dangerous negro for a long while. It was only a few months ago when his son William Brown, about whom today's trouble arose, resisted Officer Warren Morgan when the latter went to arrest him for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk.

It was at this time that William ran away in order to escape arrest by the officer and he had not been seen any more until last night when he was spied entering his father's house down near the river. The officers were on the alert and early this morning, about 5:30 Police Officer Bland and Brewer went down with a search warrant. The young Brown who was there with his wife took to the river upon hearing the officers coming. True to suspicion a large quantity of whiskey was found in Brown's house. The whiskey was taken and officer Bland and Brewer together with Chief-of-Police Smith, soon started to the river to look for the younger Brown. Chief Smith remained at the wharf and Brewer and Bland took after the negro by the canoe route and were soon on his trail. They soon met "Jim" Brown, the father, just a little ahead of them and directly between them and the landing of younger Brown.

According to Officer Brewer, who was interviewed by a newspaper reporter shortly after the shooting Brown became resentful when asked where he was going and snatched his gun from his pocket. We, Bland and I, having hunted, told him to leave his pistol in the canoe. When we told him to consider himself under arrest, he raised his pistol and his first fire was the beginning of the exchange of shots. I fired five times and Bland four times. I was hit first in the left shoulder and next on finger of my right hand. We emptied our guns before the negro finished firing. I think I fired two shots that took effect on the negro, one in the stomach and the other in his left arm.

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