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## EASTER CANTATA BY THE CLAYTON CHOIR

### Lancaster-Hinton Marriage Took Place Sunday A. M.; Local Items

Clayton, April 10.—Mr. Hugh A. Page returned to Aberdeen last Tuesday after spending Easter at his home here.

Miss Penelope Nichols, of the graded school faculty, spent Easter at her home near Durham.

Miss Matilda Mayo, who is attending school at Greenville, spent Easter with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Mayo.

Mr. W. B. Weaver and son, Billie, of Leaksville-Spray, were here to attend the Johnson-Poole wedding Monday.

Miss Eula Mae Farmer, who is teaching at Cameron, spent Easter here with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Farmer.

Miss Louise Young, who is attending school at Winston-Salem, spent the Easter season with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Young.

Miss Mamie Morgan of the graded school faculty, spent the Easter holidays at Wilson with friends.

Misses Rosa Hamilton and Allie Ann Pierce, members of the school faculty, spent the Easter season at Lacrosse, Va.

Mr. Laurie Poole, student at the State University, spent Easter at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hamilton, of Smithfield, spent Sunday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vinson.

Miss Zelta Barnes, student at G. C. W., Greensboro, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Campbell, of Abingdon, Va., were the guests of Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Musgrave, last week.

Mrs. J. A. Griffin returned this week from Richmond, Va., where she has been for the past few weeks undergoing treatment at a private sanatorium.

Miss Larue Williams, of the Selma school faculty and Miss Mary C. Williams, of the Red Oak high school faculty, returned to their schools Monday, after spending Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Williams.

Rev. A. O. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church here, left Sunday for Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, where he will spend a month attending the reserve officers' training school.

Mr. McIver Lancaster and Miss Lela May Hinton were married Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carroll, Rev. A. O. Moore officiating. The wedding was quiet and was witnessed by only a few intimate friends and relatives. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hinton, of Wilders township and is quite a pretty and attractive young lady. Mr. Lancaster is the son of Mrs. J. H. Lancaster, of Clayton, and is a promising young business man, connected with the dry goods firm of Chas. Carroll. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster left on a bridal trip to Richmond and other points. Returning to Clayton they will make their home with the groom's mother.

The Choir of Home Memorial Methodist church, under the direction of Mrs. Chas. G. Gulley, choir leader, rendered Alfred R. Gaul's Easter cantata "The Holy City" at the church Sunday night. The music was up to the usual high standard of the choir and was enjoyed by a large congregation. Solo parts were sung by Mrs. R. W. Sanders, Mrs. Y. M. Holland, Mrs. Gulley, Miss Gwendolyn Mitchell and Mr. James Stancil. Mrs. H. G. Pope presided at the organ throughout the cantata.

### Tons of Fish Smothered.

Tons of fish were smothered in Glenmore Lake, Orange County, New York, by the ice which covered the lake two feet thick from shore to shore. When the community found the water supply objectionable they investigated and when a hole was cut through the ice thousands of dead fish came to the surface together with many live fish in search of air.—The Dearborn Independent.

## BUY SWEET POTATOES NEXT WEEK, APRIL 16-21

RALEIGH, N. C., April 12.—Designating the week of April 16 to 21 as "Sweet Potato Week" in North Carolina, the Agricultural Extension Service of the N. C. State College and State Department of Agriculture urges every consumer and every household to buy at least one bushel of sweet potatoes during this period. As a reason of setting aside a week for a campaign of this kind, the Division of Markets states that farmers in certain sections of North Carolina have been forced to seek new money crops on account of damage to cotton by the boll weevil and to tobacco by wilt disease. A large number of them turned to the sweet potato and the production has been somewhat out of proportion to the present demand. In several counties of North Carolina, states Mr. Gorrell Shumaker, acting chief of the Division of Markets, the farmers have made considerable investments in storage houses to keep the potatoes in good condition for the spring trade.

They now have a quantity of these potatoes on hand and it is absolutely necessary that some of the holdings be converted into cash before farming operations for the coming year can be financed.

The Division of Markets, says Mr. Shumaker, is eager to find a market for this surplus of potatoes, especially in the stricken areas, because it realizes the plight that some of these people find themselves in. The division has secured a list of parties from whom good sweet potatoes may be secured and grocery stores and other concerns desiring to stock up for "Sweet Potato Week" can get this list on application to the division at Raleigh.

Mr. Shumaker states that in setting aside this week of April 16 to 21 as a special time for selling and consuming sweet potatoes, his division is urging growers to use the utmost care in grading to see that only the best of potatoes are offered for sale. Further, the growers are asked to make only a reasonable charge per bushel so that every family in North Carolina may purchase a supply. Dealers will be asked to sell the roots on the lowest possible margin of profit and to depend on the quantity of sales to compensate for the extra trouble in pushing this product. Some stores have already made arrangements to not only sell for the growers without charge but also to use their own paid space for advertising the potatoes.

The movement as initiated has the hearty endorsement of Director B. W. Kilgore of the Agricultural Extension Service, as well as the various divisions and organizations of the State College and Department of Agriculture. The State Federation of Sweet Potato Storage Houses, the Agricultural and Industrial Development service of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and various other civic and business organizations have given their full approval and are helping to put the movement across.

## NEW TREES TO MAKE UP FROST'S RAVAGES

SOUTHERN PINES, April 5.—Current rumors that the Sandhills peach crop has been annihilated by the recent heavy frosts are being replaced by statements that increased production in new bearing trees will replace, in the Belle and Carmen varieties, the ravages of the frost. The Alberta crop, according to those in close touch with the peach situation has been seriously curtailed, but that the Bell and Carmen peaches are plentiful, is the general opinion.

The estimate that the 1,500 cars of peaches shipped from the Sandhills last year has decreased to 500 cars is thought problematical and with the increase in the total number of bearing trees that the production will fall only a little short of the last year's shipments.

### Didn't Have But One.

Willie's mother was remonstrating with him for fighting.  
"Well, he hit me first," declared Willie.  
"But the Bible tells to turn the other cheek," she suggested.  
"Yes, but he hit me on the nose, and it's the only one I've got," replied Willie.—The Logician.

Go to church Sunday. The church can't go to you.

## CONFERENCE CAN'T REACH A DECISION

### R. R. Officials, State Highway Men, Local Com. Discuss Crossing

The conference between citizens of Smithfield, representatives of the State Highway Commission and officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway held here yesterday resulted in no definite decision as to lessening the danger at the station railway crossing here, but various routes for the highway were thoroughly discussed and a later conference to be held in the near future will probably settle the matter satisfactorily.

In the conference yesterday the State Highway Commission was represented by Mr. B. E. Snowdon of Kingston, engineer for the third district, and by Mr. Chas. M. Prichard of the Raleigh office, assistant locating engineer. Those here in the interest of the A. C. L. R. were Capt. W. H. Newell, General Superintendent of the A. C. L., Mr. J. B. Trenhom, road engineer for the railway company, Mr. B. J. Huff, signal engineer and Mr. C. G. Sibley, superintendent of this division. Committees from the town board of aldermen, the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, together with the mayor represented the citizenship of Smithfield.

These men met at the station and went carefully over the situation. The railway engineers have made a survey of possible routes and crossings which was submitted to those present. Three possible routes of the highway are suggested, all of which appear feasible since a new bridge to span Neuse River will necessarily be built, whether the present location is changed or not.

The suggestion which meets the approval of quite a number of the citizens here is to locate the highway so that the bridge will be built at the end of Market Street and cross the railroad to the south of the present crossing about where the station shed is now situated.

Another possible course is to locate the highway as it now is, until the hospital corner is reached, and then, instead of coming through the business part of town, extend up Bridge Street crossing to the railway to the north of the present crossing.

The third suggestion plans for the highway to be built practically straight from the "pines" across the river, the bridge to be built near the location of the power plant, the highway following Caswell Street and crossing the railway considerably further north of the present crossing.

The State Highway Commission will put their engineers on the job, and in a short time, another conference will be called to make final disposition of the matter.

### Son of Johnston Honored

That the growing tribute paid George Grantham of Dunn by the Carolina Journal of Pharmacy in dedicating its April issue to him is worthy bestowed, no one who knows him will deny. Moving to Dunn from his birth-place in Johnston county in 1887, he has grown up with the town and his life and his works have wielded great influence in making Dunn the good and progressive community that it is today.

He might be termed a pharmacist of both the old and the new schools, and yet his work is not confined to that one profession. He finds time to serve humanity in other ways and is active in the church, educational and political life of his home town, county, state and nation. When any question arises George Grantham is found ready to fight for the right; he is the type of citizen that makes North Carolina the great State that is—Dunn Dispatch.

### Heard the Old Gate Creaking.

"Thank you so much for your song, my dear," said the elderly woman when the daughter of the house, where she visited, had finished her solo. "It took me back to my childhood days when on my father's farm, and while I listened to your voice I seemed to hear the old gate creaking in the wind."

Why make an enemy when it is easier to make a friend?

## PROF. J. A. CAMPBELL SPEAKS AT PRINCETON

### Group Commencement At Princeton April 20; C. H. Holt Nominated Mayor

Princeton, April 11.—Miss Bessie Mason is visiting relatives in Norlina this week.

Mrs. Wallace Current, of Richmond, visited her father for a few days this week.

Miss Pearl Tolor spent the week end in Dunn.

Miss Ora Taylor visited her parents in Raleigh for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Joe and Miss Mary Williams, of Wilson county, visited Mrs. Florence Hinton Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie See, of Norlina, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warren.

Rev. W. G. Farrar spent Wednesday in Mount Olive.

Mr. Astor Holingsworth from Spring Hope visited Mrs. Florence Hinton Sunday.

Mrs. L. D. Grantham and Mrs. J. R. Ledbetter spent Wednesday in Goldsboro.

Miss Cora Smith and Edgar Battance, of Fremont, were the guests of Misses Ila and Patsy Odum Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Ginn, of Goldsboro, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Curley, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Lynch visited relatives at Pine Level Sunday.

Miss Maud Pittman was married to Mr. Bonus Holt on Wednesday, April the fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Boaz Woodard, of Selma, are visiting friends in town this week.

In consideration of the approaching Methodist conference which meets with Princeton church in May, the church is being given a new coat of paint and some other improvements are being made which adds greatly to the appearance of the building.

Mrs. Zeb Harrison and children from Greene County were visitors in town Saturday.

The relatives and friends of Mrs. C. L. Gurley will regret to learn that she has been real sick for the past week.

Miss Sarah Stallings and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Odum from Pine Level were visitors in this section Sunday.

A tenant house on the farm of Mr. George Worley was destroyed by fire a few nights ago, supposed to have been fired by unknown persons.

Even though the thermometer has been down around the freezing point for the past several nights, those who went fishing in Neuse River have been catching large quantities of hickory shad.

The town authorities through and with the aid of the property owners are paving the sidewalks on four blocks in the business section, this of course is a much needed improvement, and possibly marks the beginning of more permanent work in the future.

In addition to the music teacher in the high school Princeton has a professor who is teaching violin lessons. The students at present are Earl Lester Aycock, Clairborn King, Earl Watson and DeLeon Holt.

As a result of the mass meeting of the citizens of the town in the Masonic Hall Monday night, the nominations for town commissioners for the next two years was as follows: Messrs. M. B. Lynch, M. B. Rains, L. D. Mitchell and C. G. Holt, and for mayor Chas. H. Holt, the meeting was well attended by merchants and business men, and there were several ladies present who expressed themselves freely as to what they wanted and expected from the town officials. The town election will be on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, which will be the 8th day of May.

Friday, April 20th, will be group commencement at Princeton. Thirteen surrounding schools will be represented. Prof. J. A. Campbell, of Buie's Creek, will speak at 10:45. Promptly at 9:45 all schools will assemble and begin the parade at 10:00. After the address the seventh grade certificates will be presented by Miss Mary E. Wells, of Smithfield, to all passing the examination given April 7th. Dinner will be served on the grounds. In the afternoon each school will be given fifteen minutes for a program. The best program will be awarded a prize. Following this there will be a spelling contest by

## MAKING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BIG CEREMONIAL

WASHINGTON, N. C., April 14.—Recorder J. F. Rhem, of Sudan Temple was in the city yesterday, making final arrangements for May 17. Four beautiful silver cups, standing ten to twenty inches high, are also on exhibition, one for the club coming the greatest mileage, another for the best looking patron, another for the best float and last but by all means the most important, for the most attractive young lady at the ball.

The decorators who will have charge of all decorations in the city has arrived and Washington will soon dress up for the Big Ceremonial. A fine large boat will give all ladies opportunity to see the beauties of the famous Pamlico river. This event in itself will make 'em happy.

## 84 SEPARATE EARTHQUAKES FELT IN U. S. DURING 1922

During the calendar year 1922, 84 separate earthquakes strong enough to be felt by the unaided senses were reported from different parts of continental United States.

These occurred chiefly in California and in a section of the Central States, with scattered disturbances in various other States. Earthquakes of reported intensity of 5 or greater on the adapted Rossi-Forel scale, but not accompanied by appreciable damage, occurred in Arizona on June 15 and 17; in California, Jan. 31; Feb. 5, March 10 and 16, June 16, Aug. 18, Sept. 5; in Illinois, March 22-23; in Indiana, Jan. 11; in Kentucky, March 22-23; in Missouri, March 22-23; in Oregon, Jan. 31; in South Dakota, Jan. 2; in New York, Dec. 8; and in Tennessee on March 22, 23, 30.

The earthquake of Jan. 31st, was of marked intensity, but the epicenter was apparently in the Pacific Ocean, off the California coast. Widespread shocks occurred on March 22 in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee; on March 30 in Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee; and on Nov. 26 in Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, but all these were of slight intensity.

### The Badge of the Great.

The gifted man bears his gifts into the world not for his own benefit, but for the people among whom he is placed; for the gifts are not his, he himself is a gift to the community. That is the way Life gives gifts to the people; it wraps them up in men, and sends them forth.

If then the bearer purloins the gifts for his own use, and turns his ability to serve into an excuse for over-lordship and exploitation of those who need him, he is a traitor to the Universe.

Every kind of ability or superiority is an obligation. Here is the solution of all racial, national, class, and individual problems. Service is the badge of the great. There is no greatness without it.—Dearborn Independent.

representatives of grades four, five and six from each school; a story-telling contest by representatives from grades one, two, and three, and athletic contests on the grounds. All winning contestants in athletics will be awarded ribbons. The best storyteller will be given prizes.

This will also be "Book Day" for Princeton library. Every family in the community is asked to present the school with at least one book suitable for lower or upper grades to read or use for reference. Princeton library has grown considerably in the past few months but is still very inadequate. This is an opportunity for all to contribute something worth while to the school. A new book is not expected in all cases but a good and useful one will be much appreciated by teachers and pupils.

Misses Clara Pearce and Irene Franks, Virginia Woodard and Evelyn Edwards accompanied by Miss Blanche Penny left early Thursday morning for Chapel Hill where they will contest for the silver cup awarded annually to the best debating team in North Carolina. Princeton won both sides of the triangular local contest over Clayton, March 30. This is the third time a Princeton team has had the honor of competing at Chapel Hill. We believe no other school in the county has won the local contests three times. We wish the present teams much success in their trip.

## SELMA TO HAVE NEW PASSENGER STATION

### Supreme Court Upholds the Decision of State Corporation Commission

The Supreme Court Wednesday upheld the hands of the State Corporation Commission when, it directed the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line, the latter by agreement and consent, to proceed at once with the erection of a union depot at Selma as ordered in 1914 by the Corporation Commission.

The court, in an opinion written by Associate Justice Walker, affirmed Judge Cramer, of Wake Superior Court, who, at the instance of the Corporation Commission, directed a mandamus at the two railroads ordering the construction of the joint station and at the same time denied the motion for a certiorari made by counsel for the railroads, for the purpose of bringing the action into Superior Court for review.

The original order of the Commission, made in 1914, was held up during the stringency of the war period and its recent renewal by the commission brought on strenuous opposition on the part of the Southern. The Atlantic coast Line took the position through counsel that it was prepared to proceed as soon as the Atlantic Coast Line was ready.

"In no view we are entitled to take of this case," said Justice Walker, "can we decide that there was any error in the well considered decision of Judge Cramer requiring the judgment of the Commission to be enforced by peremptory writ of mandamus."

"It is therefore our conclusion," he adds, after an exhaustive opinion, "that there was no error in the judgment of the lower court as rendered by Judge Cramer and we must therefore affirm it and, as suggested in the Selma Railway connection case 137 N. C., 1, this court has the power, if it so elects, to enter judgment here, instead of remanding the case at the present time.

"It is therefore ordered that final judgment be entered here to the effect that a peremptory mandamus be issued from this court compelling the respondents the Southern Railway company and the Atlantic Coast Line Railway company (by its consent and agreement) to comply at once with the judgment of the State Corporation Commission and any order heretofore made by it in aid of said enforcement and the said defendants (the railroad companies) will prosecute the work of constructing said station and in other respects as designated in the order of the Commission with reasonable diligence until the same is finally completed. And for the present, at least, this cause will be retained in this court for such further order and directions as in the opinion of the court may be required.—News and Observer.

## EVANGELIST HAM SERVICE CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY

Judge Brooks is in receipt of a letter this morning from Earl S. Rogers, Secretary to Evangelist Y. F. Ham, stating that it will be impossible for him to be here on Monday, April 16th, 1923, but as they would come on Wednesday, April 18th 1923, and will hold a service between the running of train No. 80 at 1:30 and train No. 89 at 3 o'clock.

It has been decided to hold the service at the Methodist church at 1:45 on that date, which will give one hour for the service and time to get them back to the train.

Those who have never heard Mr. Ham are urged to come out and hear him as he is a wonderfully strong preacher.

### Reforesting Denuded Areas.

The total amount of land repeatedly burned over, chiefly before the creation of the national forests which can be restored to productivity only by planting, is estimated to be at least 1,500,000 acres, according to the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Because of the lack of available funds only a small amount of planting has been possible so far. At the rate at which the work is now being conducted it will require between 150 and 200 years to reforest these denuded areas.