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Jury To Settle Clayton Tangle

Justice Clarkson Reverses Judge Harris In Suit Brought Against Mayor Carter By Gower

The Clayton election dispute must go to a jury, according to a decision handed down Wednesday by the Superior court. This suit brought by F. W. Gower against Mayor C. W. Carter of Clayton in which the title to office of the latter was attacked, was heard during a term of Superior court some months ago, and Judge W. C. Harris, the presiding judge, granted a non-suit. An appeal was taken with the result that Judge Harris was reversed by Justice Clarkson.

It will be recalled that Gower got 238 votes and Carter 239. It was admitted that Joseph Romanus, unaturalized voter, voted illegally, but this would only make a tie, not sufficient to raise the question of title to office.

It was claimed that 15 illegal votes were cast for Carter, one of whom was alleged to be Miss Eloise Sparger, a school teacher from Mt. Airy. Justice Clarkson says that the constitutional requirements for residence means a domicile and that she wasn't entitled to vote under the evidence before the court.

Evangelistic Month At Centenary Methodist Church

In accordance with plans made by the stewards and the pastor at the beginning of this year October will be observed as an evangelistic month at the Methodist Church. One of the things that will make the month distinctive will be the children's class that will be instructed by the pastor for church membership. Another thing will be a special series of sermon subjects for the morning and another for the night services. On first Sunday in November, the last Sunday of the conference year, the doors of the church will be opened for reception of the class that has been trained and also for others who are prepared to join.

We are not to have any extra services during the month—we are just going to make the best use of the regular services. The prayer meeting services on Wednesday night, as well as the Sunday services, will take on this special aspect.

The general topic for the morning sermons during the month will be, "The social program of the kingdom of Heaven." That for the night services will be "Personal accountability to God." The subdivision of these subjects will be as follows: First Sunday morning, "The earth is the Lord's"; First Sunday night, "Sons and daughters of God"; Second Sunday Morning, "They shall learn of war no more"; Second Sunday night, "Dead or alive"; Third Sunday morning, "Use your talents to bless your neighbor"; Third Sunday night, "The wages of sin"; Fourth Sunday morning, "Men and social purity"; Fourth Sunday night, "The saints everlasting reward."

GIN REPORT

There were 1,088 bales of cotton ginned in Johnston county from the crop of 1927 prior to September 16, 1927, as compared with 2,195 bales ginned to September 16, 1926.

E. G. HOLLAND, Reporter.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

(Miss) Effie May Jones recognized her name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: hindwstienogr

Chief Charley Challenges



Charles K. Price of Forest City, N. C., challenges the claim of Layton Mitchell of Pawhuska, Okla., as being the youngest Chief of Police in the U. S. Chief Price is four months or from February to June, younger than Mitchell. Both are 27 years old.

List Of Teachers For Pine Level

George B. Strickland of Old Fort Will Have Charge of the High School Work

PINE LEVEL, Sept. 28.—The Pine Level school will open here next Wednesday, October 5, with the following faculty for the 1927-1928 term:

George B. Strickland, of Old Fort, who has been doing standard high school work at Old Fort for the past nine years, will have charge of the high school work. Patrons of the school feel very fortunate in securing Mr. Strickland for the school.

Mrs. Geo. B. Strickland will have charge of the seventh grade. She comes with a college A certificate and is well prepared for her position.

Mrs. A. F. Futrell, of Pine Level, a former teacher of the county whose work has proven successful, will teach the sixth grade.

Miss Louise Townsend, of Asheville, a teacher here for the past two years will teach the fifth grade again this year.

Miss Ethel Corbett of Selma, who took her college course at N. C. C. W., will have charge of the fourth grade.

Miss Mildred Creech, of Selma, a graduate of Harrisburg Normal, Virginia, will teach the third grade.

Miss Clara Hales, of La Grange, a former teacher here will have the second grade again this year.

Miss Edna Lewter, of Severn, a graduate of E. C. T. C., will have charge of the upper first and Mrs. K. C. Woodard of Pine Level, a former teacher here, will have charge of the beginner first grade.

Pine Level feels fortunate in securing this faculty, and the parents are looking forward to a good year's work.

Four Kinds of Hog Farmers.

"I never bought a ton of hay in my life." That's the proud boast of a good farmer. And that is good as far as it goes. But now let's move up another notch. There are three grades of farmers:

1. The man who buys somebody else's hay.
 2. The man who grows his own hay.
 3. The man who grows his own hay and then some—some to sell.
- It is getting time now for more Southern farmers to move up from the first and second grades into the third grade. And if we are going to do that, now is the time to begin getting land, seed, lime, and fertilizer ready. A good seedbed plowed early, allowed to get firm and well settled below the surface and harrowed after each rain to kill weeds and prevent clods and hold moisture—that's the right prescription to insure a good stand.

Conference of Auxiliaries

An all day conference of district two of Auxiliaries of Granville Presbyterian will be held in First Vanguard Presbyterian church, Raleigh, on October 6. All members of Auxiliaries in Wake and Johnston counties are urged to attend.

Car Knocks Down Six Year Old Boy

Little Moses Stencil, Son Of Postmaster, Is Taken To Hospital But Sustains No Serious Injury.

An accident that might have been tragic in its results occurred Tuesday morning in front of the school house on Third street when little Moses Stencil, the six year old son of Postmaster and Mrs. J. C. Stencil was knocked down by an automobile and bruised and skinned in a number of places.

Mr. Stencil had taken his two younger boys, Moses and Charles, as far as Third street in his car, cautioning them about crossing the street when he put them out. He had not gone more than a block when the car driven by M. H. Justice, of Raleigh, struck the younger of the two boys. Mr. Justice accompanied by his wife was on his way to Holt Lake to spend the day fishing. They were much concerned over the accident and took the little fellow to the Johnston County Hospital where it was found that no serious injury had been inflicted. He was in a highly nervous state, however, and was kept in bed for a day, and out of school for several days.

The accident happened when the children, after waiting for one car to pass, started to cross the street and got in the path of one coming from the opposite direction.

RECORDER'S COURT

Only a light docket came up for disposal in Recorder's Court here this week. The following cases were tried Tuesday:

Henry Williams was fined \$10 and required to pay cost for violating the prohibition laws. He was found guilty of possession and transporting.

For larceny, Jesse Jones was sentenced to the county roads for a period of sixty days. He took an appeal to Superior Court.

Lennou Patterson was found guilty of larceny and was sentenced to the roads of Johnston County for a term of sixty days. He gave notice of appeal.

Joab Baker was in court charged with murder. Probable cause was found and the defendant was bound over to Superior Court without bail.

Jethro Baker, Thelma Bell Baker and Howard Baker were charged with murder. Probable cause as to all defendants was found and all were bound over to Superior Court under the following bonds: Jethro Baker, \$1,000; Thelma Bell Baker, \$500; Howard Baker, \$500.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS ASSOCIATION PINE LEVEL

PINE LEVEL, Sept. 28.—The Little River Primitive Baptist Association was held at Bethany church here Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A large crowd was in attendance all three days, and especially on Sunday when it was estimated that 3500 or more were present. Due to the immense gathering of people, the church and the school auditorium were both used, neither being able to accommodate the immense crowds that were present from far and near. Very good sermons were delivered both day and night, and all enjoyed the soul-stirring sermons during the three-day session.

The association will meet with Mount Zion church in Benson next year.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

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"I can't understand all the excitement over my absence from New York," he continued. "I like to go off on a vacation now and then, under an assumed name. I don't like to bat around with friends. All they do is ask me to buy stock in something. 'Why, I once went to Europe intending to be gone only two weeks and stayed three months. My sisters are abroad and I haven't much of a home. I often go on vacations for a month or two to have a good time.'"

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"De biggest man at de fite is mo den apt ter be de leece one at cote."

Finally Locate Dick Reynolds

Says He Was Merely Enjoying A Vacation; Was Found By Detectives In St. Louis

For several days, the mysterious disappearance from New York City of Richard J. Reynolds, 21-year-old heir to the Reynolds tobacco fortune, has been featured on the front pages of leading daily newspapers, but his discovery in St. Louis Tuesday night has allayed all fears as to his safety. Reynolds is known in Smithfield where he has business interests, being president of the Glass-Staples Tobacco company, his partners being W. G. Glass and Gray Staples. During his unaccountable absence from New York, friends made inquiry as to whether he were here or had been here, but, as the detectives found he has been sojourning in St. Louis under an assumed name.

An Associated Press dispatch in yesterday's dailies gave the following information concerning his discovery and what he termed his vacation:

"It was Jones, a racetrack acquaintance of Reynolds, who tipped the Hargrave Detective Agency to Reynolds' whereabouts. Earlier in the day Jones offered to produce Reynolds for \$3,000. The agency, after getting in touch with the trustee of the Reynolds estate, agreed to pay the money.

"The finding of young Reynolds closed a search which has spread from New York City to Chicago, St. Louis, Southern Illinois and to Florida. At first, when one of the detectives asked him if he were not the missing president of the Reynolds Airways, Inc., Reynolds made denial. When the questioner persisted, Reynolds acknowledged his identity. He said he merely had been on a vacation.

"Reynolds, who is 21 years old, explained that he had gone to Chicago to see the Tunney-Dempsey fight. From there he came to St. Louis, where he registered under the name of 'Fleet' at the Claridge Hotel. Then followed afternoons at the Fairmount race tracks, near here, and evenings at the dog races. He denied that he had \$5,000 when he left New York explaining that while he had drawn that amount from the bank, all but \$700 was given to John S. Graham, a business associate living at Winston-Salem, N. C., the seat of the Reynolds tobacco plants.

"This continued for 11 days, he said, until yesterday morning he woke up to find his disappearance emblazoned in the headlines of a St. Louis morning newspaper.

"The end of the search came after the detective agency had agreed to pay the \$3,000 to their informant who negotiated with them over the telephone. A promissory note for the amount was made out last night, but C. C. Ruston, manager of the agency, said 'some more investigation must be done' before it would be turned over to the man he called 'Famshaw Jones.'

"Reynolds said he had been 'living off the races here,' asserting he had won \$6,000, at the Fairmount horse racing track and at the two dog tracks in St. Louis county.

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the Mineola, L. I. station, and it must have been stolen from there."

Four Oaks Scene Brilliant Wedding

Miss Ruby Stanley Became the Bride of Hermon Pritchard, of Washington, D. C., Church Wedding

FOUR OAKS, Sept. 28.—Simple and impressive in its beauty was the marriage of Miss Ruby Stanley of Tarboro and Hermon Pritchard of Washington, D. C., which was solemnized here Saturday, Sept. 24, at high noon in the Baptist church.

The church was artistic in its decorations of stately pines, ferns, yellow dahlias, and lilies, which made a beautiful setting for the wedding of this popular couple, that is of interest to friends in the Carolinas and Virginia.

Prior to the entrance of the bridal party Mrs. C. H. Gibson of Rocky Mount, cousin of the bride, dressed in blue crepe satin with rose trimming and wearing a black satin hat and slippers, and carrying an arm bouquet of pink roses and fern, tied with pink tulle, rendered a short musical program as follows: "Traumerei" and "The Flower Song." Mrs. Sterling Gates, cousin of the bride, dressed in terra cotta crepe satin with velvet hat and shoes to match, wearing a corsage of pink roses tied with pink silver trimmed tulle, sang "Until" and "Each Thought of You."

To the strains of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, Rev. J. A. Campbell, president of Campbell College, entered and took his place at the altar. Mrs. L. L. Levinson of Benson, aunt of the bride, and dame of honor, dressed in green georgette combined with black velvet, wearing a black velvet hat and carrying pink roses with fern tied with pink silver trimmed tulle entered next. She was followed by Miss Mary Pritchard of Virginia Beach, Va., the maid of honor, who was dressed in rust crepe satin with hat and shoes to match and carried pink roses and fern tied with pink silver trimmed tulle.

The bride and groom then entered down either aisle and met at the altar. The groom had as his attendant his brother, Hugh Pritchard of St. Joseph, Mo. The bride was given away by her uncle, Herman Creech of Tarboro. Her costume was tan georgette crepe with gold trimming, with black satin hat, black satin slippers and tan hose. She carried a huge shower bouquet of yellow roses tied with yellow tulle.

The impressive ring ceremony was used during which time Mrs. Gibson softly played MacDowell's "To a Wild Rose." Mendelssohn's wedding march was used as a recessional.

After the ceremony the bride and groom left for a wedding trip to the Shenandoah Valley and other points in Virginia.

The bride, who is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Owen Stanley and granddaughter of the late Mrs. Laura Creech, is a native of Four Oaks, but has spent the last few years with her uncles, Herman Creech of Tarboro, and Lawrence Creech of Norfolk, Va. She received her education at Campbell College, Buie's Creek, and Coker College, Hartsville, S. C. where she made numerous friends. Her modest unassuming manner and sweet disposition along with her friendliness have won scores of friends for her wherever she was known. The popularity and esteem in which she was held has been shown by numerous pre-nuptial events given in her honor at Tarboro, Four Oaks and Benson.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pritchard of Virginia Beach, Va., and has many sterling qualities that have made numerous friends for him also. He was educated at V. P. I. in Virginia at which place he graduated. He is now a prominent young business man of Washington, D. C.

After October 1 they will be at home at the Legation Apartments, Washington, D. C.

The out of town guests here for the wedding were: Mrs. W. H. Pritchard and Mr. and Mrs. Ken-

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New Electric Plow in Use



H. L. Roe of New Castle, Pa., has attracted national attention with his electric plow, as he experiments on the 600 acre farm of Donald Woodward at Le Roy, N. Y. As shown in the photo a double plow is used—one positive and the other negative. The high voltage passing-plow to plow through the damp earth, is said to kill insects, worms, and weeds, thus giving the ground basic fertilizer—nitrogen.

Mrs. J. T. Hudson Goes To Reward Four Oaks School

Funeral Will Be Held This Afternoon at Residence of Son In Meadow Township

A wide circle of relatives and friends were saddened when it became known that on Wednesday evening at five-thirty o'clock Mrs. J. T. Hudson had passed away at the home of her son, R. H. Hudson, in Meadow township near Newton Grove. The deceased had been quite ill for two months following a stroke of paralysis, and her death was not unexpected.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock today at the residence, conducted by Rev. E. N. Johnson, of Dunn, and Rev. T. H. King, of Clinton. Interment will be made in the family cemetery near the residence of R. H. Hudson.

Mrs. Hudson was an earnest Christian, being a member of the Canaan Baptist church, which she had given her loyal support for twenty-five years. The beautifying charm of a pure religion was spread over her life and character that proved a blessing and benefaction to all within the sphere of its influence. She will be sorely missed by the entire community in which she lived.

The deceased is survived by four sons and one daughter as follows: L. T. Hudson and R. H. Hudson, of Meadow township; T. A. Hudson, of Durham; Paul Hudson, of New Bern, and Mrs. C. E. Stevens, of Society Hill, S. C.

She also leaves three brothers and one sister namely: Mayor J. D. Underwood, of this city; T. W. Underwood, of Newton Grove; W. E. Underwood, of Chicago, and Mrs. H. C. McNeill, of Dunn.

DAVIS STORES TO OPEN

The stores of Charles Davis will probably be opened here at an early date, the stock of goods belonging to him having been sold under order of the bankruptcy court at the courthouse here yesterday at noon. A. V. Kregger, of the firm H. C. Kregger, Inc., Portsmouth, Va., bid in the entire stock at \$7010. He also bought the truck which was used by the Davis store, this bringing \$51, making a total of \$7,061. The merchandise inventoried at \$11,000 and the bid started at \$2,500. About forty bidders were present.

The sale was confirmed late yesterday afternoon by Referee Joseph B. Cheshire.

It was rumored here yesterday that the store would be open again by the first of October.

NEGRO FAIR TO BE STAGED

NOVEMBER 2, 3 AND 4. The Johnston county negro fair will be held on November 2, 3 and 4. It promises to be the best yet held. Many exhibits are expected and the midway attractions have already been booked. Horse-racing, speaking, music, a singing contest, a queen's contest, and a foot ball game are features of this fair. Fireworks will be given each night.

Renew your subscription

Five Circles Now In Woman's Club

Local Club Looking Forward To District Meeting In Clayton On October 12

Next Wednesday is the regular meeting day of the Smithfield Woman's club and each of the ninety-five members is urgently requested to be at the club room at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. H. L. Skinner will preside over this session, in accordance with the plans for each former president to conduct the affairs of the club for one month each in turn during the year. Mrs. F. H. Brooks has had charge during the past month.

The immediate thing which is being looked forward to by the club is the district meeting to be held with the Halcyon club at Clayton on October 12. A large delegation is expected to go from the local club to Clayton.

At a recent meeting of the executive board, the local club was divided into five circles with a chairman for each circle. The members of the club are asked to clip out and preserve the list in which their names appear, which are printed below.

Circle Number 1.

Chairman, Mrs. A. H. Rose, Mrs. W. D. Hood, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Jr., Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Sr., Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale, Sr., Mrs. J. H. Kirkmore, Mrs. W. G. Glass, Mrs. J. H. Abell, Mrs. Rosser Lane, Mrs. W. H. Byrd, Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, Mrs. N. L. Perkins, Mrs. H. H. Radford, Mrs. J. H. Fitzgerald, Mrs. S. E. Hogwood, Mrs. T. C. Henry, Mrs. S. B. Jones.

Circle Number 2.

Chairman, Mrs. W. H. Austin, Mrs. H. C. Hood, Mrs. G. T. Lattimore, Mrs. F. H. Brooks, Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst, Mrs. Leon Stevens, Mrs. R. R. Holt, Mrs. A. S. Johnson, Mrs. H. P. Stevens, Mrs. E. S. Edmundson, Mrs. D. H. Creech, Mrs. R. P. Holding, Mrs. J. A. Wellons, Mrs. T. R. Hood, Mrs. J. A. Morgan, Mrs. W. S. Stevens, Mrs. J. W. Keen, Miss Ione Abell, Mrs. W. W. Jordan.

Circle Number 3.

Chairman, Mrs. Roger A. Smith, Miss Ruth Jones, Mrs. W. H. Lyden, Mrs. W. J. B. Orr, Mrs. T. C. Young, Mrs. John W. Ives, Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale, Jr., Mrs. C. B. Williamson, Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Mrs. E. J. Wellons, Mrs. Everett Stevens, Mrs. L. D. Wharton, Miss Corinna Sanders, Mrs. Chas. Davis, Mrs. N. C. Shuford, Mrs. L. E. Watson, Mrs. W. D. Avera, Miss Dora Barbour, Mrs. J. M. Beatty.

Circle Number 4.

Chairman, Mrs. A. M. Noble, Mrs. Thel Hooks, Mrs. W. H. Lassiter, Mrs. W. J. Massey, Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt, Mrs. T. W. LeMay, Mrs. Joe Davis, Mrs. L. G. Patterson, Mrs. H. L. Gray, Mrs. J. W. Whitehead, Mrs. W. L. Fuller, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Mrs. J. D. Spagnoli, Miss Mary Wells, Mrs. W. S. Ragsdale, Mrs. J. W. Stephenson, Mrs. J. C. Stencil, Mrs. L. T. Royall, Mrs. Henry Johnson.

Circle Number 5.

Chairman, Mrs. Carl Pugh, Mrs. E. S. Abell, Mrs. R. C. Gillett, Mrs. W. N. Holt, Mrs. A. W. Francis, Mrs. Kirby Rose, Miss Lalah Rookh Stephenson, Mrs. F. K. Broadhurst, Mrs. H. B. Marrow, Mrs. N. M. Lawrence, Mrs. A. M. Calais, Miss Cora Belle Ives, Mrs. E. W. POU, Miss Rhetta Martin, Mrs. M. B. Myatt, Miss Ava Myatt, Mrs. Lee Sanders, Mrs. Howard Grady, Mrs. W. W. Cole.

Free Dirt For the Hauling.

Work will begin soon on the Sunday school annex of the Methodist church, and J. H. Woodall, contractor, states that when excavation for the basement is resumed, the dirt will be available for any who will haul it away. The trucks will be loaded by men doing the excavating. Those desiring this dirt should communicate with Mr. Woodall at once.

Circle No. 2 To Meet.

Circle No. 2 of the Presbyterian Auxiliary will meet Monday afternoon at the church at 4 o'clock. Mrs. F. H. Brooks is the program leader for the afternoon. All the members are urged to be present.

Some men are so busy beginning things that they have no time to finish anything.