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CONSECRATION OF THE HANDSOME NEW CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

**THIS BEAUTIFUL NEW \$17,000.00 EDIFICE IS
THE GIFT OF MRS. JAMES GRIST STATON**

(Reported by John H. Griffith)

Many Distinguished Layman Present—Services Beautiful and Impressive—Luncheon Given by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Staton—Beautiful Memorials blessed on Sunday by Bishop Darst.

The last day of the 171st official gathering of the Convocation of Edenton at Williamston, was marked indelibly upon the pages of the history of the Convocation, Diocese, town and State as a red letter day in affairs ecclesiastical for at 10:30 a large number of visitors from neighboring parishes and many of the citizens of the town and community had assembled to witness the consecration of a handsome new edifice, the gift of Mrs. James Grist Staton, a devoted daughter of the Church and President of the Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society of the Diocese of East Carolina.

At the appointed hour, the choir, under the capable direction of Miss Maynard, led the procession from the old Church to the front doors of the new Church singing, "The Church's One Foundation," and were admitted while Bishop Darst and his clergy tarried on the outside. At the close of the processional hymn, Bishop Darst knocked upon the door with his Episcopal ring three times, and immediately the massive doors were thrown open most graciously, though silently, by Col. Wilson G. Lamb Senior Warden of the Parish. The Bishop then entered the Church, going up the aisle followed by the clergymen in order of their seniority, Dr. Drane, Revs. Grantham, Griffith, Jordan, Bethea, Osburn, Lawrence, Taylor, Daughtery, Alligood, Bynum, and lay-reader, Crosson, repeating the 24th Psalm alternately. Then came the members of the Vestry, who took their respective seats among the congregation.

After the clergymen had assumed their places in the chancel, Mr. James Grist Staton, husband of the donor, came forward and presented to the Bishop "the instruments of donation and endorsement."

The Rector, Clarence H. Jordon, upon the request of the Bishop, read the sentence of consecration. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. John H. Griffith, assisted by Revs. Alligood and Bynum in the reading of the lessons. The sermon from the text, "I am the Light of the world," was preached by Rev. Morrison Bethea, of Wilson, who was the beloved rector of the Parish up to a few months ago. While the offering was being taken, the choir sang most beautifully, "Open To Me the Gates."

It is doubtful that sweeter Church music was ever before heard in Williamston, than that which the newly vested sang upon this happy occasion. The Communion office followed, and the altar rail was crowded seven times by the many seeking their Lord and Master "face to face" and to touch and handle things

unseen. The benediction having been said, the Crucifer stepped forward, and with the Cross of Jesus going on before, the choir, and clergy and entire congregation opened not only their throats, but their very hearts and souls in the singing of that fine old hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers," which was written by Rev. S. Baring Gould in 1865.

Thus came to an end a service which had been looked forward to for months. To attempt to describe this beautiful house of God, this tabernacle made with hands, but first created by inspiration coupled with the talents of the architect and the donor, would indeed be a difficult task for the one who pens this article. The edifice is Gothic in style with hammered Cathedral glass windows, and built of gray brick with stone trimmings and tiled roof, open tower and doors old English style. On entering, one walks on tiled floor, and then on the polished wood in the body of the Church, the floor and steps of the chancel being oak. The furniture is of old English oak, the reredos and pulpit being fittingly ornamented with hand-carved grape design, the altar containing the Greek letters Alpha and Omega and the retable inscribed with Holy, Holy, Holy; the reading desk is a large hand-carved eagle, and a Litany desk stands before the steps of the chancel. To briefly sum it all up, the Church of the Advent, Williamston, is truly one of the most beautiful edifices in our land. Its entire furnishings are in keeping with everything ecclesiastical from its sanctuary of beautiful proportions to the pews upon which the worshippers sit. All things were done and selected with the taste and thought of making it no other than the House of Prayer.

Among those who were in the congregation were Rev. Nathaniel Harding, of Washington; Geo. H. Roberts, of New Bern; F. R. Rose, of Fayetteville, all members of the Standing Committee. Mrs. Clarence Jeffers, of Kinston, a former parishioner, was present, as also was Mrs. Justus Randolph, of Washington whose father, Rev. Thomas B. Haughton, was for twenty-five years rector of the parish, and to whose untiring zeal the parish is largely indebted today.

Immediately after the service, one hundred and more visitors and town folks repaired to the Parish Hall, where a delightful dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Staton as host and hostess, awaited them. Here mingled appetite and wit, praise and beauty, and a happy good time. Speeches were made by Bishop Darst and Revs. Harding, Griffith, Bethea, Drane, Osburn and Jordan; Mesdames Staton and Jeffers; Dr. Saunders, and Messrs. Bragaw and Rose.

At the service on Sunday following the consecration, Bishop Darst blessed the following memorials: Silver alms basons given by Charles H. Godwin in memory of Louisa Staton Godwin, brass receiving bason in memory of Ella Grist Staton, presented by

James Grist Staton; individual Communion service in memory of Lucy Chase, candle sticks and vases in memory of Fannie Beeler Chase, presented by Mrs. Staton in memory of her mother and sister; brass altar desk in memory of the late Rt. Rev. Robt. Strange, D. D., also the gift of Mrs. Staton.

The pipe organ, a beautiful Mohler design, was purchased by the congregation, and with the brass Cross and vases used in the old church, completes the list of handsome furnishings. The cost of the edifice was \$17,000.00, and the furniture, \$2,500.

Mrs. Whit Moore Dead

Friends here heard with aching hearts of the sudden death of Nancy Moore, Sunday evening at her home near Everetts, after an attack of acute indigestion. Death came at 11 o'clock on that night and took away the devoted soul of a wife and mother, who had gone out among friends and children only a few hours before with a cheering word and smile for everyone as she passed along the way.

Mrs. Moore was the daughter of the late Rufus Cherry, and was born in Martin County, where she has since lived. Early in life she married Mr. Whit Moore, who with two sons and four daughters survive her. A few years ago she was bereft of a child whom she loved devotedly and this had brought much sadness in her life. But still she saw with the eyes of faith, the Divine love of Him who doeth all things well. Never was a mother more devoted to children and home, and her love brightened all the days of her stay with them.

For many years she had been a consistent member of the Methodist Church at Vernon, where she delighted to worship when she could. As neighbor and friend, she gave her best, and the best came back to her, for she was loved by those who knew her.

Monday afternoon, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. M. Eure and many people assembled to sympathize with the bereaved husband and children, among whom are Mrs. Levi Riddick, of Williamston, and Mrs. Neil James, of Robersonville.

Five With Patriotism

Kelly King and Leslie Fowden have sent in applications for service to the war department, and they with Luke Lamb and Dr. York are the only ones in the town who are asking to help in the crisis. Jack Biggs will join the Red Cross and be assigned work in the medical department, as he is splendidly prepared for that work.

Attention Farmers

The crops will soon be green over the fields, and they will need protection against loss to the farmer. For years, insurance has been available for crops, especially tobacco, which is so easily ruined by hail. In many instances right around this section, whole crops have been destroyed in this manner, and very seldom, the farmer had any insurance. When protection can be had, it is unwise not to get it. The farmer will feel securer when he sees the storm clouds arise, if in his strong box there reposes a policy insuring him against loss. Now is the time to begin to seek protection. See Kader Crawford's ad in this issue, and then see him.

GRADUATING EXERCISES WILLIAMSTON H. S.

EXERCISES OPENED WITH SONG, HAIL LOVELY MONTH

Those Graduating Were Misses Sylvia Samuels-Upton, Carrie Delle White and Roland Crawford. The Papers Read on Martin County Were Very Good.

The graduating exercises of the Williamston High School were held in the City Hall on Friday evening before a large crowd of children and patrons of the school. The exercises opened with the singing of "Hail Lovely Month" by a selected chorus, who stood on the stage decorated with "Old Glory" and beautiful flowers, the school colors, white and blue, ornamenting the whole. The graduating class, composed of Sylvia Samuels-Upton, Carrie Delle White and Roland Cornelius Crawford, read interesting papers on "A History of Martin County," "Martin County of Today," and "The Future of Martin County," respectively. Miss Upton furnished interesting facts about the people, towns and growth of the county, which was formed from the Counties of Tyrrell and Halifax, and called first, St. Mary's Parish; Miss White's paper gave a true word picture of present conditions in the material, religious and social life of the county, and both pleased and instructed her hearers. With a prophetic vision, Mr. Crawford dipped into the future as far as the human eye could see, covering the years from 1920 to 1950, and beheld the County of Martin glorious in its march towards the goal to which it is tending.

Supt. J. T. Jerome then made his report on the work of the term, which showed a greater number of pupils and an enlarged measure of success. He spoke of the advancement of the school in the five years during which he had been at the head of the school. There had been an increase of teachers, from five to nine, increase in grades, improvements to the playgrounds, and plans for a new building to be erected this year. He paid a high tribute to the Board of Trustees, who were on the stage with him, stating that in everything for the good of the school, he had had strong support from them.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Robert H. Wright, of Greenville, was introduced by Mr. Robert J. Peel in a few well-chosen words. Dr. Wright spoke earnestly for culture, which is not always to be found in the person whose mind is filled with knowledge gained from books. It was an appeal to even the smallest child present, and was sound throughout, pleasing to the audience that was ready to catch and appropriate to themselves the aim underlying every sentence uttered.

Rev. W. R. Burrell, who had invoked the blessings of God upon the school and the people, arose and expressed his pleasure at the words of the speaker, and proposed a rising vote of thanks, which was heartily given. Supt. of Public Instruction, Asa J. Manning, presented the diplomas and Bibles to the graduates. The class then rendered "Sweet the Angelus is Ringing," and the

exercises closed.

Thus ended the work of Prof. Jerome in the High School here, for he has accepted the position of Superintendent of the County of Hoke, and that of the school at its county seat, Raeford, where a \$85,000 building is being erected. It may be said that the past term was the most successful of those during his work in the town, and he will leave with the recommendations of the Board of Trustees under which he has labored so faithfully.

At a recent meeting of the Trustees, Prof. Edgar E. Bundy was elected to succeed Prof. Jerome, and Mrs. W. H. Harrell chosen as assistant, or Supervisor. The other members of the Faculty have not been elected.

Attacked Automobile

Monday seemed to be cattle day in town, and among them was one Jersey bull, who decided that he could run things to suit his bullship for at least a while. Being on Hatton Street, in East Williamston, he spied an auto coming along with two men in it, and decided to exercise himself by attacking the gas wagon. So he proceeded to butt into it behind and before. But he could not overcome the power of gasoline, and so had to see the object of his attack move away from him. Later he was with others of his kind driven up town with the intention of bringing the herd under the eye of the police. Bulls are dangerous when running loose around the streets, where children are. All the cattle were from the country, and evidently came to town to roam as the human loafers do.

Broke His Ankle

Saturday afternoon, while en route home out on Washington St. near the depot, Kinchen Hardison's team became frightened, and he jumped from the wagon to the ground and broke one of his ankles and received a severe shock. Dr. Saunders was called and the unfortunate man was taken to the drug store, where necessary attention was given to him. Later he was placed on a couch and carried home, where he is resting as well as can be expected under the conditions.

A Correction

In the issue of last week, it was stated that several old soldiers would leave on Sunday for the Reunion at Washington. This was an error, which caused some of the Veterans to ask if the date of the Reunion had been changed. The statement was made through the question asked a Veteran of Williamston as to the time of leaving, and he said that the Veterans would leave Sunday. The reporter failing to connect that with the first Sunday in June, made the mistake as published. It is regretted that the error occurred, and all Veterans are asked to remember that the Reunion will be held at Washington City beginning June 4th. Those desiring to attend from Martin County should see or write John L. Hassell, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, who will secure passage for each one, as provided by a resolution passed by the Board at a previous meeting.

The N-S Steamer "Guide" which has been placed on the Roanoke River for freight between all its points and Edenton, is different in design from the "Hamilton" which was sunk some months ago.

SOME OBSERVATIONS IN MARTIN COUNTY

FARMERS DESERVE CREDIT FOR THEIR WISE EFFORTS

To Conserve and Increase the Nitrogen and Organic Matter of Their Soils by Cutting up and Plowing into it all Corn and Cotton Stalks and Other Vegetation.

The farmers of Martin County deserve credit for their efforts to conserve and increase the nitrogen and organic matter of their soils by cutting up and plowing into it all corn and cotton stalks together with all available grass weeds and other vegetation.

When long continued experiments show that one of the greatest needs of the Coastal Plain soils, especially the light sandy soils, is nitrogen, then it is apparent that any system which tends to conserve the organic matter which contains the nitrogen necessary for plant growth is one to be encouraged and one which will aid materially to maintain or even increase soil fertility and crop yields.

In addition to careful conservation of nitrogen and organic matter farmers are obviously adopting better crop rotations besides supplying mineral plant food in fertilizers all of which are necessary and essential in profitable systems of farming.

And so in view of these good systems already in practice it is more difficult to suggest ways in which methods may be improved. However there are at least three apparent ways in which the net profits on the farms may be materially increased:

1. All seeds used on the farms should be selected with greater care and tested before planting. To do this will require but little time and expense and would doubtless increase crop yields at least ten per cent.

2. In many cases observed, farm work is too laborious. Man labor should be economized. In a large majority of cases, if not in all cases, farm work can be done more rapidly and economically if each man would use at least two horses. In hauling fertilizers, for instance, one man with a wagon and four horses may be able to accomplish more than three men, four horses, one wagon and two carts. In ditching land, plow and scraper in many cases should be used for the double purpose of moving dirt more rapidly and depositing it farther back from the ditch.

3. Where so much rain falls as in Martin County (about 4 1/2 feet a year, of 450 feet in 100 years) organic matter decays very rapidly and nitrogen is lost in drainage waters and to replace this organic matter and nitrogen more legume crops, such as soybeans, cowpeas, velvet beans and clovers, especially the biennial clovers, such as alsike and white sweet clover, if possible, should be grown and either plowed under the green or fed to live stock and the resulting manure carefully saved and put back on the land. At least one half of each farm should be growing some legume each year.

In order to grow maximum crops of these legumes it will be necessary to make the soils sweet with liberal applications of limestone, shells, marl or air slaked

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