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### Former Martin County Teacher Making Good

The *Roxboro Courier* is saying some nice things about George W. Smith, the agriculture teacher in the Bethel school, in Person County, where he has taught for three years.

Professor Smith taught at Farm Life School in this county for several years before going to Person County and did a great work for that section of Martin County.

It is a fine thing for a man to lead a community into new methods, which bring more joy, peace and happiness. No man has a greater opportunity to help along these lines so much as the teacher of agriculture, who is able to bring new ideas and new opportunities to whole communities.

Since the hand and the land can only do their best when properly handled, so, after all, it is the brain that needs the cultivation; and we know Professor Smith is doing his full task in helping Person County just as he did for our own Martin County people when he served us.

### The Church and the Law Are Not Failures

There is much talk these days about the failure of the prohibition laws and of the church.

Without any attempt or desire to defend man of those who profess to be Christians, we yet have full faith in the truth, honor, and love embraced therein, and the principles found in them to promote good government, good morals, good Christian characters.

There are plenty of folks dead against the church and every principle of truth, honesty, love, and humbleness that it teaches; and there are also lots of folks who stand for liquor making, liquor selling, liquor drinking, and drunkenness. For that reason there can not be a move for Christianity or for soberness without their being met by a united attack from those who hate Christians and uphold liquor.

The fact seems to be that there

One of the great difficulties is the

same old Judas that sold out Jesus. They are found in large numbers in both church and state.

It seems to be hard to keep a man Christian for the year round. Almost any fellow will count himself worthy at the high peaks of the protracted meeting, or at a funeral; but he soon loses his inspiration when the music starts up and temptations begin to roll along.

So far as the liquor question goes, too many good dry fellows drink themselves. They seem to have a low conception of their duty to live up to their professed beliefs. However, one of the greatest hindrances in the way of liquor-law enforcement is the officer who sells out, either for cash, liquor, fear of losing his position, or through pure cowardice, because the liquor forces play on every string in the harp, and when they fail on one, they try another.

But statements or indictments against the church and the law are false; because we all know that the church is doing more today to carry out the commands and teaching of the Master than at any time since Pentecost. Here, schools, hospitals, orphanages, and charities are found even unto the ends of the earth.

So fit as liquor conditions go, they are still bad, but not half so bad as they were years ago, when our streets and alleys were wallowing places for drunken men.

Of course, those who believe in Christianity and soberness want to see the church prosper and the law carried out, while those who are against them want to see both the church and the law fail.

This is apparent by observing both sides of the fight.

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architect, poet, or orator can find new inspiration. It is the clearing house for ideas and the great stimulus to independent research. The best citizens are those who use it most freely, and widen their horizon by looking into the past and the future. The world has entered upon a new era which demands both vision and the knowledge which is power. To read, to discuss, has become a duty. Works of the utmost importance are constantly appearing, embodying opinions and theories, which will influence the future of mankind.—*Los Angeles Public Library.*

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Having qualified as executor of the will of Anthony Simmons, late of Robersonville, Martin County, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to file them, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, 1928, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment of the same. January 5, 1927.

J. G. BARNHILL,  
a2 6tw Executor.

### NOTICE

North Carolina, Martin County; in the superior court.

Bettie Lynch, widow of Primus Lynch, deceased, vs. Amanda Jones, Cornelius Lynch, Pittman Lynch, Hattie Cherry, Adelia Cherry, and the children of Josephine Hardy, to wit: Thomas Hardy, Joseph Hardy, Ruth Hardy, James Hardy, Vivian Hardy and ——— Hardy, heirs at law and legatees under the will of Primus Lynch.

The defendants, Hattie Cherry, Thomas Hardy, Joseph Hardy, Ruth Hardy, James Hardy, Vivian Hardy, and ——— Hardy, will take notice that an action entitled as above has

been commenced in the superior court of Martin County, North Carolina, same being an action to have allotted to Bettie Lynch, the widow of Primus Lynch, her dower in the lands of which her husband died seized and possessed and the said defendants above named will further take notice that they and each of them are required to appear at the office of the clerk

of the superior court of Martin County, at the courthouse in Williamston, N. C., on the 8th day of September, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 8th day of August, 1927.  
R. J. PEEL,  
a12 4tw Clerk Superior Court.

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