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CLAYTON COMMENT CORNER

Our Sunday School teacher used this little story in illustrating the difficulties of pastors in dealing with their congregations and it is so true to life that we just had to repeat it.

The pastor was preaching on the evils of such things as drinking and gambling and gossiping about one's neighbors, and as he progressed from one evil to the other, he got a resounding "amen" from a faithful member who was a dominant leader in the affairs of the church. But before the sermon was finished the preacher expressed the opinion that the use of tobacco in the form of snuff or otherwise, was of no value to the human body and that its use was self-satisfying and had no place in the Christian home. From this, the pastor got no "amen" but instead, the good faithful member turned to her neighbor and said, "Now he has stopped preaching and started meddling."

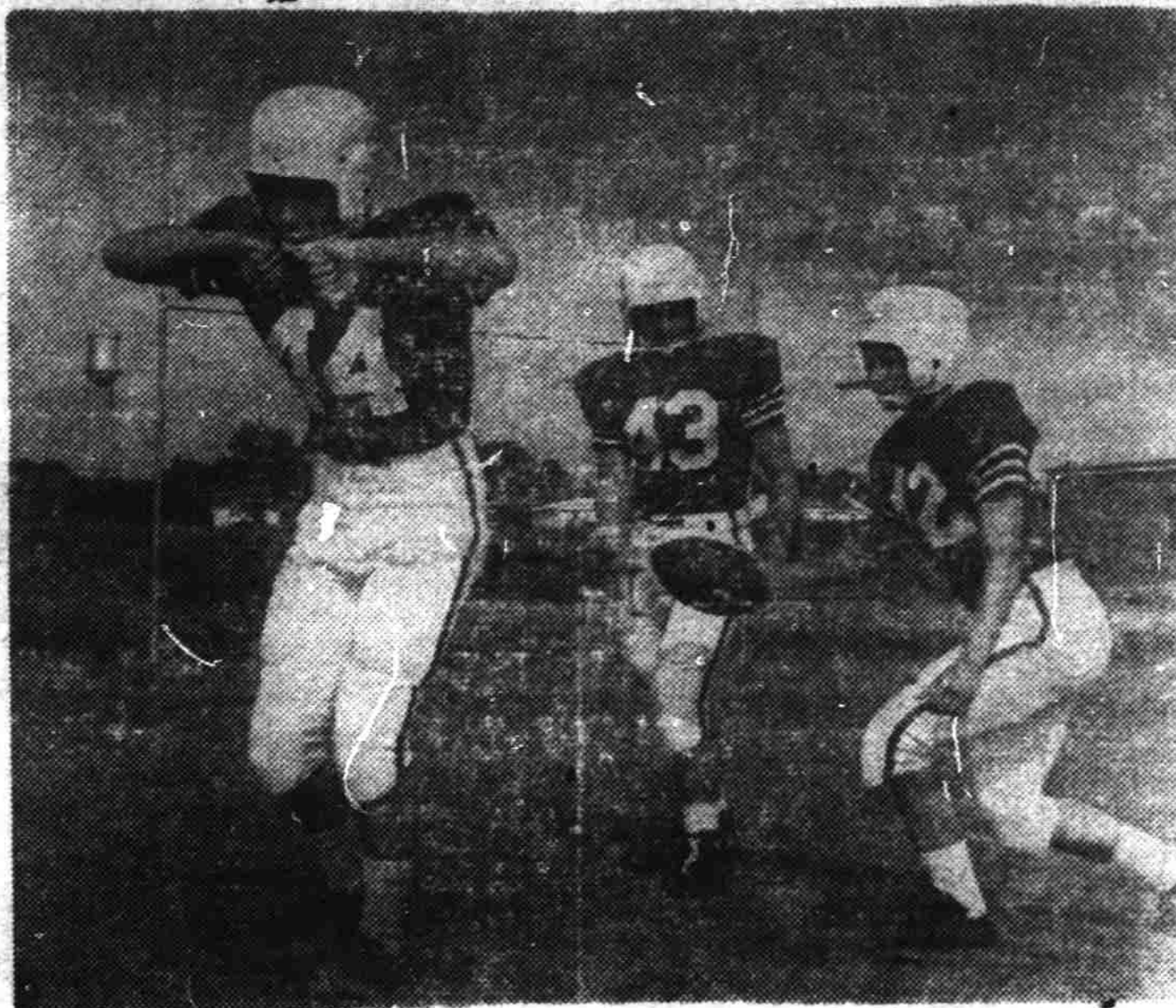
And while at church, the fantastic idea of psychiatrists for gnats sure enough our minds. The people were worried by the gnats sure enough, but we sometimes like to take the side of the underdog and can you imagine how frustrated those poor gnats must be. They had to dodge fans from the time Sunday School started until the regular church service ended. Maybe a little frost to end their lives will be welcome to them too.

In this column we take the liberty of praising things that we like and sometimes even do a little fussing. Today we would like to point out the re-awakening, if we may use that term, of the Merchants Association. This is an organization of Clayton Merchants that is now going about its business in a workmanlike manner and, in our opinion, doing a good job. We don't mean to imply that it had ever been dead or even asleep, but it is a better organization now than it has been at times in its history.

To our way of thinking, there are two ingredients that go to make or break a Merchants Association—a group of merchants that are willing to work together with a sound program for the benefit of all and a good secretary that can and will carry out that program. We intend no unkindness toward any one, but it has been the opinion of some that self interest has sometimes swayed the policies of the Association and that factional politics has also been allowed to disrupt the smooth functioning of its work. The Association has also been hampered by secretaries who were unhappy unless they were engaged in colossal, stupendous promotion that made a lot of noise but put very little money in Clayton cash registers and also by periods of time that it had no secretary at all.

We have had no disrupting political fights recently and old scars have healed. The Merchants Association has worked out a sound program of trying to attract business and its operation is smooth and solid. Last but not least, it has a very capable secretary, yet one who is willing to follow rather than dictate to the officers and directors of the Association. As we said before, the Clayton Merchants Association is now going about its business in a workmanlike manner, and in our opinion, is doing a good job.

The merchants will benefit from this association and that is as it should be but the town and trading area will benefit also. We like anything that is good for our town. We like the Association as it is today.



PRACTICE—Niel Smith (44) fb, Walter Benson (43) lhb, and Aubrey Gene Lee (42) qb run through one of the "hand-off" plays that will figure in some of Clayton's wins this year. (Photo by Charles Barden)

Franchise Renewal Asked By Carolina P & L Company

Renewal of a power contract and proposed water reservoir plans were the main items brought up at the commissioners meeting on Monday evening, Sept. 16.

William Ragsdale presented drawings for the proposed water reservoir, connecting with the one already in use. As the drawings were not complete, he was instructed to complete same and present to the board of commissioners at a later meeting.

Mr. Grimmer and two others came before the board in behalf of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company, presenting for approval a new franchise to the telephone company. The new franchise would grant to the company a 30-year renewal and would take the place of the present franchise which is about to expire. This business was held over to the next meeting.

Clayton Boys Win 4-H Prizes

Five Johnston County 4-H club members exhibited 8 animals in the 14th annual Eastern District Junior Dairy Show in Durham and came home with 5 blue awards, 3 red awards and one 5th place award in the showmanship and fitting contest. This show culminated weeks and even months of work in grooming, training and special care by these boys.

Three brothers Wallace, Wade and Harold Holloway, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holloway of Rt. 2, Clayton and members of the Clayton Senior Club exhibited 5 registered holsteins. Harold received a blue ribbon with his Junior calf entry and a red ribbon with his two year old entry. He also was 5th place winner in the fitting and showmanship contest for the holstein breed. Wallace and Wade received blue ribbons with all of their entries; incidentally they are twins and they exhibited twin calves.

David Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Johnson of Route 1, Smithfield and a member of the Smithfield Senior Club received a blue ribbon on his registered Ayrshire entry and a red ribbon on his grade Gurnsey entry. David also participated in the showmanship and fitting contest. Roger Steve Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson of Route 2 Smithfield received a red ribbon with his registered jersey calf.

Several of these 4-H club members plan to exhibit these calves in the Johnston County Agriculture Fair.

On a motion made by Howard Hocutt and seconded by R. W. Sanders, the following tap rates were set:

One-inch water taps in town, \$100 ea.; one-inch water taps outside town, \$125 ea.; two-inch water taps in town, \$200 ea.; two-inch water taps outside town, \$225.

A motion was made by Hocutt, seconded by J. D. Wall that "water line to D. G. Satterfield's residence follow Highway 42 from waterline on Lombard street. This motion was carried.

Present at the meeting were all members of the board of commissioners. Mayor John W. Mayo presided.

Damage Light In Wall Fire

Most of the members of the Clayton Fire Department were still sleeping peacefully when they had to answer a 6:30 a.m. alarm Friday morning.

The fire was at the dwelling house on the farm of J. D. Wall in the Archer Lodge Section and had been partially brought under control when the firemen arrived. They completed the job of extinguishing the fire and returned to their homes in time for breakfast.

Damage to the building was slight.

Talent Night Date Set As Sept. 24 For County Fair

The Johnston County Agricultural Fair "Talent Night" has been set for Tuesday, September 24, the second day of the week-long fair, announced Contest Manager John S. Townsend.

Application cards are being distributed to pupils in grades six through 12 in the county schools, Townsend stated. He said the cards must be in by Wednesday night, September 18.

The talent night which will have cash prizes totaling \$100, will be held at the fair.

Fair promoters are seeking contestants in the following four categories: solo and group singing, solo and group dancing, solo and group instrumental and solo and group novelty.

Pupils who do not receive a card at school may apply to John S. Townsend, Box 135, Smithfield, or phone 2434.

Three judges will be selected.

Hypnosis Show, Blindfold Drive To Be Sponsored By Legion Here

Leonard Moore Post No. 71 is promising unique and unusual entertainment at the Clayton high school auditorium next Saturday night, Sept. 21, when Dr. Russell Barron, noted hypnotist, will display his talents with local residents as subjects.

The program will climax the day's events in connection with the official opening of the Clayton Merchants Association's "Trade In Clayton" fall promotion. Merchants will offer bargains in a town-wide promotion to last all week end.

As an added attraction to the Clayton bargains and as a demonstration of his unique talents, Dr. Barron will drive an automobile down Main Street while completely blindfolded. The drive will begin about one o'clock and will probably run from Church to Lombard Streets, Legion officials said. Among riders in the car will be

Clayton Mayor John W. Mayo. Others who are game are invited to join the mayor in the drive, or as a subject for hypnotism.

Accompanying the blindfolded driver and his car will be the 1957 Plymouth to be given away by the Merchants Association on Dec. 24. It will be the first public appearance of the grand prize car, which will be awarded a lucky ticket holder. Numerous other prizes are to be given in the drawing of tickets being distributed by merchant members of the Association.

Dr. Barron's "Hypnotic Marvels" show will begin at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Proceeds of the show will benefit the Legion's playground equipment fund. The committee in charge includes Charles Stewart, Leamon Lynch and Rudolph Allen.

Requirements For County Manager Revealed By ASC Committee

The Johnston County ASC Committee is in the process of reviewing and screening applications for the position of county office manager. Those who meet the minimum qualification requirements are to be interviewed by the committee. Since there has been some question as to the minimum qualification requirements, B. Harvey Parrish, chairman of the county committee, would like the general public to know of a few of the more important ones.

Applicants must have graduated from high school or equivalent recognized school, be of good character, and have a temperament and personality suitable for a representative of the county committee in dealing with farmers, businessmen and others. For a county the size of Johnston, a minimum of six years experience in various phases of the work is re-

quired by the Secretary's regulations. Among these are experience as an employee at the county, district, or State level in the operational phases of farm programs such as those carried out through Soil Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration, Agricultural Extension Service, State Department of Agriculture, or as a teacher of vocational agricultural system. Also, experience as an employee in the program administration phases of the ASC farm program. Practical farm experience on a farm or farms of at least average size and scope is also required, giving the applicant a thorough knowledge of the agricultural crops and livestock of the area and related marketing problems.

The person who, during any calendar year, has been a member of a county governing body; or has held a Federal, State, or county office filled by an election held pursuant to law shall be eligible during such calendar year to qualify for the position.

Parrish stated that a manager must have a good working knowledge of ASC program requirements and operations, administrative procedures, and management principles and practices. Otherwise, the result frequently is unsatisfactory service to the farmers. The manager is also responsible for furnishing advice and assistance to the farmers, explaining the various ASC programs offered and interpreting policies, regulations and procedures pertaining thereto.

The committee expects to announce at a future date their decision, subject to the approval of the State Committee. Such announcement will be made through the columns of this paper. A thorough investigation of all applications is being made.

Court Docket

The following cases were heard in Recorder's Court on Monday:

Bobby Sherrill Higgins, white male, 23, of Willow Springs, Rt. 1; driving drunk. The defendant pled guilty as charged and was sentenced to 60 days, suspended for 12 months on condition he violate no law of North Carolina and pay a fine and cost of court.

Walter Sanders, negro male, 45, Smithfield; disregarding through stop signs. The defendant pleaded guilty and was charged with the cost of court.

Theibert Wall, white male, of Clayton; driving drunk. The defendant entered a plea for careless and reckless driving which was accepted by the court. His sentence was not to drive for 60 days and prayer for judgement was continued upon payment of cost of court.

Work Begun On Methodist Parsonage

Construction was started last Wednesday on a new parsonage for Horne Memorial Methodist Church and work is progressing rapidly.

The new parsonage is being built on the northwest corner of Page and Blanche Streets and will face on Page Street. The lot is 150 feet wide and 105 feet deep. The building will be one story, brick veneer construction and will contain seven rooms plus basement, car port, and screened entrance porch with about 2300 square feet of floor space on the main floor proper.

Luther Puckett has been awarded the general contract and has agreed to finish construction in approximately 85 working days. J. L. Canady Plumbing Company has

been awarded the plumbing contract, wiring will be done by Delma Blinson and heating by Clayton Sheet and Metal Company.

When the new parsonage is completed, it will replace the building on the corner of Horne and Page Streets that has served as a home for Methodist ministers for more than 50 years. This old building has been sold to Brooks Raser and after some remodeling, will be used by the Rasers as their permanent home.

The building committee in charge of the construction consists of David G. Satterfield, chairman, and Elbert Jones, Mrs. A. F. Cayanaugh, J. D. Bain, Mrs. J. D. Bain, Charles Allen, Cooper Sterling, R. W. Sanders and Roy Justice.