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ELDER WILLIAM B. CLIFTON DIED HERE SATURDAY

Was Well Known Minister Of Primitive Baptist Churches

Last rites were held here Monday afternoon at the home of Elder William Benjamin Clifton, 61 years of age, who died at his Jefferson Street home last Saturday evening at 7:30. Apoplexy seized him last Tuesday, and he never regained consciousness.

Rev. Ben Cowan, of Bear Grass, in Martin County, a minister of the Primitive Baptist faith, of which Mr. Clifton was a minister, officiated. Interment took place in the Windley cemetery near here. A large crowd attended the services.

The minister was serving the North Creek church in Beaufort County; Hyes Swamp church in Martin County; the Morratock church in Washington County at the time of his demise. He also had two other churches but relinquished the pastorate of these a short time ago.

Mr. Clifton had been in the ministry only about seven years, as he served 30 years as attendant at the Roanoke River lighthouse just out from Plymouth. He was retired about five years or more ago. He has been living in Plymouth for years.

Surviving the minister is a widow, two sons, W. C. (Bill) and Cushing Biggs Clifton; and one daughter, Miss Donnie Clifton, all of Plymouth; three brothers, J. T. Clifton, of Philadelphia, Pa.; E. S. Clifton, of Jasper, Fla.; Warren W. Clifton, of Norfolk, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. Lucy Bowen, of near Plymouth.

Active pall-bearers were chosen from the membership of his churches immediately prior to the funeral, while the honorary pall-bearers included George W. Bowen, W. E. Weede, J. R. Campbell, H. C. Spruill, John Outten, Harry Stell, C. A. Gradeless, and A. S. Allen.

MAKING PEOPLE CATTLE MINDED

Thousands of Cattle Have Been Shipped To This Section Recently

By G. A. Cardwell

The shipment of thousands of cattle from the northern drought area into this territory may have the effect of making some of the local people cattle minded.

It is well worth a trip to Goldsboro, N. C., Columbia, S. C., and to other concentration points to see the miniature Chicago stockyards and to note the care with which the cattle are being inspected and tested by State veterinarians in order to protect local animals against infectious diseases.

While the cattle shipped to this territory for temporary grazing are to be slaughtered shortly and processed for use of the Emergency Relief Administration, the experience, brief though it may be, may lead to a more general interest in livestock than has heretofore existed in the South.

The best informed Southern agricultural leaders have expressed the thought time and again that this, the most splendid agricultural region of the United States, would never prosper as it should until our great cash crops are amply supported by livestock, thus making for a balanced operation and providing regular employment for farm labor every month in the year.

Low prices paid for money crops for several years and the lack of regular employment for labor on cotton, tobacco, peanut and truck farms has alarmingly decreased the buying power of the people in the rural district and consequently of the town people as well. The constant purchase of supplies that might be home produced is also a severe drain on the resources of our rural population. This situation, seriously affecting economic conditions in the entire South, has been reflected in hundreds of markets in which the South has been a large buyer.

Bailey Voted To Submit Constitution To People

Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Washington County, voted in favor of submitting to the people of North Carolina the right to vote on the revised constitution of North Carolina in 1932.

It appears that Captain Charles E. Mizelle did not vote for its submission from the records, as his name is not carried in the list that favored submission. However, he might have been absent at the time or otherwise failed to vote in any way.

The new constitution was drafted by ten men composed of the most prominent in North Carolina. Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus is honorary president of the committee for the revised constitution while his opponent on the Republican ticket for the executive office, Clifford E. Frazier, is honorary vice president.

County Tax Rate to be Seven Cents Lower Than Last Year

Property owners in Washington County will pay 7 cents less taxes on the \$100 this year than last, it was announced today by J. Corbett Swain, accountant.

For 1933, the rate was \$1.87, while the rate has been definitely fixed and passed by the commissioners at \$1.80 for this year. The rate continues to decrease from year to year, as about three years ago it was about \$1.90.

Division of the funds and the rate for each follow: General fund, 15 cents; poor fund, 17 cents; health, 5 cents; debt service \$1.34; maintenance of plant and fixed

charges, 7 cents; capital outlay 2 cents.

J. Richard Carr, former Fremont school principal and present candidate for representative to the North Carolina General Assembly, was relieved of peddler's license for sale of fruits and vegetables in Washington County by the commissioners.

L. E. Hassell, tax supervisor, was instructed to review and list the property of the abandoned New Holland, Higginsport, and Mt. Vernon Railroad. This line diverges from the main line of the Norfolk Southern at Wenona.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION TO MEET TUESDAY

Rev. Mr. Peeler Will Make Main Address at Meet In Mt. Tabor Church

Creswell.—Rev. Shuford Peeler, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Washington County Sunday School Association that will be held in the Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist church near here Tuesday, September 11th.

This convention is for Sunday schools in all denominations and reaches into the town as well as the rural churches. The theme of the meeting will be "Building Christian Homes."

The convention will consume the day with lunch at noon that will be served in picnic style.

The morning session opens at 9:45 with singing followed by scripture reading and prayer by Rev. L. L. Davenport. Next will be an address on "How Can the Church and Sunday School Help the Home," by Rev. W. L. Journeagan. Special music will be rendered by the Zion Chapel Sunday School.

A discussion will be held on how to improve Sunday schools while Mr. Peeler's morning address will be on "Mothers and Fathers as Teachers of Religion," while in the afternoon he will lead in the discussion of improving the Sabbath schools.

Scripture will be read and prayer offered at the afternoon session which begins at 1:45 o'clock by R. W. Lewis. Rev. Cecil Jarman, supply pastor of the Plymouth Christian Church, will speak on "Family Fellowship with God," at 2 o'clock.

Officers for the following year will be elected. E. R. Davenport, of near Creswell, is president, and Mrs. Leon S. Brey, of Roper, is now secretary. A pennant will be awarded to the Sunday school making the best record of attendance based on the number of miles traveled.

Farmville Market Makes Strong Bid for Tobacco

Pointing out that comparative figures prove that Farmville is "your best and highest tobacco market," G. C. Rouse, secretary of the Tobacco Board of Trade there, has released the following figures on opening day sales and averages: Kinston, \$26.06; Greenville \$27.16; Wilson \$27.28; Rocky Mt., \$27.82; Farmville, \$28.28. These comparative figures were taken from published reports. Farmville has sold 2,157,838 pounds for \$588,809.72, averaging \$27.29 for this season.

There are two sets of buyers, three big warehouses, and nine factories in Farmville. Warehousemen give their personal attention to the farmers and see to it that all receive prompt and courteous service in unloading and handling their tobacco.

This is the only market in eastern Carolina with government grading facilities.

Hunting Stamps To Be Sold at Post Office Here

Postmaster George W. Hardison has been authorized by C. B. Eilenberger, third assistant postmaster general, to sell the Federal migratory bird hunting stamps in accordance with an act of Congress approved on March 16, 1934.

No person over 16 years of age shall take migratory waterfowl unless he has a stamp that can be purchased at post offices in towns of 2,500 or more. Each stamp will be fixed adhesively to the license to hunt these fowl.

NEGRO KILLED IN WRECK HERE LAST FRIDAY

Otis Spruill, 25, Is Crushed To Death When Log Truck Wrecked

Otis Spruill, 25, colored, was killed in an unusual accident here Friday when the driver of a truck on which he was riding lost control of the vehicle and it plunged into a fence at the side of the road, crushing Spruill with the end of a load of logs.

Ernest Lanier, colored, was driving the truck, which was owned by Pete Price here. Alphonso Brooks is in a Rocky Mount hospital with a broken leg as the result of the same accident. A fourth unidentified negro escaped unhurt.

When Brooks lost control of the truck, he yelled to those riding to leap from the seat of the cabless truck. All did but Spruill, who was obstructed by the logs. The momentum of the truck caused the ends of the logs to crush the left side of the dead negro.

Medical aid was rendered at once by Dr. T. L. Bray, but it was too late to save his life.

TO PAY \$10,500 IN FAIR PREMIUMS

State Fair Will Restrict Its Premium on Agricultural Products This Year

The North Carolina State Fair will restrict its premiums on agricultural products to North Carolina growers alone and will pay competitors \$10,500 for the agricultural exhibits made.

"This means that Tarheel farmers should plan to enter more of their products at the fair this year," says Dean I. O. Schaub, head of the extension service at State College. "We are asking our county farm and home agents to aid growers in selecting and preparing exhibit material when possible, but we shall not be able to aid in this work to any great extent due to emergency canning and crop adjustment programs now underway."

The fair last fall was an excellent exposition but failed to measure the agriculture of the State because of the few agricultural exhibits made. I am hopeful that this will be remedied this fall."

The State fair will be held during the week of October 8 to 13. The premium list has been printed and is now being distributed. Mr. Schaub said. Those desiring copies of the list should make application directly to Mr. Norman Y. Chambliss, at Raleigh.

Until last fall, county home and farm agents were able to give considerable time to selecting, assembling and preparing farm products for exhibit at the annual State fair. However, the cotton plow-up campaign, the tobacco work and the emergency canning program prevented the agents from taking an active part in helping with the fair in 1933.

This should not deter individuals from selecting their choice livestock, field crop and garden products to be shown at the fair this fall, said Mr. Schaub.

POPULATION IN STATE GAINING

Bureau of Census Estimate Indicates Gain of More Than 100,000 People

North Carolina continues to maintain its position as the most populous state in the southeast.

The state population on July 1 was estimated recently by the Census Bureau at 3,301,000, compared with \$1,702,276 shown by the official census of April 1, 1930.

BASEBALL COST MORE THAN \$3000 HERE THIS YEAR

Plymouth Club Wound Up Playing Season About \$600 "In Red"

Baseball's faithful followers in this little county reached down into their pockets and bank rolls this summer and shelled out more than \$3,000 for this sport, according to an estimate by one of the leaders here.

It was estimated that more than \$2,000 of this amount went into the pockets of the players who managed to eke out a flabby third place team in the first period and with renewed courage were runners-up in the last half but failed in the last lap.

The club called in their equipment last week and many of the players folded their tents and wended their way homeward with their salaries in their pockets while a small group of fans prepared a financial arrangement whereby they could completely eliminate the \$600 deficit in installments through the winter.

This will probably mean no club here next summer. Many of those who aided the club favored its withdrawal from the Albemarle League when Ahoskie dropped out leaving it a three-club loop, but Manager Brown continued on in a vain effort to cover up past losses.

Injuries to some of the players during the season; lack of sufficient managerial strategy; all added to the apparent failure of the players to stay in condition kept the little old home town in the baseball dumps all the season except for a brief nine-game winning streak.

Some of the players were paid as high as \$25 weekly while others drew down the good weekly sum of \$15. This with the expense of travel, equipment, board and lodging of the players, netted up the sizeable amount of close to \$3,000 for 12 weeks of the national pastime.

The season has come and gone; the players have gone away; the sunshine has turned to bleak fall weather; and the few faithful are burdened with a debt that will haunt them through the winter after the thrills of the diamond have been swept into oblivion.

But the faithful must pay.

NEW BULLETIN TELLS OF SILOS

Trench Silo Becoming One of Most Popular Ways Of Saving Feed Crops

The trench silo has become one of the most popular and inexpensive types of silos to store the feed needed each winter in North Carolina.

During the past year hundreds of mimeographed plans for building the trench silo have been distributed to interested farmers but the demand for these plans became so heavy that an extension bulletin, "Silage and the Trench Silo" has been written by Jno. A. Arey, dairy extension specialist, and D. S. Weaver, agricultural engineer at State College, and issued as Extension Circular No. 201.

Corn and sorghum are the foremost crops advised for use as silage and should be cut when they contain maximum feed nutrients and at the same time sufficient moisture to cause the silage to pack well.

The amount of silage needed on any farm is determined by the number of animals to be fed. The acreage required to produce a given amount of silage depends largely upon the fertility of the soil. Information is contained in the bulletin on the amount of ensilage needed and the acreage to plant.

The trench silo is inexpensive to construct and has given thousands of cattle-keeping people of North Carolina excellent results during the past two years. It is recommended as a type that is well adapted to the medium or small-sized herd and among the advantages enumerated in the bulletin are its low cost of construction, low cost of filling equipment, ease of construction, and fire and wind proof.

The most important factors to be considered in locating the trench silo are: drainage, soil, and convenience. The location must permit good surface drainage.

Copies of the circular may be obtained free of charge on application to the Agricultural Editor at State College.

Revival at Pleasant Grove Ended Sunday

Pleasant Grove.—The revival meeting here came to a close at Pleasant Grove church Sunday night. Rev. E. R. Barcliff, of Gatesville, who assisted Rev. R. E. Atkinson, preached some very inspiring sermons during the week. Large crowds were present for each service.

New Dates Set For Special Term of Court

The special term of Washington County Superior Court, which was called for the week beginning September 24, has been abolished and in lieu thereof a special term is now set for the week beginning October 8, it was announced today by Clerk of the Court C. V. W. Ausbon.

Judge Henry A. Grady, of the sixth judicial district, will preside. The calendar arranged and published for the September term will be used for the October term, with dates being changed to correspond.

LAST RITES HELD FOR R. L. GOELET IN CHURCH HERE

Died Suddenly on Ferry at Norfolk Monday Morning

Funeral services were held in the Grace Episcopal Church here Wednesday afternoon for Robert L. Goelet, engineer on the ferry steamer, Hampton Roads of the Chesapeake Ferry Company at Norfolk, who dropped dead Monday shortly before 11 o'clock as the boat was docking at the Sewall's Point terminals.

He was coming off duty, as he had just been relieved, and slumped to the deck dying before medical aid could be rendered. Heart trouble was the attributed cause of his death. A coroner viewed the body and announced there would be no inquest as Mr. Goelet died from natural causes.

The Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington, rector of the local Episcopal Church, officiated. Interment followed in the adjoining cemetery. The body was brought here from Norfolk Wednesday.

Engineer Goelet resided at 217 East 26th Street and is survived by his wife Mrs. Cora Byrd Goelet, one brother, Frank Goelet, of Medford, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Fred Knight, of Plymouth.

CLOVER CROPS SOIL BUILDERS

Acre of Land Produces 110 Bushels of Corn After Clover and Vetch

Last year a piece of bottom land owned by J. B. Echerd of Alexander County produced 110 bushels of corn by actual measure though the land has been in corn continuously for the past 25 years.

"The answer is that, every winter, this soil has been covered with a good crop of vetch and crimson clover," explains Enos C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College, who reported the facts. "The legumes are planted each fall and plowed under the following spring in time for the corn crop to be planted. In spite of the good yields which Mr. Echerd has harvested there is as yet no apparent diminution in the fertility of the soil. Prospects are good for a heavy crop of corn to be harvested from the bottom this season."

Another farmer in Alexander County, John Sipe, began growing vetch and crimson clover on a piece of bottom in 1920. At that time, the land was producing an average of about 20 bushels of corn to the acre. Last year it produced 60 bushels and the crop in 1934 looks better than it did in 1933.

But vetch and clover are not the only two legumes which build soils. Mr. Blair points out. On the farm belonging to the Barium Springs Orphanage in Iredell County, alfalfa is the principal crop. This institution has two large fields seeded—on one field the crop is four years old and on the other, eight years old. Despite this, the alfalfa was free of all weeds and crab grass due to regular cultivation with a spring tooth harrow. The two fields have averaged three tons of hay to the acre so far this season and the land is improving in fertility.

Alfalfa hay is selling now for \$30 a ton in North Carolina at farm prices and the average of three tons to the acre being harvested means an income of \$90 an acre. The maintenance cost after the first planting is practically nothing, Mr. Blair says.

First Meet of Woman's Club To Be Held Friday

The first meeting of the woman's club for the fall season will be held in the American Legion Hall Friday afternoon at 3:30, it was announced today by Mrs. H. A. Liverman, president.

Mrs. Jones, of New Bern, head of the State department of civics, will be the principal speaker. Her address will probably summarize the work done by her club, as they have recently cleaned up a dump ground and with a paid-up building and loan fund erected a beautiful club house thereon.

Mr. Liverman urges all of the members to attend.

OFFER NUMBER NEW COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOL

140 Are Registered at High School; Personnel of Faculty Named

Registration of high school students took place Monday in the school library with over 140 students present. Because of the extended curriculum, many post-graduate students have signified their desire to register on September 10. The grammar grades also report an increase in students.

Although an agriculture teacher has not yet been selected, it is intended that the course shall be offered this year.

The course in typewriting depends on the number of people who register and their willingness to pay a small monthly fee toward the payment of the teacher's salary. The state has agreed to pay one-third of the salary. Applicants should register for the course in the principal's office.

L. M. Anderson, the new principal, has many plans in mind to offer the students new courses and activities. Chemistry, American history, and calisthenics are the new courses offered this year. Among the possibilities in extra-curricular activities are basketball, football, glee club, book club, girl and boy scouts, and a band. If enough students desire it, Mr. MacDonald will coach the band students without charge, if they furnish instruments.

The faculty this year is composed of: Miss Louise Brinkley, Mrs. L. S. Thompson, Miss Thelma Getsinger, H. J. MacDonald, Miss Lois Parker, Miss Lucille Parker, Miss Nellie Tarkington, Mrs. Catherine Harrison, Miss Neva Pickett, Miss Elizabeth Norman, Miss Ethel Perry, Miss Edna Mizell, Mrs. Lillian B. Brinkley, and Miss Blanche Moseley.

PLAN PROGRAM FOR HANDLING PEANUT CROPS

Marketing Problem Is Now Before Authorities In Washington City

North Carolina farmers planted 205,000 acres of peanuts in 1933 but in most counties the acreage was small and of little economic importance and growers are concerned over the proposed marketing agreements to be started with the crop this fall and worked into an adjustment program with the crop of 1935.

North Carolina farmers, also will be glad to know that the peanut program is in the hands of J. B. Huston, who has handled the flue-cured tobacco situation so satisfactorily to this State. Dean I. O. Schaub, head of the extension Service of State College, says the counties most largely affected by the proposed program with peanuts are Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, Martin, Edgecombe, Gates, Bertie, Chowan, Pitt, Onslow, Perquimans and Washington. He has not yet designated an extension worker to have charge of the plan in the State but will do so as soon as details are worked out at Washington.

A conference was held at Washington last week for the purpose of determining the details of the marketing agreements to be in force this fall and a public hearing was held on Friday to determine the rate and scope of the processing tax which will be used with the production adjustment program next year. Full details of the plan will be completed and contracts are expected to be made available to growers before October 1, Mr. Schaub says.

Under the plan now proposed, benefit payments would be made this season on that portion of the peanut crop diverted into oil which would bring the returns of such a portion in line with the returns from the part of the crop used for shelled goods. This will allow growers to divert, without loss, a part of their crop to oil, depending on the prices being paid for shelled goods, Mr. Schaub said.

Bateman Family Holds Reunion at Scuppernon

Scuppernon.—Descendants of Nicodemus Bateman held their annual reunion at Scuppernon Christian church last Sunday. About 125 members of the Bateman family were present, including the husbands and wives of the grandchildren. Mrs. J. Haywood Swain, of Columbia, and Mrs. Alice Dillon, of Norfolk, were the only children of "Nixey" Bateman, as he was known to his many friends, present. One son, Dean Bateman, was not present.

A good program was rendered. H. L. Swain, of Williamston, was re-elected president of the organization, and H. S. Swain, of Columbia, secretary; both are grandsons of Nicodemus Bateman. O. D. Hatfield, of Creswell, a nephew of Lovie Hatfield Bateman, was re-elected treasurer. Mrs. Kittie Norman and Mrs. Maud Reeves of Edenton, were elected first and second vice president.

After the business meeting a bountiful dinner was served to the visitors on the church grounds.

Five rural communities in Richmond County are preparing to erect electric lines as soon as it is possible to arrange for current.

LAST RITES HELD FOR J. G. WARD, 84, AT 3 P. M. MONDAY

Retired Candy Maker and Salesman Well-Known Figure Here

Funeral services were held in the Grace Episcopal Church here Monday afternoon for Johnson Gillingham Ward, 84 years of age, who succumbed Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his home here.

Rev. Sidney J. Matthews, rector of the local church, officiated. He was assisted in the last rites by the church choir. Interment took place in the adjoining cemetery. A large crowd attended despite rain and general inclement weather in the forenoon.

Mr. Ward was well remembered here for his benefactions to the local church and for his Easter and Christmas presents that were distributed among the Sunday school children for years. Business men in town today have received as children the gifts that he dispensed.

Mr. Ward was a retired salesman and candy maker of New York City. He lived here with his brother, Dr. W. H. Ward, until his demise a few years ago. Mr. Ward established the candy gift custom years ago while he was in business in New York and kept it until his death.

In addition to his devotedness to his church he was a student of national politics, successfully predicting the nomination and election of presidents for 30 or more years. He never missed a guess. He predicted Hoover's sensational landslide in 1928 and came back to prophesy the overwhelming victory of Franklin Roosevelt in 1932. Newspapers carried numbers of stories about him in this regard.

Surviving Mr. Ward is a nephew, Robert W. Ward, of some western city, and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Wimmer, a niece, of Arlington, N. J. His father was Dr. W. Warren Ward, of Martin County, and his mother, Mrs. Alexander Braile Ward, of Petersburg, Va.

Active pall-bearers were H. E. Beam, W. H. Clark, W. H. Hampton, P. W. Brinkley, J. S. Norman, and Mr. Rath. Honorary: Alfred Garrett, J. H. Smith, Dr. C. McGowan, G. W. Hardison, Sheriff J. K. Reid, Z. G. Lyon, Dr. J. E. Smithwick, Jamesville; Abe Adler, C. V. W. Ausbon, W. Chester Spruill, Roper; R. A. Williford, A. L. Owens.

CHURCH GROUP MEET IN ROPER

Baptist Church There Will Entertain the Missionary Union September 12

Roper.—The Woman's Missionary Union of Washington and Tyrrell Counties will meet in the local Baptist church at 10 o'clock in the morning on Wednesday, September 12.

The devotion will be led by Mrs. Herbert Chaplin. Mrs. W. A. Blount will welcome the visitors while Mrs. R. S. Knight will make the response. Special music will be rendered by the Mt. Pleasant church representatives. The missionary sermon will be preached by Rev. W. F. Woodall at 11:35.

Lunch will be served following the sermon by Rev. Mr. Woodall.

The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 with a hymn. The devotion at this session will be led by Mrs. Clinton Everett to be followed by special music from the Creswell group. Rev. W. H. Hollowell will make the afternoon missionary address.

Adjournment is scheduled to take place at 3 p. m.

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