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MAYOR JOYNER ISSUES CLEAN-UP PROCLAMATION

To the Ladies and all Citizens of Farmville who want to Make FARMVILLE a Cleaner and More Sanitary Town

I designate the first week in May, beginning on Monday, May first, as general clean-up week in Farmville. And I appeal to all citizens, white and colored, to cooperate with me and help to make Farmville "The most Sanitary Town."

BEN. A. JOYNER, Mayor.

"BIRTH OF A NATION" COMING TO WILSON.

After more extensive and sensational publicity than has fallen to the lot of any other theatrical enterprise, D. W. Griffith's "The Birth of a Nation" will open a Three-Days Engagement At the Lyceum Theatre, Wilson, N. C. Commencing Thursday April 20. The first class metropolitan production is guaranteed to be the one shown here carrying two baggage cars of equipment, a symphonic orchestra of musical instruments, a complete traveling organization of 50 people.

Many circumstances have conspired to make "The Birth of a Nation" the most widely discussed play in the world. Suggested by Thomas Dixon's Southern novels, it embraces a far wider scope than "The Glorious Game" play, Mr. Griffith's new art covers 150 years of history and pictorializes the greatest events of the war between the States as well as those of Reconstruction. Lincoln, Lee and Grant, the early glories of the Confederacy, the derivation of Gen. Sherman's march to the sea; the awful siege of Petersburg; the signing of peace at Appomattox; the assassination of the President in Ford's Theatre, and the succeeding orgy of hate and oppression of the South—these personage and incidents pass rapidly before the enthralled spectator and lead up to the terrific climax of Part II, which is devoted to what has been styled "the second struggle between the North and the South," a struggle caused by the attempt to impose carpetbagger rule upon the conquered States.

The wild adventures and achievements of the Klu Klux Klan dominate the final scenes, which yield a happy ending of a double romance of Southern and Northern sweethearts. Mr. Griffith's treatment of the magnificent theme is so much greater and grander than the original play that there can be no comparison. For example, he presents 1,000 actors and 2,000 horses instead of the "armies" of the theatrical boards. He shows 3,000 scenes in place of four or five; far-flung battle lines of many miles; and Klu Klux "rides" right out in the open, which surpass in thrills any Vanderbilt cup race. Yet the individual acting is as fine and artistic as in a "short cut" drama, as the work of Henry Wallace as the Chairman and of the March and King in various scenes to heights of genius. The details of the work are

the 200,000 faithfully accurate historical details; the musical score synchronized to the scenes; the thousand distinct and individual scenes; the wonderful reproduction of crowded interiors like the theatre performance where Lincoln was shot, and the South Carolina legislature session of 1870; the use of 25,000 yards of cloth for Klu Klux costumes, and 12,000 yards of women's dresses; the master's Rembrandt-like management of light and shade; the depiction of the glorious beauty of our-door Nature; his marvelous quiet yet effective playing the entire gamut of Romance from lightest comedy to deepest tragedy; finally and supremely the union of all the stage arts (except conversational speech) into a new art form of a spectacle-with-music.

"The Birth of a Nation" has been acclaimed as the first pictorial drama to be presented in a regular theatrical way and at the usual first-class scale of two dollar top prices. No advance will be made on these prices on tour. The fact that one and a half million people have already witnessed it, and that it has already run to capacity attendance for half of a year in the simultaneous productions of New York, Chicago and Boston, prove that the biggest claims in its behalf are justified by the popular verdict. Despite opposition at various times, it should be added, "The Birth of a Nation" has been passed by censor boards everywhere, upheld, when attacked, by decisions of courts of record, endorsed by great priests and ministers, than any other entertainment ever offered to the public. In brief, it has rallied to its support all friends of free art and rebuked those whose bigotry would suppress the re-enactment of the Reconstruction story.

YOUNG NEGRO, WILL BLACK, RAPES 6-YEAR-OLD WHITE GIRL IN GREENE COUNTY.

Little Girl was a Daughter of Mr. Leon Tyson, Living on the farm of Mr. J. T. Dixon near Farmville, and is still in a Critical Condition—Mother of Child also Beaten and Bruised Up by Negro Brute. Black now in Penitentiary for safe Keeping.

JOE BLACK MURDERED BY BIG GREENE COUNTY MOB

Was Father of Will Black—Taken from Lenoir County Jail where he had been placed for safe Keeping. Was Beat and Shot to Death and Left on the Public Highway in Greene County, half-way between Maury and Lizzie.

No crime in the history of Greene county has so stirred its people as that occurring in Olds township on the farm of Mr. J. Thomas Dixon about 2 miles south of Farmville, Friday afternoon when Will Black, a 16 year old negro youth criminally assaulted little 6 year old Mattie Tyson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tyson.

The heinous crime was committed about 4:30 in afternoon near the child's home. The little girl was playing about a tobacco barn when espied by the inebriated negro youth. He went to the child, seized her and accomplished his fiendish purpose. Mrs. Tyson heard the little girl's screams and ran to her assistance, but too late to save her little one. She undertook to drive the brute off when he assaulted her and beat up her face pretty badly. She finally succeeded in getting her little daughter away.

After getting to the house she called her husband, who was in a field at work some distance away. In the meantime she saw Joe Black, the father of the boy and another negro go and get Will Black and carry him to his home. Mr. Tyson went at once and

planned Sheriff Williams who went at once, and, in less than an hour after the commission of the crime, was on the scene with a posse bent on capturing the criminal.

The crime was committed about 4:30 p. m.; by 5:30 Sheriff Williams and a posse consisting of J. O. Sugg, O. and Brin Sugg,

McGee, J. T. Exum, F. F. Eason, L. Corbett and G. F. M. Dail were on the scene; by 6 p. m. the negro was in custody; by 8:50 he was safely behind the bars in Goldsboro, from whence he was later carried to the state penitentiary for safe keeping. Joe Black, his father, who not only aided his son in his efforts to get away, advising him to kill the first white man that sought to take him, but Friday night after the capture of Will and the posse had left for Snow Hill he went to the Tyson home armed with a shot gun cursing and abusing the Tyson's. Mr. Tyson had no fire arm and the negro escaped unharmed. This is what no doubt so incensed the mob. Joe Black was later taken in custody by Sheriff Williams and placed in jail at Snow Hill. Realizing that his prisoner was in danger in the

BANK OF FARMVILLE SOON TO HAVE NEW HANDSOME HOME

Directors So Decide at Recent Meeting and Work is Expected to Begin in near Future—To be Erected on Corner of Main and Church Streets.

Greene county jail, Sheriff Williams carried him to Kinston for safe keeping. But he proved not to be out of reach even in Kinston, for about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning a party of 75 or 100 men at the point of guns and pistols ordered Sheriff Taylor of Lenoir, to open the jail. This Sheriff Taylor refused to do. He was then told that he had just five minutes in which to do it and that two of them were gone. Realizing his utter helplessness he opened the jail. Black was hurried into waiting automobiles and rushed out of Kinston towards Greene county. Just west of Maury on the public road about day a number of shots were heard in rapid succession, about sun up passersby saw Black's body lying beside the road, face downward. There was no sign of any scuffle, nor was much blood found. He was battered about the face, and several gunshot wounds were about the body

It is learned that at a recent meeting of the directors of the Bank of Farmville the matter of erecting a new home for the bank, which has been under consideration for some time, was again brought before the meeting and after some discussion it was finally decided that the building would be erected and the matter of having plans and specifications drawn will be attended to by the building committee within the next few weeks.

It is not as yet definitely known just what size building will be erected, but it is the consensus of opinion that same will be a three or four story structure—modern in architecture and all the conveniences of the present day.

The building will be erected on the vacant lot on the corner of Main and Church streets which was purchased by the bank from R. L. Davis some several months ago.

A WORD OF THANKS

As we can't see each one personally who were so generous in service and in offering service during our dear husband and father's suffering, death and funeral, also those who have been to us in our dark and hours since we take this method of offering our most sincere thanks to each one of you for the kindness, service and sympathy so graciously given and we pray God may bless you all abundantly as a merit of reward. Please pray for us that we may live as pleases God, and that we may be prepared to meet Dink and papa where there'll be no suffering, no more death, no more sorrowing. Never to be separated again. We are very, very grateful to you. Sincerely,

MRS. W. B. CARRAWAY and CHILDREN.

strangers who had been hanging about town were seen to watch the car and the direction it took, immediately leaving town.

Considerable feeling was manifested here Tuesday at the preliminary hearing when Black appeared to be crazy.

The Commissioners Monday passed an order asking for a special term of court to try the case against the Blacks.

Governor Craik and the authorities had just as well take notice now that Will Black without the protection of troops will stand a poor show in Greene county.

WE ARE NOW SHOWING THE MOST UP-to-date line of Men's and Boy's Clothing every put on exhibit in the east for Spring and Summer.

It's The "Style-Plus" Brand. Nor To Be Excelled FOR THE PRICE. Let us "Fit You Up" from Head to Feet—including both—For Easter.

We also wish to announce that our Ladies' Rest Room which is being fitted up with toilet and sewer in connection with room, is ready for use, and we extend to every lady visiting Farmville, as well as those in the town, to make our store their headquarters. We have fitted up this rest room for your convenience and want you to use it and to always feel at home therein.

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FARMVILLE, N. C.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Conroy, Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same appears from the records of said County, and that said original is on file in my office. WITNESSED my hand and the seal of said County, this 7th day of December, 1915. FRANK J. CONROY, Justice of the Peace.