

# Caledonia M. E. Church

## Historic Old Church Where the Fathers Worshipped in the Open Before They Could Build a House to Worship In

(By FANNIE H. GIBSON)

The original founders of Caledonia church came from England and Scotland, bringing their religion with them. Wherever they stopped they built altars and called on God. Altars were established in homes and out in the open before church houses were built. It is said that the present site of Caledonia church was a meeting place for "open services" during the Revolutionary War. This is possibly based on the fact that the road passing the church was a well beaten trail at that period of the country's development.

However, religious ideas were deeply planted in the minds of these people and it is an established fact that long before the first church of lawn logs was built in the year 1825 the place was a center for worship in a grove. The church was named by Rev. Allen McCorquodale, of the South Carolina Conference, who was a native of Scotland. He often preached the Gospel here in his mother tongue.

In the year 1853 the second church—a frame building—was erected. The early history and records of the church were destroyed, when this second church was partly burned by the Yankees in 1865, when Sherman's army came this way.

The church met many heroic sons to battle in the War of the States. The nine Jones brothers were an unusual number to go from one family. One of them, with others, gave his life for the beloved Southland. Those returning home found devastated homes and even their church partly destroyed by their Northern foes. Having lived near by the words that come from the mouth of God than by words during the war, they went about their labor of love and soon had their church repaired to worship in.

It has had as pastors many of the strongest preachers in the conference, giving to the church a tone and doctrinal solidity that has been part of its life until this day. The church was first served by pastors from the South Carolina Conference. It was transferred to the North Carolina Conference in 1873. The last preacher to serve the church from South Carolina was Rev. John A. Porter, with Rev. E. F. Bumpas, of Fayetteville, as junior pastor. Other ministers from South Carolina who served the church were Rev. Ira L. Potter, Theophilus Hight, W. A. McSwain, J. M. Brantly, N. H. Durant, M. A. McElister, J. H. Zimmerman, William Harrison, R. P. Franks, L. M. Little, H. M. Wood, K. K. Ferguson, C. H. Fritchard, Alexander Walker, J. D. Simmons, R. P. Kistler, T. R. Walsh, L. M. Banks, and others whose names are lost.

The following ministers have served the church since it was transferred to the North Carolina Conference: Rev. Andrew T. W. Guthrie, E. C. Phillips, J. W. North, Daniel May, B. B. Culbreth, James T. Lynn, J. W. Jones, Samuel Vinton Hoyle, W. H. Willis, C. W. Cain, M. Bradshaw, J. A. Lee, H. E. D. Wilson, E. McWhorter, W. V. McLean, Andrew P. Tyre, J. C. Hamlin, J. B. Thompson, G. M. Daniels and the present pastor, Rev. Frank Colquhoun.

Each is due the efficient service by local preachers who went in and out before the people, teaching the way of holiness by precept and example. The church has sent out two ministers and many deeply religious citizens who have labored largely in the upbuilding of the life of the commonwealth. The Methodist church at Laurinburg was organized from its roll of members in 1874 and the church at Johns in 1916. The church now in use was built in 1881 and when completed was dedicated by Dr. J. W. North. The corner stone was laid April 2, 1881. The Laurinburg Enterprise, printed at Laurinburg, of May 18, 1881, "The Spirit of the South," March 25, 1881, and The Free Press, Boston, printed at Rockingham, have announcements and editorials in regard to this glad event. From the Free Press we copy the following notice:

"Laurinburg, N. C., Mar. 23, 1881.  
"Mr. Editor:  
Please give notice in your paper that the corner stone of Caledonia (new) church will be laid on the 2nd day of April by the Masonic Fraternity. The address will be delivered by W. H. Neal, Esq. The ladies will

serve refreshments. Altogether it will be a big occasion."  
"J. T. ROOPER"  
The church house was remodelled in 1910-20 under the supervision of Rev. G. M. Daniels, pastor in charge who worked faithfully for the cause. The church was re-opened October 25, 1920 with impressive services by Rev. M. Bradshaw, Rev. G. M. Daniels concluding the service with an interesting topic, "Looking forward through Glimpses Backward," in respect to the work of the church. The church has a live Sunday school, with J. R. Hasty as superintendent. The Epworth League, Ladies' Aid Society and other organizations hold the interest of the membership.

The church sent its quota to the World War. Private Lucy Hester was the one casualty. He sleeps in its quiet grove. Many hallowed memories are centered around this old place. To perpetuate the memory of those gone before a burial plot has been incorporated and an endowment with funds for the upkeep of its graves. Truly a tree is known by its fruit and Caledonia has many heavily laden branches.

### DEWBERRIES A NEW CROP

Carolina Dewberry Growers' Association a New Marketing Organization, With Offices at Laurinburg

One of the new crops that promises to make money for the farmers of Scotland county is the dewberry, which is being grown here on quite an extensive scale. The first plantings were made in the fall of 1922, and the first shipments of berries will be made this year. There are more than 100 acres already set to dewberries and bearing their first crop this year. Many more have been set during the past winter, and by 1925 this crop will be growing in Scotland county on quite an extensive scale.

The Carolina Dewberry Growers' Association, recently organized with offices at Laurinburg, is the channel through which this crop will be marketed this year. The officers of the association are Roland Covington, president; Donald Stewart, Jr., vice president, and G. E. Muse, secretary and treasurer.

Among those who first set dewberry plants in the county and introduced the crop were Roland Covington, C. E. Muse, T. H. Hunter, D. Stewart, Jr., T. J. Gill, Jr., Z. V. Pate, C. S. McMillan, H. F. Monroe, Giles F. Leach, John E. Phillips, The Morgan Farms, Inc., G. G. Matthews, and others.

### RIGID REGULATIONS

(From the New York World)  
Out in Illinois they are making the law on tail-lights so strict that a lightning bug is about the only thing that can get by.

### NEW USE FOR OLD MINES

An abandoned copper mine in New Jersey is being used to raise mushrooms. The owner says it has proved to be ideal for this purpose.

Tractors, harvesters or other machinery exposed to the elements of a norly housed, deteriorate in value \$375,000,000 a year in the United States.

### GIBSON DRUG COMPANY

Popular Pharmacy Has Completed Twenty Years' Service to Community

Twenty years ago the drug business of the Gibson Drug Company was established by W. Z. Gibson, who continued its operation until January 1, 1924. On that date the firm was reorganized by the addition of A. M. Gibson to the personnel. It is now jointly owned by these two gentlemen each of whom is a registered pharmacist.

Occupying a well located and attractive building containing nearly 2,000 square feet of floor space, the prescription department is separated from the mercantile department of the concern, and is located behind the handsome oak finish partition to the rear of the soda fountain. The fountain is of handsome marble construction, and is so arranged as to be accessible from the street and yet under the easy supervision of the manager of all times. It is one of the most popular spots in town, and enjoys a splendid patronage from persons of all ages, who come to purchase the delicious soft drinks, ice cream, etc., so courteously served. The Gibson Drug Company is one

of the few establishments of its kind which is fortunate enough to represent both the Nyal and the Rexall lines of drugs and novelties. Both of these lines are of the highest type, and each syndicate makes the best type of drug store in any town to handle its goods. That both should have secured the Gibson Drug Company to represent them in this section is proof positive of the high standing of this concern in the community.

In addition to its drug and prescription department, the company handles a complete assortment of sundries, novelties, stationery, fountain pens, and in fact everything that can be called for in the modern pharmacy. It is the exclusive local agent for the famous Norris candies, and sells large quantities of this delightful confection, which is received fresh from the manufacturers nearly every day.

Dr. W. Z. Gibson, senior partner, gives his personal attention to the prescription department. He received his education at Trinity College, and is a member of the Methodist church. He is also postmaster at Gibson. A. M. Gibson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. He also devotes his full time to the management of the store. Both of these gentlemen are popular and capable business men, deeply interested in the progress and growth of Gibson, their home town.

### THE CAROLINA STATE BANK

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a spacious vault accommodating a large number of safety deposit boxes. The bank pays 4 per cent on savings accounts, compounded quarterly, and has large savings deposits.

J. S. Gibson, president, is a practicing physician of the community, specializing on diseases of the eye. He also has large farming interests. E. E. Moore and D. A. Covington are vice presidents. Both of these gentlemen have extensive farming interests in the county. F. D. Gibson is in active charge of the bank as cashier. He is a farmer of extensive proportions, and is deeply interested in the improvement of farming methods in this section. He is engaged to a considerable extent in peach-growing. L. T. Gibson, assistant cashier, is a popular bank official. Mr. M. W. Adams, who was president since the organization of the bank, is one of the active directors. He has many farming interests and does a large mercantile business throughout this section. All of these gentlemen are well known and popular in the community.

### BELK BROS.'S STORES ARE CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO GOLDEN RULE

Straight-Forward, Honest Dealings and Buying Goods for Cash and Selling Them for Less

Through the development of an idea the Belk brothers, W. H. and J. M. have built one of the greatest systems of merchandising in the country. It was about the year 1895 that these two brothers, then in their early young manhood, conceived the idea of buying goods from first hands for cash and selling them to the people for less than they had ever before been able to buy goods.

The two Belks had worked for other merchants in these days, merchants who sold goods on the long-time credit, big-profit plan. They knew the inequity of that system and the injustice of it.

In North Carolina and South Carolina this idea, the cash idea in retail merchandising, was original with the two Belk brothers. They knew the great masses of the folks had been paying too much profit to the retail merchants, and their first venture in the mercantile field was a venture of faith. In the year 1896 they opened their first store at Monroe, their home town. They had very little cash capital, they freely admit, but they had youth and friends and well wishers, and what was more important, they had an idea and it was upon that fundamental, basic conviction that merchandise purchased for cash and sold for cash and for less, or at a smaller and a reasonable profit would work a revolution in the business methods of the country.

In their first store they followed the simple, honest straight-forward Golden Rule in the conduct of their business, the same as they had been taught and trained to follow in the home of their childhood, and this system is still strictly adhered to in every one of their 34 stores.

There is not space here to tell how that modest beginning at Monroe in 1896 has evolved into one of the most gigantic and far reaching merchandising establishments, with stores in 34 North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia towns and cities, in the world. They succeeded in establishing a world-wide reputation for honesty and integrity in business, and today they have their New York and European offices, where the largest manufacturers of the world offer them first the great values that ordinary buying can not secure.

34 Stores in Carolina and Virginia. "We are often told by outsiders, who travel the country over, that they can always tell a Belk store." The spirit of cordiality and service pervades the whole system, and of course, the Belk brothers, which given to these stores a personality and a quality and character all their own, and widely different from the great majority of stores.

In a Belk store people feel free and easy, because of this cultivated spirit of courtesy and better service. The Belk brothers select men for managers who have been trained and instructed have always been fortunate in securing men of high character, who put into each store the principles carried out in the original store.

### A Phenomenal Growth

In a few years the Belk Bros. business has grown from 1 store to 34.

"We have not changed a single principle since beginning. We buy goods for less than the others can, and thus we can and do sell the same goods for less." is the emphatic statement of a Belk store manager.

"Every year the business has increased in volume. We do not know of a year since the beginning of our business that has not shown its sure increase in volume, and this is attributed entirely to the Belk system. The masses, as well as all classes of the folks, know and have the utmost confidence in the Belk stores.

"We are very particular about this Belk foundation, the secret of the Belk's success, confidence of the people, and for this we are extremely grateful. It is our greatest asset, money not excepted. In every town where there is a Belk store you will find this true, and in every instance the Belk stores are making good."

The Laurinburg store of the Belk system was established in September, 1919, and has enjoyed a steady and growing patronage ever since the first day its doors were thrown open to the public. Mr. G. C. Stowe is manager of the Laurinburg store and is a valuable and trusted man in the Belk organization. The Belk store at Laurinburg is keenly awake to the possibilities of the future and thoroughlv in accord with the great forces that are at work now, shaping the course of destiny in this community and giving every assurance of a great and wonderful tomorrow.

### CAROLINA WILLYS LIGHT COMPANY

Well Known Concern Carries Full Line of Electrical Appliances, Fixtures, Etc.

The Carolina Willys Light Company was organized in 1921 for the purpose of doing a general electrical and radio business, with special attention to the well known Willys lighting system, which has made a splendid impression wherever it has been introduced. The company has the exclusive agency for this system from the mountains to the coast, and has given a great deal of attention to the pricing of these lighting plants in operation. The success with which they have met is indicated by the fact that it is being difficult to meet the demands made upon the company, and enlarged forces are likely to be required soon to handle the rapidly developing business.

A full line of electrical goods, lights, fixtures, etc., may always be found in the store room of the Carolina Willys Light Company, which undertakes to supply the community with every possible electrical need. It has the local agency for the famous Edison Mazda lamp, which is popular throughout the country, and it is in great demand in this section. The company acts as jobbers for these lamps, and also for the Champion spark plug. The display of goods maintained by the company is kept always in most attractive condition.

Another feature of the business of this concern is the Duroc Water System. This system has been installed in many homes by the company in the past three years, and is working with the utmost satisfaction in all instances, according to reports received by the company. They also have the agency for Kelvinator, the modern iceless refrigerator, several of which were installed last season and many orders have been placed for installation this season. The Carolina Willys Light Company was organized in 1921, and employs quite a large force of men, several of whom are expert mechanics, experienced in all lines of electrical work. They also have a number of dealers throughout this territory. Radio goods are also handled by the company, which exclusively represents the Radio Corporation of America in this territory.

Jaaper Fletcher, represents the company in Marlboro county, S. C., where he does an extensive business. H. G. Gibson, is in active charge of the company's headquarters in Laurinburg. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is active in Masonic circles. He is also a Presbyterian. Mr. Gibson is an enthusiast, and is always a leader in progressive movements in Laurinburg.

### DIXIE GUANO CO.

One of Laurinburg's Leading Manufacturing Concerns, Does Large Business, Employing 100 Men

Not entering especially to the citizens of Laurinburg, the Dixie Guano Company's operations are frequently underestimated by the people of the city, who scarcely realize that one of the most successful manufacturing concerns in this section of the state is located in our midst. Established some fourteen years ago, the Dixie Guano Company has gradually increased its operations, from year to year, in order to meet the growing demands made upon its facilities, until at the present time it is a concern affording employment to 100 men, and producing high-grade fertilizer at the rate of more than 30,000 tons per year. Little of its product is used in town, and it is easy for the average citizen of the community to overlook the fact that one of the city's industries has grown to such large proportions and is operating upon so large a scale.

The main building of the Dixie Guano Company is 500 by 250 feet in dimensions, covering an area of 75,000 square feet. In addition, it uses a number of other buildings, both as storage houses for materials and as operating plants. It is equipped with the most modern and approved machinery for the manufacture of high-grade acid phosphate and mixed fertilizers. One of the latest types of electrically operated shovels is in operation, for the purpose of handling the large quantities of acid phosphate going into the products of the plant.

The official ratings given the products of this concern by inspection officials is added the decided approval of the practical farmers of the section who have used the goods. Both verdicts are to the effect that the Dixie Company's products are among the best to be found on the market in any section of the country. The growth of the business has been rapid and steady, and additional facilities will be necessary in the near future if the present rate of increase continues.

John F. McNair, one of the leading citizens of this section is at the head of the Dixie Company as president. James L. McNair serves as vice president, and Z. V. Pate is secretary and treasurer. W. G. Butler, superintendent, is in active charge of the operation of the plant. He is thoroughly experienced in this line of work, and is well known in the trade. He is active in Masonic circles and is a member of the Methodist church. All the officials of the company are deeply interested in the success of the plant, and in the problem of furnishing the best that can be had in the way of fertilizer, at the lowest possible price, to the farmer of this and adjoining counties to which the products of the Dixie Guano Company are shipped in large quantities.

### EUBANKS' 5 AND 10 CENT STORE

Concern Owned by Laurinburg Man Has Made Decided Success; In Business Ten Years

Frequently the criticism is heard of some five and ten cent stores that the money made by the establishments goes into the coffers of some large corporation, which is interested in the community where the store is located only for the purpose of getting all the money that can be secured from the people of the community. The charge is made that all the profits go to enrich people who live in the big cities of the north.

There may be some truth in the charge as to some five and ten cent stores. In Laurinburg, however, there is one such concern which is essentially a Laurinburg affair. This is the Eubanks store, which has been in operation for about ten years as a 5, 10 and 25 cent store. More recently, however, in view of the increased cost of many articles handled by the store of this type, and in view of the fact that many articles costing a little more may be just as conveniently and advantageously handled, the Eubanks establishment has raised its maximum price on articles handled to \$5. In other words, instead of being able to buy at very close margin only the small articles, costing less than 25

cents, the Eubanks store as at present operated presents to the people of the city the opportunity to buy on the same basis the more important articles costing up to \$5. Many of these articles retail for \$6, \$7.50, and even higher prices in other stores, and the response with which Eubanks' entry into this field has been met shows that the buying public of Laurinburg and Scotland county fully appreciate the service rendered the community. Among the articles which are available at this bargain store may be mentioned a full line of enameled ware, aluminum ware, glassware, notions, hosiery, toilet goods, crockery, light hardware, school supplies, and the like, in addition to the usual line of 5 and 10 cent goods.

The Eubanks store is modern and well equipped, trimmed in red. It contains more than 2,000 square feet of floor space, every foot of which is utilized to accommodate the large stocks of goods. Five persons are regularly employed in the sales department, and on Saturday twelve are required. The store is a member of the Association of 5 and 10 cent stores.

H. M. Eubanks, proprietor, is not only a resident of Laurinburg, but he gives his personal attention to every part of the business. He is a Shriner, a member of the N. C. Merchants Association, an active member of the Methodist church. All of his interests are in Laurinburg, and he is a loyal and enthusiastic citizen.

### D. M. GILLIS

Groceries, Fruits, Produce in Abundance at the "Home of Good Things to Eat."

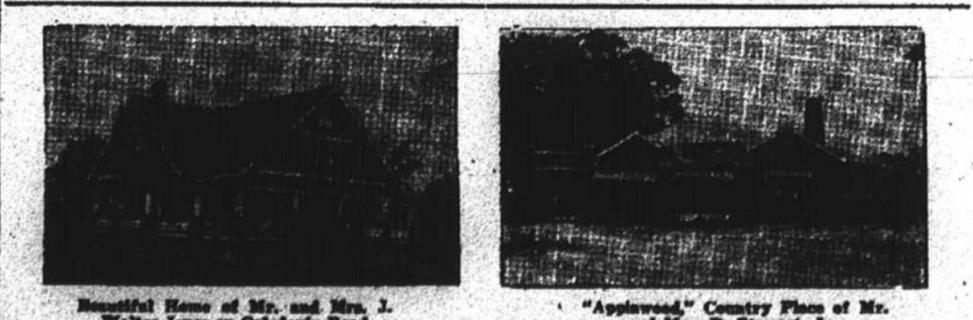
Established in 1913, the grocery and produce store conducted by D. M. Gillis has sold enough "good things to eat" in Laurinburg during the past ten or twelve years to feed the entire population of the city for a period that would extend over many days. There is a constant flow of produce and groceries into the store, and a constant stream of orders being delivered to all parts of Laurinburg and the country surrounding, to supply the heavy demand that has grown up as a result of the right kind of handling of the business that has come to Gillis'.

There is an old saying that the way to reach a man's heart is through his stomach. It is also true that the way to earn a place of high esteem in the business world in any community is to supply that community with the best that is to be had in the way of "eats." Everybody patronizes the grocery store. And, by the same token, almost anybody seems to be able to run a grocery store, though it is only the better class of grocery that really survives and serves the community in a way that is worth while.

Such a store is that conducted by D. M. Gillis, which has long ago won its place as one of the most popular of its kind in the county. It handles both heavy and fancy groceries, fruits, and all sorts of country produce. It sells large quantities of goods to the people of the city, but it also has a large patronage coming from the people who live in the country, in all parts of the county, in fact. Its stocks are complete in every line, and are kept fresh and up to date. The store contains nearly 4,000 square feet of floor space, all of which is utilized to accommodate its large stocks. As an accommodation to its customers, this store carries a stock of shoes, etc., holding the exclusive agency in Laurinburg of the famous W. L. Douglas shoes, recognized everywhere as one of the best on the market in this country. Five persons are regularly employed, and delivery is maintained by both bicycle, for light orders, and by truck.

Mr. Gillis, the proprietor, is well known as one of the most careful and conscientious business men of the town. He takes a deep interest in the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce, and is also active in fraternal circles, being an enthusiastic Woodman. He is a member of the Methodist church, and is a believer in Laurinburg and Scotland county.

beneficial, say extension workers of the State College of Agriculture. Fruits like vegetables, contain those vitamins needed by the body.



Beautiful Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Jones on Caledonia Road. "Appinwood" Country Place of Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart, Jr.

# D. M. Gillis

Groceries and General Merchandise

## Shoes ••• Furnishings

Laurinburg, North Carolina