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Methodist Missionary To Korea Will Speak Twice Here Sunday

Rev. M. B. Stokes, Methodist missionary to Korea, will deliver two sermons on the situation in the Far East here next Sunday, January 5, at Carson's Chapel at 10 o'clock service and at the Franklin Methodist church at the 11 o'clock service.

Mr. Stokes, the father of the late J. L. Stokes, II, pastor of the Franklin Methodist church, returned to Korea on the advice of the War Relocation Authority. He says the government is bringing to bear upon the mission in the Korean field and the has been forced to withdraw except a few key men.

Mr. Stokes is expected to arrive in Franklin Friday and will probably remain several days here. He is accompanied by his wife.

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RETAIL SALES SHOW INCREASE

County Merchants Do \$1,654,000 Business During 1939

It looks as though North Carolina is finally rounding the corner behind which old man Prosperity has been hiding for the past ten years—if retail trade figures for 1939 are any index.

According to the Bureau of the Census, retail sales in North Carolina totaled \$633,240,000 in 1939, only about one per cent below the dollar volume reached in 1929. Compared with 1929, the retail merchandizing payroll is 7 per cent higher, there are 26 per cent more full-time employees, and part-time employment has increased 68 per cent.

The number of employees in the state is 34 per cent higher than in 1935, and the payroll is 38 per cent higher than in that year.

Macon's Total Sales \$1,654,000

In Macon county, according to the 1940 census, there were 149 stores in operation during 1939, with total sales amounting to \$1,654,000.

Biggest sales in the county during the year were turned in by the automobile dealers who did \$357,000 worth of business in the 12 month period. Next were the county's 64 food stores and predominantly food stores with sales equaling \$336,000. Filling stations sales reached \$205,000 and general merchandise \$133,000.

According to the census, there were 134 active proprietors of unincorporated businesses in the county and an average of 154 employees during the year. The total retail sales payroll in the county for 1939 was \$98,000.

Final Rites Held For Miss Blanche Willis

Funeral services for Miss Blanche H. Willis were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bryant Funeral Home here.

The Rev. C. F. Rogers, pastor of the Franklin Baptist church and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, rector of the St. Agnes Episcopal church, officiated. Interment was in the Franklin cemetery.

Miss Willis died at her home here on West Main street early Monday morning following an illness of four months. For the past several years she has been working with the American Red Cross in New York City. She, and her parents who came here from Florida, operated the Franklin Terrace hotel for about 23 years.

The pallbearers were Guy L. Houk, J. S. Conley, Fred S. Sloan, Henry W. Cabe, James E. Perry and Richard S. Jones.

Surviving are her parents, Judge and Mrs. John B. Willis; one sister, Miss Mary Willis, of Franklin, and one nephew, John Willis Fox, of Raleigh.

The out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shealey and Mrs. L. B. Allen, of Alexander City, Ala.; J. W. Shealey, of Waverly, Ala.; Mrs. Sam P. Neely, of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Janie Neville, Mack Neville, of West Union, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. John Willis Fox, of Raleigh.

Last Rites Conducted For Mrs. George Henry

Last rites for Mrs. George Henry, 37, were held at the Dryman's Chapel Methodist church last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Randolph Wilson of Scaly officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Henry died at her home on Tesenta early Sunday morning, following an illness of eight months.

The former Mae Alma Patterson, she was born in Macon county on May 5, 1903, the daughter of Mrs. W. H. Patterson and the late Mr. Patterson. She was married to Mr. Henry in 1925. She was a life-long member of the Tesenta Baptist church.

The pallbearers were John Dills, G. L. Garland, Glen Cabe, Tom Ballew, Lynn Stiwinter, and Marvin Howard.

Surviving are the husband; five children, Norman, Robert, Howard, Hal and Harold; her mother; three brothers, Hollis, Claude, and Ernest Patterson; and one sister, Mrs. Effie Penland.

As a measure to prevent any possible inflation of the nation's money in the rapidly increasing pace of business under the defense program the Federal reserve system this week proposed removal of the president's power to devalue the dollar.

Outlook Program Scheduled By Home Demonstration Clubs

Macon county's Home Demonstration clubs will begin work for the new year with "Outlook" programs scheduled for the January meetings. The clubs plan to study "Home Improvement Within and Without" as their major project for 1941.

The schedule for the January meetings is as follows:

January 2, Otto schoolhouse; January 3, Higdonville, Mrs. Tom Russell; January 7, Walnut Creek, Mrs. Fannie Keener; January 8, Holly Springs, Mrs. Harve Cabe; January 13, Otter Creek school; January 16, Scaly, Mrs. Ernest Vinson; January 20, Iotla, Mrs. Lawrence Ramsey.

January 21, Oak Grove, Mrs. C. A. Bryson; January 22, Cartoogechaye, Mrs. Jeff Enloe; January 23, Hickory Knoll, Mrs. Charlie Rogers; January 24, West's Mill, school luncheon; January 27, Stiles, Mrs. Pearl Ramsey; January 28, Patton, Mrs. Anna Ledford; January 29, Union, school luncheon.

The following officers will begin work this month.

Walnut Creek: Mrs. F. E. Mashburn, president; Mrs. George Keener, vice-president; Mrs. Ellie Peek, secretary and treasurer.

Holly Springs: Mrs. Jack Cabe, president; Mrs. C. B. Kinsland, vice-president, Miss Callie Deal, secretary and treasurer.

Otter Creek: Mrs. Lallie Wilson, president; Mrs. Lola May, vice-president; Mrs. B. A. Baldwin, secretary and treasurer.

Iotla: Mrs. R. L. Poindexter, president; Miss Irene Sloan, vice-president; Mrs. Ralph West, secretary and treasurer.

Oak Grove: Mrs. Dwight Parish, president; Mrs. C. A. Bryson, vice-president; Mrs. Ernest Crunkleton, secretary and treasurer.

Cartoogechaye: Mrs. W. N. Dalrymple, president; Mrs. Zeb Conley, vice-president; Mrs. Harriett Setser, secretary and treasurer.

Scaly: Mrs. J. N. Fisher, president; Mrs. John Burnette, vice-president; Mrs. Ernest Vinson, secretary and treasurer.

West's Mill: Mrs. George Potts, president; Mrs. Fred McGaha, vice-president; Mrs. Leo Gibson, secretary and treasurer.

Patton: Mrs. Kate McNeil, president; Mrs. Harley Stewart, vice-president; Mrs. Anna Ledford, secretary and treasurer.

Union: Mrs. J. W. Addington, president; Mrs. S. O. Sellers, vice-president, Miss Veo Burrell, secretary and treasurer.

Hickory Knoll: Mrs. Vance Vanhook, president; Mrs. Jim Gray, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Ledbetter, secretary and treasurer.

Higdonville: Mrs. Robert Fulton, president; Mrs. Prichard Russell, vice-president; Mrs. Prelo Dryman, secretary and treasurer.

Stiles: Mrs. Grace Welch, president; Mrs. Laura Byrd, vice-president; Miss Eddis Anderson, secretary and treasurer.

Otto: Mrs. Arthur Kinsland, president; Mrs. Iris Henson, vice-president; Miss Clara Norton, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Millard Norris, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Experts Predict Record Business Year In U. S. History

Exploding fire-crackers, the clamor of automobile horns, and the ringing of bells officially welcomed 1941 to Franklin and Macon county Tuesday night.

In sharp contrast to the stormy advent of 1940 one year ago, the weather was as clear and mild as a May day.

Despite the grim and tempestuous international outlook, Macon looked forward to the new year with a good deal more hope and enthusiasm than in the past few years. Merchants and business firms, with one of the most successful Christmas seasons in years behind them, expect a continuation of the present boom in business fostered by the two dam construction projects of the Nantahala Power company, with the possibility of a third, the much-deferred Fontana dam, going into construction sometime during 1941.

With National Defense as the key-note, 1941 is expected to be the best business year in the

13 REGISTRANTS IS NEW QUOTA

Group Leaves On January 16th For Year Of Army Life

Macon will send 13 registrants, all volunteers, to Fort Bragg for a year's training in the Army January 16, the office of the local board here revealed this week.

The quota for the second contingent of men from this county to be sent to Fort Bragg was set at 12 by state selective service officials. There will be one additional man in the group to replace Carl Paul Mason, one of the first two registrants sent from this county, who was turned down by Army officials at Fort Bragg.

Leave On Special Bus

The men will report to the office of the local board at 8:30 a. m. Thursday, January 16, to receive their final instructions. They will leave on a special bus at 9:15, arriving at Fort Bragg at 9:30 that night, after stops in Asheville and Monroe for meals.

The group, as announced by the board, will consist of Harry Woody, Route 3, the replacement for Mason; Therman Henry, Route 3; John Sherman Welch, Route 3; Barnett Howell Glidewell, Otto; William Henry Sprinkle, Franklin; Charles Urban Koper, Route 3; Fred Goldeman Jenkins, Etna; Oscar Erastus Chastain, Highlands; Lew Franklin Vanhook, Route 2; Jesse Bryson Bates, Route 1; James Edward Curtis, Dillard, Ga., Route 1; and Robert Swafford, Route 3.

Wade Thomas Dietz, Leatherman, and Harvey Green, Highlands were named by the board as substitutes in case any of the group failed to qualify at Bragg.

Perry Epps Merritt, listed as delinquent by the board last week, has been located in California.

Major J. C. McDonald, liaison officer for the assistant secretary of war, conferred with local board members and clerks here Tuesday afternoon. He is attached to state selective service headquarters in Raleigh.

C. S. Ray Passes At Home On Burningtown Friday

Final rites for Canaro Smith Ray, 84, were held at the Iotla Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Robert Williams, a Baptist minister of the Oak Grove community, conducted the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Ray, a farmer and merchant, died at his home at Burningtown Friday evening at 7 o'clock, following an illness of one year.

A son of the late Henry Hardin and Elizabeth Moore Ray, Mr. Ray was unmarried. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Pallbearers were James Wild, Cecil Baldwin, Harry Ray, Blake Roland, Frank Wild, and Austin Raby.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. J. L. Barnard and Mrs. J. F. Palmer, of Franklin and two brothers, George M. Ray, of Prairie City, Ore., and Wiley E. Ray, of Bow, Wash.

New Year Promises To Be Prosperous And Eventful

country's history. The complex task of re-arranging America is providing employment for millions of workers, orders for every type of manufacture.

National Income To Exceed 1940

Business experts predict that the estimated national income of \$75,000,000,000 for 1940 will be exceeded by at least \$6,000,000,000 in 1941. This would call for a reduction in unemployment of 50 per cent, an increase in building of 20 per cent, and an increase in retail trade of 57 per cent.

The new Congress, which goes into session on Friday, is expected to go into immediate action on two major issues—aid to Britain, and federal finances. In his address to Congress Monday the president will probably reveal details of his "lease-lend" plan for helping Britain, whereby America would lease or lend war materials to Britain for return or replacement after the war.

Out of the mass of hopes and fears and predictions for 1941 this week, only one thing seemed certain—1941 is slated to be one of the most eventful years in the history of this nation and the world.