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TO HOLD BAPTIST SUMMER MEET IN EAST THIS YEAR

Ministers from Five Associations Attend Meeting Here Yesterday

By C. H. DICKEY

That Eastern Carolina is to have a Baptist assembly on Roanoke Island this summer was announced here yesterday by a group of Baptist ministers representing seven associations in Eastern North Carolina.

This conference was organized in Williamston last September and meets three times during the year. This was the second session. An interesting program was carried out under the leadership of the Rev. H. F. Brinson, president. Among the speakers were Dr. Oscar Hayward, New Bern; W. H. Covert, Greenville; Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, Rocky Mount; and Dr. J. L. Peacock, Tarboro. The session was held in the Memorial Baptist church here.

After the regular routine of the pastors' meeting was carried out, the Rev. George W. Griffin, of Manteo, Dare County, took the floor and announced that arrangements for a Baptist retreat to be held at Manteo this summer was well under way, and that plans had so far matured that some of the speakers had already been chosen.

This was regarded as big news for the Baptists of Eastern Carolina; for in recent years all the assemblies and retreats have been held in either Piedmont or Western Carolina. And now that the summer school for pastors at Meredith has collapsed, it left nothing in the way of general assembly nearer than Ridgecrest, just out of Asheville, which is too far for most eastern Baptists to go.

The promoter of this Dare County retreat is the Rev. George W. Griffin, a native of that section. He is especially anxious that North Carolina Baptists be given an opportunity to hold some of their retreats there in that historic section. He announced that at the particular date for the summer gathering he had been enabled to secure greatly reduced hotel rates and accommodations. And that in addition, the people of Manteo had agreed to open their homes to the visitors on the most reasonable of terms.

And Manteo and Nags Head are so near together that those so desiring can make use of the Nags Head Hotel, and in this way combine their summer vacation on the beach with the inspirational and helpful program which those sponsoring the retreat will provide. And with good roads now leading into Roanoke Island, which opens it up to the world, it is contemplated that this summer will see large groups of Baptists and others journeying to the environs of Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hill, Nags Head, and Manteo.

There will be the more interest in this summer's retreat because of the immense amount of advertising the island is getting in preparation for the observance there next year of the 350th anniversary of the birth of English-speaking civilization on this continent. The birthplace of Virginia Dare, the Wright Aviation Beacon, Fort Raleigh, and the other many and diverse attractions of that section will present a superior attraction this year to those who are vacation-minded, as well as to those who would combine their play time with helpful and inspirational religious assemblies.

Among the speakers that are to appear on the June program are: Dr. B. W. Spillman, of Kinston; Dr. Charles E. Maddy, Richmond; M. A. Huggins, general secretary of North Carolina Baptists; and Drs. Solon B. Cousins and Samuel Judson Porter. Other speakers and teachers will be secured and announced in due time.

In addition to greatly reduced rates at the hotels in the Roanoke Island section, it was also announced that certain concessions on bridge tolls had already been secured, and that there was a high probability that the tolls between Nags Head and Manteo would be suspended for those attending the assembly.

Everetts School Honor Roll for Fourth Month

Twenty-three names appear on the Everetts school honor roll for the fourth month, as follows:

First grade: Janie Margaret Ayers, Janie Louise Bailey, Mary Alice Cherry, Billy Clark, Walter Keel, Bernice Meeks, Clara Taylor.

Second grade: Bill Donald, Harry Edmonds, John Mobley, Bill Mallory, Dora Bailey.

Third grade: Susie Ausbon, Florine Clark, Charles Coltrain, Agnes Mayton, Mary Louise Mobley.

Fourth grade: Susie Ayers, Grace Clark, Edgar Taylor.

Fifth grade: Roy Harrell.

Sixth grade: Hazel Faulkner, Helen Keel.

Signs of Spring Have Been Numerous in This Section During Past Several Days

In addition to the springlike atmosphere during the past few days, other signs that winter may be in the process of making a graceful retreat are notice around this section.

For instance, the early jasmine, a plant with little yellow flowers more correctly known as jaminium, has been blooming profusely within recent days and can be seen in the yards of a number of homes. The jaminium usually appears during the first two weeks of February.

Early spirea, a shrublike bush

with small white flowers, is also prevalent in many sections, as is the "breath of spring," which is an early bush type of honeysuckle. Another interesting fact concerning wild life is that birds, although plentiful in numbers, are found much more widely scattered than customary. During cold weather and when food is scarce, birds flock closely together, but at present the mildness of the weather and abundance of food have been conducive to more individualistic relationships among the feathered flock.

Robins can be seen practically

every day in this vicinity, evidently lagards of the fall migratory period. The northward migration of robins normally begins the latter part of February. Blackbirds, too, have shown their presence during the greater part of the winter, while bluebirds have been noticed engaged in inspection of prospective nesting places in anticipation of the coming of spring.

Monday was one of the warmest days in recent months, the thermometer standing at 78 in the shade in front of the Enterprise office at 11 a. m.

TWO ARRESTED FOR CAR THEFT

Car Stolen in Wilson Last Night Stopped Here by Officer Allsbrooks

A 1931 Chevrolet coupe, believed to have been stolen from S. Katz in Wilson, was recovered here about 4 o'clock this morning by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks. Two young white men giving their names as B. G. Smith and Tyler were arrested and placed in jail. The men said they were from Wilson, but formerly lived in Washington.

Driving up to a filling station here, the men wanted to trade a flashlight or a spare tire for gas. The visit appeared suspicious to the officer, and he questioned the men. They had no registration card, and when Patrolman Braswell, former Wilson resident, was called and could not identify them, a call was made to the police in Wilson. It was learned from officers there that the car had been stolen and local authorities were requested to hold the car and men.

The car had around 27,000 miles on its speedometer and apparently was not damaged.

According to information coming from police headquarters, the owner would come here today for his car, and the two alleged thieves would be turned over to Wilson authorities.

ATTEND KIWANIS MEET IN RALEIGH

Local Club Gained Especial Honor at Meeting of Last Friday

The local Kiwanis Club sent its delegates to the Raleigh Kiwanis gathering last Friday. Messrs. Norman Harrison and Charles H. Dickey, who made the trip in one day and reported an excellent meeting with approximately 250 Kiwanians in attendance from North and South Carolina.

The Williamston club was publicly singled out at the gathering for an especial honor, in that it was the one club in both states to make the highest proportionate gain in membership during the year 1932. Complimentary reference was made to the splendid record of the Williamston club.

It was announced that the next bi-state meeting would be held in Elizabeth City, which brings a large aggregation of North and South Carolina Kiwanians into this section, most of them having to pass through Williamston to reach the convention city, and since Elizabeth City and Williamston are in the sixth Kiwanis district, the district will have the honor of entertaining that great gathering, representing 2,500 members from two states.

(Note: The above is the report Mr. Harrison and Mr. Dickey gave on the Kiwanis meeting. We regret that we have no report to make on the activities of these two gentlemen while they were in the large city unattended.)

Plan To Re-open Schools at Jamesville Tomorrow

Closing last Thursday on account of the large number of influenza cases in the district, the Jamesville schools are planning to reopen tomorrow morning, it was learned here yesterday. Several of the teachers suffering attacks of the "flu" were reported recovering rapidly yesterday and would probably be able to return to their duties tomorrow.

Professor W. T. Overby, popular agricultural teacher in the school, was taken ill last Thursday and his condition yesterday was described as critical. Pneumonia rapidly developed following an attack of influenza, it was said.

Pie Party at Holly Springs Church Next Friday Night

The Epworth League of the Holly Springs Methodist church will give a pie party at the church there Friday night. Proceeds will go to the church. The public is invited.

THIN COVERING OF GRAIN STRAW AIDS PLANT BED

Practice Is Found Superior To Method of Preparing Beds with Long Poles

A thin coating of grain straw scattered over the tobacco plant bed at the rate of about 25 or 30 pounds to each 100 square yards of bed will hold moisture, keep the plants warmer, and prevent frost injury.

"This practice of using a light covering of straw over the tobacco plant beds is an old, well-established custom among good tobacco growers in the northern part of Guilford County and the folks there have found it much superior to the other method of preparing beds with poles or plank and covering," says E. V. Floyd, extension tobacco specialist at State College, who recommends the plan to other growers of the State.

In using this plan, the beds should be fertilized, prepared, and sowed as they are now. Just as soon as the beds have been packed, add the light covering of straw, broadcasted thinly and uniformly. Never leave too much straw at one place. Then the canvas is placed over the straw and pegged to the ground with small pegs placed at an angle about two feet apart around the edge of the bed.

In addition to keeping the plants warmer and holding moisture, Mr. Floyd says the flea bugs are not so bad where this method is used. With this thin covering of straw in place, no poles or planks are needed about the bed. Then, too, Floyd says, the plants are much earlier and more uniform in stand. If the weather is dry, the straw should not be removed except for "grassing" the beds. Then put the straw back in place. In wet weather, after the plants get big enough to cover the ground, it might be an advantage to take off the straw.

Mr. Floyd has never seen any frost injury with this type of bed. It is inexpensive and has been very effective. When other growers were suffering from attack of blue mold, the upper Guilford folks had plenty of strong plants.

TEACHERS MEET HERE SATURDAY

Influenza Is Cause of Small Attendance at Second of Group Meetings

The southern group of Martin County teachers held the second of a series of six meetings in the high school building here last Saturday morning, when a program having to do with reading was given. A goodly number of teachers was absent on account of illness.

The following topics were discussed: 1. The basis for selection of materials: Miss Bessie Harrell, Miss Louise Roebuck, Mr. C. A. Hough. 2. Adaptation to Pupils' Growth and to Grade Levels: Miss Leona Newton, Miss Marguerite Cooke, Mr. T. O. Hickman. 3. The Importance of a Wide Range and Variety of Materials: Miss Opal Brown, Miss Martha Anderson, Miss Annie S. VanDyke. 4. The Relation of Method to the Type of Materials Used, Such As Work Type and Recreatory Readers: Miss Mary Benson, Miss Rhoda Peele.

Beaufort Citizen Would Repeal All State Laws

Raleigh.—One Beaufort County citizen has offered a plan whereby the legislature can complete its duties in a hurry.

Representative Thompson, of Beaufort, was imprompted this week by a constituent to introduce a measure to repeal all of the 8,000-odd laws now on the books and invoke the ten commandments instead.

The constituent failed to mention how the ten commandments would aid in balancing the budget.

DELAWARE MAN HURT IN WRECK

Removed To Hospital At Greenville In Serious Condition

A Delaware motorist, whose name could not be learned here, was seriously hurt and burned, and Mr. Hyman Warren, Robersonville Township farmer, was slightly injured in an automobile wreck between Everetts and Robersonville yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

Complete details of the wreck could not be learned here, but it was said that the two cars were in a head-on collision. Smoke from a grass fire is believed to have blinded the drivers. The Delaware man was thrown from his car and into the burning grass, and was probably saved from burning to death by a boy who rushed to the scene of the wreck. The Buick car belonging to the foreign motorist was burned. Mr. Warren's car was wrecked.

The Delaware man was removed to a Greenville hospital, where he is understood to be getting along as well as could be expected. Suffering such severe injuries, he was unable to tell his name, and as far as it could be learned here the accident has not been reported to his people.

CIRCUS EVENTS ARE LINING UP

Legion Members To Hold Special Meeting Here Friday Night

Last-minute plans are now going forward for the presentation of the indoor circus sponsored by the local American Legion Post.

Post Commander Elbert Peel has called a special meeting of the post for Friday night, January 27, at which time the plans for the circus in their entirety will be discussed.

A well-known orchestra, to be announced later, is practically contracted for the entertainment and the night ly dances that will be a feature of the event. Seven high-class circus and vaudeville acts will constitute a program of the professional entertainment that should be bound to please amusement goers of Williamston and vicinity. Each night, in addition to the entertainment and dances some novel form of amusement will be added to the program. Numerous free prizes will also be awarded during the four nights of the circus it was said.

The Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse on January 31, February 1, 2, and 3, the nights of the circus, will be decorated and brilliantly lighted. Several auto dealers are now negotiating for displays, and it is thought that a number of merchants will also participate with booths displaying their merchandise.

Thousands of tickets are now in the hands of the various community organizations, who are realizing a substantial proportion of the profits of the Legion amusement venture.

Local Masons To Hold a Regular Meeting Tonight

The regular meeting of Skewarkee Masonic Lodge will be held tonight at 7:30 p. m., it was announced this morning by M. J. Moye, master. This will be the first meeting since the recent installation of new officers, and a full attendance is requested.

674 Killed in Automobile Accidents in State in 1932

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Automobiles took a toll of 674 lives in North Carolina during 1932, the state motor vehicle bureau reported today.

The number of persons injured in the 3,266 motor accidents last year was 4,783. There were 296 accidents last month in which 463 persons were injured. Among those killed were 22 pedestrians and 4 children playing in the streets.

TRY TO ARRANGE FOR LOADING CAR POULTRY HERE

Plan To Schedule First Car In This County Within the Next Two Weeks

Preliminary arrangements for the loading of a cooperative poultry car have been made by County Agent T. B. Brandon and a schedule will be made public within the next week or ten days, the agent said yesterday.

A representative of the Producers' Mutual Exchange, Durham, is arranging schedules for a large section of eastern Carolina this season, and it is believed a car will be operated in this county not later than week after next. The concern is one of the largest buyers operating in the State this year, it is understood, but no purchases have been made by it in this immediate section so far.

No price list was mentioned other than the one on prevailing northern markets, allowing a small percentage for handling. Prices will be announced at least one week before the car is operated, and it is hoped that prices will be stronger than they are at this time. Operation of the cars, started in some sections only a short while ago, is said to have strengthened the market and made small independent buyers offer a higher price. Under the existing conditions, however, no marked advancement in price can hardly result.

According to present plans only one stop will be made in the county when the car is operated, Agent Brandon said, but complete details and prices will be announced later.

SCHOOL NEWS OF OAK CITY

Attendance There Monday Is Largest Since the Holidays

Valentine Program

The junior class of Oak City will present a Valentine program Thursday evening, February 9, at the high school auditorium. The program will consist of an original valentine play written by the junior class, three stunts of "Phonology," and a womanless wedding. The junior class orchestra will furnish all music. After the general program there will be a "cake walk."

Many booths will be found in the home economics room, where one may buy candy, valentines, ice cream, and soft drinks.—M. Zetterower.

Large Attendance

The largest attendance this morning (Monday) the Oak City school has had since the holidays. Good work is being done in all grades. Each teacher is seriously studying individual differences in order that real reading may be taught.—Journalism Club.

Law and Order Day

In keeping with the "Law and Order Day" set aside by the state as Friday, January 27, each teacher is planning to give a period to the teaching of the effects of alcohol and narcotics.

Roads and Sidewalks Improved

Much has been done by the welfare workers to beautify the appearance of this place. Roads have been widened and improved, and new sidewalks have been made. It is hoped that all will try to do everything possible to further this good work.—R. Pittman.

Weight Undernourished Children

The week of January 16-20, each teacher in the Oak City school weighed undernourished children for the second time, in order to see if the hot lunch was a benefit. It was found in practically all cases that a few pounds had been gained. A chart was made to show this increase of each child and posted in the particular room of that child. The weight of each child will be recorded every month on this chart.—L. C. Allsbrook.

Distribute Clothing

Mr. Raleigh Manning, welfare officer, of Jamesville, brought a new supply of clothing to be distributed in this community January 19. Much work has been done in distributing this clothing and many families have been aided.—L. C. Allsbrook.

Regular Meeting of Local Woman's Club Thursday

The regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held in the club home Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This is the first meeting of the new year and will be entirely a business session.

A full attendance is desired as there are several matters of importance to be attended to at this time, it was stated.

BLUE MOLD?

According to unofficial reports coming from Georgia, the blue mold is killing tobacco plants in that section already. It was stated that the disease is attacking the plants almost by the time they are up.

In this section last year the disease did not attack the plants until they were almost large enough for transplanting.

HIGH SPOTS OF LAST YEAR'S NEWS EVENTS

Number Events Important To County Occurred During 1932

While there were really no events of hardly more than local interest, the year 1932 marked some interesting and important happenings in Martin County. The events as reviewed in the files of The Enterprise during the period are as follows:

January.—One hundred and seventy-one suits, aggregating around \$100,000, were instituted against stockholders in the old Farmers & Merchants Bank, drawing to a close the last chapter in bank failures in the county.

January.—The release of a complete survey of all the soils in Martin County. This was recognized as a valuable aid, but it never attracted serious attention from many land owners.

March.—Back-to-the-land movement gets under way. Hundreds of jobless families sought little spots here and there to raise food.

April.—The further expansion of the Presbyterian church in the county.

May.—Blue mold first considered serious when a marked shortage in tobacco plants resulted and forced a considerable reduction in the tobacco acreage.

August.—Unemployment reaches serious proportions early in this month.

September.—Market openings with higher prices for tobacco.

September.—Contract let for surfacing of last main highway in connecting this county seat with others.

October.—Virginia Electric and Power Company opens divisional offices at Williamston.

November.—Relief work started on a big scale.

November.—Record-breaking vote in general election, indicating an increased interest in politics and changes in government personnel.

November.—The non-suit in the famous Smithwick Creek Church case.

W. H. SWANNER PASSES TODAY

Funeral Services Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon At Home Of Daughter

Wm. Henry Swanner, father of Mrs. Clayton Moore, of this place, died at the home of his daughter near Washington early this morning.

The Washington Daily News is carrying the following story today:

William Henry Swanner, 79 years old, farmer and life-long resident of Beaufort County, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dave Tarvin, Washington R. F. D. 1, early this morning of a complication of diseases suffered during the past several months.

Mr. Swanner was the son of the late William Henry and Mary Ann Bates Swanner, citizens of Beaufort County. He was a charter member of Ware's Methodist Chapel, near Washington, and was active in the affairs of that church. He was prominently known throughout this section.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Tarvis home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. T. F. Stack, of Bath, assisted by Rev. E. J. Rees, Methodist minister. Interment will follow in the Oakdale Cemetery. Three daughters, Mrs. Dave Tarvin, and Mrs. T. F. Chauncey, of Washington, R. F. D. 1, and Mrs. Clayton Moore, of Williamston and two sons, Oliver Swanner, of Suffolk, and J. M. Swanner, of Washington, survive.

Fidlers' Convention at the Everetts School Friday

An old-fashioned fiddler's convention will be held at the Everetts High School Building on Friday, January 27th, at 8 o'clock p. m. Contests will be held among the musicians, and cash prizes offered to the winners. A large number of musicians have been notified of the contests, and it is hoped that some of the best string bands and fiddlers in this section will be present.

The program is being arranged by the basketball team for the purpose of securing some needed equipment.

A small admission charge of 10 and 15 cents will be made.

ARREST DURHAM MEN WITH AUTO LOAD OF LIQUOR

Sheriff Roebuck Happens Upon Liquor Cargo Near Robersonville Sunday

J. W. Cates and Joe Childress, two Durham white men, were arrested near Robersonville last Sunday night and placed in the county jail on a charge of transporting liquor. They were released yesterday afternoon with Cates under a \$500 bond and Childress under a \$200 bond. The case will be called in the county recorder's court next Tuesday.

After loading 85 gallons of liquor, believed to have been manufactured in the East Lake section, the two men were on their way home when they ran into another car driven by a man from Stokes near Robersonville. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, on his way to Gold Point to make an arrest there, reached the scene of the wreck 5 or 10 minutes later, and upon investigation learned that one of the cars failed to stop. With a burst tire and the fenders and running light torn off, the Durham car was making little headway. The Sheriff overtook the car about one-half mile east of Robersonville and told the driver to stop, and no sooner than the car was stopped the two men jumped and ran into the woods. Childress was caught by the officer after a chase of about two hundred yards. Not until he returned to the car did the officer learn that it was loaded with liquor. Four of the 5-gallon jugs were broken in the wreck and the remaining 65 gallons were carried to Robersonville and placed in the lock-up. The car was stored in the Cox Motor Company garage.

With Chief Gray, the sheriff started a search for the other man, but their first efforts failed. The two officers went to Gold Point and arrested Jesse Bland for the alleged carrying of a pistol. Upon their return to Robersonville, the officers saw a strange white man enter a negro's porch and knock on the door. They stopped and arrested him, later identifying him as the driver of the rum car.

The car, a comparatively new Ford V-8, is said to belong to O. M. Cates, of Durham.

Officers poured out the 65 gallons of liquor on the streets of Robersonville about 11 o'clock with nearly 100 people listening to the farwelling gurgle of the spirits.

COUNTY YOUTHS OUT ON PAROLE

Thirty Days on Roads Said To Have Taught Two Boys a Lesson

A. J. Hardison and Ellsworth Holiday, two young Martin County white boys convicted in the December term of Martin Superior Court for the larceny of a small quantity of tobacco a short time before, were paroled last week by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus. The boys, sentenced to eight months and four months, respectively, were paroled because Judge Frank A. Daniels expressed belief that 30 days on the county roads had "taught them a lesson." The character of the boys was also a determining factor in the conditional release of the two young boys, it was said.

Application for pardon was formally made only about two weeks ago through their attorney, E. S. Peel, and the application met with the approval of the pardoning group and the people back home.

Nine other prisoners were paroled last week by the governor.

MRS. W. M. COOPER DIED SATURDAY

Sister of Mrs. A. J. Manning Buried In Washington Last Sunday

Mrs. W. Marcellus Cooper, well-known and popular Beaufort County citizen and a sister of Mrs. A. J. Manning, of Williamston, died at her home near Washington at 8:45 o'clock last Saturday morning. She had been in failing health during the past several months, death resulting from diabetes and complications.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Richard Bagby. Interment was in Oakdale Cemetery, Washington, a goodly number of relatives and friends attending the last rites from here.

Mrs. Cooper was the daughter of the late J. W. Hodges and Amanda Stancill Hodges. She was born June 4, 1869, and spent her entire life in the county. She was a member of the Old Ford Christian church and was held in high esteem by those who knew her.