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Presbyterians Use New Auditorium First Time Sunday

Dr. E. E. Gillespie Commends Pastor For Work In County

Occupying their new handsome auditorium for the first time, local Presbyterians Sunday celebrated a crowning achievement to ten years of work in the religious field of this community. The membership, joined by friends from other churches and denominations in the community and county, heard a review of Presbyterian history in the United States and North Carolina by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, superintendent of missions for the North Carolina synod.

The morning worship period was devoted to the interesting events transpiring over hundreds of years and finally leading up to the work in this section of the State. Dr. Gillespie, under whose guidance the work of the Presbyterian Church has been expanded many fold, paid high tribute to those early religious leaders and to the early Christians who died in upholding the faith of Christ.

A lone missionary was sent to this country from Ireland in 1683, the superintendent of home missions said. Locating in Maryland, the lone missionary laid the foundation for a great work. Additional aid was sought, and the Synod of New York and Philadelphia was later established. Missionaries were sent from that field to North Carolina, and Presbyterianism was established from Raleigh to Morganton. Around those early churches, the denomination formed a firm foundation. Dr. Gillespie pointing out that the work of the church had advanced by leaps and bounds during the past half of century.

While our church stands at the top of the list in giving, we are only giving one penny out of every 100 to religious activities of all types, the remaining 99 cents going for other things," the speaker said.

Commends Pastor

"I have watched closely the mission work in every field of North Carolina, and I have often held the work of your pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, up as an example for others," Dr. Gillespie told the congregation. "The work here and in the county has progressed satisfactorily, and I commend your pastor and you and the people of the community for the splendid achievement," he added.

Directed by Rev. John Whitley, the Bear Grass choir rendered special music for the two Sunday services.

The event was another important milestone in the rapid progress the Presbyterian church is making in this community and county. It was an event that attracted the admiration of other church members, who joined in the celebration.

Junior Class Will Present Play Dec. 8

On Thursday, December 8 at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium will be presented by the junior class one of the most thrilling American plays ever written, "The Lone Eagle." This play was suggested by a famous historical incident, one that thrilled not only America, but the entire world, and in its own relative way, so will this play stir and thrill everyone who witnesses it. Every parent should see it, every young boy should witness it.

It is an object lesson for all young ambitious Americans. It is an inspiring work with great dramatic situations and dynamic climaxes. It will literally lift you out of your seat. Woven into this play is a beautiful story of family life, the kind of family one loves to see and that one is glad to know exists; a family, where in love, faith and fidelity are the basic principles; the keynote of success and happiness. There is also a great deal of comedy to lighten the more serious moments.

You'll be amused by this family as well as stirred by them. They are an interesting foursome, father, mother and their two boys, one of them a born mechanic, the other, an idealistic boy with great musical talent. How each one works out his own destiny, keeps an audience interested every moment. Their little romances you will find interesting too.

Don't fail to see this great play. Remember the date and you'll never forget this memorable performance. The play has been cast to splendid advantage and a smooth performance is promised.

Martin Tobacco Farmers To Get 1939 Quotas Thursday

The new 1939 tobacco allotments will be released to Martin County farmers on Thursday of this week, the office of Farm Agent T. B. Brandon announced today.

The quota for the county will remain about the same for 1939 as it was for this year, unofficial reports stating that Martin farmers will be able to market in excess of ten million pounds of the golden leaf free of tax or penalty. Records are not complete, but it is generally believed that the 1938 crop fell considerably below that figure. Adverse weather conditions limited production, but in making up the 1939 quotas the authorities took into consideration those conditions and although a large majority of the farmers did not reach their quotas none of them will have their allotments reduced on that account.

Judge Raps Action Of Liligant in Open Court

COMPLAINERS

"We are doing a lot of complaining, but times aren't really hard," Mr. John Bailey, one of Martin County's oldest young men said yesterday. The Cross Roads farmer recalled the reconstruction days, and to bring the comparison up to modern times he mentioned the difficulties and hardships under the Hoover administration. "We are just a big lot of complainers," Mr. Bailey concluded.

Several Are Hurt In Two Wrecks In County On Sunday

Three Are Fined For Alleged Violation of Road Laws

Several persons were injured, none seriously, and considerable property damage resulted in two automobile wrecks in this county last Sunday night. Mrs. J. R. McGee, of Plymouth, suffering bruises about the body and severe shock and Alton Lynch, young white man of Hamilton, suffering a severe head injury, were the only ones out of a large number to get hurt.

Alleged to have been driving on the wrong side of the road, Joe Wilson, Williamston colored citizen, crashed into the Chevrolet driven by Mr. J. R. McGee, of Plymouth, near Gardner's Creek on the Jamesville highway Sunday evening about 8 o'clock. The driver of the McGee car escaped with minor bruises, estimates placing the damage to his car at approximately \$300. The Wilson car, a Chevrolet, was said to have been damaged about \$100. Charged with operating a car with improper licenses, McGee was fined \$10 in a justice court. Wilson, charged with operating a car on the wrong side of the road was fined \$10.

The first wreck on the new Bear Grass highway took place about an hour and fifteen minutes later when Alton Lynch, said to have been rounding a curve on the left side of the road, crashed into the car of Mr. Alonzo Revels. Lynch suffered a bad cut on his head, but was able to continue to his home after receiving first aid treatment by Dr. Long in Hamilton. One or two stitches were necessary to close the cut. Misses Magdalena Harris and Vester Hollis and Mr. Jesse Scott, riding in the Lynch car, and Mrs. Revels and Miss Elizabeth Bailey, riding in the Revels car, were not hurt. Damage to the two machines was estimated at \$260. Lynch was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in a justice court for allegedly driving on the wrong side of the road.

Thanksgiving Program At Piney Grove Church

A very interesting and instructive Thanksgiving program was rendered at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist church last Thursday with the young people of the community participating. Mr. Don Roberson had charge of the program.

J. D. Taylor, of Bear Grass, addressed the morning meeting, and after a picnic dinner was enjoyed, the pastor, Rev. Abrams, preached a Thanksgiving sermon.

Packing Firm To Maintain Sweet Potato Mart Here

Headquarters Are Located In Old Union Storage Building

A regular sweet potato market will be maintained here during the next several months by the Corbett Package Company, of Wilmington, it was announced today by W. H. Corbett, young member of the firm. Headquarters have been opened in the old Union Storage house owned by J. G. Staton just to the rear of the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse.

Cleaning and grading machines have been set up in the building and the buyers are ready to start receiving farmers' stock.

Price quotations of 75 cents a bushel were released today by the firm, and first deliveries are expected tomorrow.

Buyers withheld any comment on future prices, but pointed out that heavy shipments were moving from other sections of the South. Several hundred carloads have already been moved from South Carolina and around 150 were moved out of Tabor City in this State a few days ago.

The market for the current crop is holding firm, but buyers point out that any appreciable increase in prices will possibly curtail demand and create a surplus, incomplete reports indicating that there is a bumper crop in the main potato areas this year.

Superior Court In Second Week Of A Special Term Here

\$50,000 Damage Suit Is Set For Trial In Court Tomorrow

Entering the second of a two weeks' term Monday for the trial of civil cases only, the Martin County Superior Court cleared a few cases during the day and is continuing its work according to schedule today. No cases have been set for trial after tomorrow, reports from the court indicating that possibly all day Thursday and a part of Friday will be required to complete the work.

Allowing a non-suit in the cases of Tom Alexander and D. Gray against Bennie Griffin, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, the presiding jurist, rapped the action of the defendant in going into bankruptcy allegedly to forestall payment in the suit. "A little charity is worth more than a few dollars," the jurist said, suggesting that the defendant ought to at least pay the doctors' bills of the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs were injured in an automobile wreck on the Washington Road, near Williamston, last December. Alexander brought suit to recover a \$100 doctor's bill and for \$1,500 personal injuries. Gray sued for \$200 doctor's bill and \$2,000 personal injuries. It was pointed out that the defendant went into bankruptcy last March, making it necessary for the plaintiffs to prove that the injuries and damages were the result of willful negligence before they claim could circumvent the bankruptcy action. It was apparent that the wreck carried no malicious intent, and when the defense made a motion of non-suit, the court granted it. An exception was noted by the defense attorney, B. A. Critcher. Attorneys Wheeler Martin and Clarence Griffin presented the defendant, a young Williams Township man.

Other proceedings not previously reported: In the case of Standard Fertilizer Company against Dock Baker and Sudie D. Corey, the court granted the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$301.23 with interest from January, 1932.

The case of Standard Fertilizer Company against C. L. Morris was non-suited, the plaintiff being taxed with the cost.

A judgment in the sum of \$401.93 with interest from May, 1931, was granted the Standard Fertilizer Company against J. R. Gladson.

The cases of Kan Manning against Mamie Manning and W. T. Rawleigh Company against W. J. Cochran were set for trial during the term of Martin Superior court convening in December.

Twenty-Two More Days To Shop Before Christmas

There are just twenty-two more shopping days before Christmas! Williamston merchants are already unpacking one of the largest stocks of Christmas goods in years with prices ranging lower than they were a year ago in many instances. Give Williamston merchants the first opportunity to serve you this holiday season. They appreciate your patronage at Christmas time and all the year long.

Willie Eborn Held In County Jail For Attempted Assault

Two Young Girls Continue To Norfolk from Here Friday

Charged with attempting to criminally assault Miss Mary McCoy, young white girl of Montgomery, West Virginia, between here and Washington last Thursday night, Willie Eborn, 20-year-old colored man, is being held in the Martin County jail for trial in the Beaufort Superior Court next January 16. Given a hearing before Judge John Mayo in the Beaufort County Recorder's Court last Friday, Eborn was unable to raise the \$1,000 bond, and he was brought here for safekeeping, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck explaining that repairs were being made to the jail in Washington.

Accompanied by Miss Ella Mae Baker, also of Montgomery, Miss McCoy was hitch-hiking from Kinston to Norfolk where she told officers she was employed in a restaurant. The two young women caught a ride to a filling station four miles this side of Washington. They started walking from there and had gone only a short distance before Eborn is alleged to have started following them. Eborn is alleged to have made "suggestive statements" and they ran to the home of John Small, aged colored man. After waiting there a short time they again started on their way and were accosted a second time by Eborn.

Miss McCoy told the court that Eborn dragged her off the highway into a side road, that she fell down in the mud. Eborn, becoming frightened by the lights of an approaching car, fled. The girls returned to the aged colored man's home and waited until he got them a ride to Williamston.

The girls reported the alleged attack to local police and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck with Patrolman Rothrock and Sheriff Rumley, of Beaufort, arrested Eborn about 2 o'clock Friday morning.

Eborn was identified by Small as the man who came to his home and demanded that the girls be driven out. Miss McCoy also identified him as the man who attempted to assault her.

Young Child Dies Early Yesterday

James Harry Bowen, seven-year-old son of Mrs. Fannie Bowen Revels and the late Harry Bowen, died at the home of his grandparents on Main Street here yesterday morning at 4:40 o'clock. The little fellow had been confined to his bed for almost a month. Following the accidental death of his father several years ago he had made his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Bowen. He had many friends among the little folks of the town and community, and was a bright little fellow and one who held the admiration of his playmates and his older friends.

Besides his mother he is survived by one brother, David Bowen.

Funeral services are being conducted from the main street home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers of the Primitive Baptist church. Interment will follow in the family plot at the old home place in Bear Grass Township.

Car Stolen From Local Street Early Yesterday

A 1937 Ford car was stolen from Mr. C. A. Harrison here early yesterday morning. The car was parked in front of the Harrison home on Academy Street. Late reports state that the car has not been found.

Police believe two strangers stole the machine after trying to steal one or two others in the same neighborhood.

Rev. Garland Bland To Preach Twice This Week

Rev. Garland Bland will conduct services at the First Christian church in Washington Wednesday night, November 30th. On Thursday night we will deliver a sermon at Macedonia Christian church near Williamston.

Mr. George W. Griffin, aged farmer and highly respected Griffins Township farmer, continues critically ill at his home here.

Mr. Clarence Gurkin, of Farm Life, was a business visitor here this morning.

Red Cross Drive Is Nearing \$100.00 In County Chapter

Few of the Canvassers Have Reported to County Chairman

The American Red Cross membership drive is nearing the \$100 mark in the Martin County Chapter today, Chairman Harry Biggs explaining that only a few of the canvassers had reported to date. Up until yesterday afternoon, four canvassers had reported and turned in to the chapter fund approximately \$88. Most of the reports yet to be received will cover the drive in the local schools and community. Bear Grass made numerous contributions and several memberships were received from the Farm Life territory.

The Robersonville Chapter, embracing Robersonville Township, Hamilton and Oak City, completed its campaign a few days ago, the chairman, Mrs. V. A. Ward reporting nearly 150 new members. It is likely that the drive will net around \$300 in the entire county.

Contributions made to the county chapter are:

Rev. John Whitley, Bear Grass, Annabel Hollowell, Henry D. Peele, C. U. Rogers, Asa Harris, Herman Rogerson, J. D. Wynn, Josephine Gurganus, J. C. Rawls, T. O. Hickman, McDolina Rogers, J. R. Rogers, Melba Grace Peel, H. O. Buckner, Peele Jewelry Co., Margolis Brothers, O. L. Willard, Gaylord Harrison, J. H. Ward, A. J. Manning, Ben Long Reeves, W. H. Carstaphen, Williamston Cafe, Israel's, C. W. Bazemore, Mrs. Mack Simpson, Ruby Barnhill, Constance Robins, Miss Caulfield, H. B. Hargett, J. L. Hassell, Howard Earp, R. L. Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Swain, Joe W. Griffin, Guaranty Bank and Trust Co., Proctor Shoppe, J. E. King, W. C. Manning, Jr., Virginia Electric and Power Co., \$5.00; H. M. Jones, J. D. Woolard, J. E. Pope, Henry Manning, L. T. Fowden, W. C. Haislip, Mrs. Kate Manning, Bowen's Store, B. F. Perry, Western Auto Store, Clark's Drug Store, D. R. Davis, Belk-Tyler Co., P. P. Peel, John Weir, Francis Manning, Modern Beauty Shop, Mrs. J. G. Staton, M. O. Elliott, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Dr. J. L. Spencer, Carter Studdert, B. S. Courtney, C. B. Martin, Marvin H. Leggett, Helen Gunter, Martin County Building and Loan Association, \$5.00; Mrs. N. C. Green, Mrs. Elbert Peel, Mrs. C. A. Harrison, Mrs. Bruce Wynne and Mrs. P. H. Brown.

Control Effects An Increase in Prices

A \$101,777,349 increase in North Carolina farm income was cited by Executive Secretary E. F. Arnold, of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation yesterday as an argument for continued crop control.

Arnold said the increase for 1938 over 1937 was \$53,980,000 for tobacco, \$24,480,000 for cotton, \$19,098,759 in soil conservation payments, and \$4,218,590 for peanuts.

The secretary said the record 1937 cotton crop of 19,000,000 bales had increased the carry-over to record of 13,700,000 bales. This year's crop was reduced to 12,000,000 bales. He said the income from cotton in 1932, when similar conditions prevailed, was \$460,000,000 but that it would be over \$850,000,000 this year, "due to two things, the AAA payments and the effects of the cotton loans."

He emphasized that without a favorable control vote December 10, the cotton loans would not be available under the AAA in 1939.

Advance Campaign for Control in This County

NUT MARKET

Following a lull caused by unfavorable weather, the peanut market today was reported to have a stronger tone today with fancy bunch commanding three and one-half cents. Fancy jumbos were quoted at three and three-quarters, but very few of that type have been offered on the market here so far.

Many sales have been reported around three cents, the reports pointing out that the quality of the crop is unusually poor this year.

Predict Drop Of A Billion Pounds If Plan Is Defeated

Will Hold Number of Meetings in Various Communities

A whirlwind campaign in behalf of a crop control program is now well underway in this county, the county agent's office reporting a rousing meeting in Oak City last evening. Plans have been completed for carrying the campaign into nearly every community in the county between now and Saturday-week when farmers vote for or against control of cotton and tobacco acreages and production.

Last evening, more than 200 farmers attended a meeting in Oak City and heard Messrs. Foxhall, of Tabor, and Fenner, of Rocky Mount, predict there will be a billion-pound tobacco crop produced in 1939 if the control program is defeated on Saturday, December 10. "And growers can expect eight cents or less a pound for their tobacco," the speakers added.

Reports from the meeting clearly indicated that Martin County farmers in that section will give the program a strong support. Only one dissenting action was taken, a lone farmer leaving the meeting before hearing all the arguments for control.

Changes in the 1939 program were pointed out and reviewed by representatives from the county agent's office.

Tomorrow evening (Wednesday) at 7:30 o'clock, the campaign will be carried into Williams Township, and farmers are expected to pack the little township-house near Godard's Filling Station.

On Friday evening at the same hour, a meeting will be held in the Jamesville School auditorium. Farmers of Griffins Township are to meet in the Farm Life School auditorium, and Bear Grass Township farmers are to meet in the Bear Grass School auditorium next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The campaigners will divide themselves into two teams for the two meetings that night.

Next Tuesday, Robersonville farmers will meet in the Robersonville High School auditorium at the same hour, 7:30.

On Wednesday, December 7, a county-wide meeting will be held in the courthouse. This meeting will attract a prominent speaker and a large gathering of farmers is expected.

The last of the community meetings will be held on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditoriums at Everetts and Hassell for farmers in Cross Roads and Hamilton Townships, respectively.

In addition to the campaign in this county, extensive drives are underway in other counties. Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco division comes to Greenville from Washington City to speak at a meeting in the college auditorium. On Thursday morning, Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, will speak at 11 o'clock in the Memorial auditorium in Raleigh. Martin County farmers are invited and urged to attend as many of the meetings as they possibly can. A fairly large number from this county is planning to hear both Mr. Hutson and Mr. Wallace.

Where To Locate Your Tobacco Plant Bed

The tobacco bed should be located in a well-drained spot. It should also have southern or southwestern exposure so that the young plants will get all the sunshine possible. Select a loamy type of soil and locate the bed close to a water supply, if possible. It is also better to have several small beds widely separated rather than one big bed. In this way, the chances for some of the beds escaping the blue mold are greatly increased. In selecting the new sites, get as far away as possible from old beds.

Developer Of Cotton Seed Dies Suddenly

David R. Coker, known throughout the South for his work in developing a superior strain of cotton seed, died suddenly in his sleep in Hartsville, S. C., Monday one day before his 68th birthday.

Martin County farmers are planting the seed developed by Mr. Coker in increasing quantities each year.