

## Rev. Olin T. Binkley Conducting Services In Baptist Church

### Special Meeting Will Last Through Friday of This Week

Dr. Olin T. Binkley, able Biblical scholar and minister who opened a series of services in the local Baptist Church Sunday morning is preaching to sizable congregations each evening. Heard by members of the several denominations in the community, the sermons are being well received, the event being recognized as of great value to the religious life of the town and community.

Head of the Wake Forest College Department of Religion, Dr. Binkley will speak each evening during the remainder of this week at 7:30 o'clock except tomorrow evening when the service is scheduled to start at 7:15 to avoid a conflict with a meeting of the local parent-teacher association.

A brief review of Dr. Binkley's sermons follows:

**Sunday A. M.—Subject: Eternal Life**  
The religion of Jesus keeps alive in the hearts of men an adequate hopefulness. The Christian cherishes two hopes: the coming of the Kingdom of God upon earth, and the possession and experience of eternal life. The deepest and most persistent desire in human experience is for richness and fullness and permanence of life.

At the Easter season when we affirm our faith in God and celebrate the victory of life over death and of love over hatred, we should remember that eternal life is the gift of God. We do not earn it or create it, it is something which we receive, or inherit, or enter into. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Moreover, eternal life has ethical content, it is the transformed and abundant life which is lived in grateful obedience to the moral laws of life which Jesus taught and demonstrated in his own life of complete sincerity, perfect love and ultimate victory. This quality of life involves continuous approximation of the character of God.

Eternal life, also, has religious significance and content. It is life which is lived in harmony and in friendly fellowship with God. Jesus taught that God is alive and that the human personalities who live in fellowship with Him share His life and can never be destroyed.

**Sunday Night — Subject: Christian Witnesses**

One of the earliest documents of the Christian faith tells us that on the first Easter evening a few of the disciples and friends of Jesus gathered in Jerusalem and "related their own experiences." They had been convinced that the spirit of Jesus had bridged the gap of death and that he was alive and in vital touch with his lives. Accordingly, they related what they had learned in their first-hand experiences.

The Christian witness speaks the truth about what he has learned and felt and resolved to do. He seeks to call attention not to himself but to Christ. He desires to present the insights and standards of Jesus as accurately, effectively, and persuasively as possible.

We increase our knowledge of God and of life by participating in the experience of worship, by friendly association with Christ-like personalities, and by ministering graciously and intelligently to human need.

**Monday—Subject: The Life That Is Worthwhile of the Gospel of Christ**  
"Is my life worthwhile of the Gospel of Christ?" Dr. Binkley pointed out four characteristics worthwhile of the gospel of Christ:

First, that you must have the quality of steadfastness in your religion, standing fast in one spirit with one mind striving together for the faith.

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## Attendance Increase In Local Churches

By REV. JOHN L. GOFF  
Easter dawned bright and fair Sunday morning. The sunrise prayer service schedule at the Williams-ton Church was very well attended. The program was in charge of J. O. Manning. A trio composed of Misses Catherine Manning, Elizabeth Parker and Marjorie Gray Dunn, sang two selections, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," and "The Lord's Prayer." Charles Manning read the Easter story from Mark's Gospel. J. C. Manning made a brief talk as did the pastor, Mr. Goff.

All the churches reported fine Sunday school attendance and the same for the morning services. Most of the young people's meetings and the evening services were snowed out.

Dr. O. T. Binkley will continue his series of services each night this week at the Baptist Church at 7:30, except on Wednesday night when the starting time will be 7:15.

The Christian Church will not hold the regular mid-week service as scheduled in order that the membership may attend the Baptist meeting.

All of the attendance figures for Sunday could not be procured immediately so plans are being made to have them in time for next week's paper.

## Three Candidates for Two Seats in Senate

### CANDIDATE



P. G. Gallop, Hyde County man, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the State Senate from this, the second district.

## Gay Easter Parade Upset By Old Man Winter In Nation

### Few Daring Souls Braved Low Temperatures To Display Easter Fineries

Officially counted out last Wednesday, Old Man Winter darted back for a brief interval to upset the gay Easter parade and send the nation shivering to shelter Sunday. The snow last Sunday was the first to fall here at Easter time in a quarter of a century. Temperatures dropped to the low twenties by early afternoon and during eight hours snow fell without interruption to lay a five-inch white blanket over the earth. The first few flakes, a bit small to be sure, were seen right at one o'clock. At eight o'clock that evening, the clouds had almost emptied themselves, but intermittent falls were reported even later than that hour.

Chalking up the greatest Easter business for local merchants, the local population in some daring instances braved the elements and ventured forth attired only in their Easter finery including well-prepared corsages. Occasionally a brave soul, minus her coat, attracted attention and possibly sympathy from others attired in their furs and heavy winter garb.

About the only bright spot in the program of the day was that no rain fell to damage the gorgeous frocks and bedazzling lids some are prone to call hats. The main Easter parade, centering along the walks leading to and from the several churches, both white and colored, was spent and the victims of freezing weather were safely located around their firesides when Old Man Winter started putting on his sparkling white garb.

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## County Schoolmasters To Give Oyster Roast Here

A liberal schoolmasters' club will play host to Martin County teachers and school officials at an oyster roast in the local gymnasium Thursday evening of this week at 7 o'clock.

Forty bushels of oysters will be delivered here that day to feed the more than 150 teachers and school officials.

## Weather Man Goes On Record With A Large Easter Snow

While Millady was talking much and worrying even more about the snow on Easter Sunday, the weather men were busy digging up old data to keep the records straight. No snow has fallen on an Easter Sunday in the memory of most of us, but there has been snow on the ground at Easter time more than once. Back in 1915 there were "several" inches of snow on the ground at Easter-time on April 4th.

The official record for the snow here Sunday was placed at 4.2 inches by the weatherman, but unofficially, recordings were as high as six inches.

Temperatures dropped to the low twenties, one unofficial report placing the mercury at 26 degrees Easter Sunday and at 23 degrees during last night.

For the present, at least, the 1940 Easter weather record eclipses all other records and it is generally agreed that Old Man Winter will have a difficult task trying to beat it in the future.

## P. G. Gallop, Hyde County Man, Tosses Hat Into The Ring

### Fearing, of Dare, and Horton, Of Martin, Announced Sometime Ago

After being centered around the county treasurer for more than a week, interest in politics shifted to the district front over the past weekend when P. G. Gallop, superintendent of the Hyde County Schools, announced his candidacy for a seat in the State Senate from this district.

His announcement creates a three-cornered race for the two seats allotted the seven counties—Pamlico, Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin and Dare—in the second senatorial district. D. B. Fearing, Manteo man, is seeking renomination and reelection for a second term and Hugh G. Horton, for several terms a member of the House from Williamston, is seeking a seat in the higher chamber.

No mention was made of the period Hyde has been without direct representation in the Senate, the third candidate for the senate from this district merely outlining briefly his platform and appealing to the Democrats of the district for their support.

Mr. Gallop, a native of Currituck County, has been county superintendent of schools in Hyde County for five years and was previously county superintendent of schools in Pamlico County in the same senatorial district for two years. He is a member of the Christian church, the Masonic Lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being president of the second Odd Fellow district, past president and organizer of the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce, an Eagle Scout, and member of the Greater Albemarle Association in addition to professional associations.

In his formal announcement made this week, Mr. Gallop said, "I favor a very definite program for the schools, for equity of highway construction, improved farm-to-market roads, diversified farming and improved farm marketing program and protection of the game fish and oyster and all other natural and cultivable resources within our bounds."

"My ambition and my desire is to cooperate with the county representatives, to safeguard the interests of our people in this senatorial district, and the state to the end of becoming a more intellectual people of our history, ourselves, our possibilities, and move forward together and equally, thereby competing favorably with the more progressive and fortunate. I guarantee impartial consideration of all problems and legislation within the second senatorial district, to the end of definite improvement, without undue financial burden."

## Superior Court Is Nearing Close Here

After completing the trial of the criminal docket and removing eleven cases from the civil calendar, the March term of the Martin County Superior Court was reported to be nearing adjournment early this afternoon. Eleven cases were continued when Attorney E. S. Peel could not appear in court on account of illness and the term is being brought to a hurried close.

After observing Easter Monday as a holiday, the court resumed its work this morning. A divorce was granted Myrtle Edmondson in her case against Richard Edmondson, the action being based on two years of separation. Just before noon the court was working on the case of Coburn and Coburn against J. Daniel Biggs, the issue in the case being, "what amount, if any, is the defendant, indebted to the plaintiffs."

Judge Q. K. Nimock of Fayetteville, is presiding, and a comparatively small crowd was present today for the proceedings.

## School Attendance Is Back To Normal

Dropping to a comparatively low figure yesterday on account of snow and cold, attendance figures upon the various schools in the county were reported near normal today. On an average, the attendance figure yesterday for all the schools was right at 76 per cent of normal.

All but two of the 54 trucks in the school transportation system made their runs. Quite a few operated on a late schedule, however, and activities in the schools were partially disrupted.

## Easter A Quarter Of A Century Ago In The Community

To refresh the memories of the old boys and girls about snow at Easter-time, the following story is being reprinted as it appeared in The Enterprise a quarter of a century ago. Easter came on April 3, 1915, the year in question, and according to the old records "several inches of snow blanketed the earth on Easter Sunday morning."

The story, as it appeared in The Enterprise on April 9, 1915:

### EASTER DAY

Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitants has there been such snow on the ground when "at the matin hour" all nature awoke to sing the triumphant song of the Resurrection. But Easter of 1915 will be remembered for snow beneath a brilliant sun. The last remnant of winter had come the day before and dimmed the coming of the glorious day. Hearts were clouded because of the promise of leaden skies, but not so, for never has there been a more perfect outlook when the people arose on Easter morning. Soon the snow melted on the streets, and by evening, they were almost dry.

Sunday School children and their elders in spring suits, filled their classes and their hearts were joyous in the spirit of the hour. There were services at the Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal churches. Owing to the weather on Saturday, there could not be any preparations for decorations, except flowers from the florist, but the hymns and anthems filled the hearts of the hearers, and the story of the Resurrection was the theme of the sermons.

At 3:30 the pupils of the Episcopal Sunday School assembled with a number of friends, and presented their offering for Missions. A simple program arranged by the pupils themselves, made a pleasing impression on the audience. Master George Howard Kent made the address of welcome after the singing of hymn number 109. Superintendent Mizell led in the prayers and the Creed. The Junior Auxiliary sang hymn 118, and presented an attractive appearance aside from the sweet and perfect rendition of the Easter hymn. There were recitations by Annie Clyde Gurganus, Martha and Elizabeth Hassell, Sallie Cook and Martha Colten Crawford. While Hymn 249 was sung, the mite boxes were deposited at the foot of the altar by the pupils.

A few words were spoken by the rector, the recessional was sung and then the benediction. The amount in the boxes was \$85.95 with several to be collected.

## Cold Weather Stops Fishing On Roanoke

Freezing temperatures and a five-inch snow interrupted seine fishing on the Roanoke River yesterday, for the first time in years and years the annual trek of hundreds of visitors and buyers was virtually abandoned.

In an effort to maintain tradition, Mr. C. C. Fleming, owner, had the fishery placed in operation yesterday morning while snow was on the ground and while a cold wind swept the river. Landing only 15 or 20 herring at a haul, activities were halted, reports from the plant stating that operations would hardly be resumed until the return of warmer weather. It was the first time in years if not in history that the fishery had even attempted to operate with five inches of snow on the ground.

When warm weather gets a firm hold and the fish start running in greater numbers, the operator is expecting a record attendance for visitors.

## Parents-Teachers To Meet Here Tomorrow Night

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold its March meeting Wednesday night, March 27, at 8:15 in the high school auditorium. A special musical program featuring a second grade playlet, "A Dream of Holland," and songs by the high school glee clubs will be rendered.

The high school choruses will sing all numbers being prepared for the District Music Contest in Greenville next Saturday.

All parents and interested adults are urged to be present for the meeting which will last only one hour.

### APPEAL

Meeting in mass session in the Everetts School auditorium on Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock, patrons of the Everetts school district are expected to formulate an appeal to county and state school authorities urging the restoration of their high school department. "Considerable interest is being shown in the movement, and we believe we have a valid claim to the return of our high school," an Everett citizen said this morning in announcing the mass meeting.

The Everetts High School was consolidated with the one at Robersonville in 1933 when the attendance dropped below 60. There are now approximately 80 high school pupils in the district.

## New Registration of Voters Is Ordered by Board of Elections For County at Saturday Meeting

### Schedule Of Events Complete for Scout Camporee Saturday

### Youths From At Least Five Counties Expected Here For Big Event

Williamston Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster Horace Ray, are rapidly completing plans for entertaining a district camporee on the grammar school grounds here this week-end. Boy Scouts from at least five counties are expected to participate in the camporee which is being planned on an extensive scale. According to Scoutmaster Ray, youths will come here from Washington, Everetts, Robersonville, Windsor, Pinetops, Hobgood and Powellsville and others are expected from Plymouth, Roper and Creswell.

The local chamber of commerce, the town and individuals have announced their willingness to support the camporee by furnishing certain supplies and services. The Marco Theatre will present a program to the lads free Saturday night, and individual citizens will participate in the two-day program when needed. No elaborate entertainment program is necessary, according to Scoutmaster Ray who explains that the camporee is being held primarily as a training school for the Scouts who will attend the Eastern meet in Kinston within the next few weeks. Strict judging is expected, and the boys attending the camporee are expected to hold an advantage when they meet the several hundreds in Kinston.

Field Commissioner W. Harvey Sharrer, of Severn, and Scout Executive Sigwald, of Wilson, will attend the camporee and serve in various capacities.

### The following schedule for the camporee was released today by Scoutmaster Ray:

**Saturday, March 30**  
9:00-10:30—Registration. Inspection of correct uniform, insignia and packs.

10:30 to 11:30—Setting up camp. Tentage and bedding inspection.

11:30 to 1:30—Cook and eat dinner. (Food, menu and maintaining camp inspection.)

1:30 to 2:30—Rest period. Board of review.

2:30 to 2:45—Prepare for parade.

2:45 to 3:15—Parade.

3:15 to 3:30—Prepare for Scouting activities.

3:30 to 5:30—Scouting activities—First aid, judging, knot tying, nature, compass, signalling, string burning, wood chopping.

5:30 to 7:00—Cook and eat supper.

6:19—Flag lowering.

7:00 to 7:30—Camp fire court of honor. Welcome from mayor.

7:30 to 9:30—Free show at Marco. Courtesy of J. W. Watts.

9:30 to 10:00—Free period.

10:00—Taps.

**Sunday, March 31**  
7:00 a. m.—First call.

7:30 to 9:00—Cook and eat breakfast. Pack up, clean up, ground inspection.

9:00 to 9:30—Devotional service by Rev. John L. Goff.

9:30 to 10:00—Closing camp. (Exhibits, gateways and projects will be judged as soon as completed on Saturday.)

Coming here with their scoutmasters, many of the youths will be visited by their parents and the public is invited to visit the encampment.

## Texaco Dealers In Annual Meet Here

Numbering more than 100 strong, Texaco dealers from two counties—Martin and Bertie—held their annual get-together meeting in the Woman's Club here last Friday evening when an appetizing turkey supper was served and an entertaining program was rendered under the auspices of the Harrison Oil Company, distributors of Texaco products in this district.

Lasting for more than two and one-half hours, the program proved highly instructive as well as entertaining. The part the company is holding in the development of the gasoline industry and its work in manufacturing and marketing leading brands of gasoline was well demonstrated. One of the company representatives pointed out that while certain gasolines manage to rate as regular, there are other gasolines that are far superior in performance and yet they are rated as regular. "We hardly think such a law is fair," the representative added.

An interesting picture centering around automobile racing and the service station business was shown as a part of the program and the little skit by Messrs. Voshell and Sheppard was enjoyed.

Prizes were awarded and the get-together was enjoyed by the oil men and special guests.

### CROP DAMAGE

Certain that the Sunday snow and following freezing weather will prove costly to plants and possibly to fruit trees, farmers in this county hesitated today to offer an estimate of the damage extent.

Damage to tobacco plants can be expected over a spotted area, one farmer said. It is possible that fruit trees and tender plants were damaged when low temperatures caused the formation of ice nearly a quarter of an inch thick.

Farmers were agreed that the cold weather would retard the growth of tobacco plants and delay transplanting from one to two weeks. Some went so far as to predict a shortage of plants and a scarcity of fruit as a result of the cold weather.

## Untimely Death Is Cited By Head Of Board Of Health

### Stresses Importance of Having Expectant Mothers Visit Pre-Natal Clinics

By DR. JOHN W. WILLIAMS

Martin County Health Officer

The following story has been reported to this office:

A local physician was called in the country to a 15-year-old unmarried Negro girl. He found her having epileptic fits due to pregnancy.

She was carried to a hospital, labor was induced, a live baby was born but the mother died.

If someone had only told that girl about either of our four-month prenatal clinics and she had attended, she could have been saved, because at these clinics danger signs of pregnancy are looked for and the condition corrected. This saves expense, invalidism and life.

Many expectant mothers wait until labor begins to consult her physician. This is wrong. She should be under his care from the beginning to the end of pregnancy and if financially unable to have this service should attend our clinics. We hold one each month at Williamston, Robersonville, Jamesville and Oak City. All our midwives are required to see that their patients attend the clinics before and after the baby is born. We will recall permit if they do not.

Quite a number of Negro mothers attended, but we know there are many white expectant mothers who are not able to have private physician's care and they should come to the nearest clinic where separate, careful, private examination is made of each case and advice given.

White or black, a life is a life to us, and it's up to every citizen especially the landlord of the farms, to help us get patients and save life.

## Local Masons To Observe Open House This Evening

Local Masons are anticipating a goodly number of visitors this evening at 8:15 o'clock when they hold "open house" for the general public. As far as it can be learned this is the first time that a Masonic lodge has held "open house."

Several members who have served the local lodge for 25 years or more will be awarded certificates.

## Great Britain May Lift Ban On East Carolina Tobacco

An encouraging note for Eastern North Carolina tobacco growers was sounded last week-end when Great Britain announced that it was making efforts to lift the embargo placed on the bright leaf produced in this section. Unofficial sources explained that England had placed the embargo on tobacco to make available more dollars for the purchase of war supplies. It is thought that the purchase of planes and other materials for war will be slightly reduced below the budget estimates to meet the cost of the tobacco trade. It was pointed out, however, that purchases would not approximate those of former years.

The report intimated that the import ban on pork and apples would be lifted, in part, at least.

While the lifting of the ban on tobacco is encouraging, there is no cause for great rejoicing because a crop is already packed and ready for shipment independently of 1940 farm production.

## Action Taken After Lengthy Discussion By Board Members

### Democrats Fear Big Decrease In Size of Vote As a Direct Result

Meeting in official session in the clerk of court's office last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, the Martin County Board of Elections ordered a new registration of voters in every one of the twelve precincts, perfected its organization and discussed the advisability of creating an additional precinct in the Williamston territory. Mr. Sylvester Peel, of Griffin Township, for a number of years chairman of the board, was re-elected and Mr. J. R. Winslow, of Robersonville, was re-elected secretary. Mr. Wade Vick, of Robersonville and a new member representing the Republican party, was present and participated in the meeting.

The action calling for a new registration of voters throughout the county has been criticized by a number of old-time Democrats. In the meeting it was almost apparent that the board would obey the dictates of the law by calling for a re-listing of voters, but the Republican member stated that he believed a new registration would solve the problem better than a re-listing and the vote was recorded as unanimous for the motion. The matter was discussed at length, the board recessing at 12:30 for lunch and renewing its discussion for a full half an hour that afternoon. It was apparent that instructions approaching the dictatorial kind from W. A. Lucas, chairman of the State board of elections, had their effect. It was gathered from Mr. Lucas' letter that where the old registration books did not show party affiliation, a new registration was mandatory. It is understood that the law makes provision for gaining this information along with other data direct from the voter if and when the county election officials call for a re-listing.

An old Democrat, learning a new registration had been ordered, frankly stated that it would make very little or no difference to the Democrats in the primary, but that the action in this and other counties would materially decrease the democratic strength in the November election.

Then it was pointed out in the way of comment that a new registration in throwing the books wide open will alter the color of the book. The Grandfather clause was mentioned, and it is understood that one registered under the grandfather clause will not be eligible to vote in the primary unless he asserts that right during the registration period. In other words, everyone who fails to register and qualify to vote during the registration period cannot participate in the May 25 primary.

Members of the board reasoned that a new registration would be in keeping with the movement to improve politics in the State, that leaders could rebuild the voting strength of their parties on a fair foundation.

The books will be opened on Saturday, April 27 and close on Saturday, May 11, at sunset. It will be up to the party leaders—to get their forces to register. Observers maintain, however, that less than 75 per cent of the names on the books now will be included in the new registration in time for voting in the May 25 or even in the November election. While a call for the new registration creates this particular problem, it can be solved and it is up to the party leaders to solve it by getting their forces to register. Certainly the

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## Three Persons Are Hurt In Accident

Three persons were hurt but not seriously when their car skidded and landed in a ditch about five miles east of here on U. S. Highway No. 17 early last Sunday evening. Miss Mary Whitley, teacher in the local schools, suffered a painful cut on her nose. Three stitches were necessary to close the wound. Mr. Garland Barnhill was painfully cut on his knee and is confined to his bed. His injury is not considered serious, attending physicians stating that he will be able to get out in a few days. Mrs. Barnhill was painfully bruised on her foot, but reports this morning stated that all three were getting along very well.

The wreck victims were returning from a visit with relatives in Pendleton and Murfreesboro when the car, a Buick sedan, skidded on the snow-covered road. Traveling hardy more than 25 miles an hour at the time of the accident, the car was said to have been damaged not more than \$150.