

Missionary Tells Of Conditions In Conquered China

Dr. Chas. A. Leonard Pleads For Foreign Mission in Baptist Church Talk

Speaking in the Baptist Church here last Sunday morning, Dr. Chas. A. Leonard, Sr., told of the tragic conditions existing in China and pleaded for a continued support of foreign missions. Dr. Leonard, accompanied by Mrs. Leonard, is spending a few months in this country before returning to China to continue his work behind the battle lines. Talking on conditions in Manchuria, Dr. Leonard said:

"It is hard for us over here to realize how little it takes to carry a missionary or preacher for a year. We were once lost just like the people in China. Let us not forget whence our blessings have come. \$150.00 will support a lady missionary for a whole year. Manchuria missionaries are supported by individuals. There is so much responsibility that I feel very humble and little in doing the bit that I do but there are so many men and women who can be supported by you. China is looking to us for support for those people over there. The work must be carried on and unless it is done, all past work will be in vain. Wouldn't you like to have a church building in Manchuria or China as a memorial? It is impossible for them to build a church without outside aid and it is impossible for the gospel to go to them unless we make it possible for the missionaries to go out in this evangelistic work.

"We, Mrs. Leonard and I, have come over here in order that we might go back. We have come over here in order that we might prepare for future work and go back again. The Lord wants us to go and lead those people out there and we are thankful for those who are making it possible for us to go. I want you to realize that there are two sides of the picture, that it is just as bright as it is dark. This morning I want to show you the dark side. It is necessary for us to see the actual needs in order to realize the needs there.

"First, let me speak of the poverty of the Chinese people. You can't realize how poor these people actually are. The people are so poor that before daylight people are picking leaves up off the streets and the roots of the grass to use them for fuel. Often they fight over these leaves and roots. The people are so poor that they are underfed. The Chinese people, who have given themselves to the Lord's work eat still less. Your average meal over here is such that they would have at a feast or wedding. Now since Japan has come there and ruined the set-up, the conditions are even worse. When we go back around the first of January, we are planning to go back in that part of China called Free China, back of the Chinese and Japanese lines in order that we might meet some of the needs in that part of the world. Our work in Manchuria has largely been pioneering.

"Where the Japanese have come in, they have greatly increased the poverty of the people. The spiritual poverty of the people is as great or greater than the physical poverty.

"There are several different phases of practice which I would like for you to look into this morning. First, there is the practice of foot binding. The origin of foot-binding is so old that they do not know when it began. A little girl around three or four years old, little toes are bent over and bound with canvas and sometimes infection sets in and joints and bones are taken out of the foot. Because of this terrible practice, they are unable to work and have to hobble and hop around and have to work on their hands. Baby girls are slapped when they cry over their bound feet but the mothers tell them that they had to come up the same way when they were little girls and that if their feet are large, they can't sell them. Those Chinese, who have become Christians, no longer practice this, but millions still practice

(Continued on page four)

Woman Run Down By Car Saturday

Beatrice, 30-year-old colored woman, suffered a broken arm and bruises about the body on Washington Street here last Saturday evening about 8:30 o'clock when she darted into the street and was run down by a car driven by Warren Riddick, young colored man. Her left arm was broken in three places and she was badly bruised on her hip when she was knocked under another car across the street. She crawled from under the second vehicle and ran away. One report stated that another motorist carried her to a doctor, but after visiting all the doctors' offices, Riddick and officers were unable to find her. Yesterday morning she reported for treatment. Riddick was driving slowly on the street in front of the old Buck Speller store on Washington Street. Cars were parked on both sides of the street, and people crowded the sidewalk and street, making a dangerous setting for pedestrians as well as motorists.

Market Has One Of Its Most Successful Sales Of Season

Selling 268,424 pounds, the local tobacco market had one of its most successful sales of the season yesterday, the entire sale averaging right at 39-cents a pound. The poundage was much larger than was expected, and the floors were barely cleared at closing time in the afternoon. However, observers declare that every bit of 90 per cent of the crop has been marketed, and that sales will gradually diminish from now until the end of the season. Approximately 75,000 pounds were placed on the floors this morning and sales were completed before noon. Prices today were reported hardly as strong as they were yesterday, but the sales were interrupted fairly frequently by damaged lots, the good tobacco holding to the level reported yesterday.

Dozens of farmers sold the last of

their crops yesterday, but the market operators are expecting fairly large sales during the next week or ten days. No closing date has been definitely mentioned, but this morning it was fairly evident that the crop will have been disposed of in its entirety by the latter part of this month.

Including the day's sales, the market has sold approximately 5,900,000 pounds, the average for the season standing right at 29 cents. Sales during the past few days have considerably boosted the average, several sales ranging as high as 40 cents having been reported for entire breaks in first one and then another of the houses.

No general per acre price average has been figured, but individual farmers have reported receipts running as high as \$550 and \$600 an acre.

Gymnasium Projects Approved In County

DEFENSE BONDS

The people of this section may be for an all-out defense, but reliable reports clearly indicate that they are not quite ready to help finance it. Repeated appeals have been made, urging the people to help finance the defense program and at the same time lay aside extra cash to help cushion the shock that is certain to come when the present debacle is ended. The purchase of bonds by small-scale folks is being urged, but apparently most of the sales have been to those in the higher finance brackets. Since May 1, the people in this immediate community or section have invested \$25,381.25 in defense bonds. The sales were unofficially reported by months, as follows:

May, \$2,137.50; June, \$6,018.75; July, \$8,525.00; August \$3,131.25 and September, \$5,568.75.

New German Drive Against Moscow Is Reported Underway

Three Million Men Are Said To Be On March Toward The Soviet Capital

One of the greatest offensives in war annals was reported in the making this morning when unconfirmed reports declared that three million Germans, 5,000 tanks and 5,000 planes had been turned on Moscow, Russian reports, ignoring the news telling of the vast offensive, declared that the Soviet lines were holding and that costly attacks had been made at widely scattered points against the invaders. Germany's high command merely stated that the offensive was advancing according to plan, offering no details and making no staggering claims which have been embraced in most of all the Nazi reports.

Spending nearly four months in Russia, Hitler apparently is disappointed with the progress of his armies there. Failing in his drive against Leningrad, Hitler is apparently shifting his attention to the Soviet capital and to the rich Ukraine basin and Russia's valuable industrial areas.

Military observers in London today were quoted as saying that Hitler was gambling everything on a quick and decisive drive into Russia before the dead of winter closes in on him. There is no doubt but what some great offensive is brewing, that apparently Hitler is now making every effort to seal his eastern border before turning to the west and to the task of invading the British Isles.

All is not well with Germany's allies, a late report stating that Rumania is tired of the whole business and is ready to quit after sustaining staggering losses at the hands of the Russians in and around the Odessa area especially. Twelve Rumanian generals are said to have been killed by the Germans for refusing to fight.

(Continued on page four)

BOOKMOBILE

The B-H-M regional library association bookmobile completed its first schedule in this county last week after visiting nearly every nook and corner in the county. Operated by Miss Bernice Ward, the county-State supported bookmobile placed 436 books into the hands of readers, most of whom were children. A second trip will be made in this county the last week in October when the books will be taken in and others distributed. The bookmobile is operating in Hyde County this week.

This Week In Defense

Aid To Britain, Russia

Lend-lease Expediter Harriman and Lord Beaverbrook, heads of the U. S. and British missions to Moscow, announced in a joint statement the United States and Great Britain have "decided to place at the disposal of the Soviet Government practically every requirement for which the Soviet military and civil authorities have asked." The President told his press conference his rule of thumb of 50-50 allocation of war material production between this country and anti-Axis foreign powers is still in effect on the average.

Agriculture Secretary Wickard, speaking in Memphis, Tenn., said this country has shipped or bought for England about half a billion dollars worth of food, and "within the next year we expect to ship or buy at least another billion dollars worth." Federal Loan Administrator Jones announced the third disbursement of \$75,000,000 on the \$425,000,000 loan to Britain. He also announced a second disbursement of \$20,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 authorized for the Amtorg Trading Corporation, a U. S. corporation owned by Russian interests.

Freedom of Religion in Russia

President Roosevelt told his press conference that W. Averell Harriman, chief of the American Mission to Moscow, has been specifically instructed to take up with the Russian Government the question of religious freedom in the Soviet Union. Earlier he issued a statement that "it is hoped... an entering wedge for the practice of complete freedom of religion is definitely on its way" in Russia.

Post-War International Cooperation

Supreme Court Justice Jackson told the annual convention of the American Bar Association that "at the end of this war we must either throw the full weight of American influence to the support of an international order based on law, or we must outstrip the world in naval and air and perhaps in military force." The tragedy and irony of the present position of the United States, he said, is that this country which would not join a League of Nations which advocated economic sanctions, is "now imposing those very sanctions against half the world in an effort to turn the fortunes of war."

Inflation Control

Price Administrator Henderson, speaking in New York, said that the country is now experiencing the "jagged, irregular price advances" with which inflation starts. Unless inflation is restricted, he said, it will prevent arming and undermine the priorities system because "the getting of materials will depend not on the buyer's need but the seller's greed."

He said a doubling of prices means a reduction in value by 50 per cent of every insurance policy, annuity, savings account, pension or other form of savings.

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, speaking in Chicago, said the Treasury is anxious to divert into defense stamps and bonds spending produced by pay increases and bonuses. He suggested every Christmas bonus be paid in defense bonds or stamps.

Partially to combat inflation, the President plans to ask Congress to extend the Social Security program to 80,000,000 persons — double the number now covered. Increased payroll taxes under the program would remove additional funds from circulation.

(Continued on page four)

Fifteen Young Men Leaving For Army

Fifteen young Martin County men are scheduled to leave here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock for the Army induction center at Fort Bragg. Seventeen were called, but one of them, Eli Clayton Rogers, of Route 3, Williamston, volunteered a few days ago, and a second one, William Harcom Capps, asked for a reclassification. Capps is asking to be deferred or reclassified on account of dependency.

The names of the young men leaving tomorrow are:

Jesse Dennis Wynne, Route 3, Williamston; Woodrow Bullock Sugg, Jamesville; Robert Asa Edmondson, Jr., Hamilton; Irvin Clifford Griffin, 216 Houghton Street, Williamston; Craven Baker Roebuck, Hamilton; James McKimmon Saunders, Jr., 106 Church Street, Williamston; Earl Woodley Griffin, Jamesville; Robert Thomas Pritchett, Dardens; Kelly B. Cowey, Oak City; Jesse David Heath, Route 1, Williamston; Cyril Harrison Respass, Route 1, Robersonville; William Nathan Cherry, Everetts; Archie Benjamin Griffin, Route 4, Williamston; George Wiley Keel, Route 1, Robersonville; Dave Dickerson, Route 2, Jamesville.

No official notice has been received, but it is understood that no quota either for white or colored selectees has been assigned this county for November. More than 1,800 men are being called in the State for induction next month, 1,530 whites and 331 Negroes.

Eleven colored men are to report for induction on the 28th of this month.

All-Time Tax Collector Named For County By Commissioners In Regular Session Here Monday

Postal Receipts Reach A New High Figure In Local Office

Postal receipts reached an all-time high figure for the third quarter when the income jumped from \$4,698.51 for the third quarter in 1940, to \$5,653.15 during the period recently ended for a resulting increase of \$954.64. Postmaster L. T. Fowden, admitting that the total figures look small compared with those for the big offices, is talking about the gain in percentage. Complete comparisons are not available, but the percentage gain here will, it is believed, hold its own against any in the State.

Postmaster Fowden can trace the unusually large gain to no one thing other than a general increase in business. He pointed out that letters, mostly love letters to sweethearts in the army, are increasing in volume

and that the Williamston Peanut Company and Williamston Package Manufacturing Company increased their correspondence considerably during the recent quarter. While postal receipts were showing a gain of nearly \$1,000, the money order business was almost doubled, jumping from \$27,967.75 in the third quarter of 1940 to \$51,952.65 in the corresponding period this year. The money order business in August this year was more than double the amount reported in August, 1940, and reached a new high peak last month when \$33,298.34 was bundled up and sent through the local postoffice mostly to mail order houses. After these many years, mail order business is now subject to the State sales or use tax.

Luther Peel Given \$3,000 A Year Job In County Shakeup

Status of Tax Collection System Not Definitely Determined At This Time

Breaking away from an age-old system under which the sheriff's office handled tax collections, the Martin County Commissioners in regular session here yesterday named an all-time tax collector, the appointment going to Mr. Luther Peel and carrying a salary of \$3,000 a year plus a limit of \$900 for clerical help. The collector, it was pointed out in the meeting minutes, is to furnish his own transportation.

The status of the tax collection system as proposed has not been definitely determined, leaving the new plan to adjust itself after the new and all-time collector qualifies for the job. Mr. Peel, accepting the job night that he could arrange bond night that he could arrange bond required in the sum of \$40,000 within a few days. As it is understood at this time, Mr. Peel is to start off with a clean slate, so to speak. He will take the 1941 books from the auditor's office just as soon as he qualifies and sets up his office, leaving the 1940 books in the hands of the sheriff for the time being, and leaving all previous accounts in the hands of a special collector until they are properly settled. It is the apparent aim of the commissioners to eliminate the jobs handled by special collectors, meaning that beginning in 1941 all accounts will be paid or the collector will turn to the courts for action. In other words, there'll be no accounts in arrears from the 1941 levy and future levies.

Mr. Peel stated that he would hardly be interested in the job if all past-due accounts were placed in his hands for collection. He is of the opinion that starting off with a clean slate now, it will be possible to keep it clean in the future.

Just how much the new plan will alter the expense of county government was not set forth in the minutes. As it appears now, the new plan will add \$3,000 to the budget cost. At the present time, the sheriff's office is receiving \$475 a month. The jailer gets \$20 from that amount. The deputy sheriff gets \$100 a month from that amount, and travel expense, averaging \$100 a month, is deducted from that amount, leaving about \$255 in salary, or about \$5 a month more than the salary and travel to be appropriated for the all-time collector's job.

No plans for opening a collector's office were made at the meeting yesterday, and while the commissioners recommended one for the clerical position, the appointment is to be made by the collector. Register of Deeds J. Sam Gatsinger was named temporary collector, and 1941 taxes are payable to him in the register's office.

The commissioners were in session until about six o'clock, much time having been used in discussing the collection of back taxes and a percentage-of-allowance. No definite decision was reached, the board deciding to consider the problem when a final audit is made.

Clinton Clark, colored in Williamston Township, was relieved of the payment of poll taxes for the years of 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941 on account of physical disability. Moses Sheppard, colored of Hamilton Township, was relieved of payment of poll taxes for the same years and for the same reason. Kelly Moore, white of Bear Grass Township, was also relieved of poll taxes on account of physical disability.

(Continued on page four)

Native Of County Dies In Florida

Frank Everett, a native of this county, died at his home in Florida late last Thursday following a long period of declining health.

The son of the late Simon Peter and Martha Moore Everett, he was born in Everetts 79 years ago. He was a successful farmer in this county until 1916 when he left to make his home in Orlando, Fla. He never returned to his native home. Mr. Everett first married Miss Ellie McNaughton, and following her death he was married to Miss Ruby McNair, of Laurinburg. She survives with four children, Edward Everett, of Washington City; Charles and John Alfred Everett, of Orlando, and Peter Mack Everett, of Tucson, Arizona. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Mattie Hunt, of Bushnell, Fla.

Services were conducted in Orlando Sunday morning, and interment was in the family plot there.

Town Asked To Study Car Parking Problem

Committee Admits Nothing Has Been Done At Cemetery

Collection of Back Taxes Now Underway; Warrants Due Within Short Time

Representing the chamber of commerce, a special committee appeared before the regular meeting of the town commissioners here last evening and asked a minute study of the complicated parking problem on local streets. While the committee merely discussed the problem in general, the spokesman, Mr. J. D. Woolard, asked that new plans be given a trial. The possibility of parallel parking on one side of Main Street, one- and two-hour parking in the business district, and of opening up the backlots to care for overflow parking was proposed. A weak discussion followed, the board taking no action other than ordering an investigation of the possibility of lighting the backlots and opening them to parking.

The commerce group also appealed to the board about sanitary facilities, and in addition to suggesting the opening of public rest rooms mentioned the possibility of installing drinking fountains. The suggestions were dismissed for the present.

Reporting to the board the progress made in the round-up of back taxes, Mayor J. L. Hassell said that \$225 had been collected, and that a similar amount is still due. Warning the non-payers of their obligation some time ago, the town is making plans to issue warrants in those cases where the past-due accounts have not been paid. The first of the warrants are due the early part of next week.

While the proposed improvement program may not be as dead as some of those old citizens who now lie at rest there, a member of the committee admitted that nothing had been done about enlarging the cemetery. No mention was made about an all-time keeper for the cemetery. Members of the committee agreed, however, that something should be done, and some action is expected within the next few days. It was pointed out that the town's street employees had almost cleaned the weeds and much of the rubbish from the plots and drives.

All members of the board were present for the meeting which was one of the shortest held in recent months.

Contract Let For Office-Apartment

A contract for the construction of a medical office and apartment was let last week-end by Dr. E. T. Walker. The lot on Smithwick Street just back of the Alpha Cleaners is being cleared and work on the structure will be started just as soon as materials arrive. Dr. Walker stated yesterday that the materials had already been ordered, and that he was hopeful of occupying the building within three months.

Thirty-two feet wide and fifty feet long, the building will house the doctor's office on the first floor and a four-room apartment on the second floor. The office will have six rooms, and the building will be of white brick construction, embracing all modern features. No contract price was mentioned.

FEW ARRESTS

Fights and general disturbances ordinarily accompanying a fair were marked by their absence here during last week, a report from the police front showing only two arrests during the period and in those cases the law infractions were recognized as being of a minor nature. If there were other disturbances, they were not called to the attention of the officers.

Activities on the county's crime front were considerably below normal, the jail record showing only six persons jailed during last week.

Information Leaflets Available to Young Men at The Enterprise Office

U. S. Navy officials advise registrants under the selective service act that enlistment in the Naval Reserve or the regular Navy exempts them from call by the draft board. In addition special inducements are offered to men between the ages of 17 and 50 to enlist in the Naval Reserve, these inducements including short-term enlistments with the privilege of choosing the type of work they want to do before enlistment.

Regular enlistment in the Naval Reserve is for four years, but Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox now promises those who enroll that they will be released to get back to their civilian jobs as soon as possible after the emergency is over. The rate of pay and chances for advancement and training in the Naval Reserve are the same as in the regular Navy.

If qualified, a person enlisting in the Naval Reserve may choose the type of work he prefers before he enlists, and it is also pointed out that requirements for the Naval Reserve are not quite as strict as for the regular Navy, men up to 50 being eligible. It was explained that the Navy affords long leaves for vacation. Those enlisting in the Naval Reserve have about 50 trades and vocations to choose from, and a qualified Naval Reservist receives petty officer rating immediately.

A free booklet "Life in the U. S. Navy," is available to all interested upon application at the Enterprise office. It will be mailed upon request.

Following the appearance of the first advertisement in the Enterprise of a series designed to enlist new recruits for Uncle Sam's new two-period (Continued on page four)

PREPARED

No gasoline shortage will interrupt the normal travel in Bonnie Bryant's family in the Oak City area any time soon. Rewarding his nephews for a good year's work, the old colored man went to Hamilton a few days ago and bought \$150 worth of bicycles at one time.

Ranging in ages from about 12 to about 18 years, the five boys are now pedaling around under their own steam and thumbing their noses at all this talk about a gas shortage.