

First-Day's Program At Alkrama This Morning

Featured By Addresses By Rev. C. A. Ashby, W. C. Crosby And T. B. Parker

The first Community Service Month program was carried out this morning at the Alkrama theatre, a good crowd attending in spite of the inclement weather and bad roads.

Although disappointed to learn that editor Clarence Poe of the Progressive Farmer had been compelled to cancel his engagement to speak at this meeting, the crowd heard the practical talks of the day with much interest and close attention. Much interest was aroused also by the announcement, made at the close of the meeting, that the central committee are endeavoring to make arrangements to have Governor Bickett here for the last meeting of the month on February 3rd. The speaker of the day for the next general meeting here is Dr. Walter S. Rankin, who will discuss preventable disease.

Those on the platform this morning were Professor S. S. Spragins, Superintendent of City Schools, Professor W. M. Hinton, County Superintendent of Education; Dr. B. C. Henning, pastor of the First Baptist church; James P. Thompson, chairman of the Central Committee on Community Service; W. C. Crosby of Raleigh, Secretary of the State Bureau of Community Service; T. B. Parker of Raleigh, Director of Farmers Institutes; and Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of Christ Church.

After the opening song Dr. B. C. Henning offered prayer. Prof. Hinton introduced Mr. Ashby as the first speaker, his subject being "The Undeveloped Resources of the Farmer." Ex-judge J. B. Leigh urged co-operation as the means by which the farmer may solve the problem of undeveloped resources; and Mr. Crosby spoke on Community Service—Its Purpose and Value. He said that the great object of this work is to bring into active service as leaders the trained men of the community such as teachers and preachers instead of the politicians. The southern problem is not a problem of resources but a problem of people. If you want to find one of the very cheapest handiworks of community progress, look in the glass.

Mr. Parker said that having traveled the country over from coast to coast he had found no state to compare with North Carolina and that the state would forge to the very front and take rank with the highest per capita rural wealth when the farmers of the state learn the lessons of co-operation and of modern methods that have been applied elsewhere. He spoke particularly of the opportunity that the farmers of this section have in the field of hog raising, as soy bean pasture and corn is one of the very cheapest combinations known on which to produce pork.

Dr. W. S. Rankin will be the speaker of the second meeting for Community Service Month which follows on Saturday, January 20th. Dr. Rankin's subject will be Preventable Disease and the following committee has been named for this section of Community Service work: J. H. Winslow, Elizabeth City, chairman.

- R. H. Pritchard, Route No. 2
- J. R. Brito, Route No. 5
- W. C. Hinton, Route No. 3
- Miss B. Hinton, Route No. 3
- B. W. Scott, Weaverville, N. C.

On January 27th, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Education, will address the people of the town and country on the subject of Education. The Educational Committee is as follows:

- J. G. Fearing, Elizabeth City, chairman.
- A. S. Morgan, Route No. 2.
- O. L. Bundy, Route No. 5
- W. S. Stafford, Route No. 3.
- W. N. Brothers, Route No. 4.
- B. T. James, Weaverville, N. C.

The last meeting of this month will be held on February 3rd.

The subject of this address however, will be Preventable Social Defects, and the committee in charge of this department of Community Service work is:

- Mrs. C. W. Melick, Elizabeth City, chairman.
- Mrs. M. P. Jennings, Route No. three.
- Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Route No. 1
- Miss Margaret Hollowell, Route No. 2.
- Mr. A. L. Stafford, Route No. 4.
- Mr. A. H. Winslow, Route No. 5.
- The Committee appointed on Better Production and Better Marketing are:
- A. B. Houtz, Elizabeth City chairman.
- S. M. Brothers, Route No. 1
- J. W. Perry, Route No. 5
- M. P. Jennings, Route No. 3.
- W. J. Williams, Route No. 6
- J. C. James, Jr., Weaverville.

"NEW PROCESS" COOK BOOK AT OFFICE OF GAS COMPANY

An attractive cook book is now at the office of the Gas Company on Poindexter street and may be had by those calling at the office. There are only a limited number and the fortunate "first come" will be first served, but the fortunate who secure this modern version of culinary science and art will be repaid by the praise of their households when they serve the attractive menus suggested in the "New Process" Cook Book, preparing them by the "New Process" way. Indeed, what is known as the "New Process" smile is said to follow in the wake of such feasts and the New Process housekeeper is called "Process" housekeeper is called "blessed" by her entire family. At any rate they are to be had by the housekeepers for the asking, and it must be admitted in advance that they are worth the price.

Explosion Was Accidental

(By United Press)

New York, Jan. 12—Two million dollars damage to property, with the cost of two lives, seems likely to be the record of the Haskell, N. J. explosion at Du Pont Powder Company's plant last night.

Only two are so seriously injured as to require hospital treatment. The company thinks the explosion resulted from an accident and was not the work of incendiaries. The first flare came in the glazing barrels.

Rep. Ferebee Here Today

M. W. Ferebee, Representative from Camden, is in the city today from the State Legislature, and will spend Sunday at his home. Representative Ferebee introduced the bill in the House to increase the salary of North Carolina's governor, and is taking an active part in the work of the House generally.

SECRET SERVICE IS KEEPING TAB

UTTER SECRECY IS THE AIM OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND DETECTIVE LOOKING OUT FOR NEWS TIPS

Washington, Jan. 13.—A secret service system to keep tab on the press is in effect at the State Department under the new regime of utter secrecy, judging by numerous indications. Recent developments have tended to confirm the report that at least one man has been assigned to ferret out where news tips and certain stories displeasing to the administration have originated.

Live Little Locals Many Minor Matters Merely Mentioned

Mr and Mrs J. L. Abbitt left Friday for their home in Charleston, West Virginia after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weeks.

J. E. Commander returned today from Lexington, Ky., where he has been to buy mules for Commander Bros.

W. F. Jennings of Providence was in the city Friday.

Mr and Mrs William Skinner are in New York city this week.

Mrs Jesse Skinner and Miss Julia Skinner are visiting friends in Hertford.

Mrs. Owens of Edenton is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. L. Sawyer on South Road street.

Miss Nancy Burgess is visiting relatives in Norfolk.

G. D. Sherlock of Nixonton was in the city Friday.

Miss Neva Owens is visiting friends in Richmond.

Mr. Edward Flora has returned to Bigham School at Asheville.

D. D. Reper left Thursday for Poughkeepsie to enter Eastman Business College.

W. M. Twiddy returned today from Baltimore. Mrs. Twiddy and little child remain for a longer visit.

G. W. Switzer of Baltimore is visiting his son, Mr. Harry G. Switzer, on Burgess street.

L. A. Jordan of Shiloh was in the city today.

CHRIST CHURCH

The service Sunday morning at Christ Church will be for the children. The hymns, sermon and service will be arranged with them in mind. Parents are urged to bring their children. One of the children will sing a solo.

AN APPEAL FOR LITTLE SUFFERERS

SUM TO BE FORWARDED IN A FEW DAYS FROM THIS CITY TO HELP STARVING WAR STRICKEN CHILDREN

By MRS. J. L. CUNNINGIM
The News and Observer a few days ago printed the following little poem of R. E. Ward from Colliers entitled "The Mother Heart":

I never touch the wonder of her hair—
Her golden nimbus, like a sun-light mist
That curls of other children are not there,—
Wee heads, unkempt, unkissed.

I never feel her small confiding hand
Slipped softly, like a flower, with in my own,
But other little ones beside her stand,
Unloved, untaught, unknown!

I never bend above her rosy sleep,
Or kneel in gratitude beside her bed,
But other babies in outer darkness weep,
Unwatched, uncomforted.

O little daughters whom no mother tends!
O wee lost lambs that stray in stony ways!
How shall we find you?— and how make amends,
For our child's happy days?

Possibly it may suggest to some among our benevolently inclined people to stretch out a hand in blessing upon the heads of the starving little ones across the sea. The Literary Digest told the other day of how they cry pitifully to "stay in line" for the daffy rations, a biscuit or piece of bread, but if the little fellows have not lost weight they must go hungry that day and perhaps the next until their pinched little bodies can be gratified.

A recent plan to hold a union service here for the benefit of the suffering women and children of war stricken countries of Europe has been deemed impracticable.

As a substitute a number of Elizabeth City people wish to aid the great cause by sending their contributions in a united sum. This sum is to go forward within a few days to the committee at 70 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Any one desiring to add something to this sum may hand the amount to the writer or send to her home on Church street.

Prompt Work By Department

A fire that broke out in the residence of Mr. L. R. Foreman on Pennsylvania avenue was promptly extinguished by the department Friday evening shortly after dark.

The blaze, due probably to a defective flue, caught back of the dining room mantel. The mantel was removed and the fire was extinguished with chemicals with slight damage.

Leak Probe To Be Re-opened

(By United Press)

A complete reopening of the House peace note probe was decided upon today in a meeting of the House Rules Committee when it was announced that in addition to Lawson the New York Brokerage firm of Lockwood and Company, Donald McDonald, who is alleged to have given the information to Lawson, James Reilly, managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, F. W. McKimmon, a Chicago Broker, and perhaps a half dozen other witnesses, would be subpoenaed.

Returns To Home In West

Judge Robert Brooke Albertson left the city this week on his return trip to Seattle, Washington, after a ten days visit to his sisters, Misses Albertson, on Church street. He goes by way of Portsmouth for a visit to his nephew, Attorney Robert Brooke Albertson, of that city and will visit friends in Raleigh also for a day or two.

Judge Albertson, an Elizabeth City man, and a University of North Carolina alumnus, has not only achieved success in his western home, but distinction as well, having been spoken of for the office of governor of his adopted state from time to time, and offered place on the Supreme Court bench.

He is serving his fifteenth year as a Superior Court judge now, having been elected in November for another four years term. His little son, Robert Brooke, Jr. is remaining in Elizabeth City with his aunts for several months, his father desiring his son to learn early in life that he is a Southern as well as a Western gentleman.

REV. N. H. SHEPHERD TELLS OF GENEROUS PEOPLE

Rev. N. H. Shepherd of South Mills told The Advance of the generosity of his people in glowing terms the other day.

"They have gone beyond my vocabulary" said Mr. Shepherd. "I and my family find no words to express our appreciation and joy for the royal treatment received at their hands."

They agreed the first of the year to double what they had been doing financially. Some feared that they had undertaken too much, but we are really ahead and the treasurer tells me that it has been the easiest job he ever had.

"I haven't time to tell you of all the hams and chickens and tubs of lard,—tubs, not little buckets, but tubs. Then the many presents to me and my wife and little boy at Christmas,—hosiery, ties, handkerchiefs, buggy robe, a special gift to Mrs. Shepherd from her class of women, a silver soup ladle, driving gloves, and other things too numerous to mention."

"Just today one brother brought over a hog. I don't mean a ham,—a whole hog. I quit my work and got busy salting it down, 150 pounds of pork."

"Many have said that last year was the best year in the history of the church and the people are so happy over it that they have resolved to outdo themselves this year."

"I can't say much about the preaching. It seems that they can get along with very ordinary preaching. But the Sunday School, the B. Y. P. U., the W. M. S., the Sunbeams, and the prayer meetings are all doing so well, that they don't seem to need much preaching."

"We are humbly and sincerely thankful for every deed of kindness and every word of cheer for the hearty co-operation which has gone to make up our success and happiness as a church and as individuals."

Mr. Shepherd will go to Pleasant Grove church, just over the Virginia line, on two Sunday mornings of each month this year, taking up the work there which Rev. N. P. Stallings of Moyock was obliged to lay down on account of ill health.

TAKES CHARGE OF THE CAROLINA HOTEL

Mr. Carl Jacobs of South Mills has bought out Mr. J. E. Lane, former proprietor of the Carolina Hotel here, and will take charge of the hotel on Wednesday of next week.

Mr. Jacobs is already in the city getting ready for his work and making friends for the Carolinas.

NOTE DESTROYS DESIRE FOR PEACE

THIS IS THE UNANIMOUS EXPRESSION FROM THE GERMAN ACCORDING TO EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THEIR NEWSPAPERS

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—German editorial comment today is practically unanimous in the belief that the Allies note has blocked all chance for peace at the present time.

"The Entente note establishes the fact that conquest is their aim in this war and destroys our last desire for peace" declared an editorial in Lokai Anzeiger.

Preparing For Billy Sunday

BY GEORGE MARTIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Jan. 13.—The Billy Sunday Cocktail is being mixed today, here, and will be served at a thousand different places in New York tomorrow.

This cocktail is made of seasoned Sunday trail hitters. There will be a thousand of them from Philadelphia, and other from elsewhere. Most of the Philadelphians will be of seven year vintage and bottled in unbroken religious bonds.

The idea to serve this cocktail to New York tomorrow and several others of the same kind later, is to whet the public appetite for the big religious feast when Billy cuts loose here April 1. The Billy Sunday cocktail is made like this:

Take one milder, old line churchman, mix him thoroughly with two plain trail hitters, (lawyers, ex-saloon keepers and buglers preferred); add one bible class expert and bring them to a boil and serve red hot to the sinners.

The "invasion will" take the form of community and local church meetings. It will be under the direction of the Rev. George G. Dowie, leader of the Philadelphia bible classes.

FREEDOM FOR THAW TESTIMONY

SLATE WILL BE WIPED CLEAN IF TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE THAW RECOVERING PHYSICIANS SAY

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—Freedom for evidence and testimony that will send Thaw back to Matteawan or to prison is offered Oliver Brower and Walter Osborn by District attorney Thaw is recovering and his physicians say that it is practically certain that he did not take poison.

Brower was the bearer of the "Dear Master" letters written by Gump to Thaw. If either turn in state's evidence, the cases against them will be wiped from the slate.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor will occupy his pulpit at both services Sunday.

Inasmuch as January is observed as Community Service Month in the town and county the subject of Mr. Cunningham's Sunday morning sermon will be "The Church and Community Service."

In the evening Mr. Cunningham will begin a series of sermons on "Some Popular Amusements." The subject for the first sermon will be "Card Playing."

THE WEATHER

Rain on Coast and rain or snow in interior tonight and Sunday. Somewhat warmer to-night. Sunday fresh east winds.