

**GREAT SERMON FOR MASONS PREACHED BY REV. ALEXANDER**

**St. John's Day Profitably Spent By Large Number of Members**

**APPEAL FOR STRONG MEN MADE BY THE MINISTER**

**The Times Call for Men With Conscience, Courage and Christianity**

Members of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge attended services last Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church, where Rev. R. L. Alexander preached the annual St. John's Day sermon. A splendid group of Masons gathered for the occasion, and marched in body to and from the church. Rev. Mr. Alexander, himself a member of the lodge, delivered what was pronounced by many people to be one of the strongest sermons ever heard at such occasions.

Following are excerpts from the sermon, the text being taken from John 1:29: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

*Behold the majesty of conscience:* The one great religion of the world is conscience. Here we all meet and agree that there is a conscience in our system of truth. Conscience has been compared to a clock and the law of God to the sun. The clock is right only when it keeps time with the sun. So it is with the conscience. It is a safe guide when educated and instructed by the Word of God, and the Spirit of God. In a Heaven-directed conscience lies the hope of self-respect. I must keep myself self-respect, and to do this I must keep my conscience. When sin comes in, conscience comes in to freshen the ideals and lead into the paths of honesty and righteousness. Let us behold the majesty of conscience and listen to that still small voice.

*Behold the men who dare for the right:* There is a crisis in the world today; the future of tomorrow depends on the wisdom and ideals of the men of today; men who dare for God and the right are in demand—men who dare to wait on the Lord, and depend on the Spirit. God is looking for men who dare to be pious, dare to give God a chance at their means, their hearts and their time. The need is great, men who will not debate, but do, who will not criticize, but construct, men who will work with the Spirit until the just peace comes, until Christ reigns.

*Behold the opportunity of service:* We must get a new idea of service today. He that assumes authority and uses it for selfish ends is not the benefactor of society, but he that uses his power to lessen the troubles of life and lighten the care of some poor man's burden is the great man. The emphasis of Christianity is "He that is greatest among you must be your servant." "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

*"Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world:"*

This is the one thing that people have to do—"Behold the Lamb of God...." May we remember that never to be forgotten day when John was preaching on the banks of the Jordan to that great multitude of people, and suddenly he looked up, and caught sight of a face that made him forget everything. His heart seemed to stand still. His audience vanished from his vision, the Spirit of the Highest fell upon him and he cried: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." May we feel the thrill of those words, and be impressed with the sheer intensity of their phrasing, and throw ourselves on our knees, and yield ourselves to Him for ever and ever more.

*"Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."*

**SERVICES AT DAVIDSON RIVER CHURCH SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

Preaching services will be held at Davidson River Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. R. L. Alexander, pastor, will deliver the sermon.

**SPECIAL TAXES TO BE ABOLISHED NOW**

**39 Counties In State May Take Such Action Under the New Law**

Special taxes in special tax districts in 39 of the 100 counties in the State may be abolished under a special statute enacted by the 1931 General Assembly, the special election for such purpose to be called when 25 per cent of the qualified voters in such district petition for an election to vote on abolishing the tax, Attorney General D. G. Brummitt states in an opinion given to State Superintendent A. T. Allen.

Earlier, under Consolidated Statutes 5531, it required a petition signed by two-thirds of the qualified voters and later it was changed to 50 per cent. The county board of education passes upon the petition, under the new law, and if 25 per cent of the voters have signed it, the board approves it and the county board of commissioners is required to call the election.

The requirement is that the election be carried by a majority of the qualified and registered voters, the vote being against the registration, Mr. Brummitt holding that absentee ballots cannot be used. If the tax in such district is voted off, the district is abolished, in so far as its power of levying tax for schools is concerned, but the district continues to exist and taxes must be levied to take care of its indebtedness, bonds and interest, and request should be made to the county commissioners for a levy to cover such debt. Mr. Brummitt states: He holds that, in advance of the submission of particular facts, which might justify a different conclusion, voting off such a tax would have no effect on a county-wide plan of organization.

This applies only to a "local tax district," as defined by the statutes: one territorial unit of the county system under the control of the county board of education, but having in addition to the general county fund a special local tax fund voted by the people for supplementing the general fund and does not apply to the other classes of districts: non-local tax, special charter, special school taxing district or special high school district.

The 39 counties included under provisions of the new act are: Alexander, Anson, Beaufort, Buncombe, Carteret, Catawba, Chatham, Chowan, Cleveland, Craven, Currituck, Davidson, Duplin, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Henderson, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Lenoir, Martin, Mecklenburg, Moore, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Transylvania, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wilkes and Robeson.

**\$880 IS RECEIVED BY SCHOOL BOARD HERE**

**BREVARD NEWS BUREAU**

Raleigh, July 1.—Sixty-seven North Carolina counties received last week from the State Treasury a total of \$100,119.71 of the \$150,000 set aside in the school equalizing fund for 1930-31 for paying salaries of teachers allowed by the State Board of Equalization, in addition to those provided for in the approved school budgets. Of the amount, \$74,269.86 was for the six months term and \$25,849.85 for extended term salaries.

Transylvania county, the records in State Supt. A. T. Allen's office show, received of this fund \$880, of which \$660 was for the six months term and \$220 for the extended term. This is the final payment to the counties of the 1930-31 equalizing fund, unless some error or omission should be discovered, Dr. Allen said.

**WOMAN'S BUREAU MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY NEXT**

Announcement is made that the Woman's Bureau will hold its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon of next week instead of Monday afternoon, on account of Monday being observed as a holiday here. All members are urged to take note of the change, and attend the meeting Tuesday afternoon.

**Death of M. A. Cooper, Following Stroke, Is Blow to the Community**

M. A. Cooper, one of the best known men of Transylvania county, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, from a stroke suffered ten days ago. Death occurred at the Waltermire Hotel, where the popular man had long lived. He was 68 years of age, and had spent most of his life in this community, being a member of one of the oldest families in this section.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church, the services being conducted by Rev. J. H. West and Rev. R. L. Alexander. Burial was in the Gillespie cemetery, and many beautiful floral offerings attested the high esteem in which the deceased had been held. Mr. Cooper served as postmaster of Brevard during the Cleveland administration. He was noted for his loyalty to friends and causes to whom he was pledged.

Active pallbearers were: B. H. Freeman, F. E. Shuford, R. L. Nicholson, W. E. Breese, A. E. Hampton, and M. A. Mull.

**300 PRISONERS IN STATE ARE SET FREE**

**New Road Law Causes Release of Men Sentenced Less Than Sixty Days**

**BREVARD NEWS BUREAU**

Raleigh, July 1.—Probably 300 short-term prisoners in prison camps and jails of the several counties of the State, prisoners serving less than 60-day sentences for minor offenses, often because unable to pay small fines, will be released on order of Governor Gardner, largely because it would be a heavy burden on the counties to keep them idle in jails. Few of the counties will continue their prison camps. Mecklenburg and probably a few other larger counties, will continue to operate camps, but on a reduced scale.

The State is permitted to work prisoners sentenced for 60 days or more on the highways and about 4,000 will be taken over by the State July 1. The 1931 General Assembly provided that short-term prisoners may be worked on city streets, in addition to in workhouses and on county farms, and later these will be so worked in many of the counties.

Governor Gardner has named a Prison Advisory Commission, authorized by the General Assembly, to cooperate with the State Prison Board in working out plans for expending the \$400,000 authorized for erection of a new central prison unit on the Camp Polk farm near Raleigh. This is to be fire-proof and will serve as a sort of clearing house, where prisoners will be received, examined, classified and distributed, on the basis of fitness, to the various units of activity over the State.

The commission named by Governor Gardner and which will be called together to begin its work soon, includes Robert M. Cox, Winston-Salem; E. G. Flannigan, Greenville; C. G. Powell, Oxford; F. H. Coffey, Lenoir, and Captain Nathan O'Berry, State Treasurer.

**Cherryfield News**

"Uncle" Cling Galloway celebrated his 84th birthday anniversary last Sunday at his home on Cherryfield creek. About 100 relatives and friends called to greet "Uncle" Cling and to wish him many more birthdays. A big picnic dinner was an enjoyable feature of the celebration.

There's no news to write about. We did see Ward Breedlove pass through Cherryfield Tuesday carrying a grain cradle. We can say that we hope Mr. Breedlove hasn't killed anymore bears on a soapstone.

**BIBLE SCHOOL AT METHODIST CHURCH**

The regular Vacation Bible School of the Brevard Methodist church began its study last Monday morning with Mrs. J. F. Winton and Mrs. O. H. Drr as leaders and has an excellent personnel of teachers.

The classes are held each morning excepting Saturdays from nine until eleven o'clock and are for children whose ages range from four to twelve. Special reading classes are held for those thirteen and fourteen years old.

Methodist children are urged to attend the valuable sessions and visiting children are cordially invited.

**HOLLIDAY REUNION ENJOYABLE EVENT**

The third Annual Holliday Family Reunion was held the past Sunday at the home of D. R. Holliday, with over one hundred people from all parts of Western North Carolina and South Carolina present.

Music by Mr. Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. Dollie Morgan was an enjoyable feature of the day. At the noon hour a feast such as only members of the Holliday clan are capable of preparing, was spread picnic style and thoroughly enjoyed. Wm. E. Breese, of Brevard, spoke in the afternoon.

**EASTERN STAR MEETS NEXT TUESDAY**

Regular meeting of the local order of Eastern Star will be next Tuesday evening in the Masonic lodge rooms at eight o'clock. All members are urged to be present, and a cordial invitation is extended to visiting Star members.

**SPECIAL JUDGES NAMED FOR STATE**

**All Re-Appointed—Harwood, McRae, Moore and Cowper Are Appointees**

**GARDNER EXPLAINS NEW HIGHWAY LAW AND ASKS SUPPORT**

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Governor Gardner has announced the reappointment of the four special judges now serving as such for the next two years, beginning July 1, as was provided in the special judge act passed by the 1931 General Assembly. The judges are G. Vernon Cowper, Kinston; Clayton Moore, Williamston; J. H. Harwood, Bryson City, and Cameron F. MacRae, Asheville.

The act directs the Governor to appoint four special judges, two from the east and two from the west, and authorizes him, if he deems it necessary, to name two others, one from the east and one from the west. Governor Gardner announces that because of the improved condition of the court calendars, the lessened demand for special court terms and the relief secured through handling of workmen's compensation cases by the Industrial Commission, he does not think the additional two judges necessary at this time. Judge T. L. Johnson resigned and Judge H. Hoyle Sink was appointed a regular judge last year. Their places as special judges have not been filled.

The four judges appointed, Governor Gardner states, "are now serving and have served the State for a number of years in a most satisfactory and experienced manner." All except Judge Cowper were first appointed by Governor McLean.

**OFFICERS INSTALLED AT REGULAR MASONIC MEET**

With C. K. Osborne in charge of the ceremonies, the following officers were installed at the regular communication of Dunn's Rock Masonic lodge last Friday evening:

James F. Barrett, worshipful master; Jerry Jerome, senior warden; Henry Henderson, junior warden; A. N. Jenkins, treasurer; J. F. Zachary, secretary; Albert H. Kyle, senior deacon; Noah Miller, junior deacon; F. Brown Carr, senior steward; D. L. English, Jr., junior steward; Walter Ledbetter, tiler.

Regular communications are held on each second and fourth Friday evenings, and all visiting Masons are invited to attend all meetings.

**PITTMAN MADE CONTROL MAN IN SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Brevard News Bureau Raleigh, July 1.—W. H. Pittman, superintendent of Edgecombe county schools, has been named by Alfred S. Brower, director of purchase and contract, to head the school division and will be contact man with the county school systems

in making the purchases of supplies to be handled by the division for the schools. Until a few years ago Mr. Pittman was with the State Department of Education for several years and is successful in the business and of school management.

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**Checkerboard Chatter**  
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A stranger walked up to a group of men on the streets of Brevard. Singling out one he said, "Are you Owen Davis?" "Yes, stranger, and I'm not alone. All of the rest owe him too."

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