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From Trust

Editor News-Record—Our community was made sad by the death of Mrs. Hattie Price, wife of J. V. Price, on Christmas day at 1 o'clock p. m. She is survived by her husband and two brothers. Mrs. Price had been a great sufferer for many months with cancer of the right eye. The writer visited her regular during her sickness and death and do not think that I ever seen any one suffer as she did but she bore it with patience and craved to die and be relieved of her suffering. She often said she was prepared to meet her Saviour. Mrs. Price was an ideal woman and as good a woman as lived in our community and will be missed. She was thirty-seven years old, and had been a member of the Baptist church for twenty years. Her husband had been very attentive to her during her sickness and death and greatly mourns her death.

The funeral services was held Wednesday, December 26th, at the Baptist church at the Flats of Spring Creek conducted by Rev. B. B. Flemmons and Rev. J. N. Cogdill, accompanied by a large congregation of neighbors and friends and laid to rest in the Flats of Spring Creek Cemetery on the hill that overlooks the beautiful Flats of Spring Creek where she will rest from pain and trouble until the Lord calls her to meet in the air. Peace be to her. I have been asked to say that her husband, J. V. Price and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price to thank the neighborhood friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of the dear wife and daughter.

Success to The News-Record and its editor.

MRS. CARTIE GARDNER

Upper Little Pine

(Left over from last week)

The school on the head of Little Pine gave a very nice program Friday afternoon consisting of songs, recitations and dialogues. The house was beautifully decorated by the children but the object of beauty to them was the Christmas tree. Many of the children, as well as their parents, had never seen a Christmas tree. Their teacher, Miss Dockrey, worked hard preparing presents and decoration for the tree in order that no body would be disappointed. Santa Claus was present to give the presents to the children.

Several of the parents and patrons of the school came out. Most of them made a short speech of praise and gratitude to the teacher. They said that they are having by far the best school they ever had up there.

Stop and Think

A statement from prohibition headquarters at Salisbury is to the effect that Madison county has the reputation of being the driest county in the state.

Notwithstanding the above statement there is plenty to do yet. Everybody get behind the officers and help.

Grape Vine Items

Everything was calm and lovely at this place during Xmas.

Our pastor preached for us Xmas day.

Our Sunday school is good; the interest is growing.

We have a good prayer meeting each Sunday night.

Mr. Briggs of Long Branch was visiting friends here last Sunday.

Mr. Aron Tilson was a visitor here last Sunday from Asheville.

Uncle Dan Lewis has been sick for a few days but is improving.

Mr. Tom Cargile, Mr. Dewey Wallin, Mr. Vaughn Fisher and Mr. E. S. Morgan attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at Laurel Branch. All enjoyed the meeting fine. The writer was pleased to shake the hands of so many of his old friends from Mars Hill. It made him think of his boyhood days and school days at that place; also was pleased to meet and hear the able and forcible sermon preached the fifth Sunday at Laurel Branch church by our Madison county boy, A. V. Reece, who has been State Evangelist in Alabama since July 1st, 1919.

The writer as a student of Mars Hill with thousands of other students this institution has turned out over Western North Carolina feels that Mars Hill College is a light house in this part of the moral vineyard.

Through The News-Record I send my best wishes to all its readers wishing you all a prosperous and happy New year.

Sincerely,
Enoch S. Morgan
Marshall, N. C., R-2

Talk Over Family Financial Affairs Like Partners in Business.

When financial matters come up for discussion in your home, what is the result?

Do you become angry and make accusations that are unjust, harsh and unwarranted, or do you talk matters over calmly and attempt to come to a friendly basis of consideration?

Partners in business do not literally "fly at each other" when it becomes necessary to retrench in expenditures; why talk matters over.

They talk matters over in a calm and thinking way.

They attempt a combination of ideas with the hope that, seen from many angles, results may be brought about.

Why is this not a sensible plan for your own home finances?

Get the family together, tell them your side of the matter, ask their ideas and be sure that they are not expecting to be jumped on if their ideas and yours do not coincide.

You will never get at the truth with anyone if you can not keep your head in an argument, nor if you throw it up at the others afterward in a sneering way. Don't be extravagant in your works of censure and you may be sure of a more sympathetic effort to co-operate with you.

THE FIRST PRAYER IN CONGRESS

It Was Uttered in the Continental Congress the First Morning After the Rumor of the Cannade of Boston, and It Consisted of the Thirty-first Psalm, Followed by an Extempore Prayer That Stirred all Patriots.

By QUAKER O'TAYLOR

THE very first act of the first session of the Continental Congress was the passage of the following resolution arranging for prayer:

"Tuesday, September 6, 1774.—Resolved, that the Rev. Mr. Duche be desired to open Congress tomorrow morning with prayer, at Carpenter's hall, at nine o'clock."

The first prayer in Congress is reverently described by John Adams in this letter to his wife:

"When the Congress first met, Mr. Cushing first made a motion that it should be opened with prayer. It was opposed by one or two, because we were so divided in religious sentiments—some were Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians and some Congregationalists—that we could not agree in the same act of worship. Mr. Samuel Adams rose and said, 'he was not bigot, and could hear a prayer from a gentleman of piety and virtue, who was at the same time a friend to his country. He was a stranger in Philadelphia, but had heard that Dr. Douche, an Episcopalian clergyman, might be desired to read prayers to the Congress tomorrow morning. The motion was seconded, and passed in the affirmative. Mr. Randolph, our president, waited on Mr. Douche and received for answer that if his health would permit he certainly would. Accordingly next morning he appeared, with his clerk and his pontificals, and read the collect for the seventh day of September, which was the Thirty-first Psalm. You must remember that this was the first morning after we heard the horrible rumor of the cannonade of Boston. I never saw a greater effect produced upon an audience. It seemed as if Heaven had ordained that Psalm to be read on that morning. It had an excellent effect upon everybody here. I must beg you to read that Psalm."

The Psalm reads:

1. In the O, Lord, do I put my trust, let me never be ashamed; deliver me in thy righteousness,
 2. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily; be thou my strong rock, for a house of defense to save me
 3. For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me.
 4. Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; for thou art my strength.
 5. Into thine hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
 6. I have hated them that regard lying vanities; but I trust in the Lord.
 7. I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities.
 8. And has not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; thou hast set my feet in a large room.
 9. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.
 10. For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength faileth because of mine iniquity; and my bones are consumed.
 11. I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbors, and a fear to mine acquaintance; they that did see me without fled from me.
 12. I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind; I am like a broken vessel.
 13. For I have heard the slander of many; fear was on every side; while they took counsel together against me; they devised to take my life.
 14. But I trusted in thee, O Lord; I said, Thou art my God.
 15. My times are in thine hands; deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that prosecute me.
 16. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; save me for thy mercies' sake.
 17. Let me not be ashamed, O Lord; for I have called upon thee; let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave.
 18. Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speaks grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.
 19. Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!
 20. Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man; thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongue.
 21. Blessed be the Lord; for he hath showed me his marvelous kindness in a strong city.
 22. For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes; nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.
 23. O love the Lord, all ye saints; for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
 24. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.
- "After this," continues Adams in his letter to his wife. "Mr. Duche, unexpectedly to everybody, struck out into an extempore prayer, which filled the bosom of every man present. I must confess I never heard a better prayer, or one so well pronounced. Episco-

Miss Roberson, Bride, of Mr. Warren, Monday

A marriage of interest to many friends was that quietly solemnized on Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church when Miss Mildred Roberson became the bride of Mr. A. S. Warren. Dr. Robert J. Bateman, the pastor of the First Baptist Church officiated in the presence of a few intimate friends.

The bride wore a log cabin tan traveling suit with corresponding accessories and her corsage was of Killarney roses and ferns. Immediately following the nuptial service, Mr. and Mrs. Warren left for a honeymoon in the South and will visit Atlanta and various cities. Upon their return to Asheville they will be at home to their friends at 14 Albemarle Road.

Mrs. Warren is a graduate nurse, having completed her training in the Mission Hospital in the class of 1921. Since that time she has held several places of responsibility.

Mr. Warren is a member of the firm of the Citizen Electric Company.—Asheville Citizen.

The following announcement has been received:

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Roberson announce the marriage of their daughter

Mildred

to

Mr. Adlia Stevenson Warren on Monday Dec. twenty-fourth nineteen hundred twenty-three Asheville, North Carolina

Miss Hattie Roberts who has been attending school at Anderson College, Anderson, S. C., has been spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs. W. M. Roberts.

lian as he is, Dr. Cooper himself never prayed with such fervor, such ardor, such earnestness and pathos, and in language so elegant and sublime."

In writing of this event an historian says: "It must have been an interesting scene, a minister bound to forms, finding extempore word to suit the occasion, and the Quaker, the Presbyterian, the Episcopalian and the Rationalist—some kneeling, some standing, but all praying, and looking to Heaven for wisdom and counsel in this hour of doubt, anxiety and responsibility. Adams and Sherman, the Puritans, standing erect—Thomson the Quaker; finding the movement of the Spirit in the words of a consecrated priest—with Washington, Henry and other Episcopals, kneeling, according to their creed, and all invoking wisdom from above, would make a touching and instructive picture. Its morals would be, that the greatest minds, in moments of difficulty and danger, acknowledge their dependence upon God, and feel the necessity of elevating and purifying their hearts by prayer; and that the differences of sect, the distinctions of form, all vanish when emergency presses upon the consciences of men and forces them to a sincere and open avowal of their convictions."

Daniel Webster many years later, in describing this scene on the floor of the United States Senate, said: "At the meeting of the First Congress, there was a doubt in the minds of many about the propriety of opening the sessions with prayer; and the reason assigned was here, the great diversity of opinion and religious belief; until at last Mr. Samuel Adams, with his gray hairs hanging about his shoulders, and with an impressive venerableness now seldom to be met with (I suppose owing to different habits,) rose; in that assembly, and, with the air of a perfect Puritan; said, it did not become men professing to be Christian men; who had come together for solemn deliberation in the hour of their extremity, to say there was no wide difference in their religious beliefs that they could not as one man, bow the knee in prayer to the Almighty, whose advice and assistance they hoped to obtain; and, independent as he was, and an enemy to all prelacy as he was known to be, he moved that Rev. Mr. Douche, of the Episcopal church, should address the Throne of Grace in prayer." Mr. Douche read the Episcopal service of the church of England; and then, as if moved by the occasion, he broke out into extempore prayer; and those men who were about to resort to force to obtain their rights, were moved to tears; and 'floods of tears,' he says, 'ran down the cheeks of pacific Quakers, who formed a part of that interesting assembly; and depend upon it, that where there is a spirit of Christianity there is a spirit which rises above form, above ceremonies, independent of sect or creed and the controversies of clashing doctrines.'—The National Republican.

Pension Regulations

The State Pension Board has given the Clerks of Superior Court the following instructions in regard to the delivery of Pension Warrants.

1. No pension Warrants are to be mailed to anybody, anywhere.
 2. If the person drawing a pension is unable to come to the court house for their pension, they must appoint someone to come for them and that person must make affidavit that the pensioner is still living, but unable to come to the court house for their pension and has appointed them as their agent and that they will deliver the pension warrant to the pensioner.
 3. If the person drawing a pension has moved out of the county the clerk must return the pension warrant to the office at Raleigh, and that office will send the pension warrant to the clerk of court in the county where the pensioner is now living to be delivered by that clerk to the proper person.
 4. If the person drawing a pension has died the widow or her agent, or if there be no widow, the next of kin must come before the clerk and make affidavit that the pensioner is dead, and that they are entitled to the pension warrant.
- Yours truly,
C. A. HAYNES,
Clerk Superior Court.

A Good Listener

It never frightened a Puritan when you bade him stand still and listen to the speech of God. His closet and his church were full of the reverberations of the awful, gracious, beautiful voice for which he listened.—Phillips Brooks.