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MANY PEOPLE HEARD DR. BAGBY SUNDAY

Wake Forest Man Preached Interesting Sermon At Buie's Creek

Lillington, May 15.—A throng much greater than the seating capacity of Buie's Creek church gathered there Sunday morning to hear the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. A. Paul Bagby of Wake Forest to the graduates of Buie's Creek Academy on the occasion of the thirty-fifth commencement. Dr. Bagby, although a comparatively new arrival in North Carolina, has so acclimated himself that he was familiarly referred to by the veteran educator, Rev. J. A. Campbell, as "one of our folks." Dr. Bagby straightway won his welcome by preaching one of the most applicable sermons ever heard in these parts.

Professor Campbell announced that of the 565 students enrolled for the closing session there had been no deaths, no serious illness; that religious services had been attended by the largest number in the history of the institution, and that from the standpoint of general discipline and inspirational results accomplished, this had been one of the most successful sessions. Seventy seniors will graduate next Wednesday. On Thursday morning the orators will contest for a medal, and when this number on the program is finished, Editor W. J. Cameron of the Dearborn Independent will deliver the literary address. In the afternoon the Alumni Association will meet and be addressed by Dr. J. A. Ellis of Pullen Memorial Church, Raleigh.

Dr. Bagby read from Paul's letter to the Colossians, emphasizing the 9th and 10 verses, and cheers for his subject "The Finished Product." That he might merely forcibly impress upon the minds of his hearers the elements that constitute the finished product in manhood and womanhood, he drew an excellent word picture of that which goes to make up the product, which does not make it "finished." The only complete workmanship that finally turns out the finer product. Long hours of arduous toil in the fields of cotton, but the finished product is not attained until fine skill brings forth the comfortable garment.

Thus it is with the soul, said the speaker, every man, woman and child is of infinite value to God. Of all the searching after value, the greatest estimate is placed by the Creator upon human beings, and their value is best known to Him. Most failures are brought about by men and women seeking after wrong things, and because they do not know what the finished product is it is not strength, nor is it beauty. Sparta and Athens came near making strength and beauty their God. Battering Nelson, greatest fighter in the world, was only a physical product. The most beautiful woman in the world was only "beautiful." Just here the speaker paid his compliments to beauty, declaring that he admired it and that he would go as far to believe in paint upon a woman's face, if it was necessary, "but God pity the woman upon whose face it was necessary."

Dr. Bagby went into the definition of the finished product by declaring that it must be something that would last—would not fade away. Strength gives way, beauty will fade, but the finished product must be something that improves with the time that wears against it; and this not only, but it must be wholly acceptable to the true will of the Almighty. Brain and brawn cannot of themselves accomplish the end most desired, said the speaker, nor can morality, although these were fine things to cultivate. "When I think of the schools that dot our land I praise God and take courage; but when I think of the thousands that are striving after that which will fade away I feel that we need God's help."

There never was a time in the history of the world, said Dr. Bagby, when there was a greater demand for morality and the moral life. "Oh for the day when we shall have done to death the double standard—when the young man can stand up and say to his God: All these things have I done; and for the young woman who places herself on the pedestal of morality." The most moral in the world, however, said he, do not constitute the finished product. The finished product is a matter of the new birth, complete in Christ Jesus. The "moral" man makes the community worse for having lived in it if he have not Christ in his heart. Saul of Tarsus did not lift the world; but Paul pointed the way, the truth and the light that made the world safe for Christ.

Closing his wonderfully applicable sermon, Dr. Bagby declared unto his

LOADING COAL AT CAROLINA MINES

Prospects Bright For Mining of A Thousand Tons Daily

Sanford, May 15.—The Carolina Coal Company on Monday commenced to load coal for shipment from its mines on Deep River, a few miles out from Sanford, and if nothing arises to prevent, it is the intention to put a continual supply. The main slope is driving farther into the coal seam every day, and cross headings and working rooms are turning out to make a place for more. Air courses have been driven to the working heading, and a big fan is supplying a strong and ample current of air to keep the mines thoroughly ventilated. A Pennsylvania coal man who was out at the mines this week and down in the workings, says he has never seen better coal, nor better conditions for taking it out.

Considerable more development work is yet to be done, but it goes forward along with the mining operations. C. M. Reeves, the general manager, says the coal runs 60 per cent fixed carbon and 30 per cent volatile matter, with low ash and sulphur, and Blon H. Butler, vice-president, who was up the first of the week looking at the coal come out to lead the first two cars, says it is the equal of anything in the Pittsburgh field, which is where he came from some years ago.

The mine was planned from the beginning to care for an output of a thousand tons a day, but the management says it will take time to work it up to that capacity, although that is the ultimate ambition. A great deal of construction is yet to be done before that capacity can be attained.

BIG CONCERN MAY COME TO THE COUNTY SEAT

Representatives of Peplax Manufacturing Co. Presented Plan By Which Establishment May Move Here

Plans were announced by which this town may gain the headquarters, consisting of laboratory, sales offices and entire management of the Peplax Manufacturing Co., of Columbia, S. C.

Through the instrumentality of Mr. John W. Kehoe, who has leased The Killigreey Hotel for a period of ten years, and who is the largest stockholder in the Peplax concern, pressure has been brought to bear upon the other stockholders calculated to influence them in the removal of the entire establishment to Lillington.

Upon invitation of Mr. Kehoe, Messrs. J. R. Boggett and Henderson Steele went to Columbia a few days ago and met with the owners of Peplax, to whom they pointed out the wholesome advantages of Lillington as a distributing point. As a result of this conference, Dr. A. W. Taylor and Attorney A. C. DePass of Columbia came to Lillington Monday and were entertained at a banquet and business meeting of business and professional men of the town at The Killigreey Monday night.

Never before has there been a finer spirit of co-operation shown. It was with one accord that the business element greeted and hailed with delight the opportunity to secure the location here of a concern of such magnitude. The Peplax representatives were given to understand that Lillington would respond, and following closely upon the close of the banquet hour there were conferences which looked toward the consummation of the plan by which the concern may locate here. While all of the details have not yet been worked out, it is safe to predict that before many days Lillington will become headquarters for one of the most widely advertised proprietary medicines in the southern states.

Mr. Kehoe has secured a building for the laboratory and offices, and he left here Wednesday for Columbia to superintend the packing and shipping of the equipment. Harnett County News.

The number of people in the United States who can not speak English is less than two millions. This includes train callers. Richmond News-Leader.

audience that the greatest dignity that humankind could assume was the taking up of the Christian life. No one but a Christian can live a large life—a life full and abundant. The Christian is the finished product. It took the fall and redemption of mankind to produce the finished product—to make it possible; but it is ours by the grace of God.

Dr. Bagby was heard again in Buie's Creek church last night by another audience.

HARNETT COUNTY BACKING RELIEF

Thousand Dollars Raised At Mass Meeting In Lillington

Lillington, May 14.—Nearly \$1,000 was subscribed to the Near East Relief here this afternoon following an address by Dr. Isaac Yonam of New York, a native Armenian, who told of actual conditions in the stricken Bible lands at a mass meeting in the court house which formally launched Harnett county campaign for \$2,200 for this great humanitarian move.

Miss Mame F. Camp, of Lillington who as county chairman has worked up interest in the drive, presided. Before he had finished his address Dr. Yonam was interrupted by H. T. Spears, one of Harnett's leading citizens, who told him that he need go no further—that he had made out a case against the so-called Christian nations of the world and that there are few in Harnett county who will not respond to the call of the Near East Relief.

Mr. Spears, his voice choking with emotion, declared that he had not civilized such things possible in a civilized world and that although he is 62 years old he would willingly volunteer to join an army to wipe Turkey off the map. He then "adopted" one of the children now in the orphanages over there, of which Harnett county is asked to provide food and clothing for \$7 this year.

Mr. Spears' contribution was followed in rapid succession by the adoption of 18 children which, with the seven already provided for by unsolicited funds, makes 25 Harnett's wards taken care of on the first day of the drive. Others who "adopted" children were: J. C. Byrd and brother of Duke, Miss Camp, B. P. Gentry of Lillington, Mrs. C. S. Hicks of Duke, C. S. Hicks, Miss Frances Salmon of Lillington, C. H. Miller of Duke, Miss Sudie Sexton of Lillington, J. R. Boggett of Lillington, H. H. Spears, H. T. Atkins and J. B. Tugwell jointly agreed to provide the \$500 necessary to get the drive started.

STOPS ALL NOISES IN RADIO SIGNALS

Invention Eliminates Cracking and Buzzing; Removes Great Obstacle

Chicago, May 13.—Elimination of the cracking and buzzing accompanying radio signals which have proved one of the greatest obstacles in the development of that science has been accomplished by United States army experts, it was announced today. The invention, which separates all static noises from the radio signal, was perfected by Major J. O. Mauborgne, signal officer of the Sixth Corps Area, and Dr. Louis Cohen, of George Washington University, consulting engineer of the War Department, after more than two years' experimentation.

The separation of signals from static noises caused by the electrical charges in the atmosphere is accomplished by a drain coil of wire, the length of which varies with the distance from which signals are received.

The strength of the signal is not affected by the draining process, according to Dr. Cohen, and the signals may even be amplified.

Another recent invention is a resonance wave coil by which a radio receiving set may be plugged into an ordinary electric light socket and radio signals received as well as with an aerial. This invention, on which a dozen patents are pending, was perfected by Major General George O. Squier, chief signal officer of the army.

HIS NECK BROKEN WHEN HIS MULE JUMPS SUDDENLY

Lillington, May 15.—When Mr. Jim McLeod, who lived near Oost, hitched up his mule and was preparing to go for a ride, his mule became frightened, jumped and tangled the reins in such fashion that Mr. Matthews' neck was caught and broken.

It seems that the mule was standing hitched to the buggy when Mr. Matthews started to get in. The mule suddenly took fright, from some cause unknown, and began rearing, which tangled the gear so that Mr. Matthews could not get himself loose before the rein became fastened around his neck, breaking it and causing instant death.

HAIL STORM DOES SEVERE DAMAGE

Storm In Cumberland County Of Unprecedented Severity

Fayetteville, May 15.—Thousands of dollars' damage was done to growing crops by a hail storm in Cumberland county yesterday afternoon. The hail, which preceded the rain was unprecedented severity, stones several inches in diameter fell from the sky, leaving a trail of destruction in their wake. The storm seems to have swept down the west side of the mountain, and up the east side of the same stream, leaving a trail of destruction in their wake.

In the Black River section of the county the hailstones were three to four inches in diameter, and fell more than twelve hours, while the water in the stream never fell yesterday afternoon.

A quantity of the hailstones was brought to town by W. G. Murphy, of Fayetteville. The average size of the hailstones at that time was larger than the marbles, while Mr. Murphy declared that when they fell that they were larger than his fist. Not a particle of vegetation was left intact on the farm of D. L. Murphy, while even the mouth Rock chickens killed on the farm of D. L. Murphy.

SHOCK OF GLEAMING METEOR FELT

20 Ton Bolide Came Within 100 Feet of Earth

As if by an invisible hand when a meteor resembling a large ball of fire fell last night about 10 o'clock. A great streak of light is reported to have been noticed in the sky before the ball of fire began swirling through space and before a noise that sounded like a great explosion was heard.

A report from Chase City, ninety miles from Richmond, is to the effect that the meteor was not only seen there, but that the explosion caused buildings to shake, dishes to rattle and furniture to rock in many houses. Automobiles who were on roadways in Mecklenburg county are quoted as saying that it seemed as if their cars had caught fire so great was the illumination.

One Chase City man said this morning that the meteor fell northwest of that town. He said inhabitants of Chase City and Mecklenburg County were badly frightened and rushed from their homes fearing that an earthquake was causing the houses to shake. He reported no damage to property, however, and said no one seemed to know the exact point at which the meteor struck the earth, if it landed at all. The phenomenon was witnessed by many Richmonders who were on the streets shortly after 11 o'clock. The entire southwestern skies were brightened as if by a flash of lightning of a great burst of flame.

While the shock was not felt here as at points south of the James River, it attracted a great deal of attention, a noise similar to that described by persons at Lawrenceville and other points being heard in Richmond when the detonation occurred.

APRIL SHOWS LARGE EMPLOYMENT GAIN

Reports For Past Month Most Encouraging of the Year Says Secretary

Washington, May 15.—April has shown the greatest gain in employment throughout the country of any month since the first of the year, E. E. Hunt, secretary of the President's conference on unemployment, declared today in a statement.

Employment, he said, is showing a steady and sustained gain. April reports being the most encouraging of the year and clearly indicate the upward trend of industry and business.

FALCON YOUNG MAN SINGS IN RECITAL

J. D. Messick Makes Hit With Audience At Elon College

Elon College, May 12.—The departments of voice and expression here presented J. D. Messick and Miss Eunice Rich in a joint recital last night. J. D. Messick has a rich tenor voice of great promise, and he shows in singing a fine understanding of the technique of the work. Mr. Messick has been studying voice for three years. Miss Florence Fisher, a graduate of the New England Conservatory has been his last teacher.

Mr. Messick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Messick of South Creek, but has adopted Falcon as his permanent home. He entered Elon College at the beginning of his junior year, and has made a remarkable record for himself. He will receive his bachelor's degree at the coming commencement, May 20. During his stay at the college he has made many friends, and has been active in the college life.

He is a member of the Philologist Literary Society, and during his first year at Elon College Glee Club, the Elon Quartet, the college choir, and sang leading parts in the cantatas which were rendered at the last commencement.

Mr. Messick, though giving much time to music is strong in his literary work. He represented the Senior Class in the Junior-Senior debate last November. He has been closely connected with the religious life of the college, serving as President of his Sunday School class, and the music director of the Religious Activities Organization.

Mr. Messick will receive his certificate of voice singing with his bachelor's degree this spring.

In June J. D. Messick expects to continue his study of voice singing at the New England Conservatory.

He is admirably fitted for teaching, preaching or concert singing, a vocation which he may enter later as a definite life work.

PEACHES SOON TO BE MOVING NORTH

Sandhill Fruit Growers Plan Big Opening At Aberdeen Headquarters

Aberdeen, May 14.—The new building of the Sandhill Fruit Growers' association will be completed by the first of June and occupied by the secretary and sales manager and their office force. There will be room, also, and a welcome for the buyers. There will be a formal opening, with speeches and a big dinner. The State officials will be invited to participate.

The date has not yet been definitely determined, but it will be when peaches are ripe. The association has employed an experienced sales manager to sell the peaches, and his force will be here in a few days and get actively at work.

The crop is expected to aggregate about twelve hundred cars. The prospects look good for as high a price as was received last year. The growers are planning for their help by employing a number of experienced pickers and packers from the Georgia and Southern railroad this year will have two routes open to them for their shipments, via Norwood and Spencer and Southern Railway, as well as the old established route via Aberdeen and Seaboard Air Lines.

It is understood that Aberdeen will have both co-operative and an open market for selling tobacco, so that the farmers can take their choice when it comes to disposing of their crops.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BID FOR WILMINGTON AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER

Wilmington, May 15.—The Wilmington Dispatch, afternoon newspaper, was knocked down for \$100 at public auction today. The purchaser was Robert Rank, local lawyer, who is said to have been bidding for other interests. As the sale is conditional of the taking care of \$64,000 in secured debts, the hundred dollar bid was merely nominal. The order must be confirmed by the courts 20 days hence. The paper announced this afternoon that a stock company would be organized to continue the operation.

KINSTON DRESSES UP FOR SHRINERS

Promises Of Large Crowd Does Not Dimmy Lenoir City

Kinston, May 13.—"Let 'em all come." There wasn't any worry here today over how local hotels would care for 2,500 visitors next Tuesday, when Kinston will entertain Sunday Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Ernest Webb, general chairman of the committee arranging for the affair, said private homes would be opened for many over-night guests of the town that several hundred would sleep aboard the cars on which they will come here, and that hotel accommodations have been reserved for hundreds of others, while there will be no need for any Shriner buying more than one meal here, anyway.

The committee chairman said there would be nothing left undone to make the occasion the most successful of the kind ever held in Eastern Carolina. There will be 100 automobiles at the beck and call of the Shriner. The mayor declared there would be nothing to stop Shriners from having a good time except stringent admonitions that they not set fire to his residence and that they not move the city hall.

More than this town ever saw before was being "plastered" all over the place today. The decorators said it would take a week to complete the job, therefore they started two or three days ago. Practical every building along the business streets will be from one-half to four-fifths covered with red, white and blue and some other colors of cloth.

AB BYRD IS BURNED TO DEATH IN HOUSE

Checked Career of Well-Known Fayetteville Character Brought To A Tragic End

Byrd's home here late last night. Byrd lived alone in the house and is thought to have been its sole occupant when the fire started. Two other men were seen at the house during the day and the three are said to have been drinking.

When Byrd's charred body was found the head had been nearly turned away and the lower part of the legs were burned off. The gruesome find was made by firemen, who entered the house as soon as the flames had subsided sufficiently to admit of entrance. His watch and the remains of a bedstead were the only things found near the body.

Byrd had had a chequered career. He had figured in two murder cases but was cleared of the charges against him in both. He was acquitted of the killing of Fred Thomson a dozen years ago when the jury accepted his plea of self defense. In 1917 he was held in jail as an accomplice after the fact in the murder of Angeles Moscoso, a Greek, by Leon Sturm and Ross Edwards, but was released on habeas corpus proceedings by order of Judge Bond, who held that there was no evidence to connect Byrd with the crime. Both homicides occurred in Byrd's lodging house on Bow street.

Byrd leaves a wife, from whom he was separated, a mother and three sisters.

CLASSIFIED MOTHER AS DOMESTIC SERVANT

Washington, May 13.—The meanest man yet discovered in the opinion of United States immigration authorities is a Spanish alien domiciled in America who returned from a visit to his old country recently, traveling as first cabin passenger on a suspicious liner, in the storage of which he had established his old mother, classifying her as a "domestic servant."

Secretary of Labor Davis, although concealing the man's name, in honor of Mother's Day, signed an order Saturday declaring that although the "fact surrounds one who has learned to honor and revere motherhood" the mother would be admitted to the United States for six months. The son was required, however to give a \$500 bond, to be held by the immigration authorities to guarantee that his mother "will receive at your house the treatment to which a mother is entitled."

In addition the son will be required to report monthly to Mr. Davis to assure that the aged woman gets consideration.

Germany and Russia may make treaties, but they can't borrow money from each other.—Boston Globe and Leather Reporter.

BUILDING AND LOAN TO BE ORGANIZED

Enthusiastic Meeting Last Night Assures Success. 725 Shares Taken

The Directors of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce met in a special session last night in the Chamber's office. A number of the business men of the town were present and a movement was started which assures a real, live building and loan association for Dunn.

The meeting was called to order by Ellis Goldstein, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who called upon A. L. Newberry to state the object of the meeting. In a brief talk Mr. Newberry outlined the work which is necessary to organize a building and loan association and expressed himself as being strongly in favor of such an organization for Dunn. He had gathered a lot of data on the subject and convinced those present that Dunn needs a building and loan association if the town is to continue to grow.

After the proposition was thoroughly discussed a motion was made to ascertain how many shares at \$100 each could be placed with those in attendance. In less than fifteen minutes 725 shares were taken, every one present subscribing for 10 or more, and assured the meeting that they would be "plastered" all over the place today. The decorators said it would take a week to complete the job, therefore they started two or three days ago. Practical every building along the business streets will be from one-half to four-fifths covered with red, white and blue and some other colors of cloth.

TOWN OF LILLINGTON HAS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Secures Two Buck And Hoss And Elects Chief Who Selects His "Buddies" and Organizes

Kyle Matthews is fire chief of the City of Lillington. His department is organized and the personnel is as follows: Malcolm Upchurch, captain. Ben Spears, captain. Firemen: Jim Dorman, Covinon Brown, Boyd Johnson, Ben Rich, Clifford Long, Clarence Senter, Merriam Lanier.

At the meeting of town council last Wednesday night the matter of organizing a company of fire fighters was taken up, with the result that Mr. Matthews was elected chief. The council had already secured two reels and an ample supply of hose, nozzles, and other paraphernalia suitable for fire fighting, and these were turned over to the keeping of the newly elected fire chief.

Mr. Matthews immediately assumed duties and gathered together a bunch of healthy young fellows for his force. Practice drills will be held, and Mr. Matthews states that soon he expects to have his department in excellent trim.

This has been a long felt need for Lillington. For a long time citizens have felt that not only have insurance rates been too outrageously high, but after paying the rates, the protection from fire was practically nil. Now, Mayor Thompson states, he expects the rates to be materially decreased. He is in correspondence with the underwriters looking toward a reduction.—Harnett County News.

Two small boys were discussing the various excellences of their respective parents, and the conversation had reached the highly critical and even personal stage.

"Well," remarked Tommy Night, "you can say what you like, but I reckon your father's about the meanest man that ever lived. Fancy him letting you walk about in them old shoes, and him a shoe-maker, too!"

"Duh," replied Bobby Roberts. "My father ain't no mean as your father, anyway. Why, fancy him being a dentist and your baby only get one tooth."—The Upland.