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DUNN PEOPLE WILL ENJOY BIG PAGEANT CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Will Be Presented at First Baptist Church by the Senior B. Y. P. U.

THIRTY-FIVE CHARACTERS EXCLUSIVE OF THE CHORUS

The Public is Cordially Invited To Attend. Program Will Begin At 7:30 O'clock. Pageant Will Portray Meaning of The "Perfect Gift."

"The time draws near, the birth of Christ; The moon is hid—the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist— "Peace and good-will, good-will and peace;

Peace and good-will to all mankind. Christmas is here, Christmas the time when men forget themselves and join hands in fellowship; Christmas, the time for exchanging gifts; the time for gathering around the Yule log and making merry with our friends; the time for home-coming, the time when near old Santa makes happy the hearts of the children.

What is Christmas? On Christmas night the Senior B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church will present the beautiful pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang," which with its beautiful tableaux, will reveal the real significance of this great day, as well as the meaning of the "Perfect Gift." The tableaux will picture most vividly the circumstances in connection with the birth of Christ. Tableaux representing the angels appearing to the shepherds, as they watched their flocks, and also of the Magicians presenting their gifts to the Babe, will add much to the vividness of the story. The play, "Why the Chimes Rang," portraying the "Perfect Gift" is a most thrilling, graphic, picturesque and sacred drama, carrying a beautiful and touching story. Proceed-

ing consisting of appropriate music, lasting about twenty minutes will be presented by the church orchestra. Immediately following this the pageant proper will begin. The electrical effects, together with beautiful costumes and music will be interwoven into the story, making it impressive.

The public is cordially invited to attend. No admission fee nor special collection will be taken.

JERE PEARSALL IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

End Came Tuesday Afternoon And Funeral Was Conducted Wednesday

The funeral of Jere Pearsall, who died Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Pitman hospital, Fayetteville, was conducted from the Pearsall home, West Pearsall street, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service was conducted by Rev. A. R. McQueen, pastor of the Dunn Presbyterian church, and the remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery with Masonic honors. The pall-bearers: Henry C. Lee, Ralph Wade, Ralph Parker, Ralph R. Koons, L. C. Essell, Geo. F. McKay, K. F. Howard and Earl Barefoot. The floral offering was one of the most profuse and beautiful ever seen here, and showed in a small way the high esteem in which the deceased was held. A large number of people attended the funeral and accompanied the remains to their last resting place.

While the deceased had been ill for two weeks, his condition was not considered serious until Saturday of last week when he was taken to the hospital. The immediate cause of his death was blood poison. Mr. Pearsall was 31 years of age and is survived by his widow, his father, Mr. James Pearsall, a step-mother and two brothers—William McK. Pearsall, of Dunn, and Robert Pearsall, of Raleigh. Mrs. Pearsall before her marriage to the deceased a little more than a year ago, was Miss Virginia Gibbs, daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibbs, of Clayton.

Jere Pearsall, as he was known to his friends, was of a quiet, unassuming nature, which won for him the friendship of his acquaintances. He had been engaged with his father for the past two years in the operation of the Broad Street Filling station, here. He was a hard worker, attentive to his business, and was what might be termed a model young business man. He had for several years been a devoted member of the local

Believe Daniels Is Bryan's Dark Horse

Washington, Dec. 18.—"The dark horse from Dixie" who is being groomed by William Jennings Bryan for the Democratic Presidential nomination is believed to be former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels of North Carolina. At least, Mr. Daniels is the guess of several usually well informed Southern Senators, who argue that the former Secretary is about the only public man in the South who measures up to the Bryan standard especially in the matter of prohibition. Of all the bone drys in America they declare, none is more so than Mr. Daniels. Besides, the former Secretary and the Commoner have been the closest of friends for years.

Mr. Daniels' friends however, believe he will not become a candidate even at the solicitation of his old friend, Mr. Bryan. He is believed to favor McAdoo, and if Mr. Daniels entered the race it might embarrass Mr. McAdoo and probably lose him some Southern delegates. North Carolina is one of the Southern states claimed by the McAdoo machine.

FORD ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT RUN

Pledges His Support To President Coolidge For His Re-Election

Detroit, Dec. 19.—Henry Ford today declared he, "like a great majority of the American people," feels that the country is "safe with Coolidge" and that he himself would never consider running against Mr. Coolidge on any ticket.

"I believe it is the wise and natural thing for the people to agree on the nomination and election of Mr. Coolidge," Mr. Ford said. "I am satisfied that ninety per cent of the people feel perfectly safe with Coolidge and I feel, too, that the country is perfectly safe with him. And if this is the feeling of the country, why change?"

Mr. Ford has shown in these months of service a great many qualities that should please his countrymen. I think they all feel that Mr. Coolidge means to do right. And when a man means to do right, so far as I have observed, it is usually quite easy for him to find the way to do right.

"Some people seem disturbed over the conditions which business will face during the Presidential election year. Of course, there must be an election. But there is no reason why business should be disturbed by it. If the people by common consent agree they will hold to a good man while they have him. Public sentiment can be so formed long before the election that there should be no doubt about the election.

Should Not Campaign

"In addition to considering the interests of the people, we should consider the interests of the President as head of the American government. President Coolidge has a position of the highest responsibility. He should not feel compelled to take any of his time or strength for any sort of political campaigning, and for the sake of the country as well as for his own sake, he should not have to do so."

Asked concerning the use of his own name in connection with the Presidency, Mr. Ford said: "No man has a right to say he never will consider public office, nor accept public office. No man can predict his own acts and feelings so strongly as that. But this I will say, that I would never for a moment think of running against Calvin Coolidge for President, on any ticket whatever. In this present situation I am for Coolidge."

Dr. Coltrane Honored By New York Hospital

The friends of Dr. W. E. Coltrane, of Dunn, will be interested to learn of the special preference given him by the New York Post-graduate Medical School and Hospital by placing him on the operating staff, due to demonstrated ability. His work is with the most noted surgeons of America and when he has completed his post-graduate course he will be fully qualified to handle all operations in his special line. He will return to his post at the Dunn hospital when he has completed his course at the New York institution.

Presbyterian church. While not unexpected to those who know of his serious illness, news of Mr. Pearsall's death cast a pall of sorrow over the town where he was reared and loved.



WILLIAM BERNARD HARRELL

FORMER BAPTIST MAN IS HONORED

Dr. Fred M. Hodges Elected As Head Of The Richmond Academy Of Medicine

Dispassionate will be interested in the fact that Dr. Fred M. Hodges, a native of Richmond county, has recently been elected head of the Richmond Academy of Medicine, a Richmond, Va. The academy has been known for many years as the Virginia Academy of Medicine.

The following members of the Hodges' election to the office is taken from The Richmond News Leader: "Dr. Fred M. Hodges was elected president of the Richmond Academy of Medicine at the annual meeting held last night in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Arthur L. Hines was elected first vice-president, and Dr. William L. Higgins, second vice-president.

"Trustees elected were Dr. Virginia Harrison, Dr. J. K. Hall, Dr. Garrett Nelson, Dr. D. T. Jones and Dr. J. A. Hodges. When Dr. Fred M. Hodges is installed at the January meeting he automatically becomes a member of the Board of Trustees of the academy.

Besides reading two technical papers and discussing them, the most important business was the report of the committee of twenty on the proposed Temple of Science and Art, for which plans have been drawn. It was stated that the proposition was individual, in other words, members of the Academy of Medicine may become members of the Temple of Science and Art, but if they do not, they will not enjoy certain other privileges. The report was referred to the newly elected trustees, as they reflected and considered the proposition, bringing in a report of approval.

"The history of the Temple of Science and Art has been considered for years, and members of the Academy of Medicine feel that there is an urgent need for the facilities it would provide through a University course as a place in which to hold meetings of scientific bodies."

Whole Band Of Gypsies Arrested At Raeford

Raeford, Dec. 18.—Six automobile loads of Gypsies landed in Raeford Monday enroute to northern parts of the state, but were arrested here after advice from towns south that they were wanted for stealing large sums of money from two or three different persons along their journey.

The entire outfit was placed under a \$300 bond for appearance at recorder's court, but it is not expected that they will appear.

Youthful Ruler Are Expelled From Greece

London, Dec. 18.—The Greek nation, which in recent years has suffered so many dynastic changes, will tomorrow again be without a king and under the agency of the special Admiralty Commissioners, who filed a similar case in 1920.

The suddenness of this development from the victory of the Liberals and Republicans at the recent election has astonished even the Greek people, accustomed as they are to recurring political convulsions. According to the Athens press the King's absence will be regarded as "leave" pending the future decision of the national assembly. But the general belief is that when the king and queen depart for Bucharest tomorrow, another king will have disappeared for good from the rapidly diminishing number of European thrones.

HARRELL FAMILY IN REUNION HERE

Met To Celebrate Centennial Of The Birth Of Late W. B. Harrell

Monday, December 18, 1923, was the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the late Dr. William B. Harrell, of Dunn. On this occasion, all of the surviving members of the immediate family and other of the grandchildren, assembled in Dunn to hold a family reunion and to celebrate the centennial of the birth of the head of the family.

The gathering met at the Young's Hotel, and by Sunday afternoon all had arrived. The company assembled on the Sunday morning services at the First Baptist church, of which Dr. Harrell and his wife had been members since their residence in Dunn—more than twenty years.

The out-of-town visitors were as follows: Mrs. Ida Horne of Clayton; Mrs. Rosa Stollar, and Mr. W. P. Harrell, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. J. L. Hines, and daughter, Miss Annie Battle Hines, of Charlotte; Mrs. Jessamine Pleasants, of Winston-Salem; and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harrell, of Petersburg, Va.

On Monday morning the following program was given at the Young's Hotel. On this occasion Mr. E. F. Young and his daughter, Miss Isabelle, kindly consented to the use of their private parlors:

Bible Reading, XXI Psalm.

Prayer.

Duet: "Sing, Sing, Sing" by Messadames Ida Horne and Rosa Stollar.

Reading: "Speech of North Carolina," by Mr. W. P. Harrell.

Song: "Praises to Jesus," by the family.

Reading: "The Centennial," from Autobiography of W. B. Harrell, by Mrs. Ida Horne.

Song: "Sailor Boy," by Mrs. Rosa Stollar.

Reading: "An Appreciation," by Mr. A. B. Harrell.

Solo: "The Fair Millmaid," by Mrs. Mabel Hines.

Reading: "The Centennial," by Mrs. Rosa Stollar.

Song: "Ho! For Carolina," by the Knute Gartering.

The songs and hymns used in this memorial service were all the compositions of Dr. Harrell. From the fertile pen of this gifted composer have come many songs both sacred and secular. Some of Dr. Harrell's Confederate War songs are still preserved in the Confederate Museum at Richmond.

After the service at the hotel, the party visited the family plot in the cemetery to stand again beside the last resting place of father and mother. Beautiful carnations were placed upon each grave as a silent tribute of love and affection for the dear departed.

From the printed souvenir, prepared for this occasion we copy the following short sketches of the lives of Dr. Harrell and Mrs. Harrell.

William Bernard Harrell

William Bernard Harrell, son of James Harrell, and Martha McGuire, his wife, both of Harrellville, N. C., was born December 17th, 1823 at Suffolk, Va. In 1839, his father moved to Norfolk, Va., where he was for many years an importer and commission merchant. Young William was educated in the Norfolk High School, at Raleigh-Macon College, and at the University of Maryland, School of Medicine where he was graduated Doctor of Medicine in 1849. Locating at Winton, N. C., for the practice of his profession, he soon met Miss Ann Judson Battle, whom he married in 1851. He was a surgeon in the Confederate Army. Afterwards, while living at Smithfield, N. C., his first wife, he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry of the Baptist church. He was a pastor in North Carolina, and a teacher in the Public Schools for many years. He was the composer of many songs, both sacred and secular, among them being the well-known State song: "Ho, For Carolina." He died at Dunn, N. C., Nov. 25th, 1906.

Ann Judson Battle Harrell

Ann Judson Battle Harrell, wife of William Bernard Harrell, and daughter of the Rev. Amos Johnston Battle, and Margaret Parker, his wife, was born March 28th, 1834 at Nashville, N. C. She was educated in the High Schools of Wilson and Rocky Mount, and at the Chowan Baptist Female College, Murfreesboro, N. C., where she was a member of the first graduating class. Though many talents were hers, this is the highest tribute that can be paid to her: She was a devoted wife, and a faithful mother. She was the daughter of a Baptist preacher, the wife of a Baptist preacher, and the mother of a Baptist preacher. A brilliant musician, she was the composer of several selections for



ANN JUDSON BATTLE HARRELL

CANTATA PLEASD LARGE AUDIENCE

The Messiah's Coming Presented At Presbyterian Church Last Night

Despite the inclement weather last evening an audience which practically filled the Presbyterian church auditorium gathered to witness the Christmas cantata, "The Messiah's Coming." The church was attractively decorated with long-leaved pine, flowers and potted plants and the large audience was thrilled with the rendition of the program, under the direction of Mrs. Lloyd Wade.

Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of Divine Street Methodist church, said the invocation and read a passage of scripture appropriate to the occasion.

Numbers on the program included: Hear the Song, opening chorus, by the choir; The Messiah, soprano solo, by Mrs. John Fitzgerald; Christ, Our Light, chorus; Life Without End, duet, by Miss Dodson and Mrs. Harper Holliday; Wondrous Story, soprano solo, by Mrs. Herbert McKay; Prophecies Fulfilled, by choir; The Voice of Jesus, contralto solo, by Mrs. Harper Holliday; Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us, duet by Messadames John Fitzgerald and Herbert McKay; The Song of Angels, quartet, by Messadames Ellison Goddard, W. S. Snipes, W. E. Coltrane and Mr. Edward Metz; God's Wonderful Gift, Finale.

Mrs. Lloyd Wade, director, presided at the organ and Mr. Geo. Metz played the violin. Others taking part in the program were:

Soprano: Messadames Herbert McKay, John Fitzgerald, Harper Holliday, Wallace Coltrane, Oscar Strickland, Ellison Goddard, N. A. Townsend, E. M. Jeffreys, J. R. Butler, J. W. Pardie, Wm. Thompson, Z. V. Snipes, Miss Dodson and Miss Sue Smith.

Altos: Messadames W. T. Smith, Paul Hood, Ransom Pearsall, Jas. Farthing, W. S. Snipes, Henry Lee and Miss Elizabeth Bridge.

Tenors: Dr. J. R. Butler, Mr. Spratt Moore, Mrs. C. S. Hicks, Mr. H. S. Freeman.

Basses: Mr. Edward Metz, Mr. Hugh Prince, Mr. W. T. Smith, Mr. Geo. Gardner and Mr. Z. V. Snipes.

The cantata as a whole was faultlessly rendered and was highly pleasing and delightful, serving as a means to strengthen the spirit of the Christmas season.

Rhode Island Concern Coming To This State

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 17.—The Sayles Finishing Plant, Inc., of Rhode Island, which has four large mills in this vicinity, announced today that it would erect at once a \$2,000,000 cotton bleaching and finishing plant and a modern housing community on the Swannanoa River, four miles from Asheville, N. C.

The plant will be built on 200 acres of property, which the company has acquired from the Swannanoa Bend Realty Company, a holding organization.

Demand in the South for a finishing company of this kind, coupled with present political conditions in Rhode Island, are reasons given for the project. Four hundred operatives will be employed as the works are ready. Later a printing division will be added to the industry.

Plans, and she arranged the piano accompaniment to many of the songs composed by her husband. The mother of a large family, her highest joy was in the welfare of her children. She died at Dunn, N. C., November 22nd, 1906, just three days before the death of her husband, after they had been married fifty-five years.

On Monday evening the gathering broke up, with an agreement to meet in family reunion again with Mrs. Horne, at Clayton on July 23rd 1925.

Wilmington Man Gets Award For Dead Son

Wilmington, Dec. 18.—L. Bluthenthal yesterday received from the French Embassy at Washington the military medal posthumously awarded to his son, Sergt. Arthur Bluthenthal, of the French aviation service, who was killed in action during 1918.

The letter accompanying the award, signed by Brig. Gen. G. A. L. Dumont, military attaché to the French Embassy follows:

"I take pleasure in informing you that I am mailing under separate cover to your address, registered, the military medal awarded your late son, Arthur Bluthenthal, as a tribute to his glorious memory.

"Enclosed is the citation accompanying same.

"Very sincerely yours, etc."

This citation, which is in French, lauds the valor of the Wilmington flier.

Sergeant Bluthenthal entered the service as an ambulance driver, being later transferred to the aviation section, where he established an enviable record as an intrepid and daring birdman.

MILLION BALES RAISED IN N. C.

Cotton Crop In State This Year Is Valued At About \$159,548,400

The official estimates of the crop reporting board give the North Carolina crop a production of 1,020,000 bales, estimated for this year. Giving the crop a value of \$23 per pound, which was the average for a three weeks period ranging about December 1st, the crop has a value of about \$159,548,400. The recent ginners' report gives North Carolina 929,616 bales ginned to December 1st. It is estimated that 94 per cent of the crop was ginned at that date. As the bales in North Carolina average about 490 pounds each the gin bales must be discounted.

For the first time in its history North Carolina will rank second in the production and value of the cotton crop. The yield per acre gives a lead in this respect among the important cotton states. It is estimated that the seed cotton averages 37 per cent lint this year in this State. The estimates on the acreages from the various reports used as compared with last year, range from 102 to 109 per cent, giving a reasonable average of 105 per cent. The per cent abandoned since June 25th when the first acreage estimates was made was 5 per cent.

The crop reporting service obtained a large number of individual cotton farm acreages, the results of which indicated that 107 per cent increase was harvested this year as compared with a year ago. According to the regular report received from hundreds of correspondents over North Carolina, 97 per cent of the crop was picked by December 1st. The average price paid to farmers per ton of cotton seed was \$48.50. The average price paid for picking seed cotton was \$1.25 per hundredweight.

As was to be expected, the largest yields per acre were made in the northern belt of North Carolina, although yields of one bale per acre were not uncommon in the southern counties. During field travel and investigation, the State statistician found that over 20 per cent of the farmers were making over one bale per acre. One well-known farmer in the State had tenants who averaged about 700 pounds of lint per acre on farms in Wake and Wayne counties. The basis for the large yields in this State were very favorable weather conditions, unexpectedly low damages by the boll weevil, the earliest and heaviest setting of bolls in our history, the heavy usage of high-grade fertilizers and frequent cultivation.

Makes Offer \$25,000 On Buie's Creek Gym

Buie's Creek, Dec. 17.—A friend of Buie's Creek Academy has offered to give \$25,000 toward building a gymnasium for Buie's Creek Academy, provided its other friends give that amount by January 1, 1924. Great enthusiasm for the task gives assurance that the school will have the money by the date named.

One loyal friend has already sent in \$100. The first contribution was for \$25, given by a Baptist preacher who came to the school from the cotton mills. The next two were for the same amount by cotton mill preacher boys.

The literary societies have decided to put their anniversary exercises January 31 instead of December 20, as announced in the catalogue. This

DUNN URGED TO MATCH NEW BERN

Asked To Send Fifty People To Meeting In Goldsboro Friday, December 28

An important meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Shippers' association will be held in Goldsboro on Friday morning, December 28, at 11 o'clock. Senator F. M. Simmons and Governor Cameron Harrell have agreed to address this meeting and Dunn is asked to send a large delegation of business men to Goldsboro on that day.

The Eastern North Carolina Shippers' association was organized through the efforts of the various Chambers of Commerce secretaries in Eastern Carolina and is composed of a representative from each of the Chambers of Commerce. A. L. Newberry, vice-president of the local chamber, has been appointed to represent Dunn in the organization. He is planning to attend the Goldsboro meeting and is anxious that as many local business men as can possibly do so accompany him.

F. Grover Brit, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, has been advised that the State of Virginia has recently filed a rate complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission, attacking the freight rates between Virginia and North Carolina. Freight rates is a matter in which every Dunn business man should be vitally interested, as well as the public generally. The fact that Senator Simmons and the governor of the State have consented to attend this meeting shows that they are interested in the matter, and surely the people who profit by the present rates should show their interest by attending the meeting on Friday of next week.

At a recent meeting of Chamber of Commerce secretaries held in Wilson, F. Grover Brit, secretary of the Dunn Chamber, pledged the support of the local organization in the fight to retain the present rates between the two States. It is true that the Chamber of Commerce can render no more important service to the business than to fight an increase in freight rates, as would result if the demands of the Virginia interests were granted.

Mr. Brit is in receipt of a letter from Harry R. Baylow, secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, in which he states that New Bern will send a delegation of at least fifty to the Goldsboro meeting and asks Dunn to match New Bern. He is anxious that Dunn take up the challenge and send a delegation that will match that to be sent by the Craven county capital.

THIRD FLOGGING IN NASH COUNTY

Merchant Taken From His Store And Given A Beating

Rocky Mount, Dec. 18.—The third flogging to be administered to persons in and around Nashville occurred last night, reports reaching this city today indicate, when J. Y. Barnes, Nashville citizen, was taken from his store, carried in an automobile to a point in the woods which he claims to be near Wilson, and flogged.

Reports indicate that the flogging took place early in the evening as several men, it is stated, came for Barnes at his store shortly after 6 o'clock. He is quoted as saying that there were seven or eight unmasked men in the party which carried him some distance and then administered a flogging. He is understood to have been brought back to the county seat shortly after midnight and to have said that he did not recognize any members of the band.

Advices from Nashville say that Barnes claims that approximately \$200 was taken from him by the band. Whether or not he was injured or given a warning could not be learned. Barnes is the father of the young woman with whom association is alleged to have been the cause of the first whipping administered at Nashville several weeks ago to a young married man employed in highway construction work. At that time a warning is reported to have been left at his home by the band.

The second flogging activity occurred about a week after the first when another young man was caught at the home of a woman some distance from Nashville and given a lashing in the presence of the woman in the case, and last night's affair brings the total known floggings up to three.

It is done because so many of the students leave for the holidays before the night of the 20th.