

Canton Baptists Buy Property For A New Church

Rev. R. A. Kelly Has Met With Remarkable Success In Two Years At The Church

Purchase of the old Academy property on Academy street by the Canton First Baptist church has been announced by the Pigeon River Lodge of Masons, and officials of the church. Transfer of the property was made the latter part of the week, which represents an investment of \$10,000.

The property is located on Academy street, and adjoins the church property. It has long been in the possession of the Pigeon River lodge 336, and original plans were to erect a Masonic Temple on the site. This for a number of years was the center of Canton's only educational facilities, and many of the older residents of the town secured their learning in the old building which long since has been removed.

Church Plans Building

Plans for a new educational building have been underway for some time at the First Baptist church, and a building fund amounting to approximately \$50,000 has been set up during the past few years, preparatory to erecting such a building when conditions will warrant. With the acquisition of the new lot, it is understood that plans will now go forward, for the building program as soon as materials are available.

December 15th will mark the completion of two years' ministry of Rev. R. A. Kelly as Pastor of the First Baptist Church here. The success of the program of the church under his able leadership has been outstanding as to organization, enlargement, additions to church membership and increase in contributions through tithes and offerings.

In December 1944, when Rev. Kelly came to the church, a building fund of about \$13,000 had been established. Through special offerings and the regular weekly contributions to the Building Fund, the total for this purpose was brought up to \$49,326.69 more than two and a half times the amount on hand two years ago.

The Sunday School has grown so rapidly that housing for the various groups became inadequate and it was necessary for the church to rent two buildings, one of which has been used for the Intermediate Department, but has recently been condemned making it necessary to provide other facilities for that department. The other rented building is being used for the Young People's Department which has now outgrown that building. It was therefore, necessary that some provision be made immediately to take care of those two departments of the Sunday School, and last week the church authorized its Board of Trustees to purchase from the Pigeon River Lodge No. 336 the tract of land adjoining the church property at a price of \$10,000.00 cash, making possible the erection of two Quonset Huts to be placed on the back of the lot which can be used by the above mentioned



Bingo In Braille

AP Newsfeatures

NOW SEE IT, says the blind veteran after American Red Cross Worker Dorothy Beadle hit upon the idea of using raised letters and symbols for Bingo. Complexities of the game discouraged sightless patients at Valley Forge General Hospital in Pennsylvania, so Miss Beadle reduced the 75 letters and symbols to 30 cutouts, replaced chips with pegs in holes, and veterans in woodworking did the job.

ed departments until such time as materials are made available for the erection of the new educational building.

Ground for these huts has already been broken and the huts are available for delivery from Asheville, North Carolina, just as soon as the foundation is ready to receive them. The lot recently purchased from the Masons is 84 by 200 feet which, when added to that already owned by the church, gives a space for the new building of a little more than 135 feet fronting Academy Street, 200 feet deep, which will enable the church to put up the type of structure that it should have to meet its needs for several years to come.

In discussing the purchase, Rev. Mr. Kelly said "I greatly appreciate the fine spirit on the part of our own people, the wonderful helpfulness of other people in the community and particularly the gracious and cooperative spirit of the Trustees and members of the Pigeon River Lodge No. 386."

One hundred and seventy three people have been added to the church membership during the two years Rev. Kelly has been pastor. Most of these have come, not through special revival effort, but in the regular Sunday services it not being an unusual thing to have additions almost every Sunday. A large percentage of this number has been reached through the Sunday School.

Again extolling Rev. Kelly, he said "These things could not have been accomplished without the marvelous cooperation and good spirit on the part of our people."

Rev. Mr. Kelly came to the Canton First Baptist Church from Hastings, Florida, preaching his first sermon as Pastor of the church, on the third Sunday in December 1944. He is a native of Tyler, Texas, was reared in Virginia and Washington, D. C., had work in the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee University. During World War I, he spent two years in

Big Still Blown Up By Federal Men in E. N. C.

WILMINGTON—One of the largest liquor distilleries ever built in Southeastern North Carolina without benefit of a Federal permit was blown to bits with dynamite early Saturday morning in the Caintuck section of Pender County by the Wilmington Alcohol Tax Unit agents, it was learned this week.

Consisting of two types of illicit stills popular with bootleggers—a 150-gallon mash capacity outfit was loaded with 2,600 gallons of mash when ATU Agents Lon Home, Ernest Plate and George Steptoe touched off the dynamite blast.

About 300 pounds of beet sugar imported from the Utah and Idaho Sugar company of Toppenish, Wash., was included in the alcoholic mixture, the agents said. The remainder was the old stand-by molasses.

BOW-TIED RECORD

DANVILLE, Ill. — Edward J. Foehrer claims the record with his bow-tie collection. He already has 125 and intends to keep on collecting them until he owns 365 ties—one for each day in the year.

the Army, sixteen and a half months of which were spent overseas. He received his A. B. degree from George Washington University, Washington, D. C. and his Master of Theology Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He also had graduate work there, majoring in Greek New Testament, minoring in Hebrew and Church History.

Rev. Mr. Kelly, before coming to Canton, served as pastor of the Shawnee Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky; the First Baptist Church, Belmont, North Carolina and the First Baptist Church of Hastings, Florida.

Now You Tell One

EXPERT ON WEDDINGS NEVER TRIED ONE

SALISBURY, Md. —(AP)—Marriages are made in Salisbury with a bride, groom, minister and Claude Collier Dorman.

He has "helped out" at 229 weddings in the last half century, as a best man, usher, and general backstage hand, one time climbing through a church window to take the missing organist's place with "I Love You Truly".

It's a hobby. Window display is his vocation.

When a protocol problem comes up, "Call Claude" is the answer. He decorates the church, designs the bridesmaids' dresses, drapes the wedding veil and arranges the bride's train.

Oh, yes, he's a bachelor.

SHOCKED BY RUDENESS, BEAR BEARS UP

HELENA, Mont. —(AP)—It was okay with a road construction crew at a nearby mountain camp when a bear came each night and clean-

ed up their garbage can, but it



was no good when he burglarized the supply tent and toted away three cartons of cookies. Next day, the crew electrified a fence around the tent and that night a loud howl of pain awoke the camp. At latest reports, the bear was back on his garbage diet.

HUNTER SHOULD HAVE STOOD ON JOB

DENVER—(AP)—R. T. McCluskey, a flower shop operator, said goodbye to his partner, Adolph Geisert, and set off to hunt pheasants far from the city. A few minutes after he left, a pheasant crashed through a front window of the shop. Geisert retrieved it.

STEPPING UP IS A BUM STEP

BALTIMORE — (AP) — The

Northern Central Railroad Commuters Association doesn't want any steps on its new station lest "bums" sleep on them. C. J. Henry, Baltimore superintendent for the Pennsylvania Railroad offered a



compromise of shortening the proposed stairs from seven steps to four. J. Purdon Wright, spokesman for the commuters, said this plan was unsatisfactory. "We don't want the steps, and I don't care how much it costs the railroad," said Wright. "They can raise our fares." Eliminating the steps would involve grading the grounds.

STANDS UP FOR RIGHTS TO A SIT DOWN JOB

ORANGEBURG, S. C. —(AP)—

Dunkirk, N. Y. Aids Dunkerque, France

DUNKIRK, N. Y. —(AP)— The 21,000 citizens of Dunkirk opened today a nation-wide aid-to-France campaign with a Thanksgiving gift to their namesake French city of Dunkerque.

Keynoting the day-long observance, which included presentation of more than \$75,000 worth of merchandise to the French Ambassador, Henri Bonnet, as well as a pageant, parade and memorial ceremony, was an address by Russell Davenport, campaign manager for the late Wendell L. Willkie during the latter's unsuccessful bid for the 1940 Republican Presidential nomination.

Lever Metts, Orangeburg barber, is opening a jewelry and gift shop because he is tired of standing up at his work.

"I have to stand up all the time at this job," he said while cutting a customer's hair. "I've been doing it for 23 years and now I think it is time to quit."

The inventor of the miner's—or Davy lamp—was Sir Humphrey Davy.

German Boy Adopted by U. S. Family

BREMENHAVEN —(AP)—This was Thanksgiving for a 4-year-old German boy whose parents were killed in bombing. He is now a United States citizen. Major and Mrs. J. D. Deraud, less than a year after their marriage, often had to find a home for the boy. He was adopted by a German family in Bremen. "It was a case of sight for both," said Deraud.

The child doesn't speak English but the hands grasped the boy that he returned to his green heart approval. Kurt was adopted finally, but adoption was not the end. The U. S. government is now working to get him to Bremen.

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