

### Crowds Flocking To Pleasant View

Great crowds are flocking to Pleasant View Church each night for the revival service conducted by Rev. W. H. Eubanks this week. The revival has been in progress now for about a week and the

crowd is increasing each night. Arrangements are being made to take care of the overflowing crowd.

Special emphasis is being placed on the children's choir and they are singing new choruses each night. One Monday night little three year old Ruth Teachey sang a special number accompanied by her mother.

### Rural Carriers Hold Meeting

The Duplin and Sampson County units of the State Rural Letter Carrier Association met in a joint meeting in the Community Building in Clinton, Friday, April 18, 1937.

At this meeting it was decided to consolidate these two units under one charter. Officers were elected as follows: President, N. F. Parkers Clinton; vice president, Kenneth Taylor, Magnolia; secretary and treasurer, A. L. Ward, Rose Hill; Chaplain, John E. Tew, Clinton.

The members of the ladies auxiliary of the two units held a meeting at the same time and place. Officers for the auxiliary are, President, Mrs. F. N. Barden Magnolia; vice president, Mrs. P. D. Peterson, Clinton; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Owens, of Roseboro; Chaplain, Mrs. John E. Tew, Clinton.

After the meetings adjourned, a bountiful supper was enjoyed by all present.

The whole church is taking on new life and the community is awake to the call of the meeting. You can't afford to miss these closing nights.

### Our Year

History — Biography — Genealogy  
(By A. T. OUTLAW)

#### ROUTLEDGE

Colonel THOMAS ROUTLEDGE, born about the year 1727-28, came to Duplin County during the seven-teen-forties. Two others of the family, William and Nicholas, came about the same time. Nicholas had served as Clerk of the Court in Craven County for some years. The names of others of the family are in the public records of Craven and New Hanover Counties. Their first location in Duplin was on Maple, a branch of Goshen, and within a few years they moved to the heart of the Grove settlement (now Kenansville) and immediately took an active part in public affairs. In early life Colonel Routledge worked as a bricklayer. When the Revolutionary war came on he promptly joined the American forces and served as a member of the Wilmington Safety Committee, first Major of the Duplin Minute men, and as Lieutenant-Colonel of the County militia. He was often in active service and was a valuable man. During the first week in August, 1781, his home, near what is now known as Routledge old cemetery was taken and used by the British as their headquarters while they did general destruction in the neighborhood. The British soldiers were under the command of Major James H. Craig who, in later years, became Governor-General of Canada. During and after the war Colonel Routledge served for some years as Sheriff and as Chairman of the County Court. He was also one of the original trustees of the old Grove Academy.

Colonel Routledge's wife was Catherine, the widow of Edward Pearsall, of the Welch settlement in what is now Pender County, near Wetha. Her children by Edward Pearsall were James and Edward Pearsall, and others, and they are the ancestors of a large and prominent family of that name. Her children by Colonel Routledge were Thomas Routledge, the second, who married Mildred Gillespie, daughter of Dorcas (Mumford) and Major James Gillespie, and Sarah Routledge who married Benjamin Liddon. Thomas Routledge, the third, (son of Thomas 2nd) served Duplin County as Register of Deeds for a period of twenty-one years and was succeeded by his brother, Nicholas Routledge, who served for a period of eight years. Another brother, Edward Pearsall Routledge, was Clerk of the Superior Court for a short time during the eighteen-fifties. Other brothers and sisters of Thomas Routledge, the third, were: Ezekiah Morgan, Marlan, Dorothy Pearsall and Margaret Eleanor Routledge. Some of the family moved to Tennessee where Colonel Routledge had been granted a large amount of land for military services. There is not one of the family name now living in Duplin County and the old home place has been in other hands for many years. It is now owned by Sheriff D. S. Williamson, of Kenansville.

Colonel Routledge died during the year 1801 and the date of his wife's death cannot now be given. In the old cemetery, bearing the family name, they, with several of their descendants, lie entombed. It is, perhaps, the oldest cemetery in this section. Near it stood the old meeting house of the Grove congregation which is generally regarded as the first organization of the Presbyterian denomination in this State. The old cemetery contains the remains of many of the early settlers who were workers for religious and educational development, American patriots, faithful public servants, soldiers of the Cross.

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