

Dame Justice Tilt Scales County Court Here Monday

The text offered the firm's sincerest regrets that it had no beautiful gifts for Christmas, but offered the finest mules available to the readers. A right heavy ad, say we.

Right now before we forget it again—This department can't figure out why it seemed so funny, but our estimable Clerk of the Court, Mr. R. Vivian Wells, got a letter sometime ago which tickled our jaded spirits into a high state of humor. Said letter was addressed to Mr. Eving Wells. He, too, thought it was funny.

And now there is a great deal of Christmas shopping to be done, so your correspondent will adjourn to the Drug Store's candy punchboard. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and best of joy. Incidentally, castor oil is fine for tummy aches.

Wilmington Presbytery

Wilmington Presbytery met in adjourned session in the Wallace Presbyterian Church Tuesday morning at 11:00. Rev. H. R. Poole of Elizabethtown was moderator.

The suggested changes in the confession of faith and the catechisms were approved in general with few changes in words. The questions of infant salvation, unchristian churches and unworthy approach to the Lords Table, seem to have been given the most careful attention and much time was spent trying to reword these sections so as to get the truth in a clearer way.

Presbytery felt that there was no special need for a chapter to be added to the standards on the subjects: Love of God, and Missions, but did feel that there should be a section added on the Holy Spirit. This is a subject that many people like to have a clear statement about but which is not treated separately in the standards. Announcement was made that Earle F. Thompson, Kings Mountain Presbytery had accepted the call to the Lake Wacoamas churches and that he was moving to that field this week. Mr. Thompson will be received into the Presbytery at the adjourned meeting on Dec. 14 in Wilmington.

Rev. B. Frank Hall, Th. D. of Morehead presented his resignation of the pastorate there and asked for a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of St. Louis. This letter was granted.

Announcement was made of the young peoples rally in Wilmington on Dec. 22nd at the Church of the Covenant.

PREACHING IN NORTH EAST DUPLIN

There will be special Christmas services at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11:00 and at Smith's Church Sunday evening at 7:00. Rev. W. H. Eubank, pastor of the group will preach at both services on the Christmas Theme. You are invited.

SMITH—PAGE

Smith's Church was the scene of a beautiful ceremony on December 11th at 7:30 A. M. when Mattie Pearl Smith became the bride of Elton Page, both of the Smith's Church section of the county. Rev. W. H. Eubank, pastor of the couple performed the ceremony in the presence of friends.

The young couple left at once for places of interest in Georgia, and will return during the holidays and make their home in Smith's township.

Outlaw's Bridge

The Community club will meet Friday night at 7 o'clock for the regular meeting in the school building. A Christmas pageant will be presented, and community Christmas tree will be the program to which the public is invited.

Special services will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Barnes, of Lucama, visited Mrs. Barnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Outlaw Sunday afternoon.

Margaret Outlaw, of A. C. College; Pauline and Hazel Outlaw, of E. C. T. College, and Dempsey Simmons, of State College, are students home for the holidays.

D. T. Brock and children visited Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Har-

Of the cases heard in County court last Monday by Judge Houston, the charge of drunken driving was most frequent, three cases under this charge being disposed of.

These who faced the Judge were: Robert Hollingsworth, driving drunk, fined \$20 and costs; John Barnett, charged with drunken driving, fined \$20 and costs; Sentenced to 3 months on the roads and ordered not to operate an automobile in this state for one year, road sentence suspended for two years on good behavior and payment of costs.

Graham Young, charged with reckless and drunken driving, plead guilty to reckless driving, for 2 years on good behavior and Prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Robert, Raymond, Macy, and James Highsmith, all negroes, appeared on charges of transporting and aiding and abetting in transporting illegal whiskey. One dismissed as to Robert and Raymond. Macy and James each sentenced to 4 months on roads.

M. C. Carroll, negro, charged with disposing of mortgaged property, 30 days, during which to serve as courthouse and jail janitor.

Lawrence Kelly, charged with assault with deadly weapon, an automobile, damage to personal property, found not guilty.

Carl Lanier found not guilty of fornication and adultery and carrying concealed weapon. Charlie Sholar named as prosecution witness and taxed with costs.

Bears James, negro, charged with transporting whiskey and possession for purpose of sale and driving drunk, was sentenced to 4 months on roads.

Five cases were not pressed: William Harris, charged with assault with a deadly weapon; Charlie Edwards, simple assault; David Parker, reckless driving; Thurman Dobson, bastardy; and Lelon Brown, assault with deadly weapon.

Mons Sunday P. M. Mrs. Dan Fagg and children of Petersburg, Va., have been visiting relatives here.

Messrs. L. B. and L. J. Outlaw and families, of Seven Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Outlaw, Sr., Sunday.

Miss Hazel Simmons, of Charlotte spent weekend with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Price spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. McArthur near Seven Springs.

Norman Simmons, of Goldsboro was among visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Rodolph Simmons Sunday afternoon.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Invitations are being mailed this week to relatives and friends to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Outlaw, Sr., on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 P. M.

DUPLIN THEATRE WARSAW, N. C.

Program for Week December 27—

- MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DEC. 27-28TH—"Double Wedding" Starring William Powell and Myrna Loy. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29TH, ONLY—"Danger --- Love at Work" Starring Jack Haley, Ann Sothern JACK POT NIGHT. THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 30-31ST—"The Bride Wore Red" Starring Joan Crawford, Robert Montgomery. NEW YEAR'S EVE—MIDNIGHT SHOW—"The 13th Man" Starring Weldon Heyburn, Inca Courtney. SATURDAY ONLY—1:30 TO 10:45—"Sandflow" ALL STAR WESTERN. OWL SHOW: "Love is on the Air" Starring Ronald Reagan, Jane Bryan.

Over the Days History — Biography — Genealogy (By A. E. OUTLAW)

"JUST AS I AM" A brief account of one whose life has meant so much to the cause of Christianity should be appropriate at Christmas time. Under the title "Little Stories of Great Hymns" the following short story appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer of September 16, 1923:

(CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT, 1789-1871.) Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy Blood was shed for me, And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God! I come, I come!

No other hymn, it is easy to say, has had greater evangelistic power over souls which wavered, than this simple song of faith by an ailing English woman who, by her works, rose to the first ranks of women poets and hymn writers. On the battlefield, in rescue missions, on strange isles, in many unusual places, "Just as I am, without one plea" has won thousands of souls to Jesus and has performed seeming miracles by the simple pleading of the words.

Miss Elliott, who lived to be 82 years of age, in her younger days had a wavering faith. In the year 1822 Dr. Caesar Malan, of Geneva, visited in the home of her father and one evening, as he sat conversing with her, he asked if she thought herself to be an experimental Christian. Miss Elliott resented the question and the matter was dropped for the time.

Later, what Malan had said to the young woman was disturbing her conscience. Tormented at the way she had treated him she told him that she would like to be a Christian but did not know how. He said to her: "You must give yourself to God just as you are." She replied: "What! Just as I am," and he said: "I mean just that."

The matter was dropped and Dr. Malan returned to his home in Switzerland. Miss Elliott later became the editor of "Yearly Remembrancer" and inserted a number of original poems, without her name, including the words for that famous hymn "Just as I am, without one plea." The hymn found its way into the scrap-books of many religious people, then into religious circles and finally into most hymn books where it became one of the most famous of English hymns.

At Torquay, an English watering place, Miss Elliott, in feeble health, was under the care of a noted physician who, being an earnest Christian, placed a leaflet containing this hymn in her hands, saying: "I believe this will comfort you." Great was the surprise of both patient and doctor for Miss Elliott then told him that she had written the hymn herself.

Miss Parker, of Goldsboro, were dinner guests of Mrs. H. J. Boney, Sunday.

Miss Louise Whitfield, of Kingston, recently visited her aunt, Mrs. Lon Smith.

M. L. Farrior, who is a student at State College, is spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Mrs. Kenneth Mallory, of Richmond, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Teachey.

Mrs. D. B. Herring, Mrs. B. S. Symons, Miss Louise Whitfield and Annie Louise Herring shopped in Wilmington, Saturday.

H. J. Boney, Jr., who is a student at University of N. C., is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jerome and children and Misses Ruth Fussell and Helen Marshall accompanied J. D. Jerome to Rocky Mount Sunday. Mr. Jerome broadcasted from station WEED.

Mrs. H. J. Boney attended the American Association of Welfare Workers in Washington, D. C., last week.

W. H. Hall made a business trip to Washington, D. C., recently.

Mrs. J. M. Barden spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Miss Mary Effie Beach, of Goldsboro, visited her father, W. L. Beach, during the weekend.

Table with 2 columns: KINSTON N. C. and PARAMOUNT. Values: 10 & 25c, 10 & 37c.

The Management of the Paramount Theatre wishes to thank the Movie Fans of Duplin and Jones Counties for their generous support during the Year now coming to an end, and also to assure you that it will be our policy to continue giving you the Best, First during the Year we are about to usher in.

OUR HOLIDAY PROGRAM WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22ND Joan Blondell & Pat O'Brien in "BACK IN CIRCULATION" THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DEC. 23-24TH Dick Foran and Ann Sheridan in "SHE LOVED A FIREMAN" SATURDAY—MIDNIGHT SHOW ONLY (Nothing Repeated) Ann Nagel and Neil Hamilton in the Year's Funniest Laugh-fest! "BRIDE FOR HENRY" SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DEC. 25-26TH Carole Lombard and Fredric March in "NOTHING SACRED" If you are looking for Real Entertainment, don't miss this one!

To a Happier Christmas Man is blessed with plenty! We complain or exult with fluctuations in the amount of worldly goods we can afford, but basically speaking is rich—and knows it. In the midst of what is being called a business recession, we celebrate Christmas, the day of the birth of Christ. Most of us will have a Christmas dinner. We will enjoy physical and mental comfort on this day which marks so blessed an event. We have many things which the Son of Man had not when he was born. Let us all be thankful in our realization that we are favored by the Master, and help our selves and our fellows to enjoy this anniversary of the birth of Christ, and make it a living stone in the house of worship, built by Man to God through the ages.

Sunday School Lesson

DEC. 26TH, 1937 By REV. B. A. OADLE CHRISTIAN CONSECRATION Matt. 1:18-20—Philippians 1:1-12-26 Golden Text: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21.

The Philippi church had sent gifts to Paul in prison by a messenger named Epaphroditus. While in Rome to deliver these gifts, he became quite sick. So great was his sorrow and grief because of the anxiety of those back home, that Paul sent him back and also sent this epistle or letter back by him. The keynote of the letter is "joy." At Philippi Paul had shown them how to sing praises at midnight in prison and now in prison again his chief word is joy.

This epistle gives us an insight into the life of this consecrated man of God.

When we study this message of Christian consecration as sent to the beloved Philippians who were the first fruits of the Apostle's ministry in Europe. But what is consecration? It is an act of solemnly setting apart a person (or thing) to the service of God. It is the surrendering of the will. It is a willingness to do what God would have us do. Did Paul do that? The early disciples, as we are shown in the larger lesson, "left their nets and followed Jesus" in service and sacrifice. Such a life can say, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

1. Consecration does not depend upon where we are. In a Roman prison Paul found opportunity to extend the gospel of His Lord. "How I would have you know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have fallen out rather unto the progress of the gospel." The Philippians might feel that the imprisonment of Paul would be unfavorable to the spread of the gospel, but we know that this very imprisonment brought the teachings of Christ into Caesar's household, and ultimately captured the Roman empire. Any life given to Christ Jesus in service and sacrifice will find a way to witness for Him in any and all circumstances. The greater the cost of consecration the greater the influence will be. Paul says in verse 14 "that most of the brethren in the Lord, being confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold to speak the word of God without fear." His suffering and his unwearied efforts to preach, increased the courage of his fellow-believers in the same good work. Not where you are, but how you live where you are, determines your influence for righteousness.

2. Consecration does determine motives. Paul says in verse 15 that "some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife." In verse 16 he says, "they preach Christ of covetousness, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds." Envy and envy crucified Christ and today they will destroy churches and limit the power of God. Where there is strife between churches there is no progress. Envy between ministers of the gospel leads to various divisions and spiritual death. In the following chapter of Genesis we find the strife

To BE-LIEVE or Not To BE-LIEVE

by Hugh Marwell

Christmas time is upon us, little children, and we must all be very good if we expect Santa to notice our stockings. An example of how not to be at this time of year is hereby given. The beautiful scenes so often portrayed by Church people at this time of year, that of the wise men visiting the manger where Christ was born, was being given at a church in Kenansville recently. Roles were being carried out impressively by some of Kenansville's citizenry when an occupant of "Robbers' Row" (the lawyers' roost) suddenly became inquisitive. Turning to the preacher he asked, "Wasn't there an ox in the manger when Christ was born?" "There has been a great deal of speculation on that point," he answered. "Why do you ask?" "That is the only role I could think of that Buck Jones would be playing," answered the unperturbed lawyer.

We saw one ad in a distant paper recently which shows a great wealth of mental acumen on the part of its creator, and considerable determination not to be left out of the running in Christmas spirit. Buried under dozens of "Christmas Gifts for Her" and "Christmas Gifts for Him" ads, it had the proclaimed in block type: THIS IS A KULE AD! And