

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO NOTE BIRTHDAY TODAY

Today the First Christian Church Third and Ann streets, will observe the second anniversary of the new church building, and the 39th anniversary of the church in Wilmington.

The congregation was organized March 31, 1907, in a building located on the south side of Fourth street, between Princess and Chestnut streets.

Today also is the eighth anniversary of the Rev. James T. Lawson's service with the church. He came to Wilmington April 1, 1937, while the congregation was worshipping in a building at 309 Ann street. The church remained at this location for about five years. On March 10, 1942, the present building was started. September 1, 1942, the church moved from Ann street and met for five months in the Seventh Day Advent Building on Ninth street. Meetings began in the Sunday School section of the new building February 1, 1943.

Services today will be conducted at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The morning service will open with an organ prelude, "Easter Prelude," by Morrison, followed by the professional hymn, "Christ the Lord is Born Today."

There will be music to be heard today including an anthem, "To the Place Where Mary Weeping," by Baines; organ offertory, "Hosanna," by Sheppard.

The Rev. Lawson will speak on "The Assurance of Immortality." The service will close with "Hallelujah Chorus," an organ solo.

French Aviation Cadet Decorated At U. N. C.

CHAPEL HILL, March 31.—(AP)—Navy Preflight School Cadets turned out today for a full regimental review today honoring a French aviation cadet who received his country's highest military award, and receive the commandant's war pennant awarded the school for war bond purchases.

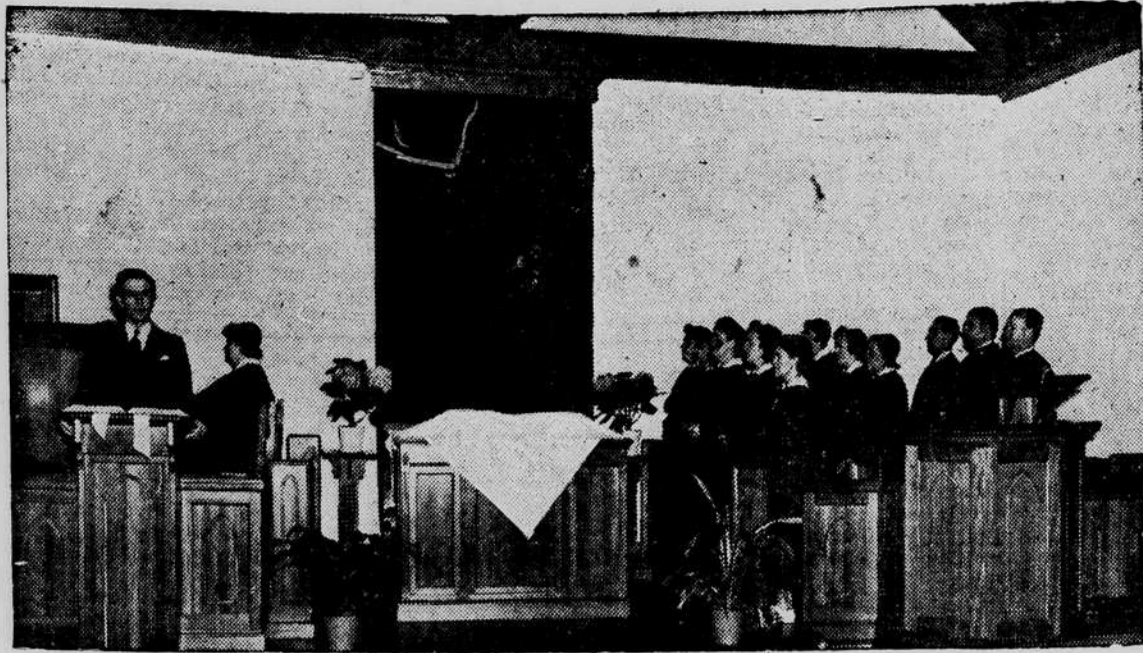
Receiving the French medal of honor for bravery in action against the enemy was Cadet Leonard Erment, who is in training at the Preflight school. Vice Admiral L. Fenard, chief of the French naval mission, pinned the decoration on the cadet's blouse.

The medal militaire is the highest decoration awarded to non-commissioned personnel of the French armed forces.

METHOD WAS CHANGED

Use of large amounts of carbon black in tire treads was introduced in 1912 to give wearing quality, instead of pigmenting them with the oxide, the method used until that time.

Observes Second Anniversary



The congregation of the First Christian Church today will observe the second anniversary of the new building, at Third and Ann streets, built at a cost of \$10,000. Shown above, left to right, are the Rev. James Lawson, minister; Mrs. Louis E. Keith, organist; first row of choir, Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Mrs. Sara Daniel, Mrs. Frank Fagan, Mrs. Harry Griffin, Miss Azalee Southerland, director. Second row, Miss Ruth Ingram, Miss Helen Hubbard, and Miss Esther Ricks. Third row, George B. Canady, Paul T. Marshburn, and Louis E. Keith.

VICTORY GARDEN APPEAL RENEWED

The New Hanover Office of Civilian Defense renewed its appeal yesterday for Wilmingtonians to plant Victory gardens.

"Our government," officials said, "is encouraging the planting of gardens by every family this year because it is known that the armed forces will cause a heavier drain on dwindling food supplies this year than in the past."

Local encouragement in garden planting is likewise being given by County Agent R. W. Galpin and Home Demonstration Agent Ann Mason.

Those desiring information about gardening are asked to call the OGD office in the Odd Fellows building, dial 21453.

Mrs. Sneed Returns From Raleigh Course

Mrs. Helen Sneed, case work supervisor for the New Hanover County welfare department has returned after spending two days in Raleigh at a special course sponsored by the State Board of Public Welfare on problems relating to her work.

Subjects considered were 1945 social legislation, resources available for returning veterans, essential material in keeping case service records, and psychiatric service offered by the State hospitals.

Mrs. Sneed appeared on the program to discuss mechanics enabling case worker to check his own work.

A small area around Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, supplies 85 per cent of the world's nickel.

OBITUARIES

MRS. ALLIE J. HAMILTON
Mrs. Allie J. Hamilton, 57, died at 9 a. m. yesterday at her home at 423 Carolina avenue, Sunset Park, after a long illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday from the late residence by the Rev. O. K. Ingram, Methodist minister. Burial will be in the Atkinson cemetery.

Survivors are her husband, T. D. Hamilton, of Sunset Park; two sons, M. W. Johnson, of Atkinson, and George R. Johnson, U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. E. G. Patterson of the home, and Mrs. Billie Bowers, also of Sunset Park; two step-sons, A. J. Johnson of Magnolia, and Henry Lee Johnson of Rocky Mount; two sisters, Mrs. Atwood Johnson, of Rose Hill; and Mrs. Bertha Mallard, of Atlanta; five brothers, W. R. Peterson, Winter Park; E. R. Peterson, Hampton, Va.; Roy T. Peterson, Washington, N. C.; Marsden C. Peterson of Arlington, Va., and M. R. Peterson of Atkinson; and four grandchildren.

WILLIAM P. LARKIN
NEW YORK, March 31.—(AP)—William P. Larkin, vice president of the Crowell-Collier Publishing company and president of P. R. Collier & Son corporation, a subsidiary, died unexpectedly today.

The subsidiary firm publishes Harvard Classics, The National Encyclopedia, and other publications.

A native of Ireland, Larkin came to the United States in 1898 and entered the publishing business after a brief career as a lawyer. Before joining the Crowell-Collier concern, he was connected successively with D. Appleton company, Century company, and P. F. Collier & Son, former publishers of Collier's.

JOHN W. BURTON
Funeral services for John W. Burton, 79, of Jacksonville, who died Friday night at 11:30 o'clock of a heart attack, following an illness of several days, will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the home in Jacksonville. Burial will follow in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Lee Cutchen Burton; one daughter, Martha Burton and one brother, N. A. Burton, of Jacksonville. Mr. Burton was clerk of Onslow county court for eight years, chairman of the board of education for two terms, chairman of the county commissioners for two terms, state representative and president of the Bank of Onslow for 25 years.

MRS. ESSIE G. FLOWERS
Mrs. Essie G. Flowers, of 624 N. 4th St., died Saturday afternoon at her home after a lingering illness. In addition to her husband, O. B. Flowers, Sr., she is survived by five daughters, Misses Frances Gertrude, Marie, Jessie Lee, Hil-da Mae Flowers, and Mrs. W. L. Russo, all of Wilmington; two sons, O. B. Flowers, Jr., of Wilmington, and Leroy Flowers, United States Navy; two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Hughes, of this city, and Mrs. S. A. Phillips, Washington, D. C.; three brothers, W. C. F. D., and G. H. Grimstead, all of Wilmington.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Andrews mortuary.

MRS. W. P. COOK
TAMOR CITY, March 31.—Mrs. W. P. Cook of the Aynor section of Horry county, S. C., died in McCleod's infirmary in Florence, S. C., Friday night after a short illness. Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Sunday at Rehoboth Baptist church, with the Rev. A. R. Soles officiating.

KESSELRING NAMED WEST FRONT CHIEF

WITH THE U. S. NINTH ARMY, March 28.—(Delayed)—Field Marshal Albert Kesselring became German commander in chief in the west after Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt told Hitler further resistance was hopeless and that peace should be made at any price, according to information now available here.

This account adds: Hitler decided to place von Rundstedt under arrest immediately after the commander said the German armies no longer were capable of putting up an organized defense.

The appointment of Kesselring came as a compromise between Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler, who wanted Field Marshal Walther von Model, as commander, and the army command, which had refused to consider von Model.

Kesselring arrived at his new command with a complete SS (Elite Guard) staff, but it was not known whether they were there to help him or to watch him.

Civil Service Group Calls For More Nurses

The Civil Service Commission is launching a new drive to obtain about 2,000 nurses for essential war service in Veterans Administration hospitals and other Federal hospitals, it was announced last night.

It was pointed out that civilian nurses also are needed in Army hospitals to replace Army nurses who have gone overseas, and in U. S. Public Health Service hospitals to care for war casualties of the Coast Guard, the Merchant Marine, the Army Engineer Corps, and the Army Transport Service, it was emphasized.

It was explained that the commission's new folder describes the advantages for nurses in the Veterans Administration hospitals. All nurses who may be available have been asked to write the Civil Service Commission, Washington, 25, D. C., for a copy of the folder "Serve Those Who Served."

ENGINEERS TO MEET

The Wilmington Engineers club will meet at the Friendly cafeteria Wednesday night at 6:30 o'clock. Representatives of the Ethyl - Dow Chemical company will be in charge of the program, whose theme will be "What Is High Octane Gasoline?" A motion picture will be shown.

City Briefs

OFFICE CLOSED
J. B. Parvin, driver's license examiner for the State Highway Patrol, announced yesterday that the examiner's office on North Third street would be closed until further notice. He has been ordered to report for military service.

RABIES CLINICS
Rabies vaccination clinics within the City will begin next Saturday, Dr. A. H. Elliot, city-county health officer, announced yesterday. Bill Lassiter, 1910 Nun street, who has served for the past few years, again will be rabies inspector. A complete schedule will be announced later. Dr. Elliot said.

MEETING
Marvin Watkins, of the Veterans' Service office at Veterans' hospital, Fayetteville, will meet with the ladies of the American Legion service center at 3 o'clock Tuesday in the American Legion home.

REGISTRATION
The registration of pupils who intend to enter St. Mary's Catholic school in September will be held from 9 a. m. to noon on Saturday, April 7. St. Mary's pre-school clinic will be held from 3 to 5 p. m. Thursday, April 12. All prospective first grade pupils should be registered prior to the clinic date.

VISITING PARENTS
Phyllis Haar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Haar, 205 North Fourth street, is spending the Easter holidays with her parents. She is a student at Coker College, Hartsville, S. C.

BURNEY TO SPEAK
Judge John J. Burney, of Wilmington, will speak at 8 o'clock Sunday, April 22, at Ebenezer Baptist church, under the sponsorship of the church Brotherhood.

CLUB TO MEET
The Cape Fear Navy Mothers club will hold its monthly meeting at 8 o'clock Tuesday night at the American Legion home, Third and Dock streets. Final plans will be made for Tag Day to be held on Saturday, April 7.

MORAVIANS STAGE SERVICES TODAY

WINSTON-SALEM, March 31.—(AP)—Cloudy April skies will look down upon the 173rd Moravian Easter Sunrise Services here tomorrow, but despite weather predictions and war-born transportation problems thousands of celebrants will assemble for the event.

Gathered about the grave of William Burkhead, an Englishman, and the first person to die in old Salem, the throngs will hear the traditional liturgy as Bishop Kenneth Pfohl of Winston-Salem, directs the services in "God's Acre," the oldest section of the graveyard.

But prior to this impressive climax to the Easter celebration, the great 800-piece band, composed of boys and girls playing along with their fathers and grandfathers, will be heard beginning at 2 a. m. Sunday. The mammoth ensemble, divided into several units, will tour the city, playing at various street intersections, signaling the approach of the Easter services.

The bishop will appear at 6 a. m. on the portico of the home church and announce, "The Lord is risen," and the throng will say: "He is risen, indeed."

Through the aisles of ancient cedars the great concourse will pass to the Moravian graveyard, and on to "God's Acre."

The Sabbath Love Feast was held on Good Friday, and tonight another preliminary, the presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ," was heard at the home church, directed by James Christian Proul, son of Bishop Pfohl, and Davidson college music director.

Spring flowers will be placed on every grave in the old burial ground, where the markers are all alike, mute evidence of the origin of the sacred appellation "The city of the equal dead."

Every 40 minutes a murder is committed in the United States.

Fiber, Textile Groups To Meet At N. C. State

RALEIGH, March 31.—Regional meetings of the industrial fiber society and the textile Research institute will be held at N. C. State college next Friday and Saturday, Dean Malcom E. Campbell of the college school of textiles announced today.

The Industrial Fiber Society, composed of leading physicists and chemical technologists, will meet Friday, with President John P. Eltin, of Charlotte presiding. Attendance with ODT regulations. Speakers will include Dr. John C. Whitwell, associate professor of chemical engineering at Princeton

University; Lieut. Col. S. J. Kennedy of the Washington, D. C., quartermaster depot, Dr. H. Hindman, research assistant in the Slater Memorial Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Col. J. W. Harrelson, chancellor of state college.

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