

## A TRIP TO PALESTINE

By Rev. Howard P. Powell

The drive from Damascus, Syria, to Baalbek, Syria, was among the most beautiful of the trip. The drive took us through some of the beautiful plains of Syria, and in the distance we could see Mount Hermon with its snow and also the Lebanon Mountains. A number of sacred places are said to lie along this route, but there is little foundation for the claims of many of them. Among this number we are told that the tomb of Noah may be seen. At some distance from Baalbek one sees the columns of the Temple of Jupiter standing out boldly from the quarries. The little city of Baalbek has a population of approximately 5200, with Christians and Moslems about evenly divided. It has been difficult to determine the origin of Baalbek, though, from the name, it is deduced that the inhabitants of the Bika'a, or Coele-Syria, established here their chief center for the worship of Baal; Egyptian and Assyrian inscriptions call the place Ba'albaki. It is impossible to identify the site with any Biblical place with any degree of certainty. "After traveling up and down and across that whole region for twenty-five years," says Dr. Thompson, "and studying every ancient site in it, I find no other Gad-Gad, and ask for none." Local tradition chooses to consider its founder as Cain, who erected its fortifications as a protection against the vengeance, which he feared might follow his murder of Abel. He is said to have peopled it with giants, who perished in the Deluge.

The ruins of Baalbek were comparable to the Acropolis at Athens, Greece. We were directed by the son of Dr. Michel M. Alouf, who is the Curator of the ruins of Baalbek. The evening following our visit to the ruins we formed a class for a lecture by Dr. Alouf himself. This

lecture brought to our minds some of the facts about the ancient place of worship. Dr. Alouf told us that Baalbek's ruins rank among the most wonderful architectural creations of the genius of mankind. He says, "Not only the archaeologists, but numerous tourists, who surmount the many difficulties of traveling in this country, unite in declaring these ruins a masterpiece of Greek architecture."

When one looks upon these ruins standing as a testimony to the faith of the people in their gods of the first and second centuries, he cannot be content with the evident lack of faith in and for the Christ of the empty tomb. Until this day it remains a mystery as to the construction of these temples. With all the modern equipment for construction it would be impossible to get such huge stones together and raised to such positions as these occupy today after nearly two thousand years standing. All this adds weight to the faith these people had in their gods. The largest of these stones was never moved from the quarries, the reason for this we did not learn. It would tax the skill of an American engineer in this modern day to plan a system of transportation for this stone to the Acropolis.

While we were in Baalbek, which was from noon on Thursday until Friday noon, we were guests at the Palmira Hotel, which is owned and operated by the sons of Dr. Michel M. Alouf. From the lobby of the hotel we could see the ruins of the Temple of Jupiter, and farther on the snow of the Lebanon Mountains. This hotel was comfortable and home like. The beds were provided with mosquito netting so constructed with a cord as to provide instant protection from the insects. However this carried us back to our babyhood days.

In the late afternoon the writer was visiting with Mr. Moussa Alouf on the roof garden of the hotel when a young man passed along the street below. Mr. Alouf greeted him as he passed. Afterwards he explained the meaning of his name in English. We found that in Syria, many people were known by the name which expressed their particular disposition. This young man had the happy distinction of being a person possessing unusual gifts of cheer and intelligence. One could see that he was properly named.

Returning from our visit to the ruins we were met on the street by one of the business men of the little city who insisted that we visit in his home. We accepted his invitation and had the privilege of going through his home, which was one of comfort and beauty. His wife and daughters served refreshments, after which they exercised their keen ability in offering for sale their interesting collection of wares.

We are now leaving Baalbek for Beyrouth, Syria.

(To be continued)

## ANDREWS LOCALS

Mayor D. S. Russell and Mrs. D. S. Russell, Mrs. Cheley Tatham and daughter, Mrs. Virginia Sheets, spent several days the latter part of the past week in Knoxville, Tenn., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Russell's daughter, Mrs. C. S. Johnson.

Messrs. E. A. Wood and D. H. Tillitt were in Franklin on last Thursday on business.

Mr. J. W. Walker made a business trip to Dillsboro on last Thursday.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler and Mrs. W. F. Turner were visitors in Murphy on last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Jarrett and daughter and son, Sarah Evelyn and Clyde Jr., spent the week-end as the guests of Mr. Jarrett's parents at Dillsboro, N. C.

At a recent meeting of the board of trustees of Andrews School District, Mrs. G. E. Hohlitzell, Mrs. Giles W. Cover, Mrs. R. A. Dewar, Mrs. James Knight and Mrs. D. H. Tillitt were appointed a committee to have charge of the grounds of the Andrews school.

Mr. B. L. Padgett made a business trip to Asheville on Thursday of the past week. He took with him Mrs. Lucy Wakefield who has gone to make her home in Asheville.

Mr. Amos Ayers, of Sue Falls, South Dakota, spent several days in Andrews the past week. Mr. Ayers is with the International Rotary Club and was visiting the Andrews Club.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hearne and daughter, Jane, of Louisville, Ky., are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Tillitt. Mr. Hearne is an uncle of Mrs. Tillitt and the brother of Mrs. Tillitt's mother who makes her home in Andrews.

Mr. H. M. Whitaker and W. W.

Ashe have been spending several days in Murphy in connection with their opening a furniture store there.

Mr. E. A. Wood was a business visitor in Asheville on Friday of the past week.

Mr. James Knight spent the past week in Asheville on business for the State Highway Commission.

Mrs. P. Witeover, of Asheville, N. C., is visiting in the home of her brother, Mr. J. A. Morgan.

Mrs. R. A. Dewar, who has spent several weeks in Washington, D. C., visiting her daughter, Miss Alice Dewar, returned to her home in Andrews on last Saturday.

Mayor D. S. Russell was in Robbinsville, N. C., on Tuesday of this week participating in a celebration of the opening of the road from Knoxville, Tenn., through Robbinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Robinson and family are spending several days in Georgia visiting relatives and friends.

Messrs. R. F. Williamson and Howard Moody were business visitors in Andrews on last Saturday.

## Junior Club Donates To Needy Families

Provisions for eight families under the direction of County Agent R. W. Gray, was donated by the Junior Woman's Club. The donations consisted of Lard, flour, meat and coffee for one family; clothing and substantial food for six weeks for a woman with pella; clothing and other necessities for a needy mother, and food for two colored women.

Any one knowing of needy cases are requested to call them to the attention of the officers of the Junior Club so that steps may be taken to relieve them. The Club has spent \$16.00 on provisions for the needy and the treasurer reports that they have some money yet left in the charity fund.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Clarke and daughter, Miss Marian Clark, of Copperhill, were registered at the Dickey Hotel last week.

## OAK PARK

The topic of the day in this community is harvesting small grain.

Mrs. Luther Thompson visited Mrs. E. E. Thompson, Saturday.

Mr. John Beaver spent Saturday night with his uncle, D. C. Stiles.

We regret very much to learn of the serious illness of Mr. Lum Stiles of Postell.

Mr. Virgil Allen of Suit passed through our section last week with a load of baled poke salad on his way to Ducktown. Mr. Allen says this is a new industry "baling poke" and is very likely one at home. We hope him much success in his new venture.

Mr. Clifton Henry has been on the sick list for a while but is swiftly improving.

Mr. E. E. Thompson made a business trip to Murphy Saturday.

Lloyd Thompson was a visitor in our section Saturday.

## RATS DIE

So do mice, once they eat RAT-SNAP. And they leave no odor behind. Don't take our word for it—try a package. Cats and dogs won't touch RAT-SNAP. Three sizes.

35c size - 1 cake - enough for Pantry, Kitchen or Cellar.

65c size - 2 cakes - for Chicken House, coops, or small buildings.

\$1.25 size - 5 cakes - enough for all farm and out - buildings, storage buildings, or factory buildings.

Sold and guaranteed by R. S. Parker, Druggist, Murphy, N. C.

## FOURTH OF JULY EXCURSIONS

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## SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

THURSDAY, JULY 2ND

Chattanooga, Birmingham

Savannah, Brunswick, Florida

Points and Havana

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

Washington, Richmond, Norfolk,

Old Point Comfort and Virginia

Beach

For detailed information, ASK TICKET AGENTS, or write

J. H. WOOD

Division Passenger Agent

Asheville, N. C.

## LEGAL MATTERS

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed to the undersigned trustee by Cephas White and wife, Ella White, dated January 21st, 1924, and recorded in the office of Register of deeds for Cherokee County North Carolina, in Book No. 74, page 375, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, and the holder of the notes thereby secured having made demand upon the undersigned trustee that he execute said trust and sell said property hereinafter described as provided in said deed of trust, to satisfy said indebtedness, therefore, the undersigned trustee, will, on Monday, July 27, 1931 at the court house door in Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash, at ten o'clock A. M. (Central Standard Time) the following described real estate:

A certain tract of land lying and being in Cherokee County, N. C., and described as follows: In Murphy Township (District No. 5) on the waters of Bates Creek. BEGINNING on a stake on the east bank of Bates Creek in the line of old survey, and runs west 6 1/2 poles to a stake, corner of same; then with original line between Patton and Ashe, north 3 1/2 east 38 poles to a stake; then S. 64 E. 20 3/4 poles to a willow on the east bank of Bates Creek; then down said creek with its meanders about 29 poles to the beginning, containing 2 1/4 acres, more or less.

This the 24th day of June, 1931.

L. E. BAYLESS,

(47-4t-foe)

Trustee.

## LAKE CARROLL

Notice To The Public

Lake Carroll is now open for fishing. Charges per day for one person \$1.00. Bag limit 10 Bass 9 inches and up. 20 Brim any size. Good camps. No fishing license required.

HERBERT & CURTIS

## KILLS RATS

and mice—that's RAT-SNAP, the old reliable rodent destroyer. Comes in cakes — no mixing with other food. Your money back if it fails.

35c size - 1 cake - enough for Pantry, Kitchen or Cellar.

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# Our MONEY RAISING SALE

STARTS

Friday July 3rd

AND ENDS SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

BIG LOT OF DISTRESS MERCHANDISE HAS BEEN CONSIGNED TO US TO TURN INTO CASH, AND INCLUDES

Towels, Shirts, Enamelware, Aluminumware, Chinaware, Stockings, Socks, Toilet Articles, Notions, Bloomers, Beads, Combs, Brushes, Mirrors, Men's Ties, Garters, Ladies Rings, Dolls, Toys, Soap and Face Powder—

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