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MEETINGS CONTINUE

Rev. Dr. Wilson Preaching Sermons of Great Power at First Baptist Church—Services Attended by Large Congregations—Many Professions of Faith—Services at 10 A. M. and 8:30 P. M.

The series of meetings which began a week ago at the First Baptist church is expected to continue all this week. Great interest is being manifested and the services, especially the evening service at 8:30, are being attended by large crowds. Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, pastor of Grace Street Baptist church of Richmond, Va., who is assisting the pastor, Rev. C. L. Greaves, is preaching sermons of great power, sermons that move his hearers. Many have already made profession of faith and a number have joined the church.

Services are held twice daily, at 10 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

The Shepherd and the Sheep. Dr. Wilson preached a strong sermon yesterday morning on the subject "The Shepherd and the Sheep." He preached the sermon two years ago here during a meeting and had been requested to preach it again. The Scripture lesson was from the 10th chapter of John, and the text was the 23rd Psalm—"The Lord is My Shepherd", etc.

Sheep were first considered, their characteristics, and why we are like sheep. The idea that a shepherd, as referred to in the Bible, was a man of humble calling must be dismissed. Wealthy landowners, kings and princes, were often shepherds. A better idea could be obtained by getting an image of as great dignity as tenderness in connection with the shepherd. A sheep suggests weakness, stupidity, proneness to wander. A lost sheep has less sense than anything else in the world, and it will never find its way back alone—just like human beings.

Seeming contradiction in passages of Scripture referring to sheep had puzzled him a long time, said Dr. Wilson. One passage indicated that a sheep would follow anybody and go astray, but Christ said "a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers". That is true of well sheep and Christ was talking about well sheep. But when a sheep gets sick it will follow anybody. Sinners most resemble sick sheep.

Bringing out further the resemblance between people and sheep, Dr. Wilson said there are three principal classes of diseases from which sheep suffer—diseases of the mouth, diseases of the eye, diseases of the heart. You can class all the sins men commit under one of these three classes—lust of the mouth, lust of the eye, vainglory of life.

In discussing lusts of the eye—glitter and glare and pomp—Dr. Wilson related a little experience in which one of his church members, a wealthy man, had found no answer to a question raised by his daughter, when he objected to some extravagance on her part, "What is money for but to spend?" That is what it is for, declared the preacher; you are responsible to God for how you spend money entrusted to you. He declared that in all his experience he had never known but one instance in which money left to children had not proven a curse to them.

Dr. Wilson said he had quit denouncing people for going to theatres to excess, for dancing, card-playing. Such people are sick sheep. If they were well they would see so many better things to do. People are to be pitted who waste time playing cards when they might be helping somebody. And only sick sheep drink. In a country where dew falls sheep need no water. A well sheep never drinks, but when a sheep gets sick it will drink out of every mud puddle.

Turning to the Shepherd, Dr. Wilson raised the question in the minds of his congregation as to whether they believed really that Jesus Christ as their Shepherd would take care of them—"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." The trouble is most of us don't trust God to that extent. There were few dry eyes in the congregation when the preacher told a beautiful sweet experience of his own with a widow, helpless herself and with helpless children, who placed such a sublime trust in God and who though old and not knowing where the next meal was to come from, had never suffered real want, though she had never begged help from any human being. She did not need to; God took care of her. "Those who are in close touch with God don't need to beg," declared the preacher. From his personal experience Dr. Wilson drew also a beautiful lesson of how God takes care of those who trust in him. Christ said, "I know my sheep"—He knows our helplessness; our

weakness, yet loves us. "Be careful what you say about others," warned the preacher. We do not know, we cannot see motives, we do not know what is back of any action we might condemn; the very one we would condemn might be the person God approves.

Our weakness is that we do not believe, we do not put our trust in God and rely upon the promise that we "shall not want."

Sermon Last Evening. Dr. Wilson preached another powerful sermon last evening. He used as a Scripture lesson the 5th chapter of Daniel and used the 23rd verse as a text—"But thou hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of Heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all the ways, hast thou not glorified?"

The reason that Babylon was destroyed, declared the preacher, was, first, infidelity, second idolatry, third ingratitude. He declared that every ungrateful man and woman was in a class with the king of Babylon and that God had imposed the same verdict against them that he had imposed against the king of that proud city. Every sinner has been weighed in the balances and found wanting and his days have been numbered, declared Dr. Wilson. He then showed that the only hope of such a person was to get Jesus on his, or her, side. The speaker described infidelity as nothing more nor less than unbelief, and declared that the unbelievers of this time were more responsible than were they in the days of Babylon. To be a non-believer today one has to wade through a tender mother's tears and prayers, Christian influences, and walk under the shadow of the churches. Too many men are trusting other things than the true God. Some are worshipping self, some the dollar. The thing a man loves is his master, and it's easy to tell from a man's life what his master is. The man who worships self or money is as guilty of idolatry as the man who worships stone gods. The preacher showed how easy it was to be ungrateful to God, who holds the life of every man in his own hand, for life and the blessings received. "Jesus Christ is the only council who can plead the case of the sinner," the preacher declared, and urged sinners to acknowledge God's sovereignty and trust in His Son. It is foolishness in any man to stay out of the fold of Christ, God knows every sinner, and has his days numbered. He may hide his sins from his friends, but he cannot hide them from God, and one may be sure his sins will find him out. In closing, Dr. Wilson urged sinners to stop trampling on God's mercy and accept Him as their Savior.

German Papers Comment on American Note. Berlin Dispatch, 13th. The Berlin morning papers generally comment more or less extensively on the American note along the lines followed by the Saturday evening papers.

While there is a general disposition to recognize the friendly tone of the note and the fact that it makes further negotiations possible, the press is divided roughly into two parties, one disposed to enter into negotiations looking to a compromise on a new basis while the other, by implication or expressly, rejects any departure from the course heretofore followed. Among the representatives of the latter idea is the Tagliche Rundschau, which declares that while the note seeks a way to a compromise it seeks along lines "which must result to the disadvantage of Germany."

Big Strike Ordered at Chicago. Chicago Dispatch, 13th. A strike of the 14,500 employees of the surface and elevated traction systems was ordered at midnight.

The men were directed to finish their runs and return their cars to the barns. The strike was called after a full day conference of transportation officials, labor leaders and Mayor Thompson had been shown the two interests were at odds on the question of increased wages which the men insisted must be guaranteed before arbitration could be considered.

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the quarterly meeting of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union will be held in the court house here Wednesday of this week. State Organizer-Lecturer, J. Z. Green will address the meeting, and all Union members are urged to attend the meeting.

ROBESON'S FARM-LIFE SCHOOL

Some Facts of Interest—People of Philadelphia Community Loyal—Practical Subject for Discussion Wednesday Night—Corn Club Boys' Institute—Exhibits of Agricultural Products Suggested.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: There are a few things which might be said at the present about the farm-life school that may be of interest to the public. As is generally known, this is the first year of the school's existence and besides the other difficulties confronting any new school of this kind, this happens to be an unusual year for the cotton-growing sections of the country of the misfortunes of which Philadelphia section has certainly had its share. It was late in the year before the land was available, making it at best possible only for general farming this year. However, notwithstanding all of this, the prospects for the future are bright and there is much to encourage us now.

People of Community Loyal. The school is fortunate in having the most hearty cooperation and loyal support of all of the people of the entire community. This is very gratifying indeed and certainly commendable for the community. An example of this splendid cooperation was shown in the erection of the school barn. It was built entirely by the people of the community and not by aid from the State. They gave the materials and did the work of construction almost at a sacrifice of time and means. The barn is a model, having been built after the plan sent out by the State Department. It is 34 feet wide by 52 feet long, large enough to give ample room for all the feed-stuffs produced on the farm, or storing all of the farm implements, for stalls for the horses and leaving one end of the building designed for the dairy barn. It provides the maximum space at a minimum of expense and would be a credit to any farm in the whole county.

Farm Stock. The farm stock at present consists of two four-year-old brood mares weighing 1,200 pounds each, the kind that will eventually become very popular throughout the Southern States before we can avail ourselves of the use of the most modern and improved farm implements and the better methods of farming. In this type of horse we have combined all of those qualities of weight, strength and vitality, making a horse that is capable of moving a heavy load at a good speed.

Improved Machinery. In the way of improved machinery we have in use at this time one of the most modern and practical two-horse cultivators to be found anywhere. If you have not seen one these successfully demonstrated to be economical and entirely practical, you should come over and see this one at work. With it one man is doing with two horses.

Social Interests. Philadelphia still has its social interests. One of the strongest chapters of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union in the county is meeting regularly on every first and third Wednesday night in its hall in the school building. In these meetings various subjects bearing directly upon farmers' work are discussed and plans for co-operation are devised. Thus it is very helpful to its members. On next Wednesday night I shall briefly discuss the results of a piece of work I did in research while in the University of Missouri. It has to do with the application of fertilizers to corn and the period at which it can be applied most profitably. We most cordially invite members who are of good standing of the neighboring chapters to meet with us in our regular meetings.

Active Civic League. For the young people and the ladies we have a very active and well organized Civic League which is divided into three sections as follows: The Ladies' Department, Mrs. B. A. Ashley, president, meets on the afternoon of the first Thursday in every month; the Young People's Department, Mr. Mack McArthur, president, meets on the evening of the second Thursday in each month; and the General Department, in which all departments are assembled, Mr. J. B. Humphrey, president, meets on the evening of every fourth Thursday in each month. Definite work has been outlined for each department.

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MORE WHEAT REPORTED

Additional Farmers Report Number of Acres in Wheat—1,000 Acres in Wheat in Robeson, No Doubt—Flour Mill at Pembroke—Wheat Crop Fine.

The following Robeson county farmers have reported the number of acres of wheat they have growing since the list of more than a hundred acres was published some three weeks ago:

W. K. Colbreth, Lumberton, route 2, 1 3-4 acres; N. J. Page, Fairmont, route 2, 1 3-4 acres; Monroe Taylor, Fairmont, route 2, 1; D. H. Britt, 1 1-2 W. N. Townsend, 2, J. G. Prevatt, 2, Haynes Prevatt, 2, E. M. Thompson, 1 1-2, Odum & Sampson 4—all of the Back swamp section; M. H. Warwick, 2, J. G. Rhodes, 2, B. V. Rhodes, 1—all of Fairmont route 2; R. P. Byrd, Sterlings township, 2 1-2; Eli Hagins, Britts township, 1 1-2; S. L. Parker, Lumberton, route 1, 1-2; H. Morrison, Lumberton, 3 1-2; J. A. Bass, Marietta, route 1, 1 1-4; J. T. Arnett, Marietta, 1 1-4; B. M. Hayes, Marietta, 1 1-4; B. W. Lee, Blomington, 1; Jetter G. Rhodes, Nye's, 2 acres.

From the large number of farmers who have reported and judging from the many who have not, there must be at least 1,000 acres of wheat planted in Robeson.

As was mentioned, in last Thursday's Robesonian, the flour mill at Pembroke will begin operation at an early date.

Those who have traveled over the county say the wheat crop is fine, and some farmers declare that they will plant quite a number of their cotton acres in wheat next year.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

The Messenger Revived—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, June 14—Dr. W. A. Bridgers is at home for a few days visiting Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Bridgers.

Mr. E. C. Nye of Orrum was here on business Saturday p. m. Mrs. G. W. Thompson is spending some time at her old home visiting her mother and friends.

It is reported that we are to have another drug store soon. Mr. James Townsend of Red Springs, proprietor.

The Fairmont Messenger has come to life under new management. The first issue came out Friday and was very good.

Not much news of any note to report. The farmers are busy and we don't see much of them in town. There is some sickness in town and community but not of a serious nature.

The Dixie theatre which has been open heretofore only on Saturday nights, is booked to run three nights in the week. Dimes and nickles must be getting more plentiful, or folks are beginning to shake off the blues, both of which are very good.

LONG WAR EXPECTED

Likely to Last Year or More Longer—Battalion Almost Completely Wiped Out—Enlistments From Scotland Greater Than From Any Other Part of British Empire.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Mr. A. W. McLean receives letters regularly from friends in Scotland and also receives every week several Scottish newspapers. In this way he gets considerable information which is not available from ordinary newspaper accounts.

To show the character of the right which is now going on between the Germans on the one side and the Allies on the other, Mr. McLean has received information of a British battalion commanded by Colonel Colin McLean of Breda, Scotland, and out of a total of fourteen hundred men in the battalion at the time it entered battle, only thirty-five were left, all the officers, including Col. MacLean, were killed, except the quartermaster. This reminds one of Pickett's famous charge at Gettysburg.

The information which Mr. McLean gets direct is that the war is likely to last for at least another year, and possibly two years. The impression among well-informed circles in Great Britain is that the war will be of long duration and there is no prospect now of any early cessation of hostilities.

The record of voluntary enlistments from Scotland is much greater than from any other part of the British Empire.

Annual County Reunion of Veterans at Rowland July 6.

The annual reunion of the Robeson county veterans will be held at Rowland Tuesday, July 6. Rowland is making preparation to entertain "the boys" in grand style, and no doubt the occasion will be largely attended.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETS

River Plot to be Beautified by Landscape Gardener—New Steps to be Built at Artesian Well—Town Board's Action on Servant Question Approved—Maid Suggested for Union Deps.—A Novel Clean-Up Plan.

Reported for The Robesonian. The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Association was held on June 9th at 4 o'clock in the library of the graded school building.

In regard to the river plot Mrs. W. W. Carlyle reported that the mayor authorized her to secure the services of a landscape gardener to submit plans for the plot, which she had done.

Mrs. R. D. Caldwell reported having seen the committee of gentlemen who were appointed to have seats placed in the cemetery park and find them at work.

The mayor promises to have new steps built at the artesian well at the foot of 6th street.

The Civic Association highly approves of the movement on foot by the town board on the steps taken in regard to the servant question.

It is requested by the Association that the union depot be thoroughly cleaned and kept in a more sanitary condition. It is also suggested to place a woman in attendance during train hours.

The editor of The Robesonian has been requested to copy an article taken from a Greensboro paper—"Novel Clean-Up Plan"—and also to comment on the article.

The president asks that everybody take pride in beautifying and keeping their sidewalks, especially during the summer months.

After all business was attended to, the association adjourned to meet in September.

MRS. R. R. CARLYLE, Secretary Pro Tem.

NOVEL CLEAN-UP PLAN

A New Way to Rid a Town of Mosquito-Breeding Tin Cans.

Following is the news item referred to above, a dispatch of the 8th inst from Fayetteville, to the Greensboro Daily News:

"The latest wrinkle in cleaning up cities and towns took its start in North Carolina from a Fayetteville moving picture theatre. This is the getting rid of mosquito breeding tin cans by allowing them to be used as admission tickets to the movies. When the proprietor of a local theatre advertised that 10 empty tin cans would be good for one child's admission to his show, he expected the movement to be a success, but even he did not imagine that 44,000 cans would be piled up in front of his theater within nine days. The movement started with indorsement of the city and county health officer, the Civic Association, and the county commissioners—and the unqualified approval of the children. Almost every white child in the city immediately became an amateur health officer. They ransacked the town for tin cans, and the pyramid of empty tins in front of the theater grew until it reached twice the height of a man. Every conceivable kind of can was represented. One boy alone brought 1,230 of them. The city health department offered to haul the cans far from incorporated limits and it required 21 wagons to carry them off.

When Dr. G. W. Cooper, of the State Health Board, came to Fayetteville to lecture before the Civic Association he was enthusiastic in his approval of the plan. As a result the State Health Board will use the idea in its work. Lantern slides made from a photograph of the pyramid of cans will be exhibited throughout the State."

Fighting in East—Tide Ebbs and Flows. London Dispatch, 13th.

In the Baltic provinces and along the Dniester river heavy fighting between the Russians and Austrians and Germans. The movement, forward and backward along the battle lines in the Baltic provinces is almost continual and each side has at various times held the advantage.

Among the Sick. Mrs. Lawrence Davis, of route 4 from Lumberton underwent a slight operation here Saturday. Dr. W. I. Grantham performed the operation.

—Mr. E. M. Britt returned Thursday night from Salisbury, where he represented Lumberton Lodge No. 35 at the meeting of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul will leave this afternoon for Greensboro, where he will attend a meeting of the North Carolina Medical Association. Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, and Dr. N. A. Thompson left this morning for Greensboro to attend this meeting.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—The Lumberton baseball team will meet the Red Springs team here this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

—Regular communication St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M. tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Officers will be elected.

—Material has arrived for the flush toilet, which will be located under the town hall, Water street. Work will begin on these at once.

—Mr. W. J. Smith, who lives near Allenton, has in his possession a live alligator, which he caught in a branch near his home one day last week. The gator measured 4 1-2 feet.

—Mr. Joel Stone, Sr. of McDonall is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Stone says the root lice are killing cotton out his way. However, he thinks the hot weather will soon put them out of business.

—The local camp of the W. O. W. will not hold a regular meeting Thursday night of this week on account of the series of meetings being held at the First Baptist church, providing the meeting continues until that time.

—Mr. M. C. Britt of the Smith's section is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Britt says he lost a mule that cost him \$300 yesterday. The mule had colic.

—Middling cotton today 8 1-2 cents per pound.

—Miss Florence E. Jackson went Friday afternoon to Williamsport, Pa., to be present at the graduating exercises of the Dickerson seminary, which began yesterday. Her sister, Miss Ruth Jackson, is a member of the graduating class this year.

—Mr. A. W. McLean left last night for Washington, D. C., where he goes to appear before the United States Supreme Court tomorrow in behalf of the plaintiff in the famous case of the Citizens National Bank of Norfolk, Va., vs. Mrs. M. C. McArthur.

—Dr. R. S. Beam is expected home tomorrow from Philadelphia, Pa., where he spent six weeks studying under specialists in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Beam will continue here his practice which will be limited to the diseases mentioned above.

—Mrs. R. D. Caldwell was the winner of the cuckoo clock given away by the Holmes Jewelry Co. Thursday. As stated in The Robesonian, Thursday was "opening day" with them and the clock was given to the one making the largest purchase on that day.

—Mr. J. A. Livingstone, of the staff of the Wilmington Star, returned to Wilmington this morning after spending the week-end with home folks at St. Pauls and Lumberton. Mr. Livingstone is a brother of Mr. W. F. Livingstone of the local staff of The Robesonian.

—Mr. W. S. Stone and son, Master Walter, who live near Long Branch, were among the visitors in town Saturday. Walter was carrying a broken arm as a result of falling off a wagon Tuesday of last week. He started to jump off the wagon to chase a rabbit and stumbled and fell.

—State Senator G. B. McLeod suggests that it would be well for the farmers to plant turnips, peas, cane and other things that they can eat on the land where they are cutting their oats and wheat. Mr. McLeod thinks that with the chances of the European war lasting for several months the farmers should raise everything possible for foodstuff, for which there will be great demand.

—Mr. J. B. Bowen went yesterday to Maxton, where he filled the appointment of Prof. R. E. Sentelle at the Baptist church. Mr. Sentelle was expected to fill the appointment of the pastor of the church, who was away, but was unable to do so. However, Mr. Bowen made an address both in the morning and evening. Mr. Bowen is a forceful speaker, and no doubt the Baptists of Maxton enjoyed his addresses.

—Mr. T. S. Meekins of Manteo, inspector for the migratory bird law for the district composed of the State of North Carolina, spent Friday in Lumberton. He travels about all over the State, visiting each county, to see how the bird law is enforced.

—Invitations have been issued reading as follows:

Mrs. Mary A. Warwick requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter

Mary Emma to Mr. Benjamin Green Suitt on Wednesday afternoon, the twenty-third of June nineteen hundred and fifteen at five-thirty o'clock Lumberton, North Carolina 324 First and Pine St.