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COUNTRY, GOD AND TRUTH.

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Program May 10.

Parade Starts 10:30 A. M.—Speaking at 11:30—Contests at Noon—Dinner, Concert, Ball Game—Where to Assemble.

The program for May 10th has just been issued by the committee of the local post of the American Legion...

Parade starts 10:30 a. m. Speaking at court house at 11:30 a. m. by James A. Lockhart, State commander American Legion.

The following places have been selected for those who take active part in the parade to assemble:

Schools—high school. Civil War veterans are requested to assemble at city hall not later than 9:30 and will be taken in cars to their place in parade.

Military company will assemble on Walnut street north of 8th.

American Legion men will assemble on 8th street from Chestnut to Walnut at 10 a. m.

Floats on Walnut street from Baptist church to Thompson hospital.

American Legion band on Chestnut at Methodist church.

East Lumberton band on 7th street west of Baptist church.

Marshals will meet in court house at 9 a. m.

Parade will march up Walnut to 14th, then west to Chestnut, then south to 2nd, then west to Elm, then north to 10th, then east to Chestnut, then south to court house.

Marshals

Lumberton—F. H. Wishart, chief, D. H. Fuller, A. V. G. Wishart, Fred Townsend, Claud Boone.

Fairmont—Furman Floyd, H. A. Thompson, H. H. Benson, Jim Floyd, R. L. Thompson.

St. Paul—Dr. J. F. Nash, Neill McEachern, W. A. Inman, L. A. King, W. F. Hester.

Maxton—Henry McKinnon, J. E. Carpenter, W. H. Hasty, Dan Martin, Fairley Morris.

Red Springs—B. M. McMillan, W. P. McCoy, L. W. Currie, F. C. Jones, Jas. A. Graham.

The marshals are instructed to assemble in the office of County Auditor A. V. G. Wishart Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, where they will receive badges and instructions.

Speakers for High School Finals

Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of Grace Street Methodist church of Wilmington, will preach the commencement sermon for the Lumberton high school in Chestnut Street Methodist church Sunday morning, May 27.

Hon. Geo. V. Cowper of Kinston will deliver the address before the graduating class on the morning of the 28th in the high school auditorium.

The high school is fortunate in being able to secure Messrs. Stanbury and Cowper for the sermon and the address. Other features of the commencement will be announced later.

Vote in Town Election.

The result of the town election held in the court house Monday was as follows: For mayor, E. M. Johnson, 77 votes; commissioner—ward no. 1, S. McIntyre, 75 votes, ward no. 2, L. Stephens, 75 votes; school trustees—K. M. Barnes, G. L. Thompson and L. E. Whaley, 77 votes each; board of audit and finance—Frank Gough, H. M. McAllister and Jno. D. McMillan, 77 votes each.

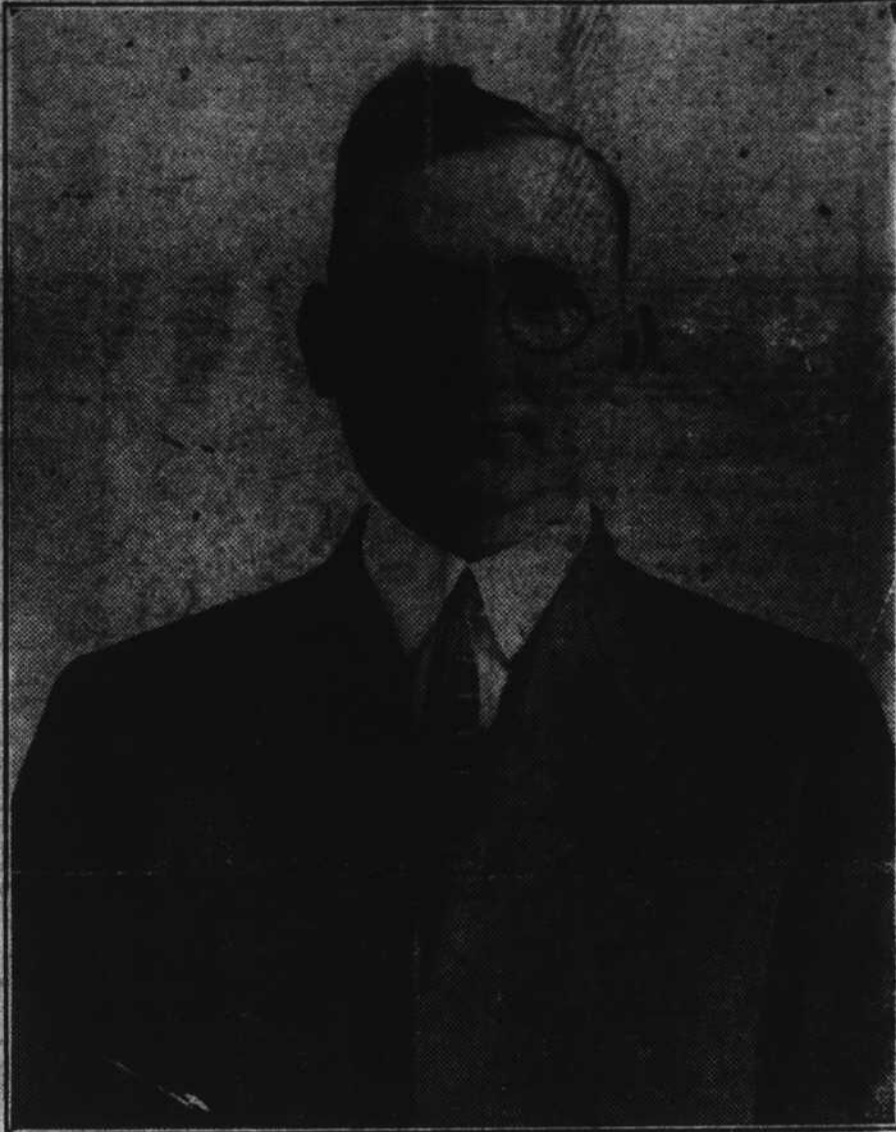
Superior Court Next Week.

A 2-weeks term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday of next week, May 14. Judge W. A. Devyn of Oxford will preside. The calendar contains 120 cases.

MERCHANTS CLOSE FOR AFTERNOON SERVICES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The following merchants and business men have agreed to close their places of business every afternoon for the next week from 3:30 to 4:30, except tomorrow, when no afternoon service will be held, and Saturday to give their employees an opportunity to attend the evangelistic services at the First Baptist church: L. H. Caldwell, K. M. Biggs, A. J. Holmes, W. I. Linkhau, J. T. Biggs, Efrid's Dept., Lumberton Furniture store, King Grocery, W. M. Freeman & Son, Sampson Cox, R. D. Caldwell & Son, Stephens & Barnes, Miss Amelia Linkhauer, H. M. Beasley, Frank Gough, W. O. Thompson, D. G. Best & Son, M. B. Robbins, S. D. Sanderson.

MAYOR E. M. JOHNSON



Mayor Johnson, who has just completed a term of one year, was re-elected Monday for a term of two years, the first time in the history of the town that a mayor has been elected for a term of more than one year, the last Legislature having changed the length of the term to 2 years.

Much Interest In Evangelistic Services at 1st Baptist

Large Crowds Are Attending Services—Dr. Jester is Preaching Sermons of Great Power—Many Business Houses Close for Afternoon Hour—Strong Sermon on Repentance Last Night.

Evangelistic services which began at the First Baptist church Monday night are drawing large crowds and much interest is being manifested. Dr. J. R. Jester, pastor of the First Baptist church of Winston-Salem, who is assisting the pastor, Dr. C. H. Durham, is preaching sermons of great power.

Repentance Taking as his text Acts 17:30, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent". Dr. Jester preached a powerful and soul-stirring sermon last evening.

While this was only the third service of the series the house was full and much interest was manifested. The children are especially invited to attend and fill the place reserved for them at the front and sing, for, as Dr. Jester termed it, this is "their meeting", too.

"Repentance" was Dr. Jester's subject last evening. He held the undivided attention of his hearers. He said in part:

Repentance is the first step to eternal life. The devil has blinded the minds of men and women as to the true meaning of repentance. Fear is not repentance. Years ago when San Francisco was visited by the terrible earthquake, the wicked came out from their places of vice and crime and fell down on their knees and to God cried for mercy, but only through fear, not repentance, and now that it is all over, they have forgotten their fear and gone back to the old life. Feeling is not repentance. Remorse is not repentance. After betraying Jesus, Judas was seized with remorse and not repentance, for had he repented God would have forgiven him.

"Saying prayers is not repentance; moral reformation is not repentance."

"Repentance is change of mind and action, or, as a little girl said 'being sorry enough for your meanness to quit it'. A break with sin and all evil comes when repentance comes. When a soul repents it sees God on the cross and bleeding for us. God commands 'all men everywhere to repent'. His goodness leads to repentance. He commands that we be born again, be born into the kingdom. A praying father and mother, or baptism, will not save a soul without repentance. 'Seek the Lord while He may be found'. He will save you if you will repent of your sins."

The preacher told of the editor of a paper in Georgia, who wanted to be saved but had just one thing holding him back, something that he thought he could never give up. It was when Georgia was not entirely "dry" and he was carrying advertisements in his paper for the liquor concerns. These advertisements meant big money to him and his paper and he felt that he could not sacrifice that much, but when he got to the place that he was willing to sacrifice the business by cancelling the contracts, he repented of his sins and

Reward for Men Who Beat Women

County Commissioners Offer Reward of \$500 for Arrest and Conviction of 18 Men Who Flogged Women at Proctorville.

At their meeting Monday the county commissioners passed an order reading as follows:

"Whereas, it has been reported to the board of commissioners of Robeson county that on the night of April 14, 1923, a band of masked men, consisting of eighteen, entered the dwelling house of Mrs. E. F. Purvis in the town of Proctorville, Robeson county, and took therefrom the said Mrs. E. F. Purvis and Mrs. Frank Watson and carried them out of the town and cruelly whipped them; and

"Whereas, the said crime is against the peace and dignity of the state, and has shocked the public conscience of the good citizens of Robeson county; now, therefore, be it resolved by the board of commissioners of Robeson county:

"That a reward of \$500.00 is hereby offered for the arrest and conviction of the said eighteen men who entered said dwelling house in the night time, or the proportionate part of said amount for each person who entered said house and committed the said reported crime."

REX SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL VOTE ON BOND ISSUE JUNE 9

\$10,000 Bond Issue Proposed for New Building—Monthly Meeting of County Commissioners.

A special bond and tax election was ordered for the Rex graded school district June 9th by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday. An issue of \$10,000 for a new school building is to be voted on. Mr. D. L. Ausley was appointed registrar. Messrs. J. S. Johnson and N. B. Shaw, judges of election. F. H. Blackwell was relieved of paying poll tax on account of physical disability.

The regular pauper list was allowed and the following were added to the list: Miles Parnell, \$15 per month, Mag Oxendine and S. W. Graham, \$4 each, D. Brewer and family, \$10, Ruth Grainger \$5; Louisa Goodson and Brown Locklear were ordered dropped from the list, the regular monthly allowance of Dovie Carter and children was reduced from \$15 to \$10, and the allowance of Annie Jane Locklear was increased from \$2 to \$4.

The usual monthly statements were filed by the sheriff, Bank of Maxton (as county treasurer), and county health and welfare officers. All members of the board were present—John W. Ward, chairman, C. B. Townsend, Rory McNeil, J. G. Hughes, W. J. Council.

Mr. L. R. Phillips of R. 2, Rowland, was a Lumberton visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cain and baby daughter, Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bullard and Mr. Thurman Cain spent Sunday at Roseboro, visiting relatives and friends. They were accompanied home by Miss Ruth McDaniell, who will be here for several days.

was saved and made a strong Christian.

Dr. Jester closed his message by urging those present that were still out of Christ to repent of their sins before it is too late and be saved.

"Ku Klux Ran Him Crazy" and He Ended His Life

Dr. James G. Rogers of Lake View Sent Pistol Ball Through His Head Monday Night at Home of His Brother Near Marietta—Worried Over Hooded Klansmen.

Dr. James G. Rogers, prominent physician of Lake View, S. C., committed suicide Monday night at the home of his brother, Mr. D. M. Rogers, who lives near Marietta, using a 38-calibre pistol which sent a bullet through his head.

Dr. Lester of Lake View was summoned and stated that death came very quickly after the shot was fired. The county coroner and sheriff were notified, but an inquest was not deemed necessary.

Dr. Rogers had been visiting at the home of his brother for several days and retired to his room about 10 o'clock Monday night. Shortly after reaching his room a shot was heard by Mr. Rogers and his family, and upon investigation found that the physician had barred the door of the room and without notice or without leaving any note explaining the action had placed the revolver just above his right ear and fired the deadly shot.

Worried Over Ku Klux

According to Mr. D. M. Rogers, brother of the deceased, the doctor had been worrying considerable about the Ku Klux Klan, mentioning it quite often and discussing it in a disagreeable manner several times. On Sunday night Mr. Rogers sat up with him until late, during which time the topic of conversation was the hooded klansmen. Whether or not the physician had been warned or threatened by the Klan Mr. Rogers did not say. When asked if he knew just what reason his brother had for committing the act, Mr. Rogers said, "The Ku Klux ran him crazy."

Mr. Rogers stated that his brother had not dissipated at all for the past several months and was living in accordance with instructions which were given him by specialists some time ago. He had at times been somewhat despondent over his ill health but had not mentioned this misfortune in any great degree in some time.

Deceased was 44 years of age and had been practicing medicine about 15 years. He was well known throughout this section of the country, being a promoter of horse racing and owning several fast horses.

Among those surviving are his wife, who is a sister of Mrs. M. F. Caldwell of Lumberton, and five children, with whom he had not lived for several years. Others surviving are his mother, Mrs. Catharine Rogers of Fair Bluff, 5 sisters and one brother, Mr. D. M. Rogers of Marietta.

Marketing Association Meets May 15

County Meeting Will be Held Next Tuesday—Local Speakers Will Discuss Practical Subjects.

The next regular county meeting of the Tobacco and Cotton Cooperative Marketing association will be held at the court house in Lumberton Tuesday, May 15th, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Following is the program, made up of local talent, each speaker having made a success along the line that he will discuss:

- Permanent Pastures—C. C. Carter, Shannon. Beef Cattle—E. H. McKinnon, Rowland. The Dairy Cow—E. L. Hamilton, Lumberton. Hogs—W. W. Gibson, Jr., Red Springs. Poultry—D. Ernest Roberts, Red Springs. Non-members as well as members are invited.

Buie's Creek Academy Commencement

The 37th annual commencement of Buie's Creek academy begins on the night of May 12 and will close on May 17. Rev. J. W. Lynch D. D. of Durham will preach on the 13th; on the 16th there will be declaimers' contest, Senior class and other exercises. The last day's program includes literary address by E. W. Sikes, Ph. D., president of Coker college, alumni address by Rev. Kyle M. Yates, Th. D., Southern Baptist Theological seminary, and reunion of classes of 1918 and 1919.

Second Case of Smallpox in Rowland Section

The second case of smallpox in the county has been reported to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, this case being found on route 2 from Rowland. The first one reported last Monday was a man in the town of Rowland.

DRIVE IN

You are entitled to good service—We Give It.

Fuller's Gasoline Depot Corner 2nd and Chestnut Streets

God's Recipe for A Revival

Revivals Come Only in Answer to Prayer Dr. Jester Tells Congregation in First Sermon—God's People Must Go on Their Knees to Victory.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2nd Chron. 7:14.

The verse given above is God's recipe for a revival, said Dr. J. R. Jester, pastor of the First Baptist church of Winston-Salem, Monday night in the first sermon in the evangelistic services in progress at the First Baptist church. Revivals, he said, are not worked up, they are prayed down; they must come in answer to prayer and in no other way.

A large congregation attended this initial service and Dr. Jester preached a sermon that searched the hearts of his hearers and placed upon them the burden of the success or failure of the series of meetings. He especially urged attendance upon the day services at 3:30, which would be the best, he said, "if there is any best to them."

Dr. Jester said he would let the text preach itself, and sentence by sentence, with simple directness and earnestness, he laid upon the hearts the people "God's recipe for a revival". He said in part:

"If my people—God has people," he said, "everywhere; he has people in this community, in this church—'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves', You must go on your knees to victory. There is a spirit of false pride, pride of position, pride of possessions, which puts people far from God. And there is spiritual pride, which does not bow the knee to God, which shuts God out. There is no way for any person, whether in poverty or in wealth, to find God except on his

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Record of Deaths

MRS. FLORENCE BRITT

Member of Prominent Family of Ten Mile Section Died Last Evening at Home of Son-in-Law and Daughter Here—Funeral This Morning at Ten Mile Church.

Mrs. Florence Britt, aged 51, wife of the late Isley Britt, died yesterday at 6 p. m. at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Biggs, Sixth street, after a long illness caused from cancer.

Her father, the late Charles Townsend, was a very prominent citizen of the Ten Mile section, with a large family connection. His death occurred only a few months ago.

As the illness became worse a few months ago Mrs. Britt was given radium treatment at a local hospital and later made her home with her daughter and son-in-law until the end came. A great loss will be felt throughout the county and especially in the immediate vicinity of her home near Ten Mile Baptist church, of which she was a valuable member.

Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, conducted the funeral services at Ten Mile Baptist church this morning at 11 o'clock, 22 years after he conducted the funeral of deceased's husband, who was accidentally killed. Interment was made in the cemetery near the church, where a very large crowd gathered to pay their last respects to a lost friend.

Surviving are three daughters—Mrs. Cora Lippak of Orlando, Fla., Mrs. Fannie McNeill of Lumberton R. F. D. and Mrs. Furman Biggs of Lumberton—and three sons—Jesse, Charlie and Samuel Britt, all of the Ten Mile section.

MR. JAMES LEGGETT

Good Citizen and Prominent Member of Bethesda Church Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, May 9.—Mr. James Leggett of R. 2 died at his home Friday May 4th, 4 p. m. He contracted pneumonia several days ago and it was felt from the first that he could not live. It has cast a deep sadness over the community for he was a good husband, father and neighbor and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Leggett leaves besides a host of friends a wife and ten children—5 boys and 5 girls—to mourn his death.

Rev. W. F. Trawick of Trinity Methodist church, Fairmont, preached the funeral at Bethesda church, of which he was a very influential member and where he was buried Saturday at 5 p. m.

The many beautiful floral designs attested the esteem in which he was held by his friends and neighbors.

Messrs. Marvin and Mim Floyd, J. A. Galloway and Frank Bardin were pall bearers.

Mr. A. H. Perry and son, Mr. Leon Perry, of Parkton, were Lumberton visitors this morning.

Mr. J. R. Bullock of Proctorville was a Lumberton visitor Monday afternoon.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 24 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

One per cent will be added to all unpaid county taxes on the 1st day of June and one per cent will be added each month thereafter, according to Sheriff E. E. Lewis.

Paving on Water street from Third to Fifth has been completed and it is understood that traffic will be turned on this street tomorrow in order to save so much congestion at the corner of Third and Elm.

Little Mary Grace Whiting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Whiting, who had been ill with pneumonia at the Thompson hospital, has sufficiently recovered to return to her home on Eighth street.

If rumors that have been heard are true, many people will be anxious to see the Red Cross float in the big parade tomorrow. Work on this float has been going on for several days and it will no doubt be a prize-winner.

Everybody is busy today putting out flags and decorating in general for the big celebration tomorrow. The streets have already been decorated to some extent and the decorating committee is still on the job.

The Business and Professional Women's club will not have regular weekly "gym" exercises this week on account of the 10th of May celebration and the revival meeting. All members are urged to be present Thursday night of next week.

Mr. Stinson Powell is assembling material on his lot on the corner of Walnut and 13th street for the erection of a bungalow. Mr. N. P. Andrews is also preparing to erect a brick bungalow on his property on the corner of 7th and Chestnut.

On account of the revival meeting at the First Baptist church and the 10th of May celebration, the regular meeting of the L. O. O. F. lodge will not be held tomorrow (Thursday) night. All members are urged to attend the meeting Thursday night of next week. Work in 1st degree will be put on.

A base ball game between the Old Timers and the local high school teams will be played on the high school grounds Friday afternoon. This will be the second game of the season between the Old Timers and the scholars, the first resulting in a victory for the Old Timers and causing much fun.

Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, Martin county, where Sunday morning he will preach the commencement sermon for the high school of that place. Sunday night Dr. Beaman will preach at Plymouth, Washington county. He will visit his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Suter, at New Bern, before returning home about the middle of next week. As stated in church notes elsewhere in this paper, Rev. J. A. Hornsby of Maxton will fill Dr. Beaman's pulpit Sunday.

Last week's Charity and Children carried a handsome picture, the "counterfeit presentment" of Squire S. S. Small of Lumberton, the text underneath telling how at a recent feed of the Lumberton Baptist Baracas 'Squire Small surpassed all and sundry, including some invited Methodists, in showing by his works appreciation of the good things then and there set forth. But Shucks! 'Squire Small says he ain't such an "eating" man at that; the boys just made that up; but he ought to figure that it is worth it to get his picture in that great paper which the late J. P. Caldwell used to call "The Youth's Companion" of North Carolina.

DECLAMATION AND READING CONTESTS TONIGHT

Girls at School Auditorium and Boys at Court House, Both at 8—Hearty Response From Schools of County.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: The response from the various schools of the county for the declamation and reading contests has been so hearty that it will be impossible for both contests to be held in the high school auditorium at the same time on Wednesday night. It has been decided, therefore, that the contest to be engaged in by the boys will be held in the court house at 8 o'clock and the contest for the girls will be held in the high school auditorium at the same time.

I am sure nothing can make these contests as interesting as to have a large attendance of the people at each place. Come and let us make this first event a success.

W. B. CRUMPTON, Supt. City Schools.

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