

MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED TABERNACLE SERVICE LAST EVENING.

Wonderful Ministry Of John The Baptist Sermon Subject

All Sections of County Represented in Big Crowd.

SERVICES DAILY AT 7:30 P. M.

Prediction Made That Tabernacle Which Has Seating Capacity of 2200 Will Have to be Enlarged—Evangelist Stephens Tells Church People That Revival Must Begin With Them.

More than 2,000 is a conservative estimate of the number of people who nearly filled the big union tabernacle to overflowing last night to hear Evangelist Geo. T. Stephens preach his fourth sermon of the big union evangelistic meeting, which will continue for the next 5 weeks.

Practically every town in the county was represented in the big audience last evening.

It is the prediction of some of the building committees that additional room must be provided before the meeting has progressed 10 days. The first collection of the meeting was taken last night and amounted to \$235.38, which will be used for incidental current expenses only. The ushers, more than 25 of them, waited on the large congregation and the receipts were turned over to Mr. L. H. Caldwell. Before the collection was taken Mr. Stephens called all the ushers to the front and told them that a good way to start the collection off was by giving \$5 each. He asked if there was a long-faced one among them, and finally spied Dr. R. T. Allen, who by nature does not have trouble keeping his hat on his head on account of hair.

Pianist Arrives. By the time the preacher started his sermon, the crowd was so large that it looked as if some would have to stand outside if many more came. The big chorus choir, numbering about 150, made a background pleasing to the eye, and their singing was pleasing to the ear. This was made especially good under the direction of Mr. Ralph Carr. Miss Nana Burbridge, pianist, of Chicago arrived during the meeting last night, and will have charge of the playing, substituting for Mr. Mainwaring, who was compelled to return to his home on account of sickness.

Services at 7:30 P. M. Daily. Services will be held in the tabernacle at 7:30 p. m. every day this week, beginning with a song service. Other services are announced elsewhere in this paper.

A Great Man. Mr. Stephens took as his text last evening the 3rd verse of the 3rd chapter of the book of Matthew: "For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight". He read the entire chapter from which he took his text and said that it was a pleasure for him to read about such great men as John the Baptist. "The trouble with our young men today is that instead of reading about big men, they are reading trash," he said in that connection.

Mr. Stephens said that he believed John's wonderful ministry began on the banks of the Jordan when he approached a crowd of men, and greeted them by saying, "Repent ye". He characterized the suddenness of his appearance and his work as a thunderclap from a clear sky, for these people had never before heard a prophet of God and were anxious to get his message. He then told of the wonderful work he did by his preaching to the rulers and even King Herod going to hear him, and the influence for good that he had upon them.

People Hungry for Truth. All during his sermon he spoke in plain everyday language, calling black black and white white. He said that he believed the people of the world were hungry to hear what gets next to and into their hearts, and told of an experience he had one time when he was holding a very important meeting and a very wealthy man of the place darkened the door for the first time. Some of the committee told him that this man was there, and asked him to be careful about what he said. According to the preacher, he loaded his gospel gun with inpecac, barbed wire and dynamite and pulled both triggers—and the man came up after the sermon and thanked him.

In the connection of King Herod and his half brother Phillip's wife, Herodias, he appealed to any of his hearers who might have hell hung about their necks and who were violating their marriage vows, to shake that damnable sin off and get right with God. The big-headed man, the Mr. Know-it-All and the men who place other men ahead of God were assailed during his nearly one-hour sermon. "Nobody is going to heaven

SERIES OF BIBLE STUDIES.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30 at Chestnut Street Methodist church Mrs. Dora C. Perkins will conduct a series of Bible studies in connection with the work of the evangelistic meetings. These studies will be practical, helpful and inspirational. "Normal Christian Living" is the subject for Tuesday afternoon. Everyone is requested to bring a Testament or a Bible. The book of Philippians will be unfolded on Tuesday afternoon. It is the epistle which deals with the normal christian life.

COTTAGE PRAYERMEETINGS.

Cottage prayermeetings will be held in home of the following ladies tomorrow morning at 9:30: Mrs. H. J. Sawyer, Miss Anna Thompson, Mrs. N. A. McLean, Mrs. Eddie McNeill, Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. M. J. Merritt, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. W. M. Singletary, Mrs. K. M. Barnes, Mrs. K. M. Biggs, Mrs. Sudie Byrd.

The booster choir of girls and boys under 14 years old will meet for practice at the tabernacle Tuesday afternoon at 3:30.

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Trial of Weeks Continued Until Tomorrow Morning

New Developments Look Bad For Man Charged With Forging Names to Checks—Has a Family in Mt. Olive—Father Has Been Dead Several Years.

MAY BE WANTED ELSEWHERE.

The trial of J. G. Weeks, who has been in jail here since Tuesday on charges of forgery, attempted fraud and fraud, was continued from Saturday until tomorrow. The continuance was made on account of new developments in the case.

A man giving his name as Bell called Sheriff R. E. Lewis over the phone Friday from Mt. Olive and said that he was a brother-in-law of Weeks, that Weeks has a family in Mt. Olive, and that Weeks' father had been dead four or five years. A telegram was sent to a man in Salley S. C., who Weeks said was his father. An answer was received from some one purporting to be his brother, stating that his father was out of town. Officers are prone to believe that the telegram was sent to a fellow-crook.

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Daily Newspaper Next 5 Weeks

Primarily to give as much publicity as possible to the union evangelistic campaign, in which all the churches of Lumberton are united, THE ROBESONIAN during the next five weeks will issue a daily newspaper. This will entail great additional expense and it will be necessary for the people of Lumberton to give it liberal support if they want this additional publicity given this campaign in which practically the entire town is so much interested.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

SEND YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS IN AT ONCE if you want this PAPER DAILY. Subscription Rates are as follows:

TO REGULAR SUBSCRIBERS

By Mail— 15 cents per week when paid by the week. 50 cents for the 5-weeks period. By Carrier in Lumberton— 17 cents the week when paid by the week. 65 cents for 5-weeks period.

TO THOSE NOT ALREADY SUBSCRIBERS TO THE SEMI-WEEKLY.

By Mail— 20 cents per week when paid by the week. 75 cents for 5-weeks period. By Carrier— 25 cents per week if paid by the week. \$1.00 for 5-weeks period.

TO ADVERTISE.

Those desiring to advertise in The Robesonian during the next 5 weeks will confer a great favor if they will let us have copy as early as possible. It is a great effort to issue a daily paper and we ask your hearty co-operation. For rates and other information, phone 20. (Money will be refunded to any who have paid higher rate).

Mr. E. T. Prevatt Hurt In Fourteen Foot Fall

Fell From Top Scaffold While at Work on Raft Swamp Baptist Church—Miraculous Escape From Fatal Injury.

Mr. E. T. Prevatt of R. 6 from Lumberton had a miraculous escape from fatal injury Saturday morning when he fell 14 feet from the top of the Raft Swamp Baptist church on which he was working, to the floor.

According to Mr. Prevatt, who was brought to Lumberton for treatment by his brother-in-law, Mr. Rowland Davis, he was working on the top scaffold inside the church, made a faulty step and fell to the floor. He suffered several abrasions and facial lacerations his neck also being somewhat hurt. He was able to return to his home after treatment.

Woman Seriously Burned in \$50,000 Wilmington Fire.

Wilmington Star, Apr. 26. One woman was seriously burned, two other persons slightly injured and property damage in the neighborhood of \$50,000 inflicted when a fire of undetermined origin yesterday morning turned the Princess building, in the heart of the business district, into a smoking inferno, from which several inmates were saved from death through spectacular rescues by firemen, police and a daring restaurateur.

Mrs. L. L. Byerly, who occupied a third floor apartment in the burned structure is in a local hospital in a serious condition from burns about the face and body which she suffered when she delayed her departure to rescue a pet dog.

Mrs. Jane Carterette, who was snatched from a third floor window by Fireman J. L. Croom and Police Sergeant Appleberry, collapsed while being brought to safety.

Seagate Appleberry was painfully cut about the face by a piece of falling glass, but after receiving first aid treatment, remained on duty.

The upper floors of the building were destroyed and business institutions on the street floor devastated by flames, smoke and water.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE BOYS STEP LIVELY, DRIVE IN FULLER'S FILLING STATION

CORNER Chestnut and 2nd Street

Funeral of W. W. Carlyle From Residence This Afternoon

Remains Will be Interred in Family Burying Ground One Mile East of Town—End Came Saturday at 6 P. M. After Two Years' Illness.

WAS PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN

The funeral of Mr. William W. Carlyle, who died Saturday at 6 p. m. at the Baker sanatorium, takes place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence, Fifth and Water streets, conducted by Rev. A. B. Crumpler of Clinton, for years a close friend of deceased, assisted by Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment will be made in the family burying ground one mile east of town on the Whiteville road.

Mr. Carlyle's death was due to apoplexy, having suffered a stroke two years ago. He had been under treatment in a sanatorium in Richmond, Va., since July 1922 until three weeks ago, when he was brought to the Baker sanatorium by his son Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle, and Mr. Ira Bullard, a close business associate. He had been confined to his bed since March 12, but he remained rational until noon Saturday, when he lost consciousness.

Deceased was 63 years old, having been born in Saddle Tree township in 1861, son of the late Simeon C. and Sarah Conoley Carlyle. His parents moved to Lumberton when he was ten years old, in 1871. For 35 years Mr. Carlyle was identified with mercantile business in Lumberton.

In 1884 he and his brother-in-law, the late R. D. Caldwell, became partners in the firm of Caldwell and Carlyle and they built up one of the largest and most widely-known mercantile businesses in Robeson county. In 1912 Mr. Carlyle retired from the firm, which was changed to R. D. Caldwell & Son.

Mr. Carlyle for years also was identified with other business interests of Lumberton, owning mill stock and store buildings, and he leaves a considerable estate, including several valuable farms. In his later years he was largely interested in the live-stock business with Mr. Ira Bullard.

Deceased is survived by his wife, four daughters and two sons—Miss Janie Carlyle, who is teaching in a government school in Porto Rico and is the only member of the family who could not be here when the end came, Misses Hazel, Sarah and Lillian, Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle, a young attorney of Lumberton, and Master William Carlyle.

Wife Backs Auto Against Husband Breaking His Leg

Accident This Morning on Fifth Street Causes Excitement—Mrs. Grimes of Tar Heel Was Being Directed By Husband—Cars Parked Too Close Together.

Mr. L. B. Grimes of Tar Heel is in the Thompson hospital suffering with a broken leg as the result of being run over by a Ford automobile driven by his wife this morning.

According to Mrs. Grimes' story of the accident, she was driving and in an effort to back from where she had parked the car on the north side of the court house, it was necessary for Mr. Grimes to get out and direct her on account of so many cars being parked close-by. It was while he was standing behind the car looking at another car, which was approaching, that he was struck by his own car as it ran backward, jamming him up against another car, with the result above mentioned. The accident caused a great deal of excitement and Mr. Grimes was rushed to the hospital, where he is resting comfortably.

Town Primary Tomorrow.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, there are no contests in the primary for the nomination of town officers which will be held tomorrow, beginning at 8 a. m., and the voting will be merely perfunctory, as also will be the voting in the town election Monday of next week. The following officers will be nominated:

Commissioner—Ward No. 2, M. M. Rozier, Ward No. 4, Ben G. Floyd; school trustees—Mrs. Alf H. McLeod, Mrs. H. T. Poep, F. P. Gray, J. D. Proctor; board of audit and finance—Frank Gough, H. M. McAllister, J. D. McMillan.

Mr. R. L. Townsend of R. 6, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Alfred Allen of R. 7, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. Opie Odum of St. Paul was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. Basil Skipper spent Friday and Saturday in Lumberton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Skipper, returning yesterday to his home at Rosemary.

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OUTFITTED FOR MEETING

Mr. J. N. Cox of Lumberton has made it possible for one more to attend the services conducted by Evangelist Geo. T. Stephens in the big Tabernacle by outfitting a man in need in a nice suit of clothes, hat and shirts. Mr. Cox, who is an enthusiastic booster of the meeting, stated Saturday that he approached this certain man in Lumberton and asked him if he was attending any of the services. The man replied negatively, explaining that he did not have any clothes suitable to wear and that he would like to attend the meetings as much as possible. Mr. Cox took advantage of the occasion and told him that if he would promise to attend the services he would fit him out. The man made the promise and in a few minutes was in a new outfit. It is understood that a local barber shop, learning of the man's desire to attend the meetings, offered him tonsorial work free, and before the next service he was a well-dressed and well-groomed man. He is attending every service.

Large Crowd Attends Funeral Of Mr. Earl Townsend

Funeral Held at First Baptist—Remains Interred in Meadowbrook—High Tribute to Purity of His Life—Always Cheerful and Hopeful.

BEAUTIFUL FLORAL DESIGNS.

Funeral services of Mr. Earl Townsend, who died Thursday morning in a Roanoke, Va., hospital were conducted Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the First Baptist church by Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of deceased. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

The services were opened by the choir singing "Nearer My God to Thee". Dr. Durham read the 23rd Psalm and other selections. A male quartet composed of Messrs. C. B. Skipper, Frank Gough, Ed. Freeman and Pope Stephens sang "Abide With Me".

Dr. Durham in referring to the beautiful life