

Mr. Stephens Makes Appeal to Church People To Clear The Decks For Action

Powerful Sermon On Personal Responsibility Last Night

If You Are Not Fishing For Men You Are Not a Disciple of Jesus Says Evangelist in Ringing Message.

God Has No Other Plan

Jesus is Counting on Every Christian to Win Others—Back Seats in Heaven All Were Taken Long Ago He Tells Those Who Hope to Get to Glory by the Skin of Their Teeth—There's No Tears in Heaven Over Starless Crowns—One Week of Meeting Gone and Church People Are Urged to Lose No More Time. Making an earnest appeal at the conclusion of his sermon at the tabernacle last night to church people not to sit quietly in their pews, at ease in Zion, but to lay aside all suspicion and criticism and indifference and clear the decks for action, Rev. George Stephens told how the people of Tarboro sat cold and indifferent for five of the nearly eight weeks of the meeting there and then when he and his helpers were worn to a frazzle, all done in, they handed him a petition in which they confessed their shortcomings and pled with him to stay longer and not to close the meeting.

"One week of this meeting has gone by," he said, "and the other four weeks will go by quickly. Don't wait to get busy, but begin now."

"It's a dirty shame the way church people discuss and criticize and hang back and are suspicious," he said. "You'll be happy if you just slip in and get a back seat. The back seats were all taken up years ago. I don't want a back seat. Those who are counting on slipping in by the skin of their teeth will be like the grunboat in the Spanish-American war that got caught far out at sea with its coal all gone. They stripped it of every piece of wood and barely sneaked into harbor with a shell. And so it will be with those who hope just to get by."

"Thank God for the wonderful city with its streets of gold and its gates of pearl, but that isn't going to make heaven for me. I want to save souls—that will make heaven for me. I'd hate to have to walk through the golden streets and not meet souls who could say they were there because of me."

Tears in Heaven.
"There will be some tears in heaven, tears over starless crowns."
"It means something to be a Christian. It means more than seats of people think it means. Churcharinity is not christianity. Christianity means to have Christ in you."

"Charlie Alexander said that 'any man who professes to be a Christian and is not doing anything to bring somebody to Jesus either has some sin in his life or has never been converted. I know I am a Christian because of the big burden on my heart for lost souls, because of concern to win souls."

"The Bible does not tell us we are saved by feeling. Feeling has nothing to do with it. You are saved by faith, by taking God at His word."
"Do you ever feel awful? Do you ever feel concerned about those about you? Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men," says Jesus. Will anybody meet you in the glory land and say 'I'm here because of you?'"

No Man Cares.
"There are some people about here who are saying 'no man cares for my soul'. Is the blood of lost ones going to be on your soul? If we went after souls like the politicians go after votes we would win the world for Jesus in a few months."

"But you say, 'I never could talk about the things of God.' You can talk about business, about money, about history, about politics. 'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.'"
"What are we saved for? Some people say they will be so happy if

AT UNION TABERNACLE

Prayermeeting this evening at 7 in the annex.
Song service begins at 7:30.
Sermon at 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY MASS MEETINGS

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 a mass meeting for men will be held in the tabernacle.
At the same hour Sunday afternoon a mass meeting for women will be held in the First Baptist church.

STUDYING EPHESIANS

The book of Ephesians was taken up yesterday afternoon at Chestnut Street Methodist church in the series of Bible studies Mrs. Perkins is conducting. Two chapters were taken up yesterday. Study of this book will be completed at the next meeting, which will be held next Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. About 50 women attended the meeting yesterday.

they just get to heaven. Shame on you if you have no higher conception of what it is to be a Christian than to be saved. I wouldn't give a snap of my finger for such a religion.

"You'll be happy if you just slip in and get a back seat. The back seats were all taken up years ago. I don't want a back seat. Those who are counting on slipping in by the skin of their teeth will be like the grunboat in the Spanish-American war that got caught far out at sea with its coal all gone. They stripped it of every piece of wood and barely sneaked into harbor with a shell. And so it will be with those who hope just to get by."

"Thank God for the wonderful city with its streets of gold and its gates of pearl, but that isn't going to make heaven for me. I want to save souls—that will make heaven for me. I'd hate to have to walk through the golden streets and not meet souls who could say they were there because of me."

Tears in Heaven.
"There will be some tears in heaven, tears over starless crowns."
"It means something to be a Christian. It means more than seats of people think it means. Churcharinity is not christianity. Christianity means to have Christ in you."

"Charlie Alexander said that 'any man who professes to be a Christian and is not doing anything to bring somebody to Jesus either has some sin in his life or has never been converted. I know I am a Christian because of the big burden on my heart for lost souls, because of concern to win souls."

"The Bible does not tell us we are saved by feeling. Feeling has nothing to do with it. You are saved by faith, by taking God at His word."
"Do you ever feel awful? Do you ever feel concerned about those about you? Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men," says Jesus. Will anybody meet you in the glory land and say 'I'm here because of you?'"

No Man Cares.
"There are some people about here who are saying 'no man cares for my soul'. Is the blood of lost ones going to be on your soul? If we went after souls like the politicians go after votes we would win the world for Jesus in a few months."

"But you say, 'I never could talk about the things of God.' You can talk about business, about money, about history, about politics. 'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.'"
"What are we saved for? Some people say they will be so happy if

they just get to heaven. Shame on you if you have no higher conception of what it is to be a Christian than to be saved. I wouldn't give a snap of my finger for such a religion.



REV. GEORGE STEPHENS.

Number of Deaths In Series of Tornadoes Wednesday Increases

South Carolina Worst Stricken of Seven States With Death List of 81—Total Death List Now Placed at 112—Relief Work Well Under Way.

An Associated Press dispatch of the 1st from Atlanta gives the following:

"Towns and rural communities, stricken by an epidemic of tornadoes that dipped ruthlessly through seven southern states yesterday, were recovering slowly tonight. Relief workers from organized services and volunteers, had their task well under way in the scores of villages levelled.

Reports gathered placed the total list at 112. There still was no definite estimate of the persons injured, but belief persisted that the number would reach 500. Property damage will be much greater than at first anticipated, it was indicated today. The only estimate attempted, that of \$10,000,000, probably will be eclipsed in the final check up.

South Carolina was worst stricken of the seven states visited by the tornadoes. Red Cross workers and others were at Anderson and Horrell Hill settlement and state troops were on guard. Property damage at Anderson alone was \$750,000.

Latest tabulations disclosed the following deaths:

South Carolina 81, Georgia 18, Alabama 11, North Carolina 5, Louisiana 1, Arkansas 1.

The additional deaths were reported from Columbia, where two injured persons died in hospitals, and at Robersonville, N. C., where belated reports told of a twister striking there. Thirty homes were found to have been destroyed, and an appeal for aid was sent out by Mayor G. H. Cox. One unidentified woman was killed. A baby also died at Bynum, N. C., from injuries received when Pace's mill collapsed.

Columbia, S. C., May 1—Organizing for relief measures following Wednesday's scourge of tornadoes, which caused the death of 81 persons in South Carolina, a central committee to administer state wide aid to the hundreds of injured and the thousand homeless was formed today at a conference attended by Governor Thomas G. McLeod, state officials and representatives of the American Red Cross.

himself where men could touch him. "I am sick and tired of those who say that Jesus came to give us a new ethical principle. He came to seek and to save the lost."

At Ease in Zion.
"The trouble is we are too much at ease in Zion; we are dead with the dry rot of indifference. God forgive us for our namby-pamby indifference and fire us with a passion for souls. There are 50 million people in America away from God."

"Are you concerned?"

Time To Work is Now

In speaking of the Tarboro meeting and the earnest petition for him to continue the meeting, Mr. Stephens read the petition which he said was handed to him by Dr. R. C. Beaman, former pastor of Chestnut Street church here. He said he did not lift a finger to come to Lumberton. The invitation to hold a union meeting here came about in such a

(Continued on Page Three)

Naval Construction Program May Call For Great Expenditures

Washington, May 2 (United Press)—Possible necessity for a new naval construction program involving enormous expenditure engages members of the House naval affairs committee today. So far this session the committee has authorized the building of eight cruisers costing eleven million dollars each and reconditioning six first-line battleships costing 18 millions. Admiral Coontz's report that the navy is under the arms conference strength has awakened the committee to possible requirements of a thoroughgoing construction program. Bill introduced today calls for \$6,500,000 for elevated turret guns and 13 battleships as first step.

Democrats Reach Agreement To Expedite Tax Bill

Washington, May 2 (United Press)—Agreement to expedite the tax bill was reached in Democratic caucus last night and revived hopes of early clean-up of measure in senate. Under the agreement the Democrats put forward a substitute sliding scale corporation tax and slight revision of inheritance tax. It appears that those going out of party lines on the bill are coming back.

Mr. Thomas Kihlaw of R. 7, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

Mrs. G. W. Thompson and daughter Miss Margaret of Fairmont were Lumberton visitors today.

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.
(Money will be refunded to any who have paid higher rate).

TO ADVERTISERS.
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.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE BOYS STEP LIVELY, DRIVE IN FULLER'S FILLING STATION
Corner Chestnut and 2nd Street

Woman Cuts Rival With Razor In Row Over Man

Negro Women Mix It Up "Over the River"—Dora Oliver In Serious Condition—Necessary to Take 28 Stitches to Sew Up Gaping Wounds—Maggie Council In Jail Charged With the Crime.

A MAN IN THE CASE

Maggie Council, negress, who lives "over the river", is in jail and Dora Oliver, also a lady of color, is in a serious condition as the result of a fight which occurred between them last night about 7:30 on the hard-surface road near the oil mill.

Maggie did not like what had been going on and what had been said about her man, so she proceeded to use a razor very effectively on her rival, cutting her to such an extent that it was necessary for 28 stitches to be taken to close up the gaping wounds on her back. Some of the cuts were deep and her condition is still considered dangerous.

The woman who did the cutting was arrested by Chief of Police D. M. Barker, assisted by Officers J. B. Boyle and Ed. J. Glover. She will remain in jail until Dora is able to attend trial, or succumbs to wounds.

North Carolina's Death Toll In Tornado Increased To Five

14 Persons Seriously Injured—Property Damage Estimated at More Than Quarter Million.

An Associated Press dispatch last night from Raleigh gives the following:

The death toll from yesterday's tornado was increased to five in North Carolina tonight when the four-day-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson succumbed to injuries received at Bynum when a sawmill was destroyed.

Earlier in the day the death of a negro woman had been reported from Martin county, where the tornado damage in the state and last night Mr. and Mrs. Dave Blalock and their 16-year-old son, Charles, were killed when the saw mill at Bynum was destroyed.

The situation in North Carolina tonight appeared to be well in hand with damages estimated at more than 3 quarter million dollars, 14 seriously injured and 25 suffering from minor injuries.

This afternoon Mayor Cox of Robersonville, the center of the disturbance in Martin county, requested the Associated Press to broadcast an appeal for outside help in caring for the sufferers in that community, where 30 homes were destroyed and 150 rendered homeless.

Robersonville, May 1—One life lost 14 more or less seriously injured, two of them perhaps fatally, 30 others injured in lesser degree and property damage to the approximate amount of a quarter of a million dollars appeared tonight to be an accurate estimate of the damage wrought yesterday afternoon by a tornado which swept through this section of Martin county, cutting a pathway 15 miles long and 400 yards wide and leaving death and destruction in its wake.

FUNERAL OF GENERAL CARR TO BE HELD IN DURHAM SUNDAY

Long-Standing Request That Friends Should Not Lavish Money on Flowers for His Grave.

Durham, May 1.—Funeral services for Gen. Julian S. Carr will be held from his home, Somerset Villa, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, with Rev. W. W. Peele, of Trinity Methodist church and pastor of the deceased, Rev. R. C. Beaman and Rev. R. Hibbard officiating. Interment will be in Maplewood cemetery and his body will be laid to rest beside that of his wife, who preceded him to the grave several years ago.

It was the general's oft-repeated request that when he died he preferred that his friends would not send flowers, as in his opinion, the expenditure of large sums of money for flowers at funerals was not right. He expressed a desire that those who desired to pay him tribute use the money they would have expended in flowers in purchasing books for the Durham public library.

The hour of the arrival of the body is not known, but it is expected to arrive sometime tomorrow afternoon or night. Immediately upon its arrival it will be taken to his home, where it will await the funeral and burial.



MISS NANA BURBRIDGE of Chicago, pianist with the Stephens evangelistic party.

No Word Received From Missing Round World Flier

Cordova, Alaska, May 2 (United Press)—Coast guard cutters and fisher boats report that search for Major Frederick Martin, missing leader of round-the-world fliers, thus far has proved fruitless. No word has been received since he hopped off from Chignik Wednesday bound for Dutch Harbor, where his three associates await him. Reports from Dutch Harbor are that unfavorable weather has continued since Martin started in a blizzard.

Formal Report Made House On Farm Relief Bill

Analysis Made of Existing Ills and Manner in Which Measure Proposes to Cure Them.

Washington, May 2 (United Press)—The agricultural committee today tendered to the house formal report on the McNairy-Haughen farm-relief bill with analysis of existing ills and manner in which the bill intends to cure them. It is expected that the bill will be before the house for consideration by the end of next week.

The report sets forth: First, that half as many banks failed in 1920 and 1923 as during the whole period 1902 to 1920.

Second, that four-sevenths of the total farm income is taken by taxes, mortgages, interest and debts.

Third, that farm labor has become so costly that the average farmer cannot afford to hire.

Fourth, that more than 1,120,000 farmers and hired men deserted farms in 1920 to seek industrial employment.

Fifth, that one-fourth of the farm owners in the wheat and cotton belts are bankrupt.

Sixth, that the purchasing value of farm products is less than one-half the value before the war.

As described, the bill would first create \$200,000,000 corporation, capital to be furnished by the government. The board of directors would be made up of secretary of agriculture and four other presidential appointees.

Second, it would empower the corporation to buy and sell wheat, flour, corn, rice, wool, cattle, sheep, swine and food products whenever emergency was declared. When market price falls below ratio price the corporation would buy enough for foreign shipment to restore the domestic price. The ratio price would be determined so that the same ratio would exist between farm products and all other commodities as existed before the war.

Wadsworth Probably Be Named Permanent Chairman

Washington, May 2 (United Press)—Senator Wadsworth of New York probably will be named permanent chairman of the Republican national convention, according to indications at the white house. No statement of his selection has been authorized, but it is strongly indicated that he has been picked, Representative Burton, Ohio, already has been named temporary chairman.

MRS. P. P. JONES SLIGHTLY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

By 'Phone' to The Robesonian: Fairmont, May 2—Mrs. P. P. Jones was slightly injured this morning when a Ford she was driving became unruly and ran head-on into a telephone pole. She suffered a slight facial laceration.

GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY AND STAY FOR CHURCH.

Eyewitness Tells Of Scenes Of Havoc In Wake Of Tornado

Rev. I. E. Wishart Writes of Destruction at Lawrenceville, Ga.—Houses Torn to Splinters, Trees Twisted Off, Part of Large Factory Blown Away.

BARELY MISSED THE STORM.

Rev. I. E. Wishart, son of Mr. A. S. Wishart of R. 3 from Lumberton, barely missed being right in the path of the destructive tornado that swept parts of Georgia Wednesday. He left Lumberton Monday to return to his home at Buffalo, Okla. The following interesting letter to The Robesonian from him was dated April 30 at Lawrenceville, Ga.:

"Will write a short description of tornado that struck Lawrenceville, Ga., just before the train on which I was traveling arrived.

"The rain was very heavy but not so much wind with us. But when we arrived at depot the passengers were much surprised to find track covered with broken pieces of timber and boards and that houses had been torn into splinters. Trees were twisted off or blown up or all limbs broken. I saw one tree that had lost all bark for some fifty or sixty feet on its body; another tree had fallen across a house and crushed it to pieces. One wooden building had much weather boarding blown off and shingles taken off and the roof looked that something about the size of a horse had been thrown through the roof.

"One brick residence had been literally torn to pieces. Some farm houses had been left standing while big oak trees had been piled all around them. At least two churches in the town had been torn down and I would not try to say how many dwellings had been shattered.

"The most remarkable thing that I saw, I believe, was a large factory brick building that had been torn off at first floor almost exactly like men might have taken it down brick by brick, except one corner was left standing just a bit higher than the floor and carried some half-mile away."

"Only through the leading hand of the God of heaven we would have been in the very jaws of death in the storm. Our train was delayed about three hours in reaching Atlanta."

I am leaving Wednesday p. m. 4:40, for the West.

"Best wishes for the paper and the meeting."

"L. E. WISHART"

Items of Local News

Among those from here attending the Bar association meeting in Pinehurst today are Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Britt, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Varner, Messrs T. L. Johnson, H. E. Stacy, J. B. McLeod, John G. Proctor and J. J. Goodwin.

A large crowd of rooters and supporters of the local high school baseball team left here this afternoon for Laurinburg, where a deciding game will be played between the locals and Rockingham. The winner of the game will play Sanford highs Tuesday and that winner be allowed participate in the state championship games in Chapel Hill.

Bonus Bill Expected To Reach President Today

Washington, May 2 (United Press)—The house expects to write final approval of the soldier bonus bill and send to President Coolidge this afternoon. Senate has already adopted conference report without roll call. It is expected that President Coolidge will veto the bill.

REV. GORDON MINES IN CHARGE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.
For the five weeks during which it will publish a daily Rev. Gordon R. Mines, who recently resigned as pastor of the Gospel tabernacle on account of his health, will work for The Robesonian in its subscription department. He will be stationed in the rear of the tabernacle at the close of every night service and will be glad to wait on any one who may wish to subscribe.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington—Middling cotton is quoted on the local market here today at 28-cents the pound.