

Everybody Needs A Refuge Stephens Tells Crowd In Heart-Stabbing Message Last Night

THE BOOSTER CHORUS STICKS TO ITS WORK WITH WILLINGNESS

Woman In Audience Last Night
With Burden On Heart Big
Enough To Sink A Battleship,
Stephens Says.

Guilty Conscience Is Awful

People Are Passing Through Worlds
of Disappointment Without A Real
Refuge—Guilty Conscience Causes
Keenest Suffering—Rich Man Took
Nothing But His Conscience To
Hell With Him—Desire To Sin Is
A Heritage—A Heart-Stabbing,
Tear-Welling and Conscience-Rak-
ing Story.

"Every person needs a refuge" was the subject of Rev. George Stephens' sermon in the union tabernacle last night, and he took as his text the 2nd verse of the 32nd chapter of Isaiah, "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." The man spoken of in this verse, Mr. Stephens said, was the Son of Man, and it was a prophecy concerning Him.

The musical feature of last night's service was a male quartette selection by Messrs. E. W. Dunham, J. H. Teague, W. W. Davis and Ed. Rancke. The booster chorus did their part in making the singing as a whole something worth while. So closely do they watch their leader, Mr. Ralph Carr, that it seems they respond to his call as quickly as a light burns when the switch is turned. Their willingness to learn, their earnestness in the work, and their dear sweet voices singing in one accord, as if they were doing their bit in saving souls, made tears well up in the eyes of almost everyone hearing them.

Without a Real Refuge.
"There is a woman somewhere in this tabernacle who is going through this world with a burden on her heart big enough to sink a battleship," said Mr. Stephens, as he spoke about everybody going through worlds of disappointments, shames, decays and deaths without a refuge. "I pity men and women who are passing through this world without a real refuge," he said. He explained that he meant refuge as a place of solace and quietness where one can get on their knees in prayer to God, who can forgive them of their sins, a real refuge. He stated that so many people were claiming refuges which were false and which would not save.

His message was full of the ravages and dastardly work of the devil, who, he said, was with him all the time, and just because he was behind that pulpit was no reason why anybody should get the idea that the devil was not right at his heels all the time trying him in his unguarded hour.

Guilty Conscience.
The power and condemnation of a guilty conscience was one of the most important things he mentioned, from which one needs a real refuge. He told a story of a young man who came to the service every night and sat with bowed head. At last he went into the annex and Mr. Stephens sent one of the party in with him. The boy got down on his knees and went to praying. He had no more than started good when he jumped to his feet and ran out into the tabernacle. Again the next night the same thing happened, except he stopped at the rear of the annex. He was asked what was the matter, what burden was on his heart, and he said, "Everytime I get on my knees to pray the body of that boy I killed stands right up in front of me." Mr. Stephens said he inquired of some of the lawyers in that town what the boy had done, and he found that he killed a gambling companion in self-defense one night when both were drunk. He had been acquitted of the murder charge by a jury, but the boy couldn't get the burden off of his heart. Mr. Stephens said he read him a message of Scripture which told of the wonderful saving of sinners only through the blood of Jesus Christ. Finally the boy surrendered everything to God and he was filled

AT UNION TABERNACLE.

Tonight.
Song service 7:30 p. m.
Sermon at 8 p. m.

SUNDAY SERVICES

No sunrise prayermeeting.
Special sermon by George Stephens at 11 a. m.
No afternoon service for men.
Song service 7:30.
Sermon 8.

Young Men's Service.
Young men's service at Chestnut Street Methodist church at 6:30 p. m.

Woman's Meeting.

Special service for all women, especially high school girls, working girls and home girls, in the First Baptist church at 8 p. m. This meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Dora C. Perkins and Miss Nana Burbridge.

with the holy spirit.

"If everybody will be truthful with me, they will admit that the keenest suffering is with a guilty conscience," Mr. Stephens said. His next story was about a girl who had left home, mother and friends, and had wandered into the underworld and had lived a wicked life for 3 years. One night she, in company with 2 other women of the same gang, stopped in a theatre where the famous Fisk Jubilee singers were on the program. The singers sang songs and always ended them with "In Heaven once
In Heaven Twice
My mother shall rejoice.

My mother once
My mother twice

"In Heaven she'll rejoice." For the first time in 3 years the girl thought of her dear mother, whom she had forgotten and left to die a heart-broken death. She was battling with her conscience and she rushed out of the theatre, across the city and toward her old home. She was thinly clad, the night was chilly, and as she rushed on it got colder and colder. She never reached her mother alive. The next morning she was found unconscious, and she rallied just long enough to tell the people who had found her, what her name was and where she was going. She died an awful death caused by a guilty conscience.

Can't Kill Conscience

"You can't kill your conscience. You can so stun it and sear it over that you can go right on committing sin and not be worried about it," he told his hearers, who had by this time realized the importance of the message he was bringing. There was evidence of tear shedding throughout the tabernacle, which was filled. "There is a man in this audience tonight who wrote me a letter, and who is suffering terribly on account of a guilty conscience," he stated, and continued, "there is only one thing the rich man took with him to hell, and that was his conscience. That will be hell enough, to go into eternity with a guilty conscience."

He said that during a meeting several years ago he was preaching on the same subject he preached on here a few nights ago—records. An actor playing in a vaudeville in the town electrified the audience when he was about half through his sermon by standing up and with his hand clasped to his head shouted "My God, my record!" Mr. Stephens said he turned the meeting over to the singer, and called to that man to get up out of his seat and come with him into the annex, that he wanted to preach to that man alone. It was another case of a guilty conscience becoming unbearable. He took Mr. Stephens into his confidence and told him that he didn't know what to do. He had divorced a good Christian woman for a woman of worldly ways and had married the latter woman. He was struggling with a problem. He wanted to go back to his first wife. Mr. Stephens told him to give his case to God and He would work a way out of it. It was not long before the actor was no longer a member of the theatrical troupe. He and his former wife were re-united and today are living a happy life. He is

United States Round-The- World Fliers Reach Japan

Make Successfully Most Difficult
Flight Ever Attempted—Places
Them Near the Lead.
Paramashiru Island, Kuriles, Japan
May 17 (United Press)—The United States army's round-the-world fliers reached Japan when three army planes came winging their way into Paramashiru Bay after a successful flight from Chicago. It was the most difficult flight ever attempted, leading through uncharted air lanes over icy waters of the northern Pacific. It is the first time an airplane has ever flown from the North American continent to Asia.

This jump places the American fliers near the lead in the effort of four nations to gain long-distance supremacy in the air. Captain Doisy, French airman, attempting flight from Paris to Japan, is expected to start to Canton this morning. The British fliers reached Calcutta yesterday and are expected to remain until Monday. The Portuguese fliers are held up in the Indian desert.

Mrs. S. D. Townsend and little niece, Miss Lillian Townsend, passed through Lumberton today en-route to Wilmington, where they will spend the week-end with friends and relatives.

a successful business man of Cleveland, Ohio, and a teacher of a large Bible class in his city. In connection with this story, Mr. Stephens said, "Looking at your sins will not save you. You must look to Jesus". This man had looked at his record, but that didn't help him until he looked to Jesus Christ. He had divorced his good wife on grounds which were not Bible grounds, the only Bible ground for divorce is adultery, declared the preacher. "Is there someone listening to me whose home has been broken up?" he asked, and pleaded for them to stop looking at their sins and look to Christ.

Need Refuge From Sin.
"There's a twist in our breast that gives us a desire to sin. It was born in us, and handed down from Adam, and we need a refuge from that power of sin within," he said. A man raised a tiger from infancy, giving it no meat or anything that contained blood, in an effort to make him lose his beastly instinct. The tiger grew to be an enormous-sized pet. One day his master was asleep in a chair. The tiger came up to him and began licking his hand. He licked it until he reached blood. The scent and taste of that blood made the jungle nature rise up in the beast and had it not been for great help close by the owner would have been eaten up before he could have helped himself.

Mr. Stephens said if there wasn't a devil, he wanted somebody to tell him who it is that breaks up homes, makes gamblers kill, and causes so much suffering on the part of innocent people. "Why are the prisons almost always full of people who have committed crime, if there is no devil?" he asked. "Everytime I see a prisoner I say 'there's George Stephens, except for the grace of God'."

In closing he told a heart-stabbing tear-compelling, conscience-raking story of how a man who should have been on the platform with him last night committed suicide because of a guilty conscience on account of his days of gambling. He held a high position and was happily married. Mr. Stephens said that he decorated his little home for him as a wedding present. Everything seemed to be so well with him. He went to gambling, though, and soon his little home was mortgaged to the limit. He was lousy to his wife. He finally left the city disgraced. Mr. Stephens found him in a hotel in a distant city and told him of how his wife was heart-broken, and how she would help him, again if he would go back and get a job and start all over again. He couldn't stand it, but he tried it. It seemed to work well again, but one day old remorse, the devil's handiest tool, began working on his now poor resisting mind. He had stood it as long as he could. He went by a drug store and bought a deadly poison, and in a few hours was cold in death. Only a short time and Mildred, his wife, died broken-hearted.

It was announced that the meeting would close 2 weeks from Sunday night, which is June 1st.

HOUSE PASSES BONUS OVER PRESIDENT'S VETO 313 TO 78

Washington, May 17 (United Press)—The House passed bonus bill over President's veto today. A number of members of the house who voted for the bill originally switched their vote to override. The measure goes to senate with a vote of 313 to 78.

Rev. R. L. Byrd's Condition Is Considered Favorable

He Suffered Broken Thigh But No
Internal Injuries—Well Cared for
at Georgia Baptist Hospital.

DR. AND MRS. DURHAM RETURN

Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Mrs. Durham returned this morning from Atlanta, where they attended the sessions of the Southern Baptist convention.

Dr. Durham spent much time with Rev. R. L. Byrd, of this county, after the accident in which Mr. Byrd was injured Thursday afternoon, and reports that his condition is considered favorable.

As stated in yesterday's Robesonian, Mr. Byrd was knocked down and run over by a truck. He suffered a broken thigh and some minor injuries, but the physicians say there are no internal injuries and it is believed that he will recover with reasonable rapidity.

Mr. Byrd is being well cared for in the Georgia Baptist hospital in Atlanta.

Mr. Byrd's numerous friends throughout this section of the state, where he is well known, will be rejoiced to learn that his injuries are not more serious.

Coolidge Cancels Engagement On Account of A Cold

Washington, May 17 (United Press)—President Coolidge has cancelled all his engagements and remains in his room at the White House, suffering with a cold. Bascom Slomp, the President's secretary, says his condition is not serious. Mr. Coolidge expected to attend a horse show this afternoon. He is believed to have caught cold at a white house lawn party Thursday when he stood in the damp chilly air on the lawn without a hat greeting 2,000 guests who attended.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Atlanta, Ga., May 17 (United Press)—Further study of educational problems of the Baptist church and action on resolutions made up the program of the fourth day of the Southern Baptist convention. Action on proposal to the convention to take over operation of George Washington university of Washington, D. C., is expected today. Report of the committee of resolutions is expected this afternoon.

Later—President Coolidge has been ordered by Brig. Gen. Sawyer to keep to his rooms until his cold is cleared. Gen. Sawyer was uncommunicative after his visit, refusing to say whether or not the President has any fever.

KEEP UP WITH GREAT EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN Sermons Reported DAILY IN THE ROBESONIAN Also Special Wire Service

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TO REGULAR SUBSCRIBERS**
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25 cents per week if paid by the week.

Boll Weevil Specialist To Address Co-op Meeting

Dr. B. F. Bruce of Columbia Will
Be Principal Speaker At Meeting
Here Tuesday—He Has Made A
Study Of Weevils.

LARGE CROWD EXPECTED.

At the regular monthly meeting of the members of the Robeson County Co-operative Marketing association to be held in the court house here Tuesday morning, May 20, at 11 o'clock, Dr. B. F. Bruce of Columbia, S. C., will deliver a lecture on the boll weevil.

Dr. Bruce is a specialist on the boll weevil and has studied the insect since his first appearance in the cotton fields. A large number of the members is expected to attend the meeting, and the local members consider they are fortunate in securing Dr. Bruce to make the address. There will be other association officials who will make short talks, and the usual matters of business will be handled.

Harrison To Deliver Keynote For Democrats

New York, May 17 (United Press)—Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi will be temporary chairman and will deliver the keynote address at the Democratic national convention. Harrison was unanimously selected by the convention committee on arrangements at a meeting this afternoon. He is considered sufficiently popular to insure a fair deal for all.

Protest Against Persecution of Bap- tists In Rumania

Atlanta, Ga., May 16 (United Press)—The Southern Baptist convention will lodge a protest with the state department against persecution of Baptists in Rumania. The resolution adopted directs officers to take steps to see that action taken by Secretary Hughes in previous protests against inhuman treatment is given members of the denomination because they are such.

FIVE METHODISTS BISHOPS RELIEVED OF PERMANENT DUTY.

Springfield, Mass., May 17 (United Press)—Five bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church have been relieved of permanent duty by the General Church conference. Four bishops were retired as follows: William Burt of Buffalo, Frank Bristol of Chattanooga, William Quayle of St. Louis, Homer Stuntz of Omaha. Bishop George Bickley of Singapore was placed on the supernumerary list.

MCADOO CERTIFIED AS NORTH CAROLINA'S CHOICE.

Raleigh, May 17 (United Press)—William McAdoo is certified as North Carolina's choice for the Democratic Presidential nomination in a certificate to McAdoo's manager sent by the president of the state board of elections.

COOLIDGE AND McADOO WIN IN OREGON PRIMARIES.

Portland, Ore., May 17 (United Press)—Oregon gave Calvin Coolidge 3 to 1 edge over Hiram Johnson in primaries yesterday, on the basis of returns. William McAdoo received the Democratic support, the only candidate on the ticket.

Redpath Chautauqua Saturday.

4 p. m. Concert by Vierra's Hawaiians; dramatic entertainment by Virginia Slade. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

8:30 p. m. "An Evening In Hawaii" original musical production by Vierra Hawaiians. Admission 35 and 75 cents.

DON'T FAIL TO REGISTER
In order to vote in the June primary persons who have not registered are asked to do so at once. The registration books will close May 24th, and no one will be allowed to vote who has not registered. Mr. Ben. G. Floyd has charge of the North Lumberton registration book and Mr. Ed. Glover the South Lumberton book.

See the registrars today and register for the Democratic primary.

Wilton McLean's Friends Jubilant Over Prospects

Recent "Swing Around the State"
Made Many Friends and Support-
ers for the Lumberton Man—
Farmers of Davidson County Are
Said to Be Enthusiastic for Him—
People Who Know the Candidate
Personally Are Unanimous for
Him Everywhere.

By L. J. Hampton

Raleigh—Members of "McLean for Governor" clubs, county managers and friends of the Robeson county candidate from counties in which he has spoken or just "stopped over" for a short time in his swing around the state, continue to write in of the fine impression A. W. McLean is making upon the people wherever he goes. Raleigh headquarters force of the Lumberton man find themselves jubilant over the reports.

Hoyle Sink, one of the McLean managers in Davidson county, where Candidate McLean spoke three times last week—at Southmont, Churchland school and Thomasville, said: "The farmers in my county who have met Mr. McLean, or who have heard him speak are enthusiastically for him. I never saw a man in my life who took with the farmers so. He is perfectly at home with them and they with him—in the discussion of farm crops and methods and other matters of rural interest. At Southmont and Churchland where there were especially large crowds of farmers, I couldn't get him away from them."

"One farmer declared to me," said Mr. Sink, "and he expressed the conviction of hundreds of others, that Mr. McLean is a sincere man. He doesn't promise anything he thinks he can't do, and he understands our problems because they are his own and he has experienced them in conducting his own farm. I want to see him governor of North Carolina. He says he will put economy in the state's affairs, and I believe he means just that."

Men Who Know Him

A significant feature in the McLean campaign, as shown by letters received at McLean headquarters, is the practically solid support of McLean by every man or woman, not only in his own county but in many other counties in the state, who have known him personally.

At Chapel Hill the "Robeson County Club," made up of young men for McLean's home county, is solid for him and they told him so and had him make a speech when he visited the "Hill" recently. At Dunn, at Murfreesboro, in Spencer, Salisbury and many other places former friends and boyhood acquaintances of the Lumberton candidate, have written pledging their support and predicting his success in the primary.

Beginning with a speech at Fayetteville on May 5, where he was introduced by Dr. J. Vance McGowan, a boyhood friend, and where Candidate McLean made a rousing speech that drew enthusiastic cheering from his audience, that filled the Cumberland county courthouse, the candidate for governor swung up into the western part of the state.

He dropped everything to go to Richmond, Va., to attend a meeting of the board of trustees on Tuesday, May 6, but on the morning of May 7, he dropped off the Southern train at Lexington and spoke at the commencement exercises of Southmont high school 20 miles from the Davidson county seat, then at Fork church school, Davie county on the afternoon of the same day, going 40 miles to Thomasville that night where he addressed an audience of Davidson county people again, this time in a rousing Democratic speech. At Thomasville he was introduced by Walter Lambeth.

Perhaps at no point in the state has Mr. McLean received a more enthusiastic reception than at Salisbury, the Rowan capital, where he spoke on the night of May 8 to a crowd of representative Rowan citizens, with a sprinkling from Charlotte, Kannapolis and other nearby cities and towns, that filled the big courtroom. A downpour of rain failed to dampen the ardor of his hosts of Rowan county admirers and he was welcomed with music by the famous Kannapolis brass band, which rendered a fine musical program as a prelude to the political speaking and then played a ragtime jazz piece of music, lively in lilt, as the audience

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington
 Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 27 3-4 cents the pound.

"An Evening In Hawaii" Will Close Chautauqua This P. M.

One of the Most Enjoyable Numbers
of the Entire Program Tonight—
Splendid Attractions Have Been
Given Every Day.

The Redpath Chautauqua will close its 5-days engagement here tonight in its tent on the corner of Walnut and Fourteenth streets with "An Evening In Hawaii", an original musical production presented by Vierra Hawaiians. This production is said to portray most vividly the music and customs of Hawaii. Novel lighting and scenic effects, together with appropriate costuming and the artistry of the company, makes this one of the most enjoyable numbers on the entire program, it is said. The performance begins at 8:30.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock, following a prelude concert by the Hawaiians, Virginia Slade, entertainer and play reader, will be heard in a miscellaneous program consisting of a number of short sketches from the works of prominent authors, as well as cuttings from well-known plays. Every one of the attractions has been of a high order and has been enjoyed.

Yesterday afternoon the Laura Werno ladies quartet gave a grand concert. Musical and dramatic selections in costume, depicting the dress, manners and songs of various periods in American history, were special features of this offering. Last night, following a prelude by this quartet, Capt. T. Dinsmore Upton, known as "The Big Brother of a Hundred Thousand Kids", gave his inspiring address "The Four-Square Builder", which is a plea for clean, wholesome recreation for children. Rev. George Stephens dismissed his tabernacle congregation at 9 o'clock for this lecture, and the tent was packed for one of the most wholesome and delightful lectures ever delivered here.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOUND DEAD IN AUTOMOBILE

Marysville, Pa., May 17 (United Press)—Two high school seniors were found dead in an automobile this morning. Miss Leah Ellen Berger 19, of Hollidaysburg, and Harry Ganster, 20, president of the senior class of Marysville high school, are the victims.

The murder was committed with a single shot from a rifle, fired from an ambush, authorities investigating the deed have disclosed.

AMMONIA TANK EX- PLODES AND FUMES EN- DANGER HOTEL GUESTS

Pensacola, Fla., May 17 (United Press)—More than a score of the guests of the San Carlos hotel were overcome this morning when the huge ammonia tank in the refrigerating plant of the hotel exploded. The fumes quickly spread over the fashionable hotel, endangering the lives of hundreds of residents. None are in a serious condition.

FOUR KILLED WHEN FAMOUS ORIENTAL EXPRESS WRECKED.

London, May 17 (United Press)—The famous simple orient express was wrecked last night when it crashed into a freight train at Adelberg. Italian Frontier News, Vienna says 4 were killed and many injured. A switchman committed suicide when accused of negligence in connection with the accident.

filed out after shaking hands with the speaker.

Makes 140-Mile Jump

From Salisbury, Candidate McLean made a 140-mile jump to Henderson, up in Vance county, where another magnificent reception was staged in his behalf and where he spoke to a crowd of Vance county people that filled the county courthouse auditorium to overflowing, many standing in the rear throughout the entire time. In the Vance county capital were various other attractions, including a school commencement, but these failed to detract from the effusiveness of the welcome and the size of the crowd that came out to hear the gubernatorial candidate.

Candidate McLean concluded the week of strenuous campaign work with a memorial address upon the life of General Robert E. Lee at Oxford on Saturday. In reverence of the occasion, termed by him in his address "dear to the heart of every Southerner", no hint of politics was allowed to creep in. Men and Women, boys and girls, representing every section and every walk of life in Granville county were present at the memorial day celebration, which was given under the auspices of the Confederacy.