

# Two Most Remarkable Services Held at Union Tabernacle Yesterday Morning and Night

## More Than 3,000 at Service Last Night and Many Were Turned Away

Scores of Church Members Re-consecrate Their Lives After Morning Sermon.

### Great Sermon on Eternity

Vast Crowd at Each Service Wonderfully Moved by Sermons of Rev. George Stephens—Morning Sermon on the Holy Comforter—Scores of Men and Women Went Forward for Prayer Last Night and Many Responded to Call for Those Who Have Been Converted During the Series of Meetings—Orphanage Children Sing at Morning Service.

Two great services were held in the union tabernacle yesterday and two great sermons were preached by Rev. George Stephens. Two thousand people attended the morning service and last evening more than 3,000 people packed the tabernacle, many being turned away for lack of room.

Culminating in the reconsecration of a host of church officials, and members, Sunday school workers and others, the morning service, which began at 11 a. m., lasted until nearly 2 p. m., men and women by the score giving voluntary expression to their acceptance of Christ as their personal Saviour and their definite determination to make a new start in the Christian life. If it was a crisis in the union evangelistic campaign which began three weeks ago last Thursday night, as Mr. Stephens felt, there was every indication of victory. Coldness on the part of church members gave place to concern and renewed vows.

A Rare Scene. Such a scene perhaps has never been witnessed in Lumberton before, at least not of such magnitude. It beggars description. It followed a sermon on "Every Christian's Birthright," the Holy Comforter, in which Mr. Stephens made plain that what professed Christians need is the power of the Holy Spirit. He said the word for power in that connection is the same word that is translated "dynamic." From Scripture he proved that the Holy Spirit is a personality as real as any living body, a real personality that has all the attributes that belong to a sentient being.

Reading from John 16, beginning at the 5th verse, his sermon centered about the 7th verse: "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." The Comforter is always referred to as "He" and is not to be regarded as "It".

It is His office to convict of sin, said Mr. Stephens; "thank God I don't have to do that".  
Must Make Full Surrender. In order to receive the Holy Spirit, said the preacher, you must have an open heart, a clean heart, and must surrender absolutely and unreservedly to God. The way some people's hearts are closed he likened to a corked bottle, which might be thrown into the sea and remain dry as a bone inside. "God can pour out His blessings all about you," he said, "but if your heart is closed you will never receive the blessing. God wants to bless everybody in this tabernacle, but if you will not receive the blessing it will not be forced upon you".

Claim the Power. After a full surrender is made and the Spirit comes to dwell in you, you can claim the power, he said. "That is the power that makes the difference in men. When a man has unusual power it is not that he has a monopoly on God but that God has a monopoly on him. That was what made D. L. Moody such a power that he shook three continents. He was unlettered, ignorant, could not even speak English correctly, and when he began to preach had to skip over the hard words. But he was so absolutely surrendered to God that universities sat at his feet. He was fired with a zeal to be the man through whom God could show the world what He could do in, through, by and with a man who was absolutely surrendered to God. It was the same

way with F. B. Meyers when he made a full surrender of his life. Before that he lacked power, but after full surrender his ministry was wonderfully blessed".

### A Great Question.

Last night's sermon was one of the greatest Mr. Stephens has preached. "I ask you to think with me," he said. "I am not here to appeal to your emotion, though that is all right in its place. What I want you to do is to think."

His subject was "Where Will You Spend Eternity," his text but three words, from John 16:5—"Whither goest thou?" He said in part:

"The Bible asks the greatest questions. God called to Adam, 'Adam, Where art thou,' and He has been following men with questions ever since. 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' 'How shall I escape if I neglect so great salvation?' and the greatest of all questions, 'What shall I do, then, with Jesus?'"

### Eternity.

"Where are you going to spend your eternity? Some people treat it as a joke. The person who makes sport over eternity is a fool. It is no question to make sport over. Some people treat it indifferently. They eat, drink and are merry. Heaven, hell, judgment, eternity—these to such people are mere words. They will not be indifferent when the end comes.

"If death ended all I would want to die right now. Tell me I will never see my wife and children again when they are put into their graves? It does violence to common sense. I shall see my mother again, and know her. I know there is a life beyond the grave. It has been the inspiration of the finest poetry, of the sublimest in literature and art and invention. It takes the sting out of death.

### There is an Eternity.

"I want you to get seven points about eternity. Not all of them are original with me. I have read everything I could find on the subject.  
"First, there is an eternity. Suppose you live 90 years—eternity is just ahead. It is a wonderful word, in the same class with heaven, and Jesus, and mother, and home. It is inexpressibly sweet to me. It means that the battle will be fought, the victory won. But if you have not accepted Jesus it will mean the end of hope.

### Somewhere.

"Second, every one of us must spend eternity somewhere. How many of you during the world war received letters which began, 'Somewhere in France?' (Many hands went up). One thousand years from now, one million years from now, from now you will be somewhere in eternity. Don't let old Pastor Russell tell you anybody will be annihilated. If you live in this life without God, so you will live throughout eternity. Don't listen to any one who tells you that death is annihilation. That's a lie. There is no such thing as cessation of being. You will live on and on and on—there is no such thing as end to eternity. Everybody ought to take time to think about the future.

### Time and Eternity.

"Third, the question of where we shall spend eternity is vastly more important than where we shall spend this earthly life. Whether you live in a hut or in a palace, whether you are rich or poor, is of small moment compared to where you will spend eternity. We talk sense about the body and about temporal things. Talk about an evangelist scaring folks! You let an insurance agent get after you! You talk sense about insurance and the things of life, but when you talk about more important things you talk nonsense.

"Suppose you were going some place where you knew you were going to live 40 years, and it would take you 24 hours to get there. Suppose you had to ride in a stuffy car, with no conveniences, a miserably uncomfortable place. What would you care if you knew that at the end of 24 hours you would live in a palace? "To be poor is not necessarily to be miserable. Some of the most mis-

### UNION MEETING

- No services today or tonight.
- Tuesday.
- Prayermeeting at 6:30 a. m. in the tabernacle annex.
- Mass meeting at tabernacle 10 to 11 a. m.
- Evening service at 7:30. Sermon subject, "Shams and Humbugs."
- Business women's luncheon at First Baptist church at 6:15 p. m., and women are invited to gather at this church at 7 p. m. to march to the tabernacle in a body.
- Men's Prayermeetings.
- A prayer service for men will be held in the tabernacle annex at 7 p. m. every day this week except today and Saturday.
- Meeting will close two weeks from last night.

### Greatest Questions.

"The Bible asks the greatest questions. God called to Adam, 'Adam, Where art thou,' and He has been following men with questions ever since. 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?' 'How shall I escape if I neglect so great salvation?' and the greatest of all questions, 'What shall I do, then, with Jesus?'"

### You Can Know Where.

"Fourth, it is possible for us to know beyond the shadow of a doubt where we shall spend eternity. Jesus knew, and Paul and Stephen, and a countless host of saints who have testified in their dying moments to the glorious certainty of an eternity in heaven, while Voltaire, who offered 6 millions to any man who would give him 6 hours in which to prepare to die, and another infidel, who offered 6,000 pounds to any one who could prove to him there was no hell, and many others who were unsave have left awful testimony to their certainty in this life of spending eternity in hell. Men know in this life where they will spend eternity.

### In One of Two Places.

"Fifth, everybody listening to my voice will spend eternity in one of two places. There is a heaven to win a hell to shun. Every day you live you are nearer one or the other. You are walking on the brink of the grave, with just a heart-beat between you and eternity. Don't deceive yourself into thinking that the language about hell is merely figurative. Back of God's figures are facts.

### Settled in This Life.

"Sixth, the question of where you will spend eternity will be settled in this life. Don't let Russellites deceive you into thinking you will have thousands of years after death to prepare. Father Time carries no medicine case. It is appointed unto men once to die, and after death the judgment. There will be no second chance. Every one of us must give an account to God. I can't understand how any thinking man or woman can go on year after year unprepared to meet God.

### Determine Your Destiny.

"Seventh, the question of where you will spend eternity will be determined by what you do with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not a question of what you do with George Stephens or with your pastor. If everybody else was a hypocrite that would not save of excuse you. Don't try to hide behind some poor ragged church member. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Mr. Stephens closed his sermon with a touching story about a Christian Governor who went to the cell of a condemned man and led him to Christ and when the man found out after he left that it was the Governor he went to the scaffold bemoaning his fate that had denied him knowledge of the fact that the Governor was in his cell, so that he might have plead for pardon, if he had only known.  
"You cannot stand before the great white throne and say that you did not know Jesus was in this tabernacle tonight," he concluded; "The Spirit is striving with you to accept"

### Senate Overrides Veto Bonus Bill Is Now Law

Washington, May 19 (United Press)—The senate this afternoon passed the soldiers bonus bill over the President's veto by vote of 59 to 26. The bill now becomes law, the house having passed it Saturday.

### 6 Dead, 1 Dying, Seven Injured In Seaboard Wreck At Apex

Raleigh, May 19 (United Press)—Six persons are dead, one is dying and 7 are hurt as result of passenger local crash into a Seaboard express at Apex Sunday afternoon. The local was late, running 25 miles an hour, and telescoped the standing express. The dead include 5 negroes and a news agent, Engineer O'Daniel of Raleigh is thought to be dying of his injuries.

### B. T. M. High School Finals This Week

Tuesday Will be the Big Day—Entertainment This Evening—Sermon Yesterday.  
Commencement exercises of the Barker-Ten Mile high school began yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. T. McM. Grant, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton, at Barker church.  
This evening at 8 o'clock the second intermediate entertainment will be given.  
Tuesday will be the big day with the graduating exercises at 10 o'clock followed by the literary address at 11. Lunch will be served on the ground at 12. Oratorical contest for medals will be held at 2:30 p. m. The play, "Bean Town Choir," will be given by the high school at 8 Tuesday night.

### PRESIDENT COOLIDGE RECOVERS FROM COLD; HOLDS CONFERENCE

Washington, May 19 (United Press)—President Coolidge has recovered from cold which kept him confined Saturday and had a breakfast conference this morning. He expects to resume all executive office duties. The conference this morning was with 7 senators whose votes on bonus clash are doubtful. It is said that they are being urged to support the veto.

### MUSCLE SHOAL SUPPORTERS WIN FIRST VICTORY

Washington, May 19 (United Press)—Supporters of Ford's Muscle Shoals offer scored first victory in the senate today when Senator Morris announced he would join them opposing adjournment until question is settled. In an effort to end sessions of the agricultural committee this week, Norris ordered night sessions beginning tomorrow.

### EVELYN NESBIT'S APPEAL IS FORMALLY WITHDRAWN

Philadelphia, May 19 (United Press)—Evelyn Nesbit's appeal for a new trial to decide the sanity of Harry K. Thaw was formally withdrawn by her attorney, William Gray, who said that he thought he could win the appeal but Evelyn was willing to let the matter drop.

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### Commencement At Flora Macdonald College This Week

Sermon Yesterday—Senior Class Play is Tuesday Night and Wednesday is Last Day.  
Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Red Springs, May 18—Today was the usual sermon to the graduating class of Flora Macdonald college. Following was the programme, taking place at 11:15 a. m. in the college auditorium. Many out-of-town people were present.  
Organ Voluntary—Miss Marjorie Orton, director.  
Processional: "For all the Saints".  
Anthem: "Holy is God the Lord" (Downs)—College Choral association.  
Invocation.  
Hymn.  
College Psalm.  
Scripture reading.  
Anthem: "Today Most High and Holy" (Johns)—College Choral Association.  
Sermon—Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour, D. D., pastor First Presbyterian church, Wilmington.  
Closing prayer.  
Hymn.  
Benediction.  
Sevenfold Amen (Stainer)—College choral association.  
Organ Postlude—Miss Marjorie Orton, director.  
Monday, May 19, will be the usual commencement quarterly given by the students of the conservatory. This will begin at 8 o'clock. All are urged to attend.  
Tuesday night at 8 will be the Senior class play, "The Yellow Jacket" which is a Chinese play, being given under the direction of Miss Rockwell of the University of North Carolina. The cast includes the entire graduating class. Work has been going on for four months and costumes are absolutely authentic and carefully and exquisitely made.  
Commencement exercises will be Wednesday, 21st at 11 a. m. in the college auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend all things scheduled.

### American World Fliers Resume Their Flight

Paramashuri Islands, May 19 (United Press)—The American world fliers resumed their flight at 7:30 today hopping off for Yetorof Island, 500 miles southward. They are endeavoring to reach Japan before bad weather, which is expected Wednesday, sets in.

### RAILWAY LEGISLATION FIGHT RESUMED IN THE HOUSE

Washington, May 19 (United Press)—The railway legislation fight was resumed in the house when the Democratic-Progressive coalition attempted to force a vote on the Barkley bill abolishing the railroad labor board. The Barkley bill is regarded as the opening wedge for revision of the transportation act of 1920. It was held in committee for months before its advocates brought it out by petition under the new liberalization rules.

### POSSIBLE HUNTING FOR NEGRO WHO ATTACKED WHITE GIRL

Savannah, Ga., May 19 (United Press)—A posse of 100 is searching for a negro who assaulted an 11-year-old girl on the outskirts of this city Sunday. The authorities fear lynching if the negro is found. The child is unconscious and her condition serious.

### Macon, Ga., May 19 (United Press)

Two young men are held in jail charged with criminal assault of a white woman 80 years old. The alleged assault took place at the woman's residence between Gray and Milledgeville Sunday night. The men gave their names as Wade Johnson and Garrett Benford.

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

Corner Chestnut and 2nd Street

### 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.

### Chief Justice Walter Clark Died In Raleigh This Morning

Never Regained Consciousness Following Stroke of Apoplexy Yesterday—On Bench 39 Years.  
Raleigh, May 19 (United Press)—Chief Justice Walter Clark of the Supreme court died here this morning following a stroke of apoplexy he suffered yesterday while dressing for church. He never regained consciousness. He was 78 years old and had been on the bench 39 years without missing a day. This is thought to be a unique record. He was a widower and is survived by 3 sons and one daughter.

### Girls' and Boys Poultry Club Has Splendid Meeting

Mr. Dukes Gives Instruction in Successful Methods—Club Encampment Discussed.  
Saturday morning, May 17th, at the curb market building in Lumberton the boys and girls poultry club had an excellent meeting. Mr. O. O. Dukes, farm agent, talked to the children at length on the care of baby chicks and successful methods in growing chicks. He presented to the children various types of homemade equipment and urged each child to go home and make such equipment for his own flock.  
Miss Flax Andrews, home agent, then had the children join her in club yells and songs, after which she discussed the club encampment which will be held at Lake Waccamaw on August 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, thus giving the children four days of real instruction and delightful recreation. Each child was asked to write a story of his or her poultry for the year, giving in detail the history of the flock, and all the interesting things connected with their care. This story will be completed after the encampment, and a prize of \$5 will be offered for the best and most original story by any club boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 18.

Those present at the meeting were: W. R. Atkinson Jr., N. C. Stubbs Jr., Ruby Jenkins, Beadie Leggett, Stephen Ward, Archie Ward Jr., Willis Prevatt, Roscoe Phillips, Clyde West, Thomas Toytton, Bert Meares, Lucile Lewis, Mildred Powell, Margaret E. Stubbs, Mary Lou Hardin, Ada Atkinson, Grace Atkinson, Plimma Davis, Gertrude Israel, Lena Norton, Glen Dora Bissell, Sallie Mack Prevatt, Helen Wilkerson, Linwood Singletary.

### Buie News Batch

Poor Stands of Cotton Cause Some to Re-plant—Epworth League Organized—Personal.  
By W. H. M. Brown  
Buies, May 16—Quite a lot of the cotton through this section has not come up good. Some of the farmers have poor stands. Some will plant part of their crop over again. Mr. J. E. Gilchrist, who has in charge a large farm of Mr. John F. McNair says he will have to plant about 50 acres over again.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pate, who had made their home in the Buie and Philadelphia communities for the past several years, moved to Hamer, S. C., this week. Mr. Pate holds a position there as operator for the A. C. L.  
Dr. C. G. Vardell passed through here Monday on his way to Charleston.

### Mr. G. C. Baxley Spent Monday at Lumberton.

Messrs. J. L. Prevatt and J. C. Snoddy the latter of Red Springs, were Lumberton visitors Monday.  
An Epworth League is reported as having been organized here at the M. E. church last Sunday night.  
Miss Claudia Hall of Pembroke spent the week-end here visiting her mother, Mrs. Z. G. Hall.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parnell of St. Pauls were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Melvin Monday.  
Miss Annie Harris was a recent Fayetteville visitor.

### Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Harrine  
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 28 cents the pound.  
We sell the very best automobiles—Marmon, Cadillac and Buick. If it's a good automobile you want see—  
W. O. THOMPSON,  
Lumberton, N. C.

### Senior Class Day Exercises At Flora Macdonald College

New Features Introduced into 1924 Commencement—Many Visitors Have Arrived.  
Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Red Springs, May 17—Senior class day exercises held this afternoon in the Woodland theatre were featured by the reading of the class prophecy by Miss Delle Bethea, Latta, S. C.; the class history by Miss Martha Norden of Hope Mills; the last will and testament by Miss Helen Pope of Mount Olive; the singing of the class song and the lowering of the class colors, blue and gold, from a tall staff planted in the middle of the theatre.  
Following these exercises a new feature was introduced into the 1924 commencement when both seniors and juniors met in front of main hall and after marching and counter-marching to special music slowly proceeded to the fountain in front of the main building, where each senior placed her cap on the head of the junior accompanying her. Both classes then lined up on the campus facing each other and sang songs of farewell, the notes of the alma mater bringing the entire audience to their feet for the final chorus.  
Many visitors have arrived from all sections of the state and the reunion classes are expecting to have well-attended meetings on Monday and Tuesday.

### Items of Local News

Regular communication of St. Alban's lodge No. 114 tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 6:30. Short business meeting. Good attendance is desired.  
Mr. W. H. Haney and family moved today from the Jennings cotton mill village to Entwistle, where they will make their home.  
Tomorrow (Tuesday) being a legal holiday all the banks of Lumberton will be closed. The First National bank of Fairmont also will observe tomorrow as holiday.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNeill returned Saturday from an auto trip to Wilson. They stopped over in Rocky Mount Friday night and heard Rev. Gypsy Smith, who is conducting a revival here, preach to an audience of 8,000 people in a large warehouse.  
The condition of Mr. H. B. Jennings, who is undergoing treatment at the Baker sanatorium, Charleston, is reported as improving. Mrs. Jennings returned from Charleston Saturday after having spent several days with him.

Analysis of the city water supply, according to Town Clerk and Treasurer J. P. Russell, shows that the water is in perfect condition for drinking purposes. By having it analyzed regularly it is kept in excellent condition but is in even better condition now than ever.  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parham returned Wednesday night from Cheraw, Bennettsville and Dillon after spending several days on their honeymoon. Mrs. Parham before her marriage was Miss Alma Kinlaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kinlaw. She was employed in the sewing department of Mr. J. B. Bruton's place of business and Mr. Parham is an employee in the bus line service conducted by Mr. Bruton.

The Young Women's auxiliary of the First Baptist church will meet Tuesday evening at 6:15 at the church. They are inviting as their guests members of the Business and Professional Woman's club and all other working girls of Lumberton. The girls are requested to go directly from their work to the church, as lunch will be served. Mrs. Perkins and Miss Burbridge, members of the Stephens evangelistic party, will have charge of the program.  
The committees from the Woman's club and the Business & Professional Woman's club are confident of victory in their drive for a half-holiday every Wednesday afternoon during the summer months. Petitions were carried to a large number of merchants and business men and the results were very gratifying. The committees will continue to petition those who have not been asked and will be called on today or tomorrow.

St. Paul, Minn., May 19 (United Press)—Six persons were burned, two perhaps fatally, when a carload of gasoline exploded today at the Fire Craig Oil and Refining company's plant. All buildings and tanks were razed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.