

Re-elected Pastor Of Bethel Church

Income of Roads Route 2 News Is Gathered By Newspaper Correspondent

RONDA, Route 2, Oct. 15.—Rev. R. J. Pardue filled his regular appointment here at the church last Saturday at 2:00 o'clock. After the sermon, conference was held. It being time to elect pastor and clerk, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Pardue, was re-elected, also the present clerk and treasurer, Mr. J. T. Triplett, was called again to serve the church.

Sunday at the eleven o'clock service the pastor was relieved, to be with his little daughter who was baptized at her home near Swan Creek. His absence was filled by his brother, Mr. Lloyd Pardue, of Elkin, who delivered an inspiring message, reading for the scripture lesson Luke 5:1-11. His subject being "Obeying God" and choosing for his text a portion of the 4th verse. "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." Mr. Pardue urged the people to launch out into God's service.

Mrs. John McBride and son, Clyde, recently visited their son and brother, Mr. Lytle McBride, at Greensboro.

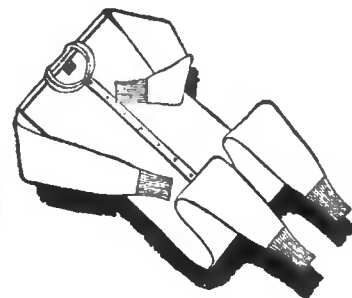
Dewey Myers, who has been in the state of Indiana for some time has been spending a while visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Myers, near here.

Mr. J. F. Mathis received only minor bruises and right much damage to his car last Wednesday night while returning from Winston-Salem, where he had been with a load of tobacco. Mr. Mathis was alone and it being late in the night, it is thought that he fell asleep in the heavy mist of fog, caused him to leave the hard surface just below Boonville, and plunge into the dirt, thus upsetting his car.

Mrs. J. T. Stroud and little sons, Kenneth and Thomas, spent last Saturday afternoon at

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Elkin visiting her daughter, Mrs. Seaman Dobbins.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Max B. Pardue, a son, on Friday, October 12.

Several from this community attended the baptizing at Swan Creek last Sunday morning. This was the closing of a successful revival at that church during the past week.

Miss Opal Mathis visited Miss Louis Ferlazzo in Winston-Salem, last Monday.

A good number from this community spent the day last Saturday at Elkin and enjoyed the circus there.

Mrs. James Holcomb and daughter, Miss Eva Holcomb, of Jonesville, visited their niece and cousin, Mrs. M. B. Mauldin, last Sunday.

Northern Alexander News

PORES KNOB, Route 2, Oct. 16.—Rev. E. V. Bumgarner filled his regular appointment at Mount Olive Sunday and preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation.

Mr. Lee James, who is a young Christian worker in Little River, will preach at Mt. Olive next Sunday. Mr. Clarence Daniels, a young minister of the Mt. Hebron community, will preach at Mt. Olive the 4th Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rodgers spent the week-end with Mrs. Rodgers' mother, Mrs. J. Carter Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Larsen Bumgarner and daughter, little Miss Phillis, sons, Heath and Cliff, and Mr. Dan Long, of Stanley, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Payton Russell and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Deal and attended church at Mt. Olive.

Rev. T. E. Payne, of Hudson, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Deal. He is making plans to move to Marion where he has accepted the pastorate of one of the Baptist churches of that city.

Head of The Class Teacher—"Johnny, name and describe the zones."

Johnny—"Yes, ma'am. The principal zones is masculine and feminine. The masculine is the temperate and intemperate; the feminine is the frigid and the horrid."

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Today and Tomorrow

TAXES time to halt I don't know of any community, county or state in which taxes have not gone up in the past two or three years. Certainly there is none in which taxes are not materially higher than they were ten years ago. I've just got my tax bills for 1934, and perhaps I'm unduly concerned; but I can't help coming back to the belief I have long cherished, that sooner or later we've got to abandon the tax on capital and find other and more equitable ways of raising money with which to run our various governments.

The real estate property tax is a tax on capital. Nothing like it exists anywhere else in the world, so far as I am informed. It was adopted in America in the pioneer days when there wasn't anything else, much to tax except land. I like the English system better. There property is taxed on the basis of what it earns—the income tax carried down to the income of everybody who owns a piece of property that is rented. Of course, there are other taxes, but they do not constitute a lien on real property.

Property taxes can't go much higher, in most parts of the nation, without stirring up a revolt against the present system.

INCOMES the average The average income in the United States is said, by Henry Wallace in his new book, to be about or under \$1,500 a year. That includes everybody who works for a living—except farmers. He figures that the average farm income has been cut down from about \$1,300 a year to something like \$500 a year.

Of course, Mr. Wallace is talking about cash incomes. Out of his \$1,500 a year the industrial worker has to pay for food and lodging. If he has \$500 a year left he is either a financial wizard or just plumb lucky. But the farmer, out of his \$500 cash income, has to pay taxes and, like as not, mortgage interest, to say nothing of insurance and other items he can't "work out," so it's about as broad as it is long. The fallacy, it seems to me, lies in comparing the farmer with the wage-earner. The proper comparison is between the farmer and the business man, owner of his own business. The farmer is a capitalist, and subject to the risks that all capital is subject to. That isn't to say that he doesn't have plenty of trouble, but at the worst he is not in such imminent danger of starvation as the unemployed industrial worker.

STAMPS for all taxes I don't know how many kinds of Internal Revenue stamps there are, but it strikes me that the easiest and most painless way for any government to collect taxes is by making it illegal to sell anything that doesn't bear a Government stamp. I know that's merely another way of saying "sales tax," which is a phrase that always makes politicians see red. Nevertheless, some of our most important sources of revenue are from the sales taxes, already in force.

There are revenue stamps on every bottle of liquor, every barrel of beer, every pack of playing cards, every pack of cigarettes or box of cigars. Shares of stock cannot be legally transferred without sticking revenue stamps on them. Everyone is familiar with the sales tax on gasoline. The only reason why stamp or sales taxes are not imposed upon flour, potatoes, shoes, hats and canned goods, is the fear of the politicians in power that the ordinary man would thus be forced to realize that he is paying taxes, and would vote the politicians who imposed them out of office. There isn't any other reason at all.

REALITIES are few Most of us live in a dream world, in which we think that there is some magic process, if only we could find it, which would make us happy and prosperous. When something unpleasant happens we are prone to attribute it to malicious fate, which can only be overcome by finding some new incantation which will work the right magic to set everything straight again. Few people are courageous enough to face realities. The realities of life are terrifying to those who have been brought up to believe that "somebody" is always going to look out for them. They are not at all frightful to the few who realize that nothing in life is essential to happiness except food and shelter.

I try to be tolerant of everybody else's follies and frailties, but I get disgusted with people who think they are being badly used merely because they can't have everything they desire at the moment they desire it.

DRINKING and accidents Vermont reports five times as many automobile accidents, since the repeal of prohibition as in any other state in the Union. The Government collected

any year previous. Vermont newspapers and officials are un- \$86,000,000 in taxes on distilled liquors and \$169,000,000 on beer in the year ending July 1, but only \$4,000,000 on wines. Better wine is made in the United States than in France or Italy, but we are not a wine-drinking people.

The dream of sudden prosperity through repeal has proved merely a dream. Hundreds of concerns that got liquor licenses in New York, thinking everybody was going to rush to the bars, have abandoned them rather than pay the high license fee. Many liquor dealers have gone broke.

It took a hundred years of education to arouse public sentiment against the abuse of alcohol. Now the effort seems to be all in the other direction. Prohibition was unworkable as a national program. It will take a couple of generations to bring us back to a sane, balanced understanding of the liquor question. Meantime, drunken drivers will kill off a growing percentage of sober folk.

P.-T. Association is Organized At Ferguson

Last Thursday evening at seven-thirty o'clock a group of citizens of the Ferguson community met at the school house with the teachers to organize a Parent-Teacher Association. Professor Dickson, principal of Ferguson high school, called the meeting to order, read the devotional reading, and led in prayer after the congregation sang "America The Beautiful." Mr. Dickson was elected chairman of the meeting.

Mr. W. A. Proffit was elected president of the local Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Sam Jones was elected vice president and G. J. Earp, secretary and treasurer. Due to the absence of Mr. Proffit, Mrs. Jones assumed the duties of president and the following committees were appointed: Publicity and program Committee—Mr. James Woods, Darby; Mr. J. B. Hall, Darby; Mrs. Arville Rash, Ferguson; Mr. A. J. Foster, Boomer, route 2; and Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Barlowe, teachers in the Ferguson school. The entertainment and hospitality committee was composed of Mrs. E. Williams, Ferguson; Mrs. Walter Davis, Elkinville; Mr. Villas Walsh, Boomer, route 2; Mrs. Fred McNeil, Den-

and Mrs. Cotton, teacher in the high school.

After the various offices were filled and committees appointed, Mr. Dickson talked about the possibilities of a rural school and a rural parent-teacher association. Following Mr. Dickson's talk, Prof. Cattner of the Agricultural department of N. C. State College, gave an interesting discourse of Wilkes county's record at the State Fair. He said the Four-H Clubs of this county took sweepstakes in prizes making the highest record of any county in the state.

In a round table discussion Mrs. Stokes asked that everyone present try to stimulate interest in the school and association. Mr. Dickson requested that more high school students should be in school at Ferguson. Prof. Cattner added that the future success of Ferguson high school depended on this year's record. Mrs. Maurice Burchette mentioned families having high school students in the district. Mr. Dickson and Miss Cottner offered to visit the families mentioned by Mrs. Burchette.

The association planned two regular meetings semi-monthly, Wednesday evening from seven to eight-thirty. Everyone present appeared to be highly interested in the Ferguson schools.

Lambeth Will Name Census Enumerators

Washington, Oct. 15.—While here today Representative Walter Lambeth called upon Census Director Austin and was informed that he would have recommendation of agricultural census enumerators after November 15. The enumerators will begin work on January 1, in counties of the eighth district as follows: Wilkes, 16; Yadkin, 7; Davis, 4; Davidson, 11; Montgomery, 5; Moore, 7; Lee, 4; Hope, 6; Scotland, 6; Richmond, 6; Anson, 10, and Union, 18. They will work 20 days and be paid \$4 to \$6 a day according to the number of reports made.

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