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## METHODISTS TO BUILD NEW CHURCH AT ONCE

Structure to be One of the Handsomest in the County and Will Cost Approximately Thirty-three Thousand Dollars—Location on Corner of Main and Church Streets.

The Laurinburg Methodist congregation have swept aside all of the troublesome obstructions that have been delaying the erection of their new house of worship, and work will be under way on the building at an early date.

Mr. J. M. McMichael, of Charlotte, a well known architect, has been retained and is now hurrying plans for the new church to completion. It will cost approximately \$33,000.

The contract was let during the past week, Mayor W. D. Tucker, who is also a successful contractor, being the fortunate bidder. The cost of the building will, according to expectations approximate \$33,000.

The location for the new building, the west corner of Main and Church streets, is an ideal one, and the one that has for a long while been owned by a committee who purchased it for that purpose.

When completed, the building will be the finest church edifice in Scotland county or this section of the State.

Contractor Tucker told the Exchange man that work on the building would begin at once.

Mrs. Mary Helen (Ratliff) Smith.

The subject of this obituary notice, Mrs. Mary Helen (Ratliff) Smith, wife of Mr. Sidney J. Smith, died at her home in Laurinburg, N. C., April 21, 1916. She was born December 15th, 1851, making her at time of her death, sixty-four years, four months and six days of age. She was the daughter of Mr. Thomas Ratliff, of Cairo, Anson county, N. C., he was a prominent citizen and successful planter. Mrs. Smith was reared during the civil war and reconstruction times, she was an unusually intelligent lady, very domestic and no better wife or mother ever lived.

She professed religion and joined the Methodist church fifty years ago, at time of her death she was a member of the Laurinburg, N. C., Methodist church, and was funeralized by Rev. Mr. Bumpas, her pastor. The funeral services were conducted in the Gibson Methodist church, and interment in the Gibson old cemetery. The very large concourse of people who attended the funeral and burial fully attested the universal esteem in which she was held. Mrs. Smith was truly a good woman and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. I frequently visited her home and was impressed with her tranquil smooth disposition, and enviable cheerful home life. She was the same good true woman, at home, at church, in society everywhere. The floral tributes were many and most beautiful, for her friends extended to the limits of her acquaintance. The funeral services were solemn, yet beautiful and most impressive, for this good woman had simply fallen asleep and passed into the blissful realms to forever live with her Saviour and await the coming of husband and children left behind.

Corra Smith, a daughter died at nine years of age, and Willie T. Smith, a son died at Georgetown, Texas, on February 22nd, 1896, aged 25 years.

She leaves the following children all grown and living: J. Flowers Smith, Charlie K. Smith, Ira Smith, Walter S. Smith, Frank E. Smith, Rosa (Smith) Clifton, Lamar P. Smith, S. C. Smith and Mary Smith. All of the children, except Charlie were present at the funeral, and eight grown stalwart sons acted as pall bearers.

I could write a very long obituary notice and after I had said all the commendable things possible, then I would not have said enough. Dear broken hearted husband, I know you are sad and lonely, but trust God a little while longer, be faithful and a few more earthly contacts, and you will meet your precious loved one in the courts of glory.

Dear children follow in the footsteps of your now heavenly father, trust your merciful heavenly Father, accept Jesus Christ, and live as your dear mother lived and you all will before long be re-united in one happy unbroken family forever at rest.

God bless the dear sorrowing bereaved ones, and may they look to the hills from whence cometh all good.

Respectfully,  
J. P. G.

## THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE

By Harry M. North.

### MAKING A SACRIFICE TO GIVE.

David wished to make an offering to the Lord. A certain man proposed to give him all he needed for the offering without cost, but David refused to take it in that way saying that he would not offer unto the Lord that which cost him nothing. So as Christian people should make costly sacrifices to give to the cause of God. Jesus said that instead of our selling and investing again for us to sell and give alms. He wants us to invest the capital for him as well as just the interest. We are to give to the poor, thereby lending to him. We should give until we miss it and feel it.

We are not to give the refuse, but the best. Not merely the surplus or the amount left over but something out of the main pile. Folks are inclined to spend lavishly until it comes to the cause of God and then they begin to count every penny, and complain and hold back as long as possible. The gift which our Lord gave us was a costly one. He did not offer us the small and the mean, but gave the best he had in the sacrifice of his Son. His was called a precious and an unspeakable gift.

People hold back from giving on account of a lack of faith in God. We must believe in his promises if we are to risk much in his hand. They are afraid that they will lose or suffer before getting more for their own necessities. They say, "We cannot afford to do this." Yet people do afford to lose very heavily sometimes. Take what you lost in bad seasons. Those who lost would have been amazed had you asked them to contribute that amount to carry on spiritual work. "We cannot afford it" would have been the cry. Yet they did afford to lose it.

"Hard times" is usually the plea when folks do not want to give. A few years ago when times were good the people were so miserably liberal than they are now. They were carried away by their prosperity and forgot their obligations to God. And now they complain bitterly when reminded of what they owe him.

We will make costly gift to the Lord if we love him. A certain woman loved him so much that she invested in a box of costly ointment for his sake. This was a grateful love at having been forgiven. There was no commandment for her to do this, but she did it because she wanted to. So few were putting themselves out to give to him in those days. He healed many but they went their ways without thinking of returning to thank him for his kindness. How fine the act of this woman must have seemed to him; this woman who gave because she loved much. There was still another who made a costly gift. She was a poor widow who put into the treasury all she had, not because it was a commandment but on account of love for the Lord. She would say, "Well, we will get along somehow, and I just feel like I want to do this much, and I wish that it might be a great deal more." You have not given the widow's mite until the last dollar goes. So God wants us to know the joy of giving and to bring our offerings with cheerfulness, learning that it is more blessed to give than to receive. If we really love the kingdom of the Lord Jesus we will find a way to present an offering unto him.

### BIG OIL STATION.

Gulf Refining Co. to Install Largest Station Between Charlotte and Wilmington Here.

The Gulf Refining Company are having materials placed on a lot near the Laurinburg & Southern depot for the erection of buildings and equipment for the installation of the largest oil distributing station between Charlotte and Wilmington.

Mr. F. C. McCormick has taken charge of the business for the Gulf people here and will have active control of the sale of the Gulf Refining products in this territory.

Among the equipments necessary to handle the increasing business here, there will be two 15,000 gallon tanks, garages, stables, offices, etc. Laurinburg welcomes this additional enterprise to its growing list.

### Old Jokes Re-Twisted

"Was Nero as black as he is painted?"  
"Says. Didn't he add insult to injury by torturing the Romans with his rotten violin playing, after setting their beautiful city on fire?"

### CUCUMBERS GROWING.

Within the past few days it has developed that some of those who thought they were growing cantaloupes exclusively in certain fields find that they are also, and unexpectedly, growing cucumbers.

Just to what extent this deterioration is true cannot now be determined, but according to good authority, in some cases, cucumbers are growing where it was thought cantaloupe seeds were planted. This is caused by cucumber and cantaloupe seed having been mixed, in that they are bought in pound packages which were supposed to contain cantaloupe seed and had been filled with cucumber seed instead.

The cucumbers seem to be doing as fine as could be wished for.

### MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Snead's Grove School Closes—Elaborate Exercises Held.

Snead's Grove, May 15, 1916.

The commencement exercises of the Snead's Grove school were held Thursday and Friday of last week. Great crowds were present at all the exercises, and on Thursday night at least one hundred people were turned away because of the limited seating capacity of the auditorium.

Friday was an all day picnic, with the regular commencement exercises in the morning. Mr. Alex Gibson was the McNeill debator's medal. Miss Ruby Norton won the spelling medal. Mr. Fred Curry won the Spelling Medal. This medal is given annually by Prof. W. B. Covington, who is superintendent of the East Durham schools.

Mr. Horace E. Stacy, of Lumberton, made the commencement address, and delighted his large audience. Mr. Stacy is a forceful, logical and talented orator, and made a wonderful impression on this community.

Friday afternoon Snead's Grove triumphed over Spring Hill in baseball by the score of 10-2. The game was rather uninteresting because of the one-sided score. The chief feature of the game was Bowen's home run. Eight games have been played this spring by the local team, and all were won except the one against Laurinburg. Among those defeated were: Mason's Cross, Laurel Hill, Gibson, Hoffman and Spring Hill; or every team in the county except Laurinburg and that game was lost by the score of 7-4.

From many standpoints the chief feature of the exercises was the presentation, by the High School department, of a rural drama in four acts entitled, "The Old Oaken Bucket." The house was again filled to its capacity, and the play was presented to one of the most appreciative audiences that ever witnessed a play here. It was a splendid play, and the audience did not fail to show its appreciation.

Just before the concert was over on Thursday night, the teachers were called on the stage by the High School students and were presented with handsome gifts in appreciation of their services to the school and community.

Two hundred and seventy-five dollars have been raised this year by the teachers and the young people of the community for the benefit of the school building. The building has been equipped anew.

Ten per cent of the students have been neither absent nor tardy during the year. Fifty per cent of the High School students have been neither absent nor tardy during the year. The school has had one of the best years in its history.

Dr. Beall Here.

Dr. Louis G. Beall, assistant medical director of the Southern Life and Trust Company, of Greensboro, spent Saturday at the office of Dr. Peter McLeskey consulting with and offering health suggestions to the policyholders of the Greensboro Company. The Southern Life and Trust Company, it is said, engages quite extensively in health conservation work among its policyholders, and Dr. Beall makes periodical visits to the various towns in that Company's territory.

There are over 2,000,000 automobiles used in this country.

## ANOTHER LIQUOR FACTORY CAPTURED IN SCOTLAND

Fifty Gallon Still With All Equipment for Making Joy Juice Located and Captured—Had Been Doing Thriving Business—Operators Not on Hand.

### PRESIDENT COMING.

Will Be in Charlotte Saturday to Help Celebrate.

Washington, May 15.—President Wilson today decided to go to Charlotte, N. C., May 20, to attend a celebration on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Unless public business forces him to change his plans he will leave Washington May 19 for Charlotte. His stay there will be brief.

Featured by an address by President Wilson, the programme for this year's celebration of the Twentieth of May in Charlotte, provides events that will make it the greatest in the history of North Carolina. Beginning Thursday morning and continuing through Saturday night there will be many things of interest to the thousands of visitors expected. Saturday's programme, which is the best offered, follows:

9:00 a. m.—Formation of parade—South Tryon and adjoining streets.

10:00 a. m.—Lakewood opens—Nature's park, well stocked zoo of wild animals, boating, dancing and numerous other attractions.

10:00 a. m.—Parade.

10:00 a. m.—President Woodrow Wilson and party arrives at Southern station. Firing of President's salute of 21 guns.

10:30 a. m.—President welcomed by Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick and central committee. Reception to President Wilson and party by Governors of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia and staffs at reviewing stand.

11:00 a. m.—Reviewing of troops and industrial parade by President Wilson, Governor Craig, Governors Manning and Stewart and Mayor Kirkpatrick and representative citizens.

12:30 p. m.—Address by President Woodrow Wilson from grand stand.

2:00 p. m.—Luncheon to President Wilson and distinguished guests at Manufacturers' Club.

3:00 p. m.—Sham battle, Dilworth-Myers Park.

### TRAP 'EM.

Flies About Town in Great Numbers—Should be Destroyed.

A town is known by the flies it keeps—and if this is true, right now Laurinburg has no claims to favoritism.

Flies are a menace to health everywhere, consequently, the greater number of these filthy pests we have the greater is our danger of typhoid, tuberculosis and many, many other of the terrible diseases in the catalog.

Last year there was a concentration of effort on the part of our citizens, especially the business men, to get rid of the flies, and the result was that we had far less of them than we now have. The same effort that we put forth last year, will destroy millions of them and perhaps save many lives this year. It will at least decrease our liability to fall victims to some of the deadly diseases.

Mr. Business Man, you remember the large traps used last year, and with what beneficial results—if you want to do your town a favor and your community a lasting benefit, get out your old traps, and if you have no old ones, have a new one made, and use it.

If every business house in Laurinburg will do this, it will be "good-bye" to millions of these pesky little germ distributors.

### Miss Becham Ill.

The great number of Laurinburg and Scotland friends of Miss Myrtle Becham will learn with sincere regret of her most serious illness.

Because of declining health she went to Black Mountain sometime ago. The change of climate did not prove beneficial as was hoped for, and to add to the seriousness of her condition, it was found necessary to perform a dangerous operation recently. At this writing her condition is very, very serious.

The telephone service of this country represents a valuation of \$350,000,000.

The birth rate in this, and all civilized countries, is being steadily lowered each year.

To the collection of souvenir liquor stills that the officers have been collecting, was added the fourth specimen of its kind Friday last.

This one was a 50-gallon outfit and was made of two galvanized tubs soldered together. Although crude and cheap, it was serving the purpose it was intended for, as the officers who made the capture testified that there was an abundant proof about the still to bear out the belief that the factory had been turning out large quantities of the finished product.

It was located by Rural Policeman E. H. Dunlap, who headquarters at Wagram. Its location was in a rough, secluded spot on Watery Branch near Turpike Bridge about six miles northeast of Wagram, and just this side of the Heke county line.

Mr. Dunlap, together with officers Frank and Lamar Smith and good citizen, R. E. Cooley, of Wagram, went out for the game Friday morning, and about 10:00 o'clock made the raid. As in the usual case, nobody was home and the officers got the still but none of the distillers.

Preparations for the removal of the outfit to another location were under way, in fact, everything but the still had been moved, even to the cap and worm. About 200 yards down the creek the balance of the outfit was found. It was complete both for making and selling. They had all the necessary measuring cups, funnels, bottles, buckets, etc.

Everything was destroyed except the still, which has been added to the growing collection at the court house here.

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

City Schools Close Term—Program of Exercises.

The Laurinburg graded schools will close May 30th, and the commencement exercises will be held May 28-30. The following invitations have been issued:

The Faculty and Senior Class of the Laurinburg High School request the honor of your presence at the

Commencement Exercises, May the twenty-sixth to thirtieth, Laurinburg, N. C.

Program  
Friday, May 26th, 8:30 P. M., Inter-society Exercise.

Sunday, May 28th, 11:00 A. M., Commencement Sermon.

Monday, May 29th, 8:30 P. M., Class Exercises.

Tuesday, May 30th, 10:30 A. M., Contest for Speakers' Medals.

8:30 P. M., Graduating Exercises. Address by Dr. J. S. Moffatt, Dns West, S. C.

Awarding of Prizes and Diplomas. Class Ball. Lawrence Gibson Calhoun, Katie Calhoun, Elise Mae Birmingham, Gracie Jones, Jimmie Jones, Mary P. Leach, Archibald Douglas McAvoy. Motto: Semper Altius Fly: Marshal Niel Ross. Colors: Black and Gold.

From Heke County Journal.

We saw ten or twelve acres of corn near Laurinburg the other day that will average ten inches high.

We heard a large farmer say last night he had never seen a more discouraging prospect for all crops than now confronts the farmers; but we remember 1911 started off badly.

Mr. "D." Currie, a former citizen, is a candidate for the Legislature in Scotland county this year, and his friends fully believe he will be elected. Mr. Currie is one of the best of men, and all his friends here will rejoice of his success.

Mr. T. B. Upchurch has completed a summer resort all his own and has invited guests at the power plant down on Rockfish. He has recently built a six room residence, the dining room of which is out over the pond and serves as a boat house. He has a nice new gasoline launch on the lake, has electric lights all around; in fact he has fixed up a private resort that is a perfect little daisy.