

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT WAGRAM SUNDAY

Congregation of Spring Hill Baptist Church Dedicates Handsome New Church House.

At Wagram Sunday the congregation of Spring Hill Baptist church held dedicatory exercises, which marked the completion and occupancy of the handsome and commodious new church house at that place. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. M. L. Keeler, manager of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. Mr. Keeler was 25 years ago pastor of the Spring Hill church and, it is stated, is now the only man in the state who ever served the church as pastor, except of course, Rev. W. E. Goode, who is now serving the Spring Hill folk. It is stated that a large crowd was present Sunday and a most pleasant service was held. In addition to the sermon by Mr. Keeler, Mr. Roy McMillan, a promising and popular young man of the Spring Hill section, made a most interesting talk. The Spring Hill congregation some months ago decided to build a new church and reluctantly, but wisely, it is thought, voted to move from the historic Hill to the growing and progressive town of Wagram, which is some two miles from the old site. Spring Hill church is a landmark in the history of North Carolina Baptists and has become known throughout the state through the men of the Spring Hill section and those who received their early religious training at Spring Hill church. John Charing McNeill sleeps at Spring Hill and this fact will forever make the spot sacred in the history of North Carolina. It is learned that plans are under way to preserve the old Hill site and the cemetery to posterity. The new church at Wagram represents an investment of several thousand dollars and is built of stone, marble, and iron. The architecture is of the most slightly and commodious building, and is a credit to the zeal and progressiveness of the Spring Hill congregation. Rev. W. E. Goode, the popular young pastor, is scholarly and energetic and is doing a noble work at Spring Hill.

A RUN FROM LOWRY GANG.

A Memorable Night 25 Years Ago When Two Men Took Flight From a Lurid Plot.

(A. D. ... The Robinsons...) ... over the place to night. ... Thomas Fry of ... over to Mrs. Flora ... it to a ... house was ... neighbor and a good ... I were thinking how ... I were to be received and treated by this good woman (she was the J. K. Rockefeller of the neighborhood). But what did she do instead? As we were walking up the steps before we had time to bat our eyes we were looking into the deadly gaze of the noted Lowry gang. The ... of their guns looked like a bunch of lightning bolts of dark rain night in June. ... I ... one way and I ... my feet would skip the earth now and then and the keen crack of their guns would ring in my ears, I would hear an echo from somewhere like this: "Thou fool, this night thy soul is required of thee." But this was no incentive to put on brakes. The time I was making and why we were not killed it will take the God of all things to answer, why and how much speed. ... old ... who lived back through the Egyptian darkness, try to remember what an awful time it was! Sherman never spoke a bigger truth than when he said "War is hell", and he could have added it is a little hell for ten years after it is over. With all of Dixon's genius and skill and the real life of things to draw from one hardly put on canvas as bad as it really was. ... old ... three ... and when Dixon gets to Lumberton go out and spend three hours of ... life to us ... Oh! how thankful we should be that all things must die, and this awful stage of our day had to do as the morning mist must give way and let the bright sunshine of God's love and peace rest on our own and heavy load of our youth. God in his wise providence gives rest and peace on earth and in heaven, who will faithfully seek it. Any country is ruined to the generation who has to go through a war and settle up all breaks and ruins. Peace and sweet peace, should be the desire of the entire race. Good bye, old friend, I will not repeat this story. Oh, the period of the past 50 years!

FRANCE TO APPOINT JOFFRE A MARSHAL.

Will Reward Him for Services by Bestowing Upon Him an Old Title.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Government has decided to raise Gen. Joffre to the dignity of Marshal of France in recognition of his eminent services to the country. A decree nominating him will be submitted for the ratification of Parliament as soon as possible. The title of Marshal of France has fallen into disuse since the establishment of the Third Republic. A bill in 1875, regulating the army grades, retained the rank but specified that the conditions under which it could be conferred should be fixed by a supplementary bill. That bill, however, has never been proceeded with.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE WAS A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

Laurinburg's first municipal Christmas tree was a splendid success, and was most eminently symbolic of the Christmas spirit. Monday evening, December 23, appropriate Christmas exercises were held on the lawn at the court house, where was planted, in all its primeval beauty, a magnificent holly tree. About the tree, which was brilliantly illuminated in colors, gathered a large crowd, representing a major portion of the city's population.

Services were conducted by Dr. Rose, Rev. James Long, Rev. R. F. Bumpas and Rev. J. B. Thompson. Special Christmas music and carols were sung by a selected choir, assisted by the congregation.

The committee, which had in charge the collection and distribution of gifts, held open house Friday and Saturday in the store room next door to the Model Pharmacy and there received from those who offered them, a great quantity of Christmas goodies, as well as things more substantial. These were distributed Christmas day among the needy of the community and a special effort was made to see that no one was forgotten.

The success of the venture was due largely to the unselfish efforts of a number of people in the city, whose names are not known readily and who perhaps would not care to have them in the limelight. The tree still stands on the court house square and the suggestion has been made that it would not be a bad idea to plant a tree there for annual use, and which would add to the beauty of the court lawn.

McCall-Thompson.

Written for The Exchange. Wednesday evening, December 20, at six o'clock there was a wedding in the Midway neighborhood that excited the interest of a large circle of friends and neighbors, when Mr. and Mrs. McCall gave in marriage their daughter, Miss Nettie McCall, to Mr. Arch Thompson of Bracy, N. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. N. Clegg, pastor of the bride. The parlor was simply but beautifully decorated with Southern smiles, pine needles, fringes and ferns. Before the bride party entered Miss Mabel Curia played and Miss Lizzie McFarling sang, "I Love My Deary." To the strains of Lehmann's wedding march the party entered. ...

DR. CALDWELL WEDS STATESVILLE GIRL.

Dr. W. C. Caldwell and Miss Ethel Summers Wed at Statesville December 27.

Dr. W. C. Caldwell of this city and Miss Ethel Summers were married Wednesday, December 27, at the bride's home at Statesville and after a short visit to Dr. Caldwell's old home at Concord, the Doctor and his bride came to Laurinburg and are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Correll. The bride belongs to one of Statesville's best families and is a young woman of culture and possesses the charms of character and young womanhood which have endeared her to many friends. Dr. Caldwell is a successful young veterinary surgeon and has been practicing his profession here for some time, and has built up an extensive practice and made a great many friends, who hasten to congratulate him upon this happy event in his life. Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell will become permanent residents of the city and will be a splendid addition to the social life of the community.

THOMPSON-McDOUGALL.

Popular Minister Will Wed Laurinburg Girl January 24, Interesting Announcement.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Rev. J. B. Thompson and Miss Estelle McDougall, both of this city, which happy event will be solemnized January 24. This announcement will be received with much interest by friends of the contracting parties in this and other parts of the State. The bride is very popular here where she is well known and enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends. Rev. Mr. Thompson is pastor of the Caledonia and other churches and is well known and popular here and in other parts of the State. This will be one of the leading social events of the month of January.

Periphrastics. The Mother—"Do you think he has matrimonial intentions?" The Maid—"I certainly do, mother. He tried to convince me last night that I appeared to better advantage in that \$12 hat than in the \$50 one."—Puck.

Mr. J. W. Middleton of Jacksonville, Fla., spent two days during Christmas here with his sister, Mrs. D. A. Smith.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Since December 27 we have mailed out letters to every subscriber, whose name is on our subscription book and whose subscription is not paid in advance, announcing the fact that The Exchange is to be hereafter a cash-in-advance paper. In short, the change means that we are putting our subscription business on a cash basis and the paper will not be sent to any one whose subscription is not paid in advance after this issue.

It is useless for us to give the why of this change. We sincerely hope that we may not be misunderstood in any instance and that our friends and subscribers will lend us their hearty co-operation in adopting and making practicable the cash system. "With malice toward none and good will to all," is the spirit in which we are working. It is simply a business proposition and as such we have decided to inaugurate the system and stand or fall by the results. We are proud of our subscription lists and, with a few possible exceptions, we know every man whose name is on our list is as honest as a summer day is long; and there is hardly a man among them that we would not lend money—all we had if he needed it—and trust him to pay it back. But we can NOT send any one the paper without the cash in advance. Not because we are afraid to credit him, but because we can not wait for the money and continue to publish a newspaper.

Good as these folks are, whose names it is our honor to have on our subscription lists, they have permitted us to be embarrassed at times out of account of finances by not being reasonably prompt with the payment of their subscription accounts. And we are forced to take this step in self defense.

We most sincerely hope that no one who received one of the letters will take it to heart and feel aggrieved. A few—very few—we have been told feel this way about it. But, we are glad to say, no one has come to us and said he was hurt or incensed about it. We would rather have the good will of a subscriber than have his name on our list at (to his monetary loss) a year. We will make change for his home and ...

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SANATORIUM NEWS.

Sanatorium Postoffice Made Third Class Not a Letter, Postal or Package Left Office Without Red Cross Seal.

Sanatorium, N. C., December 30.—Christmas Week at the State Sanatorium has been one full of holiday spirit and pleasant surprises. For several days Uncle Sam brought each day 25 small bags filled with letters, Christmas cards, saved post packages, and all sorts of boxes and packages "from home."

Sunday afternoon, Dr. E. G. Vardell, President of Flora McDougal College at End Springs, and his son, Mr. C. G. Vardell, Jr., brought a "brevy of sweet singers" over from the college and gave the patients a most delightful concert, consisting of Christmas anthems, choruses, solos and organ selections. Mr. C. G. Vardell, Jr., who has been training in music, directed the concert.

Monday afternoon the patients of the Sanatorium were given a most interesting Christmas entertainment by the Motives Grammar school, and Tuesday evening was the merry making occasion of the Christmas tree. This was a beautiful holly covered in red berries and vari-colored electric lights. The occasion afforded many bits and take-offs in the presents given.

The Sanatorium postoffice has had new distinctions recently bestowed upon it. It has been elevated from a lowly fourth class postoffice to a third class office, thereby becoming a postoffice of distinction which it now holds in that a letter, postal or package went out during the day between Thanksgiving and Christmas without carrying in plain view the Red Cross Christmas Seal.

War's Women, a thrilling photo drama, showing the women side of war, will be shown at the Geer Theatre this Friday, January 3, and Saturday, January 4, and 25 cents in the afternoon and 25 cents at all at night. This picture was produced at a cost of \$150,000, and is described by the Moving Picture News as a "monumental piece of acting, wonderfully well done." It deals particularly with war from woman's viewpoint and is intended to aid the peace movement by showing a side of war that does not get into the headlines of newspapers.

The new giant battleships of the United States navy will cost \$24,000,000 each and will mount 12 of the 16-inch guns, naval chiefs have announced. They will be, so far as is known, the largest afloat as well as the most powerful, and will have 100,000 horse power electric engines.

Writes another subscriber, "Have in check for \$1.50. Please stop the paper, as I am not able to pay for it in advance." We are getting a few like that, but they are very few, we are glad to say.