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LAURINBURG, N. C., THURSDAY

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. I. Kessler, manager of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. Mr. Kessler 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. Kessler, 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 the Spring Hill section has produced and 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, stone trimmings, and in the interior a 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 LOWEY GANG.

A Memorable Night 25 Years Ago When Two Men Took Speedy Flight on Foot.

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE WAS A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

Laurelburg's First Municipal Christmas Tree a Pleasant Feature of the Holiday Season.

Laurelburg'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 smilax, 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.

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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—a 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 insulted about it. We would rather have the good will of a subscriber than have his name on our list at (6) his month's subscription cost. If we make change for his home and

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RECEPTION FOR MRS. CALDWELL.

Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 Miss Roberta Coble received in honor of Mrs. Baron P. Caldwell of Gliffside, who is spending several days here with relatives. Delightful and delicious refreshments were served and many called during the afternoon to enjoy Miss Coble's hospitality.

MISSES FAIRLEY GIVE TACKY PARTY.

Miss Eugenia and Martha Fairley gave a delightful tacky party Monday evening. Marvellous were the costumes gotten up for the occasion. Miss Tom Stewart received the ladies' prize and Mr. W. H. Cooper, Jr., received the gents' prize, for the most extreme costumes. Progressive "Blind" was the game played, and Miss Mary John and Mr. Marshall Prince tied for the prize. A salad course, followed by salt nuts, was served.

MRS. HAMMOND'S COUSIN MARRIES AT GREENSBORO.

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Fraden and J. E. Harkney, of Charlotte, occurred yesterday at high noon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. T. Fraden, at 486 West Gaston street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. L. Bain, D. D., pastor of West Market street Methodist church, the ring service being used. There were present only the relatives and a few close friends.

WOULD BAR LIQUOR ADS. FROM MAIL.

Some MR. Advanced—Committee Reports Measure Striking at Evils of Dry Statutes.

A bill denying the use of the United States mail to advertisements of intoxicating liquors, whether printed in newspapers, magazines, circulars or otherwise, was reported by the House Committee on Postoffice and Telegraphs, by Mr. E. H. Randall of California, Republican-Democrat, in either of the bills.

The purpose of this bill," said Mr. Randall, "is to close the mails absolutely to advertising before the public of intoxicating liquors and to deny such liquor houses, of which there are more than 1,000, the right to send their wares to dry territory and to sell their liquor through the medium of the mails."

Mr. Randall said that the bill was introduced at a secret session of the committee, but the majority in its favor was not to have been slight. The bill will have no effect, however, until it is passed by both houses of Congress.

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CONDITIONS IMPROVING AT LAUREL HILL.

Citizen of Laurel Hill Praises Work of Rural Policeman Malcom.

A citizen of Laurel Hill says that conditions at that place are improving and that the efficient work of Rural Policeman J. E. Malcom, who has been there for some time, is bringing about such needed changes in the community, Laurel Hill, it is said, has heretofore been a dumping ground for the worse elements from Laurinburg, Hamlet and other surrounding towns, who went there to get their shipments of whiskey and to "raise cane." It is stated that Policeman Malcom is on the job at all times and that he has the situation well in hand.

Laurel Hill is a progressive town and its citizens believe in law enforcement and no doubt they will cooperate with Mr. Malcom, who has been there and elsewhere in his territory. It is stated by another authority that Mr. Malcom is doing good work in the township generally, outside of the town of Laurel Hill.

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WAR WOMAN, A THRILLING PHOTO DRAMA, SHOWING THE WOMEN SIDE OF THE WAR, WILL BE SHOWN AT THE GEAR THEATRE THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, AT 25 CENTS IN THE AFTERNOON AND 25 CENTS AT NIGHT.

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.

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