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## Armistice Day to be Celebrated Widely In State Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Local Events Will Take Place Sunday Afternoon—Big Celebration in Charlotte All Day Saturday—Parade, Speaking, Fireworks, Polo, Football in Queen City—Flag Races in Albemarle and Speaking—Morrison in Gastonia.

Monday has been formally set apart by proclamation as being Armistice Day, officially, by Governor Morrison on account of the 11th falling on Sunday, but celebrations throughout the state are being held Saturday by reason of greater convenience on that day.

In Albemarle a short celebration will be conducted Sunday afternoon, the local post of the American Legion not wishing to arrange an elaborate affair when Charlotte is arranging events which a large number of local people will wish to attend.

The committee in charge of local arrangements announces a flag race Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock near the armory. At 3 o'clock at the Central Methodist church an address will be made by a speaker whose name will be announced later. The committee requests that local ministers insofar as they can make it convenient speak Sunday morning on subjects appropriate to the day.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock the Albemarle high school will render an Armistice Day program in the graded school auditorium. At 10 o'clock the elementary school will render an Arbor Day program, a feature of which will be the planting of a tree in honor of Walter P. Hill, a local boy who lost his life in the World War. The high school program, which is quite elaborate, follows:

Song—America.  
Invocation—Rev. D. B. Green.

How the World War Came to the U. S.  
The American Flag—Three eighth grade girls.  
In Flander's Fields.  
America's Reply.  
North Carolina's Record in the World War.  
Stanly County's Record in the World War.  
Keep the Home Fires Burning.  
Our Dead Overseas.  
Present European Conditions.  
Recitation—Peace.  
Recitation—The Blue and the Gray in France.  
The Star Spangled Banner.  
Address—County Supt. C. A. Reap.

Those who expect to visit Charlotte Saturday will be interested in the plans for Armistice Day celebration there. The exercises will begin at 10:30 a. m., when the long parade will move. At exactly 11 o'clock the parade will come to a halt at the sound of the bugle and pause for one minute in honor of the soldier dead. After the parade will be speaking, the principal speaker being Admiral Andrew T. Long, of the U. S. Navy, who is a native North Carolinian. A polo game, auto races, a football game and other features will lend interest to the afternoon. In the evening a brilliant pyrotechnic display will furnish entertainment.

Governor Morrison will participate Saturday in the celebration at Gastonia, where a series of elaborate events are to take place.

## Mild Smallpox in Harris Township

Health Officer Enforces Precautionary Measures in School.

Smallpox of a mild form has developed to somewhat extended degree among the people of Harris township and Dr. J. N. Anderson, county health officer, is enforcing compulsory vaccination among the pupils of the New London school in order to check the spread of the disease. Speaking Tuesday of the situation Dr. Anderson says that he is vaccinating about 200 children in that community. His investigation, he said disclosed the fact that all cases were invariably of a very mild nature and in themselves constitute no severe danger to those who had contracted it. He added, however, that in certain sections of the state in recent weeks that a very malignant type of smallpox had developed and that there was no assurance that, if not checked, the local situation might not become more serious.

In order to handle the situation with the least possible danger to the community, Dr. Anderson bespeaks the careful cooperation of people, especially in the point of reporting immediately to him any case suspected of being smallpox. The law requires this, he continued, and ignorance of the law does not excuse one.

Dr. Anderson said that he does not anticipate a general epidemic and feels that measures being taken will be sufficient to stamp out the disease before it spreads. It is, however, highly contagious and no effort, he said, should be spared to prevent those affected from coming in contact with others.

## Active Work On New City Park Starts This Week

Committee to Let Contract for Erection of Pavillion—Concrete Walks—Shrubbery—Playground.

Work will begin at once on the little park between South Second and South First streets on the plot recently donated to the town of Albemarle by Mr. S. H. Hearne for a public playground.

The park has splendid natural advantages, both in the irregular way the land lies, with a brook running through it, and with a full growth of pretty trees. It will be about 500 feet long.

Development of the playground is in the hands of Dr. C. L. Miller, city councilman, Mrs. A. C. Huneyutt, representing the Woman's Club, and Mr. J. Harris, representing the Lions Club.

Their plans have been carefully considered from every angle and this week they are prepared to put them actively into execution, with the result that the park will be in use before Christmas.

Their plans include an open air pavillion large enough for skating, probably 30 by 40 feet, with toilet arrangements in connection. Other features will be to cement the banks of the little stream and to make a cement wading pool for the smaller children, to lay cement walkways, and provide a sufficient number of benches for the convenience of the people. Shrubbery will be set out to enhance the natural beauty of the park.

The park is expected to be one of the prettiest spots around Albemarle and will prove to be a decidedly popular addition to the town's advantages.

## REV. L. H. GRIFFITH ASSUMES NEW CHARGE

Rev. L. H. Griffith, who was assigned to the Albemarle circuit by the recent Methodist conference, has arrived in Albemarle and has taken up his residence, accompanied by Mrs. Griffith and their four children, at No. 610 Pee Dee avenue. His recent charge was in Charlotte. Mr. Griffith preached Sunday at Stoney Hill and Bethesda churches. He will make announcement of his appointments as soon as he gets his work more organized. The pastor says he is much pleased with his new home and expects to enjoy his work here.

Mr. Griffith will preach at Zoar Methodist church 3rd Sunday, at 3 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited.

## M. P. Conference Assigns Pastors

After Busy Sessions Thomasville Meeting Comes to Close.

Characterized as one of the best and most harmonious yet held, the annual sessions of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant conference at Thomasville came to a close Monday, making assignment of pastors. Of interest locally is the fact that Rev. J. A. Burgess has been assigned to the Stanly, Atlas Ridge and Tabernacle congregations. Rev. J. H. Morton, who has many friends in this section, has been assigned to the Welch Memorial church in High Point, one of the leading churches of that city.

## THIS LAD IS GLAD.

Cecil, the bright little five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lowder, of Millington, is about the happiest youngster in Stanly county, and he has a right to be. He can run and jump and play ball with the boys—at least he's beginning to and there's no telling how strong a man he'll grow up to be. Cecil up to last July had a twisted foot and the best he could do was to hobble around. His father took him to Dr. O. L. Miller, who has charge of the Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia, and arranged to have him treated in Charlotte. The treatment started July 19 and on September 27 Cecil began to wear shoes like a regular feller. Such instances as this show what wonderful good the Orthopedic hospital is doing. Mr. Lowder is strong in his praise of Dr. Miller.

## Albemarle Mill Men Visit New England

Messrs. T. M. Denning, Wade F. Denning, and M. A. Borer, of the Wiscasset Mill, and Mr. C. G. Voss, of the Efrid Mills, attended the exhibit of textile machinery in Boston last week.

The Albemarle party was shown extreme courtesy by the plant men, and were escorted through the most familiar and largest manufacturing plants of America, located in the New England states, one in Maine. Aside from the interest and instructive features of the exhibit, the outing was one that the party enjoyed to the fullest extent.

Textile machinery is being made to those plants for shipment to every country, and Mr. Borer explained to The Press man that the machines shipped to Japan were long and bulky, more than twice the size of those used here. The Japanese worker is paid by the side of spindle frame, and the idea seems to be to crowd as many spindles on one side as possible—250. Our machines have two sides to each frame, with 120 spindles to a side.

It is significant that of all the textile machinery orders for the United States, decidedly the majority of the orders are from southern mills.

## PASTOR SWARINGEN HERE Assumes New Duties at First Methodist Church.

Rev. R. A. Swaringen, who was assigned to the First Methodist church here, by the last conference has with Mrs. Swaringen and two young sons, arrived to make their home in Albemarle and to take up the work in his new field. Mr. Swaringen's forebears were native Stanly county people, leaving the opportunity to Albemarle people to welcome him as returning home-folks. He is an interesting conversationalist and is of most attractive personality. His effectiveness as a pastor is shown in his work at Kannapolis, where in one year 410 additions were made to his church. The people of the city will welcome Mr. Swaringen and his family, and feel fortunate that they will become a part of the community.

## Centerline Highways.

The new hard-surfaced state highways will all have a distinct line along the center, dividing the right from the left side, according to dispatches from Raleigh. The effect of this in other states has been to materially reduce the number of accidents.

## Armistice Proclamation

Governor Morrison's Armistice Day proclamation follows:

"Under the provisions of chapter 287 of the public laws of 1919, it becomes the duty of the governor annually to proclaim and set aside November 11, Armistice Day, as a legal holiday. This year this date falls on Sunday. "Now, therefore, I, Cameron Morrison, governor of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim and set aside Monday, November 12, 1923, as a legal holiday, commemorating the signing of the armistice, and I earnestly call upon the people of the state to observe it with appropriate exercises, not in a boastful spirit, but with gratitude to the God of nations who brought us through the conflict victorious because the fight was a just one."

## LUTHERANS OF STATE TO MEET IN CHARLOTTE

Interest in Lutheran circles here centers in the annual meeting of the State Synod of that denomination in Charlotte next week, when a large gathering of delegates will be present to take part in the meetings which are scheduled for Tuesday to Friday, inclusive. Mr. Lane Brown has been appointed delegate from the local church, with Messrs. S. H. Hearne and H. C. Patterson as alternates. In addition to these gentlemen it is likely that quite a number of other members of the congregation will attend the Synod on one or more days.

## OAKBORO COMMUNITY FAIR SCHEDULED FOR THURS.

Word from Oakboro indicates more than the usual interest in the Community Fair which is to be held there Thursday of this week. Many fine exhibits of farm crops, poultry, livestock, culinary, fancy work, etc., are expected to be shown. Owing to the fact of smallpox in the New London section the Community Fair at Richfield has been canceled.

What the poor guy down in the audience at the movies never can understand is how comes the heroes and the heroines always seem to have enough money to pick up and go to Paris or China or anywhere else and live in luxury any time they please.

## Atlanta Klan Row Results in Murder

Ku Klux Publicity Man Kills In-surgent Attorney in Office.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 6.—After firing five shots into the body of W. S. Coburn, Atlanta attorney, instantly killing him, here late Monday, Philip E. Fox has steadily maintained an attitude of complete silence in jail here on his reasons for having committed the murder.

Fox is reliably said to be publicity man for the Ku Klux Klan organization and Coburn the attorney for the insurgent faction of the Klan which has been fighting for control of the order.

The statement of Coburn's stenographer is that Fox entered the lawyer's office while the latter was consulting with a client and immediately opened fire with a revolver, shooting five times.

The only statement attributed to Fox follows:

"I am sorry I had to do it, but I am glad he is dead. He was planning to ruin me and I had just as soon be hung as hurt. What I did has no connection with the Ku Klux Klan. Coburn has threatened to ruin me and to public affidavits effecting my character that were untrue."

## Lutheran Pageant Delights Audience

Large Gathering Braves Storm to Witness Performance.

Deeply impressive was the pageant "The Temple of Praise," presented Sunday evening at the Lutheran church by the women of that congregation, when, despite a down-pour of rain, quite a large gathering of people were present.

The pageant was presented with an ease and grace that bespoke many hours of careful preparation, and, as a whole, the offering taught a lesson as deeply spiritual as a profound sermon.

Among those who had the pleasure of witnessing the pageant was Rev. E. C. Cooper, of Philadelphia, who has accepted the call of the church to be the pastor, beginning about December 1. He was so impressed with the performance that he asked that it be repeated for the benefit of those who were unable to be present.

The pageant was given under the direction of Mrs. Hubert Patterson, to whom much credit is due. The characters were as follows: Keeper of the Temple, Miss Ila Harward; Health, Miss Edith Fink; Pain, Mrs. R. G. Mabry; Joy, Miss Alice Lee Fitts; Grief, Miss Ida Herman; Wealth, Mrs. J. D. Glass; Poverty, Mrs. M. A. Borer; Success, Mrs. W. J. Rowland; Disappointment, Miss Esther Williams; Friendship, Mrs. Lawson Almond; Sin, Miss Rosa Cox; Love, Mrs. James Howard; Prayer, Mrs. Clarence Ritchie.

Those composing the vested and invisible choir follow: Mrs. O. C. Townsend, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Mrs. N. F. Thompson, Miss Blanche King, Mrs. F. N. Patterson, Mrs. Lane Brown, Mrs. A. L. Patterson, Mrs. W. G. Efrid, Misses Margaret Ellen Patterson, Mamie Watson, Pauline Thompson, Blanche Moore, Nellie Watson, Crelnan Rowland and Elizabeth King.

The characters were dressed in flowing robes symbolic of the ideas which they represented. The invisible choir sang appropriate music at the completion of each dialogue. The entrance of Sin, in a robe of scarlet, with its effect of terror upon the assembled characters brought a moment of the deeply dramatic.

The close of the pageant was most impressive. The vested choir entered from the main entrance of the auditorium, singing as a procession, "Lord With Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee." As a recessional the choir and characters sang, "Take My Life and Let It Be."

The pageant will, at the request of a number of people, be repeated Friday evening of this week at the Lutheran church at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. D. B. Green, of the Presbyterian church, will make the introductory remarks.

There were 4,560 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales ginned in Stanly county from the crop of 1923 prior to October 18, 1923, as compared with 4,284 bales ginned to October 18, 1922.—A. H. Russell, Special Agent.

## Stanly County's Tenth Consolidated New Rural School Opened Its Doors This Week

New Institution Begins Operation Under Favorable Auspices—Does Credit to District and to County—Teachers and Pupils Enthusiastic—Excellent Plant.

The tenth consolidated rural school in Stanly county commenced operation Monday when the new brick structure near Palestine was opened for use. Of 300 children who will attend this school nearly 200 braved the rain in order to be present at the opening of the school of which they are so justly proud.

The new school was formed by the consolidation of four rural schools, Palestine, Mountain Creek, Prospect and Morris. The children living more than two miles from the building are conveyed daily to and from their homes in an auto truck of the Stanly school system assigned to that school.

The people of that section entered into the formation of the school with a zeal and enthusiasm which gives them just cause to the feeling of pride which is so manifest among them. Among other things which they did to show their spirit of co-operation with the school board they hauled about 100,000 brick entirely without cost to the county in order to further the work of construction.

Prof. C. A. Reap, county superintendent, who was accompanied by The Press representative, visited the school Monday morning and was much pleased with the quickness with which the teachers and children were getting down to school work.

"How many little folks are going to have good lessons in your fine new school building?" asked the superintendent of the little first-graders. Instantly every hand in the room shot up and smiles answered the superintendent that he had no fear of being out-learned by them.

It was the same in every room. The teachers and pupils alike are alive with enthusiasm over the prospect of enjoying the conveniences and advantages of the new place and it is the opinion of the newspaper man

that the new school will be heard from in no unfavorable way.

The school has purposely been left without a name. To supply this deficiency Prof. Reap has announced a prize to be given to the pupil of the school who suggests to the school board a name found to be most suitable for the new institution.

The school is under the principalship of Prof. C. R. Ross, who also has the high school room. Assisting him are Mr. E. E. Morgan, who is assistant high school teacher and has charge of the seventh grade; Miss Bertie Holt, who has the fifth and sixth grades; Miss Carrie Burleson, who has the third and fourth grades; Miss Myrtle Hilton, who has the second grade, and Miss Lucy Shankle, who has the first grade.

The local board is comprised of the following gentlemen: Messrs. J. H. Morris, J. E. Russell, R. A. Huneyutt, J. L. Green and J. F. Clayton.

The new building is a model of convenience. As one enters, there is to the left a cloak room, to the right is the library, in front on the ground floor is a commodious auditorium with an attractive stage. Overhead is a class room which may, when occasion arises, be converted into a balcony facing the stage. The other six class rooms are to the sides of the auditorium, the two rear ones of which, on the left and right of the stage, may be converted into dressing rooms for the entertainments which the young people will be giving from time to time. There is probably no more conveniently constructed school building in the state or one which gives more value for the money invested than this. The county is to be congratulated on having a superintendent who is not only willing but competent to design such a building for the public use. The designing was done by Prof. Reap without the assistance of an architect.

## Earthquake Shifts Hotel

Calxico, Cal., Nov. 6.—The Virginia hotel was shifted several inches on its foundations here Monday by the most pronounced earthquake shock felt here in recent years. Damage was also done to other buildings.

## LIONS CLUB TO ENTERTAIN TEACHERS NEXT THURS.

A reception will be given the teachers in all the schools of Albemarle next Thursday evening at the graded school building, the Lions Club to the host of the occasion. A committee consisting of Messrs. O. J. Sikes, A. L. Patterson and T. P. Burnardner are busily at work arranging the details. An informal program is in course of preparation and this will include short speeches, music and other features with pen up to the usual Lions Club standard. The assistance of Miss Margaret Hall, the home economics teacher, and her class has been enlisted, in the way of providing refreshments. The Lions Club, in this event, is combining the annual ladies night with a reception to the teachers, and each member is supposed to bring his wife or sweetheart—or some lady friend whom he hopes to induce to become either one or both of the latter.

## STATE BAPTISTS MEET IN GASTONIA DEC. 11

Raleigh, Nov. 5.—The Baptist state convention of North Carolina will meet in its ninety-third annual session in the spacious auditorium of the First Baptist church of Gastonia on Tuesday evening, December 11, continuing until Friday. This session of the convention is considered an exceedingly important one, as it will begin the last year's lap of the \$75,000,000 campaign. Plans will be projected for winding up the campaign with a glorious victory a year hence.

## Aderholdt Gets W. S. S. Promotion

Succeeds T. E. Matthews as Southbound Road Master.

Mr. G. K. Aderholdt, who has for years been connected with the roadway department of the Winston-Salem Southbound railroad, as section foreman, has been promoted in that organization to the position of road master. Mr. Aderholdt has been stationed at Porter, but since taking up his new duties he has moved with his family to Albemarle. The new road master stands high in the esteem of Southbound officials and their action in appointing him to the new position comes as a reward for years of valued service. Mr. Aderholdt succeeds Mr. T. E. Matthews, who recently resigned his position and returned to employment with the Atlantic Coast Line at Florence, S. C.

## Lowder-Earnhardt.

Mr. Rufus A. Earnhardt and Miss May Lowder, of Albemarle, were united in holy matrimony on the 31st of October at the residence of Mr. Eiley Swinson, Rev. J. S. Harris officiated. We wish this couple a happy life. They are very promising young people, and we congratulate Mr. Earnhardt in getting such a beautiful young belle. We must congratulate Mrs. Eiley Swinson for preparing such a magnificent supper.—Contributed.

## Z. V. Moss' Report for October.

Visits made in interest of school attendance, 11; calls made investigating, 6; juvenile cases, 5; reports of boys on probation, 8; pauper cases investigated, 10; pauper cases helped, 6; children placed, 1; permits issued to work in mills, 7; letters written, 40; meetings attended, 5.

## Play at Stanfield.

A play, "The Deacon," will be given at Stanfield high school on November 9. Admission fee 25 and 15 cents.

## Fire Does Damage To V. L. Cope's Store

Young Albemarle Merchant Suffers Heavy Loss.

The fire alarm was sounded Saturday night about 11:30 o'clock. Mrs. T. C. Hearne's building, occupied by Mr. V. L. Cope as a dry goods establishment, caught from a defective flue.

While the signal was given promptly and the fire had not gained such big headway the blaze started in between the ceiling and tin roof, rendering it hard for the firemen to get in effective work without delay and the force from much water. The roof and overhead interior of the building were badly damaged, and the stock of goods carried by Mr. Cope was approximately damaged 50 per cent. The stock carried was estimated at fourteen to eighteen thousand dollars, and consisted of bolt goods, millinery, ladies', men's and children's ready-to-wear, and shoes.

Mr. Cope promptly rented one of the rooms at Hotel Albemarle, and on Monday began the work of salvaging his stock to the best advantage. A large part of it will be saved, while garments and bolt goods will not represent a total loss. Mr. J. E. Klutz is assisting in the work, and the stock will be in good shape when the insurance appraiser comes around. Insurance to the amount of \$10,000 was carried on the stock.

Mr. Cope came to Albemarle in the early summer from Sylva. He has impressed us as being a young man of sterling qualities—honest and honorable, and attentive to his business. The fire has created a heavy loss to him, since the greater part of his capital has been tied up in the business.

He has made friends here, and these are offering every encouragement under the situation they can.

## FRESBYTERIANS ENTER NEW CHURCH IN DEC.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church is looking forward with great pleasure to entering their new edifice at the corner of North and First street some time during December. Says Rev. D. B. Green, the pastor, Work is progressing rapidly and its completion is drawing near. The fine new Piche pipe organ has been shipped and the pews have arrived and will soon be placed. The church is a magnificent structure and will cost upward of \$70,000.