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## DEATH COMES TO LOCAL MINISTER

### Elder John Whitaker Sewell Passed Away at Noon on Christmas Eve

The sudden passing of Elder John Whitaker Sewell here at noon Sunday resulted in a saddened Christmas for many hundreds of his friends living in Beaufort, Carteret County and elsewhere. He was taken seriously ill Thursday night and his condition became so critical by Saturday afternoon that it was deemed necessary to remove him by ambulance to the Potter Emergency Hospital, where he underwent an immediate operation for strangulated hernia. Gangrenous complications had already set in and no hope was extended for his recovery. His death came on the Sabbath Day and on the eve of the birthday of Him who he followed the greater part of his life.

For more than a half century Elder Sewell—who was known to his legion of friends as "Brother" Sewell—was a minister of the Free Will Baptist faith. He was the principal organizer of the local Free Will church, and other churches of the same faith in other communities in Carteret County. The South River Free Will Baptist church was the first to be organized, and it was of this church that he was a faithful and devoted member. For forty-odd consecutive years he had been pastor of the South River church.

Elder Sewell was scheduled to preach a Christmas sermon at the Cedar Island church the day he passed away, and during the first day or two of his illness he was greatly distressed to think that he would be unable to keep the appointment. It was only after his younger son promised to write to the Cedar Island people and let them know the reason that his father would be unable to come Sunday that Elder Sewell rested on this point. Even until the end he was faithful to those whom he had counted his friends for many years.

At the time of his passing, Elder Sewell was the pastor of the Free Will Baptist churches at South River, Lukens, Mill Creek and Holly Springs. While the greater part of his ministry was devoted to the people whom he loved here in Carteret County, he had at various times been pastor of churches or had conducted numerous revival services throughout Sampson, Onslow, Jones, Wayne, Craven, Pamlico and Lenoir counties. His ministry was confined, not unto the elite, but among those who lived along the byways and hedges of the rural part of Carteret and adjoining counties.

Elder Sewell was born on the upper part of Orange Street here in Beaufort on March 16th., 1856. His parents were Thomas Barnes Sewell, who came from Baltimore, Md., and Charity Jane Noe, of this community. When he was twenty-three years old he took as his bride Miss Susie B. Springle, who passed away in August two years ago. To this union was born ten children, only three of which survive their father.

Early in life he accepted the Free Will Baptist faith, and later was ordained a minister. For more than a half a century Elder Sewell travelled thousands of miles over almost impassable roads to carry his messages to those who lived off the beaten path. It is thought that he knew and was known by more people than any other person in the county. Hundreds of men, women and children were converted and baptized by him during his more than fifty years of service; more than five hundred couples were married by him; and he conducted scores of funerals during the five decades. His figure was familiar and his name a household term throughout Carteret County.

The writer was born just around the corner from Elder Sewell's home and lived in that neighborhood for more than twenty years, and he has never heard any one say anything but the best of the elderly preacher. It is next to the impossible for a man to be born and live in the same neighborhood for seventy-eight years and be admired, respected and loved by all as Elder Sewell was. This, in itself, was an accomplishment of the first order.

Elder Sewell was a man that you liked more and more as you continued to come in contact with him. He was an honest and conscientious as it is humanly possible to be; and it was proverbial with his friends that if he ever did anything even slightly wrong it was because he did it unthoughtfully. He had the respect of all whom he was associated with.

There was a ruggedness about his physique and speech that appealed to his friends—and all who knew him

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## Popular Young Couple United In Marriage

Marshallberg, Dec. 26—The Baptist parsonage was the scene of the lovely wedding of Mary Lena Lineberger and Hardy R. Beachem on Tuesday at high noon. Only a few friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony.

The living room and reception hall were beautifully decorated and carried out the holiday idea, using ferns, pines and flowers. The altar before which the vows were taken was formed by a background of pine with ferns. Tall candle holders holding white tapers completed the arrangement.

Miss Pauline Nelson and Miss Hill rendered the "Sweetest Story Ever Told," and "I Love You Truly" as violin duets, accompanied at the piano by Miss Myrtle Morris. At the first sound of the music Messrs. Ira Lewis, Ralph Lewis and Reuben George lighted the tapers. Then as the notes of "The Indian Love Call" were sounded Reverend C. A. Lineberger, father of the bride, took his place at the altar where he officiated. Mr. Beachem attended by Mr. Edward Piver, as best man, entered from the hall. Miss Maude Lineberger, a student at Campbell College and sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She descended the stairs followed by the bride. The bridal couple met at the altar. An impressive ring ceremony was used. The ceremony was beautiful and touching in its simplicity.

The bride was beautifully gowned in cornflower blue crepe with silver and white accessories. She wore a shoulder corsage of white roses. She was also lovely in her traveling attire of tan crepe with brown accessories.

The maid of honor was attired in a lovely gold colored crepe with brown accessories and wore a shoulder corsage of Talisman roses.

Mrs. Beachem is the attractive daughter of Reverend and Mrs. C. A. Lineberger of Marshallberg. Mr. Lineberger is one of the popular and outstanding Baptist ministers of North Carolina.

The bride was educated at Mars Hill College and East Carolina Teachers College where she was graduated in the class of 1930. Since her graduation, she has been teaching Latin and History in the West Edgecombe High School at Rocky Mount.

Mr. Beachem is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Beachem of Beaufort. He is a graduate of North Carolina State College and has since his graduation in 1930 held a responsible position in the Research Laboratory of the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, New York.

Both are outstanding and popular members of their respective towns.

The bridal couple left immediately following the ceremony for an extended trip to Miami and other places of interest in Florida. After January 4, 1934, they will be at home 1279 Lake Avenue, Rochester, New York.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Beachem, parents of the groom, Misses Irene, Evelyn and Edna Beachem, sisters of the groom, Miss Swannie Wade and Edward Piver, all of Beaufort; Mrs. I. M. L. Brock and daughter, Miss Ikie Brock of Richlands and Miss Hilda Smith of Smyrna, Miss Myrtle Morris, Pauline Nelson and Miss Hill of Atlantic.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr and Mrs. Ivey Gillikin of Otway, Tuesday, December 26, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. oJannie Lewis of Harkers Island, Wednesday, December 27, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Connie Robinson of Atlantic, Sunday, December 24, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Connor of Harlowe Christmas Day, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Styron, Beaufort RFD., Tuesday, December 26, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Robinson of Beaufort at Morehead City Hospital, Wednesday, December 26, a daughter, Patricia Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren Martin of Beaufort, Thursday, December 28, a son, Bobby Glenn.

## NICE PROMOTION GIVEN TO CHARLES W. THOMAS JR.

His many friends in Beaufort were pleased to learn recently that Charles W. Thomas Jr., former Beaufort resident but who has been living in Canada several years, had been favored with a substantial promotion by the company for which he works. This firm is the Norfolk Leaf Tobacco Company and Mr. Thomas has been appointed vice-president of it.

## STUDENT NIGHT TO BE OBSERVED

### Representatives of Various Colleges Will Take Part In Program

Student Night will be observed in Baptist churches in nineteen southern states next Sunday night December 31 In Beaufort this service will be held at the First Baptist church in the form of a vesper service at five o'clock. The service will be a combined program as there will be no other program of like manner in the county.

The Student Night movement is sponsored by the Baptist Student Union, an auxiliary organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. The plans are well organized and great results are expected from the Student programs.

The local program, which should be of particular interest to everyone, will be conducted entirely by local students of North Carolina colleges. Written invitations have been sent to all students in the county and all college alumni are expected to attend. The committee in charge of the Student Night service is composed of alumni of colleges represented in the county. The committee is: M. B. Cree (Duke); Mrs. U. E. Swann (Meredith), William Potter (U.N.C.) M. L. Davis (Wake Forest), Miss Annie Morton (E.C.T.C.), Miss Lena Duncan (W. C. U. N. C.) and Rev. J. P. Harris (Wake Forest), ex officio member of the committee.

Program of the Meeting

The program as arranged by the committee is:

Student in charge—Miss Elizabeth Huntley (W.C.U.N.C.).

Prelude—"Miss Rena Pearl Hamilton (Meredith).

Solo, "Speak to my Heart"—Jas. Willis (Wake Forest).

Hymn—"Revive Us Again."

Prayer—

Scripture Reading, I Cor. 13 — Miss Laura Mace (W.C.U.N.C.).

Hymn of Love—"My Jesus I Love Thee."

Offering—For Christian Education

Quartette, "Give of Your Best to the Master"—Miss Mary Anne Taylor, (Peace); Miss Marjorie Fodrie (E.C.T.C.); Edgar H Swann (Wake Forest); James H. Potter (U.N.C.).

Student Messages—Johnnie Way, (U.N.C.); Miss Bernice Willis (W.C.U.N.C.); Jack Humphrey, (E.C.T.C.) and James B. Willis (Wake Forest).

Appeal for consecration by Pastor.

Hymn—"I'll go Where You Want Me to Go."

Benediction—

Ushers and collectors for the program will be: Alvah Hamilton, Jr., and Bernard Leary, Wake Forest; Billie and C. Byrd Wade, Duke University, ushers; and William Adair, Charles Gillikin, and Shearon Harris, Wake Forest; and Fletcher Eure, Oak Ridge. Miss Rena Pearl Hamilton will act as pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program of student music, student speakers, and exhibition of student enthusiasm.

## DRAINAGE OF MARSHES WILL EMPLOY 230 MEN

The drainage of many of the salt water marshes in Carteret county, which work has gotten under way, will put to work 230 men, so the News is informed by Phillip K. Ball, County Supervisor of the project. These men do not come from the county's CWA quota of 539 men but are extra workers and so the county will really have about 770 men employed at very good wages.

The marsh drainage project comes under the supervision of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology. As far as possible the work of eradicating the mosquitoes will be carried on all over Carteret county. The potential breeding areas located near the centers of population are being given favorable consideration. A survey was made in May of this year for the purpose of locating and inspecting the marshes to be drained. Boots and tools for 200 men have been supplied for the work. The office for Salt Marsh Drainage is located in Wade's Theatre Building Morehead City, in a room formerly used as a woman's clothing store.

## WATCH NIGHT SERVICES AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY

The old year will be speeded and the New Year cordially welcomed at Ann Street M. E. church Sunday night. The regular evening services, from 7:30 to 8:30 will take place and then a program of instrumental and vocal music appropriate to the occasion will be given. The public is invited to attend the services.

## WINE MAY BE HAD FOR CHURCH USE

### Hospitals May Also Get Whiskey Attorney-General Brummitt Says

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Dec. 26—Wine may be obtained by a licensed preacher having charge of a congregation for sacramental purposes to the amount of three gallons each 90 days, and hospitals and sanatoriums may secure whiskey used in curing inebriates when it is administered by a licensed physician, Attorney General D. G. Brummitt had held in a series of opinions dealing with the liquor laws.

In both of these he points out that this is under the Turlington Act and that transportation companies hauling liquor must keep complete records as to dates and places of shipments, senders and receivers, and keep records available.

Mr. Brummitt also holds that intoxicating liquors may be shipped through the State from one wet state to another wet state, but may not be shipped from or into this State. He admits that permitting liquor to be carried through the State will cause much trouble, as it will be almost impossible to prevent its being delivered in this State, which is contrary to both State and federal laws.

Another batch of highway projects to cost an estimated \$417,100, including four regular highway jobs to cost about \$110,000 and 31 municipal highway jobs to cost an estimated \$310,000, have been sent to Washington for approval by the State Highway division. These projects are under the National Recovery Administration and the entire cost will come from the emergency funds. Six other municipal projects, originally included, were eliminated for checking purposes and may be included in another batch to be sent to Washington later.

No Carteret project included.

More than eight millions of dollars have been paid out for all purposes from closed State banks in North Carolina during the year 1933, according to a summary issued by Gurney P. Hood, State commissioner of banks.

Of the \$8,030,379.83, the bulk or \$5,444,861.39 went to secured claimants, while \$2,040,284.67 went to depositors. Preferred claimants received \$492,854.72 and the balance of \$52,379.95 was paid in insurance and taxes on property owned by the banks in liquidation, Commissioner Hood reported. The common claimants, or depositors involved in the 124 banks in liquidation number 78-930.

The December report shows that \$384,486.20 has or will be paid to 19,489 depositors of 38 closed banks during this month. Also, \$43,141.03 has been or will be paid on preferred claims during the month. All of the December figures are included in the 1933 summary.

Governor Ehringhaus has issued a statement on automobile accidents in North Carolina, as follows:

"The constantly mounting toll of recklessness in the use of our highways is appalling; 105 killed, 527 injured, 40 of the killed and 75 of the injured being pedestrians, is the record for November in our State. Such carnage equals that of war and amounts to a public scandal and disgrace. Our highways intended as a means of convenience and pleasure to our citizens, are becoming a menace.

"Recklessness and drunken driving must be topped. I am directing our Highway Patrol to begin at once a most vigorous campaign against such drivers in our State and I am calling upon all law enforcement officers to cooperate fully and effectively on this enterprise. At the same time I beg the cooperation and sympathetic assistance of our law abiding citizens in clearing the highways of dangerous drivers. The lives of innocent men, women and little children must not be endangered by the reckless indifference of a relatively few who abuse the privileges the State provides for them. Let us see what a month of real effort can do toward checking this bloody tide."

Already 1934 automobile license tags, available less than a month, have been sent in showing the paint on the figures largely removed, as was the case with 1933 tags. However, this is not from normal wear and washing, but the paint had been removed to make it harder to get the number. Capt. Charles Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, states, announcing at his men will watch obliterated plates and indict the owners for trying to delete the figures. Most of the last year plates

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## William L. Oglesby of Newbern Is Dead

NEWPORT, Dec. 26—After a week's illness, due to a stroke of paralysis, William L. Oglesby of this place died at his home here December 20 at about six o'clock in the morning. "Uncle Billy," as nearly every one called him, was a popular and highly regarded citizen. A large crowd attended the funeral which took place on Wednesday morning the 20th and was conducted at the home by Rev. Mr. Meissimer, pastor of the M. E. church here. Interment was in the old family burying ground at Wildwood.

Mr. Oglesby was 69 years of age. He was born and reared on a farm near wildwood and was the son of the late Elijah and Emma Mann Oglesby. About 20 years ago he and his brother E. H. Oglesby moved to Newport and established a successful mercantile business here. Mr. Oglesby retired from active participation in the business about nine years ago due to a paralytic stroke. The business is operated under the same name with which it started, E. H. and W. L. Oglesby.

Mr. Oglesby is survived by his son E. H. Oglesby, three daughters, Misses Sallie, Ollie and Manie Oglesby, a brother E. F. Oglesby of New Bern and a sister Mrs. Elizabeth Hibbs of Newport. He also left many friends in this community who greatly regret his passing away.

## Many In Police Court On Account of Liquor

Possibly as an aftermath of too much Christmas spirits City Police Court had a rather full docket Tuesday night. Some cases were continued and several boys who were in court on the charge of shooting firecrackers larger than allowed by law were given a lecture by Mayor Taylor and released. Cases as follows were disposed of:

Allison Fulford, colored, assault with a deadly weapon on Alex. Wilson was sent to Recorder's Court under a bond of \$100.

O. N. Cottle, Dudley Arnold and Will Currier, possession and transportation of liquor, held for Recorder's Court under bonds of \$150 each.

Alvin Congleton, drunkenness, two counts, was given 15 days on the streets.

Marvin Brooks, drunk, 10 days or \$7.50 in cash.

Ellis Baxter, colored, drunk, 10 days or \$7.50 fine.

Carl Garner, drunk and disorderly, \$5.00 or 10 days.

Wright Stanley, colored, habitual drunkenness, sent to jail for 30 days.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Ella Mae Ebron and husband to Roland Buck, 1-2 acre Morehead Township, for \$50.

## MATRIMONIAL CANDIDATES WERE NUMEROUS LAST WEEK

The stores in Beaufort were not the only places that did a rushing business last week. Register of Deeds Irvin W. Davis and his assistant Mr. J. R. Jinnett were kept busy for a day or so issuing licenses to those who were desirous of traveling in double harness for the remainder of their lives.

Saturday seven licenses were issued in 58 minutes.

It is doubtful if the Register of Deeds office has ever issued more marriage licenses than it did last week, which may be an indication of better times in this county. Some of those getting licenses were mentioned in the News last week. The others are as follows:

Chauncy F. Guthrie and Dorothy Willis, Harkers Island.

Harold Hargett and Henrietta Campbell, Beaufort.

Thomas F. Williams and Annie M. Swinson, Newport.

Jesse G. Kirkman and Lillie Mae Marks, Morehead City.

Benjamin Willis and Lila Guthrie, Morehead City.

Benjamin A. Edwards and Nellie Bly Garner, Newport.

Lloyd G. Davis, Davis and Irene Powers, Morehead City.

Luther Lewis and Lillian Pittman, Lukens.

Thomas H. Willis, Smyrna and Sudie Wade, Beaufort.

Richard Lewis, Harkers Island.

Juanita R. Willis, Davis.

William Wade and Rachel Graham Newport.

Clyde Cannon and Sadie Wallace, Merrimong.

Jefferson O. Weeks and Hazel J. Guthrie, Bogue.

Hardy R. Beachem, Beaufort and Mary L. Lineberger, Marshallberg.

Guy D. Parker, Newport News and Minnie Talman, Beaufort.

Levi Riggs, Gloucester, and Olive Westen Morehead City.

## TOBACCO FARMERS SHOULD ALL SIGN GOVERNOR THINKS

### Complete Sign Up Needed, Otherwise Prices May Be Low Again

#### GOVERNMENT DOES ITS PART

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Dec. 26—"A complete sign-up for all flue-cured tobacco growers is essential to the success of the AAA tobacco control program," Governor Ehringhaus states in a message asking full cooperation of N. C. tobacco growers to get full benefits this year and next. "I wish to urge all growers who have not yet signed contracts for reduction of their weed crop next year to do so at once, so that the full benefits of the program can be provided without delay," he continued.

"In the event that only 60 or 70 per cent should enter into these contracts there is not only danger of price demoralization next year, but of an immediate and great price falling before complete disposition of the present crop. This will not result because of the unwillingness of domestic buyers to live up to their agreements, but largely because speculators and foreign buyers will most likely refuse to pay high prices if indications point to a bumper crop with rock bottom prices next year.

"This tobacco program is the government's response to the growers' appeals for help, and with the full and hearty cooperation of the growers it will be a life-saver to tobacco producers of this State and of the nation. But should the growers fail to do their part in putting over the control program inaugurated for their benefit and at their own request, they would be in poor position to appeal to the government again for help when prices touch bottom, as they would most likely do. The government has done its part in securing a raise of this year's prices by the manufacturers and in offering to pay the growers direct cash benefits for cutting down their crops, and it is now squarely up to the growers to do their part by signing. It is simple procedure of self defense.

"I am glad to learn that the program has made good progress in this State and I sincerely hope it will soon be brought to a successful close. I wish personally to thank the growers who have signed for their enthusiastic cooperation with the farm agents and the AAA, I understand that about one-half of the State's flue-cured growers have done so. This is very encouraging. Let's do our part and stand by our Government's program."

## Outsiders Must Pay Tax

Purchasers of goods who live outside the State but who buy from North Carolina merchants are required to pay the three per cent sales tax just as a resident of the State, Harry McMullan, director of the sales tax division, Department of Revenue, holds in a statement answering an inquiry from a local merchant's association. "The residence of the purchaser has nothing to do with the liability for the sales tax if the sale is made and delivered in North Carolina," he said.

North Carolina farmers are to have a new service through the Federal and State Departments of labor as a part of President Roosevelt's recovery program. Major A. L. Fletcher, commissioner of labor, announces. This service proposes to make of each employment office a clearing house through which farmers, farm tenants and farm labor may go when in need of any kind of help.

Families of farm origin now living in town or mill village will also find this office of help should they be interested in returning to the farm. Some provision is being made to aid such families with provisions and clothing where needed, under certain conditions. Major Fletcher expresses the hope that this service may, in these unsettled times, be of help in placing families of farm experience who have drifted to town and find it difficult to fit themselves into urban or mill village life, back to their rightful environment.

This work will be supervised by Homer H. B. Mask, who has experience in North Carolina agriculture, having served as county farm agent, assistant State agent, field director for the N. C. Cotton Co-operative Association and State manager in the promotional work of a large fertilizer concern, Major Fletcher announces.