

Six Weeks Revival Ends Here On Sunday Evening

Rev. H. C. Caviness Preaches Twice Sunday on Second Coming and Signs of the Times; Heavy Rain Falls To Keep Crowds Away in the Evening

A six weeks revival meeting which has been held in the Big Henderson Warehouse here came to a close with the final Service Sunday night.

The campaign was under the auspices of most of the city churches, and was a union revival. The preaching was in charge of Rev. H. C. Caviness, evangelist, of Portsmouth, Va.

Three services were held Sunday, beginning with a sunrise service at 6:30 a. m., followed by an afternoon sermon at 3 o'clock, when the evangelist preached on "The Second Coming of Christ."

The night sermon, the evangelist reviewed various prophecies in the Bible which he said described conditions that would come to pass before the return of Jesus to the world and he said that virtually all of these had already happened.

He gave it as his opinion that the return of the Lord would be in or before the year 1937 but said it might not be in 100 years or even much longer.

The evangelist took the time to express thanks for every one who had helped in any way in the meeting. He took only actual expenses for his own services here, without a personal offering to himself.

Mr. Caviness formerly was a lawyer, and was solicitor of a judicial district in Western North Carolina. He also served a term in the State Legislature about 20 years ago. He is a native North Carolinian.

The evangelist in his final sermon last night said in part: "The new birth is spoken of in this Bible nine times; the matter of baptism referred to but twenty times; repentance is mentioned seventy times but the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is prophesied and promised three hundred and sixty times in the New Testament alone.

And in fifty-three references to hope in the Bible it refers to the hope of His return. Looking for that blessed hope, and that glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.

"There are many schools of thought in the earth today concerning the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps the two chief divisions thereof may be called the pre-millennial, and the post-millennial. Those who say that Christ will return prior to his millennial reign, that is for a thousand years, set up a temporal kingdom in the earth, establish His headquarters in Jerusalem; separate the living nations of the earth at his appearance; that there is an appropriate period of about seven years between the rapture of the saints of God and the appearance of Christ; that during this period the terrible time of the tribulation will take place, but out of which the church, the bride of Christ, the born again ones, the believers, will be delivered because they who are alive shall be 'caught up together with them (that is those who now sleep in Him, Christ) to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.' 1 Thess. 4:17. That during this period the believers will appear before the judgment seat of Christ, their deeds to be the determination of extent of rewards, their sins having been forgiven at Calvary. That at the close of this thousand years reign, when Jerusalem will be the capital of the earth, Satan will be loosed from hell for a short season, who will go forth and deceive the nations of the earth, and gather them together in the world's greatest war, but its last revolution. When the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea, and they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city (which is Jerusalem) and fire came down from God out of heaven, and decoured them." Rev. 20:7-9. After

which there comes the last, and final judgment only of the wicked dead, Rev. 20:11-15 and then there appears forever a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away, and there was no more sea." Rev. 21:1. The mighty word—finished—heard in the morn of creation, uttered at Calvary by those blood flecked lips of our Lord Christ, will be repeated for the last time as prophesied in Rev. 21:6. "It is done." Here will close all prophecy, and there begins that eternal era, those everlasting eons, into which the soul steps whose robes have been washed and made whiter than snow in the blessed blood of the Lamb. Down whose endless corridors we begin that eternal march of eternity with God, the Father, God the Son, and God, the Holy Ghost, together with redeemed and blood washed hosts of heaven.

"The school of thought, the post-millennial student, declares that Christ shall come, but after a thousand years of perfection, that the world, the moral, the temporal world, will grow so perfect that all sin will be cast out, and that at the close thereof Christ comes to reign in the earth for a thousand years.

"There are those who accepted neither teaching, declare themselves to be a kind of hybrid, subscribing to neither doctrine. Then there are those who claim to be millennial dawnists, the now called 'International Bible Witnesses,' but which are in fact naught but 'Russellites' parading under a different name.

"Their teachings, and I say it with God's love in our heart, have done more by the devil to discredit the 'blessed hope' of His return than anything else perhaps. They have denied the existence of hell and the date and the time of His return published three times, declared that He was coming and when He did not appear at such time or place they sought to cover up their slander and blasphemy by saying that He was come already, and that He now rules in the earth. Have heaped their abuses upon the Church of Jesus Christ, declaring themselves to be the 144,000 who are going to be saved when Christ comes, hurled their anathemas at all other doctrines, denied the existence of hell and the lake of fire, together with the teaching of eternal punishment. So cleverly inter-woven with this fabric of falsehood has been the truth as it is in the Bible, that thousands of the very finest folks have been utterly deceived. Yet the very fact that the devil has thus counterfeited the doctrine, the blessed hope of His return, is but an evidence if evidence is needed, of its reality. Surely the devil would counterfeit nothing but a reality.

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"He prophesied again of the terrible era which waited the world, in which now welter, in Luke 17:29-30. 'The same day Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.' He had just said, 28th. verse. Like wise also as it was in the days of Lot, they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded, even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed." What kind of day was it during Sodom's activities? A day of intensive commercialism, they could plant, but not the seed of truth, they could drink, but not from the waters of life, they could buy and sell, but their barter was, as was that of Judas, the things Divine. They could build, but not for eternity. It was an age of grossest immorality and impurity. An age when men mocked the warnings of judgment.

How true to form this present age of Sodom runs. Hear again the Holy Spirit as He prophesies in 11 Tim. 3:1-6. Of this present age. 'This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, untruthful, unlovely, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof, from such turn away, for of this sort are they which creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.' These prophecies are coming to pass, they have, in fact come to pass, and now only awaits its last phase as is described so graphically, so amazingly when God in Rev. 18th. chapter, describes how that in 'no hour this present civilization is made desolate.' In one hour is thy judgment come.' In one hour so great riches is come to naught.

"Is that a picture of paradise, which our post-millennial friends present for our adoption? Strange though it seems, yet 'tis true. We read in Rev. 1:7. 'Behold, He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.' Is this a picture of peace? When He comes to a world and occasions by His coming a welcome that is announced to be that of 'wailing.' How absurd to believe that His coming would bring anything but joy to those who awaited Him, whom loved His appearing. No, those who wall, are those who hated and rejected Him and now cringe in cowardly fear and wailing at his approach. Rev. 8:12-17.

Time fails me to detail the marvelous prophecies of His coming, and some of the glorious events transpiring when He comes. Some of the high and holy things His return insures might be barely mentioned. The earth will be absolved from her enmity

which sin hath occasioned. 'They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.' Isa. 11:9. There shall never be peace until the Prince of Peace returns. May we spend our moneys therefore, for the only Peace Conference that shall effectuate peace will be held at Jerusalem when Jesus comes. Every hill top, then, shall speak of Heaven, every flower become a flame of God's purity. Not until He comes can we expect the devil to be bound, Rev. 20:2. 'And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.' Without His second coming we should go through the terrible tribulation written of in Book of Revelation, Rev. 6 to 8th. chapters. Without His coming there is no resurrection from the dead; Read 1 Thess. 4:13-18. John Wesley build the denomination known as Methodism on Christ and its chief corner-stone were holiness and the hope of the second coming of Christ. There is not a modernist who casting reflection upon God's Word who is a pre-millennialist. It was the living hope of the first church, and to them it was what the North star is to the compass. God give us a re-discovery of this hope in these hours of peril."

"There are those of course who deny His coming at all. Who say, 'Where is the promise of His coming?' For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 11 Peter 3:4. It is always refreshing to meet these, to whom one can always say, 'friend God wrote of you in A. D. 66.' 'Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days, scoffers walking after their own lusts.' 11 Peter 3:3. These but make their contribution to the unerring fulfillment of prophecy.

"It is not our place to enter into any argument with any school of thought, to discuss doctrines in this hour. One simply does not argue about a fact. Facts need no evidence other than themselves for corroboration. As we see it, an din the same breath we hasten to say that we have no quarrel with those who do not see it as we do, the pre-millennial coming of Christ is a bigger thing than a mere 'doctrine.' It is a truth, it is the only hope, the 'blessed hope' of the church, and of the world at large.



E. M. ROLLINS.

State school set-up arranged by the General Assembly, and until the new districts can be mapped out. In that connection a committee was named to confer with the new State Commission, on the set-up in the county, this group consisting of J. C. Cooper chairman, J. E. Kimball and E. R. Boyd.

Hereafter, under the new State-supported eight months school term program, all salaries, including the superintendent and other administrative heads, as well as teachers, will be paid by the State.

JOHN O'NEIL HEAD 1933 GERMAN CLUB

John O'Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. O'Neil, of Henderson, has been chosen chairman of the executive committee for the University of North Carolina German Club. Appointments for next year have just been announced, by David Morgan of Asheville, president of the organization. Other members of the committee are W. C. Harris, Raleigh; L. O. Tyree, Jr., Winston-Salem; Philip Sasser, Princeton, W. Va.; and Graham McLeod, of Raleigh.

Dr. James A. B. Scherer, noted Educator former director of the Southwest Museum, Los Angeles, born at Salisbury, N. C. 63 years ago.

MRS. E. W. HORTON DIES AT HOSPITAL

72-Year-Old Lady Buried at Brown's Baptist Church This Afternoon

Mrs. Bettie Clark Horton, wife of E. W. Horton, of this county, was buried at Brown's Baptist church in Warren county this afternoon following funeral services at 4 o'clock in that church, of which she had been a member about 40 years. Mrs. Horton died