

Large Easter Crowds Worship At Churches Sunday

Easter Services Featured Messages And Special Music

Special music and appropriate messages were heard by capacity audiences at the churches of Henderson yesterday of the 11 o'clock morning worship hour, observing a peaceful Easter, the first since 1941. In most instances additional seats were provided to accommodate the large number of churchgoers.

At the First Methodist church, Rev. C. D. Barlett used as his topic "Easter's Message." Special music rendered by three choirs was a special feature of the service and was heard by an overflowing audi-

ence. The boys' choir sang, "Now Let The Heavens Be Joyful" and the girls' choir sang, "Consider the Lilies" while the senior choir sang the anthems, "O Lord, Remember Thy David" and "Our Lord Victorious." "The Resurrection" was the theme of Rev. Victor Murphree at the 11 o'clock service of the Congregational-Christian church, of which Rev. J. Frank Apple is pastor. Mr. Murphree sang, "The Holy City" during the hour and a record attendance was reported.

Rev. E. N. Pritchard, pastor of the First Baptist church, spoke on "The Resurrection" at the 11 o'clock service at the church. He stressed the importance of the resurrection in the Sunday school and in the church. A boys' quartet composed of Lindley Meeker, J. M. Moore, Wm. J. Williams, W. C. Pritchard and Wm. J. Moore, sang "Open the Gates of the Temple." A boys' quartet composed of Lindley Meeker, J. M. Moore, Wm. J. Williams, W. C. Pritchard and Wm. J. Moore, sang "Open the Gates of the Temple."

"Open the Gates of the Temple" and the choir sang, "The Risen Lord." Choral communion was observed at the 11 o'clock service at the Holy Trinity Episcopal church with the pastor, Rev. Roy Holder, officiating. Mrs. Thomas Hunter sang as soloist, "In the End of the Sabbath" and the choir presented the anthem, "Open Day of Man's Desiring." Two other communion services at 6:30 and 8 o'clock in the morning were observed by Episcopalians. At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon a social children's service was held. Additional seats were provided for the 11 o'clock worshippers and a large attendance for the children's service Sunday afternoon was reported.

Sunday school attendance was reported as the largest in a number of years. Official count at the First Baptist church revealed a record of 676, surpassing the previous record of 627 set in 1941. The men's Bible class of the First Methodist church reported 117 in attendance, surpassing the record of 150. Color moving pictures were taken at the Presbyterian church. Actual count for the entire Sunday school were not available although estimates indicated a larger attendance than in the past few years.

HHS Band To State Contest On Wednesday

The 20-piece Henderson high school band, directed by W. T. Hearn, will participate in the 17th annual State High School Music Contest and Festival at Winston-Salem, Wednesday, having received an entry of 7.5 in the district championship held in Henderson. The group is planning to leave Henderson at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, traveling by bus.

Contest numbers are "Colonel Bogey March" by Kenneth Alford; "Banner of Seville" by Victor Herbert and "Red and Blue" by Victor Herbert. The band members played at the district contest and will now represent the national district in the state contest. High schools are observed according to their placement with Henderson ranked as follows because of an average of more than 650 students.

After the contest numbers are played, the group will have a picnic lunch at Greensboro before returning to Henderson.

Following that they will participate in a short marching contest, played in 1945, after being allowed only two marches which to look over them. Bands of this contest and the regular contest numbers will be awarded.

At 4:30 o'clock the band will take part in a marching contest, during the required movements by marching and playing in the field.

Grades for band performances are as follows: one, excellent; two, very good; three, good; four, fair and five, poor.

Should the Henderson band come through the state contest with a rating of "one", it will be exempted from the district contest next year and will have to enter only the State contest.

Easter Holiday Passes Quietly

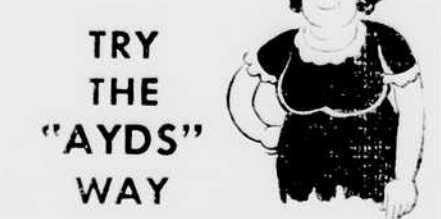
The Easter holiday was observed quietly in the city, with most of the business concerns closing today for an additional holiday.

The business district was closed almost entirely today, with only a few restaurants and service stations open. The post office and also the banks were not open for business. Citizens attended various churches in huge throngs and spent the remainder of the day walking, riding or visiting. The floral shops experienced an unusually heavy rush period over the week-end as evidenced by the many flowers worn yesterday by Easter paraders.

Many from Henderson attended the horse show held at Oxford Recreation park today and sponsored by the Oxford Kiwanis club.

The police department reported only a few arrests during the week-end and the fire department had only one call.

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ROBERT RAGLAND.
Robert Ragland, 511 Lee Ford Street, Henderson, N. C., was honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy Friday at 29 months of that time. He was on sea duty at that time.

AROUND TOWN

SAWDUST FIRE.
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Tar Heel Native Named President Of Lehigh Univ.

Bethlehem, Pa., April 22 — Dr. Martin P. Whitaker, 44-year-old director of the vitally important Clinton Laboratories at Oak Ridge, Tenn., has been named president of Lehigh University and will begin his new duties June 1. Announcement was made today by Eugene G. Grange, president of the University's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Whitaker, who became Lehigh's eighth president since its founding by Asa Packard in 1866, is one of the foremost authorities in the country on nuclear physics and was closely associated with the Atomic Energy Program from its inception. In his position at the Clinton Laboratories he guided the development of plutonium through its early stages and on to its use as an atomic energy source.

Dr. Whitaker, a native of Ellenboro, N. C., received a B. S. degree from Wake Forest college in 1927 and an M. S. degree in physics from the University of North Carolina in 1930. After a period of teaching physics at this university he attended New York university from where he received a Ph.D. in 1935.

ORGANIZED RESERVE BRANCH ESTABLISHED

Headquarters of the North Carolina Military Area, Raleigh, N. C., today announced that Area headquarters for the Organized Reserve Branch, which includes the Officers Reserve Corps and the Enlisted Reserve Corps, has been established in the Insurance Building in Raleigh. This headquarters will handle administration and all records for those members of the Reserve Corps residing in the State of North Carolina.

Three District Headquarters, for the purpose of training in the Reserve Corps, have been set up. They are located in the Post Office Building in Asheville, Post Office Building in Charlotte and in the Insurance Building in Raleigh.

PRECINCT MEETS HELD SATURDAY

Democratic precinct meetings were held Saturday at noon for election of delegates to the county convention to be held Saturday. In addition to these delegates, chairmen in the 12 precincts were elected.

Because of the holiday today, reports from all the precincts were not obtainable and it is hoped that they will be obtained tomorrow.

At the county convention Saturday, 27 delegates and 27 alternates will be selected to attend the State convention in Raleigh on May 2. Recommendations for appointment to membership on the Democratic State Executive committee to the congressional judicial and senatorial committees will also be made.

Baily Succeeds Rosenau.

Chapel Hill, April 22 — Dr. Herman G. Baily, professor of sanitary and municipal engineering in the University of North Carolina, has been appointed Acting Dean of the University School of Public Health, to serve in place of the late Dr. Milton J. Rosenau, dean of the school since 1935, who died early this month.

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