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BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD OPENED HUT LAST NIGHT

Major Vann Preached Sermonette in His Style and Called for Show-down of People's Faith

DR. BURRELL FORMALLY PRESENTED THE BUILDING

Dr. E. W. Sikes, President of Coker College, Made Principal Address in His Inimitable Manner

The hut recently erected by the Baptist Brotherhood on a lot at the back of the church was formally opened last night at eight o'clock, as were also the hungry mouths of about two hundred members of the Brotherhood and invited guests from the other churches of the city.

Everybody seemed to understand that the crowd was hungry, for the act of feeding faces was gracefully and enthusiastically engaged in about the first thing after the men seated themselves at the tables. However, the eating act was happily sandwiched with classical and old time music, among which were such soul-thrilling selections as "Good-bye, My Lover, Good-bye," "Old Time Religion," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "I am A-Climin' up Jacob's Ladder," etc.

The president of the club announced that Mr. Culpepper Sikes would entertain us with a solo entitled "Why don't you call your dog," but the solo was so low that nobody heard it.

Mr. J. C. Sikes, president of the Brotherhood, introduced Mayor J. C. M. Vann in a happy manner and Mr. Vann preached a little sermon, a thing he never did before, as he expressed it, and stated that the best way to show our faith is by our works and made the happy application that the erection of the hut for the development of the social side of church life certainly exemplifies the fact that the Baptists of Monroe believe in carrying out that principle.

Dr. W. K. Burrell, pastor of the church, was called to his feet and in a very appropriate manner he presented the hut to the members of the Brotherhood and stated that it is the fulfillment of a long-cherished purpose in making religion the most human as well as the most divine thing in the world. He declared that while religion deals with things to come, it is also vitally connected with things that are. He made it clear that the purpose behind the erection of this hut is not that it shall be used in a selfish way by the Baptists alone, but that any religious or civic organization of the city is at liberty to use it for any good purpose—that it is to be a community center in the religious and social life of the city. He also stated that as the hut was erected with the idea of brotherhood in view and that nothing but the best of feelings and good will one toward another must enter within its walls, the discussion of politics and theology in the meetings is prohibited, but that the young people will be permitted to court in the building, especially since ministers are always looking for some means of augmenting their incomes.

And he made it clear that as the use of the building had been tendered all the men of the city, the women are also welcome to use it, since manhood always embraces the womanhood.

Dr. Sikes' Speaks

Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker College, Hartsville, S. C., was the principal speaker of the occasion, and it was very fitting that he, a brother of the president of the Brotherhood, should deliver his great message on this glad occasion. "The Program of Christianity" was Dr. Sikes' subject, and he stated in the outset that he was glad to see the walls of formality broken down in these brotherhood meetings and to see the men of the church come together in a human way. He reviewed the "past history" of the church in Monroe and stated that well does he remember the building of the first Baptist church here and that it went up in flames when a bar room next door to it was burned one Saturday night. The speaker discussed the scope, purpose and method of Christianity, declaring that it is world-wide in its scope, that its purpose is to save men and women from themselves and place them on a plane of helping and living for others, and that the method is individual regeneration. He declared that the Christian religion is not intended to put new ideas into people but to put into them new ideals, which they are to strive to attain. He laid down the proposition that the life that Christ lived is one that appeals to everybody of all nationalities—that while He never went as far away from his home town as the distance from here to Wilmington or Atlanta, He touched the world by His mighty example of love and helpfulness. Dr. Sikes declares that the Sermon on the Mount is the great Magna Carta of the Christian life, but that people fail to take it seriously. He closed with the very truthful statement that if we would help ourselves, we must also help somebody else.

The address was a really great one and Dr. Sikes told it in his own inimitable manner.

The hut just completed is in every way suited to the purpose for which it was designed and fills a long-felt need for a place where informal meetings of various kinds may be held and where the social life of the church and community may be developed under wholesome influence, and the members of the Baptist Brotherhood are to be congratulated upon this progressive step. The movement for the erection of such a building was launched about six weeks ago, and Dr. Burrell made especial mention of Messrs. Marion Tucker and

NEW FEATURES POULTRY SHOW FOR NEW EXHIBIT

At Meeting Monday Night C. W. Orton Was Elected Secretary to Succeed W. C. Crowell

The meeting of the Union County Poultry Association on Monday night was featured by the resignation of Secretary Walter C. Crowell, who has filled the post for the past two years in a most satisfactory manner. Mr. Crowell's resignation was accepted by the directors only after he had made it plain that he found it impossible to devote the necessary time to the work. He was given a vote of thanks for his efforts in behalf of the association and the members all expressed their regret at losing his services. C. W. Orton was elected secretary to fill Mr. Crowell's place and will take over the office immediately.

After passing on Mr. Crowell's resignation, a number of proposed changes in the program for next winter's show were discussed. It was decided to stage an auction sale of breeding birds on January 9th, the last day of the show, with some of Monroe's well known poultrymen filling the roll of auctioneer. The association will charge ten per cent commission for selling the birds, which must be sold to the highest bidder without restriction. This sale will enable the farmers of Union county to purchase standard bred stock from reliable breeders at their own price, and will help the breeders to dispose of surplus breeding birds without going to the expense of advertising them.

Membership Thrown Open

The directors acted upon a suggestion to throw open the membership of the association to all residents of Union county for an annual membership fee of \$1.00, such members to enjoy full rights and privileges of the association. Under the old system only stock holders of the Association were members, which prevented many people interested in poultry from joining. It is now possible for every person in Union county interested in the breeding of good poultry to become an active member of the association and have a voice in determining its policy.

The secretary was instructed to have 250 membership cards printed, and the membership committee, composed of T. P. Dillon, chairman, G. B. Caldwell, Dr. S. A. Alexander and S. A. Hudson, was appointed to enroll new members. The association also adopted the resolution instructing the secretary to secure catalogues, price list and literature from the manufacturers of poultry equipment, supplies, remedies, incubators, brooders, egg cases, feed, etc., to be kept on file at the office for the convenience of the members. This will supply a reliable information without loss of time and should render a valuable service.

Secretary Orton reported that he had listed the show dates in the show directory of the leading poultry journals and that he was in communication with the officials of the Partridge Wyandotte Club with a view to securing the annual meeting for the Monroe show. It was decided to hold a regular meeting monthly of the executive board on the second Monday of each month and to proceed as rapidly as possible with the arrangements for next winter's show.

Native of Monroe Honored at University

The University of North Carolina Wednesday conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon David Franklin Houston, born in Monroe, educated at the University of South Carolina and at Harvard, he has made contributions of enduring value to the people of the United States. His guidance of the destinies, in turn, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, the University of Texas and the Washington University of St. Louis was marked by wisdom, sanity and discretion. As secretary of agriculture for seven years under President Wilson's administration, he bore upon unflinching shoulders mighty burdens of the great war, and successfully effectuated the difficult transition in agriculture from war to peace. As secretary of the treasury and through the instrumentality of the federal reserve banking system, he stabilized the nation's stupendous volume of loans and credits, gave fresh fluidity to capital, and lightened the burden of financial incidence. The degree of doctor of laws was also conferred upon Cameron Morrison, governor of North Carolina.

Skies Darkened by Flock of Pigeons

Augusta, Ga., June 10.—The skies were darkened over a wide area at six o'clock this morning when 5,000 carrier pigeons were released on the outskirts of Augusta. The birds were brought here late yesterday in an express car from Baltimore by R. G. Steitz, of the Monumental City Concourse Association, and he handled their release.

Nearly a thousand eggs, laid on the trip to Augusta, were distributed among the hundreds of spectators. The birds are flying to Baltimore a distance of 500 miles.

Randolph Redfean in connection with the rapidity with which it was built and gotten ready for the opening last night.

The ladies who prepared and served the sumptuous supper also deserve much credit for the success of the occasion, and the invited guests from the other churches are enthusiastic in their complimentary remarks on the splendid manner in which the impromptu program was carried out.

Small Child Falls in Sixty-Foot Well on Farm and is Drowned

Margie, Eighteen-Months-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Plyler of the Prospect Community, Climbs Up on Well Curbing and Falls to Her Death Below

Margie, the eighteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Plyler of the Prospect community of Buford township, fell in a sixty-foot well Wednesday afternoon about 6 o'clock and was either killed by the fall or drowned before it could be rescued.

The father and mother of the child together with hired hands were at work in a nearby field and several children had been left at home with Mrs. Jackson Plyler, a neighbor, who went to the field to carry water to the hands at work. The baby with two other small children were left at the house for the few minutes it took Mrs. Plyler to carry the water and when she returned the baby was missing. The father and mother of the child were summoned and a search was instituted and it was soon apprehended that the child must have fallen in the well.

Rance Starnes, one of Mr. Plyler's hands, made an attempt to go down in the well by stepping on rocks with which the well was walled, but they were loose and he could not go down without greatly endangering his own life. It was necessary to send to Monroe for a rope before the body could be extricated from the deep well, when Starnes went down on the rope and fastened it around the body of the child, took it in his arms and was drawn to the top. The child had been in the well for an hour or more and the body had risen to the top of the water when it was reached.

The body and head of the child were badly bruised when it was taken from the well and it is believed that the fall killed the baby before it struck the water.

The well is walled with rock to some distance and it has a brick curb, by the side of which is a horse trough, and it is believed that the child climbed up on the trough and from there on to the curb when it was dashed into eternity.

The child was an unusually bright and attractive one and it is reported that its mother had remarked that she was afraid she would never raise it because it was so unusual. The mother of the child was before her marriage Miss Euna Plyler, daughter of Mr. P. W. Plyler, and she and her husband are well known and have a large number of friends who deeply sympathize with them in their bereavement.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Forbes, pastor of the Prospect church, and the remains were interred in the cemetery at Prospect.

The Story in Detail

Special correspondence received this morning from The Journal's correspondent at Prospect, Mr. F. V. Hinson, gives the following detailed story of the tragedy:

Last Wednesday while the grandmother, Mrs. Jackson Plyler, was gone to the field which was but about two hundred yards from the house, to carry some water to her folks who were hoeing, Margaret, the two-year-old little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Plyler fell into the well at Mr. Jackson Plyler's and was drowned. Mrs. Jackson Plyler had been precarious enough to take the children with her part of the way and had given them spoons with which to play in the dust until she came back. Mrs. Plyler had just gotten to the field with the water when the two little boys, grandchildren of hers whom she is raising, first gave the alarm that "Margie" as she was called had fallen in the well. They are only three years old and were so excited Mrs. Plyler could not understand what they said. By this time however she had missed the little girl. She got them quieted enough to understand them to say, "Margie is in the well."

The child's father and mother were at work in the field close by and when Mrs. Plyler called for help they and their helpers went to her rescue and Mr. Rance Starnes went down into the well until the wall began to give away with him and he was forced to come back out. He got close enough to the child to see it floating on the water. Ropes were procured and Mr. Starnes went back into the well and was successful in bringing the little girl to the top. She had a gash in her forehead and some other bruises about the body which indicates she struck the wall in falling. But she was dead. She had been in the well about two hours.

The tragedy cast a gloom over the community such as it had not experienced in years, and when the lifeless form of the little child who had been so merry and gay just a few moments before, was lifted from the strong arms of a brave young man, strong men wept like children. The scene was too pathetic to describe. It was such a shock the people could not comprehend what had happened.

The little girl was the only child of its parents and their affection for it and devotion to it was almost incomparable. She was an idol for the community for everybody knew her and loved her.

ANDERSON MAN WAS GIVEN A BEATING

Ollie Crompton Taken from Home by Band of Masked Men and Severely Whipped

Anderson, S. C., June 16.—Verification of reports received here that a band of masked men and white robed men, about 30 in number, kidnapped Ollie Crompton, Anderson county farmer, residing near Williston, some 16 miles from Williston, Thursday night, taking him to a point near the boundary line of Anderson and Greenville counties, where it is alleged that he was severely beaten and cautioned by members of the party to cease dealing in whiskey, was made today by Chief of Police E. M. Patterson of Williston.

While it is not definitely known that the men composing the band are members of the Ku Klux Klan, it was reported that they were garbed in the regalia of that order. Information obtained from Williston today is to the effect that the identity of some of the members of the band is known and officers of both this county and the town of Williston are baffled by the procedure of the midnight riders.

The details of the alleged flogging of Crompton and his experience about midnight is more or less obscure, but it was learned that the band composed of about thirty masked and robed men went to the home of Crompton, located one mile east of Williston. In response to a greeting from a member of the band, Crompton is reported to have gone to the front door, then realizing that the men were robed, he retreated through the rear of his home, being caught by several of the men near his home.

The party then proceeded to a point near the Saluda River, arriving at Cooley's Bridge, they came to a halt and Crompton is said to have been taken from one of the cars. The score or more of robed men then formed in a circle and repeated their warnings to Crompton, to cease dealing in liquor. Reports indicate Crompton was given a severe whipping after which he was returned here to his home and the band retreated in the direction of Greenville.

The Presbyterian League of Classes held a picnic yesterday afternoon at Helms' pond. About forty or fifty people of the Sunday school, with Messrs. Walton, Rudge, and Norwood, had supper.

EVEN THE DEVIL HAS SOME GOOD QUALITIES

Social and Personal News From Our Neighbor, Stouts, as Told by Correspondent Prunella

Stouts, June 15.—Miss Kate Haywood entertained a number of her friends with a lawn party Saturday night. Games were played on the lawn and an enjoyable evening was spent by all. The girls present wore: Misses Verla and Alice Hayes, Ora and Artie Hargette, Belle Wentz, Mae Faulks, and Kate Haywood. The boys were: Messrs. Bank and Reid Funderburk, Carl, Dowd, and Walter Helms, Bartley and Joe Harkey, Exam and Clarence Haywood, John and Clarence Conder, Roy Faulks, Wiley Yandle, Henry Eason, Thomas Garrison, Frank Vickory, Tom Kendall, Clifford Hargett, Clayton Crowell, Lonnie Watkins, Clyde Hayes, Vance Wentz, and Mr. and Mrs. Y. T. Garrison.

Messrs. Clyde and Jim Ritch, and Mr. Murphy Conder of Charlotte spent Saturday night and Sunday at home.

The following are on the sick list this week: Mrs. T. S. Boyd, Miss Lena Yandle, and the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Varnon Yandle.

Mrs. Ellen Hargett of Charlotte is visiting relatives here.

Master Willie Sutton of Charlotte is spending some time with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sutton.

Miss Belle Wentz spent Saturday night with Miss Ora Belle Hargett.

I have just read an interesting editorial in the Times-Democrat entitled "They Say." It goes on to tell what a detestable lot the "they say-ers" are. I wholly agree with the editor but let me relate a little story I once heard of an old lady who was noted for her way in speaking good things about people. There was one of her women friends who had so much faith in her she said, "I'll bet she would say something good about the devil." Her other friends thought surely not of him, so one day they spoke of the old lady said, "Well," the old lady said, "he is persevering."

Your scribe spent Wednesday night with Miss Kathleen Moser.

Mrs. Bessie Turner and children of the Antioch community visited her mother, Mrs. J. W. Ouberly Sunday.

Miss Ethel Conder is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. A. Rushing this week. We deeply regret to learn of the tragic death of Mr. Horace House's baby. He was once our neighbor and he has our deepest sympathy.

I would appreciate my friends calling me when they have any news of interest. My telephone is 40 Indian Trail.—Prunella.

News From Route Six, Monroe

Monroe, Rt. 6.—June 15.—Mr. Ray Helms, of Charlotte, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Helms, Sunday.

Mrs. Eva Alexander of Wesley Chapel, spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Miss Otta Pressley. Mr. J. E. Wentz and family spent Saturday with the former's mother, Mrs. Ida Wentz.

Mrs. Mary Lee Helms spent Saturday with Miss Delphia Dees.

Messrs. Dewie and Robert Yandle of Charlotte visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Annie Polk is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lyod Baucom of near Matthews.

Born June 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pressley, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McClellan, of Charlotte, visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Bert Yandle, of Stouts, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. J. K. Polk.

Mr. Vance Wentz spent Sunday with his cousin, Mr. Otto Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Heims received a telegram from their son, Hoyt, stating that he was in Texas, and was very ill and being unable to work would be home in a few days.

Miss Ada Burnett spent Sunday with Messrs. Margaret and Beulah Polk.

Star of "The Bachelor Daddy" Authority on Care of Kids

Between scenes for his latest Paramount picture, "The Bachelor Daddy," Thomas Melghan diligently read Holt on the care of children. In this new picture, which comes to the Strand theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, he is the custodian of five lively youngsters, and between registering for the camera and keeping the kids in a good humor, the genial star had his hands full.

By the time the picture was finished Mr. Melghan had compiled the following rules for the care of children. Holt notwithstanding:

- 1.—A cuckoo clock is the best pacifier.
- 2.—Never try to wash little Johnny's neck unless you have a supply of candy as a "persuader."
- 3.—When children are taken on a Pullman car one should always have an encyclopaedia handy to answer all questions.
- 4.—When at dinner in a dining car, children should be given free rein, for any attempt to cramp their style is sure to result disastrously.
- 5.—Never leave children alone on a motion picture set if you expect it to remain the same.
- 6.—Don't you have guests for dinner? Don't leave the children alone in a nursery, for there is sure to be a riot which will not only disturb you but your friends, Letrice Jay who was here in "Saturday Night" and other Paramount pictures is Mr. Melghan's leading woman.

When some good people get to Heaven and find no wicked neighbor to talk about, they are going to be very unhappy.

EFFORT ON FOOT FOR HIGH SCHOOL IN EACH TOWNSHIP

Board Education Rules That Every High School Student Must Have Chance to Attend Free

SEVERAL HIGH SCHOOLS ENTER ACCREDITED LIST

Has Lenz Been Dream of Superintendent Funderburk to See Such Conditions Obtained in the County

At a recent meeting of the county board of education it was ordered that any student in the county who graduates from a grammar grade school may attend some high school in the county without tuition charges, any extra expense incurred by such attendance to be borne by the county board of education. The dream of County Superintendent Ray Funderburk and the board of education is to have a high school in every township in the county at some near future date, and the probability is that their dream will be realized, which would give practically every boy and girl in the county an opportunity to secure high school training.

Monroe township, it is believed can be successfully taken care of by the high school in Monroe and Wingate, which are standard accredited schools.

Marshville high school will enter the accredited list this year, and the addition of a new auditorium and extra class rooms which are now under construction will provide ample room for all the high school students of Marshville township, for the present at least.

An effort is being made to make Unionville a standard accredited school, which will provide for the students of Goose Creek township in a satisfactory manner, Unionville being at present a very good high school.

Union, in Lanes Creek township, has a splendid building with four class rooms, and two more will be provided by placing slide doors in a part of the auditorium, which was, before the completion of the Monroe high school building, the largest school auditorium in the county. Plans are on foot to make Union a junior high school, to take care of the students of Lanes Creek township.

A new auditorium and extra class rooms are being constructed at Waxhaw and that school will this year be made an accredited standard high school, which will provide accommodation for the Jackson high school students.

Wesley Chapel, in Sandy Ridge township, is recognized as a good high school and students from all over the township may attend there free of charge.

The building at Prospect, in Buford township, is inadequate but a proposition is now on foot to issue bonds and build an adequate brick structure for a standard accredited school in that township.

Indian Trail, in Vance township, is rapidly raising its standard and will be made a good high school for students of that section.

The contract will be let tomorrow for a modern brick building with eight class rooms and a large auditorium in Benton Heights. This school lot contains four acres and the school will be a junior high school with privileges of sending higher grade students to the Monroe high school. The Benton Heights building will be duplicated at Indian Trail which will give that school ample room.

At Mineral Springs there is a five-acre lot on which a six-room brick building has already been erected and this school is expected to develop into a standard high school.

Thus every township in the county will be provided with a high school, with the exception of New Salem, and are in that township will doubtless be built soon at Olive Branch or some other convenient location.

All other schools in the county will be conducted as strictly grammar grade schools, which will be provided with good, first-grade teachers. The year past the number of second grade teachers in the county was reduced from fifty to eight, and it is the purpose of Mr. Funderburk to eliminate all second-grade teachers this year preferably by inducing them to attend summer schools and get their certificates raised.

Man Kills Brother While Litter Held Babe in Arms

Anderson, S. C., June 13.—While standing in the yard of the home of his parents and holding a sleeping infant in his arms, Peter Shaw, 36, was shot and killed this morning by his brother, Eugene Shaw.

A dispute over a settlement of some kind, according to the aged mother of the two men, led up to the shooting. Reed Shaw, another brother, was present and fired several shots at Eugene Shaw as he ran through the yard after the shooting.

Testifying before the coroner's inquest this morning, Reed Shaw said that he told his brother not to shoot, saying he might hit the baby. His brother replied, "—em, let them dis together."

Eugene Shaw was arrested at Belton by county officers after he had telephoned that he was waiting there. At the jail it was found that he was suffering from one bullet wound in the head, a scalp wound which, though painful, did not seem likely to be serious.

Peter Shaw is survived by his widow and three small children.

There are lots of vacant pieces in jail that should be filled.