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## EASTER BRINGS UP MEMORIES OF QUANT OLD DAYS

### The Old Country Church of Girlhood Comes Up With All Its Surroundings

### LOOK AT THE FLOWERS, EVEN IN HOGAN'S ALLEY

By Mrs. Knox-Wolfe-Hargett

It is sad at this time, when the world is so glad and beautiful to chronicle the death of two of our most beloved members of Central Methodist church. Just as decorations for the churches everywhere were being planned in the way of sweet lilies, pretty ferns and hyacinths from hot houses brought out, and everybody's heart full of joy and gladness in commemorating the blessed Easter tide, these two inveterate workers in God's vineyard left us, for Jesus came and took them to spend Easter in Paradise. Both of these, Messrs. W. H. Phifer, and Clarence Laney, were known to be music lovers, and just think what a joy it would be for their souls to join in the thunderous roar of God's mighty orchestra in heaven on Sunday. Others have gone from our choir and church here in the past, and we feel that these will be rejoicing there among them all in praising God for his salvation. "I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps; and they sang as it were a new song before the throne." They may be permitted to look back on us, we do not know. Longfellow said:

"Through the open doors,  
The harmless phantoms on their errands glide  
With feet that make no sound upon the floors.  
We meet them at the doorway, on the stair,  
Along the passages they come and go—  
A sense of something moving to and fro."

### Easter Has Come Again

Yes Easter has come again. The same spirit and feeling is penetrating us that we had Christmas. Christmas without an Easter? why it would be like the Old Testament without the New. Easter preparations commence under the soil. The crocus peeps out, then the daffodils and violets begin to push up, and decide to open their beautiful colors to the sun. Oh, the flowers everywhere! On the altars, the windows, the pulpit, and on madly's bonnet. Christ loved the lilies; at least he spoke more about this flower than any other, and flowers are as much a part of the Easter program as the music, and Luke's beautiful story of this event.

Later on our town will fairly glow with beautiful flowers. My new pastor said last year that he had never seen so many fine roses anywhere. On Houston street, north, the roses just seem to vie in giving their offerings to spring. Then go up South Main, on around to Hayne and down Washington, and out Lancaster and Wadesboro avenues, over to Windsor, Franklin and Jefferson streets, where purple wisteria, Dorothy Perkins and crimson ramblers are in a tangle all over trellises, fences, and porches. We find too the Paul Neron, a regal rose, above its fellows in size and color. Red japonicas, cape jasmines, and the dear old Washington rose that never knows when to give up blooming, but lets Jack Frost catch him every time; tenacious, like its name-sake who lived to old age.

If you want to, you can come on to Hogan's Alley; we have peach blossoms, lovely to behold, with showers of petals at every wind's breath, blowing riotously here and yonder, reminding one of fair sweet girls when robed in pink and shimmering crepe. All the life and stir of bloom and song bespeak the bursting forth of new life, and the resurrection. The symbol of Bunny for Easter is extensively carried out.

The children jump in glee as they pass in view before this long-cared, and independent-looking little animal, standing erect sometimes, sometimes in a listening attitude, and at all times he seems to be posing for childhood's delight. A basket of roses in his mouth, candy inside his back, pushing a cart of Dr. McGregor's greens in another, and Bunny ticks every Easter, and is ungracious to them, for he steps all over them to push his way to the front. All these little early objects are to impress the children as to the bursting forth of Christ from the tomb, and bringing to the world new life, and new hope. We heard Fiska quartet (colored) on the Victrola not long since, in an Easter song. It was characteristic, and while simple, it was impressive, in these touching words:

"Lord help me to be more faithful in this world,  
In that great cotten up morning,  
We'll face another sun,  
Lord help me to be more faithful in this world."

Away Back at the Old Church

Easter was not observed in the country churches as I was being brought up. But we had good Sunday schools, good enough for little folks, I don't know what about the larger ones. Sweet spring and summer Sabbaths we go rambling in memory back to the white wooden church among the big oaks. I can see that grove,—yes even to the small

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## FORD SALES IN FEBRUARY SMASHED ALL RECORDS

Detroit, Mich., Mch. 29.—With 116,080 Ford cars sold at retail in February, a new record for the shortest month in the year has been established. February sales exceeded those of January by more than 15,000 and marked the eleventh month in which Ford sales have topped the 100,000 line.

This sales record bears out predictions made at the opening of the year that an acute shortage in Ford cars is certain and this shortage is expected to be felt within the next two months with the increased volume of car buying which is always attendant upon the spring months.

Even the high production schedule set at the Ford Motor Company's factory here, which will reach 6,000 cars and trucks a day about April 1, will be unable to meet the apparent demand for Ford products.

Anticipating a great increase in the demand for Ford cars during the present year the factory here laid plans for increasing production to the 6,000 car a day schedule and since January first had been constantly speeding up manufacture to reach this figure. Demand so far has been of such great proportions as to absorb nearly all production, and stocks in hands of dealers are at present the lowest they have been in months.

February sales of 116,000 cars were made in the face of unfavorable weather conditions in many sections of the country which tied up freight traffic and prevented many deliveries. This was particularly true throughout the Northwest, the northern tier of states are in New England. In California, too cold weather during a part of the month had its effects upon car sales.

Yet with even these unfavorable conditions, the February sales topped those of January by 15 per cent and set a new high record for mid-winter selling.

With February the eleventh month in which Ford car sales have gone over the 100,000, the total for this period is close to 1,250,000 cars.

Peak car sales usually are reached during the summer months with drops in the fall and winter. This feature of automobile absorption by the buying public has been completely changed during the last few months through the activities of the Ford dealer organization which has raised the "peak" line to include every month in the year.

## Cedar Grove News

Monroe, Rt. 3, Mch. 28.—Miss Mattie Bivens of Charlotte has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Bivens.

Mrs. Pearl Collins is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Braswell.

Mrs. Queen Medlin, and Mr. and Mrs. George Medlin of Marshville visited their uncle, Mr. J. W. Chaney on Monday afternoon. Also Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Griffin were recent visitors at Mr. Chaney's.

Mr. Amos McManus of Brief spent Friday night in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rufus Bivens.

Mrs. Frank Chaney and children were week-end visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Faulkner, of Monroe.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mrs. Emeline Baucum. We hope she may soon recover.

We are glad to know that Mr. J. W. Chaney is recovering from a fall which he sustained sometime ago.

Mr. Eustace Taylor of Stanfield visited his brother, Mr. W. H. Taylor on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCollum made a short visit to Marshville last week.

Mrs. Alex Tomberlin spent several days with her father, Mr. McRorie, near Unionville.

## ELVEN SAFETY RULES TO PASTE ON WIND SHIELDS

1. Respect the rights of pedestrians.
2. Cheerfully obey the traffic officer. He protects you as well as pedestrians.
3. Keep to the right of the road.
4. When turning begin bearing in toward turn at least a block away.
5. Go slowly around corners.
6. Give pedestrians plenty of room. If in doubt, stop.
7. Mutual forbearance and courtesy make friends.
8. Read the motor vehicle law and traffic regulations.
9. On slippery roads drive with extreme caution.
10. A child on the highway is a danger signal. Slow up and if in doubt, stop.
11. Reckless drivers are the enemies of all careful motorists.

## To the Voters of Ward Five

Elsewhere in this paper will be found my announcement for alderman from Ward Five. I have agreed to run for this position because a number of my friends have asked me to do so. I am no politician and have never run for office, but if a sufficient number vote for me I will do the best I can to fill the position creditably.—Vann Funderburk.

There is a story of a dusky lady, narrated by Mac in the Rock Island "Argus," who went into a drug store and asked for a cent's worth of insect powder.

"But that isn't enough to wrap up," objected the drug clerk.

"Yes," exclaimed the dark lady, "I ain't asked you to wrap it up. Jes blow it down my back."

## BAPTIST WOMEN MEET NEXT IN GOLDSBORO

Durham, March 29.—The State Baptist Woman's Missionary Union convention, which has been in session in the First Baptist church of this city since Tuesday night, closed this evening one of the very best sessions in its history, the registration ran up close to 800. This does not include scores of visitors who did not register. Clear skies all the way through contributed to the large attendance.

Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, Raleigh, heads the organization again for the incoming year. The next session will be held in Goldsboro the first week in April, 1924. The other officers selected are: Vice president, Greensboro division, Mrs. W. M. Buck, Burlington; Elizabeth City division, Mrs. F. G. Battle, New Bern; Wilmington division, Miss Mary Cox, Magnolia; Charlotte division, Mrs. T. B. Henry, Wadesboro; Asheville division, Mrs. C. A. Klutz, Asheville; corresponding secretary and mission study superintendent, Miss Mary Warren, Raleigh; recording secretary, Mrs. J. D. Boushell, Raleigh; secretary young women's auxiliaries; junior superintendent, Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, Raleigh.

The hospitality of the Durham ladies has been unstinted and most cordial. The visitors were given a trip to Chapel Hill Thursday afternoon. Many other courtesies have been extended.

Beautiful tributes were paid to two honored former officers of the convention, Dr. Blanche Josephine Barrus, for five years the corresponding secretary, who died in November, 1922, and Mrs. Mary Applegate Killian, for 16 years a member of the executive committee, who died at her home in Newton January 12, 1923. A beautiful wreath of flowers was presented by the Charlotte division, of which she was a member, and was sent to her husband, J. Y. Killian, of Newton, to be placed on her grave.

The pageant, "The Spirit of Christ" given by alumnae of the Louisville Training School, as the closing scene of the convention, was written by Miss Martha Sizemore, Goldsboro, who took the leading part in the play, representing "The Spirit of Christ." The two other leading characters were Miss Mary Warren, Raleigh, representing America, and Mrs. Carter, Winston-Salem, representing the spirit of the missionaries.

One of the features of the evening session was the presentation of four returned missionaries, Mrs. John Anderson, China; Miss Cora Caudle, Africa; Mrs. D. W. Herrin, China, who conducted the opening services Thursday morning, giving a very inspiring talk on "Prayer," and Mrs. Milton L. Braun, China, who sang very effectively "The Old Rugged Cross."

## MUST STOP BEFORE CROSSING R. R. TRACK

Raleigh, March 29.—Wholesale erection of new railway crossing signs will be required of the railroads prior to July 1, the date on which the new "Stop, Look and Listen" law, enacted by the late general assembly, becomes effective. The law directs every motor vehicle to stop before proceeding over a grade crossing, and it directs the railroads to erect signs "40 by 50 inches," painted red and calling attention to the "North Carolina Stop Law," these to be placed 100 feet from each crossing.

Meanwhile the state highway commission is working at top speed to eliminate as many grade crossings as practicable. Hundreds of crossings already have been done away with and many more will go as road beds are shifted from one side of a main line to another of a crossing is shifted to a cut where a bridge may be constructed or to a fill where an underpass may be provided.

The "Stop, Look and Listen" law was the result of several bills introduced in the general assembly aimed at the elimination of the many possibilities of fatal accidents at railroad crossings. One bill was introduced by Senator Rivers Johnson after he had witnessed a fatal accident near Goldsboro while coming to Raleigh to attend the sessions after a week end visit to his home in Duplin county. His bill failed to pass but his championship of the "Stop, Look and Listen" measure proved extraordinarily effective. His relation of the Goldsboro accident made the senate "sit up and take notice," as it were.

The new law places obligations upon both the public and the railroads. The roads are forced to erect the new regulation signs which will be so placed as to catch the eye of a passing motorist. This requirement will call for the expenditure of thousands of dollars by the railways. The motorist is required to stop at a distance not exceeding 50 feet from the nearest rail at a grade crossing. Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$10 or imprisonment of 10 days, or both.

The law specifies that its provisions shall not justify the allegation of contributory negligence in actions for damages against the railroads as the result of accidents at crossings.

## REPORT THAT MIDLAND WILL HAVE COTTON MILL

Brief, March 29.—It now seems as if Brief will become important because of its close proximity to Midland, which is about to succeed in landing a big cotton mill from the North, the capital of which will be eight million dollars. Though it sounds at first like a fairy story, we are hoping it will become in reality a success. Fifteen thousand dollars and 300 acres of land have been placed upon the altar as an inducement.

Mr. Mood Dorton suffered a severe attack of ptomaine poison last week. It was caused by eating canned tomatoes.

Prof. and Mrs. T. B. Hunneycutt spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Albemarle.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morgan of Stanfield visited Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Clontz last week.

Mr. J. E. Morgan, who moved his family from here to Stanfield in the fall of 1921, is moving back to his old home.

Mr. J. T. Hartsell and son, John, visited relatives in Concord recently.

Mr. Paul Barrier of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with friends here.

Dr. Hugh McManus of Matthews spent Sunday afternoon with his father, A. W. McManus.

Goose Creek is now being served by a cooperative milk truck which makes daily rounds gathering the farmers' milk for the Charlotte market. Although it is private property, it is operated cooperatively and is giving thorough satisfaction to its patrons. It is owned and operated by Mr. R. B. Polk. Since Mr. Polk placed his truck on the route, a number of farmers through here have been increasing their milk herd. The milk is merely strained into the can, then placed on the market. Hence the separator and churn are no longer a necessity, besides that extra labor which goes in to boot.

I want to suggest that every effort possible be used to prevent that little "purp" or "dog" (whichever it is) O. Henry of Stouts from ever being lost again.

## MEETINGS WITH POULTRY EXPERT

Mr. Allen G. Oliver, poultry specialist, will be in the county next week to give demonstrations in culling and to give information as to the care of poultry. Meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, April 3rd, at Prospect, 3:30 p. m.; Wednesday, April 4, at the farm of T. K. Helms, Lanes Creek township, and at the farm of L. M. Boone, near Smyrna church, at 3:30 p. m.; Thursday, April 5th, at the farm of W. M. Holmes, Marshville township, at 10 a. m.; at the farm of J. M. Lowery, Wingate, at 1 p. m., and at the farm of E. N. Bivens, Faulks school house, at 3:30 p. m.; Friday, April 6th, at the farm of J. B. Williams, New Salem township, at 10 a. m., and at the farm of S. D. Outen, near Unionville, at 3:30 p. m.

Methods of marketing poultry and poultry products will be discussed with a view to improving the marketing facilities. Every one is invited.

T. J. W. BROOM.

## PERSONAL ITEMS OF MILL GROVE SECTION

Mr. S. C. Foard who has been on the sick list for the last week is able to be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Louise Helms of Union Grove went to Concord Sunday to see Mr. Helm's brother who is rich sick.

Mrs. Lee Yandle and daughter, Miss Annie Lee, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ormand Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Helms of Unionville were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Byron Monday.

Mr. G. H. Helms of Charlotte is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester Helms this week.

Mr. L. W. Wentz of Charlotte is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wentz of Mill Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Helms were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Helms Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. B. Simpson and Miss Fannie Mae Simpson visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Funderburk Tuesday.

Miss Lona Ormand was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ormand Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rowell spent Tuesday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rowell.

Miss Fannie Mae Simpson was the guest of Misses Bettie and Ruby Funderburk Tuesday.

Mr. Roy Helms of Clear Creek spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Helms of Union Grove.

It was William's wedding morn, but alas he overslept himself. When at last he awoke he dressed hurriedly, and hastened to the station to find that his train had gone. There was not another for an hour.

Frantically he hurried to the telegraph office and wired to the bride: "Detained. Don't marry till I come."

A little boy wrote in his diary: "Got up at seven. Went to bed at eight." His teacher suggested that "Rose at seven" would sound better, would, in fact, "be quite elegant." So the child erased the entry and briefly chronicled: "Rose at seven. Set at eight."

Eight pounds of good red clover seed sown with a grain drill will give a better stand than 15 pounds sown by hand.

## JUNIOR COLLEGE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED

Mrs. Harrell Calls on Mr. Beach, Who Though Not Busy Tells Much

WINGATE COLLEGE BIG THING FOR THIS SECTION

By Mrs. Lina Covington Harrell

Marshville, March 29.—The establishment of a junior college at Wingate in connection with the present high school there, is a matter of importance, educationally and otherwise, to Union county. The enthusiasm which the Wingate people naturally feel over the prospect is gradually spreading to the adjoining towns as more definite plans are made and circulated, so one day this week I drove to Wingate to get some first-hand information from Mr. C. M. Beach, who has the work in charge, and will be the first president of the Wingate Junior College. I found Mr. Beach in the midst of some half-dozen things all requiring immediate attention.

"Are you busy?" called the one who was with me, as Mr. Beach extracted himself from his duties and came toward our car.

"Oh, no; never was!" he replied good-naturedly.

There was a Sunday school convention in the church next door, which Mr. Beach was supposed to open just at the hour we arrived; Mrs. Beach was leaving in a few minutes for the Durham convention and must be gotten to her train on time; a man stood on the porch waiting for a word about something, and there I was wanting to ask questions about the junior college. I leave it to you as to whether Mr. Beach is ever busy!

Begins to Tell It

But in a very short time he had cleared the deck, and was ready to give me his attention.

"This is a splendid thing you have under way up here. When did it begin to take shape?" I asked.

"Well it was evident years ago that it should be done," said Mr. Beach. "But for the past two years I have been putting concentrated effort on the matter. I saw it was necessary if the Wingate school would live. In canvassing for students I realized that we had to have more to offer than a high school course; their own schools could offer that. Then there was no reason why the Wingate school should not become the junior college for the Baptist denomination in this section. Mars Hill is our stronghold in western Carolina, and there is a possibility of a junior college being established at New Bern to represent us in the eastern section. Therefore Wingate is the logical point for the Piedmont college. We are thinking of naming our magazine "The Piedmont."

All Teachers But One Selected

"Have you secured your faculty for next year?" I asked.

"All but one, and that one will likely be signed up this week." From the look of satisfaction that accompanied this statement I knew that a very difficult task had been accomplished in a highly pleasing manner. I wanted to be told about it.

"Miss Claudia Stephenson will have charge of our music department. She taught at Chowan several years ago, and from what I hear of her she must be a very remarkable woman. Those who know her have assured me that we have been exceedingly fortunate in getting her. All the teachers who have taught with her give her the very highest praise both as a teacher and as a woman. In fact I have never heard a teacher spoken of more highly than Miss Stephenson. She is a cousin of Judge Gilbert Stephenson."

"What new courses are to be added?" I further inquired.

"For one we are to give a special three years course in education and teacher training. This will be under the direction of Prof. W. O. Kelly of Clayton. He has an M. A. Degree from Wake Forest, and the faculty of that college told me that he was the best available Wake Forest man we could get for the place. Mr. Kelly will also teach math.

To Stress Athletics

"Then of course we expect to stress athletics more than we have been doing. We have a man from Georgia—Carl E. Lancaster of Mount Airy, Ga., who is a graduate of Mercer University, and was captain of the football team there last year—to take charge of our athletics, and also to teach high school English. The president of Mercer wrote me that if we could get Carl Lancaster we would have a man whose fine Christian character and ability to teach any high school subject, as well as his ability as an athletic coach would be a combination invaluable to our school.

"We expect to enlarge our science department and have a well equipped laboratory. Prof. R. E. Poplin will continue to have charge of that.

"Members of the present faculty to be retained are Prof. C. C. Burrus, Latin; Miss Rosa Futrell, history and librarian; Prof. Poplin, science; Mrs. Beach will teach algebra, and I shall teach high school and college Bible. We have yet to secure a teacher for college French and English. In talking it over the board decided that though it would cost a lot of money, they thought it best to get a faculty that would be able to meet any requirements.

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## Plyer Mill News

Mineral Springs, Rt. 1, Mch 29.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Starnes spent Sunday with Mrs. J. V. Doster. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Threatt were also the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doster Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Montgomery visited Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Melton of Lancaster last Sunday.

Mr. G. W. Belk and Mr. C. H. Hinson went to Lancaster last Monday on business.

Mr. G. W. Montgomery and Mr. J. R. Montgomery went to Charlotte last Friday on business and were caught in the hail near Providence church.

Mr. J. L. Montgomery is recovering from a severe attack of throat trouble.

Mr. Barney Montgomery and Mr. H. C. Montgomery visited Mr. and Mrs. Q. L. Canthen of New Hope community.

All members of Mt. Zion church are requested to meet Saturday, 31st at twelve o'clock to clean off the church grounds.

Plyer Mill community is one of the best in the state but has some of the best liars of the world.

Whippoorwills have begun to halter and the Plyer Mill farmers have begun to plow.

## MONROE MOURNS LANDMARK

(Charlotte Observer.)

The town of Monroe has lost what is regarded by home folks and outsiders acquainted with Monroe history, as its best personal asset, in the passing of Mr. W. H. Phifer. He was for years fondly referred to as "Uncle Billy," and he would regard the use of that characterization in this connection no disrespect. He was a member of what is popularly spoken of as "the boys' brigade," at the outbreak of the war between the States, and though he lived to be 80 years of age, he remained a member of the boys' brigade, so far as youthfulness of spirits went. He was a layman, but in his later years he was as active in church work as the most active preacher in the community. He was especially a promoter of Sunday school interests and was of earnest application as a Bible leader. On the occasion of his 79th birthday, The Monroe Journal, at the close of an appreciative editorial, gave him this message on behalf of the community: "You have been a blessing to us; we love you." And it was in knowledge of community appreciation of this sort, that Uncle Billy passed on to his reward.

Notice Regarding Seed

We have placed orders for over thirteen hundred bushels of Mexican Big Boll cotton seed. Two hundred and twenty-five of these seed have been delivered. Five hundred bushels are now ready for delivery. These seed are at Fowler & Lee's stables, and we will be there Saturday and Monday for the purpose of making deliveries to all farmers who call for their seed as long as they last. We are expecting new arrivals of seed every day. If you are in town Saturday or Monday, and have placed an order for seed, you can perhaps get yours.

T. J. W. BROOM.

## FOR ALDERMAN

I hereby announce myself a candidate for alderman from Ward Five, subject to the Democratic primary.

VANN FUNDERBURK.