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DR. BELK ON CHRIST AS GREAT TEACHER

First Sermon of His Childhood and Others to Follow During Week at Camp Meeting

By L. E. Huggins
Announcing that his morning discourses throughout the week's meeting at Pleasant Grove camp ground would be along the line of "Christ as a Great Teacher," Dr. S. R. Belk of Atlanta delivered his opening sermon Wednesday morning to a large crowd on "The Boyhood of Christ," a subject perhaps never before handled in Union county, because of the fact that the Bible gives very little of the boyhood life of Christ.

Dr. Belk preached what might be termed an imaginary sermon, drawing his conclusions of the kind of life Christ lived during his boyhood days from the character of his life after reaching his maturity. He declared that the only thing necessary to arrive at a correct conclusion as to the kind of life the Great Teacher lived during his boyhood days is to minimize his life in after years—that a perfect boy always makes a perfect man.

Upon this proposition, Dr. Belk founded a wonderful sermon to parents, urging careful and prayerful training of the youth of the land. He touched strongly upon heredity and made the statement that a strong man or woman must have a strong parentage, that moral stamina is handed down from father to son and from mother to daughter. He pictured Mary, mother of Jesus, as a beautiful christian character who was brought up in the Temple of God and dedicated in early life. He believes that Jesus' mother taught him and that her only text books were the Scriptures and Nature, two of the most wonderful studies we have today. He thinks Christ's early training served to fit him for the arduous duties of after life, and he laid down the proposition that the church, the Sunday school and the christian home of today should be such as to make adult conversation unnecessary.

Dr. Belk believes that the possibilities of the properly-trained child are unlimited, and clinched his idea with the unique statement that a child should be the tadpole of an archangel. In his treatment of the effect of the Scriptures and the Book of Nature upon the young life of the nation, Dr. Belk declared that when God wants to make a preacher he usually has to leave the great centers of commerce and go into the rural sections where boys are reared in christian homes, close to Nature. "Christ," he said, "once went to school and when asked by his teacher if he had ever been before, the answer was in the negative, but when the child was asked the first letter of the Greek alphabet he answered so intelligently that the teacher soon discovered that he knew more than his teacher and was sent home.

Dr. Belk imagines that Christ gathered flowers for his mother, studied weather signs, and did the things the ordinary boy does, and he recited lesson after lesson that he used after entering upon his ministry to prove what the boy Christ had learned during his boyhood days.

He made a powerful appeal for the old time christian home and the proper training of children, and declared that the boys who are to wear stripes and the girls who shall enter upon lives of prostitution are not to be found in christian homes where the Bible is properly taught.

The opening prayer Wednesday morning was offered by Dr. C. C. Weaver of Monroe, and Rev. M. Crowder, the pastor, announced that no dogs would be allowed to run loose on the camp ground and that all games must stop when the horn blows for services, which will be held at 9 and 11 o'clock a. m. and 3 and 5 o'clock p. m.

There are from forty to fifty tents on the grounds and large crowds are going and coming all the time.

News From Sardin Community

Mr. Rufus Boyd and sister, Miss Elizabeth Boyd, are visiting their uncle, Mr. Davis Boyd, at Clover, S. C. Miss Kate Thompson, who has been seriously sick, is improving, but slowly.

Messrs. Chas. Costner, Oliver Armstrong and Miss Ida Boyd, all of Clover, S. C. were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Boyd.

We are very sorry that our friend Mrs. D. T. Stackleather is on the sick list this week.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of little Carl Polk, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Polk, who died in Charlotte Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Polk formerly lived here. We extend to them our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Watkins and children spent Sunday in the home of Mr. Calvin Mills of Goose Creek.

Miss Josephine Wentz is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. W. C. McRorie who is right sick. We wish for Mrs. McRorie a speedy recovery.

THREE MEN KILLED IN TERRIFIC AUTO CRASH

Elizabeth City, Aug. 15. — Three men were killed early today in an automobile accident on the Weeksville turnpike, four miles from Elizabeth City. They were:

Joe Abbot, of Portsmouth, Va., Joe Barrett of Edenton; John Seymour of Elizabeth City.

The automobile in which they were riding skidded, went into a ditch, struck a tree and turned over. Barrett was killed instantly. Abbot's neck was broken and he died on the way to an Elizabeth City hospital. Seymour's skull was fractured and he died in the hospital here.

The automobile, a roadster, was owned and operated by Julian Newbern, a produce dealer of Elizabeth City. The only other passenger was Wallace Miller, also of Elizabeth City. Miller was thrown 40 feet, landing in soft ground and although dazed, apparently suffered no serious injury. Newbern has injuries to the chest. Both he and Miller are in the hospital.

Abbot was captain of the Elizabeth City baseball team and Barrett was manager of the same team. Seymour was a machinist.

THE NINETY-FIRST BIRTHDAY OF MRS PRICE OBSERVED

Unionville, Aug. 16.—A most remarkable reunion was held at Mr. D. A. Price's Tuesday of this week when all of the children and a number of the grandchildren of Mrs. Sara Price, wife of the late Mr. Mack Price, met together to celebrate her ninety-first birthday. Mrs. Price was reared in this community and lived here until for the past year or two when she has been living with her daughter, Mrs. D. T. Boger of Rockwell. Mrs. Price is a fine lady and has reared a splendid family who are known throughout the state. Her children were all present. They are: Messrs. D. A. Price, N. C. Price, and Mrs. Collie Smith and Mrs. E. J. Griffin of Unionville, Mr. Bob Price of Albemarle, Mrs. D. T. Boger of Rockwell, Mrs. Aron Little of Charlotte, and Mrs. A. A. Secrest of Monroe.

Besides her children others present were: Dr. D. T. Boger and family of Rockwell, Mr. A. A. Secrest and family, Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Boger of Charlotte, Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Huggins of Weddington, Dr. W. M. Love of Unionville, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Vann Secrest, Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ged Price, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Secrest, and Mr. and Mrs. Tip Helms, all of Monroe; Mrs. Boyce Hallman from Marshville, Mrs. Brice Williams of South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Clontz of Rockwell, and others. They had a most enjoyable time, and were wishing for Mrs. Price many more such happy occasions.

Miss Ethel Davis spent last week-end at her home near Mineral Springs. Little Miss Atlas Mozelle Yeargin celebrated her sixth birthday Monday by having a number of her little friends at a birthday party.

Miss Mary Griffin visited her brother in Monroe last week-end.

Miss Clara Purser spent last week in Lexington with her brother, Mr. Roy Purser who accompanied her home and is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Purser.

Mrs. George Hill of Hamlet has returned home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Collie Smith.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Pistol of Portsmouth who are visiting relatives here has been right sick with typhoid fever, but is better.

Miss Alice Ratcliff, one of our teachers, spent last week-end at her home near Fitzah.

Mr. Wilbur Stamey of Greensboro has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Henry Brooks.

School Days, School Days, Dear Old Golden Rule Days

At nine o'clock on Monday, September 3rd, the city schools begin the session of 1923-24—a session which the trustees and the superintendent expect to be high water mark in the school history of Monroe. Only a few changes have been made in the faculty. It was felt that the teachers of last year were of such high standard that most of them were retained. The faculty for this term is:

Mr. S. G. Hawfield, superintendent; Mr. Arthur G. Cuthbertson, principal of high school; Mr. Beemer Harrell, coach in athletics; Miss Mary Louise Bender, director of public school music.

First grade—Misses Mary Waters, Evelyn Hargreaves, Lura Heath; second grade—Misses Annie Redlowe, Mary Secrest, Virginia Spencer; third grade—Mrs. A. W. Austin, Mrs. W. C. Crowell; fourth grade—Misses Annie Seigler and Ollie Alexander; fifth grade—Misses Charlotte Hedges and Pat Benton; sixth grade—Misses Williams and Margaret Riddle; seventh grade—Miss Sue Harris and Mrs. F. W. Mitchell.

High school—Miss Grace Henderson, latin; Miss Elizabeth Stover, mathematics; Miss Gladys Smith, mathematics; Miss Lila Foy, french and latin; Miss Mattie Henderson, English; Miss Sarah Presson, history and English; Miss Pauline Bentin, history; Miss Martha Bradley, home economics; Miss Katie King, science.

In the resignation of Mr. W. F. Starnes as principal of the high school, the system lost a valuable man, one whose place would be hard to fill at any time. But the board feels that it has secured the right man in the person of Mr. Cuthbertson, who comes with the highest recommendation. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and during the summer has completed two courses at the University of North Carolina. He is expected to develop the high school along constructive lines.

Miss Mattie Henderson, who will take the work left vacant by the resignation of Miss Antoinette Beasley, is a Winthrop graduate and taught at Dunn last year, and comes highly recommended. Miss Sarah Presson, who will aid in the history and English departments, graduated last year with a splendid record at the North Carolina College for Women. Miss Sue Harris, who will teach in the seventh upper, is a graduate of the Georgia Normal College and has had several years experience at New Bern, and has attended summer school

WORTH TWICE AS MUCH AS OTHER MAN WOULD BE

To the Editor of The Journal: Please allow me space in The Journal to say a few words for Tom Broom as a neighbor and as county agent.

No man in the county appreciates the work of Tom Broom as county agent more than I do. I live almost on adjoining farms and long before he was made our county agent I knew his sterling worth to his community. I have known Tom Broom since he was a child—knew him as a boy—knew him as a young man struggling for an education—knew him as a school teacher—have known him as a church worker and a leader in his community since he joined the church when a small boy, and it affords me much pleasure to testify to his good character and high standing in his own community. His life has always been pure and clean and his good name without a spot or a blemish. He is always found on the moral side of all questions and at all times stands ready and willing to lend a helping hand to those in distress.

He has done more to develop the agricultural interests of Union county than any man who has ever lived in the county. He has taught the people to grow fifty bushels of corn to the acre where ten bushels was formerly considered a good yield. By his teachings many farmers are now growing one bale of cotton to the acre where four hundred pounds formerly grew. Think of the thousands of dollars he has saved the farmers of the county in various kind of seed and fertilizer.

His experience and knowledge of the farmers of Union county better qualifies him for this work than any other man in or out of the county. He knows the people—knows where they live—knows their financial standing—knows their needs and is well worth twice the price of any other man for the position of county agent, and I trust that such pressure will be brought on Mr. Broom to have him return to his old job as county agent for Union county.

S. S. RICHARDSON,
Monroe R. F. D. 5.

THREE COOPERS UNDER ARREST

Lieutenant Governor, His Brother, and Son, Charged With Irregularities

Wilmington, Aug. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Coming as a result of investigation of federal bank officials into circumstances surrounding the closing of the Commercial National bank of Wilmington last December, it was learned today that W. B. Cooper, lieutenant governor of North Carolina and former chairman of the board of directors of the defunct institution; Thomas E. Cooper, former president of the bank; Horace C. Cooper, former cashier; and Clyde Lassiter, local automobile dealer, were arrested last Wednesday afternoon on federal warrants.

W. B. Cooper is charged with conspiracy to defraud the Commercial National bank and with misapplication of certain funds. Thomas A. Cooper is charged on two counts, with conspiracy to defraud and with misapplication of funds, and with aiding and abetting W. B. Cooper in the misapplication of funds. Horace C. Cooper is charged with misapplying the bank's funds and causing false entries to be made in its books. C. B. Lassiter is charged with aiding and abetting T. E. Cooper in the misapplication of funds.

Warrants Issued July 31

Warrants for the arrest of the four men were issued on July 31, 1923. It is stated, but were not served until yesterday, it being the desire of federal officials to await the return of Thomas E. Cooper to the city. Mr. Cooper left Wilmington shortly after the failure of the bank last December and had just returned.

W. C. Cooper and Thomas E. Cooper have been prominent in local banking circles for a number of years. Until a few months prior to the closing of the bank on December, 1922, W. B. Cooper had been president of the institution, while T. E. Cooper was vice president of the Merchants National bank, of Raleigh.

Failure of the Wilmington bank last winter precipitated the failure of a number of small banks throughout eastern North Carolina, they having been connected with the larger institution. The officials of the Commercial were soon involved in a number of law suits brought by depositors and smaller banks, many of which are still in process of litigation.

C. L. Williams, who was appointed receiver of the institution, reported to the comptroller of currency numerous apparent irregularities, according to Federal officials, and as a result investigation was ordered, this having been recently completed.

Arrest Made Wednesday

Though the arrests were made Wednesday afternoon, United States Commissioner Williams refused to give out any information to newspaper men last night. It had been reported about the city that developments in the bank case were to take place, but nothing could be learned. The commissioner, before arraignment the men for a hearing, allowed them to arrange details as to their bonds, it was stated today.

When arraigned, they waived preliminary hearing, furnished bond, and were released for appearance before the Federal grand jury at the November term of court. Commissioner Williams, though the arraignment had taken place in his office late in the afternoon, refused to verify or deny the reports which had reached newspaper men. Today, he gave no reason for the apparent suppression of facts concerning the arrest and subsequent release of the four men.

Cooper Makes Statement

W. B. Cooper made the following statement this afternoon: "I returned to the city from President Harding's funeral and ran into this thing. It was the first I had heard of. I know the government, as it is customary, had been investigating the affairs of the bank. As I understand the matter, I am charged with approving a worthless note for \$13,000. The records of the bank will show that the other directors approved the note along with me."

NOTICE

The demand for pasteurized sweet milk has grown in Monroe so that we are compelling to put in a regular delivery route. Will deliver in the morning and afternoon. Will also deliver sweet cream, ice cream, butter, chickens and eggs. All parties who wish regular delivery of pasteurized sweet milk will please phone their standing orders in at once.—Monroe Creamery.

TAX NOTICE

The Board of Aldermen have instructed me to advertise all property on which the city tax for 1923 has not been paid. If your property is advertised do not blame me as I have no alternative in the matter.
August 16th, 1923.
JAMES MCNEELY,
City Tax Collector.

FATHER AND THREE SONS DROWN IN SMALL POOL

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Samuel W. Rogers of Pacolet, shipping clerk of the Pacolet Manufacturing company, and his three sons were drowned in an abandoned rock quarry pool near Pacolet some time this afternoon, but the tragedy was unknown until near midnight, when the bodies of Mr. Rogers and a small son were found floating in the pool of water by a negro water boy. The child had a firm grasp upon the hair of his father's head and both were dead when discovered.

The dead are: S. W. Rogers, 40, S. W. Rogers, Jr., 13; John L. Rogers, 11; and James Rogers, 5.

This was the first day of Mr. Rogers' vacation period and he took his sons on an outing, while Mrs. Rogers remained at the family home in the Pacolet mill village. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were preparing to leave tomorrow morning for Hartsville, S. C., to visit Mrs. Rogers' family.

Dr. Kirkpatrick, a physician of Pacolet, one of the first to reach the abandoned quarry, stated tonight that with the assistance of others, he floated the dead father and the youngest boy to the bank and quickly ascertained that there was no hope of resuscitation.

The bodies of the other boys were found on the bottom of the pool and were recovered after considerable effort, Dr. Kirkpatrick stated.

THINKS OIL INDUSTRY CAN WEATHER PRESENT CRISIS

New York, Aug. 16.—Present prices for gasoline can only be temporary, although further cuts may reasonably be expected if crude oil prices are again reduced, W. C. Teague, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, declared today in a formal statement.

He expressed the opinion that the oil industry would weather the present downward trend, which would not last long.

Disrupted Market

"The present disrupted market," he said, "resulted from the pressing for sale of a relatively small amount of 'distressed gasoline.' The large over-production of crude oil in recent months, together with the factor of the higher naptha content and increased refinery efficiency, has resulted in piling up an abnormally heavy stock of gasoline for this season of the year and forced liquidation by some holders regardless of cost."

Mr. Teague said the cuts initiated in South Dakota and afterwards made effective throughout Mid-Western and Southern States represented the only change made there in a number of months, while four successive cuts had been made in the Eastern market since last February because of lower cost of crude oil available for seaboard refineries.

Gard of Thanks

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses and the great aid given us during the illness and death of our wife and mother.
A. W. Funderburk and children.

A particularly good workman always seems to have a particularly good job.

Rube Lemmond Sues Henry Green For Getting His Goat

Rube Lemmond has sued Henry Green for one hundred thousand damages for getting his goat. While there are those who do not think Reuben's goat was ever worth that amount, sympathy is divided. The jury before which the case was tried, with Judge Milliken presiding over the court in the Kiwanis Club, was unable to agree and so it will have to be tried again. For legal phraseology and ponderous words, this suit has never been equalled. One of the complaints of Reuben is that Green flung at him a series of big words that, so far as he could understand them, were intended to humiliate him as an orator and after dinner, before dinner, and general speaker. These were the words that Green used in his address of advice to Lemmond, and just think how you'd feel if they were flung at you:

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable philosophical of psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flaccid garrulity, jejune babblements, and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious veracity without rhodomontade or thrausnal bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, peissaceous vacuity and ventiloquial verborosity and vaniloquent vapidity. Shun double entendres, purient locosity and pestiferous profanity. In other words, talk plainly, briefly, sensibly, truthfully, purely. Keep from slang, don't put on airs, say what you mean, mean what you say and don't use big words."

This was but part of the chain of matter that led up to the suit, it all began when Lemmond and Dr. Burrell way back yonder told Green that the dinky little old station of the Seaboard here was nothing in the world but Noah's ark. The pleadings are as follows:

North Carolina, Union County, Banquet Hall of Jeffre Hotel, Kiwanis Club, R. W. Lemmond, Plaintiff, vs S. Henry Green, Defendant.

The plaintiff above named complaining of the defendant, complains and alleges:

1. That up until May 25th, 1923, about 7:30 p. m. the plaintiff was the owner and in possession of one goat, more particularly hereinafter described; that plaintiff was attached to said

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