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## NEW METHODIST PASTOR COMES HERE TODAY

Rev. C. T. Rogers Comes To Red Springs Charge Highly Recommended As Preacher and Community Worker.

Rev. C. T. Rogers, who succeeds Rev. A. J. Hobbs, Jr., as pastor of the Red Springs Methodist church by appointment of the annual conference held week before last at Kinston, and Mrs. Rogers, will arrive in Red Springs today from Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have three children, all boys. All of the children are in school, one at the University, one at King's Business College, Raleigh, and one at Randolph Macon Academy in Virginia. They have no children at home except during vacation.

Mr. Rogers comes to Red Springs highly recommended as a preacher and civic and community worker. Before going to Newport he served the Methodist church of Durham and according to a letter received by Dr. W. L. McRae, chairman of the board of deacons, written as an introduction for Mr. Rogers, by the chairman of the Durham church board, it was with great sorrow that the Durham church gave him up.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hobbs, who have made many warm friends in Red Springs during their three years here, who regret that they must move, go today to New Bern, their new appointment. Although the town people feel a personal loss in the leaving of Mr. Hobbs, they rejoice that such a minister as the Rev. Mr. Rogers has been sent in his place.

## PARKTON NEWS

Parkton, Nov. 12.—Guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie for the weekend were Mrs. W. K. Johnson, Sumter, S. C., Jack Johnson, Lacombe, Fla., Mrs. Wm. J. Baker, Clifton Forge, Va., also their daughter, Sarah, of Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, and Dan, Jr., of Davidson College.

Mrs. Annie Johnson has returned home after spending several days with her son in Florence, S. C.

Miss Ellen Hughes of Lora Mac Donald College spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hughes.

Mrs. Amy Jernigan of Fayetteville spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stoops.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Godwin spent Sunday with relatives in Apex.

Miss Jimmie Baker of Fayetteville spent Sunday with her uncle, Mr. J. A. Cashwell.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Hedgpeth and little daughter, Sarah, also Mrs. C. E. McKenzie and children, William and Christine, of Rarmond, were visitors in the home of Mrs. C. L. Pittman Sunday.

Mr. John G. Hughes of Davidson College spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mevin and family and Mr. Alton Britt of Buie, also Miss Nettie Britt of Winston-Salem, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Britt Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. A. W. and J. G. Wright spent Sunday with relatives in Garner.

Mrs. W. A. McNeill and small son of Red Springs are spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Rosa McEachin.

Mr. John Pat McEachin spent the weekend with relatives in town.

Miss Sara McVane spent the weekend with home folks in St. Pauls. The Senior class of Parkton high school will give a play, "The Path Across the Hills," Friday night, November 15th, at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. J. J. Coley and son, George, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coley and family, also Miss Estelle Pate of St. Pauls were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Andrews were visitors in Fayetteville for the week end.

The eighth grade of Parkton school gave a party last Friday night in honor of Rufus Pittman, one of their number, who is planning to move to Charlotte.

Many interesting games were played after which punch and cake were served as refreshments.

Messrs. D. L. Godwin and John D. McCormick are spending a few days at the beach.

## WINS BEAUTY CONTEST

The Wilmington Sunday Star had the following to say about a Halloween party held in Bladenboro last week.

The Halloween festival held in the Hutchinson building Saturday afternoon and night was a splendid success.

Miss Ella Gibson received the cake for being the prettiest girl with Miss Sockwa a close second. Everything was sold; the proceeds amounted to \$106, and will be used for the library.

## Revival at Lumber Bridge Closes With A Sermon On Home

Rev. A. T. Lassiter of Smithfield Preaches Strong Sermons In Ten Days Revival; Local And Personal News.

Lumber Bridge, Nov. 12.—The protracted meeting which has been going on at the Presbyterian church for the last ten days, came to a close Sunday night. Rev. A. T. Lassiter of Smithfield, Synodical Evangelist, did the preaching. All of his sermons were strong and convincing. The sermon Sunday morning was on "The Home" and all hearing it were convinced all our homes could and should be more consecrated to the service of God. Sunday night "If I'm Lost, Whose Fault Is It?" was his subject. After the sermon a consecration service was held and many reconsecrated their lives for larger and better service to their Master. Sunday was the day for regular services at the Baptist church but they gave way and joined in the services at the Presbyterian church. Five members were added to the church.

As soon as the services were over Rev. Mr. Lassiter left for his home at Smithfield. His home while here was with Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stamps.

### Personal News

Misses Lizzie Caldwell and Barnes of Lumberton were guests of the Misses Brown Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Walter Marley will leave this week in company with Supt. Poole and others of Lumberton on a hunting trip down in Baden among the deer.

Mrs. Hodgkin and son, Henry, Mrs. Neill McKinnon and Miss Maggie McEachern of Red Springs visited Mr. Ed Currie Sunday afternoon. They also visited the Misses Brown a few miles from town.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hall and children, Robert and Probert, of Rocky Mount, spent the weekend with Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monroe. They returned to Rocky Mount Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Usher and children, Charlotte Ruth and A. L. Jr., were visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cope of Red Springs.

Mrs. George Livingston is right sick at her home near town with bronchitis. We hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. Edward Cobb, a student at State College, spent the weekend at home with his mother, Mrs. Martha H. Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Bristow spent Sunday in Rex with Mr. Bristow's father, Mr. T. F. Bristow.

Mr. N. H. G. Balfour and sister, Miss Shelia Balfour, were Fayetteville visitors Friday. While there they called to see Mrs. Neill Shaw who is getting along nicely. She is still at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Hubbard.

Mr. Arthur Butler Chason, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Chason, who has been in Washington, D. C. some few weeks, sailed Monday on the S. S. Artigas for Europe.

Mrs. Martha H. Cobb who has been very sick for several days was able to be up Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Franklin Dunn, John Malloy Shaw and Miss Lusile Tolar visited the high school pupils who are in hospital in Fayetteville Sunday. All are on the road to recovery.

Mrs. W. C. Heitman and little daughter, Martha Lou, have been visiting Mrs. Heitman's mother, Mrs. J. W. Hall, for several days. Mrs. Hall accompanied them to their home in Salisbury Tuesday.

Mr. Leon Williams of Godwin was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Mrs. L. H. Bullard is in Hamlet at the bedside of her father, Mr. W. W. Smith. His condition is unimproved.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stamps were Lumberton visitors recently. Mrs. Stamps attended the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Robeson Medical Society.

Mr. Roger Hall of Salisbury spent a day or so in town last week with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Hall.

Mrs. J. G. Williams of Raeford came Thursday and spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Monroe. She came for the meeting of the Presbyterian church also.

Mr. James McLean left Friday for Greensboro to visit relatives. He stayed over for the Armistice celebration Monday, arriving home Monday afternoon.

Mr. Holt Johnson arrived home last Tuesday from Highsmith hospital and is able to be out attending to his business.

Mrs. S. M. Davis of Fayetteville visited her sister, Mrs. Annie Bell Smith a few days last week. She returned home Friday.

Mr. Frank Tolar and mother, Mrs. M. N. Tolar, visited Miss Mildred Tolar, a patient at Highsmith hospital, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ammons, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Young, visited Miss Lola Young, a patient at Pittman's hospital, Sunday.

Messdames J. E. Clifton and R. G. Dearen spent Saturday afternoon in Red Springs and Philadelphia. They

## Welfare Conference to Meet November 19

The Southeastern district welfare conference will be held at Fayetteville November 19, John A. Martin, of Fayetteville, district chairman, announced today. This conference is one of a series being held over the State under the auspices of the North Carolina Association of Superintendents of Public Welfare and the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. The Juvenile court will be the theme of the meeting.

Among the speakers will be Judge William M. York, of the Greensboro juvenile court, George Lawrence, Superintendent of Public Welfare in Orange county, and Dr. W. C. Verdery, of Fayetteville. Dr. Harry W. Crane, of the University of North Carolina, and director of mental hygiene for the state board of Public Welfare, will be the luncheon speaker. He will have as his subject, "Mental Factors of Particular Importance for Juvenile Court Consideration."

The address of welcome will be given by R. W. Herring, of the board of public welfare in Cumberland county. Judge J. C. Gilmore, of Fayetteville, will speak on "The Clerk of the Court as Juvenile Judge."

The public is invited to the district welfare conferences which are usually attended by a hundred or more social workers and laymen interested in problems of public welfare. The district to be represented includes the following counties: Cumberland, Robeson, Sampson, Bladen, Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Onslow, and Jones.

## Duke Glee Clubs To Play At Lumberton

Lumberton, Nov. 11.—Duke University musical clubs will give an entertainment in the Lumberton high school auditorium Monday evening, Nov. 18, beginning at 8, under the auspices of the Lumberton Rotary club, proceeds to be donated to the local Boy Scouts.

The Duke clubs are among the best in the South. The entertainment they gave here two years ago is remembered as one of the best ever presented here. The clubs are composed of the glee club, southern champions, the south's finest college symphony orchestra, and the university club orchestra. Admission prices are 75 cents for adults, 50 cents for children. Tickets are on sale at Hedgpeth's Pharmacy.

## Auxiliary Meeting At Lumber Bridge Largely Attended

Lumber Bridge, Nov. 12.—The fifth district conference of the Fayetteville Presbyterian met with the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian church last Thursday and was largely attended. The program planned had to be varied somewhat. Mrs. J. W. Hall, president of the local Auxiliary, gave the welcome address. The response was given by Mrs. P. P. McCain.

An address by Mrs. Lacy Little, a returned foreign missionary, was enjoyed. Mrs. W. M. Fairley, president of the Fayetteville Presbyterian, gave an interesting talk. The pageant by the Auxiliaries of Parkton, Rex and Lumber Bridge, was beautifully carried out. The dinner was a beautiful spread.

reported business on a boom in Red Springs.

Mr. J. D. Cobb spent Tuesday in Lumberton on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tolar and children attended services at Mt. Taber church Sunday. They took dinner with Mrs. Tolar's mother, Mrs. N. A. McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Maxwell and children of Raeford spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. Maxwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bullard.

Mrs. Kate McCall of McCall, S. C., arrived last Thursday and will spend a while in the home of Mr. W. E. Graham.

Blanche, the little grand-daughter of Mrs. Pender, is very sick with pneumonia.

Messrs. W. D. Smith, W. E. Graham and W. G. Marley went up to Raleigh Tuesday to confer with the pardon commissioner in regards to commutating the sentence to life imprisonment of Tom Johnson sentenced to be electrocuted Nov. 8. A reprieve was granted until Dec. 10th.

Mr. N. H. G. Balfour and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sumner visited Miss Lois Sumner, a patient in Highsmith hospital, Monday afternoon.

Miss Maggie Monroe completed her course in training at Pittman hospital Monday, Nov. 11th. Miss Monroe stood the State examination for nurses in October. After a rest at home with her parents she will return to Fayetteville where she will register for work.

P. T. A. To Meet.

The Parent Teacher's Association will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:15. Everybody is urged to be present as there is some important business to bring before the meeting.

## Joins Movement Against Spitting In Public

Dr. H. I. Pope, President of the Robeson County Medical Society of Lumberton, N. C., in a letter to the Medical Publicity Bureau of New York City, in connection with their country-wide movement to end spitting in public places and reduce diseases spread in this manner, agrees with health officers, doctors, hospital superintendents and other medical authorities throughout the country on the danger of this habit. Dr. Pope says: "I shall be glad to help in any way I can to stop the promiscuous spitting in public places. It is a great way to spread diseases as well as filthy."

Every since medical science was known, first that many of the most dread diseases were caused by germs and, second, that many of these germs often are present in human sputum, the battle has raged to prevent promiscuous spitting. It is definitely known that the bacteria do not die when the sputum dries, but that they are carried by the slightest breeze to the respiratory passages of other persons. It is also just as definitely known that any direct contact with the spit of another person often leads to infection if that spit is germ-laden, and for that reason physicians, health authorities, social workers and many others interested in the public welfare have struggled for generation now to end the spitting evil. The present campaign of the Medical Publicity Bureau, in which local authorities are joining, represents the latest effort to awaken public consciousness to this danger and to the ease with which it may be averted if every one will do his part.

"Her Private Life" Powerful Drama Of A Womans Love

Billie Dove is proving more surely with every picture that she makes, that she is more than "the screen's most beautiful woman." If "Her Private Life" doesn't establish her as one of the screen's most capable actresses, this critic misses his guess.

Heading the bill at the Red Spring Theatre Thursday and Friday, "Her Private Life" presents Miss Dove in a highly dramatic plot. Its atmosphere of refined, aristocratic life is a relief from the "show-girl" type of film, with its "dese, dem and dese" slang.

Walter Pidgeon, her leading man, charms by his handsome and striking screen personality. Ideally fitted for the part of a gentlemanly, sporting young American who visits England and wins the heart of the English girl, then loses her for his sister's honor, Pidgeon wins new laurels in the film.

Parent-Teachers Ass'n. to Hold Bazaar, 22nd.

The annual Bazaar, sponsored by the local Parent-Teacher's Association, will be held in the High School building Friday, the 22nd of November. The exact time the exhibit will begin will be announced in the next issue of The Citizen.

Contributors are urged to start preparing their contributions at once. Chicken salad, coffee, sandwiches, candy, and homemade cake will be sold during the afternoon and night. A cake walk and other interesting amusements are being planned for the night program.

## New Feature Added For Our Readers

The Citizen is glad to announce that it is, through the Publisher's Autocaster Service, able to furnish its readers with a column of "hot" comment upon the news of the week. This column is prepared by Mr. Frank Parker Stockbridge of New York.

Mr. Stockbridge needs no introduction to any who read his article "Small Town Papers," which ran in the Saturday Evening Post last year. A newspaper man for more than forty years, he began on a small town weekly and went through the mill to the head of a great New York daily. For twenty years he has been a regular contributor to all the important national magazines. His weekly comment on the news reflects the views of a man who has never lost contact with the small town and the point of view of its people.

TREASURER ASKS THAT BIBLE FUND PLEDGES BE PAID

The Bible Fund, used for the purpose of keeping a Bible teacher in the Red Springs Graded schools is in need of money and the treasurer urges that the monthly pledges be paid up immediately.

## A COMMUNITY MEETING TO BE HELD MAXTON

First of Series Throughout County To Be Held Thursday Night, Nov. 21st at 7:30; Prizes Offered.

A community meeting sponsored by the Robeson County club will be held in Maxton on Thursday night, Nov. 21, at 7:30. Arrangements for meeting, the first of a series that will be held about over the county, are left to Mr. H. A. McKinnon, of Maxton, president of the club, and the program will be announced later. It is expected that former Governor A. W. McLean will be one of the speakers. It is purposed also to announce at this meeting the farm program which the agricultural committee of the club will sponsor for 1930.

Decision to hold a series of community meetings and to offer prizes for the best program for balanced farming for 1930 was reached at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the club in Lumberton. Those present at the meeting were former Governor McLean, Miss Halie Frather, county home agent, Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm agent, Mr. W. K. Bethune, and Messrs. H. A. McKinnon of Maxton, J. A. Lentz of St. Pauls, and J. A. Sharpe, president, vice-president, and treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the club.

### Prizes Offered.

The prizes offered, as has been stated, are for the best essays by school children of Robeson county on "The Best Program for Balanced Farming in 1930." The essays must feature both the farm and the home, must not be more than 1,000 words in length, and must be turned in by January 1, 1930. The prizes are \$15 for the best essay and \$10 for the second best. The contest is open to any school child in Robeson county and information in preparing the papers may be obtained from any source. It is suggested that the State and Federal departments of agriculture at Raleigh and Washington will be glad to furnish any information desired. The committee to whom the essays must be sent will be announced later.

### Tobacco Meetings

Through Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm agent, the agricultural committee of the Robeson county club, of which committee Mr. Dukes is a member, has arranged for Mr. E. Y. Floyd, State tobacco specialist, to hold a series of tobacco meetings about over Robeson county in December. Remarkable results from the Floyd method of tobacco cultivation were obtained by a number of Robeson county farmers this year and this method will be thoroughly explained in this series of meetings, the time and places for which will be announced later.

The Robeson county club's agricultural committee is backing the programs of the county home and farm agents and is seeking to promote these programs in every possible way.

The community meetings are for the purpose of carrying to every community of the county the program outlined at the recent county-wide gathering and picnic held at Philadelphia, in which unusual interest was manifested by people from all sections of the county.

## SHANNON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Chitty and daughter Annie Harriet, of Lumberton were visitors Sunday in the home of Mrs. D. S. Klarrp.

Mr. Rowell Shook delightfully entertained the members of the intermediate B. Y. P. U. of the Red Springs Baptist church with a Halloween party.

Miss Isabella Currie has accepted a position as teacher for the fifth and sixth grades in the Burgaw school.

Mr. Frank McGoogan, who is a freshman at State College, Raleigh, spent the weekend at home.

Mrs. Mary C. King and daughter, Miss Sallie King, of St. Pauls, were the guests Thursday and Friday of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Klarrp.

Miss Katie Quick left last week for New York City, where she will attend a business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walters and daughter, Frances, of Buie, were visitors in the community Sunday.

Miss Annie Mac Harmon of Galatia, was the guest of Miss Isabella Currie Wednesday night.

Mr. Duncan McGoogan and Misses Louise and Doris McGoogan left Saturday night for Madison, Ga., where they will stay a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McGoogan. They will be accompanied home by Miss Reva McGoogan, who has been spending a while there.

Miss Pandora Harris entertained the young people of this community with a Halloween party. Many games were played, and fruit and candy were served.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church of Red Springs met with Mrs. W. J. Deaton Monday afternoon.

Mrs. G. I. Klarrp and Misses Meta Klarrp and Sallie King were visitors in Fayetteville Friday.

## ROBESON COUNTY MAY HAVE WELLS FULL OF OIL SOON

Oil Prospectors Have Secured Leases On Several Thousand Acres Of Land In Raft Swamp Township; Oily Substance Burns In Lamps Readily.

Lumberton, Nov. 12.—E. R. Smith and G. Gillespie, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., oil prospectors, have been in Robeson County for the past five or six weeks and have secured leases on several thousand acres of land in the vicinity of the Davis filling station, 6 miles from Lumberton, Raft Swamp township, where oil has been flowing from a pump for the past several weeks, according to reliable information given The Robesonian. Some of the leases are on land as far away as six miles from the station.

Finding the oil at the pump at the filling station brought to the minds of some of the older citizens of the community facts that lead them to believe there has been a trace of oil in Raft Swamp township for the past 30 years. For years people have been having trouble with their pumps out there, often getting a brownish sort of substance which resembled the type of oil that is coming from the Davis pump. People recall that they have been seeing something like oil on top of the water in the small streams of the section for years, and during the past several days searchers apparently have found more of this substance than was known to exist. Some people have gone to the bottom of the streams and have also found that the leaves have a trace of the oil.

### Burns Readily.

The oil that has been coming from the pump is of a brownish color similar to the looks of kerosene. It has a peculiar odor, and smells of linseed oil and refined kerosene. It burns readily and some of the Raft Swamp people have been using it in their lamps. The oil found in the streams and holes thereabout resembles that of the pump. One man dug a hole last week and later went back to find that it had partly filled with water that had such a substance on top.

While there is great interest in the developments, there are many who are skeptical and are not convinced that there is oil in Robeson County. Many people from Lumberton have gone out into the section and seen traces of the oil and are unable yet to explain where it comes from. The fact that the stuff smells of refined kerosene has caused many to be skeptical.

The leases that are being signed, none of which has been recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county, give the lessees the right to the land for oil promoting purposes for a term of 5 years and as long after as oil is found thereon. The persons leasing the land furnish all equipment and do the drilling, and the lessors get one-eighth.

Mr. Smith formerly lived in Kings Mountain. He married a sister of Willie J. Prevatt of Lumberton. He has had some experience in the oil business, it is said. Mr. Gillespie is said to be a retired lawyer and Superior court judge of the State of Missouri. He has had right much experience in the oil industry, it is reported.

## This Paper to Print Colored Column

Beginning with this issue The Citizen will run each week a column headed "Colored Column." This column will be devoted to the colored people of Red Springs and vicinity and will give their civic and school activities.

In giving an account of what the colored people are doing for the betterment of their school and for the betterment of their own race in an endeavor to make better citizens of themselves and children, The Citizen feels that it is giving news and news which is of interest to every colored person, as well as to the white population which has the good of the community at heart. This column is the result of cooperation with the paper by Prof. J. C. Baggett, principal of the colored school. The items appearing in the column will be gotten up under his supervision, but will actually be written by J. Roy Moore.

### ATTENDING CONVENTION

Rev. S. F. Hudson, pastor of the Baptist church here, is attending the meeting of the State Baptist Convention in Shelby this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Currie and son, Mr. Alex Currie, of Parkton, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Currie.

Mr. Alvis Bruton of Mt. Gilead was a weekend visitor of this community.

The many friends of Mrs. J. Klarrp will be sorry to learn she has been sick.

Mr. Charlie McMillan and Fionnie McMillan of Dundarrack in the community Monday evening.