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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us offer up prayers of praise and adoration and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the beauty of the earth and the imperishable glories of the spiritual kingdom. Let our prayers of gratitude ascend like incense morning and evening to the Creative Spirit presiding over the majesty and wonder of the universe. Let us give thanks unto him "who covereth thyself with light as with a garment: who stretcheth out the heavens like a curtain: who layeth the beams of his chambers in the water: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: who maketh his angels spirits: his ministers a flaming fire; who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever." Let us give thanks unto the Father of men and nations for his everlasting mercy and plenteous redemption.

Let us observe and practice the maxim of Epictetus: "Since I am a reasonable creature it is my duty to praise God. This is my business; I do it; nor will I ever desert this post as long as it is vouchsafed to me; and I exhort you to join in the same song."

Eternal God of our fathers, we thank thee for this green and pleasant land of our birth and for our heritage of freedom and the dignity of man; for our spacious skies and majestic mountains and fruitful fields and fragrant woodlands, for sweet-scented orchards and flower-dotted meadows and the singing birds offering their carols of praise to their Creator, for the mystic rapture of the dawn and the shimmering beauty of the evening stars; for the hope of the morning and the serenity of twilight and the beloved sleep filled with peace and quiet breathing.

We thank thee, Eternal God, for this beautiful earth with its varied patterns of mystic loveliness and poetry and romance and the music of creation; for the lilacs wet with rain and roses impaled with celestial dew; for rhododendrons and azaleas in full bloom, the murmuring of the pines at midnight, and the glory of the maple trees in autumn; for golden sunshine after days of gloom and fields of grain waving in a summer breeze; for the awe-inspiring majesty and magnitude of the starry heavens and moons and suns and constellations and the infinite host of the milky way reflecting thine omnipotent artistry and creative sovereignty.

We thank thee, our Father, for the open Bible proclaiming spiritual liberty and salvation and thy everlasting mercy unto the children of men, and offering peace and consolation to the spirit in humility and prayer and worship thee in the beauty of holiness.

We thank thee for the gift and privilege of prayer whereby our spirits can commune with thy Spirit, and receive divine refreshment, light upon the mysteries, freedom from anxiety and worry and fear, spiritual itegration, inner radiance, creative courage, and victorious attitude toward life. We thank thee for the faith of our fathers, for their devotion to truth, their heroism in the face of danger, for their indomitable spirit and unquenchable zeal in helping to preserve the purity of the religion of love and brotherhood, and to keep the flame of Christ burning in a dark and desolate world. We thank thee for the faith and devotion and self-sacrifice of the prophets, apostles, martyrs, missionaries, ministers, and teachers who have helped perpetuate the glories and realities of the spiritual universe.

Eternal God, we are thankful for Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount, for Peter's sermon at Pentecost, for Paul's sermon on Mars Hill, for Tertullian's "De Patientia," Saint Cyprian's "The Lord's Prayer," Saint Athanasius's "Christ the Eternal God," Saint Augustine's "Recovering of Sight of the Blind," Saint Francis "Sermon to the Birds," and for Hugh Latimer's "Sermon on the Plow." We are grateful for all sermons which have proclaimed thy divine grace and love and fatherly forgiveness, calling all men unto the fold of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

We thank thee, O Creator of all beauty, for the immortal paintings inspired by the Christian faith: for Leonardo de Vinci's Last Supper, for Raphael's Sisten Madonna and Transfiguration, for Ruben's Descent from the Cross, for Rembrandt's The Supper at Emmaus, for Giotta Madonna and Child, for Botticelli's Adoration of the Magi.

We thank thee, O Creator of the music of the spheres, for the songs, hymns, oratorios, cantatas, and all the noble and inspiring music of the masters inspired by Christian faith, hope and love. We are grateful for the music of Bach, Beethoven, Palestrina, Handel, Hayden, Mendelssohn, Schubert, and Wagner.

We praise thee for the gift of life with its hopes and aspirations, its romance and spiritual adventure, its opportunities of creative and fruitful living, and for its dignity and nobility when fashioned after the Spirit of the Saviour of men. We are thankful that thou didst create us just a little lower than the angels, and crowned us with glory and honor, and blessed us with immortal spirits, and filled us with inextinguishable yearnings for the divine destiny in Christ.

We are thankful that the Light of Christ still shines in a world tormented by war, afflicted with brutality, desolated by sin, cursed by racial antagonisms, economic injustice, religious bigotry, and imperialism.

We thank thee, O God of our Salvation, for John Wycliffe and William Tyndale and their translations of the Bible; for Martin Luther and his sublime courage and the Reformation with its spiritual freedom for mankind under the bondage of ecclesiastical tyranny; for John Knox and his majestic utterances in Scotland; for John Wesley and Charles Wesley and their holy zeal and courage in helping to bring the Great Awakening to England; for John Bunyan and his "Pilgrim's Progress"; for George Fox and William Penn and the Quakers; for the heroism and fortitude of William Carey, Robert Morrison, Adoniram Johnson, David Livingstone, Mary Slessor, Wilfred Grenfell, and Albert Schweitzer; for the spiritually exalting poetry of John Milton, Tennyson, Browning, Whittier, and Emerson.

We rejoice in thee, O God our Saviour, that thine everlasting arms are about us through all the tribulations and adversities of our mortal pilgrimage through the labyrinth of this world, and that thou art leading us to the Land of Eternal Day for the fulfillment of all our spiritual aspirations and dreams. We are grateful that thou are our consolation in the day of bereavement and tears, our strength in the day of weakness, our hope in the night of despair, our courage in the time of fear and peril, our victory in the hour of temptation, our joy and peace through all the shifting and changing scenes of life, and our salvation and deliverer in the hour of death. Amen.

Rev. John MacKinnon Accepts Call To Cheraw

The Reverend John R. MacKinnon of Maxton has accepted a call to the ministry of the First Presbyterian Church in Cheraw, S.C.

Mr. MacKinnon, son of the late Samuel and Ruby MacKinnon of Laurinburg, was born and raised in Maxton and educated in the public schools there. A graduate of Davidson college, class of '42, he entered the army soon after and served for four years, two of which were spent in the Southwest Pacific.

Upon release from the army, Mr. MacKinnon served as student pastor for First Presbyterian church in Columbia, S.C. before entering Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

After graduation from the Seminary, Mr. MacKinnon became pastor of the Waverly Road Presbyterian church, at Kingsport, Tenn., where he remained for three years.

Mr. MacKinnon is married to the former Sarah Dailey Moling of Winchester, Va. They have two children, John Appleby, three and a half years of age, and Margaret Howland, eight months old.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Glenn Purcell of Petersburg, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. McCullum.

Miss Sally James arrived from Boston on Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.P. James.

Mrs. J.C. Gainey spent the weekend in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison McKenzie and children, Morris, Bobby, and Patsy spent the weekend in Mt. Olive with Mrs. McKenzie's parents.

Dr. and Mrs. R.D. Croom, Jr., attended the meeting of the Medical Society and the Auxiliary in Pinehurst last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Edwards spent the weekend in Orangeburg, S.C. as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns, Jr., and son, Bobby, Miss Elizabeth Currie and Mrs. G.P. Henderson are spending the Thanksgiving in Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Williamson are spending Thanksgiving in Lumberton with his mother, Mrs. J.M. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Campbell were guests of his sister, Mrs. J.H. Duffie, of Laurinburg on Thursday.

Mrs. L.E. Campbell and daughter, Mrs. William Goggin, are spending the holidays with Mrs. L.E. Winters of Red Springs.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Tucker are her niece, Mrs. Edward Terrar, Mr. Terrar and 2 sons of Mt. Ranier, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCall are spending Thanksgiving in Kinston with his mother, Mrs. D.H. McCall, and his sister, Mrs. E.N. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Elwanger have returned from a visit with his son, Jack, of Rowland.

H.C. Cousar and Miss Lillis Cousar have as their Thanksgiving guests Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Dawson and children of Scottsville, Va.

Mrs. J.V. Henderson who has been confined to her home because of illness is able to be out again.

Announcement By The Post Office Department

The Post Office Department has announced that post office boxes can now be rented on an annual or quarterly basis for the Fiscal Year.

Postmaster General Summerfield said in announcing the order, "This order not only makes it more convenient for our patrons to pay post office box rent but will save the Department money. In addition to reducing the number of times a year box rent has to be paid the order simplifies accounting procedures in handling box rent collections resulting in a saving for the Department.

Notice that rent is due will be placed in the boxes ten days before the expiration of the current rent period as in the past.

Police Department To Get Radio Equipment Here

The Maxton Police Department will be modernized in about thirty days with a three-way radio hook-up. This equipment will be connected with the Robeson County Sheriff's Department, the city of Lumberton, and with other law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Radio is a necessity in trying to cope successfully with modern crime. Also it is a life saver in emergencies, and will be a great asset for our town in the program of civil defense.

I would like to thank our city fathers on behalf of your police department for making the decision to get this radio equipment for the protection and safety of the people of Maxton.

Robert W. Fisher.

Street To Be Closed For Kids To Skate

Elm Street, between Scotland Street and Caroline Street will be closed on Friday afternoon between three and five o'clock for our boys and girls to have a good time skating. Boys and girls, bring your skates and let everybody have a good time. Be sure and not skate to and from the skating party. Your police solicits the support and cooperation from all parents in making this project a safe and secure place for our children to enjoy themselves.

Robert W. Fisher, Chief of Police, Maxton.

W. Amis Daniel With Taylor Insurance Agency

W. Amis Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Daniel of Maxton, who has lived in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for the past three years, is now the representative of the Taylor Insurance Company of Lumberton for Robeson County. He began work with the company on September 1, 1953. He is a native of Maxton, graduating from Maxton High School in 1944 where he was an outstanding athlete and star basketball player. He received his education at Wake Forest College.

Mr. Daniel is a member of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton and a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is married to the former Miss Frances Price of Lumberton, and they have two children. They are now making their home in Lumberton.

Mrs. W. G. Hensey Wins \$25.00 Bond

Mrs. C. W. Hensey of Maxton has won a prize of a \$25.00 Bond for her very fine design of the "Idea House", a contest which was sponsored by the Scarborough Lumber Company of Lumberton.

The Christian Viewpoint

Prepared by Dept. of Bible Presbyterian Junior College

Democracy has worked in America. More than a hundred other countries have modeled their government on our constitution, but in many cases in South America and Europe those governments have been unstable and have fallen. Why? The answer is probably to be found largely in the character of the American people. That character has largely been formed by the Christian Churches, whether at country cross roads or big city intersections. All the great Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholics have been education-minded. They have felt they were commissioned to teach the people how to live. That teaching began with faith and behavior, but it went on into all knowledge and sciences. Christian education has been a great influence in America.

George Washington said, in his Farewell Address (1796), "Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports." "A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure—reason and experience both forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Many business leaders believe we must keep Christian education alive in America. In order to permit corporations to contribute to Christian Education in North Carolina, 24 Church-Related Colleges have banded together as The North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Ps. 33:12)

Basketball Schedule Announced For PJC

The basketball schedule of Presbyterian Junior College has been announced by Coach John A. Harding as follows:
Saturday, Nov. 21, Hamlet VFW
There
Tuesday, Nov. 21, Hamlet VFW
Here
Wednesday, Dec. 2, Chowan—
Here
Friday, Dec. 4, Pfeiffer, Here
Monday, Dec. 7, Campbell—
There
Saturday, Dec. 12, E.M.I., There
Thursday, Dec. 17, Louisburg, Here
Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1954, Pfeiffer, There
Friday, Jan. 8, Campbell, Here
Tuesday, Jan. 12, E.M.I., Here
Thursday, Jan. 14, Wilmington, Here
Wednesday, Jan. 27, Wilmington, There
Friday, Jan. 29, Wingate, There
Wednesday, Feb. 3, Pembroke, Here

Dr. R. D. Croom, Jr. Installed President Of Medical Society

DISTRICT MEETING HELD AT MC CAIN LAST WEEK

At the district Medical Society of North Carolina held at McCain on November 19, Dr. R. D. Croom, Jr., was installed as president of the society for the ensuing year. The district is composed of the following counties: Robeson, Scotland, Cumberland, Richmond, Moore, Hoke, Chatham, Lee, and Harnett.

Dr. Joseph Elliott the retiring president, made the principal address of the meeting. In the evening session the Medical Auxiliary held their meeting which proved to be very interesting to all the members.

Dr. Croom graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1935. After his graduation he established practice in his home town of Maxton. In World War II he volunteered for service in the Army, and for 18 months was commanding officer of the 5th Hospital Train in England. He came out of the service with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He immediately resumed his practice in Maxton. He has served as president of the Robeson County Medical Society and Chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Society. He is a staff member of Scotland County Hospital, Lumberton.

Maxton Development Co. Conducts Survey

The labor survey conducted by The Maxton Development Co., Inc., begins today, and will continue through Friday and Saturday, November 26 through 28.

Three hundred new jobs may be offered soon in Maxton, depending on the available workers. A nationally-known garment manufacturer is considering Maxton as a new plant location and has asked the Maxton Development Co., Inc. to conduct this labor survey.

This manufacturer is primarily interested in women with factory-type sewing machine experience, or those willing to train with pay. However, all men and women interested in industrial employment are urged to fill out the blank by the Maxton Development Co. by the Maxton Development Co., as information for this or other manufacturers who consider locating in Maxton.

A representative of the manufacturer will be in Maxton today, Thursday, and Friday. He will want to talk briefly with as many people as possible. Please bring the questionnaire already filled out to the old Post Office building in Maxton. If you do not have the form or questionnaire you may secure one by coming by the old Post Office building here.

F. L. Cashwell Returns Home From Hospital

F.L. Cashwell, Sr., who has been a patient in Scotland County Memorial Hospital for several days, has returned to his home in Maxton where he is making satisfactory recovery from his illness.

Monday, Feb. 8, Wingate, Here
Wednesday, Feb. 10, Pembroke, There
Friday, Feb. 12, Gardner-Webb, Here
Saturday, Feb. 13, Gardner-Webb, Here