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Beloved Pastor Rev. Nevell Stancil Dies

Hundreds of persons paid their last respects to the Rev. J. Nevell Stancil, whose funeral rites were held Sunday, February 4, from Live Oak Missionary Baptist Church in Johnston County.

The beloved minister, who served pastorates in Wake, Nash, Wayne, Wilson and Johnston counties died Thursday night at 9:45 in Parkview Hospital in Rocky Mount of a heart ailment. He entered the hospital January 2. He had been in declining health since 1953.

The Rev. Mr. Stancil was the son of the late W. Debro and Lucy Broadwell Stancil. His father was a renowned minister in the Johnston Baptist Association for many years. He was born November 9, 1901, in the Bethany Community of Johnston County and was one of seven children of the couple.

After he was ordained to preach in 1926, the Rev. Mr. Stancil served faithfully and well his many churches and parishioners until his death. At the time of his death he was pastor of Live Oak and Pauline Baptist Churches in the Johnston Association.

He was pastor of Central Baptist Church near Wendell for approximately 19 years, Lees Chapel near Middlesex for approximately 20 years, Watkins Chapel, Union Hope, Baptist Tabernacle, and Nobles Chapel; these churches are in the vicinity of Zebulon. For 21



Rev. Nevell Stancil

years he served as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.

While he was in Rocky Mount he served as vice president of the Rocky Mount Ministerial Association. He was a former member of the Bethany JOUAM.

During his ministry he was active in the community life of his churches and in the many religious activities of his denomination. He never failed to serve when he

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Zebulon Citizens to Vote April 3 On Bonds for Sewer and Water

Board Revitalized

The president of American Plumbing and Electrical Supply Co., Thomas Monk, has been named chairman of Zebulon Planning and Zoning Board. The appointment came January 23.

Other members of the Board are Amos Estes, Charles Creech, Sidney Eddins, Jack Potter, John Hilliard, Forrest Hendricks and Robert Edd Horton.

George Monaghan, who is with the Planning Department of the North Carolina Conservation and Development, appeared before the group and discussed the work they are now beginning, and what they can do for the town and surrounding communities.

Monaghan will be paid a fee of \$800 for his services. Half the

funds will be paid him for 1961-62 and half 1962-63.

The Planning and Zoning Board makes land-use surveys for businesses, plants and residential areas; sub-division controls and regulations; and thoroughfare planning.

The group works in conjunction with Monaghan in directing the town.

Mayor Ed Hales said he feels that this Board will do a very useful job in working for the welfare of the town. He is pleased with the Board selection and feels they are men who will exert every energy for the good of Zebulon.

The Board decided to meet the second Tuesday of each month.

Improvement Cost Set at \$450,000

Zebulon Town Board is under orders to start work on new water and sewer facilities by July 1.

According to John Edwards, town engineer, the present water plant is "extremely poor and inadequate."

The Town Board at its February meeting Monday night tentatively set April 3 as the date Zebulon citizens will vote on a proposed \$450,000 bond issue for new water and sewer improvements.

A definite date will be set when bonding attorneys have completed the necessary work.

The proposed site of the new unit is where Little River crosses U. S. Highway 64 between Zebulon and Wendell.

Costs of the project have been estimated by Edwards as follows: water distribution system, \$77,800; water treatment plant, \$250,000; sewage outfall, \$12,800; and sewage treatment plant, \$125,000. Engineering and contingencies costs are estimated at \$46,568.

Attorney Member of Bentonville Battleground Advisory Committee

A \$16,000 fund-raising campaign to finance further development of the Bentonville Battleground as a State historic site began February 1. Funds will be solicited in Wake, Wayne, Harnett, Johnston, and Sampson counties.

Ferd Davis, Zebulon attorney, is a member of the Wake County Advisory Committee for the restoration project.

Development of the Bentonville Battleground as a State historic site is advancing under the guidance of the State Department of Archives and History. The department's immediate objective is to raise enough money to finance construction of a museum-visitor center at the battleground.

The 1961 Legislature appropriated \$26,000 for the Bentonville project. The proposed museum-visitor center will cost an estimated \$42,000. The February drive is planned to raise the difference.

The State Department of Archives and History is working to make Bentonville Battleground one of the main tourist attractions in North Carolina. Approximately 8,000 persons visited the battleground in 1960. The number of visitors is increasing yearly.

Special tours of the battleground are conducted from time to time for school children and other groups interested in Civil War history.

The first major project in the development of Bentonville Battleground as a State historic site was restoration of the Harper House, a residence which was used during the Battle of Bentonville as a hospital.

The State purchased the Harper House and 51 adjacent acres in 1957. The Confederate Cemetery near Harper House has been leveled, seeded, and landscaped.

Last year a tour guide was prepared, giving meaning to 29 markers already located in the 6,000-acre battleground area and making it easier for visitors to understand the position of Union and Confederate troops during the battle which raged there for three days in March, 1865.

A temporary museum has been installed in the four downstairs rooms of the Harper House.

The department hopes to begin construction of the museum-visitor

center this spring. The work cannot begin unless the February drive to raise \$16,000 is successful.

Local contributors may write checks to the Bentonville Battleground Association. Contributions may be deducted on income tax returns.

Hospital Notes

The following were patients at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital Wednesday morning.

White

Dean Brantley, Virginia Driver, C. V. Whitley, Leon Hagwood, Hazel Boykin, Sue Bunn, Abdo Assmar, Leamon Corbett, Rigsby Massey, Sr., Pearl Denton, and Almetta Johnson.

Colored

Alphonso Barham, Hattie Montague and Geraldine Herndon.

White Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert H. Driver of Route 3, Zebulon, announce the birth of a daughter February 6 at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital. Mrs. Driver is the former Virginia Curtis.

Wakefield Pastor Speaks at Rotary

The people of the Zebulon community have been exceedingly nice since his arrival here, the Rev. Horace Hamm told Zebulon Rotarians last week, and he thinks "the quality of generosity applies to this community."

The Wakefield Baptist Church pastor was featured speaker at the Rotary meeting. He was introduced by Norman Screws.

"You don't invite a preacher to speak to a group unless you expect a message," the minister told the group. Using the eighth Psalm as his text, he described man as more significant when considered in the light of the love of God.

The Rotarians gave good applause for the talk, which was illustrated with interesting anecdotes and experiences of the minister.

Contributions to Polio Fund Exceed Last Year's Total



Mrs. Ben Thomas

The polio contributions drive held here last week was "very successful," according to Mrs. Ben Thomas, chairman.

"I am very pleased with the results," she said. "We are sure to top last year's figure of more than \$530."

The Mothers' March contributions the night of January 30 were \$430.20, according to Mrs. Thomas. She said this week that contributions are still coming in and no count has been made of the canner donations, under the supervision of Mrs. Armstrong Canady.

During this year's drive more of the business district was canvassed. Last year only a few of the stores in town were solicited.

No canvass was made of Wake-lon School. School policy forbids solicitations. Shepard School,

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Dr. Allen P. Brantley, Prominent Methodist Leader, to Speak Here

Dr. Allen P. Brantley, executive director of Christian Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, will speak at Zebulon Methodist Church Sunday, February 11, at 11 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Bill Quick, will preside at the services and introduce Dr. Brantley.

Before coming to this office, Dr. Brantley served as District Superintendent of the Burlington District for six years. He was educated at Duke University, Boston University, Harvard University, and Oxford University, England. He holds the A.B., M.A., S.T.B., S.T.M., and M.R.E. degrees. The honorary degree of Doctor of Di-

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Moses Tant, Partially Blind Since Birth, Disclaims Marriage Plans



Moses Tant

"No, I ain't never been married and what's more I don't want to now," said Moses Tant.

"The way people live now! The way women do men and the way men do women. I don't believe I want one of them."

Mose, as he is called, sat in front of his tiny home just opposite Beck Veneer Company as he philosophized.

"I'll say it's a mess. They need to read the Bible more."

Mose said he loves the Bible.

"I have read it through three times. And I try to practice it." Partially blind since birth, he enjoys listening to recordings made of the Good Book. These recordings are furnished the blind by the North Carolina Blind Commission.

"Three records comprise a book," Mose said. "I enjoy sitting

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