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## GYPSY SMITH REVEALLING LOVE OF THE GOSPEL AND POWER OF SAVING GRACE

The Great Populace, Who Hear Him Nightly, Hang Upon His Words and the Portrayal of the Christian Life, With Intense Interest and Calm Thoughtfulness

THE PREACHER'S WORDS AND ARGUMENTS ARE LIKE SHOTS FROM A "BIG BERTHA" GUN, EXPLODING AND TEARING AWAY ARGUMENTS OF THE DEVIL, CONVINCING WORLDLY-MINDED

The Singing of the Great Choir is Growing in Attractiveness, and the People Are Humming the Songs and Filling Their Hearts With Sacred Melody—Events Under Tent

By JAMES A. ROBINSON

The love of the Lord Jesus Christ; the power of Saving Grace; the development of the best in men and women; and getting right with God and men, and living right, are the major notes that ring through the daily messages of the evangelist, Gypsy Smith, like a clarion call to the hearts and consciences of men and women. He is picturing the rottenness and sinfulness of sin in words that burn, and arguments that are incontrovertible, backed up by the word of God. He is portraying the beauty and blessedness of the Christian life, lived in love towards God and your fellow man. He is shedding a new and radiant light upon the Bible stories calling for repentance, and faith and love towards Jesus and is holding the gospel mirror up in such a manner that every soul can see its own life reflected. His sermons are growing more convincing daily, and the zeal and interest of the people are deepening and widening. Great crowds continue to hear him.

### Scenes About the Tent

The singing continues to improve. Tuesday evening it was exceptionally fine; as it was also Wednesday evening. The masses of the people are getting into the meeting in song. Tuesday night the graded school pupils, in quite a number, sang "Halleluia" with fine effect. Mrs. W. I. Pitts has come into the service as assistant accompanist, and she is doing fine work in leading the music. Friday night will be Graded School night, and the young folks especially. This will be one of the most interesting features of the meetings.

It is announced that Gypsy Smith will preach at Patterson next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Eighteen women's prayer meetings were held Tuesday morning, and the total attendance numbered 260. These meetings are held every Tuesday and Friday morning, in different parts of the town, and all women are invited.

### Tuesday Evening Sermon to Masons, "Jacob the Trickster"

After a day of rest Monday Evangelist Gypsy Smith came to his mission of preaching the gospel Tuesday evening in splendid freshness and vigor, and delivered a powerful sermon to a large congregation, and especially to the Masonic fraternity, which turned out in a body on this night, to the number of about 80.

Mr. Smith's subject was "The Trickster," the story of Jacob in a new and vastly entertaining version as told by the evangelist. He spoke in part as follows:

I want you to look at the story of Jacob and to consider his life in four special aspects, each of which is indicated by and taken from the story of his life.

First—Is he not rightly named "Jacob the Trickster?"

Second—"And the man greatly increased."

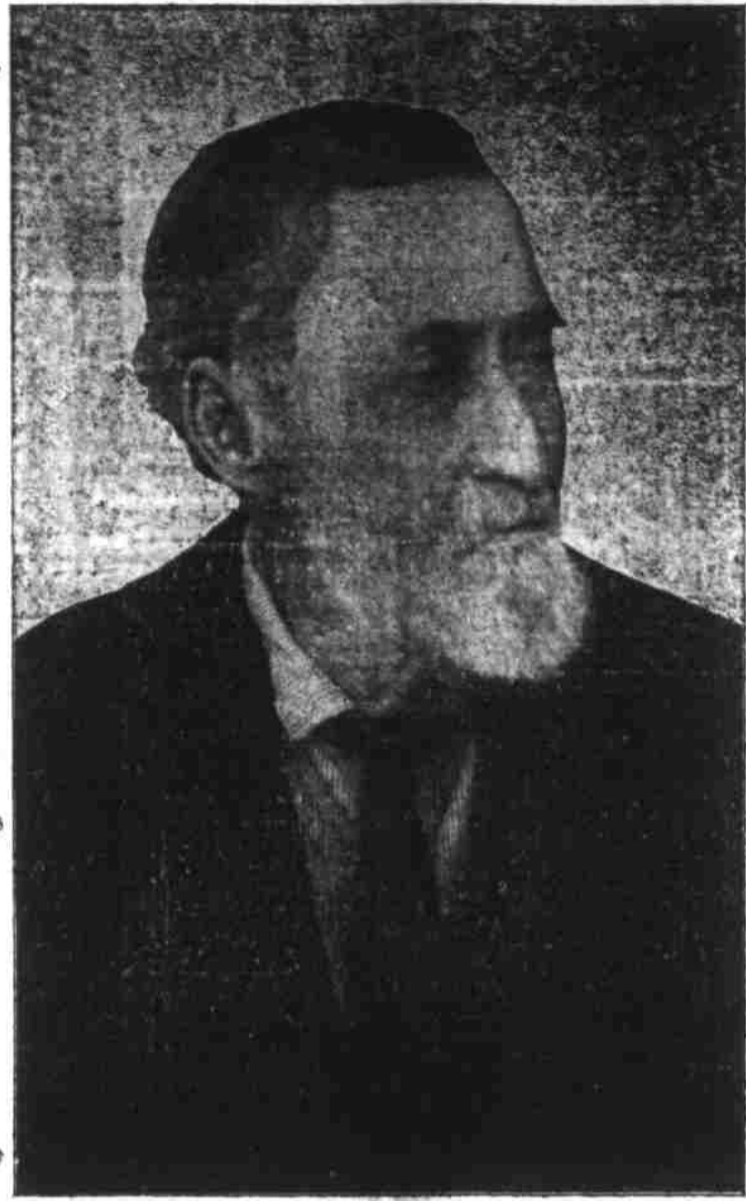
Third—"And Jacob was sorely afraid and distressed;" and

Lastly—"As a prince thou hast power with God and man."

First of all, let me say that God was not a party to some of the acts of this great drama. "Oh," but you say, "it's all in the Bible!" It's very true, but that does not give it Bible sanction. The Bible is a faithful mirror as well as a truthful message. It shows us a good many things of a man's life that we may install them, and it shows us the bad things that we may avoid them, so I want you to notice how Jacob comes on the stage of history to represent the ancient and modern fraternity of the tricksters.

Jacob began by the attempt to make an unlawful purchase. There are some things that no man has any right to buy or to put on the market for sale. No man has any right to buy his brother's honor. No man has any right to buy his sister's virtue. No man has any right to buy his employer's conscience, and no man has any right to buy his servant's liberty. These are some of the inalienable birthrights which no man has any right to buy or sell, and if you get today to the bottom of all social unrest and misery you will find that it is the result of unprincipled men and women, buying and selling what God has forbidden. At this stage of his career he represents the faithful prototype of all unprincipled lawyers. He got his brother in a tight place and made him swear. I have often imagined I could see Esau getting up that morning to go

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JONES EDMUND POWELL

Caldwell County's Esteemed Citizen, Who Died September 8th in the 85th Year of His Age

(We had hoped to use this cut in last issue, but it did not arrive in time)

## JOYS CROWD IN WHEN THE HEART IS HAPPY

The News-Topic Force Feasts on Caldwell Apples and Watermelons

There's a sunny side to the darkest road  
On the difficult journey of life;  
There are golden hours when we slip off the load  
Of the blackest hours of strife.

The News-Topic office this week has been a sanctuary of congeniality, radiating with sunshine and cheer, and most interesting events. So many good people have come in and subscribed and said such nice and encouraging things that the flowers bloom everywhere, and there's sunshine in every heart—all of the corners are bright. Tuesday morning a poor, bedraggled little sick pigeon, unbeknown to anyone, walked in and went up to our linotype machine like he wanted to talk to it, and took a stand under it like Napoleon after his Waterloo, in a meditative mood. While we were striving to bring some cheer and comfort to the little stranger and give him some of the cheer we felt in our hearts, in came a beautiful humming bird, and after circling around to get his bearings, perched himself on an electric wire overhead. He hummed his little hum and departed.

### 75-Pound Watermelon

Scarcely had the bird episode slipped into our memory book when Sid Dula rolled in smiling, and like a cheerful, living cornucopia, spread before us a tempting variety of his superior apples and said, "Eat, and be happy." We did—and were; and Sid Dula is now the "apple of our eyes." But, his! Like a serial story—more to come. E. G. Powell, a raiser of the finest watermelons in Caldwell county, didn't do a thing but bring in Wednesday a 75-pound melon, a Watson, Georgia variety, and immediately the grin on every face was like the old-time overseer's wages—from 'ear to 'ear—and it wasn't long before every face was buried in red meat, and it is meet for us to say that it was the finest ever, and our appreciation has burst the thermometer of our feelings.

So wags the News-Topic world along, with joyous wags.

### IT WAS AN ACCIDENT

Definite news has been received from Prof. George W. Bacon of White Pine, Tenn., president of the Teachers' Music Publishing Company of Hudson, in regard to the recent reports concerning him. There was no attempt to commit suicide. He was shot accidentally. The particulars of the shooting are not given, but it is stated that he is getting along very well, and there are hopes of his recovery very soon.

### WANT TO SEE THE STALK

A number of our subscribers have imprompted the News-Topic office to induce Mr. John Helton to bring his 18-foot stalk of corn to town and put it on exhibition. They are anxious to see it. Mr. Helton will please make a note of this and comply for the satisfaction of his neighbors and friends.

## GREATEST OPENING IN WHOLE HISTORY

Davenport College Began Its Work Wednesday Crowded to the Brim

Davenport College had an auspicious opening Wednesday morning, with the largest attendance in its history, with a record of between fifty and seventy-five boarding students having to be turned down for want of accommodation. Every available space in the college is filled. The 140 students were present, the present capacity of the college, with a large number of day, or local students.

### The Exercises

The opening exercises were very simple, but enthusiastic. Rev. R. D. Sherrill, of the First Methodist church, and Rev. M. H. Tuttle, of the Second Methodist church, both of this city, made interesting and appropriate short addresses, welcoming the student body to the college and this community, which was followed by President J. B. Craven, who spoke of the gratification and pleasure of such an attendance, and the work before the students, and the glowing prospects for the future of this venerable and noted institution.

The faculty this year is the ablest in the history of Davenport, many being new ones of exceptional ability.

### Like a Queen in Lenoir

Davenport is now in the midst of her great work of education, happy-hearted, and sit upon the beautiful eminence of the city, like a royal queen upon her throne, "letting her light shine" to the uttermost parts of the earth. Successful Davenport. May thy prestige never wane, and thy usefulness never be dimmed!

### ENROLLMENT INCREASING

The graded school enrollment has reached 770, with the session only ten days old, as compared with 736 at the end of the first month last year. This is indicative of the growth of Lenoir, and especially the progress of the school, which is now far beyond the bounds of comfortable accommodation. It should fill every citizen with such pardonable pride that it will hasten the enlargement of the school facilities.

### KING'S CREEK

The King's Creek Betterment Association will meet on Saturday, the 18th, at 2:30 in the afternoon, at the school building. All members are requested and urged to be present, as matters of importance will be attended to and every one should be present.

### NOTARY PUBLIC

The announcement comes from Raleigh that H. J. Hartley of Lenoir has been commissioned a notary public, along with quite a number of others from different parts of the State.

### RESUMED HIS OLD WORK

W. D. Jones, Jr., of this city left Wednesday for Raleigh, where he will take up the work of State oil inspector, a position he held last fall and winter. He will operate in the western part of the State.

## A CAR JUMPS DOWN THE MOUNTAIN SIDE

Contained Seven People and Turned Over Three Times in the Fall

THE SIDES FAMILY OF KANNAPOLIS HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE

All Were Bruised and Skinned, But No One Killed, or Had Bones Broken

What came near being a fatal accident to seven people occurred Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock turnpike, some fourteen miles from this city, below the Richland road, and one-fourth of a mile above the high waterfall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sides, Misses Bettie, Ida and Ruth and Messrs. Luther and Clyde Sides, of Kannapolis, in an Oakland car driven by Mr. Luther Sides, had spent the day at Blowing Rock and were coming down the mountain.

### How It Occurred

At the point named above the Sides car met the Lenoir Livery car, driven by Doris Lingle. In passing each other both cars got into ruts, and Mr. Sides made an extra effort to get out. The car made a jump and a lunge forward, and before he could get control went over the side of the road, down the steep. The car turned over three times and finally landed at the bottom, possibly a distance of one hundred feet, with all of the occupants underneath the car except Miss Ida Sides, who in some way fell out of the car in its acrobatic acts, and she had the most thrilling experience of them all. She rolled down the incline to a branch before she could gain her feet. All were badly bruised and skinned, but no bones were broken, and no one killed. It was a miracle how they escaped with their lives. The car was badly broken up, and still remains up there.

### Brought to Lenoir

Mr. Story, driving one of the cars along and he brought the seven along and he brought the seven wounded people to Lenoir, arriving here about 4:30 Wednesday afternoon. Dr. A. B. Goodman dressed their wounds, some of which were very severe, though not serious, and it is not known at this time whether any of them suffered internal injuries, or may develop later. They journeyed a car here and continued their journey to their home in Kannapolis.

### SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

Mr. John W. Allen celebrated his seventieth birthday the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Ernest. A most bountiful dinner was served, being a surprise to Mr. Allen. All of the children were present but two, they being Mr. J. Walter Allen of North Wilkesboro and Mrs. Clay Cranford of Marion. Mr. Allen has thirty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Caudle, Mrs. Charles Robbins, Mr. Charles D. Allen of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Myra Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shell. Seventeen of the grandchildren were present. We must not forget to mention of Mr. Ernest's mother, who wrote him on this occasion, and has just passed her 90th birthday and is well and hearty. We wish these good people many happy returns of the day.

### WHERE HE GOT THE ANIMAL

An enthusiastic horseman from the King's Creek section attended the unbroken horse sale in Lenoir on Saturday last, and purchased one of the "untamed steed." Taking his purchase home, he was met by a friend just at the time the purchaser was doing his best to curb the gyrations of the animal, and the friend inquired, "Where did you get that horse?" Puffing heavily and perspiring freely over the strenuous exercise he was going through in hold on to the rope and being jerked about, he, between heavy breaths, replied: "I got him from Serious, Row Buck and Company, by 'partial' post, by jingoes; that's where I got him."

### A WARNING TO BOYS

Boys with air rifles, and other arms large enough to kill game, are hereby warned against shooting mocking birds. Complaint has come to the News-Topic office that small boys are engaged in shooting these cheerful songsters with air rifles, and quite a number have been slain. Boys, the law is on your trail for such shooting and you had better watch out. Stop it, and you will save your hide from prosecution. If you don't you'll be in limbo, and that will give you and your parents trouble. Don't shoot the song birds, boys. If you must shoot birds, try it out on English sparrows. There's more of them.

### FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Holsclaw attended the funeral of Rev. Charles Beaver at Maiden Sunday. His death is deeply mourned. His funeral was very largely attended. Besides the people of the community it is said that there were at least two hundreds cars bringing sympathizing friends to pay their respects to the beloved minister.

## LENOIR MERCHANT IS HALED TO COURT

A. A. Blackwelder Charged With Assault on Boone Prestwood, Aged 14

BUSINESS MAN THOUGHT HE WAS ACTING FOR THE BOY'S GOOD

However, He Was Fined \$10 and the Costs—Distressing Case Aired in Court

Mr. A. A. Blackwelder, a merchant of this city, was arraigned in the police court Thursday morning on the charge of an assault upon Boone Prestwood, a youth of 14 years of age, which is said to have occurred Tuesday. The case was heard before H. W. Courtney, mayor pro tem., as Mayor Pritchett stated that Mr. Blackwelder was related to him by marriage. Lawrence Wakefield appeared for Prestwood, and Mr. Blackwelder spoke in his own behalf.

### Boone Prestwood's Statement

Boone Prestwood, a boy about the streets, who seems to be under no special care or restraint, stated that Mr. Blackwelder talked to him, and he assailed him and told him it was none of his business to interfere with him; that Mr. Blackwelder caught him by the throat and put one hand over his mouth; "he shut off my wind for a little while."

Two witnesses testified that they saw Mr. Blackwelder have his hands on the boy, but could not positively say just where his hands were in regard to his neck and face.

### Mr. Blackwelder's Statement

Mr. Blackwelder said he had heard that Boone was about to get in trouble at school, for some cause, and that Boone's mother had asked him to help her to save the boy from trouble; that his mother was in some distress about the boy, and she was not able to do much, and trouble would kill her if there was not some relief. He thought it his duty to speak to the boy. He spoke to him, and Boone gave him back-talk. He put his hand on the back of his neck to hold him until he could tell him what he wanted to, but did not think he used undue force. Boone was mad, "and I squeezed my hand. I told him I was doing it for his own good, and trying to keep him from leaving school. Boone told me it was none of my business. God knows, if he knows my heart," said Mr. Blackwelder, "I'd do what I could to save that boy and make a good boy out of him. I'll start a subscription now, with any amount, to help him to live right."

### Discussion After the Fine

Acting Mayor Courtney stated that it was clear, from the evidence, that Mr. Blackwelder had violated the law, and he felt it his duty to impose a fine. Mr. Blackwelder was fined \$10 and costs, which amounted to \$13 and some cents.

After the case had been disposed of Mr. Blackwelder made a talk. He spoke of the bad influences over Boone, by bad companions, and the boy was accused of many things of which he was not guilty. He was doing his best to help the boy himself for his mother's sake. That it was the duty of good citizens to protect and save him from himself. He alluded to many things done and enacted here which had not been recognized by the officers, and nothing said or done—particularly profanity. He wanted good people to care for Boone, and love and care would redeem him from his wayward course and make a better boy of him. The examples of grown-ups was largely responsible for Boone's condition.

### The Mayor Had a Few Words

Mayor Pritchett said he thought he ought to say something; that he and the officers had been criticized for many things; that he did not see all that was going on; but he thought that if those who did see things would report them and help the officers, instead of criticizing them, there would be an improvement in Lenoir.

Acting Mayor Courtney gave Boone a healthy and helpful lecture, and wanted to know what he intended to do—if he wanted to be better, and do right. Boone said that he did.

Court adjourned.

### HAYES-ESTES

The following announcement has been received by friends: "Mr. Sherman Clarence Hayes and Miss Bertha Boone Estes, married August the thirtieth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, Spokane, Washington. At home after October first, 221 Riverside avenue, Spokane, Washington."

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes spent their childhood days in and near Lenoir, but later drifted to different parts of the west. They both responded to Uncle Sam's call for volunteers in the world war. Miss Estes joined the yeomanettes, while Mr. Hayes went to France. Since his return to the States he has been engaged in business in Washington. Their many friends wish them success.

### FIRST TRIP TO LENOIR

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker and Mrs. Lillie Siddle of Locust Hill, N. C., and B. L. Blackwell, from Ruffin, N. C., spent the week end with their cousins and brother, J. P. Blackwell and Mrs. T. M. White. This was the Walkers' and Mrs. Siddle's first trip to Lenoir, and they were very much impressed with the town.