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Large Crowd Gathers For The Last Service Held Here By Mr. Sikes

Churches Of Town Unite In Farewell Service At Edgar Long Methodist Church

MR. SIKES EXPECTS TO BE TRANSFERRED

Sunday evening all of the churches of the town gathered in the Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church to pay tribute to Rev. T. A. Sikes, the retiring pastor, for the great work he has accomplished during his four year's pastorate here.

The large auditorium was filled to overflow and the Sunday School annex had to be opened, showing in a marked degree the love our town and community has for Mr. Sikes and his good wife. In the absence of Rev. W. F. West, senior pastor of the town, he being engaged in a revival in Salisbury, Rev. A. J. McKelway was in charge of the services. Rev. W. L. Maness offered prayer, which was followed by music. Short addresses were made by the following: Rev. A. J. McKelway, representing the Presbyterian church; J. W. Noell, for the First Baptist church; R. B. Dawes, in behalf of the town; Rev. J. C. McGregor, representing the Ministerial Association, and S. G. Winstead, for the Methodist church. All of these speakers dwelt on some phase of the great work Rev. Mr. Sikes has accomplished while laboring here, and spoke very feelingly of the necessity for his leaving. At the conclusion of these speakers Mr. Sikes arose and most beautifully expressed his appreciation of the many kind words, and while he attempted to indulge in a little levity it was very apparent that he was laboring under a heavy load of emotion. He expressed his great love for the town and community, saying he would never see a happier pastor than the one he was just closing his eyes on, and he had never found a more loyal church or appreciative community than he found in Roxboro. His tribute to his church and to the town, was most beautiful, and best of all, he showed conclusively that he was speaking from the heart and not simply with his lips.

A most thoughtful and appreciated act was that of Rev. W. F. West. During the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Sikes, lasting four years, he and Mr. West have often been referred to as David and Jonathan, so great is their love one for the other, and it was a great disappointment to Mr. West that he could not be present at the services; however, just before the services began he called Mr. McKelway over the phone and asked that he carry a message from him, closing the talk with a verse of scripture. The Methodist choir, which is recognized as just about the best in this section, gave two beautiful anthems, and the chorus choir, composed of twelve or fifteen male voices, also sang a most beautiful selection.

The service was a beautiful service, and was most appropriate, and was much enjoyed by the large congregation.

County Red Cross Committees Named

Very anxious to see Person County raise the quota asked for in the Cross Roll Call and will appreciate the hearty cooperation of the committees named below:

Harmony: Misses Jewel Fogleman and Betty Moore.

Bethel Hill: Mesdames J. A. Brown and Walter Day.

Allegheny: Rev. N. J. Todd and Miss Whit.

Helen: Mesdames R. C. Garrison and Tom Clay.

Burdick Mills: Rev. J. B. Currin.

Buena Vista: Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Helen Sue Russell.

Ober Hill: Mrs. Ira Stephens and Miss Helen Graves.

Chairman: C. H. Hunter.

Thanksgiving Services

Rev. T. A. Sikes will conduct services at the Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 10 o'clock P. M. The public is cordially invited to these services.

St. Mary's, Italy, is seeking better transportation.

Her Father Fought in '76



Mrs. Mark Priscilla Tillman, 96 is one of the five daughters of soldiers of the Revolutionary War said to be still alive. She is the only actual D. A. R. in California.

MOVING DAY

Yesterday seemed to be moving day here, when many moves were made. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stewart moved into their handsome new home on Academy Street. This is a most beautiful home, in fact, when they complete work on their lawn it will be one of the show places of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Duncan, who recently bought the home place of Mr. T. B. Woody, on Lamarr Street, moved into same, while Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Allen and family moved into the home vacated by Mr. Allen, on Academy Street, belonging to Judge J. C. Pass. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Woody and family moved into the home of Mr. Cabness, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Moore. About Dec. 1st Mr. Moore's family will move into the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Edwards on Lamarr Street, when Mr. Edwards will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Stewart.

Good Sales at Pioneer

We are calling your attention to some sales made with us during the past week. Space forbids our giving all of the good sales we are making, but we call your attention to the following:

B. W. Gardner, 742 lbs. for \$274.02, average \$36.91.

E. Zimmerman & L., 560 lbs., average 27 cents.

Bradsher & Perkins, 574 lbs., average 26 cents.

R. D. Bailey, 276 lbs., average 28 cents.

Wrappers are selling for as high as 65 cents, and cutters as high as 50 cents.

Bring us your next load.

Hunter, Perkins & Long.

The Biography Medal

Mr. B. I. Satterfield is again offering a medal to the student in county or city schools who writes the best biographical sketch of one of the following biblical characters: David, Daniel, or Esther.

Further regulations much like those used last year will be published later. This is being published now in order that the students may begin work.

Joe B. Currin.

Wesleyan Tabernacle

Sunday School 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 and 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Rev. D. C. Stone, Pastor.

Notice Jr. O.U.A.M.

Monday, Nov. 23rd, is the night for initiation at the Roxboro Council No. 121. Come.

Trainer—Say, I wanta congratulate yuh on this article you writ for the newspaper—it's the berries! Pugglist—Yeah, dat's what dey tell me. By golly, I wish I could read!

Dwelling For Rent

Modern, with all conveniences, including garage. Best location.

PRESTON SATTERFIELD.

HUNTING SEASON IN N. C. OPENS FRIDAY

Buy License From Central Service Corporation Here Before Going Out

OPEN FOR TURKEYS, QUAIL, DOVES, RABBITS

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—Hunting season in North Carolina will open as scheduled Friday, November 20, Colonel J. W. Harrelson, director of the state department of conservation and development, said today.

Harrelson declared he would make no recommendation at this time that the conservation board take steps, in view of forest fire conditions, to postpone or close the hunting seasons.

An announcement from the conservation department Sunday said its officials were considering the expediency of postponing the opening of the major seasons and the suspension of those seasons already under way as a measure for coping with the existing fire hazards.

The decision of the department officials today to abandon, at least for the present, any plans to postpone the hunting season will enable thousands of gunners to continue preparations to go into the field Friday morning for quail, wild turkeys, doves and rabbits.

"Our faith in the integrity of North Carolina sportsmen and their willingness to co-operate with the department of conservation and development in the prevention and suppression of forest fires led us to abandon, at least for the present, plans to close or postpone the hunting seasons," said a joint statement by Colonel Harrelson and C. H. England, state game warden.

BETHEL HILL BEATS ROXBORO IN HARD FOUGHT CONTEST

Two Best Teams Of This Section Battle On Bethel Hill Ground

FINAL SCORE IS 12 TO 6

Bethel Hill won from Roxboro Friday afternoon by a score of 12 to 6 in one of the hardest fought games of the year. The game was unusually well played, both teams being very evenly matched.

In the first half Earl Humphries made a touchdown for Bethel Hill with a 55-yard run.

The touchdown for the visitors came during the first half as a result of a beautiful 25-yard pass from Frederick to Hatchett, thus (Continued on last page)

Roxboro Has Largest Break of The Season

For First Time This Year Sales Were Blocked, But Prices Are Better

BETTER TOBACCO AND BETTER AVERAGES

The Roxboro tobacco market seems to be coming in to its own, and while prices are low, especially on common grades, the general trend of prices for the better grades seems to be upward. The houses were full of tobacco on Monday, and a feeling of general satisfaction generally was noted. Quite a number of loads, real loads, sold for an average better than forty dollars, cutters and wrappers selling for 50 and 55 cents.

Sales so far have been below the usual amount, but now that the farmers have tried out the other markets and find they can do just as well at home we believe sales will be nearer normal. When prices are low it is perfectly natural for the farmer to try out the other markets, when he usually finds that the home market is doing just as well as any of them.

The general opinion is that you will find no better time than right now to sell your tobacco, and the warehousemen here cordially invite every one to bring their tobacco to Roxboro.

RAIN IS PROMISED FOR FOREST FIRE REGION

Smoke Pall Continues to Hang Over Wide Section of Eastern Carolina

BED OF LAKE ON FIRE

Kinston, Nov. 17.—Prospects of rain heartened residents of southeastern Carolina today. The half dozen counties between Kinston and Onslow bay and several between this city and the Atlantic have been harassed by forest fires, the worst in history, for weeks.

The weather man promised precipitation. For the first time in weeks the skies were cloudy.

The larger fires, including that in the White Oak river section which swept timber, brush and grass lands in an area of 100 square miles, have died down, some of them stopped by fire fighters, but scores of blazes continue to rage, sparing to county in the district. Smoke around this city last night was the heaviest yet.

Smoke and fog combined this morning to make traffic hazardous on the highways.

Rainfall here in September totaled 2.67 inches. The precipitation last month was only .10 of an inch. There has not been a drop of rain in November. Some parts of southeastern Carolina had fairly heavy showers recently, but they were not sufficient to quench the woods fires which have given off a smoke pall blanketing more than a third of the state.

The soil, of a peaty nature, is burning in parts of Pamlico, Beaufort, Hyde, Craven and Carteret counties.

Lake Ellis, one of the group of large lakes in Craven county near the Onslow line, has been afire, literally.

The lake, three miles long and a mile and a half wide, dried up weeks ago from drought and the heat of forest fires which swept hundreds of square miles of woods and grass land around it. Now, according to Fred I. Sutton, the marine vegetation on the bottom has been destroyed by flames. It burned like chaff, so dry had it become.

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We have made some extraordinary purchases in Elgin watches and diamond rings. We are going to give you the advantage of it. Come in, we welcome you. Look, price, and see for yourself.—The Newells.

At The Palace

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 23rd and 24th BOBBY JONES IN "THE PUTTER"

To be continued for 12 weeks on Monday and Tuesday of each week.

Person Circuit

Our services Sunday both at Oak Grove and Woodsdale will be in charge of our young people and leaders of Oak Grove congregation. They will render a play that will be impressive and inspiring. You have the opportunity of enjoying this play both at Oak Grove Sunday morning and at Woodsdale in the afternoon.

We have arranged for Thanksgiving services for Oak Grove at 8:30 o'clock on Thanksgiving day; Concord, 9:30, and at Leas Chapel, 11 a. m. This is the time to give thanks unto the Lord. I wish all our people would arrange to attend one of these services. You will have the remainder of the day for your own use.

W. L. MANESS, Pastor.

Twice as many victims are killed by electricity than by lightning annually.

Victory Almost In Sight For Re-opening National Bank

Succeeds Late Speaker



John B. Hollister, Cincinnati Republican, easily won the election when a successor to Nicholas Longworth was chosen.

JALONG RESIDENT DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Sarah Dixon Succumbs After Being Confined To Her Bed Two Years

Mrs. Sarah Dixon, 62, well-known resident of Jalong, died at her home in that vicinity Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock. Death resulted from tuberculosis.

For the past two years Mrs. Dixon's health had been failing. She had been confined to her bed for more than a year before death claimed her. She was a native of Person county, born near Roxboro. For over 23 years she made her home near Jalong in which community she had many friends.

Besides her husband, G. W. Dixon, the deceased leaves four daughters, Misses Beatrice and Lera Dixon, and Mrs. Tehnie Owen and Mrs. Robert Bowles; five sons, L. D. J. D., J. C., J. P., and C. F. Dixon; one sister, Mrs. Maggie Welch, of Timberlake, and two brothers, J. S. Long, of Timberlake, and R. F. Long, of Durham.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church at Jalong Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment made in the Providence cemetery. Rev. B. Shankle, pastor, officiated while Rev. J. C. McGregor assisted in the services.

Active pallbearers: J. Dameron Long, Lennie Carver, Nat Clayton, Tommy Jordan, Bud Dickerson and E. H. Sawyer. Floral bearers were Mesdames Norman Carver, J. W. Grills, I. T. Dickerson, B. R. Yarbrough, Norman Walker, N. A. Hall, J. B. Dunn, J. R. Puryear and Lemon Oliver.

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Committee In Charge Hope To Finish The Canvass This Week

REPORT MORE THAN \$40,000 PLEDGED

To personally canvass several hundred people, scattered from Washington to Florida, is quite a job, but that is practically what the committee in charge of the plans to re-open the First National Bank have done. Of course, there is a scattered few which they have not been able to see, but the large majority have been seen and, we are glad to say most of them have signed a pledge card to contribute one-third of the value of their stock to the re-opening.

At this writing more than forty thousand of the fifty thousand needed has been pledged, and the committee feel confident the matter will be closed this week and the bank will re-open. Of course, it still depends upon the individual, for all must bear their part of the burden. When the proposition is fully explained we do not see how any one, if they can possibly raise the amount asked, can refuse. There has been no proposition made to our people with more far reaching possibilities than the question of opening the bank again, and again we say we believe every one interested in any manner will do their utmost to see the plans perfected.

If you have not signed the pledge card, do so at once and mail it to the chairman, Mr. J. S. Walker. Do not delay, for every day means additional cost to those interested.

Roxboro P. T. A. Met On Monday

The Parent-Teachers' Association of the Roxboro City Schools held its regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the auditorium of the Central Graded School.

Mrs. W. G. Miller, president of the association, presided over the business session. After some discussion it was decided to have visitor's day at the Central Graded School, Wednesday, Nov. 25th, and to let that take the place of the next Parent-Teachers' meeting.

After the business session, a very enjoyable program was given. Miss Texys Morris in charge. Piano selections were rendered by Lizette Allgood and Mary Sue Whit. A one act play on Armistice Day was given by a few of the ninth grade boys and girls.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.—See.

Pastors Attending Church Conference

The Eastern North Carolina Methodist Conference will meet in Greenville, N. C., this morning. Rev. T. A. Sikes, Rev. W. L. Maness, Rev. S. F. Nicks and Rev. B. Shankle left yesterday morning.

Two of the pastors here, Rev. T. A. Sikes and Rev. S. F. Nicks, have served four years, and probably will not be returned. Few men have labored more faithfully than these gentlemen and it is a source of real regret to see them move. Both have been good friends of The Courier and have always found a welcome at this office. We would that the Bishop might see fit to return them.