

GASTON MINISTER IS ACTIVE AT AGE OF 90

Rev. W. W. Ratchford, Pastor of Two Churches, Celebrates 90th Birthday — "Granny" Ratchford, His Sister, Aged 96 Got Up at 3 A. M. to Attend Celebration — Large Number From Gaston Present.

(Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.) UNION, May 30.—On May 26 that dear old gentleman known affectionately to all Union as "Uncle Williams" Ratchford, celebrated his 90th birthday at his home at Tizrah church, near Waxhaw. Rev. Wm. M. Ratchford was born and raised in the Union neighborhood, and it was fitting that Union should send a good delegation to the celebration. The session of the church was represented by the pastor and two elders, Messrs. John Riddle and J. R. Henderson. There were six cars which met at Belmont at 5:30 a. m. The pathfinder was driven by Mr. Duff Ratchford. In it were Mr. and Mrs. Duff Ratchford and Master Marvin Ratchford, Mrs. Harter, and Miss Mary Ratchford, called by all "Granny." The trip was 122 miles, but "Granny," who is a sister of Rev. William Ratchford and is 96 years old, had gotten up at 3:20 a. m., made up her bed, dressed in a handsome black taffeta silk and was as eager as a child to get on; and no one enjoyed the day more than she did, or the beautiful dinner, and she returned home that night. The rest of the Union crowd was composed of Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Sparrow, Mr. John Riddle, Mr. J. R. Henderson, Miss Mamie Riddle, and Mrs. Chas. Riddle, Messrs. George, Rufus and William Ratchford, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Harper and Misses Kathleen, Edna and Margaret Harper, Mr. and Mrs. John Ratchford, Mrs. Harvey Ratchford, and Misses Mary Elizabeth and Alice Wilson Ratchford, and from Gastonia Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ratchford, Mrs. Thomas Ratchford and Judge A. C. Jones.

Rev. Wm. Ratchford has nine living children and all were present, including Rev. Charles Ratchford, of Waterford, Va. Several years ago, at a meeting at Union, the three Ratchford ministers were in the pulpit, the grandfather, son and a grandson, three generations. The old gentleman is still preaching. He holds two famous old churches, Tizrah, where his home is, and Waxhaw, and the congregation with cars or buggies laden with good things for the dinner drove up. It is a very old settlement, near the border of the two states, and Tizrah is in South Carolina while Waxhaw is in North Carolina. There was a splendid dinner, and after that a meeting in the church, where Judge Jones, Rev. G. A. Sparrow and Rev. Chas. Ratchford each made a talk, followed by the one in whose honor the fête was given. After that, as the thunder was rolling, the party began to prepare for the home going, all wishing Mr. Ratchford to celebrate his 100th anniversary, which he said he expected to do. It is a delightful neighborhood and filled with cultured and charming people, the descendants of many Revolutionary heroes. Just inside the cemetery gates at Tizrah, we saw the graves of three Mcains, all of whom were soldiers of the Revolution, and also one of a Mrs. Mcain who "shared with her husband the evils of the Revolutionary war"; this is on the tombstone. Around the cemetery is a beautiful iron fence and it is well kept. There was one grave I could not find, that of Rev. Mr. Blackstock. He used to preach at Tizrah and when he got wound up he did not know how to stop, but preached all day. The church is modern looking. A few years ago it was made over and the section removed where the faithful old colored members used to sit. Rev. William W. Ratchford has been their pastor for 29 years.

But I cannot end this article without telling of his other church, Waxhaw, famous as the second oldest church in South Carolina—not this building, but this organization. The building is not very old, so we will pass on to the cemetery. In this is buried the father of President Andrew Jackson. The grave, although well located, is not marked, has no tombstone, and the Colonial Dames or D. A. R.'s should see to that. The old cemetery has many graves with coats of arms on the tombstones. Some of the people had been early settlers, and had come directly from abroad, mostly Scotland although on one we saw that he had come from County Antrim, Ireland. On one was an ace of spades, what for we did not know. But as this is getting too long, we will have to save some of the historical stories of this wonderful old cemetery for another time. It was a delightful trip, and all enjoyed it, and especially being with the pastor and people of those churches.

SMALL BOY RUN DOWN ON CHARLOTTE STREET

Charles Tull Killed by Auto In Which Rev. Mr. Nicholson and Family Were Riding.

CHARLOTTE, May 29.—Charles Tull, seven-year-old son of Mrs. J. B. Tull, was struck by an auto driven by Charles R. Nicholson, aged 17, about 12:30 today and almost instantly killed. He was rushed to the Presbyterian hospital, but died on the way. The accident happened on Elizabeth avenue at the end of the car line. The child and two other boys of the same age ran from behind a street car, the Tull boy darting in front of the automobile containing Rev. W. C. Nicholson and family. Charles Nicholson was driving. They were returning from church. Mrs. Tull is a widow, her husband dying during the epidemic during the war. She is from Waxhaw. The boy's body will be taken there tomorrow morning for burial.

LINCOLN METHODISTS GO "OVER" IN CAMPAIGN

LINCOLN, May 29.—"Over the top" in two hours this afternoon in the Methodist educational campaign was the report of the First Methodist church of Lincoln, according to Rev. J. T. Mangum, pastor. The quota of the church was \$12,500, this amount having been raised and a margin started, with the canvass not completed, in about two hours' work, Mr. Mangum said. The campaign is being waged in the

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NOTICE OF SALE OF GASTONIA REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Gaston County, North Carolina, made the 23rd day of May, 1921, in the Special Proceeding, wherein C. C. Cornwell, Administrator of William Whitworth, deceased, is petitioner or plaintiff, and Mary Whitworth and S. G. Whitworth, heirs-at-law of said deceased, are defendants, same being a proceeding to sell lands of the deceased intestate to make assets for payment of debts, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, on Wednesday, June 22, 1921

at 12 o'clock, noon, at the front door of the Courthouse, in Gastonia, N. C., the following described real estate: Lying in City of Gastonia, Gaston county, North Carolina, adjoining Gus Herndon tract in and to that certain lot of land, belonging to the late William Whitworth and others, bounded as follows: Beginning at A. L. Herndon's corner on the old Dallas street, thence with said Dallas street N. 50 feet to the corner of said Dallas and 4th streets; thence with 4th street N. 82-40 East 264 feet to C. H. Shute's S W corner; thence N. with said Shute's line (West line) 42 feet to A. L. Herndon's corner; thence W. with said Herndon's line to old Dallas street the beginning; and being same land conveyed to said William Whitworth by Mrs. R. A. Latta, by deed dated the 5th day of October 1906, and recorded in Gaston county, N. C., in Deed Book No. 78 page 227, to which reference is here by made. Subject to a portion of same sold off by said Wm. Whitworth and wife, Lucy Whitworth, by deed dated the 1st day of December, 1920, and recorded in Deed Book No. — page — where appears the exact boundary so sold; and further subject to the Dower of said Lucy Whitworth, widow, which has been set aside and allotted, consisting of right to two rooms in the dwelling house on said lot. There is a good dwelling on the land. The highest bid

will stand open for 20 days for confirmation by the court; but, if price is a fair one, and bid is not increased a sufficient amount to justify expense of a resale, title will be confirmed to the purchaser at this sale. This, the 23rd day of May, 1921. C. C. CORNWELL, Commissioner. Claudius D. Holland, Attorney. M.J. 13 c 4

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of James Townsend, deceased, late of Gaston County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Gastonia, N. C., on or before the 15th day of May, 1922, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 14th day of May, 1921. JOHN G. CARPENTER, Administrator of Estate James Townsend, Deceased. M.J.2066

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A LIVELY LESSON IN THE HIGH COST OF LOVING AT THE GASTONIAN TODAY AND TOMORROW Say, when you're 19— And Terribly in L-U-V— And Wild to get married— And you're stone broke— And out o'luck— And then a \$1,000 bandit appears— SAY AINT IT A GR-RAND An' GLOR-RIous FEELIN'? Good-by gloom! Here's Charlie Ray in a puppy love play! First National Pictures Presents CHARLES RAY IN "19 AND PHYLLIS" A Romance of Youth for Youths of Nineteen and Ninety-Nine. WEDNESDAY VIOLA DANA IN "PUPPETS OF FATE" THURSDAY and FRIDAY POLA NEGRI and 5,000 People in "PASSION" NINE REELS THAT SEEM BUT FIVE. Don't miss seeing "Passion". If you do you'll regret it.

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