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REV. C. B. CRAIG AT PINEHURST

A General Revival for Church—Christian Endeavor Organized—Live Local News

(Mrs. R. Pyron)

In the selection of Rev. C. B. Craig pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Laurinburg, N. C., to come to Pinehurst for the week of June 24th to conduct a series of services each day at the large and beautiful Community House, which is the center of the spiritual as well as the directed social life of the people in and around Pinehurst who have come in here from every state in the Union to have a part in carrying on the many departments of work which are so successfully planned for and carried on at Pinehurst, Rev. W. L. Wilson, pastor of the local church, made a wise choice.

Mr. Craig came as a stranger, but was literally welcomed by hundreds of residents, and the spirit of hospitality was so prevalent that he could not accept the shower of invitations that were given him by the home keepers, although he was in the different homes not only to each of the three meals each day, but at all hours during the days.

This meeting was a success from the first service. Large crowds attended, especially the open air gatherings. The music was inspirational and was led by Mr. Bruce Cameron, a Presbyterian Elder of more than local fame in musical circles, assisted by Mr. Craig, who also has a splendid tenor voice with leading qualities which he uses with great effect. One of the most appropriate features of the musical program was the selection of the hymns, which was done by Mr. Craig himself, selected for their appropriateness to the subjects of his Bible messages, and were all of the type of songs which was an expression of the Soldiers of the Cross in the battle for God and the right. His sermons were very fine in subject matter, full of thought and appropriate. They were in the main a call to the church, calling men and women as well as girls and boys to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty, and he stressed the witness of the Holy Spirit in the lives of professing Christians, and the reading of God's word as the means of knowing the will of God.

His appeals to the church for those who had taken the vows to be true to God, being faithful had marked influence which was particularly appropriate at this time, as the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian church of North Carolina, especially the Fayetteville Presbytery with the local members of this denomination are trying to perfect plans whereby they may establish a strong church at Pinehurst with a minister serving full time, which will mean much to the religious sentiment of this community.

Not only did Mr. Craig appeal to the church members, but he won the young people and the children who came to these services, and his beautiful as well as interesting and deeply spiritual sermons to the young people as his very life seemed to say to them "Follow me as I follow Christ," left a lasting influence. And the one thing that seemed to appeal to saint and sinner in this Godly man was the wholesome normal, manly life he not only seemed to live among men, but the fact that he made following Jesus the natural, most to be desired of all things.

Quite a number have joined the church as a result of these meetings and more will join. The Sunday School has received quite an impetus. One young lady is contemplating going to Moody Bible School to study for Christian service, and a Christian Endeavor Society has been organized with twenty-six members, and on all sides one hears talk of a new Presbyterian church at no distant date.

Mrs. Sam P. Jones, Mrs. Laura J. Sloan and Mr. Poster Jones, of Cartersville, are spending July with Mr. and Mrs. R. Pyron who are at home at the Laurel Cottage for the summer. While in Pinehurst Mrs. Pyron's guests are receiving many social attentions.

Mrs. Homer Peacock entertained 8 guests in their honor on Wednesday afternoon, July 11, at her apartment in the Franklin flats.

On Friday evening Miss Callie Bantley and the ladies at the Hazelward entertained twenty-five guests at a swimming party and picnic supper at Lakeview, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Sloan being the honor guests.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Charlie Picquet had Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Sloan and several guests at tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gardner had as their week-end visitors, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ricks, of Rocky Mount. Mr. and Mrs. Ricks have just returned from their wedding trip to Washington, D. C. Mrs. Gardner entertained them with a number of her special friends, at a Progressive Party on

Saturday evening. They drove down to Sweetheart Lake to an elegant supper, and then to Lakeview to the dance.

Misses May Dalton and Anna Folley, of Bridgeport, Conn., are the charming guests of Mrs. Sam Henneslee. While here they are being extensively entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Stutts with Mrs. Thompson and children left Saturday for Boston in their new Essex for a two week's trip.

Mr. Richard Tufts spent "Friday 13" in Charlotte. He made the trip in record time finding the condition of the roads 100 per cent perfect. He drove over in 3 hours and 15 minutes, and back in 3 hours and 20 minutes. Counting times he stopped at railroad crossings.

Mr. R. Pyron spent Saturday and Sunday in Winston-Salem, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Viv Slacnk who are at Reynolda for the summer months where Mrs. Slacnk has quite a flourishing class of polo.

The Sunday School picnic of the Pinehurst Sunday School which was held at Lakeview on the 10th was an all day success.

Mrs. R. Pyron entertained Sunday evening Misses McNaughton, Camp and Evans of the faculty at Samarcand Manor.

Mr. Bruce Cameron who has been quite sick is able to be out again to the delight of his many friends.

Mr. Craig and family and Mrs. Frazier spent Sunday at Johnsonville with friends. Mrs. Kivett returned to Pinehurst with them to be their guest for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamse Welch spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

Miss Hester Battley spent Saturday at McConnell Hospital where she went to take her young brother John for a minor operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Picquet spent Sunday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bliss motored to Charlotte Sunday night with friends to dinner.

Miss Frances Grey left Wednesday for her summer home in New Hampshire.

Rev. C. B. Craig, of Laurinburg, spent a short while in Pinehurst Monday.

Mr. Stacy Brewer, the genial editor of The Pilot, visited friends in Pinehurst Monday.

Special Missionary Meeting on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Community House in Pinehurst. There will be a special program given by the Woman's Auxiliary of the church. At this meeting will be held the annual election of officers. Everyone will be welcome.

Miss Nora Bradford, Moore county demonstration agent, will give canning demonstrations at the Community House Friday afternoon at 1:30. The ladies and girls of Pinehurst school district are urged to attend this demonstration.

PICNIC AT MT. PLEASANT

Everybody is invited to attend the annual Sunday School picnic at Mount Pleasant church, Saturday, July 28.

JOHNSON WRITES MORE OF KANSAS

Says State in Some Respects Greatest in Union—Produces Best Grasses

I closed last week's letter with the story of Manuel, and the terrible retribution that overtook him for fishing on Sunday, and the story was induced by seeing one lone boy going fishing on Sunday in the Great State of Kansas; and my closing sentence was a promise to write on Colorado, but it has occurred to me that I would not be justified in slurring over Kansas in this way, so a part, at least of this letter must be given to the Sunflower state.

It is easy to see how the State got this name for hundreds of miles the right of way is a mass of sunflowers—not planted by man, but indigenous to the soil, and growing as naturally as dog fennel grows in Florida.

In many respects, Kansas is the very greatest and richest state in the Union, and the secret of its greatness lies in the fact that its soils produces the best grasses to perfection. There are no mountains or lakes to interfere, no surface rocks to remove, and no stumps to be pulled, level surface, and naturally fertile soil, with 90 per cent of the whole state fit for plowland. How could such a state escape greatness?

More acres under cultivation than any other state except Texas, and this only sixty years after the first furrow was plowed in its virgin soil. The market value of the Kansas crops in 1921 was over seven hundred million dollars; while the value of the eggs shipped in 1921 was twenty-one million dollars, or six million dollars more; the price paid for the whole Louisiana Purchase, of which the state of Kansas is a small part!

In the production of wheat Kansas raises one-seventh of all the wheat of the United States, and has the second largest meat packing industry in the world. In this industry it is surpassed only by Chicago.

Before the advent of the railroads the old Santa Fe Trail between Missouri and the Rocky Mountains furnished the highway for Caravan and schooner wagons—"Ships of the Desert," and the course of the railroad closely follows the notable trail. The Santa Fe Railway reached Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1880, and the trail became a thing of the past. In several places we can see this old trail from the observation car.

As we journeyed I took note of a great number of towns in Kansas. At the little town of Turner, which seems largely devoted to gardening and fruit culture, I noticed the first garden that was prettier than my garden at home; and I felt a sort of jealousy, not to be explained, except as one of the gnarls of human nature.

At the town of Weaver there are great broad fields of Irish potatoes, that must have contained five hundred acres, when I said to my lady, I

thought this man would make more than enough to "do" him, and that he would have some to sell. When I was a boy on the farm in Moore county, for a farmer to make more than enough to "do" him, was the very height and climax of prosperity.

At Topeka we get the first sight of North American Indians, a boy and a girl standing on the paved sidewalk near our car window. I scanned them closely—especially the girl—(I always make a specialty of that). Her features were really attractive; small hands and feet, long slender fingers, well formed mouth, soft black eyes, and long coarse black hair. Her teeth were immaculate, and her countenance was entirely free from either forwardness or vindictiveness. The fact that the Anglo-Saxon race did not assimilate this splendid race is an absolute guarantee that we shall never assimilate an alien race.

After a more critical inspection of the Hopi Indians of Arizona I was obliged to dismiss most of my admiration for the Indian women; but the above was written before I saw the Hopies; but "What I have written, I have written."

Wheat! Wheat! Wheat! Corn! Wheat! Alfalfa! all in such profusion that I almost have scenic indigestion, and am glad when night comes—(But I do wish they would not work on Sunday!!)

Standish, now a rolling prairie, with numberless sheep grazing, interspersed with Guernsey cattle.

Hardin. Now we begin to see Sinclair Oil Co's tanks, take the place of the Standard. Thank God for that. Now it is level plain again, and as far as the eye can see the prospect is one interminable wheat field.

Dodge City: Here we see a herd of some 500 Hereford cattle; pass through a veritable forest of oil derricks. In the pastures are young mules by the thousands.

Now we pass Newton, and are coming into the Buckwheat country. This rich grain and stock country used to be known as the "Bad Lands of Kansas." Thirty years ago these lands were a marshy glade, and covered over with crawfish holes, six to eight feet deep, that stood full of water all the year. Some genius conceived

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BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN VASS

Mr. D. G. Ridenhour is beginning the erection of a nice bungalow on the street opposite the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Guy H. Simpson's residence on Alma Street is nearing completion, as is also Mr. Paul W. Joyner's on the same street.

Mr. R. P. Beasley is erecting another store building next to the Drug Store.

The new postoffice building is now ready for the roof. When completed it will be occupied by the postoffice and Vass Mercantile Dry Goods department.

Mr. Will McCraney is having the finishing touches put on his dwelling preparatory to moving to Vass in the very near future.

MORE HISTORY OF BETHESDA CHURCH

Members Had to Give an Account of Themselves Twice Yearly

A custom that prevailed in this church until about 1825 that was brought over by these Scots was that of Communion occasions, twice annually. The service preparatory began on Friday with preaching. On Saturday the members were expected to meet the session and render a satisfactory examination as to their faith and practices, given a "token" as a passport, so to speak, to the Communion on Sabbath. These "tokens" were made of some metal and usually had the name of the church stamped upon them. This church I think indicated its independency as suggested by the letters on their token, "K. S." being for "Kirk 'O Scotland." A few of these original tokens are still in existence.

The first building erected here is said to have stood on the apex of the old cemetery. The second a few yards east of first. This was constructed of long pine poles, seats of split pine. The rear of the building had the wall removed and the roof and seating extended, the ascent of the hill making the view to preacher and congregation clear.

The third building was a frame structure just within the present cemetery enclosure. At the occupancy and dedication of the present church building in 1862 the old building was removed. The present church is therefore the 4th structure and has been in use sixty years. But let me not digress. During the period covering about forty years, 1790-1830, only a preacher who could adapt himself to use of both Gaelic and English need apply to the Scots as a minister who preached in both Gaelic and English.

Following McIntyre the Rev. Colin McIver served this church for several years, most probably as stated supply. The Rev. Archibald Buie supplied the church in 1830-31.

Rev. Evander McNair was licensed by Presbytery 1833 and on December 22, 1833 was installed pastor. He served about three years and moved into the bounds of Long Street and Cypress congregations.

During the period 1833-6 we find that more than thirty persons, principally heads of families, were dismissed by Certificates of Membership to Alabama and other sections and were "Recommended to the Christian Fellowship of those where God in His Providence may cast their lot."

The minutes under date of September 13, 1840, an entry "In consequence of the absence of the Book for a part of the time and the frequent changes of ministers as Stated Supplies no entry, was made since November 1835." "In this interim a number of persons were received as members, also baptisms administered, whose names may be found in the roll." Also during this period we find that the following persons were added to the Eldership: Alex Ray, John McLeod, Daniel Patterson, Lauchlin McKinnon, Daniel Martin, Daniel McNeill, Chas. C. Shaw and M. M. Blue.

Rev. M. McLaurin in 1840 moderated the sessions, who it is probable as supply as he preached and taught an academical school at Jackson Springs covering this period.

From 1842 to 1851, Rev. Archibald Smith, D. D., supplied the church. In 1852-4-5-6 Rev. Samuel Paisley supplied the church.

From the autumn of 1857 to close of 1865 Rev. James McQueen was pastor. Rev. Jas. H. Cotton supplied during the years 1866 and 1867.

Rev. K. M. McIntyre was pastor from April 1868 to April 1873.

Rev. Martin McQueen supplied from 1874 to spring of 1881.

Rev. E. McNair, D. D., supplied from autumn 1881 till his death in 1885, closing his ministerial work of more than fifty years, with the church in which he began his great work.

In the year 1886 Rev. A. R. Shaw supplied the church during the summer vacation of Seminary. Rev. W. M. Eldridge, also a Seminary student, supplied in 1887.

In the autumn of 1887 Rev. A. M. Watson as supply came to Bethesda but was removed by death May 20th, 1888.

In January, 1889 Rev. J. W. Johnson of the Presbytery of Albany, N. Y., in search of a climate less rigorous than that of the north, accepted work as supply. He was received by Presbytery April 11th, 1889 and served with great acceptance until the autumn of 1896, when from failing health he was compelled to retire, and after long and patient waiting his life on earth closed March 19th, 1898.

In February the Rev. Chas. H. Dobbs began and served as supply till spring of 1901. For a year the church had a temporary supply by T. F. Haney, of Columbia Seminary. On July 15th, 1902 by order of Presby-

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Community Good Roads Picnic

HERE is an announcement that everyone will be interested in and an event that nobody will want to miss:

On Thursday, July 26th, the people of Moore County will gather at Southern Pines, in the Municipal Park, for a Community-Good-Roads-Basket Picnic.

Even the most hardened skeptic of yesterday is loud in his praise today of our better roads and acknowledges that no factor has been more responsible for the development of our section than these same good roads.

What could be more in keeping with the spirit of the times, therefore, than a real old-fashioned basket picnic in honor of the men who have done such wonderful things and who are planning even more wonderful things for our roads.

Hon. Frank Page and Hon. Elwood Cox, of the State Highway Commission, are to be our guests of honor on this day. General E. J. Bowley, Commander of Fort Bragg, has also been extended an invitation and has expressed himself as being anxious to be with us. A program of music by the 17th Regiment Band, speeches and sports is being arranged which will fill the day from the time the crowd gets there until they leave.

Preparations are being made to take care of at least two thousand people and it will be a day fraught with good fellowship and jollification.

Everybody is invited to come and bring their lunch baskets with them.

Watch for posters for more particulars, and don't forget that the date is Thursday, July 26th, and the place is the Municipal Park, Southern Pines. Let's Go!

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