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GOVERNOR BICKETT'S PROCLAMATION

North Carolina Has Cause To Be Thankful—Enjoy Many Benefits

"A nation-wide survey discovers on the surface of things little to stimulate public gratitude. A blight in our material prosperity, and the faith for which we fought has been denied. "But adversity is the supreme test of character. By way of the Cross we pass to immortality. Moreover, it is somewhat to have felt the mighty urge born of great humanities; to have heard the trumpets of God calling us to a great adventure; to have battled, albeit in vain, to set the nation free from the grip of blood and iron, and guide them in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace.

"In North Carolina our people have been blessed with health and strength. The fields have yielded an abundant harvest; the heads and hands of industry have arrived at a closer understanding and sympathy; the public conscience has awakened to the necessity for radical enlargements of our charitable institutions, and revolutionary increases in our educational facilities; and, even on the dreary and dreary field of taxation, the light has fallen, and error and injustice are passing away.

"Therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, governor of North Carolina, do proclaim and set apart Thursday, the 25th day of November, 1920, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer.

"On that day let our people repair to their several places of worship and return thanks to the Lord for His enduring mercy and unfailing love, and especially let us remember that pure religion and undefiled is to visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

"Done at our city of Raleigh, this the 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and in the one hundred and forty-fifth year of our American Independence.

"T. W. BICKETT, Governor.
"WILLIAM G. BICKETT,
"Private Secretary."

The Death of John T. Massey

On the evening of November the 9th, John T. Massey passed away. The cause of his death was attributed to heart failure. On that day, he with one of his grown sons, carried a load of tobacco to Goldsboro on a wagon. After the day was spent in town they departed for home. Just about three miles before they reached home, Mr. Massey being tired and fatigued with the duties of a day spent in town law down on the tobacco sheets in the wagon, to rest, leaving his son to drive the team. He soon fell asleep, as his son supposed, who continued to drive home. On reaching home an effort was made to wake him up, but he would not wake, and this was the first knowledge of his death. A physician was immediately called who pronounced death as a result of heart failure.

The remains were placed in the old Massey graveyard at the home place of the dead man, which is in Boon Hill township, seven miles south of Princeton.

He was 53 years old, and was a well-to-do farmer with a great host of friends. It has many times been said of him that no man had a better disposition and was more devoted to his friends than was this good man. He is survived by a wife, seven sons, and three daughters. All the children are single but one and all are at home except two, Mrs. S. A. Worley, of near Princeton, and C. C. Massey, who is a member of the graduating class in the school of medicine at the State University, at Chapel Hill. He also leaves two brothers and four sisters to mourn his loss, C. W. and W. C. Massey and Mrs. J. E. Peele, and Mrs. E. Brock, of Princeton; Mrs. Stephen Pittman and Mrs. Alvin Pittman, of Goldsboro. His father was the late Charles C. Massey who served in the capacity of County Surveyor for this county for several years and his mother was Mary Toler from the well known Toler family of Wayne county, both having preceded him to the peaceful rest many years ago.

The funeral service was conducted

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS MEET

Home Demonstration and County Agents Discuss Club Work at Various Centers

During this and next week Miss Jones, Home Demonstration Agent, and County Agent, S. J. Kirby, will visit at many of the centrally located schools and community centers of the county as is practical for the purpose of discussing club work and enrolling members in the Boy's and Girls Clubs. It is quite probable that a member of the State Extension Force will accompany the local agents in their visits to these schools and community centers. It is hoped that every boy and girl, their parents and any others who may be interested in this work will attend these meetings, the dates and places of which are given below.

The club boys and girls in this county numbering over 250 have done very creditable work during the past year. The result of this work will be given out within a short time. A strong effort will be made to extend the club activities so that every boy and girl in the county who may be interested will be given an opportunity to become a club member. Already through the work of these young folks who have either grown an acre of some crop using pure-bred seed and the most modern methods, raising a pure-bred pig or a flock of pure-bred chickens a great deal has been done toward introducing pure-bred seed, purebred livestock and improved methods on farming and livestock management in most sections of this county.

The County Agent will spend the day in the communities in which these meetings are held and will be glad to be of any service that he may to farms and club members while there. The public is most cordially invited to attend these meetings. Much of the discussion will prove of as much interest to the grown ups as to the young people and it is trusted that a good attendance of these may be had at each place visited. The meetings will be held at the following places on the dates given below:

Monday, November 22, Plain View, 10:30 a. m., Glendale 2:00 p. m.

Tuesday, November 23, Emit 11:00.

Wednesday, November 24, Thanksgiving 10:30 a. m., Batten School 2:00 p. m.

Friday, November 26, Mill Creek, 10:30 a. m.

Monday, November 29, Pleasant Grove 1:00 p. m.

Negro Caught by Truck

Reed Griffis, a negro who works at Mr. W. S. Ragsdale's saw mill near here, started to his work as usual Wednesday morning and had the misfortune to get his pants caught in the driving shaft gearing of the truck. It was a fearful struggle with him for a few moments and the truck stopped by his clothing wedging into the gearing. No serious damage was done. He was badly frightened and bruised and had his clothing torn from him.

Plays in Kenly.

The Atlantic Christian College Dramatic Club, of Wilson, will present two plays in Kenly Tuesday evening, November 23, under the auspices of the Kenly High School. The titles of the plays are: "The Obstinate Family," and "A Proposal Under Difficulties."

by Rev. Mr. Ferrell, of the Methodist church, of Princeton. A large crowd attended, and the floral offerings were beautiful and many.

In this connection, the bereaved family wishes that the writer for them thank everyone who offered their services so willingly and so kindly. Especially do they want to thank Messrs A. W. Capps and Austin Atkinson, and after all has been said in this respect, Rev. J. A. Campbell, principal of Buies Creek Academy, will never know how much his service was appreciated. This good man whose name was just mentioned let loose his great duties in his school and with his daughter and one of his assistant teachers, drove his car 60 miles to get Miss Mary Massey, who is in his school this year, home in time for the funeral of her father. So sincere and so willingly was all services offered. Again they thank you all.

Princeton, N. C., Route No. 2.
November 13, 1920.

N. C. CONFERENCE IN SESSION ROCKY MT.

Methodists Entertained In Railroad City—Many Changes Expected.

The eighty-fourth annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is being held in Rocky Mount this week. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of West Virginia, is presiding over the Conference, this being his third consecutive time. Bishop Eugene Hendrix, of Kansas City, Mo., the senior bishop of the church, is in attendance, and made one of the leading speeches of the conference yesterday, it being educational day.

Tuesday evening, the North Carolina Conference Historical Society held its 27th annual meeting. Rev. A. W. Plyler delivered the address. Rev. W. A. Stanbury was elected president and Rev. L. S. Massey, historian.

On Wednesday morning the conference sermon was preached by Rev. C. L. Reed. At the evening hour, Rev. C. D. Owens, of Nashville, Tenn., superintendent of the adult department of Sunday school work, addressed the conference, it being the anniversary of the Sunday School Board.

Several changes of general interest throughout the conference will likely be made. Rev. C. J. Harrell, pastor of the Methodist church at Wilson is to be transferred to the North Georgia Conference and stationed at the First Church in Atlanta. Another change which affects the whole church is that Rev. F. S. Love, who has been for three years at the head of Louisburg College, is to return to the pastorate. In the event that this takes place, Rev. L. S. Massey, recently resigned as editor of the Christian Advocate, will probably be made president of that college.

It is expected that when the appointments are read Monday morning that there will be an unusually large number of changes. There are nineteen pastors and one presiding elder who have served the full four years and the changing of these twenty men will necessitate the changing of others.

SHOT AND KILLED BY A PARTY OF NEGROES.

Goldsboro Merchant Shot as He Stood in the Door of His Home. Negroes Taken to Raleigh.

Goldsboro, Nov. 15.—Failing to obey a command to hold up his hands when called to the rear door of his home by a party of negroes last night about 10 o'clock, Herman Jones, who operates a small store two miles east of this city was shot and almost instantly killed. Harry Chaplin, one of the three negroes arrested in connection with the killing, who told the officers he represented some prohibition agency, admitted he did the shooting, according to the police, declaring that he fired in self defense. Feeling against the negroes ran high in the vicinity near the scene of the tragedy and they have been taken to the state prison at Raleigh for safe keeping. The authorities here do not put any credence in the negro's story that he was a prohibition agent but believe the negroes went to the Jones home for the purpose of robbery.

Trinity Students in Trouble.

Durham, Nov. 16.—As a result of an organized effort on the part of more than three hundred Trinity college students to "cut classes" November 11, (Armistice Day), because they were not granted a request for a holiday, may result in the expulsion of "a few" students and a more strict interpretation of college rules and regulations for the others.

Students who participated will be required to pass all of their mid-winter examinations. Failure to do so will mean that they will be "dropped". Those failing to pass current work will be ineligible for public performances such as athletics, literary programs and musicales. Those who "cut classes" without previously getting excuses will be sent home.—News and Observer.

A later report says no students will be sent home.

THE BAPTISTS MEET CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Walter N. Johnson Resigns—C. E. Maddry Elected His Successor

The ninetieth annual session of the Baptist State Convention is being held this week in the city of Asheville with Dr. B. W. Spillman presiding. Dr. John Jeter Hurt, of Wilmington, delivered the annual sermon Tuesday. The night session was given over to the consideration of home and foreign missions and to the election of officers, all of whom were re-elected.

The annual report of the board of missions read Tuesday morning was of special interest. It gave to the delegates of the 60 associations of the state visible results of the \$75,000,000 campaign. The report showed received for all denominational work during the year \$1,153,731.73. The Thomasville Orphanage received during the year \$167,095.40 in addition to the amount reported by the treasurer, making a grand total of \$1,399,868.63 contributed by North Carolina Baptists for the past year. The report further disclosed the fact that 6,000 additions have been made to the church; nineteen new churches have been built, and twenty-five more are in the course of erection.

Wednesday was featured by the resignation of Corresponding Secretary Walter N. Johnson, the naming of his successor, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, of Austin, Texas, and by the consideration of sites for the proposed Baptist hospital. Concerning the hospital, three cities, Raleigh, Winston-Salem and Charlotte, each make an offer of \$100,000 in cash and a suitable attractive site, and Salisbury offers a hospital already built, equipped and in operation (the Whitehead-Stokes), to the convention for the nominal price of \$50,000. High Point offers a hospital already built and ready and at a price to be agreed on later, but it is said that the price will be merely nominal. A committee was appointed to make the final decision.

The convention adjourned Wednesday night to meet a year hence at a place to be decided upon by the executive committee.

143,389 NEW BABIES IN FIRST SIX MONTHS.

Birth Rate in North Carolina More Than Double The Death Rate. 179 Indian Children Born.

The population of the State had a gross increase of population to the extent of 143,389 during the first six months of the year according to figures given out Saturday by Dr. F. M. Register, chief of the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The net increase is somewhat less than that, but not so much less. The death rate is less than half the birth rate. The figures follow:

Negro birth rate per 1,000, 33.8.
White birth rate per 1,000, 31.2.
Negro death rate per 1,000, 15.1.
White death rate per 1,000, 13.6.

During the half year period illegitimate white births reported to the Bureau totaled 352, and the illegitimate negro births 1,282. During the same period there were 179 children born to Indian parents, mostly among the Croatan of Robeson county and the Indian tribes in Western North Carolina.—News and Observer.

Gas Vessel Burns

A gas boat from South Creek enroute to Washington, caught fire Monday and was burned. Six men were on the boat one of whom was drowned in his efforts to escape. The fire spread so quickly that all the men, all of whom wore life preservers, were forced to leap into the water. M. C. Flowers, fought and struggled so, that his companions were unable to rescue him. Several gas boats soon arrived on the scene and picked up the survivors, and also secured the body of the drowned man.

Medals Awarded for Sea Service

On the second anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, nearly 2,000 medals and letters of commendation for valorous or distinguished performance of duty during the World War were distributed.

THE METHODIST WORK HERE

Orphanage Work of the Sunday School Noteworthy. Money Raised for Other Purposes.

The Conference year for the Methodist Episcopal Church has just closed. Rev. S. A. Cotton, who has been pastor of the church here for four years, is in Rocky Mount this week attending the 84th annual conference. He carried a very gratifying report from this church. With a membership of about 350, the work here has progressed along all lines. Thirty-five new members have been added during the year.

The church has an active Sunday School with an enrollment of 325, organized and properly graded. Mr. T. R. Hood, who has been superintendent for a quarter of a century and Mr. J. D. Spiers, assistant superintendent, have ample reason to rejoice at the good work that is being done. The work done by the Sunday School for the Orphanage at Raleigh is noteworthy, the school having assumed the support of five orphans, while three others are clothed by individual classes. The total amount raised for the orphanage through the Sunday School was \$873.97.

The other organizations of the church are the Woman's Missionary Society, the Young People's Missionary Society, the Bright Jewels and the Epworth League. The Woman's society with a membership of 68 raised during last year \$1,307. The Epworth League has about 60 members and raised for their work approximately \$200. One hundred of that amount was for foreign missions to be used in Africa.

The Centenary pledges show about \$4,000 paid up to date, \$1,614.41 being the amount paid in last year.

These figures total \$9,865.34, the amount contributed for the work of the church during the past twelve months, which passed through the hands of the treasurers.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LOW.

Supt. of Public Welfare Calls on Children to Attend School. Wishes Co-operation.

Now that practically all of the schools of the county are open, I wish to again call the attention of all parents, pupils, and teachers to the fact that the law provides for a six months school term the State over, and that all normal children between the ages of 8 and 14 years of age are required under the law to attend school each day from the beginning of the term to its close.

The enforcement of the Compulsory Act is left to the County Superintendent of Public Welfare. I wish to state children of the compulsory age can be and should be secured with out recourse to the law, and I wish to call upon all the people of the county who are in any way interested in school work to co-operate with me in bringing about the attendance in this way. I wish to say to the teachers of the county that the success of Compulsory Attendance depends more largely upon themselves than upon anyone else. Every teacher should see to it that she is provided with a census of the district. Then, she should closely watch the attendance as compared with the census. If they are absent it is the duty of the teachers to find out the cause for the absences. If the cause is not valid the absence should be promptly reported to me and an investigation will be made. I wish to say further to the teachers that if they have not received necessary blanks for reporting absences that they can receive same by dropping a card to my address.

I shall visit as many of the schools as I possibly can right at the beginning, and shall do so with a view of keeping the closest possible watch upon the attendance. I hope to find in all the schools that all the children of the compulsory ages are enrolled and are in every day attendance.

H. V. ROSE,
Supt. Public Welfare.

Episcopal Church

There will be services at the Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and on Sunday night at 7:30. The subject at the morning service will be: "The Sphere of Woman." At the evening hour, the topic will be: "What Makes a Christian." Sunday School will be at 10 A. M., and prayer service on Tuesday night at 7:30.

GENERAL AND STATE NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Happenings of Interest As Gathered from Daily Newspapers

The triennial synod of the Southern Moravian province is in session at Winston-Salem this week. Bishop Edward Rondthaler is presiding over the sessions.

Asheville was visited Tuesday night by the first snow of the season. Owing to the fact that it had been raining for two days, the snow melted as quickly as it fell.

A clerk in the Henderson postoffice has been arrested charged with robbing registered packages of more than \$18,000. The amount was found concealed in an extra tire carried on his automobile.

North Carolina, which was represented at the Southeastern Conference of Librarians held in Chattanooga, Tenn., last week, has the distinction of leading in the number of public and traveling libraries.

Mrs. Terence MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, has cabled that she will sail November 24, for the United States to testify in the hearings before the commission investigating the Irish question.

The highly valuable stores of the American Red Cross at Sebastopol have been accidentally destroyed by fire. The American Red Cross at Constantinople is aiding the refugees and caring for the sick and wounded.

Hard times in Germany is said to have brought about readjustments in the schools and universities there, and as a consequence, professors and lecturers are either being thrown out of work or compelled to seek employment in other countries.

Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, left this week for Europe to initiate a study of existing conditions affecting immigration to the United States. He was accompanied by Surgeon J. W. Kerr, of the United States Public Health Service.

Scott Tilman, a twelve-year old boy of Reidsville, was fatally injured Tuesday afternoon when the auto in which he was riding was struck by a train. G. E. Barber, who was driving the car failed to see the train on account of his rain-dimmed windshield. Mr. Barber was slightly injured.

Two officers are held in Catawba county for the shooting of A. T. Cook, Cook and a companion were out rabbit hunting and the officers were after a "moonshine" still. The officers saw Cook aim towards them and shoot. They thought he was aiming at them and fired back inflicting perhaps a fatal wound.

The Japanese population of California, Oregon and Washington has increased at a lower rate since 1910 than it did between 1900 and 1910, according to figures given out by the Census Bureau. In Hawaii, however there was a decided increase, nearly half the total population of the island being made up of Japanese.

Representatives of 53 banks of the 4th, 6th and 7th congressional districts of North Carolina met in Hamlet Saturday night and formed the Country Bankers Protective Association. The purpose of the organization is to oppose the proposal of the Richmond Federal Reserve bank that the country banks clear at par.

Col. Cedric Fauntleroy, Commander of the Polish Air Forces on the southern front has returned to Chicago for a four months furlough. Three years ago Fauntleroy was a garage worker there. He went to France, and after the armistice, joined the Polish cause, organized a squadron, later becoming chief of aviation.

Baptist Church.

Rev. H. W. Baucom will conduct regular services at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Baucom has been attending the Baptist State Convention this week and will give some message from the convention.