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THE COREY-STINE REVIVAL BEGINS HERE

The First Service Will Be Held Tonight in Banner Warehouse

Plans are about complete for the great evangelistic meeting for this city and surrounding communities, to be conducted by Rev. A. Corey, of Jamesville. The services will be held in the Banner Warehouse, and the first service will be held to-night, beginning at eight o'clock.

Evangelist A. Corey, who was a former student in Turlington Institute, was in school here about twenty years ago, and since been a pastor in Johnston County, is not a stranger to the people here, neither is the place and people strangers to him, as he has been passing in and out for a number of years. He is a firm believer in the Old Time Gospel Preaching, and not in the clap-trap methods, or sensation or emotional appeals or excitements.



REV. A. COREY

He has with him in the work Professor S. R. Stine, who has been in some of the Billy Sunday meetings, and also worked with a number of the strong pastors and evangelists in the country. He will have charge of the musical part of the work and direct the personal work. He is a practical leader and understands the work which he has chosen. For the past nine months he has been engaged as musical director, both vocal and instrumental, in the Mountain Grove High School, of Mountain Grove, Mo. The Corey-Stine meetings have been well attended where they have worked, and they have been in many counties in the Eastern part of the State. They have always drawn and held large crowds. In many of the places where they worked two years ago Bible Reading Circles organized by them have been kept alive and attendance at both church and prayer meetings has been almost double. Their method of work leaves influence that lives.



MR. S. R. STINE

We are sure that Smithfield and community will appreciate their work, and bespeak for them the hearty cooperation and support of the community. They always strive to strengthen and better organize the churches and raise them up on a better basis of work than they find them. The practical plan of organization which they undertake with the churches puts new life in them and community and the workers.

The meeting here will run until the work seems to be accomplished and then they will go to Williamston, Windsor and other places in Eastern North Carolina. The Evangelist will

MAKE A STUDY OF ECONOMIC SITUATION

Slowing Up Is Shown In Reports for April and May —Weather Blamed

Washington, May 27.—Government officials whose departments are concerned with the economic situation throughout the country are giving more than cursory attention, it was made known today, to the trend of general business as indicated by conditions which developed late in April and have continued into May.

While trade and production continued in large volume, reports to the Federal Reserve Board show that there was slacking of business activity, although in comparison with the situation prevailing a year ago general conditions are regarded as far better. The Reserve Board, in a summary made public today, attributed part of the slowing in business to "seasoned influences" but these, it was declared in other quarters, could not be wholly responsible.

The Reserve Board noted decreases in the production of lumber, anthracite and mill consumption of cotton. On the other hand, there were increases reported in such basic lines as the output of pig iron and petroleum.

While car loadings were much larger for the period covered than for corresponding weeks in 1922, the shortage of freight cars evident a few months ago has almost entirely disappeared. This was construed by the Reserve Board to mean more than a seasonal decrease in shipping. The heavy volume of traffic appeared to be constituted mainly of manufactured goods.

The weather was charged by the Reserve Board with responsibility for some of the reduction reported in department and retail store sales. Easter purchases made in March augmented that month's total sales, but unseasonable weather held down April purchases.

Accompanying the decline in sales, which, although not substantial in all lines, was evident everywhere, were cuts in prices of certain basic commodities such as fuel and farm products. Clothing, metals and building materials, however, were slightly higher in price at the beginning of May than a month previously.

Continuation at practically the same level for several weeks of the volume of bank credit gave some hope, according to the board, that there was nothing of serious tendency in the situation. Commercial banks, however, continued to care for the loan requirements of their respective localities without seeking additional accommodation from the reserve banks, the board reporting that somewhat easier money conditions are indicated throughout the country. It is called attention to slightly lower rates on commercial paper together with the heavy over subscription of the recent treasury note issue which now is quoted above par in the open market.

MAYOR REQUESTS CITIZENS TO HELP MAKE CITY BEAUTIFUL

All merchants and other business houses in the city of Smithfield are requested to sweep their trash, rubbish, fruit peelings and other garbage back of their respective places of business and collect and deposit the garbage into some receptacle, back of the store or business house in a convenient place so the city trash and garbage wagon can collect the same every day.

This is not a city ordinance at the present time; but merely a request by the present administration and it is sincerely hoped and anticipated that the business interests of the city will cooperate in making this request a decided success. It will add certainly to the looks of your business to keep the above request and it will certainly make our city look more beautiful to the stranger who visits within our gates.—John A. Narron, Mayor and W. Ransom Sanders, Street and Sanitary Commissioner.

hold a meeting in his home town making the fourth meeting he has held there. They have several weeks engagements, but are making engagements for the fall and have some open dates which they might arrange for fall campaigns.

TWO DAYS OF THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Met at Princeton With Large Crowd Present; Goes to Four Oaks Next

One of the most largely attended Conferences of the Raleigh District of the North Carolina Conference held in recent years began at Princeton last Wednesday night with preaching by Rev. J. T. Gibbs, of Clayton and closing Friday shortly after the noon hour.

Thursday morning roll call found an unusually large number of both preachers and laymen present, representatives of the 69 churches in the Raleigh District. Rev. H. I. Glass, of Raleigh was chosen as secretary. Committees were appointed to report on the spiritual condition of the church, on Missions, Sunday School's, Epworth Leagues and Church records. Rev. D. H. Tuttle was made chairman of the Sunday School committee. After the appointment of committees, the pastors made their reports. The reports showed an increase of membership in the church and Sunday Schools, a large increase in the number of Epworth Leagues. Collections for all purposes were reported well up to date. Seven churches in the district are either building new churches or adding Sunday School rooms.

Rev. R. M. Courtney, Centenary Secretary for North Carolina, made a talk on the fruits of the Centenary, showing that the pledges are being met and that the cause of Christ is being advanced accordingly. Twenty-six churches of the Raleigh Conference have met the Centenary pledges to date, and other churches have paid at least 60 per cent, with the prospect good for meeting pledges in full by the close of the conference year.

Before adjournment for dinner a committee composed of Rev. W. W. Peele, Dr. Albert Anderson, of Raleigh and Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Smithfield, was appointed to present suitable resolutions in memory of Dr. T. N. Ivey, whose sudden passing was a distinct loss to the denomination.

At noon the Singing Class from the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh gave a sacred concert which was enjoyed by all who heard it.

The conference sermon was preached Thursday night by Rev. W. W. Peele, pastor of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh. The second and closing day of the Raleigh District conference was featured by the transaction of a large amount of routine business and addresses by representatives of various contents of church work. The conference passed a strong resolution appreciative of the fine work of Rev. J. C. Wooten, who is completing his quadrennium on the district. Under his leadership much progress has been done in a material way, and many have been added to the membership of the church.

At 11 o'clock W. G. Womble, lay leader of the district, delivered an address on the work of that department of church endeavor. Rev. R. W. Bailey and S. W. Marr, also addressed the conference in the interest of the laymen.

The conference by a unanimous vote decided to hold its next session at Four Oaks.

The following were elected delegates to the annual conference which meets in Elizabeth City November 18th: S. W. Marr, G. F. Woodard, B. B. Adams, T. R. Hood, E. T. White, R. T. Vann and R. E. Prince.

This session of the conference was one of the most spiritual ever held in the district, and more business was crowded into two days than it seemed possible but Mr. Wooten kept something doing all the time.

One feature of the conference upon which everybody commented was the splendid entertainment provided by the Princeton people. On Thursday and Friday dinner was spread on the grounds and a bountiful feast took care of the large crowds. On Thursday barbecue was a part of the menu. The Princeton people gladly entertained in their homes those who remained over night.

Those attending the conference from this city were: Rev. D. H. Tuttle, Messrs T. R. Hood, W. H. Lyon, J. D. Spiers, J. H. Abell, R. C. Gil-

CITIZENS DISCUSS PLAN FOR HOTEL

M. C. Winston, of Warrenton Makes Talk; Music Program Rendered

The program under the direction of the Kiwanis club and Woman's Club relative to the hotel proposition now under consideration, which was held at the court house Thursday evening, was well received by a goodly audience.

Mr. J. A. Wellons presided over the meeting. While the crowd was assembling the Stephenson String Band furnished the music, the musicians being Messrs J. D. Stephenson, Henry Stephenson and C. R. Pittman, Miss Mae Stephenson and Mrs. Milton Coats. The program opened with the singing of America after which Mrs. Jesse Coats gave a most humorous impersonation of an illiterate negro preacher conducting a church service. Misses Elsie Sparger and Irene Myatt, Messrs W. C. Coates and Paul Eason then sang "My Wild Irish Rose." Following this, Miss Mary E. Wells told an Irish story illustrative of the proverbial Irish wit.

Mr. Wellons then called on Judge A. M. Noble to read the bill enacted by the recent legislature which provides for an election to vote as to whether Smithfield shall issue \$75,000.00 of bonds to be used in the erection of a hotel for this city. In his discussion of the bill, Judge Noble pointed out the two plans either one of which may be used by the citizens of Smithfield. The bill provides that the town may levy taxes not over 20 cents on the \$100 to retire the bonds, or the bond issue may be loaned to a corporation which shall give the town 5 1-2 per cent interest and a first mortgage on the hotel property. The second alternative is the one which the community expects to operate.

Another phase of the situation was brought out when Mayor J. A. Narron read a resolution passed by the town commissioners which stated that the bonds, in case the election carries, will not be offered for sale until \$50,000 shall have been subscribed and paid in by a corporation. This will provide for a \$125,000 hotel.

These matters having been explained, Mr. Wellons introduced Mr. M. C. Winston, a former Johnstonian now of Warrenton, who told about the municipal hotel at Warrenton. Warrenton built a thirty-two room hotel and in a year's time it has become necessary to add to it. Twenty-nine more rooms are to be built at once. He stressed the advertising feature of a good hotel for a town and told of how the Warrenton hotel was being talked of far and wide. The hotel has been in operation about a year. The first six months, he said, the management as to finances, about broke even.

Warrenton seems to have as a hobby municipal owned enterprises, including besides the hotel, a railway, electric light and water plant, and ice plant. Judge Noble read by request an article recently published in "Collier's Weekly" which set forth the achievement of Warrenton along this line.

When Judge Noble had finished, Misses Sparger and Myatt, Messrs Coates, Eason and Medlin sang "Where the River Shannon Flows." The program was concluded with a selection by the band.

Funeral Of Mrs. Bass

Friends here of Mrs. Frank Bass of Charlotte will regret to learn of her death which occurred Sunday morning. Mrs. Bass was before her marriage Miss Fannie Thain. She married first Mr. Willie Williams and after his death was married to Mr. Frank Bass, who together with a son, Mr. Willie Williams, survive her.

The body will be brought here and after funeral services at the Baptist church at one o'clock today, interment will be made in the city cemetery.

The deceased was the aunt of Mrs. M. A. Wallace of this city and Mr. T. W. Ives who lives near town.

lette, G. E. Thornton, Mrs. W. C. Beasley, Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst, Mrs. T. R. Hood, Mrs. E. I. Poole, Mrs. A. M. Sanders, Miss Bettie Lee Sanders and Miss Ruth Jones.

DR. LACY PREACHES TO SENIOR CLASS

Well-Rounded Life Is Four Fold; Speaks of Christ From 12 to 30

For the second time, six years intervening, Dr. Benjamin R. Lacy, Jr. preached the baccalaureate sermon before the graduates of the high school here. Six years ago Dr. Lacy was pastor of several county churches in Johnston County, and one Sunday evening when he delivered the commencement sermon in the school auditorium, numbers of his former parishioners were in the audience to welcome him back as he comes from the Central Presbyterian church of Atlanta, Ga. where he has been pastor for two or three years. The house was filled on this occasion, for his reputation as a straight forward preacher, eloquent and convincing, is well known in this community.

After the hymns, and invocation pronounced by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the M. E. church, Dr. Lacy took his text, a text from the second chapter of Luke which had been read as a Scripture lesson by Rev. W. C. Cumming of the Presbyterian church. The words of his text were: "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and Man." Taking the period in the life of Christ between the ages of twelve and thirty, the silent years of preparation for his work of saving the world, as the formative period of life, he stressed the importance of young people using those years to lay a foundation for their careers. The four divisions of the text formed the outline of his sermon as he pictures a well rounded life. "He grew in stature," Dr. Lacy began with the physical being and told how important it is that boys and girls have strong bodies. He mentioned the value of athletics in developing muscle and training for endurance. But important as athletics are, said Dr. Lacy, the training of the mind is infinitely more important. The mind is the thing which differentiates man from beast, and a trained mind must go with a trained body.

But even these, according to Dr. Lacy are not enough. One needs to be trained in social graces. Not society with a capital "S" was in his mind, but the development of the social nature along right lines. There comes a time in every boy's life when though up to that time he cares naught if his hair is unbrushed, his shoes not polished or whether he wears a neck tie or not, the niceties of life have their appeal and it is usually the attraction of the other sex which causes this realization. And it is right that this development should coincide with the physical and the mental life. Incidentally he made an appeal for a social life among young people which will not mean the lowering of standards of manhood and womanhood, but which will keep them chaste and pure in their relations.

Having developed a physical, mental and social formula for young people, the speaker rounded out the fourth point of his sermon when he spoke of the spiritual side of life and made a direct appeal to the young graduates to include this, the most important thing of all, in their preparation for life. These other things, a strong body, a trained mind, social graces are well worthwhile for the rewards they bring in this life, but with the spiritual life developed an abundant life throughout eternity is assured.

The service was concluded, with the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. W. Barker, of the Episcopal church.

M. E. ORPHANAGE CLASS TO BE HERE

Next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour, the singing class from the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh will give a sacred concert at the Methodist church here. This class has given its annual concert here for two years and each time pleased a large audience. The superintendent, Rev. A. S. Barnes, has a large number of friends in Smithfield, having served as pastor of the church here for four years just prior to his going to the orphanage, and they always give him and his class a warm welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jhonson spent the week end in Clayton.

C. L. COON MAKES ADDRESS AT MEADOW

Graduates of 11th Grade Receive Diplomas; Recitation Contest

The people of Meadow township and surrounding community had the opportunity last Friday of listening to what the speaker himself characterizes as a "sermon," when Mr. C. L. Coon, superintendent of Wilson County schools, made an educational address at the Meadow school commencement.

Mr. Coon has made a reputation for himself and his county for the work he has done in Wilson in lengthening the school term and in building school houses. He addressed his audience in a plain matter-of-fact way saying that he had come to Meadow, not in the capacity of a politician for he was not running for any office, but he had come to endeavor to create in the minds of the people before him a vision of what education might mean in Johnston County. Tersely expressed this vision is, that every child in Johnston County may have the same kind of a school house, the same length of school term and paid for at the same rate of taxation.

Mr. Coon said that when he lived in the country as a boy, and when as a young man he taught school, he had had a vision of the good school teaching could do. He had dreamed of the time when every boy and girl in North Carolina would have a chance for an education. After ten years of work in Wilson he is beginning to see his dreams realized. And what can be done in Wilson county, he said, can be done in Johnston. He made an appeal for a uniform county wide tax. Why should not the railroad tax which helps to educate the children at Benson help to pay for schools for the children in Meadow township also?

"Can you build schools in Johnston?" he asked. "Can if you want to," was his own reply. Have you ever heard of any one moving from Wilson to Johnston to escape taxes? Is the truck expensive? Is everybody satisfied? These are some of the questions which Mr. Coon asked and answered. Schools cost money but folks cannot afford not to educate their children. "I would rather put some sense into Sally's and John's head and leave them not a cent of money than leave them a lot of property and not give them an education," was one of Mr. Coon's statements. Not all are satisfied, he said, nor will everybody be satisfied when Gabriel blows his trumpet.

Mr. Coon pictured a life in the country with good schools and churches which will keep the young folks on the farm. He pointed out that the country was the best place to live and the best place to have a good school. The distractions of moving pictures etc., do not have to be contended with in the country, which makes for a better school.

In closing he told of some of the aspirations he had for the schools in Wilson county. He hopes for the time when a county library shall be established from which books shall be distributed to all the schools in the county. He wants to see the time when the schools shall serve everyone in the community, grown-ups as well as children, and he is planning for courses which shall benefit grown-ups.

Mr. Coon received warm applause when he had finished, an evidence that the seed he had sown had not fallen on barren ground.

The graduating exercises of the day were quite interesting. Four graduates of the Eleventh grade received diplomas as follows: Noah Blackman, Pearl Lawhorn, Kate Hudson and Verta Blackman. The exercises consisted of the reading of the class prophecy by Pearl Lawhorn, of the class poem by Verta Blackman, of the last will and testament by Kate Hudson, and the valedictory by Noah Blackman. Quite a number of seventh grade children received certificates. In the afternoon a declamation and recitation contest was engaged in, Wade Wood being the winner of the prize for the best declamation and Vada Lawhorn for the best recitation. A play entitled "Kentucky Belle" was given in the evening which completed the commencement program for this year.