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BIG CROWDS HEAR BAPTIST PASTOR

Preaches From Subject: "My Dream for a Greater, Better Smithfield"

Almost capacity crowds attended the services at the Baptist church here last Sunday morning, the congregations being swelled greatly on account of the absence of the Methodist pastor, who is attending conference.

In the morning the pastor, Rev. S. L. Morgan, discussed the function of the Preacher in the Community. He showed how in the complex life of the community no one can live even a day without the help of a host of other people, and so the community enters into a tacit agreement to distribute the necessary labor of the community among a great many workers—the doctor, the lawyer, the banker, the merchant, the teacher, the editor, the carpenter, and so on indefinitely. Each one becomes a public servant, his position a sacred trust and the public has the right to require that each department of work shall be done efficiently, and even courteously. Each one becomes a specialist in his line. This furnishes the true basis for cooperation and community progress.

To the preacher the community says, "Most of all do we need the specialist in the most important interest in our community life, namely, that which concerns our moral and spiritual welfare. We are too busy about our daily affairs to think constantly about how this or that might affect our souls and the souls of our children. We are in danger of losing sight of the highest ideals. You be a seer, a prophet, for us; be a conscience for us, be a trumpet for us, arousing us from our slumber, if we lose the spiritual vision." This for any community is the greatest need, and the minister declared, for no community can build enduring prosperity without keeping religion in the foreground.

The evening sermon was devoted more definitely to a discussion of local conditions. The preacher's subject was "My Dream for a Greater Better Smithfield." His dream was summed up under several heads. First that our city should be one noted for the courtesy and refinement of its people. He spoke of spending some hours in Harrisonburg, Va., where everybody seemed courteous and gracious and refined. It made it seem a most delightful place to live. In the same way Smithfield can advertise itself widely as a desirable place to live. Two highways pass through the town and visitors from many states almost daily stop and touch the life of our people; they will tell hundreds of miles away what sort of town and people we are. So we can be a light to people from every corner of our country, for we are situated at the hub of the county.

Next he dreamed of a city beautiful Ruskin, the preacher reminded us, has shown that there is a close connection between beauty and morality. Tidiness and attractiveness and beauty promote morality. Our people should each one do all that is possible to make his own home and premises tidy and beautiful, not forgetting the back yards and outhouses.

And we should cooperate to a attract new industrial and enterprises, and thus attract new workers and new citizens, thus indirectly building up the churches and promoting the work of the kingdom. A live chamber of commerce or the Kiwanis Club, the minister said, could do great things in this direction.

Special emphasis was put in the sermon on the matter of sanitation and health. People would not be attracted to a community unless it had a reputation for healthfulness. He cited instances of places in our state that put vast sums in paving streets while permitting malaria to cripple the efficiency and endanger the lives of its citizens.

More should be done for promoting true culture and enthusiasm for education. Not enough of our young people finish the high school; not a

BIG DAY CORBETT-HATCHER SCHOOL

Dedicate Building;— Jr. Order Presents Flag and Bible —Dr. Brewer Speaks

Thursday was a day to be remembered in the Corbett-Hatcher section when the new school building for those two districts was formally dedicated, the Junior Order having charge of the exercises. This new school building with six class rooms and a splendid auditorium is an achievement of which the community should be proud, and the large crowd present Thursday was evidence enough that the people of that entire section are proud of it.

Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College at Raleigh, was the chief speaker of the occasion making a fine address on the principles of the Junior Order. Mr. Price presided over the program there being several other speakers than Dr. Brewer. Rev. Mr. Posten of Kenly for the Junior Order presented the school a Bible which was accepted by Rev. Mr. Cashwell of Wendell. The flag was presented by Dr. Brewer, Supt. Marrow acceptin in on behalf of the school. After these speeches, Mr. J. H. Broadwell, for a long time a teacher but now retired from this work being over 80 years old, made a few remarks which were appreciated by all present.

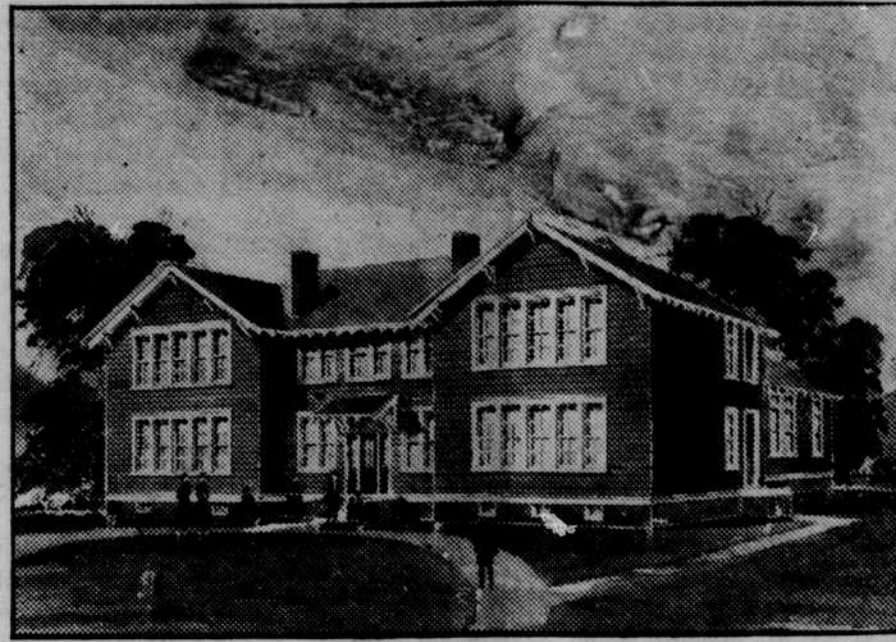
The barbecue and picnic dinner was no small part of the day's enjoyment.

The Corbett-Hatcher school opened on No. 5 when the other six months schools in the county opened, and the enrollment now numbers about 140. Eight grades are taught, and arrangements recently made provide for the boys and girls above the fifth grade in the Sandy Springs district to attend this school one truck being operated. Sandy Springs has agreed to use its special tax to help maintain the Corbett-Hatcher school, while at the same time two teachers will teach the lower grades at the Sandy Springs school.

The following constitute the corps of teachers at Corbett-Hatcher this year: Mr. Bascom Carroll of Murphy, principal; Miss Mary Pipkin, 6th and 7th grades; Miss Myrtle Bailey, 4th and 5th grades; Miss Sarah Wellons, 2nd and 3rd grades; and Miss Annie Pipkin, 1st grade.

proper proportion of them go off to college. More should be done to counteract the bad influence of commercialized pleasure. Carnivals are beneath the dignity of such a town as ours, the preacher declared. Many of the moving pictures are demoralizing, and the community by friendly cooperation with the management of the moving picture men can greatly improve in every community the grade of movies shown. The Chautauqua should be encouraged by the best people, because it is not sufficient to take a merely negative attitude to bad amusements; we must make positive provision for our young people to have recreation and amusement that is positively wholesome. The Chautauqua gradually creates an appetite for amusement of so high an order that the carnival becomes unwelcome.

Finally the minister discussed his dream of a future city in which the people would surrender themselves the great principle of the stewardship of time and service and money, and the great tasks of the church and the kingdom. The world is broken and bleeding, hungering for love and light. It is unworthy of our people to indulge in the frivolities of empty social life, when the world calls for the consecration of all their talents and money in helpful service. Empires of the past have decayed because people became rich and abandoned themselves to frivolity and luxury. No city can be permanently prosperous, declared the preacher, unless it puts righteousness above money and worldly success. The hope for permanent prosperity lies in our putting a strenuous emphasis in our putting a stronger emphasis on the church and vital religion.



Corbett-Hatcher School in Oneals Township

Smithfield's Assets

Five churches.
Ample school facilities.
A hospital.
Two strong banks.
Public Library (open once a week).
Two cotton mills.
Paved Streets.
Building & Loan Association.
Good Auction Tobacco Market.
Headquarters Cotton and Tobacco Cooperative Associations.
National Guard Unit.
Kiwanis Club.
Woman's Club.
Two newspapers.
Trade center for 15,000 people.
Electric lights and pure water system.
County-seat best county in the State.

Improvements Under Consideration
New \$125,000 Hotel.
Modern, up-to-date hospital building.

A creamery.
Improvements To Work For
New or remodeled town hall.
More paved streets.
Establishment of industry with good pay roll.
Public Library open all the time.

CO-OPS DEFEATED IN WAYNE COUNTY

The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association yesterday met defeat at the hands of two juries and Judge Oliver H. Allen in Wake County Superior Court.

Both juries returned verdicts against the association and Judge Allen then set aside a verdict favorable to the association which had been obtained in the only other jury trial of the week and moved several cases to other counties for trial over the protest of attorneys for the association. The cases removed included four set for trial next week before Judge C. C. Lyon and two which had not been placed on the calendar of the two weeks' special term now in progress.

Judge Allen became so direct in the expression of his opinion as to attorneys from California coming here to try cases against North Carolina citizens that E. L. Hayes, a member of the firm of Anron Sapiro of San Francisco, picked up his brief case and left the court room.

The incident occurred in connection with the motion for removal of the Maynard Mangum case, one of the largest brought by the association and which has already been to the Supreme Court on the question of an injunction. Mangum, a prominent tobacconist of Durham and formerly owner of considerable property in Wake County has retained a number of lawyers to represent him. The motion to remove was made yesterday by Jones Fuller, of Durham, and was resisted by W. T. Joyner and Mr. Hayes.—News and Observer, Nov. 17.

Mrs. Johnson Entertains

Mrs. Harry P. Johnson entertained a number of young people Saturday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Elizabeth Sabiston, of Jacksonville, but who is a student at St. Mary's School in Raleigh. The home was lovely with its decorations of chrysanthemums. Tables were arranged for bridge, the feature of entertainment for the evening. After the game, delicious marshmallow cream topped with cherries and cake were served.

President's Proclamation

In this current year, we now approach the time which has been accepted by custom as most fitting for the calm survey of our state and the return of thanks. We shall the more keenly realize our good fortune if we will, in deep sincerity, give to it due thought, and more especially if we will compare it with that of any other community in the world.

The year has brought to our people two tragic experiences which have deeply affected them. One was the death of our beloved President Harding, which has been mourned wherever there is a realization of the worth of high ideals, noble purpose and unselfish service carried even to the end of supreme sacrifice. His loss recalled the nation to a less captious and more charitable attitude. It sobered the whole thought of the country. A little later came the unparalleled disaster to the friendly people of Japan. This calamity led for from the people of the United States a demonstration of deep and humane feeling. It was wrought into the substance of good works. It created new evidences of our international friendship, which is a guarantee of world peace. It replenished the charitable impulse of the country.

By experiences such as these men and nations are tested and refined. We have been blessed with much of material prosperity. We shall be better able to appreciate it if we remember the privations others have suffered and we shall be the more worthy of it if we use it for their relief. We will do well then to render thanks for the good that has come to us, and show by our actions that we have become stronger, wiser and truer by the chastenings which have been imposed upon us. We will thus prepare ourselves for the part we must take in a world which forever needs the full measure of service. We have been a most a most blessed people. We ought to be most generous people. We have been a most blessed people. We ought to be a most thankful people.

Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do hereby fix and designate Thursday, the 29th, day of November, as Thanksgiving day and recommend its general observance throughout the land. It is urged that the people gather in their homes and their usual places of worship, give expressions to their gratitude for the benefits and blessings that a gracious Providence has bestowed upon them, and seek the guidance of Almighty God that His favor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

Done at the city of Washington this fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty three, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-eighth.—CALVIN COOLIDGE.

EX-KAISER MAY BE SENT TO AN ISLAND

Paris, Nov. 10.—Holland may not be regarded as a sufficiently secure retreat for former Emperor William, of Germany, in view of the flight of the ex-crown prince, it was said today at the foreign office and a second St. Helena may be chosen for him.—Associated Press.

METHODISTS GO TO WILMINGTON NEXT

Bishop Denny Preached on Sunday—W. G. Farrar Ordained to the Eldership

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church has been in session for a week at Elizabeth City, and from the reports in the papers it has been a great meeting. The next annual session will be held in Wilmington this being the only invitation that was extended for 1924.

Sunday Services

Elizabeth City, Nov. 18.—The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which has been in session here since last Wednesday morning, will finish its work and adjourn about noon Monday. A large amount of work still remains to be done, but Bishop Denny is expected to move rapidly tomorrow in order to allow the conference to leave the city on the noon train.

As in the case at each session of the conference the matter which is uppermost in the minds of the preachers and laymen as well is the question, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" This will be the last business of the conference.

The North Carolina conference has never enjoyed at one of its sessions a more beautiful Sunday than today. During the week the weather had been threatening, but today dawn clear and bright and hundreds of visitors came to Elizabeth City to enjoy the Sabbath with the good people of the city and members of conference.

Early in the morning the streets were thronged with those who were wending their way to church in order to get seats, and soon after 9:00 o'clock hundreds were there to enjoy the conference love feast, which is held on Sunday morning of every annual conference.

Dr. R. F. Bumpas and Rev. L. E. Thompson were the leaders this morning. Testimonials and experiences were exchanged by the brethren, many of whom had been walking with God for a long time, made glad the hearts of that great audience as they told of their experienced in the service of their Lord.

When Bishop Denny entered the pulpit at 11 o'clock and looked upon the great sea of humanity, filling every seat and standing around the walls, gathered, many of them, for the first time to look into the face of a Methodist Bishop, to hear him preach, it must have stirred his soul and inspired him to a realization of the great responsibility of the hour. The Bishop took for his text the words, "Ye shall know the truth and it shall make you free." His analysis of knowledge, truth and freedom was scholarly and lucid. His congregation listened to him with close attention for more than an hour.

Immediately after the sermon the Bishop ordained to the office of deacon, Lindsay Foster, K. S. L. Cook and W. J. Pabis and to the eldership W. G. Farrar. This afternoon a special sermon of the conference was held, Rev. R. F. Bumpas, D. D., presiding, who had died during the past year were read.

Attend Banquet In Raleigh

Judge and Mrs. F. H. Brooks attended the Jefferson Memorial banquet at the Yarrowborough hotel in Raleigh last evening. Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, former president of the University of N. C. but for the past 19 years head of the University of Virginia, was the chief speaker of the occasion.

Tent Meeting Still Continues

The tent meeting which has been in progress here for several weeks, is steadily gaining in interest and it will be continued this week. Large crowds attended the services Sunday and much interest was shown in the meeting.

Services are held every night at 7:30, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

POINCARE IS SURE FRANCE CAPABLE

Thinks France Can Bring the Germans to Terms; New Penalties be Enforced

Neuilly, France, Nov. 18.—Raymond Poincare, Premier of France, today served notice on the world that France is determined to remain in the Ruhr and the Rhineland until all clauses of the Versailles treaty are completely executed and the security of France is gained.

The Premier, who apparently was in a combative mood, added that new penalties against Germany would be imposed until full satisfaction from Germany was obtained.

The Premier expressed no disappointment over the failure in the negotiations for the creation of a commission of experts to determine Germany's capacity to pay. He said France was firmly resolved she was quite capable of bringing Germany to terms.

"France is determined," said M. Poincare, "not to evacuate the occupied territories until the clauses of the treaty signed at Versailles have been completely executed and we are firmly protected against fresh policies of aggression."

German defiance of the treaty as regards military control and the return to Germany of former Crown Prince Frederick William called for penalties against Germany, the Premier declared, "and we shall take them unless we obtain satisfaction."

The occasion of the Premier's speech was the unveiling of a monument to the war dead at Neuilly. Great interest has been attached to the speech inasmuch as it was the first delivered by M. Poincare in the metropolitan district since he began his Sunday oratorical campaign. Today the Premier stated France's case more bluntly and went farther into France's demands upon Germany than he had done in the provinces. Hitherto he always had declared the Ruhr would be evacuated progressively in proportion to the reparations payments.

"As much as we insist upon receiving reparations," declared M. Poincare, "we are no less determined to obtain our security. Germany for a long time has played fast and loose with the treaty's stipulations destined to guarantee it. She has paralyzed the action of the Inter-Allied Control Commission; she has been endeavoring to rebuild in secret her war weapons and to reorganize her military formations forbidden by the treaty."

"Meanwhile, she authorized the heir to the Imperial throne to return to the country. She is welcoming the man who is inscribed at the top of the list of those guilty of responsibility for the war from the exploits of whom my compatriots of the Meuse department suffered during the greater part of the war. These acts on the part of the German government are impudent challenges to the Allies—brazen violations of the treaty, insolent outrages to peace. "They call for sanctions. We will take them unless we obtain satisfaction."

A crowd of several thousand workmen, dressed in their Sunday clothes, and small bourgeois intellectuals, the latter the most impoverished class in France in consequence of the war and the greatest sufferers from the present high cost of living, cheered the words of the Premier long and loud.—Associated Press.

Home Economics Dept. To Meet

The Home Economics Department of the Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the Club room at 3 o'clock. The demonstration will consist of yeast and bread variations. An electric fireless cooker will also be shown. All housekeepers whether club members or not are invited to be present.

Tom Tarheel says: The farmers of this State have caught the spirit of the new North Carolina. Henceforth they will be torch bearers in the pageant of progress.