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BENSON METHODIST PREACHER RETURNS

Church Sent Fine Report To Conference; Congregation Pounds Rev. and Mrs. Blalock

ENTRE NOUS CLUB MEETS

Benson, Nov. 24.—Major Smith, of Fort Bragg, was here Friday in the interest of the Red Cross Call.

The Kiwanis Club had a very interesting meeting Tuesday evening. President A. S. Oliver gave a fine report of the state meeting of the Carolinas held in Spartanburg, S. C., which he recently attended.

The work on the addition to the school building is coming on fine. Twelve rooms are being added.

Mr. J. H. Godwin is erecting a handsome store building on Elm Street.

Rev. J. E. Blalock, who has been pastor of the Methodist church for the past year, was returned for another year. The Methodist church has made great strides during the past year and bigger things are hoped for in the coming year. A thirty-six hundred dollar debt on the erection of the church was paid off last year. Rev. Mr. Blalock carried to Conference one of the best reports ever sent in by the church. The members of the Methodist church gave an old-fashioned pouncing Wednesday evening to Rev. and Mrs. Blalock who will be with us for another year.

The Young People's Missionary Society held a very interesting meeting Monday evening with Mrs. Howard Weinges. After a well arranged program was rendered the hostess served delicious refreshments.

Rev. A. T. Lassiter held a Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. It was also a communion service.

The Epworth League had a splendid program Sunday evening. Mr. Todd H. Caldwell was in charge.

The Entre Nous Club held its regular meeting Friday afternoon from 3:30 to five o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. W. Parrish on Church street. It was a Thanksgiving program. Those in charge of the program were Mesdames S. P. J. Lee, C. C. Wheeler, C. C. Canady, and P. H. Starling. A contest in keeping with the season and Thanksgiving conundrums proved very interesting. A delightful social hour was enjoyed. The house was decorated with chrysanthemums, roses and autumn leaves. On the centerpiece on the dining table was a large pumpkin surrounded by autumn leaves and yellow candles. The hostess served chicken salad, coffee and an ice course and mints. Thanksgiving colors were carried out in the decorations and refreshments. Those present beside the club members were Mesdames L. L. Levinson, J. H. Rose, P. D. Johnson, M. A. Peacock and J. N. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Warren, of Dunn, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woodall one evening last week.

Mr. Henry Slocum and Prof. H. C. Renegar returned Friday from Wilmington where they attended the Scottish Rite Masonic meeting.

Friends of Master Hugh Lee will be sorry to learn of his illness.

The Benson Review is putting on a contest which no doubt will be a very interesting one, judging from the past. Those entering it will soon be down to work in earnest.

Thanksgiving Service

Let the reader accept this as an earnest invitation to attend a Thanksgiving service at the Baptist church Thursday at 10:30. God has highly favored us as a community, as a county and as a nation, and it is fitting that we stop for an hour once a year to count our blessings and be thankful. The President of the United States and the Governor of our state have fittingly issued proclamations calling on the people to stop their business on that day and to assemble in their places of worship and return thanks to Almighty God for His blessings. It is to be hoped that the entire community will do so. It is our privilege to make Thanksgiving Day one of deep religious enjoyment. Be present promptly at 10:30.

S. L. MORGAN.

COOPER IS GUILTY ON FOUR COUNTS

Sentenced To Eight Years On County Roads Or Plead Guilty and Make Restitution

APPEALS SUPREME COURT

Wilmington, Nov. 22. Convicted here today of violating the state banking laws in connection with the failure of the Liberty Savings Bank, Thomas E. Cooper, former president of the institution, tonight faces the alternative of spending eight years on the county roads, or pleading guilty to the remaining charges against him and making restitution for the losses of the bank in the sum of \$175,000 before December 31. In addition he must resign as a member of the New Hanover Board of Education and agree never to operate or manage a bank in North Carolina in order to escape the chain gang sentence imposed.

Mr. Cooper was found guilty on four counts by a jury in superior court this morning, and was given the maximum penalty of two years on each count. Joseph C. Rourk, former cashier of the Liberty Bank was acquitted.

Appeal to the supreme court was filed by the defense and Judge Grady fixed Mr. Cooper's bond at \$25,000 to be secured by residents of North Carolina. The bond was arranged tonight and Mr. Cooper was released from custody.

In passing sentence upon the defendant, Judge Grady commended the verdict of the jury and declared that Mr. Rourk was merely the tool of his superior officer. He scored Mr. Cooper for his air of insincerity on the witness stand, and declared the defendant's evidence would tax the credulity of one who undertook to believe it.

As the situation now stands Mr. Cooper has agreed to a part of the provisions attached to the sentence, but formal pleas of guilty to the remaining charges, which include embezzlement and misapplication of funds, have not been entered. Should these pleas be entered, however, before the expiration of the time limit fixed by Judge Grady, the road sentence may be either suspended or stricken from the records.

Mr. Cooper displayed no emotion whatever when the sentence of the court was pronounced. Mr. Rourk, however, thanked the jurors for their verdict and plainly showed the relief he felt at being freed of the charges against him.

Lieut. Governor W. B. Cooper, who stands jointly indicted with T. E. Cooper in connection with the failure of the Commercial National Bank, was in the court room when Judge Grady pronounced sentence.

Hear Speakers in London and Paris

Radio fans listening over the radio at Hood Bros' drug store Friday evening about seven o'clock, heard speakers in England and France. Five foreign stations were tuned in on, including London, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff (Wales) and Paris.

GOVERNOR RESTORES RIGHT TO DRIVE CAR

W. G. Pittman, of Johnston county, who was convicted in September of operating an automobile while intoxicated, was Saturday granted a commutation of that part of his sentence which denies him the right to drive his car. The commutation was granted upon the statement of Judge A. M. Noble that the sentence works a great financial hardship on the defendant.—News and Observer.

Tobacco Co-ops To Close for Thanksgiving

The Tobacco Co-operative warehouse will close for the Thanksgiving holidays Wednesday evening. It will be open again on Monday, December 1.

Our First National Thanksgiving Proclamation

WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protection and favor; and

Whereas, both houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interposition of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and applications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good government, peace and accord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3rd day of October, A. D. 1789.

GO. WASHINGTON

Gore Appointed As Wallace's Successor

Washington, Nov. 22.—Howard M. Gore, of West Virginia, today was appointed Secretary of Agriculture to succeed the late Henry C. Wallace.

Mr. Gore, who has been serving as acting secretary since the death of Mr. Wallace, can serve only until next March 4, when he becomes Governor of his home State.

Dentists of State To Meet In Raleigh

The Fourth District Dental Society will hold its annual meeting at the Sir Walter Hotel on Wednesday November 26.

Officers of the society are Dr. J. R. Butler, Dunn, president; Dr. V. E. Bell, Raleigh, vice-president; Dr. Jesse R. Zachary, Raleigh, secretary-treasurer. Counties embraced in the district are: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Lee Robeson, Sampson, Vance, Wake and Warren.

THANKSGIVING

Praise God for wheat, so white and sweet, of which to make our bread!
Praise God for yellow corn with which His waiting world is fed!
Praise God for fish and flesh and fowl He gave to man for food!
Praise God for every creature which He made called it good!
Praise God for winter's store of ice, praise God for summer's heat!
Praise God for fruit trees bearing seed; to you it is for meat!
Praise God for all the bounty by which the world is fed!
Praise God, His children all, to whom He gives their daily bread!
—Edward Everett Hale.

College Education Valued at \$72,000

A college education is worth \$72,000 to its possessor, according to a report made public by Dean Everett W. Lord of the Boston University. The estimate is based on a study of college graduates. The cash value of a high school education is placed at \$33,000.—N. C. Agriculture and Industry.

There are 1,118,000 insects in the British museum. Somebody must have left the screen door open.

A. R. Keen Dies Four Oaks Home

Died at his home in Four Oaks on Friday, November 21, at 10 a. m., Mr. Alfred R. Keen. Mr. Keen suffered a stroke of paralysis on the first day of last June and never regained his former strength, gradually growing weaker until the end which came as he had lived, peacefully and quietly. The deceased was sixty seven years, eleven months and sixteen days old. He was one of Johnston County's best known and best beloved citizens. His entire life was a model of faith and right living. He was a consistent member of the Four Oaks Primitive Baptist church, and never missed a meeting when possible to attend. He was a leading Democrat all his life. For fifteen years he served as justice of the peace.

He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, four sons, Messrs. David Keen, of Raleigh; Ira Keen, of Selma; Seth and Louis Keen, of Four Oaks; and a brother Mr. S. W. Brown, of Four Oaks. Besides his immediate family he is survived by a brother, Mr. Preston Keen, of Alabama, and a sister, Mrs. Ella Williams, of Four Oaks. A host of friends, both white and black, mourn his passing. We can only repeat his faith: "Let the Lord's Will be done."—A Nephew.

New Scout District Is Being Projected

Kinston, Nov. 22.—Another district organization of the Boy Scouts of America in Eastern Carolina is being projected by officers of the scouts. The territory as proposed will embrace Pitt, Martin and Beaufort counties, with headquarters probably at Washington or Greenville. A representative of the regional headquarters is in charge of the preliminaries.

The first district to be organized in the section is comprised by Greene, Lenoir, Wayne, Johnston and Duplin counties, with headquarters at Goldsboro. Troops are located at Smithfield, Pikeville, Goldsboro, Kinston and other towns.

Red Spiders did much damage to Cotton in North Carolina this year. "They winter on violets, polk weed, and Jerusalem oak, and later spread to the cotton. Destroy the host plants and there will be little trouble from these insects next year."

WIDOW PRESIDENT HARDING IS DEAD

Passed Away at the Home of Dr. Sawyer in Marion Last Friday After An Illness of Several Weeks

FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

Marion, O., Nov. 21.—A little stone tomb in Marion cemetery next Monday evening will be the scene of the final meeting, to part no more, of Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Harding.

Mrs. Harding died early today at the home of Dr. Carl W. Sawyer, son of the late Dr. C. E. Sawyer, President Harding's physicians. She had been critically ill for several weeks at White Oaks Farm, the Sawyer home, where she had been living. Next Monday her body will be placed in the tomb in Marion Cemetery beside that of her husband.

The end came peacefully to the widow of the late President of the United States at 8:55 o'clock this morning while a brother and close friends stood by. She did not recognize them, however, for early in the evening before she had lapsed into the death coma.

Only fifteen months ago Mrs. Harding, leaning on the arm of George B. Christian, Jr., private secretary to President Harding, followed the bier of her husband to the little tomb and saw it placed tenderly inside there to await her coming. Rows of soldiers stood at attention as their Commander-in-Chief was interred. Mr. and Mrs. Harding were interred in a temporary resting place in the tomb.

Four weeks ago today Mrs. Harding visited the tomb and talked personally with every member of the military guard which has been on duty there since he died.

Next Monday afternoon that little handful of men will be drawn up at present arms while the body of Mrs. Harding is placed beside that of her husband. Taps then will be sounded and the little military band of 23 men of the Tenth U. S. Infantry, Fort Thomas, Ky., will assume the double duty of guarding the eternal sleep of a former President and his wife.

Rev. Jesse Swank, who conducted the funeral services for President Harding will conduct similar rites for Mrs. Harding Monday afternoon in the Epworth Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is the pastor and in which Mrs. Harding held membership since girlhood. Assisting Rev. Swank will be Rev. George M. Landis, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, of which Mr. Harding was a member, and who also aided Rev. Swank in conducting the funeral services for the late President.—Associated Press.

Organize 24 New Troops of Scouts

Goldsboro, Nov. 22.—According to the report of Scout Executive W. W. Rivers, twenty-four troops have been organized by the Tuscarora, a council of the Boy Scouts during the fiscal year September, '23 to November, '24. The number of scoutmasters have been increased to twenty-four, assistant scoutmasters to ten, members of the patrol to four hundred and eighty-nine and the troop committeemen to seventy-eight. This report was submitted to the members of the executive board which is composed of Dr. A. E. Cory, of Kinston; Father A. R. Freeman, of Goldsboro; J. F. Witherington, of Mt. Olive; Alfred Cheney, of Kinston; Fred Waters, of Selma; T. C. Young, of Smithfield; T. H. Norwood, Leslie Weil and Herman Weil, of Goldsboro. The troops and their locations are as follows: Goldsboro, 6; Kinston, 3; La Grange, 1; Rosewood, 1; Mt. Olive, Faison, 1; Warsaw, 1; Rose Hill, 1; Pikeville, 1; Kenly, 1; Four Oaks, 1; Smithfield, 2; Selma, 1; total 489 scouts.

A Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors who assisted us so kindly during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. May God's richest blessings rest with them all.

Mrs. A. R. Keen and Family

UNION SERVICE IS HELD M. E. CHURCH

Congregation of Town Hear The Farewell Sermon of Rev. D. H. Tuttle

MR MORGAN PAYS TRIBUTE

Sunday evening all the churches of the town met with the Centenary Methodist church in a union service to hear the farewell sermon of Rev. D. H. Tuttle, who has moved to Elm City by the recent Conference after spending four years here as the faithful pastor of the Methodist church. The church was crowded on this occasion with friends from the town and the surrounding community and quite a number was turned away because of lack of room.

Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church, was present and in a few touching words paid a beautiful tribute to the retiring pastor. He spoke feelingly of the splendid work Mr. Tuttle has done not only in this town but in the county, and spoke of the loss the community suffers in his departure.

At the beginning of the services Mr. Tuttle read the twelfth chapter of Romans, dividing it into four divisions. The first division included the first two verses, showing consecration and its result on character. The second division spoke of God's gifts for service to be used in unity of fellowship. Verses five to sixteen mention the duties of Christians to each other, and the last division, verses seventeen to twenty-one, show how Christians should live toward unbelievers. The whole chapter was explained as he read it and many new truths were brought out by the speaker. He did not take his text from this chapter, however, but his text included several verses from the different epistles of Paul which he gathered under the subject: "Paul's Finality." Among those receiving most of his attention were: 2 Cor. 13:11, "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of live and peace shall be with you"; Ephesians 6:10, "Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might"; and Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." As usual Mr. Tuttle handled his subject well, and preached an inspiring sermon from these verses.

The whole service was touching but when, at the close of the sermon, the retiring pastor spoke of the affection he had for the people here and the peculiar love he felt for the town because he was leaving his beloved companion who had moved with him to fourteen different churches, sleeping in the cemetery here, it was pathetic in the extreme.

Special music had been prepared by the choir and all the hymns were in harmony with the farewell message.

FAMOUS PIANIST TO BE IN WILSON ON DEC. 3RD.

Mischa Levitzki, the interesting young Russian-American pianist will play in several cities in North Carolina during early December, opening first in Wilson on December 3, after which he will be heard in Winston-Salem and Chapel Hill. Although in his early twenties, this artist has been before the public for several years, having appeared here and abroad and in Australia with unusual success.

Mrs. L. A. Ebon is responsible for Levitzki's appearance in Wilson, which will give music lovers a rare treat. The program will be given in the high school auditorium and will begin at 8:30 o'clock P. M.

How about planting those shrubs and trees about the house this fall? Don't forget that this is one way to add value and beauty in one operation, advise horticultural workers of the State College extension division.