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METHODISTS HEAR TWO GOOD SERMONS

Rev. A. J. Parker Preaches Two Interesting Sermons; Certificates Presented

SPECIAL MUSIC FEATURES

Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Centenary Methodist church, preached two very forceful sermons yesterday. At both the morning and evening hour he used as his text 1 Tim. 4:16—"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." At the eleven o'clock service Rev. Mr. Parker confined himself to the first part of the text. By way of introduction he said:

"Nothing has done more to hurt the cause of Christianity than the misconception which the world has as to what Christianity is and what it involves. These misconceptions are brought about largely by unworthy lives which many men and women lead, who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ. The unworthiness to which I refer, is divided into three classes: First is the utter worldliness and downright wickedness of those who have been baptized and have taken upon themselves the vows of the church; the profane and vulgar. To them the church is only a social club. They bear a number of the marks of the Christian life as seen from the external, such as attending church services, paying their dues, and sometimes taking part officially. Especially is this kind of Christianity, which is but a counterfeit, seen in its loathsomeness when it gives its support to those things upon which the church has placed its bans. The second class labor under the idea that religion is something of a sad, sour, morose affair. They wear long faces as if they had just returned from the funeral of God, with their hope forever gone. The world sees nothing in such folks, nothing that invites them to join their way of living. The idea that the world gets in that religion is an awful ordeal, to be borne, endured. There is still another class that has done much to hurt the cause of Christ. They are those who make extravagant claims of holiness and blow it abroad with great noise but whose every day life contradicts such claims; men and women who will not pay honest debts and often those who are guilty of gross immorality. I do not here speak of those who are really living holy lives, for the more of real holiness we have among men, the better for all concerned, but I refer to those only who use religion as a cloak for low purpose in life."

"Neither of these views," said Mr. Parker, "represents the real Christian life. There is a seriousness that it is impossible to lose sight of, but there are joys and victories that fill the soul with happiness that the world knows nothing about."

The minister then mentioned Paul's positive directions: "Take heed to thyself and the doctrine," and spoke of the importance of accepting the great fundamental doctrines of the Christian church. "Christianity," he said, "is a question of the spirit, the heart, the inner life, not of propositions, theologics, and metaphysical arrangements of written creeds."

The sermon at the evening hour was a continuation of the one delivered yesterday morning. He urged his hearers to take life seriously, to stop and think, to decide what they wanted their lives to count for. He mentioned some of the great men and women, who by long, continuous, earnest and hard labor in preparation have become great. He said that there are many people today who would make an effort to live better lives but for two reasons: First, there is some outstanding sin and crime in their lives over which they feel

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THE WEATHER

North Carolina: Warm breezes Monday; Tuesday, showers and foggy

FOUR OAKS NEGRO KILLED YESTERDAY

Crap Game In Railroad Shanty Ends In Shooting Affray; Solomon Parson Dead

THREE NEGROES JAILED

Willie Jackson, Oscar Lane and Sam Miller, three negroes living in a railroad shanty in Four Oaks, are in jail here, and Solomon Parson, another negro, is dead with a bullet through his heart and right lung as the result of a crap game and whiskey affair in a railroad shanty at Four Oaks yesterday afternoon about one o'clock.

It seems that a quarrel began when Parson took some money that belonged to Jackson. The former jumped out the door, and ran around the shanty, Jackson chasing him and shooting at the same time.

Jackson went up town and gave himself up immediately following the affair to Constable Bess Hall, who brought him along with Lane and Miller, to the jail here where they await trial.

BANK DEPOSITORS EMPLOY LAWYERS

Sixty-Two Depositors of Defunct Bank in Princeton Endeavor To Recover Money.

Princeton, Mar. 20.—Sixty-two of the depositors of the Merchants and Farmers Bank have organized and have employed lawyers in an effort to recover one hundred percent of their more than twenty thousand dollars which had disappeared when the bank was closed on February 3 by Corporation Commission Bank examiners.

Last week was observed as "good English week" in the high school. Evelyn Edwards won the prize for writing the best song and poem, given by Miss Frances Ledbetter. On Friday morning the ninth grade gave a short program consisting of good English songs written in the high school and a play, "The Good English Circus." Evelyn Edwards gave a recitation. The characters in the play were as follows: Henry Holt, ring master; Louise Rackley, the monkey; Lucy James Arthur and Harvey Pearce, the donkey; Misses Edna and Ruth Grantham, Alma Pearce and Virginia Woodard, the chorus girls; Misses Terressa and Myrtle Holt, the tight rope walkers; Carlyle Woodard and Tom Stevens, the clowns. The circus was attended by Mr. Bad English, Ernest Overman and Mrs. Lucy Talton.

Miss Irene Holland, and Mrs. George Boyette of Glendale, were the guests of the Misses Boyett here for the week end.

Mr. John Paschal, a prominent business man from Durham, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Misses Alma Pearce and Virginia Woodard were the guests of Misses Elizabeth and Lucy Gunn Uzzle at Wilson's Mills Tuesday.

Miss Mary E. Wells, of Smithfield, was here Wednesday.

Dr. C. C. Massey, county physician, has been busy here for several days making examinations of the school children. These examinations can not be determined in dollars and cents as in many cases the life of the child is saved by a timely examination. We trust that the doctor will find time to give this school another visit soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Holt and little Ruth Arline visited relatives at Kinston Sunday.

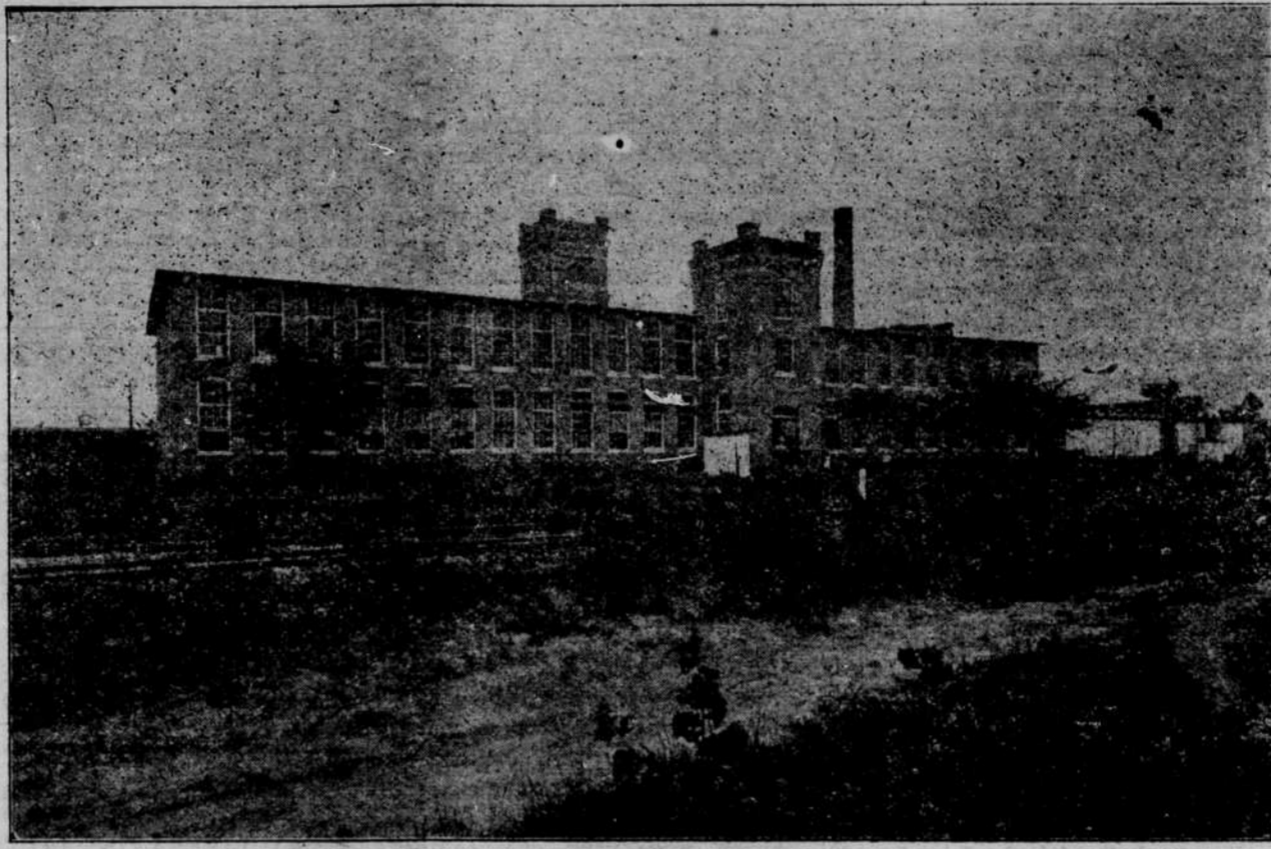
The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society was held Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Laura Grantham. After the business, games were the order and refreshments were served. All had a good time.

Mrs. Minnie Duncan spent the week end at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. John S. Barnes, of Clayton, was a visitor here Wednesday.

\$500,000 FIRE IN SMITHFIELD

OLD COTTON MILL BURNED SATURDAY



Old Cotton Mill which was burned here early Saturday morning entailing a loss of around \$500,000. It was built in 1900, and was the first cotton mill built in Johnston County.

Old Cotton Mill Goes Up In Flames During Early Morning Hours

OLDEST MILL IN COUNTY

What proved to be a disastrous fire was discovered about two o'clock here Saturday morning when it was found that the old Ivanhoe cotton mill was burning down. The fire is said to have started in the tower which soon cut off the water supply that operated the sprinkler system and when the tank fell it broke the main water line to the tank, making it impossible to get water to extinguish the flames. The mill is outside the town limits and it was impossible to connect with the town water system. The large brick building and equipment were completely destroyed and a carload of twine which was standing on the siding near the factory was burned. The loss, which is practically covered by insurance, is estimated at \$500,000. It is not known how the fire originated.

A few weeks ago this mill was damaged by fire thought to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, and had since been under repairs. On Friday afternoon while a workman was engaged in cleaning the walls with a steel brush preparatory for painting, it caught fire again when the brush struck an electric wire. The men at work put the blaze out before any considerable damage was done.

Since the first fire several weeks ago the new Ivanhoe mill has been running on double time, thus giving employment to the employes of the old mill. For this reason all the men of the mill village were at the new mill, some little distance away, when the fire was discovered and did not reach the scene in time to render any assistance.

The old Ivanhoe mill was built in 1900 and began operation in 1901. It was the oldest and one of the largest cotton mills in the county, having 10,000 spindles. It is not known at this time whether the mill will be rebuilt or not.

President Coolidge Guest of Writers

Washington, March 21.—President Coolidge was the guest of the White House Correspondent's Association at its annual dinner tonight at the Mayflower Hotel. Other guests included Attorney General Sargent, Postmaster General New, Everett Sanders, secretary to the President, Senators Watson, Indiana, and Stanford, Oregon; Speaker Longworth; Representative Bloom, New York, and John Hays Hammond.

Sale Of Beer Starts In Vancouver Hotels

Vancouver, B. C., March 21.—Eighteen Vancouver hotels today began the sale of beer by the glass. Not all the hotels were ready to begin sale of the beverage at 10 o'clock, the scheduled opening time, due to delay in obtaining the new licenses and in the delivery of the beer, but the majority were open by noon.

SIX-YEAR OLD BOY HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

Selma, March 19.—The 6-year old son of R. C. Mazingo was run down on the street late Wednesday afternoon and seriously injured by an automobile driven by Berry Lancaster, a substitute mail carrier. The boy was unconscious for several hours, and is still in a critical condition. The accident was unavoidable, it is stated.

Mayor Brown has returned from a business trip to Richmond.

Selma's new water station was put in commission Wednesday and the town now has an abundant supply of good pure water. For the past few months the town has been having almost a water famine, due to the failure of the deep well which was the source of supply.

TEACHERS AROUSED BY LOUD TALK

Rufus Jones Arrested For Disturbing Teacherage At Wilson's Mills Yesterday Morning

Aroused from their sleep about three o'clock yesterday morning by cursing and general loud talking, Professor Womack and the several teachers living in the teacherage of the Wilson's Mills school received quite a scare but no injuries.

Unsuspecting, there were no fire arms in the house, and everybody therein was powerless to do anything but watch. Nobody could see who the two men were whose voices were being heard, but the talking continued. Just before dawn nothing else could be heard, and when daylight came, Mr. Womack slipped out of the house, went up town, and returning with a gun, found Rufus Jones asleep on the steps of the school house, about 50 yards from the dormitory.

He was brought to Smithfield by Deputy Sheriff Price, who made the arrest, was tried before Justice Lunceford this morning, and fined \$50 or thirty days on the roads. He appealed and will be tried Tuesday in Recorder's Court, giving a cash bond of \$50.

It appeared that Jones was drinking, but evidence has not been established to that effect. Who the other man or men were, Jones refused to tell, those on the inside of the building being unable to identify any of them.

H. T. Garrard Attempts Suicide

Mr. H. T. Garrard, who lives near town, attempted suicide here Wednesday morning. It is said that he took three bichloride tablets in the Capitol Cafe, and then went to his car which was parked in front of Spiers' store. Some one passing noticed that he seemed to be ill and called Dr. A. H. Rose. Mr. Garrard was immediately taken to Smithfield Memorial Hospital where medical aid was rendered. He was sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital Thursday.

OFFICERS RAID WHISKEY STILL

Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs set things humming here last week when they captured a still per day, two one day, and three another. This makes a grand total of nine, and the high sheriff has put people to talking and distillers on the look-out, if anybody should ask you.

In one of the raids,—up near the county home where they nabbed what they consider one of the big boys,—the Raleigh revenues assisted. They got Alex Johnson along with the young plant, and he is now out on bond, awaiting trial.

On Tuesday officers got two stills and three on Saturday. They ranged in capacity from 15 to 150 gallons, the latter being the largest ever captured in Johnston County. It is interesting to note that five of the nine were found within a radius of five miles of the county home.

Officers assisting in the work of the week, aside from the men from Raleigh, were: Dallas U. Thompson, J. J. Batten, Charley Stephenson and Leonard Boyette.

BOOSTER TRIP TO BE MADE APRIL 2

Exposition Pulans Are Underway; A Spirit of Cooperation Prevails

TO ANNOUNCE ITINERARY

The Booster trip to advertise the Eastern Carolina Exposition which will be made April 2, promises to be a big affair. Chairman T. C. Young is making big preparations for the trip. The complete itinerary will be announced a little later and will, in all probability take in practically all the towns within 75 mile radius of Smithfield. Any person who is willing to make this trip for one day, is asked to communicate with Chairman T. C. Young, of Smithfield, or the Eastern Carolina Exposition at headquarters in Kinston. It will be mighty good advertisement for the whole section if forty or fifty cars would make this trip. Make your plans now to give the Eastern Carolina Exposition a big boost by attending this tour. If there are any particular towns that you had rather make than others, simply indicate this to Chairman Young and you will be assigned to the party going in that direction. If you have a car that you will offer for this trip, let this be known to the chairman, or if you have no car and want to go with some one else, let this be known also, and provision will be made for you. The main thing is to go and help make this Exposition the very best of all. It can be done and let's do it.

Renew your subscription.

Drive To Raise Funds For New Hospital Begins Today

Seven teams of two people each will go out from Smithfield this morning on the initial day of the Hospital drive in an effort to raise the remainder of the \$61,000 needed for the erection of the proposed Johnston County Memorial Hospital. The remainder of the week will be consumed in the drive, and daily reports will be given through the columns of The Herald. There will also be placed in both Creech's and Hood's Drug stores thermometers, on which the mercury will be run up each night as the returns from the teams from each day's work comes in. These reports will be made to W. N. Holt, chairman of the committee which is to campaign for the funds.

This is one of the most monumental tasks begun in Johnston County

during the past several years, and both senses of the word "monumental" will apply. The county needs a hospital, and if the efforts of the committee are worth anything, Johnston County will have one. Plans are complete, the lot bought, \$28,100 already subscribed with the Town of Smithfield leading with a \$10,000 subscription, every body interested, and the teams full of pep. The drive ought to go over and it will if everyone will do his part.

Among those on the teams which go out this morning are Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter and Mrs. Thel Hooks; Messrs E. J. Wellons, H. B. Marrow, H. V. Rose, W. N. Holt, W. M. Sanders, Dr. Orr, Leon G. Stevens, George Y. Ragsdale and W. W. Jordan. There are several other par-

ties in Smithfield and other towns who will assist this committee in raising the funds, but their names are withheld for the present.

Plans for the hospital have been being perfected for some time by Dr. W. J. B. Orr, the surgeon who now has charge of the Smithfield Memorial Hospital. He has done nothing but talk, eat, sleep and dream hospital for the past three months, aside from his work, and it is through his efforts that the culmination of the venture comes in the way of this big drive.

It is expected that citizens from every town and every rural district in Johnston County will subscribe to the fund, and it will thus become a county affair, for the stock in the

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