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New Methodist Minister Pleases

Large Congregation Extends Welcome As Churches Of Town Join In Union Service Sunday Night.

"It is often hard to find the germ of truth in the Christian religion," declared Rev. E. D. Earnhardt in his sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning, "for the scaffolding people have built around it." Then he proceeded to compare the Christian church to a modern structure just before the scaffolding has been torn from its completed beauty. The Puritans, the Separatists, the Non-Conformists, the Episcopalians, the Methodists, the Baptists, the Presbyterians have erected scaffolds that sometimes seem to obscure the essential truth of God's plan of salvation.

With this as an introductory thought, the preacher launched into the theme of his discourse, emphasizing love as the foundation stone upon which the church rests. He enlarged upon the command, "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself."

At the evening hour, the Baptists and Presbyterian ministers gave way their services, their congregations joining in extending a welcome to the new minister, whom the recent conference held in Durham sent to serve the Methodist church here.

The usually large congregation present listened attentively as Rev. Mr. Earnhardt told his hearers what faith is, the ability of God in whom we are exhorted to put our faith, and the willingness of God to keep faith with His children.

The delivery of the new preacher is especially pleasing. He speaks off-hand, though a mastery of his theme is apparent. He has the unusual ability of introducing a touch of humor, and then in a moment's time, holding his audience to a deep consideration of the spiritual significance of the truth he has illustrated.

Special music characterized both Sunday services. Mr. Theron Johnson sang a solo, and Messrs. Paul Eason and Marvin Woodall, a duet at the morning hour, while Miss Lucile Johnson, Messrs. Paul Eason and Marvin Woodall sang a lovely trio at the evening service.

SAYS MOON HAS NO INFLUENCE ON WEATHER

Washington, Nov. 28.—The moon may affect lovers and cause the tides, but "moon farming" is pure moonshine, department of agriculture experts declare, thus exploding another tradition.

The supposed effect on certain farm activities done by the "dark" or the "light" or some other phase of the moon has no influence on weather or the scientists. They say that the moon has no influence on weather or soil and even the light of the full moon is not nearly intense enough to have any effect on plant growth or disease.

Having to work a little now and then is about all that keeps most of us from smoking ourselves to death.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—



"We needs ter quit dat prankin' wid dis buddin juryration and do sum good ole spankin' wid de bode of educashun."

New "Baby"



Here is George H. Combs Jr., 27 year old congressman-elect from 5th District of Missouri, who will go to Washington as the "Baby Member" of Congress. He ran for election to the same office when only 25 but was defeated.

Three Are Hurt In Auto Wreck

Mrs. Joe Hunter Painfully Injured And Also Two Men From Wilmington As Cars Collide.

Thanksgiving night, quite a serious automobile wreck occurred just across the railroad east of this city on the Princeton road, when a high-powered automobile in which W. B. Caldwell and E. B. Cox, of Wilmington, were riding, struck the Cadillac touring car of Mr. Joe Hunter of this city, completely demolishing Mr. Hunter's car and painfully injuring Mrs. Hunter and both of the gentlemen from Wilmington.

The accident happened about eleven o'clock, as Mr. and Mrs. Hunter with their two children were returning home from Kinston where they had spent the day. Mrs. Hunter, who suffered painful lacerations and bruises, was taken immediately to the Johnston County Hospital, where her wounds were dressed, after which she was taken to her home.

Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Cox were also rushed to the hospital. Their injuries were found to consist of severe lacerations and bruises. They found it necessary, however, to remain in the hospital for a few days, one of them leaving on Saturday and the other, yesterday.

Wind Lifted Heavy Engine.

Fayetteville, Nov. 27.—A wind that lifted a 7,000 pound tram engine from its track visited this vicinity and caused a loss of \$1,000 to the Poe Brick company's plant south of Fayetteville, damaged tenement houses owned by the same company to the extent of \$500 and blew two houses from their foundations in 71st township.

No serious personal injury was caused by the storm. It was accompanied by a heavy rainfall.

Nin esmokestacks were blown down at the Poe Brick plant, two big stacks on the boiler room and seven smaller brick kiln stacks.

The wind took the roof off the conveyor shed and demolished the shed housing the tram engine which was blowing off the rails.

WOMAN JUSTICE OF PEACE.

New Bern, Nov. 28.—As the first woman justice of the peace of the section, Miss Pauline Barrington, has received an official appointment from Governor McLean. She states that she will carry on a full line of justice of the peace activities, from trying cases to marrying couples.

Conduct Probe In Johnston County Receivership Suit

Clayton Citizens Doubt Story That Dead Man Fell Out Of Auto; Sev- Theories.

The mystery surrounding the death of L. G. Forsythe, which is thought to have taken place early last Wednesday morning probably on the Raleigh road somewhere in the vicinity of Clayton, is still unfathomed. Wake county officers together with Clayton officials, are busy with investigations, around which considerable interest centers.

Wade H. Lucas, staff correspondent for the News and Observer, sums up the entire case in a communication in yesterday's paper which we reprint as follows:

"Investigation into the mysterious death of L. G. (Mighty) Forsythe was suddenly switched from Raleigh to Clayton today, when Coroner L. M. Waring, of Wake county, came here and started a probe with Chief of Police B. A. Smith, of this city.

"Coroner Waring and Chief Smith went into a conference behind closed doors. Following the conference the two visited the places where the pools of blood, together with the shoes, caps and a small sum of money were found by the Clayton chief and other citizens early Wednesday morning.

"Despite the coroner's assertion that no new developments had occurred in the Forsythe case, it was learned from a number of Clayton citizens, including Chief Smith, that Wake officials working on the Forsythe case, have failed in some respects to ascertain certain things, which, in their opinion, have to do with the case.

"Discovery Saturday of blood-stained clothing, which, according to deputies, belongs to Robert Separk, now held in Wake jail on a murder charge in connection with Forsythe's death; the finding of a bloody cap, split open as if done by a sharp-edged instrument; and the release of Evelyn Britt, 19-year-old Durham girl, who is, now held in \$5,000 bail also on a murder charge, constitutes what new developments to an appreciable extent that have occurred in the case.

"STEPHENSON STILL MISSING. "While in Clayton today, Coroner Waring declared that officers have redoubled their efforts to apprehend Robert Stephenson, third person wanted on a murder charge as the result of Forsythe's mysterious death, and that he expected Stephenson to be caught 'almost any minute'.

"We have a net out for Stephenson now," declared the Wake coroner, "and we expect to catch him almost any minute or hour." He was of the opinion that certain clues he has of Stephenson's supposed whereabouts will materialize within a short time and expects that his arrest will follow.

"Many people here believe Forsythe was killed, interest in the mystery death is rife and has been since Luther Hinton, garage man, here, discovered a large pool of blood in front of Bert's Filling Station last Wednesday morning shortly after daybreak.

"Hinton declares he immediately notified Chief Smith and the two, augmented by others, were conducting a search in the vicinity of the blood pools, when word came from Raleigh that the lifeless body of Forsythe had been delivered there shortly after 2 o'clock Wednesday morning by Paul King and William Jackson Buffalo, who live about three miles from Raleigh on the Garner road.

"King and Buffalo told Coroner Waring that Robert Separk, who was accompanied by a man and a woman they did not know, awoke them between 1 and 2 o'clock Wednesday morning and asked them to bring Forsythe, whom they said had fallen out of the car and injured his head, to a hospital in Raleigh. When King and Buffalo reached Rex hospital in the Capital City, it was discovered that

"BONDS AUTHORIZED FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN RALEIGH. Raleigh, Nov. 28.—Authorization of \$210,000 in bonds to build a \$75,000 in bonds to build a \$75,000 garbage incinerator, to extend the sewerage system, build a refrigeration plant for the city market, and to expand Mount Hope negro cemetery, was made by the city commission yesterday morning.

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—Col. Willie M. Person's suit to throw the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association into receivership was dismissed today by the clerk of court of Nash county upon the petition of the four plaintiffs in the action, U. B. Blalock, general manager of the cotton association, announced here this afternoon.

Following the dismissal, Mr. Blalock charged, Col. Person sought to induce other Nash county farmers to become parties in another receivership action, but failing in that, he declared his purpose to bring a suit, with himself as plaintiff.

Mr. Blalock exhibited affidavits signed by P. L. Parham, W. E. Cockrell, H. D. Williams and B. A. Cooper to the effect that they had been induced to become parties plaintiff in the action now dismissed at the solicitation of Col. Person and that they were not informed that his purpose was to seek to force the association into receivership. Their petition for dismissal came when they discovered the true intent of the movement, they stated. J. C. Lindsey, who signed the prosecution bond, also petitioned the court to be released, declaring that he had been induced to sign by an erroneous impression as to the nature of the suit.

Decide On State Fair Next Year

Wire For Date To Be Arranged; Will Spend Approximately A Quarter Of A Million Dollars Getting Ready.

North Carolina will have a State Fair at Raleigh during October, 1927!

Such was the promise of the directors of the Fair Association, who gathered Monday morning in the office of Governor McLean to receive the report of the committee which recently sold the old State Fair site.

Approximately one-quarter of a million dollars will be spent by the association between now and next October in providing an exhibit building, race track, grandstand by seat 5,000 persons, fencing, sewer and water connections, and other necessities, exclusive of the land. Acquisition of the land will be deferred in all probability until after the meeting of the next General Assembly as it is hoped that some arrangement may be made whereby the fair will be permitted to use or acquire state-owned property, either State College or State Prison property.

It was the sense of the board of directors that the new site, if possible, should be located near State College in order that the college might use the land and buildings during the 50 weeks of the year in which the land will not be occupied for exhibition purposes.

The directors authorized J. R. Weatherspoon, to wire immediately to W. A. Graham to close contracts with the Association of Fair Managers, to give the State Fair a dating between the Virginia and South Carolina State Fairs.—Raleigh Times.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS VAST COAL DEPOSITS. Raleigh, Nov. 28.—North Carolina has a reserve supply of 70,000,000 tons of coal deposited in the old "Triassic" basin, extending in a diagonal direction in the central part of the state, according to a report made to the department of conservation and development by H. G. Bryson, state geologist.

Figures on output for the past two years show that this enormous natural storehouse of wealth has hardly been tapped. They show that in 1924 only 57,094 tons were taken out of North Carolina mines and that in 1925 the total had increased to only 65,153 tons.

Only two mines of importance are in operation. They are the Carolina mine at Coal Glenn and the Cumcock mine at Cumcock, both near Sanford.

The explosion at the Carolina mine in May, 1925, cut down the working days for that year to a total of only 272. The year preceding there were 287. The daily output in 1925 was given as 240 tons and in 1924 as 200.

The North Carolina product is described as a good grade bituminous, not especially adaptable for ordinary commercial uses, but excellent for use in manufacturing artificial gas and coke and for crushing into coal powder and for the by-product of this product, ammonium sulphate, used in making fertilizer.—Associated Press.

Texas woman claims she can jump 40 feet. We, too, have sat on a hornet's nest.

Husband and Wife. QUITE RIGHT, MISS DE SWEET.

My husband will take his secretary's advice on any business matter but he never listens to me.—Mrs. W. W.

WHAT DOES YOUR HUSBAND DO?

Using Of Cotton Bags Requested

Representatives of Sixty Fertilizer Manufacturers And Other Business Men Of Eastern Carolina Adopt Resolutions.

Wilson, Nov. 28.—Resolutions were adopted at a meeting of fertilizer manufacturers and dealers and cotton oil men held here where by the use of at least one-half of all bags used in their business during the coming year will be cotton if the plan works out successfully.

The conference, called by the directors of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, was largely attended by representatives of the 60 fertilizer manufacturers operating in this section of the state as well as numerous dealers, oil mill operators, farmers, bankers and representative business men.

N. G. Bartlett, of Kinston, secretary of the commerce body, who issued the call to the fertilizer manufacturers and oil mill operators to attend the conference stated the purpose of the meeting after J. W. Holmes, of Farmville, president of the organization, called the session together.

Mr. Bartlett said it was the desire of the organization to study the cotton situation with a view of substituting cotton bags for the jute bags now being used in the handling of the products mentioned. The use of cotton bags for the 1927 business would aid considerably in the consumption of the bumper crop of this year if a plan could be worked out whereby they might be substituted.

After numerous talks by the various representatives present during which the situation was discussed in all of its aspects the following resolutions were drafted by a committee composed of J. H. Morgan, of Farmville; L. P. Woodard, of Wilson; C. L. Ives, of New Bern, and J. H. Westbrook, of Rocky Mount, and were unanimously adopted by the conference.

"Whereas there is at present a burdensome surplus of cotton causing the price to fall below cost of production, and realizing that with the high cost of jute bags in the manufacture of fertilizer and cotton oil mill products.

"Be it resolved that this meeting go on record as asking these manufacturers to pledge themselves to use at least one-half of all bags used in bagging these products for the season 1927 and longer if necessary made of cotton.

"This committee realizes that the manufacturers have supplied a portion of their requirements of burlap bags.

TO CALL COMMITTEES. "We therefore respectfully request that the presidents of the Inter-State Cotton Seed Crushers' Association and the National Fertilizer Association, immediately to call a joint meeting of the executive committees of these two associations, to secure pledges to carry out the provisions of this resolution."

Today's conference is considered a big success and officials of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce are anticipating calling other meetings in the state. The request sent the Inter-State Cotton Seed Crushers' Association and the National Fertilizers' Association are expected to meet with the support of those organizations and definite action taken in the very near future.

The cotton meeting today is the second authorized and called by the commerce body in an effort to cope with the situation resulting from the slump in the price of cotton.

PRAYER MEETING AT METHODIST CHURCH. Wednesday evening at the Methodist church, prayer meeting will be held beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

"The Pastor and His People" is the topic for consideration, and the pastor gives a cordial invitation for a large crowd to greet him.

Name Winners In Club Contest

Mrs. John K. Sanders, Mrs. P. H. Creech And Mrs. Will Stallings Successful In Meal Planning And Table Setting Contest.

Saturday afternoon, the climax to a meal planning and table setting contest, which had been in progress for five months in home demonstration clubs of the county, was reached when Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, the county home agent, announced the winners at a meeting held in the courthouse. Twelve women's clubs and nine girls' clubs took part in the contest in which three prizes had been offered.

Therefore, it was a distinct achievement that received recognition when Miss Garrison announced that Mrs. John K. Sanders, of the Sanders Chapel section, had won the first prize; Mrs. P. H. Creech of Creech's school, the second, and Mrs. Will Stallings of the Sanders Chapel section, the third.

Mrs. Sanders was scored 95 per cent on table setting and 89 per cent on planning of menus. The prize was a lovely chest of silver. Mrs. Creech's reward was a cake making set, while the trophy carried off by Mrs. Stallings was a mayonnaise set. Honorable mention was given Mrs. W. T. Woodard, of Selma; Miss Myrtle Bailey, of O'Neals; Mrs. Vaden Lasster, of Four Oaks, and Mrs. Arthur Creech.

Miss Thomas, state nutrition specialist, did the judging, the outcome of which had been kept a profound secret until Saturday.

A pleasing part of the prize giving Saturday was the acceptance speech of Mrs. Sanders. With a humorous style all her own, she recalled some of the prizes she had received in her lifetime, telling of the first she ever received which was given for learning the alphabet in a given time. She also told of another prize received in school, when she had to choose between a pair of cuff links, which she could not use, and a box of stationery that also had little value in her eyes. Mrs. Sanders attributed the winning of the chest of silver to the fact that she began early to work for rewards. She kept her audience in an uproar as she graphically described the situations just hinted at.

The occasion took a serious turn when Miss Garrison called upon a number of the contestants to tell what the study of meal planning and table setting had meant to them.

Mrs. W. T. Woodard of Selma received a cook book for sending in the best set of answers to a questionnaire which had been sent to club members.

HAIL AND ELECTRIC. STORM VERY SEVERE. Rutherfordton, Nov. 28.—One of the worst storms in the history of this county visited the lower end near Harris during a severe electrical storm.

Hail as large as guinea eggs fell for some time. Small limbs on trees were beaten off, holes were torn in the top of automobiles and weak roofs. Several window panes were broken and much damage was done. The storm was about a mile wide and moved toward the southeast.

SAY I SAW IT IN The Herald. THANK YOU.

A Tantalizer. There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

hom'ilalyr Horace Utley recognized his name last issue.

Champion Jess Sweetser



Again America has lifted one of England's most coveted sport titles—the British Amateur Golf crown—Jess Sweetser, former American Amateur Champion, a full fledged Yankee, won the tourney at Muirfield, Scotland, defeating the best talent the Emerald Isle could pit against him.

Organize Poultry Association Here

Poultry Keepers From Over The County Hear Poultry Specialist From Wayne Here Saturday.

Johnston county poultry keepers took a definite step toward the promotion of poultry raising here Saturday, when they organized a Johnston county poultry association with an initial membership of eighteen. About fifty showed their interest by attending the meeting in the courthouse which had been called by the county home agent, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, and it is probable that the membership of the association will show an early increase. T. W. Ives, Mrs. D. J. Wellons, W. T. Wilson, Miss Myrtle Bailey and Miss Garrison were named as a committee to present a plan of organization at some future meeting.

This action was taken after the advantages of a poultry association had been thoroughly presented by T. T. Brown, of Goldsboro, whole time poultry specialist for Wayne county. He told of the organization in Wayne, which is only about two years old, stressing the fact that numbers do not necessarily mean success. A small group may work effectively. The splendid opportunity offered by the climate of Eastern North Carolina for poultry raising was emphasized by the fact that a North Carolina bird will produce, on an average, twenty eggs per year more than the same bird in Canada. Poultry, however, is not a fool-proof business, declared Mr. Brown; time and care are required if profits are to be realized. It is his opinion that egg production is the most profitable phase of the business, though raising broilers for market is not to be overlooked, especially since shipping to northern markets has been made possible by the State Division of Markets. Mr. Brown made a significant statement when he said that there is never an over production of poultry products. There is no danger of glutting the market.

Following Mr. Brown, a representative of the Goldsboro hatchery, said to be the largest in North Carolina, spoke to those present in regard to the importance of early hatched chicks, good breeds, and the selection of breeders. The year old hen is the best breeder, because it lays a larger egg and because it lays at the breeding season.

A round table discussion preceded the motion, which was adopted to form a poultry association in Johnston county.