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J. S. Williams, Pseudo-Preacher, Sentenced To County Roads For 16 Months In Special Session Of Recorders Court Here Yestaday

Stayed Here at Rooming With Woman As Man and Wife

J. S. Williams, who poses as a preacher of the Christian Church, was sentenced to the roads of Edgecombe County for 16 months by Judge J. C. Smith at a special session of recorder's court here Thursday, on a charge of registering at a boarding house as man and wife with a woman of ill fame.

Williams, who was reared in the Robersonville section, moved from that community about 25 years ago to Arkansas, where he remained for about 15 years, later returning to this county. He claimed to have reformed and said that he was a minister of the Christian church. He made no attempt to prove himself worthy and ask for enrollment as a minister of that church; yet he went to some local congregations and presented himself as a minister. The power to select and employ a preacher resting with the local congregations enabled him to get the pastoral charge of a number of churches from year to year. His pastorate generally did not last more than a year, and he usually left under a cloud, moving to some other section to repeat the imposition.

Rumors floated in from Arkansas and many of the churches were warned to beware of him. Yet a few people and a few churches would not believe the rumors and recognized him, while others stood hands-off, hoping things would grow better. One of his strong points with some people was his "anti" or revolutionary attitude toward the organized work of the church of which he claimed to be a preacher. He was often found criticizing the orthodoxy of other preachers and succeeded in building much prejudice against the State and national missionary boards, especially among the more ignorant people, and even a few unsuspecting ministers stood by and sustained his work.

While his work was unauthorized by the church and he was not recorded as a preacher, nevertheless he has done much harm by his false leadership.

So far, no record can be found of his being ordained to the ministry by the regular body of the Christian church in Arkansas, where he claimed to have hailed from as a minister.

It is said of him that he was a good Bible scholar for an uneducated and an ignorant man.

Although many rumors and complaints had floated around against him, no real concrete case presented itself until the 14th of October, when he took one Odell Phelps from Washington County to the home of Mrs. Bell Manning, a widow lady in Williamston who keeps rooms for rent, and presented himself as Mr. Williams and introduced the Phelps girl as his wife. They spent the night together in the same room and Williams paid the bill. From there they left on the morning of October 15, and stated they were going to the Edenton Fair. They returned that night and again occupied the same room as man and wife. And to make the insult more odious, Williams proceeded to quote and argue Scriptures to Mrs. Manning.

Nothing further was heard from the couple until November 5th, when they again returned. This time Mrs. Manning had no unoccupied rooms and Williams and the Phelps girl went to the home of Mrs. Lousia Perry, where they again claimed to be Mr.

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Strand Theatre

TONIGHT

"THE PAINTED LADY"

TOMORROW

"Flashing Steeds" (Western)

Two-Reel Comedy

14th Episode of

"Fighting Ranger"

Thanksgiving Union Services To Be Held Here Again This Year; New Methodist Pastor To Preach

The Thanksgiving Day service this year will be held in the Episcopal church. According to the custom the preacher for this service will be the new pastor of the Methodist congregation, Rev. W. T. Lee, but in the event he fails to reach Williamston in time for this service, Rev. A. J. Manning of the Christian church will preach the sermon.

This is a splendid custom in the community and a worthy one. For

our people to come together on Thanksgiving Day and unite their hearts and voices in prayer and praise to God brings us all a little nearer one another in the right spirit.

Services begin at 10.30. The collection will be given to the orphanages of the different churches and every one is asked to use an envelope with their own Church name upon it.

LOCAL WOMAN'S CLUB ORGANIZED

Thirty-Nine Women Attend Meeting Wednesday; Officers Elected And Organization Perfected

At the Masonic Hall Wednesday afternoon thirty-nine women of the town assembled to decide whether or not should or should not organize a woman's club. Upon motion Mrs. Wheeler Martin, jr., was elected temporary chairman. A discussion was then held on the object of the meeting, and there appeared to be a strong desire for a club by all the ladies present. When the vote was taken every woman voted to organize at that meeting. Mrs. Martin read the by-laws of the Williamston Woman's Club organized in 1916, but which was given up for a Red Cross chapter upon the entrance of our country into the World War. The purpose of that club, the spiritual, intellectual, social and civic improvement of the town, was the same that this club desired to accomplish.

Officers were then elected as follows: Mrs. John D. Biggs, jr., president; Mrs. Wheeler Martin, jr., first vice president; Mrs. Warren Biggs, second vice president; Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, recording secretary; Mrs. N. C. Green, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. B. Harrison, treasurer; Mrs. Elbert Peel and Mrs. J. W. Manning, first and second reporters, respectively.

The place of meeting was discussed and a committee appointed to ask the Masons for the lower floor of the Masonic Hall. One meeting a month on a day that did not coincide with any other assembly was decided upon, the next meeting to take place four weeks from that date.

Whether the club would affiliate with the State federation was discussed, and it will be voted upon at the next meeting. A committee was appointed to draft laws to be presented for discussion and adoption later, and then the club was adjourned by Mrs. Martin.

Trying To Organize Junior Council Here

Mr. A. N. Jackson, of Cary, is in town this week for the purpose of organizing a local council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. There are quite a number of councils of this order in Eastern Carolina, and it is expected that there will be keen interest shown in it here, as it has a reputation for having strong fraternal and insurance inducements. The Junior Order has 50,000 members in the State, and a handsome orphanage is in the process of construction at Statesville, and will probably be opened next spring. Mr. Jackson is a national organizer and can be found at the Atlantic Hotel.

Williamston Loses To Scotland Neck

Scotland Neck High School defeated the Williamston High School on the local gridiron Tuesday afternoon by the score of 32 to 0. The visiting squad won the game by taking advantage of many fumbles made by the local squad. At times Williamston showed streaks of real football. In the fourth quarter the local started an aerial attack, and one pass netted them 43 yards, Gabe Roberson receiving the ball and making a nice run. But the ball was lost by a fumble on the next play. In spite of the large score the local boys put up a good fight against the more experienced eleven.

Play At Everetts School Tuesday

The Everetts High School will present "The Ballad of Prudence Dean," in the school auditorium there Tuesday, November 24, at 8 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited.

Rev. and Mrs. B. Duke Critcher Motored to Red Springs Wednesday and Returned Yesterday

They are completing their arrangements preparatory to moving to Garysburg.

TWO SMALL FIRES HERE THURSDAY

Colored Man's Home and Roanoke Warehouse Have Fires; Little Damage Done

Williamston had two fire alarms Thursday. First a colored man's house in that district known as "Blood Block" was reported on fire. When the fire department reached the scene it was found that the small blaze which was caused by sparks falling on the shingle roof had been extinguished by neighbors.

In the afternoon the Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse caught fire from some unknown cause, and for a time it looked like we might have a real fire. Perhaps more damage would have been done if it had not been for two small chemical charges which the Harrison Wholesale Co. had at hand and threw on the fire, deadening it somewhat. The fire department had a stream on the blaze in less than five minutes after it was discovered. The damage was only a few hundred dollars. All tobacco had been removed from the floor, so there was no damage done to the stock.

Washington to Have Another Hospital

Announcement was made some time ago by Dr. Jack Nicholson to the effect that he had secured the large residence on the corner of Bonner and Water Streets in Washington, generally known as the "Hardy Home," and that within the next ten days he would open a private hospital there, installing much of his equipment which he has been using at the Fowle Memorial Hospital and adding considerable new apparatus.

The new hospital will be known as Riverview Hospital. Dr. Jack, Dr. Sam, and Dr. P. A. Nicholson will all take their practice there. Heretofore they have used the Fowle Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Jack has been in charge since 1906.

Up until a short time ago, Dr. Jack Nicholson had a lease on the Fowle Memorial Hospital, which was dissolved by order of court at the last term there. Dr. Jack asserted that he and his brothers desired a private hospital, and it was because of this fact that he had made arrangements for securing the Hardy Home.

Much new equipment will be added, he also said, including up-to-date electrical departments for the treatment of disease by sun rays. New X-ray equipment will be put in and has already been ordered.

Red Cross Campaign Committee Named

The following ladies of the town have been asked by Mrs. Thigpen, chairman, to assist in the ninth Red Cross Roll Call:

Mrs. L. B. Harrison, Oscar Anderson, Warren Biggs, C. D. Carstarphen, G. N. Gurganus, W. H. Booker, J. C. Anderson, A. R. Dunning, Wheeler Martin, Sr., Roger Critcher, Jr., W. E. Warren, Misses Margaret Everett, Sophie Little, Esther Harrison, Ellen Cowing, and Mattie Lou Rodgerson.

Practically all of them have responded to her call and they will visit every person in the community.

Methodist Church Services Sunday

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.—R. A. Pope, superintendent.

Regular services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Rev. E. D. Dodd will have charge of the morning service, and Rev. B. D. Critcher will conduct the evening devotions. Rev. T. W. Lee will arrive next Wednesday, and Mr. Dodd expects to leave for his charge in Four Oaks on the same day.

THE ENTERPRISE WEEKLY SERMON

"God is our hope and strength; a very present help in time of trouble."—Psalm 46:1.

By Rev. C. O. PARDO
Life is made up of many experiences and most of them are the result of laws God has established for the maintenance of the universe and the people of this world.

In the world of mankind many discoveries have taken place. Man has discovered the natural laws governing many things, such as the laws governing and controlling refrigeration, light and illumination, heat and heat control, and many other of the natural laws. Now these have been haled as the discoveries made by man. They are, but long before man discovered them God had established them and man has just now come to a knowledge of God's established laws.

Some of the most interesting experiences in our lives occurs when we have solved some problem or when we discover the answer to some hidden question. Just now there is a question confronting men of science and engineers which when the solution has been discovered will bring to the world a new and real experience of relief as well as open up new and wider fields. That is the question of radio static. Now, radio has been discovered by man, yet God established the laws and principles when he established the universe. Man has not as yet discovered the laws controlling static. When he does, then the radio field will be many times increased.

In much the same way as these material discoveries and experiences are in the natural world and have their effect upon mankind, so in the spiritual realm there exist laws and principles, many of them as yet undiscovered by man, but there in all their potential force and strength awaiting man's exploration and discoveries. Waiting for the children of God to turn them in actual and real matters of force and strength.

The Psalmist declared that he has discovered some of the laws concerning God; some of the principles governing the spiritual realm, and in the 46th Psalm recites the result of one of his discoveries, "God is our hope and strength; a very present help in time of trouble."

How many people do not know this to be true. How many there are to whom this truth is a hidden one. Who are baffled and worried and carrying the burden of their troubles alone and single-handed and in despair feel as though there is no hope and no help for them in their time of trouble.

But, thanks be to God, the truth and principle of the spiritual realm applies to all. To you and me, if we will follow the paths and abide by the laws of God.

During the Charleston earthquake, when destruction and despair was on every hand, and when even the men and women of stout heart were awed by the terror, one woman went in and out of the crowds who were frightened and scared with a smile and a word of cheer. Later when asked how it was that she was able to do this she replied, "I know that God is our hope and our strength; our very present help in time of trouble." So we, too, may have this blessed and soul-satisfying knowledge and comfort if we but seek God and come to know Him through His Son Jesus Christ.

Town Team Begins Basketball Practice

The town basketball team began practice Wednesday night at the Dixie Warehouse. A good crowd reported for practice the first night. Mr. Bowden was elected captain of the team and Hugh B. Anderson secretary.

More good material is available this year than ever before, and we are expecting to have the best town team in our history. In previous years we have played many of the largest teams of the State with creditable scores, and the games have been very enjoyable to all lovers of sport.

Christian Church Services Sunday

Rev. A. J. Manning, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11 a. m.
The evening service will be announced Sunday morning. Owing to the recent illness of the pastor, he may not be able to conduct more than one service.



Trial Of Gawk Negroes For Prohibition Law Violations Slowly Getting Under Way

DR. W. L. POTEAT WILL NOT RESIGN

Says Baptist Fundamentalists Have Made It Impossible For Him To Resign Now

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 19.—Declaring that he would not resign as president of Wake Forest College, Dr. W. L. Poteat last night threw down the gauntlet of battle to the fundamentalists of the State Baptist convention, who have been demanding that he resign or be replaced. Only an hour before his address, made at the annual banquet of the Wake Forest alumni, the convention in sessions here had adopted a resolution placing the body on record as believing that the Bible in its entirety is "the inspired word of God." Shortly after he spoke the convention, at its night session, adopted the so-called "Barrett resolutions," which would place the election of trustees of the institution directly in the hands of the convention. The resolutions, which were announced several weeks ago, have been referred to in Baptist circles friendly to Dr. Poteat as an attempt to replace the educator with some one not holding modernist views on evolution.

The educator, who is the storm center of the evolution fight in the Baptist church in North Carolina and is prominent among the protagonists of modernist views on evolution in the South, spoke vigorously and earnestly to the alumni body, many of whom were moved to tears as the educator described his fight for what he termed "the respectability and opportunity of my alma mater."

"I was not adverse to withdrawing," Dr. Poteat declared, "and had even thought of doing so before the suggestion of this spirit was brought out, but they have made it impossible for me to do it now. I decline to be whipped out on an issue that involves the respectability and opportunity of my alma mater."

Under the present system the board of trustees of Wake Forest is a self-perpetuating body which elects its own members. Adoption of the Barrett resolutions take away this power and vests it in the convention itself. The board in the past has expressed its confidence in Dr. Poteat. On one occasion several years ago Dr. Poteat appeared before the convention, defended his theories of evolution and received a vote of confidence from the body.

Miss Ruth Manning Is Much Improved

The condition of Miss Ruth Manning as we go to press is regarded as favorable by attending physicians. Having been almost totally unconscious for over 55 hours, she regained entire use of her mental faculties last night, and her whole physical condition was found improved. Having suffered severe bruises from her unusual fall, she will be confined to her bed for some time yet.

RED CROSS DRIVE STARTS SATURDAY

To Make Systematic Canvass of Town In Annual Membership Campaign; Mrs. Thigpen Chairman

The local Red Cross chapter will begin its annual membership drive on Saturday, November 21, and close Tuesday, November 24.

Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, who is chairman of the campaign committee, says that she will have five young ladies to receive subscriptions on the streets of the town Saturday.

The committee has also divided the town into wards, and will canvass each house in the town during this period. The Red Cross did much charitable work in this county early last year, immediately following the disastrous tornado which swept through several sections near here.

Williamston has in all previous years come up in good snap, and now has a fund in hand for emergencies.

Theatre Picture Service Sunday

Last Sunday night the service in the Strand Theatre was attended by a congregation that packed the theatre. Many were unable to obtain seats and had to stand during the service. Rev. C. O. Pardo was the preacher and spoke quite fittingly on the new age and new ideals, drawing his remarks from the sermon on the mount.

The picture, which was much enjoyed, was the Paramount production "To Have and to Hold," a story of Old England and the new Virginia Colony at Jamestown.

Next Sunday night the service is conducted by the Christian church. Rev. Asa J. Manning, the pastor of the Christian congregation, will not be able to do the preaching himself but a speaker has been secured for the service. The picture is another Paramount feature picture, "The Pride of Palomar," and is recommended as a picture teaching a strong lesson. The service starts promptly at 7.30.

Attend D. A. R. Meet In Tarboro Yesterday

Mrs. A. R. Dunning and Mrs. J. D. Biggs, jr., attended the fifth district meeting of the D. A. R. Wednesday at Tarboro.

After hearing the addresses by Mrs. E. C. Gregory, State regent, and Mrs. C. M. Parks, of Tarboro, State vice regent, they were entertained at a luncheon at the Calvary Parish House. In the afternoon the unveiling of a tablet marking the spot where General George Washington once spent the night was on the program. Rev. Bertram E. Brown made the address at the service. The Daughters are placing these tablets at places in North Carolina that George Washington passed, a service being held at Farmville today.

Sandy Ridge Local And Personal News

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. W. H. Daniels is very sick at her home near Daniels & Stator mill.

Mr. A. W. Hardison was the guest of Miss Coralie Peed Wednesday night.

Miss Beatrice Cherry spent Tuesday night with Miss Coralie Peed.

Mr. Lester Holland, of Greenville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cherry Wednesday.

Mr. Georgia Holland has returned home from Greenville, where he has been visiting relatives for quite a while.

Mr. J. N. Hopkins was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Griffin Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Griffin entertained quite a number of friends at their home Wednesday night.

Mr. Hubert Taylor was the guest of Mr. Joe Lanier Wednesday morning.

Mr. W. H. Daniel made a business trip to Williamston Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lovelace returned home Sunday after spending several days with his sister, Mrs. C. S. Daniel near Holly Springs church.

Reddicks Grove Services Sunday

The regular semi-monthly service of the Reddicks Grove Baptist church will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Shirley, Sunday at 8.00 p. m. The Sunday school will meet as usual at 2.30, and all the women are urged to be present at the hour for the organization of the missionary society. A fine congregation was present at last meeting. A cordial invitation to all the people to worship with us extended.