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NEW PASTOR IS WELCOMED BY TOWNSPEOPLE

Members of Several Congregations Join To Welcome Rev. Rogers

Rev. C. T. Rogers was welcomed to the pastorate of the local Methodist Church last Sunday evening in a special service held in that church with the other religious denominations cancelling their services to take part. As several of the local ministers were out of town, only Reverends C. H. Dickey and W. F. Wiegmann took part as visiting pastors. In opening the service, Mayor R. L. Coburn welcomed the new minister to the town.

Taking his place in the pulpit, Rev. Mr. Rogers preached on "Environment," which he referred to as the most influential element in the forming of the character and citizenship of the most of us. "We usually follow the crowd whether it is marching up or marching down, and we are responsible for the kind of town and home we have," the minister declared. Continuing he said, "If we are around bootleggers, chum with and follow them we are subject to become bootleggers; if we stay among those who curse, we often form the same habit, and for that reason we should be very particular in choosing our companions. No intelligent man is ignorant of what is right or wrong he knows from the force of his own conscience when he is doing right or doing wrong."

"The question comes straight to us all, 'Are you satisfied with your town, your home and even yourself?' Are you doing the best things for our children by living the proper Christian lives? Have our children more respect for the world than they have for our own lives?"

"There is something in our lives that will rise above our environment if we will only let the light of Jesus shine in on it."

The minister illustrated his assertion by telling how the beautiful rose becomes disatisfied to lie encased in the ground and springs up as a monument of beauty, purity and sweetness. "The lily grows up from the muddy marsh to display its beauty. And so can the boy and girl grow up from the slums of society and become shining lights among people. 'But it takes high ideals, courage, humbleness and the love of Jesus to do it,' the new pastor assured his large congregation.

UNUSUAL FIRE OCCURS HERE

Firemen Carry Fire From C. O. Moore's Store In Showcase

The unusual fire was reported here late last Wednesday night when a blaze was discovered in the tobacco show case of the C. O. Moore and Company store on Washington Street. Answering the alarm about 10:45, the fire company checked the fire in a very short time with very little damage resulting to property.

Believed to have been started when ferrets disturbed a match box in the show case, the fire had burned only a short while when it was discovered by passers-by. The fire company, many members of which had already retired, made a quick response and after viewing the blaze sent for the store owner that an entrance could be gained without breaking the door glass. Once inside the firemen picked up the burning show case and carried it into the street where the burning cigarettes and other tobaccos were removed. The several plates glasses in the case were cracked by the heat, but the other property loss was limited to a few cigarettes and cigars.

Farm Life School Honor Roll for The Past Month

Meeting all requirements in carrying on their scholastic work, thirty pupils in the Farm Life school and their names on the roll honor for the month just ending. Professor Grimes reported yesterday. The list: First grade—Vera Pearl Williams, Laura Lilley. Second grade—Oscar Wiggins, S. W. Corey. Third grade—Bettie Louise Lilley. Fourth grade—Sarah Getsinger, Jos. Peel, Noah Hardison, Verna Griffith. Fifth grade—John B. Roberson, Mamie Clyde Manning, Earle Ruth Corey, Eva Manning, Annie Getsinger. Sixth grade—J. Daniel, Jas. Peel. Seventh grade—Thelma Clyde Coltrain, Sarah Roberson, Beulah Roberson, Daisy Roberson, Staton Griffin, Marion Roberson, Fannie Coltrain, Leona Griffin, Verna Griffin. Eighth grade—Louise Manning, Chas. M. Peel, Garland Hardison. Ninth grade—Veona Roberson. Tenth grade—Eva Brown Coltrain, Archie Coltrain.

SCHOOLS CLOSE IN COUNTY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

8,000 Children In Martin Free To Enjoy The Holiday Season

LAST CLASSES TODAY

Busses are already carrying a few of the forerunners to heavy traffic rush that comes during the season when teachers return to their homes to enjoy the season with their fathers and mothers and relatives besides the friends. The traffic is expected to show a decided increase late this afternoon and tonight when students in the various educational institutions start the trek to their homes and families. Home, exchange of gifts, Santa Claus, a few more days and then the return to the school room for a continuation of class work and study. The local school will reopen Wednesday, the 31st for regular work, and many others will also resume their work at that time. There are one or two others that will open at a later date, it was learned from the office of the county superintendent here today.

Approximately 8,000 Martin County school children are being loosed today by the 47 white and colored schools that are suspending operations for the holiday season. Already the holiday spirit lurks in the minds and hearts of the young scholars, a little different probably is that spirit this year, but enough of the old remains to express the overflowing enjoyment resulting from a few days' leave from the school room.

Early buses today carried a few of the forerunners to the heavy traffic rush that comes during the season when teachers return to their homes to enjoy the season with their fathers and mothers and relatives besides the friends. The traffic is expected to show a decided increase late this afternoon and tonight when students in the various educational institutions start the trek to their homes and families. Home, exchange of gifts, Santa Claus, a few more days and then the return to the school room for a continuation of class work and study. The local school will reopen Wednesday, the 31st for regular work, and many others will also resume their work at that time. There are one or two others that will open at a later date, it was learned from the office of the county superintendent here today.

XMAS SERVICES FOR METHODISTS

New Pastor Urges Every-one To Attend Service Someplace Sunday

C. T. ROGERS, Pastor Christmas services at the church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Services at 7:30 P. M. All are invited who are not expecting to attend services at some other church. Surely every one, sinner or saint, will attend the Christmas service at some church Sunday morning.

Some Methodists are like those ten lepers Christ met. They were in need and Christ told them what to do. All were blessed, but only one returned to thank Jesus for his goodness.

Me thinks I hear Jesus say in a very sad voice, "were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" It seems as little as one can do, is to go up to the house of God on the Sabbath day and thank Him for what He has done for you during the week. Member, would your excuse be accepted at the judgment bar of God if you were to die in that condition? It is best to settle this question, and settle it now. Prepare now to meet your God, and then, whether you live or die, your life is what God requires at your hand. Where were the nine last Sunday morning at Sunday School? Where were the nine at the Church services? Imagine yourself standing before the judgment bar of God, and try to tell your excuse to Him, see how far you get with it. With few exceptions, we do what we want to do. Our blessed God will be waiting each Sunday to meet you at the church. Be present, you are the one that will get the blessing, and you are the one that will need it, and that at no distant day.

C. T. Rogers, pastor.

Tobacco Shipments from Here Reach High Peak

Tobacco shipments from the local river wharf warehouses reached a peak this week when five solid boat loads were moved to Norfolk for shipment to foreign ports. Practically all of the tobacco was shipped from the Rocky Mount and Wilson markets, the large trucks bringing as many as 200 hogheads for shipment to Norfolk in one day.

Lilly's Hall Scholastic Roll for Past Month

Sixteen pupils in the Lilly's Hall School were successful in their studies to have their names appear on the scholastic honor roll for the first month, it was announced yesterday by Miss Marina Roberson, teacher in the school. The list: First grade—David Dickerson, Willie B. Dickerson, Charles Gurkin, Rosa Grace Lilley. Second grade—Julius Revels, Leticia Hines. Third grade—Mamie Clyde Harris, Vera M. Lilley, Edith Hines, Vergil Lilley. Fourth grade—Ruth M. Lilley, Josie Pearl Lilley. Fifth grade—Thermon Griffin, Daniel T. Lilley, Delia Hines. Sixth grade—Albert W. Lilley.

COUNTY COURT HOLDS SESSION

Several Cases of More than Passing Importance Are Heard Tuesday

The recorder's court personnel collected itself for another session last Tuesday after suspending its operations for two weeks to give way for the superior tribunal. Eight criminal cases were called by Judge J. W. Bailey and five civil causes were placed before the court. Several cases, of more than passing importance were heard, the court withholding final judgment in one of them.

Ed Gainer, colored man of Gold Point who offered much resistance in an arrest several days ago, was sentenced to the roads for six months on an assault with a deadly weapon charge.

Clayde Lupton and Arlie Liverman, young white men, were found guilty of attempted larceny and were sentenced to the roads for a period of twelve months each. They appealed, the court fixing their bonds in the sum of \$400. Lupton and Liverman attempted to steal Mr. Lewis Holliday's car at Macedonia church several weeks ago. They also face the federal courts on a charge of violating the federal automobile laws.

Charged with hunting without proper license, Nymphus James failed to answer to the charge, and papers were issued for his arrest.

Charged with abandonment and non-support, Joe Wiggins was sentenced to the roads for a term of nine months. Appeal was noted, Judge Bailey requiring bond in the sum of \$200.

Lester Williams was sentenced to the roads for a term of nine months when the court found him guilty on a larceny and receiving charge.

Mote Mills was fined \$75 and taxed with one-half the costs on an assault charge, Furney Coley, taxed with one-half the costs in the same case, appeared to a higher court.

J. T. Hatfield pleaded not guilty to the charge of fornication and adultery preferred against him, but, after hearing the evidence, the court adjudged him guilty. The sentence pronounced following the trial was withdrawal by Judge Bailey who is now considering the case. "Charlie" Smith, colored woman posing as a man prior to her arrest and that of Hatfield, was found guilty, Judge Bailey sentencing her to jail for a period of three months.

BEGIN DRIVE TO AID LOUISBURG

Needs of Methodist Institution To Be Presented in Churches Sunday

Efforts on the part of the Trustees of Louisburg College to raise approximately \$12,000.00 among the members of the North Carolina Conference and friends of the institution before January 10, 1931, for the purpose of supplementing the income of the College to meet its operating expenses for the spring term are meeting with encouraging response on all sides, it was stated this week by Rev. R. G. Edwards, pastor of the local Methodist Church. There is a spirit of cooperation on the part of the students, faculty, alumnae, and friends of the College throughout the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The North Carolina Conference has definitely committed itself to the plan of the Trustees of the College through action taken by its ministers and laymen in meetings held in each of the nine districts of the Conference during the last ten days. It has been pointed out that to raise the proposed amount will call for only a small contribution from each pastoral charge.

The proposed plan for the raising for this fund includes the following: First, that the cause of Louisburg College shall be presented in all of the Churches of the North Carolina Conference either on December 21, or December 28, and voluntary offerings be taken at that time for the College. Second, that each Methodist pastor designate such other church workers as he may see fit to assist him in soliciting private contributions. It is suggested that the pastors may find former students of Louisburg College to be especially helpful in this work.

Special Midnight Service At Church of the Advent

Rev. A. H. Marshall Rector W. Maurice Moore Supt. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Young Peoples Service League at 7 p. m. Christmas Service will be at midnight from 11:45 Wednesday night Christmas Eve to 12:15 a. m. The public is cordially invited to these services. Vestry Meeting There will be a meeting of the Vestry of the Advent Church at Leslie Powdens office next Saturday night at 7.

POSTAL RUSH IS LITTLE FELT AT LOCAL OFFICE

Marked Drop Noticed In Number of Packages Handled Here

LESS THAN LAST YEAR

Extra Help Will Hardly Be Needed At Local Office Judging from Present Indications

While there has been a slight increase in the postal business at the local postoffice during the past day or two, the amount of mail handled so far has been less by far than that handled during the same time last year, and a limited business is predicted for the remainder of the season by Postmaster Jesse T. Price. "Of course there'll be the last-minute rush, but the volume of business, the number of letters and packages will reach a new low level according to the present outlook," Mr. Price stated yesterday.

The law creating jobs in the postoffices throughout the country for the unemployed during the holiday season will hardly affect the office here, as the regular force will be able to handle the business with one or two exceptions. City deliveries are expected to increase to that point where it'll be necessary to provide the carriers help. Dispatching and handling the incoming mail can be well handled by the present force, it is believed.

According to unofficial reports, very few offices outside those in the large cities are finding it necessary or anticipate the need of extra help during the season. The office in Baltimore added around 84 employees to its list, and other cities as large have about as many.

BANK DECLARES EXTRA DIVIDEND

Branch Bank & Trust Co. Has Paid Stockholders 20 Per Cent This Year

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Branch Banking & Trust Company, Wilson, N. C., held last Friday, an extra dividend of 8 per cent was declared, payable to stockholders on December 15th, making total dividends of 20 per cent for the current year.

Mr. H. D. Bateman, who is President of the bank, announced that the operating profits for the year would be approximately as much as for the year 1929.

The Branch Bank is well known as being one of the strongest and most capably managed institutions in Eastern Carolina and has branches in the following towns: Plymouth, Bailey, Goldsboro, Fayetteville, New Bern, Whitakers, Selma, Williamston and Warsaw.

H. D. Bateman is president; S. S. Lawrence, vice president and cashier; Miley C. Glover, trust officer; and D. W. Kellog, manager of the insurance department.

The directors are as follows: S. H. Anderson, chairman; S. G. Mewborn, J. T. Barnes, H. B. Lane, W. D. Sharp, R. P. Watson, D. S. Boykin, C. L. Hardy, H. D. Bateman, J. T. Cheatham, F. L. Carr, C. E. Moore, F. N. Bridgers, W. A. Finch and S. S. Lawrence.

Holiday Spirit Grows As Christmas Days Near

As the one big holiday of the year nears, the spirit of good cheer and good will increase here, the care for the needy cases being marked and sound business showing a gain over that of last year, merchants report. Show windows are decorated in striking colors and display numbers of holiday gifts. The grocers' windows are filled with appetizing foods and fruits attractively displayed. Prices are lower, and fruit is selling for less than it has sold for in years.

To add to the spirit of the season, local stores will remain open each night beginning Monday. This will greatly aid the busy shoppers, and local merchants are extending a cordial invitation to the thrifty buyers to visit their stores.

Three White Men Caught By Agents This Week

Federal revenue agents have greatly reduced the supply of Christmas liquor in this section during the past few days. Approximately 30 liquor plants have been destroyed and as many copper kettles have been collected. This week, the agents brought in three white men, Oscar Woolard, and Raymond Griffin, distilling, and Dock Hardy, charged with aiding and abetting the manufacture of liquor, from the Gum Swamp section of Beaufort county. The three white men were released under bond and are scheduled to appear before Judge Meekins next April. Including the three arrests this week, there have been seven men taken into custody from the small community.

COLD WEATHER HITS SECTION

Snow Falls But Fails To Blanket Earth Here; 2 Auto Accidents

Old Man Winter blew his first real cold breath on the section this week, sending the mercury below the freezing point and bringing snow, sleet and rain. The first snow of the season fell here early Wednesday morning and late that night, but the conditions were not just right and there was no blanket of the white matter to be seen in this immediate section. West of Tarboro, however, the flakes established a foothold and left a blanket measuring two inches at Rocky Mount and as much as sixteen in Salisbury.

The number of frozen water pipes here was limited, and anti-freeze liquids saved automobile radiators. Accidents resulting from slippery roads were few in this section, local garages reporting only two. A Chrysler skidded on the Roanoke River bridge and was damaged, but no one was hurt. A second accident was reported on the Corrine Creek bridge, but no one was hurt and the resulting car damage was repaired at a small cost. Mail deliveries by bus were late, but as a whole the schedule were satisfactorily maintained despite the frozen surface on the highways in this section.

In those centers where the snow covered the earth with as much as eight to twelve inches, traffic was reported blocked and schedules were greatly delayed, jitney and street cars being forced to shelter in several of the larger towns and cities in this State.

Yesterday, the mercury started upward and continued to climb today, the prophets predicting rainy weather tomorrow.

OFFERS RELIEF FOR THE JOBLESS

Ice Cream Company Will Give Percentages of Sales Made

In an effort to assist in unemployment, relief, the Southern Dairies will, during the next two months, donate to welfare agencies five per cent of the retail price on all fancy ice cream cream orders such as individual ice cream molds, ice cream cakes and the like sold in the community, it was announced by Manager Fred Shumate yesterday.

An estimate of the amount of the funds expected from this source could not be had, but the designated profits will be turned over to the welfare department of the local Woman's club for use in furthering its relief work.

Entire Enterprise "Force" Promised An Holiday

That all the members of the force might enjoy a holiday during the Christmas season, the Enterprise will make its appearance several hours ahead of schedule next week. The forms will be closed early Monday afternoon and the edition is scheduled for delivery early Tuesday. Completing their various other tasks Tuesday and Wednesday morning, the management and employees will vacate the shop to return to their posts; the following Monday morning. No edition will be issued next Friday, but the paper will be back in time the following week to extend a warm wish for that happy and prosperous New Year.

Announcements of events scheduled for next week should be in the office early Monday morning, if possible.

Presbyterian Services for Sunday, December 21st

Church School, 9:45 a. m. Department classes. Worship service and sermon, 11:00 o'clock a. m. Begin Christmas week by going to church as Mother used to do. We defeat the purpose of the joyful yuletide season if we fail to worship Him whose birth was the occasion of the first Christmas. You are always welcome at our church.

Leggett's Farm Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Preaching services immediately afterward. Bear Grass

Leading Farmer Reports Loss on Tobacco Crop

"I failed to meet expenses on my tobacco crop this year," Mr. John Daniel Biggs, one of Martin's most substantial farmers stated yesterday while attending to business matters here. On one farm, Mr. Biggs stated the several acres of tobacco sold for \$160 per acre; on a second the acreage price average was \$40 and still on another, the average was only \$35 per acre, the whole resulting in a loss for the grower.

FORECLOSURE OF LANDS FOR TAXES STARTED

1928 Levy Reduced to \$4,000 Figure by County Attorney

62 UNPAID ACCOUNTS

Number of Foreclosures in Martin County Very Small As Compared with Others

Tax collections for the 1928 levy are fast drawing to a close today with the publication of 39 notices of proceedings and 13 notices of service. The legal proceedings will be completed within the next few months, and unless taxes and costs are paid by that time the county will become the owner of the properties. According to the records of the county attorney there are only 62 property owners who haven't squared their tax accounts for the year 1928, the unpaid accounts amounting to about \$4,000, practically one-fourth of which is due by one owner.

Starting off with a much larger list, the county attorney has carried on an active drive for the tax monies, explaining to the property owners that to wait longer would only mean increased costs. The response was very encouraging.

In other counties in Eastern Carolina as many as twenty-two solid newspaper pages were used in carrying the foreclosure proceedings, representing a large sum of money.

In handling the collections, the county attorney waited until the very last minute to take the final legal steps, but to stay within the law he was forced to continue the proceedings at this time.

Mayor R. L. Coburn, handling the tax suits for the town here, stated yesterday that approximately 25 notices are being prepared for publication and they will appear this week.

WALTER MOBLEY DIES SUDDENLY

Interment Yesterday Afternoon in the Mobley Grave Yard

Walter Mobley, 48 years old, died in a Washington hospital early Wednesday morning of acute intestinal structure. He was taken ill Tuesday of this week and was carried to the hospital where surgeons performed a lengthy operation in an effort to save his life.

Mr. Mobley, a very successful farmer, lived near here, managing one of the Staton farms. Mrs. Mobley with three children, two daughters and one son, survives.

The funeral was held from the home at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, interment following in the Mobley graveyard, about six miles from here. Rev. W. B. Harrington conducted the last rites.

Christians Change Their Schedule of Services

The Christian Church will hold Christmas services Sunday instead of the fourth Sunday. Plans for the fourth Sunday will be made later. Sunday School as usual, at 9:45, the morning worship period, the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon, the story of the first Christmas and those who celebrated the event.

Christian Endeavor at 6:30. The evening service will be a song service in which the old familiar Christmas songs will be sung. The custom of observing White Christmas will be continued. All the gifts of food and clothing that come wrapped in white paper will be woven to alleviate the local need, and a special offering will be taken for the orphans and old peoples homes supported by the church. May we follow the wisdom of the three Magi and bring our tokens of love to the Master's feet.

Third Month Honor Roll In The Everetts School

Principal David N. Hix reported 20 pupils in the Everetts school were eligible for honorable mention in their scholastic work during the third month recently ended. The list follows: First grade—Susie Ausbon, Louise Mobley, Lucy Fay Matthews, Mary Lou Roberson, Rudolph Hardy. Second grade—Ruby Cherry, Otis Forbes, Roosevelt Coltraine, Grace Clark, Ruth Evelyn Forbes. Third grade—Norma Hardy, Rachel Keel, Rachel Mobley, Clara Louise Peele, Andrew Bullock. Fourth grade—Margaret Edwards, Mattie Louise Keel, Joseph Barnhill, Loraine Bailey. Seventh grade—Alphonso Cox, Ruth Cullipher, Viola Edwards. Ninth grade—Elba Cherry, Helen Keel, Hazel Faulkner, Mary Virginia Daniel. Tenth grade—Sidney Mallory.

LOCAL SCHOOLS AID IN CHARITY RELIEF WORK

Many Articles Donated by Thoughtful Pupils for Use of Needy Ones

Pupils in the local schools opened up their hearts (and the pockets and pantries of their parents) this week to boost generously charity relief in this community. By the pecks and bushels the fifty-various kinds of articles were carried to the school by the thoughtful ones during the three days designated during the drive for charity as potato day, canned goods day and miscellaneous day. Potato day was a decided success, the pupils carrying 17 bushels of potatoes, 14 of sweet and three of Irish. Canned goods day was even more successful, for on that day the donors brought in approximately 100 cans of soups, beans, tomatoes and other vegetables in addition to about 40 jars of jellies and other foods.

Thursday was miscellaneous day all right, for the collection that day included clothing, toys, cured meat, lard, salt, soap and so on.

A splendid spirit marked the collection of the goods, Principal Watson stated last night, and the undertaking was declared very successful. The articles were turned over to the Woman's club welfare department and the donors are assured that a careful distribution of the goods will be made.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT CHURCH HERE

White Gift Service at the Baptist Church Sunday Afternoon at 5 O'clock

The exact schedule of the holiday services for the Memorial Baptist church and congregation is as follows:

Sunday morning the Sunday school will assemble at 9:45 o'clock as usual. At the close of the Sunday school the special Christmas offering envelopes will be distributed, and are to be returned at the 5 o'clock White Gift service.

The Christmas sermon will be preached at the church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, and the subject will be, "When God Came Down to Earth." At this service there will be some special music in the choir, directed by Mrs. Louie Martin. The Christmas envelopes for the special Christmas offering will be distributed at this service, also.

Promptly at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon there will be held in the church a Twilight Christmas service to which everyone is invited as it is understood that there will be no other religious service in town at that hour.

There will be three prominent features to this service, as follows: The White Gift service; the taking up of the special Christmas offerings; and the rendering of the Christmas cantata.

All of the several Sunday school classes will bring their gifts to the altar, wrapped in white, at the proper time and afterwards, these gifts will be turned over to the ladies of the local church who, in connection with the Woman's Club, will distribute them during the holidays.

The decorated Christmas offering envelope will be received at this hour, and their contents used at the discretion of the church.

The concluding feature of the hour's program will be the singing of the Christmas cantata by selected voices from within and from without the local congregation. This cantata is the Christ-story in song and promises to be one of the best cantatas given in Williamston for many years. Mrs. Warren Biggs will be at the organ and the singers will fill the choir loft and overflow down onto the rostrum.

The B. Y. P. U. will not meet Sunday evening and there will not be, of course, any evening preaching service. The mid-week service will be omitted Wednesday evening.

On the following Sunday, which is December 28, the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. will meet as usual and there will be the morning preaching service but no sermon in the evening.

Local Fire Company Called Out Twice In Two Days

The local fire company received its second call in as many days early last evening when a stream of sparks and a volley of smoke poured from one of the chimneys of the Atlantic hotel. The call was temporarily withheld, though first noticing the chimney top, thinking the blaze was held within the stack. Action, however, was ordered when smoke began pouring in large volumes through the windows ventilating the structure attic. One connection was made to the water lines, and a considerable flow of water was directed on the roof of the building. No great damage resulted.