

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT METHODIST CONFERENCE MEETS HERE NEXT WEEK

DUKE PRESIDENT AND DR. SPENCE EXPECTED HERE

Approximately Two Hundred Visitors Planning To Attend Meeting

Religious activities in this section will be centered here next Tuesday and Wednesday when 23 Methodist churches send their preachers and delegates here for the quarterly conference of the Elizabeth City district. More than two hundred visitors are expected to attend the conference, including Dr. H. E. Spence, of Duke University, and Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke, and other notables. Dr. Spence will preach Tuesday morning at 11:30, and President Few is scheduled to meet with the laymen that afternoon.

Opening at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, the conference will continue into Wednesday afternoon, during which time a varied religious program will be offered. "All phases of the Christian work will be discussed and much help should be gathered by those who attend," Rev. C. T. Rogers stated this morning. A definite program of events had not been completed this morning, but it is understood that representatives from the orphanage at Raleigh, the superannuate endowment fund, the Christian Advocate, and the Golden Cross Society will attend the meeting and take part in the two-day session.

The following charges will be represented, it was announced: Chowan, Columbia, Currituck, First Church and City Road Church, Elizabeth City; Dare, Edenton, Kennekeet, Gates, Hatteras, Hertford, North Gates, Pasquotank, Manteo, Moyock, Roper, South Camden, South Mills, Plymouth, and Creswell.

Special arrangements are being made to entertain the visiting ministers and conference delegates Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the local church, stated this morning. The Methodist Missionary Society will serve lunch Tuesday and Wednesday, and the visitors will be cared for in private homes the remainder of the time.

"Our two local churches, Holly Springs and Williamston, are looking forward to a feast of good things, and I am sure they will be greatly helped," Pastor Rogers said. The public is invited to hear Dr. Spence next Tuesday morning at 11:30 in the Methodist church auditorium.

Announces Presbyterian Services In The County

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m. Dr. E. E. Gillespie will preach. **Roberson's Farm** Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Dr. Gillespie will be present. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 8 p. m.

Bear Grass Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching services at 8 p. m.

J. D. Ray Leases Camp To N. L. Todd Today

Mr. J. D. Ray has leased his camp on Gardner's Creek to Mr. N. L. Todd who took possession of the camp and property today. Mr. Todd will move to the camp within the next few weeks, it was stated.

MASONS TO MEET NEXT MONDAY

Will Gather In Tarboro for Afternoon and Night Sessions

The Masonic lodges of the 18th District will hold a meeting in Tarboro next Monday afternoon and evening, it was announced by lodge officers this week. The three lodges, Conoho at Hamilton, Stonewall at Robersonville and the Skewarkey lodge here will be well represented at the meeting, according to information received here yesterday.

Extensive plans for the meeting are being made by the members of the Concord Lodge members at Tarboro, and distinguished Masons, including Grand Master J. W. Winborne, are expected to attend both sessions, one in the afternoon at 4 o'clock and a second that evening at 8 o'clock. Officers are especially urged to attend the afternoon meeting and large delegations from the three lodges in this county are expected to attend the evening session. A "Dutch" supper will be served at 7 o'clock that evening.

State School Dentist Overrun with Patients

Many children are seeking treatment at the dental clinics conducted in this county under the direction of the State Board of Health. This morning, the applicants numbered about 40, making it impossible for Dr. Dudley to complete the work here. Next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the dentist will go to Robersonville to examine and treat the teeth of children in that district.

5 TONS OF GLASS ARE NEEDED TO REPAIR WINDOWS

Approximately 6,500 Panes To Be Repaired In Bertie Town

Approximately five tons of glass were ordered by home and store owners in Windsor this week to replace the panes broken by hail stones there last Sunday afternoon, Phillip Perry, young Windsor man, stated yesterday. Between six and seven thousand panes were broken by the stones during the storm, requiring five men all day Monday to measure the frames and prepare an order for the 10,000 pounds of glass.

The damage loss was not fully determined, but it is understood that \$1,500 or \$2,000 will be required to replace the expensive window glass in the Baptist church there. Several weeks will be required to restore all the glasses and repair the roofs, it is believed.

MANY HEARING DR. GILLESPIE

Series of Services Expected To Be Brought To A Close Sunday

The series of services being held in the Bear Grass Presbyterian Community Chapel under the direction of Dr. E. E. Gillespie, of Greensboro, have far exceeded the fondest hopes and expectations of all. On Sunday night every available seat was filled, which necessitated putting in an additional 100 seats.

In spite of the fact that this is the busiest season of the year for farmers—the chapel has been comfortably filled each night. There has been an increase in attendance each evening until at the present writing it is feared that there will not be enough seats to go around.

Children, young boys and girls, men and women add their lusty and melodious voices to that of their leader in what is said by many to be the best congregational singing in the county.

With a pleasing personality—Dr. Gillespie has won his way into the hearts of the people. His presentation of the old story of Jesus and His love is causing many a team to work overtime, for buggies, carts, wagons, and cars bring those interested in spiritual things for many miles to these services.

You are missing a real treat if you haven't been. There are only three more services. You are invited to each.

Hamilton Schools Closes 1930-31 Term Wednesday

The Hamilton School brought to a successful close the 1930-31 term last Wednesday evening when appropriate exercises were held in the auditorium there. The salutatory was given by Florida Cox and the valedictory by Glenn Grimes. Hon. R. O. Everett, former Martin County man but now of Durham, delivered the main address. Superintendent R. A. Pope presented the certificates and diplomas and Principal W. E. Plyler awarded the medals.

Man Hurt When Truck Turns Over at Jamesville

Max Brown, of Wilson, was slightly hurt yesterday afternoon when his Cadillac truck turned over near Jamesville on highway number 90. According to information reaching here, Brown was driving in the middle of the road and when a car started to pass, it frightened him and he turned his machine off the road. The radiator and cab were badly smashed.

LAND TAX FOR SCHOOL FUNDS IS CONSIDERED

If Decision Is Not Reached Today A Special Session Is Expected

The General Assembly continues in session with adjournment always just about one week off. Argument continues to center around the support of the schools, although bribery investigations were started this week in the Senate. It is believed by many that much money has been offered in an attempt to influence legislation this term, but the denials are strong and proof is very difficult to establish.

Two propositions, providing a 15- and 10-cent ad valorem school tax, were agreed upon yesterday by the Senate conferees and the proposals were submitted to a caucus of MacLean Act advocates this morning.

Both proposals include a franchise tax on power and telephone companies of five per cent of their gross receipts in lieu of the 4-1-2 per cent figure in the original conference report and the first Senate revenue bill. Both plans provide other additions to corporation taxes. The 10-cent proposition, however, contains a five per cent consumers' tax on domestic users of telephones and power and a documentary stamp tax in addition to the provisions of the 15-cent ad valorem proposition.

The House conferees did not accept either of the propositions yesterday but agreed to come to some final decision today. By that time the House members will have a report on the action of the MacLean caucus, which Mr. MacLean called immediately after the conference adjournment.

Both houses met at noon today and it was absolutely impossible for a conference report to be in shape by that time. But Representative Spence, chairman of the House conferees, said that if a decision was reached, the House would be asked to meet at night in order that the report might be put on first reading. In any event, it will require six days to pass a conference report and adjournment with a revenue bill is impossible before Thursday, May 21.

The Senate conferees voting for the two ad valorem tax reports were Senators Dunlap, Folger, Gravely, Clement and Rankin. Senators Clark, Hinsdale, Pritchett and McKee stood out against it and, it was said last night that they would not sign the report.

If the conferees decide that they cannot agree today, they now intend to report that fact to the two houses. And in that event there is almost certain to be a strong movement toward a sine die adjournment without a revenue bill—thereby forcing a special session.

Seine Fishing on Roanoke Fast Coming To A Close

Seine fishing on the Roanoke is fast coming to a close, reports from Jamesville this morning stated. The nets at the Camp Point fishery, a few miles below Jamesville, were removed from the river this week, and according to present plans, the work will be stopped next Monday or Tuesday at Jamesville.

Local Minister To Preach In Robersonville Sunday

Rev. W. F. Wiegmann, pastor of the local Christian church, will preach in the Robersonville Christian church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Services at the evening hour have not yet been announced.

MRS. G. HOLLIDAY DIES IN EVERETT

Funeral Services Will Be Held In Church There Tomorrow at 3

Mrs. Josephine Holliday, one of Everett's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, died at her home there this morning at 7:30 o'clock of pneumonia. She had been ill one week.

Mrs. Holliday, 71 years old, was born in Beaufort county, near Mount Zion church, the daughter of the late Mack Britton and wife. She married Mr. Holliday 43 years ago, and he survives. They never had any children. Three brothers, Wm. H. Britton, of Cross Roads; R. L. Britton, of Florida and Mack Britton, of Georgia, survive.

Mrs. Britton was a great friend to all and a neighbor and helper to those in need. She had been a faithful church member for more than 50 years.

The funeral services will be conducted from the Christian church in Everett tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. George H. Sullivan. Burial will follow in the Everetts cemetery.

EXPECT \$3,000,000 DROP IN VALUATION

Little Prospect of Any More Poultry Cars During Season

Small Loadings For Last Cooperative Car and Prevailing Low Prices Make Additional Shipments Prohibitive at This Time, Agent Declares

That there will not be another poultry car operated in this county this season was practically made certain yesterday when County Agent T. B. Brandon consulted with State marketing officials. Two more cars had been scheduled in the county, but light loadings and prevailing low prices made additional shipments prohibitive, it was stated. And while there is a possibility for a car next month, it is not likely one will be operated.

Complete records for the season had not been tabulated yesterday, but it is understood that fair-sized loadings have been made in the county during the season.

Prices paid during the year were not as high as they were last year, and the year before, but even then they stabilized the market. It is remembered here that farmers were almost unable to sell their chickens for 12 cents at one time. This surplus has been removed, and while no advance in prices is expected, no new low level is expected from now on.

Through the cooperative shipments, the farmers saved a considerable sum, for individual shipping costs would have more than offset, in many cases, at least, the higher price offered in direct transactions.

REPRESENTS FROM 20 TO 25 PER CENT GENERAL COUNTY-WIDE DECREASE

COUNTY COURT CALLS 14 CASES HERE TUESDAY

Judge Bailey Imposes Two Substantial Fines; No Road Sentences

A large docket featured the recorder's court session held here last Tuesday, Judge Bailey calling fourteen cases during the day. Two substantial fines were imposed, but there were no road sentences given.

Dennis Barber, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was given a six-months suspended sentence upon the condition that he pay the costs and give the prosecuting witness \$20. Judgment was suspended in the cases charging H. L. Hopkins with passing worthless checks upon the condition that he pay the costs.

L. C. Hassell, pleading guilty in the case charging him with operating an automobile while intoxicated, was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and required to pay \$25 to the prosecuting witness.

Cecil Jones and Linwood Whichard, two young white boys of Greenville, were given a hearing in the case charging them with operating a car while intoxicated. Jones was found, not guilty, and Whichard, pleading guilty to the charge, was fined \$65 and had his license to operate a car on the State highways revoked for a period of four months.

John Emmett Wells was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault.

Pleading guilty of abandonment and non-support, Isam Hyman was ordered to pay the costs of the case and pay specified sums to T. W. Williams, a minor. The court suspended judgment.

Probable cause appearing in the case charging Daniel Wynn with arson, the court sent the case to the superior docket, with Wynn under a \$1,000 bond.

The case charging Aaron Biggs with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued. Newsome Robbins, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, failed to answer when called. Papers for his were issued.

2 HELD FOR MANN ACT VIOLATION

Whitaker and Mitchell Fail To Raise \$4,000 Bonds, Continue in Jail

Clarence Whitaker and Elisha Mitchell were ordered held in default of \$3,000 bonds each following a hearing held before U. S. Commissioner W. C. Manning Wednesday in connection with an alleged violation of the Mann Act. Warrants were preferred against the two negroes by Clinton Stein, Bureau of Investigation agent from the U. S. Department of Justice.

The evidence disclosed at the hearing here Wednesday indicated that the two men had lured two young colored girls away from their homes and carried them into Virginia for immoral purposes.

Mitchell, 38 years old, came here from Virginia, leaving a wife in that State. He claims that he does not know whether she is dead or living, or married again.

Whitaker, a New Orleans negro, came here several years ago. He married here. His principal business is said to have been bootlegging, and one of his chief sins was taking other women and running off with them. The case was scheduled for trial in the Federal court at Washington next October.

Jones-Rosenwald School Closing Ends Abruptly

The Jones-Rosenwald School closing exercises last Tuesday evening were brought to an abrupt close when several young negroes rushed into the building, sliced the doorkeeper with a razor and rushed out with all the refreshments. Warrants were issued for the arrests of James, Albert and William Cooper, all brothers, and Wesley, Kenzie and Carnie Williams. C. N. Hunter, aged school master who has faithfully served his people in the upper part of this county during the past several years, expressed great sorrow in telling how the intruders interrupted the entertainment that had been planned in an effort to offset certain debts contracted by the school.

BEAR GRASS LOSS REPORTED TO BE ABOUT \$226,699.00

Property Values Likely To Drop From \$12,760,969 To Around \$9,570,000

A decrease of approximately \$3,000,000 in property values is expected to follow the revaluation work in this county, according to preliminary reports unofficially learned this week. Although the reassessment of property has hardly started in the various districts, a decrease varying from 20 to 25 per cent is expected to result.

Bear Grass Township, the only district in the county revaluing its property at the time listing was handled, unofficially reports a 25 to 28 per cent reduction, or a drop of approximately \$226,699 in its property values. Similar decreases in the other districts will reduce the county's real estate and personal property valuations from \$12,760,969 to approximately \$9,570,000. These figures do not include corporations operating in the county.

It is understood here that some values were increased in Bear Grass Township; some were held at the 1930 figure, and some were reduced, the reduction offsetting all increases and effecting a drop of around 25 per cent in the 1930 real and personal property valuation. It is generally believed that the loss will not be under 20 per cent and not more than 25 per cent. Some townships are expected to add new properties to their lists, but these additions will hardly offset the general loss, according to unofficial reports heard this week.

It is generally admitted that the task of revaluing property this year is one of the most difficult ever undertaken in the county. And while the outcome might necessarily be changed by the State in distributing school funds, in case there is an ad valorem tax levied, the equal assessment of all properties regardless of the figure is the most important thing for the county as a whole. If the county attempts to operate on the same schedule as it did last year, State aid remaining the same, and a 25 per cent reduction in valuation results, then naturally, the rate of the levy will increase. Under these conditions the rate would necessarily be advanced to approximately \$1.79 on the \$100 valuation instead of the recent rate of \$1.34 on the \$100 property valuation. Last year the following listings, showing a loss or gain, were reported in the county:

Township	Listing	Loss
Jamesville	\$1,253,176	\$17,572
Griffins	798,047	31,159
Williams	417,746	62,576
Cross Roads	796,477	31,159
Robersonville	2,773,900	114,794
Poplar Point	439,016	4,025
Hamilton	1,311,424	45,137
Williamston	2,510,061	14,414
Goose Nest	1,668,423	51,490
Bear Grass	901,699	41,751
Totals	\$12,760,969	\$398,198

FORD CARAVAN HERE TUESDAY

Caravan Leaves Here Early Wednesday Morning for Washington County

Twelve trucks, displaying various types of bodies, and sent out from the Norfolk branch of the Ford Motor company, attracted much attention here last Tuesday afternoon when the caravan paraded the principal streets of the town and stopped at the Williamston Motor company, Ford dealers, for demonstrations.

The caravan, displaying the latest in body models manufactured by the Ford company, was the most complete ever sent into this section by the manufacturers. The tour is one of many conducted by the Ford people throughout the country at the present time.

The modern ambulance, equipped with a medical kit, stretcher, water heating apparatus and automatic folding seats, probably attracted more attention than any other one of the remaining eleven machines. Included in the list was a modern police patrol wagon, another attention getter. A marked feature in the display was the regular truck with an increased body space made possible by a longer chassis and a wider body.

Farm Work Is Well Advanced This Year

LARGE PORTION TOBACCO CROP BEEN PLANTED

Estimated 25 Per Cent Increase In Number of Farm Gardens

Farming in this immediate section is further advanced this season than it was last year, even though cool weather has prevailed much longer than usual. Some crops are not doing so well, while others are in much better shape than those of last year were at the same time.

Tobacco transplanting in this section will continue well into next week, but by tomorrow the larger portion of the crop will have been set, reports from scores of farmers located all over the county indicate. Plants set out last week are doing well, favorable conditions for their growth prevailing. Many farmers state that they found it unnecessary to water their plants this year, as timely rain fell, making artificial watering useless. The rain falling last Sunday is said to have packed the earth around the plants in some sections, but the resulting damage was negligible, it is understood.

Transplanting in this county was advanced as rapidly this year as it ever was, there being no shortage of plants to delay the work. Wet weather is said to have limited the number of cut worms and yesterday farmers reported the crop, as a whole, in very good condition.

The size of the acreage in this county remains unknown. It is certain that some farmers have decreased their crops, but a majority of the growers are repeating the same acreage. A few farmers, it is regretted, are said to have increased their acreage, but not to a great extent.

An unusually poor stand of peanuts has been reported in many sections of the county, farmer after farmer finding it necessary to replant the crop in its entirety. A few growers, however, report fair stands and will find replanting on a small scale necessary.

Early corn crops are up and growing fairly rapidly, it was reported by eleven farmers representing five of the ten districts in the county.

Probably the most favorable turn on the farm this year is the tendency toward more and better gardens, reports indicating that the number of gardens have been increased by 25 per cent, or even more.

HOLD UP SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES

Delinquent Lists Have Already Been Published Twice In Paper

The Robersonville Township road trustees and Robersonville town commissioners called off their sale of land for taxes at a meeting held on Thursday of this week. The list had already been published twice, the bill extending authority to postpone tax-sales to town and townships officials not having been introduced in the General Assembly at the time the commissioners were forced to advertise the list by the old law.

The action of these boards this week came as a result of many requests from taxpayers, who have no income whatever except from the sale of farm crops, which can not be produced and marketed until the fall season.

FORMER MARTIN BOY IS KILLED

Dies In Tarboro Hospital From Knife Wounds Received In Fight

Ledford Gardner, formerly of this county, died in a Tarboro hospital last Monday of knife wounds received in a fight with Charlie Penwell there a few days before. Few details could be learned in connection with the cutting which, it was said, resulted from a drunken row. Penwell is being held in the Edgecombe County jail without bond for trial at the next term of Superior court there.

Young Gardner, son of the late Wiley Gardner, was born and reared near here. Soon after his father was killed by the late George Whitley, young Gardner left this section, and has lived a greater part of his time since in Edgecombe County, where he worked at one of the mills near Tarboro. Burial was in the Tarboro cemetery.

The man's death was the third untimely one in the family, his uncle, George Gardner, having lost his life when run down by an automobile on the Jamesville road, near here, several days ago. His father was killed about 15 years ago.

Full Program of Service at the Baptist Church Sunday

"The Final Test of Discipleship," will be the theme at the local Baptist church Sunday morning. At the evening hour the text will be "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter—fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

There will be a full program of services Sunday, Sunday school, preaching and worshipping services and the young people's organizations. This church welcomes to any and all of its services any and all who wish to come.

WIDOW OF JOHN ROGERSON DIES

Funeral Services Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon by Rev. Dickey

Mrs. Eliza Rogerson widow of the late John Daniel Rogerson, died at her home on the Slade farm near here early this morning from an attack of pneumonia with which she had suffered for eight days.

Mrs. Rogerson, 45 years old, was the daughter of the late W. J. Hoard and wife, Ann. She leaves nine children, six boys, Robert, Grover, Louis, Joseph, Leslie and James D. Rogerson, and three daughters, Mary and Thelma Rogerson and Mrs. Thelma Edwards. Her mother, five brothers, Andrew Hoard, of Williamston; Sam Horad, of Norfolk; Church, Charlie and John Henry Hoard, of Tarboro, and three sisters, Mrs. J. E. Hammond, of Bethel; Mrs. A. J. Summerlin, of Williamston, and Mrs. Willie Wells, of Tarboro, survive.

The funeral will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon by Rev. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church. Burial will be made in the Baptist Cemetery here.