

## Pentecostal Church Will Hold Its 29th Annual Meet Here

### National Leaders of Church Will Attend Conference Beginning Friday

About 200 delegates, representing the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness church, will attend the 29th annual conference beginning here Friday, October 20, and continuing through Monday, October 23. The Rev. J. G. Crocker is pastor of the host church, and has about completed arrangements for entertainment of the host of delegates. James W. Butler, correspondent for the conference, said today.

The conference sessions will be presided over by Bishop J. H. King, of Franklin Springs, Ga., senior bishop of the denomination, who will come here from Winston-Salem, where he is now presiding at the Western North Carolina conference.

First of the conference sessions will be held Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock when Bishop King will preach, the sermon being followed by communion.

Beginning at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, the business of the session will be taken up, and Saturday evening a devotional service will be held. The organization of the business session includes enrollment of clerical and lay delegates, reports of conference officials, pastors and evangelists, and committees. The final business of the conference agenda will be the announcement of ministerial assignments for the ensuing year.

Connectional interests of the denomination to be represented at the conference include Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Ga., by President Thomas L. Aaron, the publishing house, Sunday school literature and official organ, The Advocate, by the Rev. G. H. Montgomery, of Frederick, Md., and young people's work by James W. Butler, conference director, of Goldsboro.

Preceding the conference, two groups will hold sessions, the official board of the conference headed by the Rev. Jerome Hodges, of Goldsboro, assembling at 10 o'clock, to complete its year's work, and nominate conference committees, and the committee on examination of candidates for the ministry conducting its usual questioning of applicants for license to preach.

The official board is composed of the Rev. Mr. Hodges, conference superintendent; the Rev. S. A. Fann, Roanoke Rapids, assistant superintendent; the Rev. C. B. Strickland, Falcon, secretary-treasurer; the Rev. A. H. Butler, of Falcon, and the Rev. N. J. Medford, of Goldsboro, committeemen.

On the examining board are the Rev. J. W. Bassy, Whiteville, the Rev. J. G. Spivey, Greenville and the Rev. R. R. Johnson, Goldsboro.

## Noted Speaker To Deliver Address

Sponsored by the local Junior Women's club, the second in the series of programs staged by the Collins Festival committee will feature Dr. Frank G. Sayers, minister-lecturer, in a timely address in the high school auditorium here Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Dr. Frank G. Sayers looks at America from two points of view in his address. His subject will be "The American Cavalade." He was born in London, England, made his business start in Canada, and then became a United States citizen actively interested in the social welfare of the country. He thus can appraise the social and economic situation both as an Englishman and as a thorough-going American.

A man who has become a citizen of this country by deliberate choice and not by accident of birth has the ability to see and interpret American institutions the more clearly for that reason, and if ever there was a time for appreciation of them, it is now.

Furthermore, Dr. Sayers' keen analysis of this country's assets and liabilities is delivered in as delightful a style as could well be imagined. His English (as would be expected) is impeccable, his voice is vigorous, and his enthusiasm for his subject is unbounded. During the six years of his episcopal pastorate of the Skyscraper Church in Rochester, N. Y., he built a reputation as one of Rochester's leading orators, both in and out of the pulpit.

Real interest in civic affairs has always characterized Dr. Sayers, and this was recognized by Kiwanis International in 1935 when he was made International Chairman of Business Standards. This indicates the breadth of his interests and the reception always given to a man who touches real life at many points.

CONTINUES ILL

C. A. Harrison, county treasurer and popular citizen, continues ill at his home here. His condition, while not so favorable yesterday, is reported improved today.

## Will Seize Personal Property To Satisfy County Tax Claims

Acting in accordance with the dictates of the law, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is completing a schedule for the seizure and subsequent sale of personal property to satisfy tax claims held against the holdings by Martin County, according to unofficial but reliable information coming from the courthouse today.

While the drive for personal property taxes will center on automobiles, it is understood that the officer will be forced to seize virtually everything that isn't nailed down to satisfy the claims in those cases where the tax accounts have not been paid.

A report on tax collections in recent weeks is not available, but it is understood that if the sheriff seizes every automobile upon which the

taxes have not been paid he will have to get a 40-acre field to store the machines.

Collections of taxes on real holdings are said to be small, the sheriff stating that he is disappointed with the amount paid in by the property owners since the tobacco markets reopened on Tuesday of last week. It is apparent that real property owners are taking advantage of the tax sale postponement, and that the collections will possibly exceed those of last year before the delinquent list is scheduled for publication the early part of next month. No delay was granted for the payment of personal property taxes, and if the unofficial reports prove true, there'll be some who will find themselves on their feet within the next few days.

## Double Funeral Held For Father and Son

### LOW POINT

Attendance in the Williamston schools sunk to the lowest level of the school year yesterday when 129 pupils were absent from their classrooms. A large percentage of the absences were confined to the first, second and third grades where teachers estimate that over ninety per cent of those absent still have eye infections which have been unusually bad this fall. One first grade room reported eighteen of the 45 children enrolled absent yesterday.

During the past several weeks teachers have sent scores of children with the "pink eye" to their homes to prevent the spread of the disease which is yet unchecked. Several small children have had the infection as many as three times since the opening of the school term.

## Robersonville Man Installed As Head County Legion Post

### Mrs. Chas. Davenport to Head Auxiliary During the New Year

William H. Gray, Robersonville chief of police and well-known county citizen, was installed as commander of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion, and Mrs. Chas. Davenport, Jamesville school teacher and active in auxiliary affairs, was installed as president of the post auxiliary by the organization membership in a meeting held last week in the legion hall.

In a short acceptance speech, Commander Gray pledged his best efforts in supporting the Legion cause and solicited the cooperation of every member to that end. Mr. Gray is the first commander of the legion to live outside of Williamston since the post was established. Mrs. Davenport sounded a keynote of service for the auxiliary during her term as president.

District Commander Hand, who is a prominent Legionnaire of the pace setting Gatesville post, was presented by the chairman of the installation committee after the meeting had been turned over to him by retiring commander, J. E. Boykin. In a fitting manner he installed the officers of the post. In addition to Commander Gray, other officers installed were: John A. Ward, Joseph N. Ayers, and Charles Davenport, vice commanders; W. E. Dunn, adjutant and finance officer; Hugh G. Horton, service officer; Mack Wynn, membership; J. Sam Getsinger, graves registration; J. R. Winslow, sergeant at arms; J. R. Leggett, child welfare; P. M. Holliday, historian; H. U. Peelf, guardianship; J. E. Boykin, Americanism; J. B. Taylor, athletic and S. A. L.; and H. L. Swain, chaplain and publicity.

Mrs. H. L. Swain, department vice president, presided at the request of Mrs. J. R. Winslow, retiring president and presented H. L. Swain, who installed the auxiliary officers. In addition to Mrs. Davenport as president other officers installed for the auxiliary were: Mrs. P. M. Holliday, filling out the unexpired term as treasurer; Mrs. J. R. Winslow, chaplain. Other officers hold office for two years.

A feature of the evening program was an address by Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney and a prominent figure in legion circles. Mr. Smith, talking on the preamble of the Legion constitution, reviewed the organization as embracing a cross-section of American life and stressed its enviable position to serve the community, state and nation better than any other organization. "Unless it lives up to the high ideals as set out in the preamble, it is not fulfilling the sacred trust it has accepted from fallen comrades," the speaker said.

## Geo. H. Bailey And Son, John Bailey, Died Last Friday

### Throngs Present for the Last Rites Near Jamesville Sunday Afternoon

Death struck a double and severe blow to a Martin County family last Friday when George H. Bailey and his son, John Bailey, III, passed away, the untimely deaths coming as a decided shock to relatives and the many friends of the family in this State and in Virginia.

John Bailey, 31 years old last March 2, died in the United States Marine Hospital, Norfolk, Friday morning at 12:20 o'clock, and his father passed away early that evening at the home of his father, Mr. John Bailey, Sr., near Jamesville.

A double funeral service was held from the old family home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county minister and family pastor. The last rites were attended by an enormous crowd that went there to pay a silent tribute of respect to the memory of the two men and lend a sympathetic presence to members of the family in their hour of sorrow. Interment was in the family plot on the home farm, the bodies resting side by side.

The double funeral in one family was the first held in this county in a long number of years. A member of the United States Merchant Marine, young Mr. Bailey was serving as a second mate on the tug, Lorraine, out of Wilmington, Delaware, when he suffered an ankle injury in the line of his duty on last July 13. He received temporary treatment at that time, and was back at work in a short while. The injury later gave him trouble and he entered the hospital for treatment. Paralysis developed and his condition was considered critical during a week or more before his death. The young man left this county about nine years ago and made his home in Norfolk. He never married.

While visiting his son in Norfolk week before last, Mr. Bailey returned and made tentative arrangements for the return of the young man. He continued to his home, near Jamesville, and was working in a peanut field when he was taken ill. He was the victim of several chills, and the Sunday before he died he suffered a yellow chill. His condition was immediately considered critical, the end coming peacefully a few days following a second yellow chill.

The son of Mr. John H. Bailey and the late Mrs. Frances Callay Bailey, he was born near Jamesville 56 years ago. When a young man he married Miss Myrtle Jones, and engaged in railroading for the old Dennis Simmons Lumber Company. Later he entered partnership with his father in the operation of their farm. He was a member of the Christian church and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a devoted son in his father's household, and he was a considerate and thoughtful husband and father.

Besides his wife he leaves two children, Raymond Bailey, of Jamesville, and Mrs. Reba Barrow, of Vanceboro. He also leaves three brothers, Messrs. Frank Bailey, of Norfolk; Charles Bailey, of Washington, and John Bailey, Jr., of Jamesville, and three sisters, Mrs. R. W. Jones, of Norfolk; Mrs. W. T. Berry, of Baltimore; and Mrs. J. J. Bowen, of Jamesville, and his father, Mr. John H. Bailey, well-known and highly respected county citizen.

### Horticulturist Inspects County Sweet Potato Crop

L. P. Watson, State Extension horticulturist, is making a hurried inspection of the sweet potato crop in this county today. The specialist is studying grading methods and demonstrating the use of a new sweet potato vine cutter.

## Three Martin Men Are Hurt In Auto Accident Saturday

### Pitt County Man Loses Life And Gordon Leggett Not Expected To Live

B. B. Tetterton, Pitt County man, was fatally hurt, and Milton Harrison, Gordon Leggett and Oscar Edwards, of this county, were critically injured in a crash of three automobiles just outside of the Bethel city limits on the Greenville road late Saturday night. Three others, Abram Peel, formerly of this county, Tetterton's young son and Woodrow Venters, of near Bethel, were badly bruised and hurt but their injuries were said not to be serious.

Tetterton, well-known Pitt County farmer, and driver of one of the cars, died on the porch of a Greenville hospital.

Late reports from the Greenville hospital where the three men from this county were carried following the accident state that Leggett's condition is critical, that there is some doubt about his recovery. He was hurt internally and his body was badly bruised and cut. Young Harrison suffered a compound fracture of the right leg, and early reports from the hospital stated that he might lose the limb. Broken at the ankle, the bones protruded the skin. Oscar Edwards, driver of one of the cars, suffered a broken leg and numerous cuts and bruises.

Abraham Peel, who lives near Bethel, was cut on the head and bruised and battered all over his body. The young Tetterton boy suffered a severe gash on his head. Venters bit his tongue almost to two and his jawbone was broken. He lost his teeth and reports from a Tarboro hospital state his condition, while not grave, is serious.

Edwards, accompanied by Harrison and Leggett, was traveling into Bethel when his car crashed with the one driven by Tetterton. Accounts of the accident are not at all clear, one report stating that no one was badly injured in the first crash, but another states that Tetterton was fatally injured at that time. Crashing head-on, the cars almost blocked the highway.

Venters, a Pitt County man who was said to have been driving at a rapid rate of speed, came up behind the Tetterton car. Unable to stop, he turned to the left and plowed into the Edwards' car, knocking it twelve or fifteen yards down the road. "We tried to wave him down but could not stop him," one of the crash victims was quoted as saying.

## Farm Bureau Group To Meet Kiwanians On Thursday Night

### State Farm Bureau Leader To Make Special Address To Groups

The local Kiwanis club will have at their regular meeting in the Woman's Club hall Thursday evening members of the Martin County Farm Bureau Federation membership team as their special guests. The meeting gets underway promptly at 6:30 and all members of the Farm Bureau committee are urged to be present.

J. E. Winslow, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, will address the group on a subject that possibly means more to this agricultural community than any other discussed before the club in months, if not in years.

While plans have been completed for entertaining one of the membership teams here, arrangements are going forward for entertaining the other team at a Rotary club meeting in Robersonville.

Captain Charlie Daniel, of the "Blue" team will be out with his associates and an enjoyable meeting is assured. On Captain Daniel's team are: William Harrison, H. U. Peelf, J. F. Bailey, Garland Forbes, George C. Griffin, L. H. Roberson, J. F. Crisp, L. H. Hux, Bill Beach, J. H. Lillard, D. R. Edmondson, C. C. Martin, O. W. Hamilton, D. A. Roebuck, J. R. Everett, S. T. Everett, J. R. Daniel, L. J. Hardison, O. S. Green, J. Edward Corey and T. B. Brandon.

Recognizing the importance of a strong organization and looking forward to future marketing seasons, farm leaders and farmers themselves are doing the groundwork in stabilizing agriculture. And there is no program carrying more value than the one the farm leaders are now advancing. A membership campaign has been in progress in this county for several weeks, the leaders stating that they are trying to build up a strong organization for front-line action when emergencies appear in the future. Most, if not all, of the Kiwanians have subscribed to associate memberships in the Farm Bureau already, and the meeting Thursday night will review the basic principles upon which the organization is based and upon which it tackles farm problems.

### TO ATTEND MEETING

The local Woman's Club will be represented at a meeting of the district federation in Robersonville tomorrow. The local choral club will participate in the program.

## Tobacco Prices Reach Highest Point of Season Monday When 311,774 Pounds Averaged \$17 Individual Price

### Attacks Political Motive Behind Mr. Bailey's Vote Plea

#### Every Farmer Has Opportunity To Participate in Elections

All this talk about farmers being denied the right to participate in the election of committeemen for administering the Agricultural Adjustment Administration act in 1940 has been recognized as misleading. Suffice it to say here and now that the careful reading of the rules and regulations promulgated for holding the community committee elections will prove that every farmer has a right to vote in those elections. It is true that a farmer will be asked to state whether he plans to participate in the program for 1940. If he wants to vote he can say yes, and then if he wants to change his mind later on and not comply with the program, there is nothing under heaven to keep him from changing his mind. Even if he voted against control in the election week before last, he has a golden opportunity to vote in the committee elections when they get underway next week.

"Mr. Bailey and Governor Hoke, too, are trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill, and in so doing they are starting the ball rolling in opposition to a planned agricultural program," a Martin County farmer said this week. "Old Bailey apparently thought he was pulling a fast one over the farmers when he directed a letter to Secretary Wallace and also threw it out for an unsuspecting public to gobble up through the press," the farmer added.

"There is no room for political fence building in the farm program, and it would seem far better if the politicians tried to advance the program instead of trying to create disension," the farmer concluded after directing a free-flowing verbal attack against the political schemers.

The rules and regulations say that for a farmer to serve as a committeeman, he must be eligible for payments under the soil conservation program this year. The same rules and regulations also state that any farmer who plans to participate in the program next year is eligible to vote in the elections. The eligibility rules governing the election of committeemen was well illustrated by a man on the streets yesterday when he said, "If the merchants of this town formed an organization and ten per cent of them would not join, it would be absurd to pick the officers from that ten per cent to guide the destinies of the association."

Unofficial reports reaching here today indicate that all farmers will be eligible to serve as committeemen. The county agent's office has not been officially notified to that effect, however.

Martin County farmers are urged to attend the community meetings next week and participate in the elections.

### Fire Prevention Week Is Observed

Mayor John Hassell and Fire Chief G. P. Hall appeared at the high school assembly last Thursday morning and conducted a brief program in observance of Fire Prevention Week. Recalling that a similar program was held exactly one year ago, Mayor Hassell, after reminding the students that it was Columbus Day and that Joe DiMaggio was not the most illustrious Italian, discussed the enormous fire loss in the United States and urged students to do everything possible in both home and school to eliminate all fire hazards. Fire Chief Hall mentioned the low fire loss in the town of Williamston last year and asked that students cooperate in every way with the fire department.

As soon as the students returned to their rooms, the representatives of the town government ordered fire drills to be held. Two hundred and eighty-seven high school students cleared their building in an orderly march in 72 seconds but failed to equal the record of the little folks who may have thought that their buildings were really burning. Five hundred and twenty children and teachers in the grammar and primary buildings were in the yard and clear of the two buildings in exactly fifty-five seconds, which is believed to be an all-time record.

### Fire Company Called To Wilson Street Sunday

The local fire company was called Sunday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock to the Moses Hopkins' home on Wilson Street, near Critcher's mill, when a flue support broke and dumped bricks and scattered live coals all over the floor. The fire damage was negligible.

### TRANSFERRED



W. S. Hunt, popular highway patrolman with headquarters here for about four years, has been transferred to Washington. Recently promoted to the rank of corporal, Mr. Hunt will move his family to the Beaufort capital the first of next month. He will be succeeded here by Patrolman W. E. Saunders, of Ahoskie.

## Eighth Road Death Reported in County Last Friday Night

### Claude Francis, Colored Man, Fatally Injured On Local Street

Martin County motorists broke in to the death column last Friday night when Claude Francis, 54-year-old colored man, fell victim of a car driven by John E. Hassell, young colored man, on Washington Street near the plant of the Columbian Peanut company plant.

After talking to friends in a home across the street, from the peanut plant, the man dashed into the street to join Curtis Rhodes and a girl friend who were waiting on the other side in the Francis car. Just a minute before, Francis started into the street in front of an approaching car, but someone called to him and he turned back. As soon as the first car passed, Francis dashed into the street apparently without looking or paying any attention to traffic. Although the Hassell car was not traveling fast it knocked him down, the car and a trailer loaded with tobacco passing over him. The victim never knew what hit him.

His neck and left arm broken and his right leg fractured in two places, Francis was picked up in a Biggs ambulance and was en route to a Washington hospital when he died.

Completing an investigation yesterday, Coroner S. R. Biggs absolved Hassell, driver of the death car, of any and all blame, the officer ruling that the accident was unavoidable on the part of the car operator.

Francis, the same fellow who was sued for \$10,000 last July for the alleged alienation of the affections of Henry Lewis' wife in Poplar Point, is survived by his widow and one daughter. The \$10,000 suit, the first of its type ever brought among the colored race in this county, was settled when the defendant paid the costs and agreed to stay away from the Lewis home.

Francis was a native of Pender County, but located in the Oak City section of Martin County a number of years ago. During the past several years he lived on and operated a farm of his own in Poplar Point Township.

Although his son was absolved of all blame, Walter Hassell, highly respected colored citizen of this county, accepted most of the expense and funeral costs. The body was removed to the old family home.

### Four Cases Are Called In Mayor's Court Here

Business continues to hold its own in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here, a review of the docket yesterday showing the disposal of four cases.

Charged with being drunk on the highway, Fred Clark was taxed with the case costs, \$4.50. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs of \$4.50 each in the case charging John H. Revels and Marvin Jones with an affray just off the main street. The affray followed an argument over farming and marketing activities.

Charged with public drunkenness, J. W. Hardison was taxed with \$5.50 costs.

## Individual Price Averages Soar As High As 27 Cents

### Price Range Is Pushed Up To Above Thirty Cents Yesterday

A new price record for the season was established by the local market yesterday when 311,774 pounds of the golden leaf were sold for an average right at 17 cents—\$16.73 to be exact. While the quality of the offerings was slightly better than had been reported following the opening of the market last week, there was a stiffening of prices, the selling activities being marked by a new life. Remembering conditions surrounding the crop, as a whole, the market patrons here were well pleased with their sales. Supervisor K. B. Crawford stating that less than half a dozen bags were turned during the entire day.

Individual averages for lots weighing in excess of 2,500 pounds ranged up to 27 cents a pound, and averages ranging from 22 to 26 cents were numerous. Individual prices ranged as high as thirty-two and thirty-three cents.

Showing signs of much handling and age, the offerings last week were sold at a disadvantage. The offerings this week appeared fresh and the condition of the tobacco was better. However, the quality was little improved except in a few cases where entire rows averaged well over 23 cents. Inferior types of the leaf are dominant, but the poorer grades are selling fair as compared with prices received in past seasons.

Running into much inferior tobacco this morning, the selling organizations did not show up as well as they did yesterday, as a whole. However, as the sales continued the prices apparently strengthened to the level attained yesterday, reliable reports indicated.

There has been little slack noticed in the size of the deliveries since the market reopened a week ago today. The selling forces are handling more than a third of a million pounds daily, but despite those activities the market will have approximately three-quarters of a million pounds of the leaf on the floors at closing time this afternoon.

To date, the market has sold slightly in excess of five and one-half million pounds, reports from the farmers indicating that some over fifty per cent of the crop has been marketed in this section.

A review of the buying activities indicates that the Imperial Company is purchasing about one-third of the offerings at an average more or less guaranteed by the government. Yesterday the American was a heavy buyer with Reynolds and Leggett figuring prominently in the purchases. In the domestic field the purchases are fairly well protected.

While the market is gradually working out of a record block, sales schedules are running far behind and tobacco piled on the floors after today will hardly be reached before the early part of next week. Despite the long daily tasks before them, the selling organizations and all the buyers have been turning at the ends of rows without loss of time and sticking faithfully to their duties.

## Diplomacy Ends, Fighting Begins

Following a virtually complete breakdown of diplomacy, fighting is on the increase today on the European war front, late reports stating that the advanced German guard had fought its way into French territory along the Western Front. However, it is apparent that neither side wants to move forward to a death grapple until line-ups are determined and any intense action is awaiting Mussolini and Stalin to make up their minds.

Daring air raids are now underway with both sides striking at enemy naval bases, a report stating today that a second British warship had been damaged following the sinking of the Royal Oak, a large battleship over the week-end.

British releases today maintained that thirteen German submarines had been sunk and five others damaged by her forces. France is claimed to have destroyed several of the subs, reducing the German fleet one-third.

Unconfirmed reports state that a German warship was sunk off the coast of Norway today and that a Norwegian merchant ship en route from Canada to England was sent to the bottom.

The air raid on Scotland yesterday, the first to drop bombs on British soil, killed or wounded 52 persons and damaged two British cruisers.