

Announces Services During Lent Period In Episcopal Church

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The Christian Faith teaches us not only that we should believe, but it teaches us to believe what we should do. As St. James said, Faith without works is dead.

During the past twenty years, or more, there has been a continual whitening away of the Christian duties, until the world is faced with a stupendous power of evil, which can be overcome only by the power of God. And there are too few souls who have the power of God in them.

This Lent is the most critical that we have ever lived through. People are asking the meaning of Easter as they never asked it before. The Church cannot give you the answer to your questions. Only God Himself can touch the human heart and make it to know the joy and peace that is found in God only.

But the Church gives to us the means whereby we can know Christ and the power of His Resurrection. The Church has the means whereby we receive the Sacramental Grace. And the Church has the way of life whereby we are able to draw near to God.

This life is summed up in the three Great Duties—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer includes the public worship in the Church, the Sacramental Prayer of the Holy Eucharist, the meditations which we make on the Scriptures (probably guided by the Forward Day by Day), and the prayers which we offer in private.

Fasting includes the self denial on days of Fasting (especially Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) and all Fridays of the year. This enables us to subdue the flesh, to be more obedient to the Spirit and to enter into the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. Without Sacrifice, there is no true love. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Almsgiving is the regular support of the Church, and the giving of our wealth and goods to those who are in need. Those who say that Charity is the only really worth while virtue in religion are absolutely correct. But it is the experience of life, that charity grows cold, weak, and finally dies, unless it is fed by the warmth of Prayer, and is strengthened by the sacrifice which accompanies love.

A life lived without rule is dissipated. Those who say that the practice of religion is of no value unless we feel moved to do a good work, fail to carry that argument into any other part of their lives. We do many things each day because of necessity or duty. In religion, a good will, the will to do good, carries us through many periods of spiritual dryness.

A good rule is the most important thing that we can have. A good rule that includes the Three Duties, will guide us into the way of holiness in which God will enter into the open heart and make His dwelling there.

Let us use this Lent as a time when we will begin to make our rule, to write it on paper, and offer it to God. And follow this rule daily unto our life's end.

May God grant us a good Lent, that we may know the Christ and the power of His Resurrection. The first in the series of Lenten services in the Church of the Advent: Ash-Wednesday, February 14th; 10:30 a. m., Litany, Penitential Office, and Ante-Communion, 8 p. m., Evening Prayer and Meditation. (These Wednesday evening meditations will be on the "Seven Signs of Christ," as recorded in the Gospel of St. John.)

Thursday: 8:30, Morning Prayer, 5 p. m. Evening Prayer.
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Minor Fire In The Laundry Last Night

Its origin not definitely known, fire damaged the plant of Mannings' laundry on Warren Street here this morning at 1:30 o'clock. A few clothes were burned and one or two pieces of equipment were badly damaged, but the fire was confined to a very small area and damage is not expected to exceed four or five hundred dollars.

An electric iron, still sizzling, was found in the center of a hole burned through the floor, and it was thought that started the fire. However, the operators explained that the electric line feeding the irons had been turned off at a master switch. It is possible that the fire started from a short circuit.

Some one passed the laundry and saw the fire, and the owners were notified about the time a general alarm was sounded. The fire was brought under control with chemicals and water from a small hose line.

Conclude Historic Conference In Russian Crimea Yesterday

In one of the most important conferences held in years and years, the United States, Great Britain and Russia yesterday at far away Yalta in the Russian Crimea announced an agreement had been reached in the eight-day meeting for wiping out Nazism and German militarism and laying the foundation for world peace. The conference brought favorable reaction from leaders in all parts of the world, and while German leaders were fighting back with all their waning power, the news of the meetings was being dimmed into the minds of the German people today with promising effect. The conference, headed by President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Joseph Stalin, also announced that a meeting of the United Nations would be held in San Francisco on April 25, and already the West Coast city is making ready for the event which is expected to overshadow anything in past history.

A brief outline of the conference:

CONFERENCE

The somewhat bitter controversy over hunting rights in the lower reaches of Roanoke River is scheduled for a final airing in the Bertie County Superior Court tomorrow. For several months, the plaintiff, Jim Station, and the defendants, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, K. B. Crawford, T. B. Brandon, W. G. Peele and others have shared the rights on alternate days, the agreement having been reached at a preliminary hearing held before Judge E. C. Thompson last November when the plaintiff asked that the injunction restraining the defendants from trespassing on the land be made permanent. The plaintiff maintains that he is the sole lessee of the property and is entitled to all rights of the lease. The defendants maintain the plaintiff acted as their agent, and therein lies the dispute that has all but wrecked friendships maintained for years and years.

Seventy-Nine Tires Allotted In County

Seventy-nine tires — 71 for cars and eight for trucks—were allotted in this county last Friday night by the War Price and Rationing Board. Certificates for the purchase of Grade I tires were issued to the following:

Jack Smith, Ella Taylor, Russell Knox, George B. Ange, Charles M. Hurst, Jr., John Chance, Evan Perry, Willie Lanier, Rosa Elizabeth Williams, Mrs. C. H. Ayers, H. S. P. Land, Joe T. Bullock, M. H. Hyman, J. B. Rogerson, Paul Dixon, Ben C. Peele, A. B. Ayers, Capt. Betty Jane Fulton, Raleigh Harrington, J. Howard Taylor, Church Mobley, N. R. Rogerson, H. P. Fleming, Robert Griffin, C. W. Pierce, C. G. Rogerson, M. D. Leggett, Leroy Rogerson, Station Griffin, Simon J. Ward, V. R. Peaks, James Riley Mizelle, Wilmer Biggs, C. L. Tyson, J. L. Whitfield, Cleophus McNair, Mannings' Laundry, L. H. Matthews, Willie Everett, Clyde Barber, J. B. Harrington, Bithel Braddy, H. R. Burroughs, Isaiah D. Green, W. A. Bailey, Bookert T. McNeil, T. F. Respass, F. D. Williams, Garland Rogerson, Geo. E. Peele, C. B. Saunders.

Truck tire certificates were issued to the following: M. E. Bennett, George A. Oglesby, Frank Bell, Lindsey Ice Co., F. A. Whitfield, Wheeler Latham.

Pvt. Carlton Phelps Arrives In Belgium

Pvt. Carlton A. Phelps, former Williamston boy, recently arrived in Belgium for action against the common enemy.

In a recent letter to The Enterprise, the young man said: "I am another former Williamston boy who is soldiering for Uncle Sam. Probably most of the people in Williamston remember me as a young boy delivering papers and selling home-made candy and peanuts."

"I am now somewhere in Belgium. Have seen a few buzz bombs. Gee, they really travel. "Wish I could have seen more of my friends when I was home (Williamston) not so long ago, but my stay was so short that I could not see everyone. "I saw S. C. Griffin, Jr. on the boat coming over, but we were split up and I did not see him after that. I am writing this in a tent with the radio playing sweet and low songs." The young man said he was in the best of health, and expressed the hope it would be possible for him and all the others to return home soon. Two other county boys, Garland Tice and McDonald Hardison, made the trip over on the same ship, it was learned.

Jurymen Draw For Two-Weeks Term of The Superior Court

Forty-five Martin County citizens were drawn by the board of county commissioners this week for jury service during the regular term of superior court convening the third Monday in March for two weeks. The court will hear both criminal and civil cases.

Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville is slated to preside over the term. So far there have been comparatively few criminal cases placed on the trial docket, but it is yet too early to predict how crowded the docket will be by the time court is convened. However, it is likely that a record or near-record number of divorce cases will be on the calendar for consideration during the term.

The names of the citizens drawn for services and their respective townships:

First Week
Jamesville—Ernest Gardner and Clyde Modlin.
Williams—Albert Bembridge and Albert Tyre.
Griffins—N. R. Peel, Leon Earl Griffin, R. Henry Peel.
Bear Grass—J. D. Price.
Williamston—Frank E. Weston, Raymond Cherry, John A. Manning, K. D. Worrell, Wm. H. Everett, L. T. Hardin, H. O. Jarman and Robt. Rogers.
Cross Roads—G. G. Bailey, John H. Wynne and Paul Leggett.
Robersonville: Hugh Roberson, J.

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Allies Continue To Tighten the Noose Around Nazi Necks

While no big land gains have been made during the past few days, Allied armies continue to tighten slowly but steadily the noose about the Nazi necks. In the European war, the Canadian First Army has scored new gains beyond topped Kleva at the northern end of the Siegfried Line, and the American Third Army is pushing on beyond captured Prum, south of Aachen. On the Eastern Front, the Russians are holding their own in the Kustrin-Frankfurt area on the direct road to Berlin, less than 30 miles away, while Konev's Red Army continues its push toward the Saxon capital of Dresden in a maneuver to outflank Berlin. The flanking drive is within 70 miles of its first objective.

The European struggle has been reduced from a 2-front war to almost a single battlefield, and things are getting so hot for Hitler and his gang that a mass movement of the Nazi reservation to Alpine fortress. The German plight is expected to be aggravated shortly according to a promise coming from the "Big Three" conference at Yalta yesterday. It was stated that a new blow can be expected by the Germans from the north, some observers predicting a new Allied landing in Norway.

While the Red Army holds its own in the Kustrin sector, other Russian forces continue to mop up pockets of resistance. The fight in Hungary is about spent, a report stating that the capital, Budapest, had been cleared following the capture of an estimated 30,000 Germans there in two days.

The Germans showed the greatest alarm at the northernmost campaign, and a front dispatch said they had hurried up armored units to reinforce their sagging lines. Enemy broadcasts admitted Field Marshal Montgomery was breaking through the Kleva defenses and expressed fear that General Eisenhower was massing tanks for a breakthrough along the Rhine.

Other German accounts declared a large-scale offensive was impending farther south in the Aachen area, where the British Second and United States Ninth armies are on the flooded Roer 14 miles from the Ruhr city of Muenchengladbach.

The U. S. First Army on the Roer was idle as the river's flood reached its crest without doing very much damage to Allied positions in the area of Aachen, on the main invasion point to Germany.

Over in the Pacific, three American divisions are wiping out the Japs in the Manila area, but the fighting in the city was described as the deadliest at close range reported in the Pacific war to date.

Soldier Falls Victim Of Influenza While On Leave

Coming home a short time ago from Camp Wheeler, Ga., Theron R. Gurganus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Gurganus, RFD 1, Williamston, was taken ill with influenza. After receiving treatment in the local hospital he was removed last Saturday afternoon to Seymour-Johnson Field, Goldsboro, for continued treatment in an Army hospital.

The young man was scheduled to report to Fort Meade the day he was removed to the hospital.

Woman's Club Scheduled To Meet Tomorrow Afternoon

The local Woman's Club is scheduled to hold its regular monthly meeting in the club hall tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. A special appeal is being directed to all members, urging them to be present.

Large Percentage of Draftees Called Recently Pass Exams

A healthy streak in Martin County's manpower was found or the military is known as the draft. Names of the young men accepted:

Andrew Jackson Smith, Owen Ray Oakes, Fred James Calloway, Konrad G. Smith, Raynor Keel, Cecil Benjamin Whitehurst, William Daniel Leggett, Roland McKinley Beddard, James Lloyd Moore, Samuel Tim Jackson, Gene Wayland Taylor, Frederick Leon Herdison (star played on the 1944 Duke football team), Edward Earl Whitley, Paul Hartwell Williams (the youthful volunteer), and John Haywood Brown. Arthur Goetzway from Charlotte, Jr., transferred from Charlotte, also passed.

The names of those who did not pass were not publicly announced, but it is understood that John E. Hardison, Francis Darrell Taylor, Tom Brown Manning and James Albert Coltrain made the trip. According to the audit, records were not complete for Reuben Lester Rogerson and it could not be learned whether he passed or not.

Limit Fuel Oil Use For Tobacco Curing Barns

No Rations Allowed If Good Equipment Has Been Converted

Appeal Is Expected, But If It Is Granted, Supply Will Not Be Guaranteed

Will Observe World Day of Prayer Here

Special attention is again being called to the World Day of Prayer to be observed by churches and groups throughout the world on Friday, February 16th, in which all the churches of Williamston, both white and colored, are participating. It is the earnest desire of those who are helping to plan the local observance that every individual will make this a day of prayer in a real sense—a day of personal repentance and confession, a day of meditation on and thanksgiving for God's blessings, and a day of fervent intercession for the homeless and hungry, the sick and wounded, the lonely and fearful, the sorrowing and sinful humanity throughout the world. May we be big enough Christians to pray for our enemies and that our hearts be free from hatred. May we suggest that in preparation for the public service all who can do so set aside a few minutes for meditation and prayer at 10 o'clock Friday morning. There is so much of sin and tragedy at home and throughout the world it is not too much, if we really care, to ask us to spend an entire day in prayer. Not only on this day but every day we must seek the "quiet place" if the world is to regain sanity and peace.

At four o'clock on Friday we shall gather at the Episcopal Church for a united service of worship and prayer. Mrs. J. M. Pigford will lead us in that service by the material for which was prepared by four British women whose quiet confidence, in spite of the daily horrors of bombing and war they have experienced, is reassuring to us. There will be an offering taken to be used for missions and relief—Mrs. Clinton House will tell us at that time about the objects to which the offering will go. It is hoped that all business houses of the town will voluntarily close their doors at this hour and either attend the service or observe a period of prayer together.

All the colored churches of the town are joining also in the Day of Prayer as has been their custom. Their service will be held at the A. M. E. Zion Church at the same hour, 4 p. m. They will also hold a brief preparation prayer service at ten minutes before the regular service. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." — James 5:16. — Reported.

Tornado Kills Fifty People In Mississippi-Alabama Area

An estimated fifty people were killed and more than 150 injured in a tornado that swept parts of Mississippi and Alabama late yesterday. No estimate on the property damage could be had immediately, but the loss will run into big figures, first reports indicated.

Firemen Called Out Here Last Saturday Afternoon

Local volunteer fire just off Broad Street near Woodlawn Cemetery last Saturday afternoon. No damage resulted from the fire.

The grass fires are getting underway earlier than usual, indicating that spring is not far away.

Bill Would Extend Town of Hamilton Corporate Limits

New Law Also Provides for Regular Election and \$1 Tax Rate

A special bill introduced in the State Legislature by County Representative Clarence W. Griffin last week proposed the extension of the Town of Hamilton corporate limits, regular municipal elections and fixes a town tax rate maximum of \$1 on the \$100 assessed property valuation. As far as it could be learned here there is no opposition to the proposed amendment to the town charter, one report stating that the change would principally affect the property of the town authorities.

The new limits provided for in the proposed law are defined as follows: "Beginning at a stooping birch or willow at the upper corner of the town or public wharf and beside the Roanoke River along the water's edge to a ravine or gully entering the river and at the point where the lands of Watson Sherrod and B. B. Taylor corner on the river; thence with the said Watson Sherrod and B. B. Taylor line S. 43 deg. 00' W., 650 ft. to a cypress tree in the gully running from the school building; thence S. 28 deg. 00' W., 27 ft. to large forked poplar standing on the edge of the hill; thence in a straight line S. 1 deg. 00' W. to another poplar standing at the head of another gully and near the tenant house of Watson Sherrod; thence S. 77 deg. 00' W. along the field path and ditch, 844 ft. to a point just east of Highway No. 125, and where the line of telephone poles would intersect the ditch; thence N. 35 deg. 00' W., along the line of telephone poles and the old roadway, 1633 ft. to a fence at the northeast corner of W. C. House's field; thence S. 75 deg. 00' W. along an old fence, 370 ft. to the corner of the fence; thence N. 31 deg. 15' W. along the fence to a stake on the ditch; thence along and with the ditch and branch to the culvert under Highway No. 125, it being on the road leading to Oak City, at a point 1000 feet from Front Street; thence in a northerly course along said branch and ditch, which runs just back of the cemetery, and continuing with said branch and ditch along its various courses to the road, said road being known as the River Road leading from Palmyra to Hamilton, at a culvert 380 ft. from the northern line of the T. B. Slade property on Front Street; thence running from said culvert on said road N. 53 deg. 30' E. in a straight line to a beech tree on the gully; thence down the run of said gully to a marked cypress tree at the northwest corner of the Town or public wharf property; thence N. 78 deg. 30' E., 200 ft. to the point of beginning on the Roanoke River at the stooping birch or willow tree."

County Young Man Gets Commendation

Joe R. Davenport, S 1/c, was recently commended for "initiative displayed and proficiency in assigned duties" at the United States Naval Air Station, Daytona Beach, Fla. Son of Mrs. J. H. Davenport, RFD 1, Jamesville, the young man, better known as "Cotton," volunteered for service a year ago, today.

On the 23rd of last month, a plane piloted by Lt. Commander E. S. McCluskey crashed into the sea about thirteen miles off Flagler Beach, Fla. Young Davenport was on duty at the Aircraft Warning Station, Daytona Beach.

The citation, signed by R. D. Woods, the young man's commanding officer, reads:

"Although your immediate duties did not require continued operation of locator equipment your interest in perfecting yourself in the use of the electronic equipment resulted in a most effective rescue of the naval aviator who crashed in the plane above. With no qualification officer available to give direction you set in operation the machinery, interpreted the results, and assisted in the coordination of Air Sea Rescue facilities in such a manner as to accurately locate the downed pilot in a minimum of time and thereby contributed to the saving of his life.

"Your splendid interest in your work were such as to reflect credit upon this station, your department and yourself. I take pleasure in commending you for your outstanding performance of duty."

Three Men Purchase Local Lumber Plant

The rolling stock timber holdings, all tangible properties and the two plants at Williamston and Roxobel owned and operated by the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company were recently purchased from H. R. Butler by Messrs. Harold Quayle of Suffolk, G. C. Fanney of Scotland Neck, and D. L. Speight of Williamston. The new owners, operating as the Williamston Lumber Company, were formerly associated with the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company.

At the present time the company is employing approximately 200 men, exclusive of those engaged in logging operations. It has a fleet of fifteen trucks.

Mr. Fanney will continue to make his home in Scotland Neck, for the present at least. Mr. Quayle, a native of Virginia for the past several years, plans to move his family here just as soon as he can find a local place. Mr. Speight, manager of the local plant since 1935, will continue to make his home here.

The company is one of the largest of its kind in this immediate section of the State.

Colored Young Man On A Rampage Here

Climaxing a rampage he had been on a few hours earlier, Walter Freeman, young colored man commonly known as "Little Bud," knocked out several windows and tore through the door of Buck's Place about midnight last Saturday. The motive for breaking into the beer joint has not been established. Freeman will be given a hearing this evening.

The Negro, just a rolling ball of trouble, had a narrow escape when he charged into the place. The owner took his gun but could not find a proper size shell. He was quoted as saying that he would have shot the intruder if a right size shell had been found.

Freeman escaped into the night just before officers reached the Washington Street place of business, but he was arrested a few hours later and jailed.