

History of Church Of Advent Given

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Church of the Advent entered a new phase of its history. At that time the Rev. Malcolm Maynard broke the ground for the present church building. Photographs taken then show a group of those attending the service, among whom were A. D. Mizelle and Henry Gurkin, the latter not a communicant of the Church but an interested member of the Bible class so active then. In the summer the cornerstone was laid and the lovely lines of the Gothic structure began to take form. On April 25, 1917, the 67th anniversary of the Parish, the new home of the Church of the Advent became a reality. In his Address to the Diocese in 1917, the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, the Consecrator, wrote as follows: "April 26. In the presence of a goodly number of the Clergy and of a large congregation, I consecrated the new and beautiful Church of the Advent, Williamston. The Rev. Morrison Bethea, Rector of St. Timothy's, Wilson, who was for many years Rector of the Church of the Advent, preached the Consecration sermon. The Dean of Convocation, the Rev. Robert B. Drane, D. D., and Rev. C. H. Jordan, the Rector of the Church, assisted in the celebration of the Holy Communion. This Church, which takes the place of the old frame structure, Consecrated April 26, 1850, is the gift of a faithful and generous daughter of the Church, Mrs. James Grist Staton. May her loving gift inspire others to consecrate more of their material things to the service of God".

Colonel Wilson G. Lamb was Senior Warden for fifty years prior to his resignation in 1918, and was indeed the father of the Parish. Mr. Lamb, "Miss Sallie" Biggs, "Miss Irene" Smith, Mrs. W. R. Fowden, "Miss Chloe" Lanier, "Miss Fannie" Carstarphen, "Miss Ella" and "Miss Fannie" Hassell, and Miss Hattie Thrower were some of the members of the Church of the Advent who watch the parish struggle through lean but happy years, and go forward with new vigor upon the completion of the new building. In years when there was no minister, Mrs. Fowden would lead the Lenten services.

The women of the parish, always busy and interested in doing their part in the work of the church, functioned under the name of the Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society, holding bazaars and suppers, and serving meals at the county fairs to make money to meet the obligations of the organization. Later, with Mrs. Staton reorganizing and planning, this group became the present

County Harvests Smallest Cotton Crop In Many Years

(From Robersonville Herald)

That Martin County has one of the smallest cotton crops in the history of the county was evidenced around the Taylor Mill and Gin Company here yesterday morning. Only one load of cotton was on the yards to be ginned and that had been hauled here early that morning from Currituck County.

"We have ginned exactly 100 bales this season and we'll be lucky if we add 200 more bales to this amount before the end of the ginning season," Mr. Willie Taylor, owner and operator of the gin said yesterday.

Prices for cotton at the opening of the season were said to be strong. One buyer said the market price was fairly stable with local growers receiving from 40 to 41 cents per pound. However, he pointed out, that prices were slightly weaker this week prices ranging from 38 to 39 cents.

The Taylor Mill and Gin Company has the reputation of having one of the best and most modern gins in this section of the state and cotton growers from a larger territory are coming to Robersonville each year to have their cotton ginned.

Twenty-two Cases Called Monday In Recorder's Court

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less driving, William Silas Cann pleaded guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road and was ordered to pay the court costs.

In the case in which Stanley White was charged with drunken driving, careless and reckless driving, the court directed a verdict of not guilty on the drunken driving charge. A jury composed of Jos. E. Coltrain, John R. Jones, Rudolph Coffield, T. R. Alexander and A. F. Coltrain, found the defendant not guilty on the careless and reckless driving charge.

William Lacy Savage was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle with an improper driver's license.

Charged with violating the health laws, Hallie Andrews was sentenced to the roads for two years, the court suspending the sentence on condition that he take treatment in the county sanatorium.

Pleading guilty of operating motor vehicles without driver's licenses, Thurston Spruill and Claudius Alvin Howell were each fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Entering a plea of nolo contendere, J. E. Copeland was fined \$100

Before bringing this historical sketch to a close, more mention should be made of two of the parish's chief benefactors. As stated above, Mrs. James G. Staton was the donor of the present beautiful church building and its furnishings. Besides this wonderful expression of generosity, her devotion to the Church has extended beyond the bounds of this parish. She has served as President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese, as Diocesan United Thank Offering Custodian, and as a Diocesan delegate to several of the Triennials of the Woman's Auxiliary. In 1942, on the 25th Anniversary of the new church building, the congregation placed a tablet in the church expressing their gratitude to this loyal "daughter of the Church".

The other benefactor to the life of the parish is Mrs. "Nannie" Saunders, who for fifty years has carried the responsibility for the music of the church. She played the organ regularly for years and is still substituting today; she has trained others to play that instrument so necessary for rendering a "joyful praise unto the Lord", and she has taught countless boys and girls, men and women those

plus costs, in the case charging him with drunken driving. Pleading not guilty, Billy Buck Whitecloud was adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of narcotics. Judgment was not pronounced immediately.

Adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws, Buck Godley was fined \$50, plus costs.

Robert Purvis, Jr., charged with speeding 55 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone and careless and reckless driving, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Robert Latham was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for nine months. The judgment was suspended upon the payment of a \$15 fine and costs. The defendant is not to molest Lucy Beard Latham for two years.

James Howard Brown was fined \$25 plus costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with speeding 55 miles an hour in a 35-mile limit zone, Wm. Richard Williams and Ivan J. Atomanchuck were each required to pay the court costs.

FHA In District Rally Recently

A large delegation of students, advisors and chapter mothers of the New Homemakers of America of Eastern North Carolina met at the Williamston Colored High School recently to hold the annual district rally.

Gwendalyn Pierce, State Parliamentarian, presided over the forenoon session. Words of welcome were given by Lentula Land and Prof. E. J. Hayes of the host school and chapter. Musical numbers were rendered by McIvor and C. G. White Chapters. Mrs. L. F. James, Itinerant Teacher Trainer, gave remarks on sending a delegate to the National Convention.

Candidates for the state office were given a quiz on pertinent



William Bendix, as Sergeant Walker in R. W. Alcorn's dynamic film, "Johnny Holiday," comes to grips with Stanley Clements, the incorrigible youth trying to influence 12-year-old Allen Martin, who plays the title role. The film opens on Sunday at the Marco Theatre.

'Indian Territory' Stars Gene Autry

As a sergeant in the United States Cavalry in "Indian Territory," Gene Autry returns to the Viccar Theatre screen on Friday.

The new Columbia film offers the world's greatest cowboy in action-packed story of the Western frontier, in the post-Civil War period when the Apaches were being incited to raiding and other border disturbances by renegade whites.

Autry, as a Confederate Army captain who has rejoined the United States Army, is assigned the task of subduing the rioters and smashing the group of gun-runners responsible. He succeeds, after an arduous program of horsemanship, gunmanship and fist-swinging thrills. The United States Cavalry also figures prominently.

Coupled with the basic story element of "Indian Territory" are such equally interesting themes as the rivalry between-

Autry and the Army lieutenant under whom he serves, as well as the romantic appeal of lovely Gail Davis as the daughter of a rancher.

Prominent Citizen Died On Tuesday

Carrie Respass, prominent local citizen, died at her home on North Elm Street Tuesday night.

She was born in Edgecombe County and married Fenner Respass, Williamston taxi operator, locating in Williamston about forty years ago. She was well known and made many friends in her adopted community.

Funeral services will be held in the Williams Chapel AME Zion Church Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. J. H. McMullan.

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