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Thanksgiving Day Service Held In Methodist Church

"Don't Be Stingy with Your 'Thank You's'" Is Sermon Topic

Preaching to approximately 200 persons at the annual union Thanksgiving Day service in the Methodist church, the Rev. E. Gordon Conklin ably developed the timely topic, "Don't Be Stingy with Your 'Thank You's'."

Basing his remarks on the text, "Where Are the Nin?" from Luke 17:17, the minister said:

"Nine out of ten persons will forget every favor they may receive and it is rare that one realizes and acknowledges his debt." So says Dr. Charles R. Erdman in his Commentary on Luke.

Indeed, that is a strong indictment of the human race; yet, it should give us reason for thought this Thanksgiving morning. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem for the last time, passing through the northern reaches of Judaea, when he approached the gates to one of the encountered villages. Suddenly, from beyond the crowd which was following Him, came the plaintive cry of men who felt the loneliness of the ages. For these men were lepers; separated by the fact of their unhappy malady from their fellows, in accordance with the old Moosaic law.

These had, no doubt, heard of the many lepers who had been healed by the Galilean Teacher who was drawing night into the village. They could not approach Him closer than one hundred paces, but they attracted His attention with their hoarse, sad cry. Turning immediately, with impressive majesty, He had them go and return thanks for their cure.

Yet, one of the lepers, when he saw that he was healed, turned back to offer his humble, heart-felt thanks to his Deliverer. The others, intent upon their new-gained health, forgot to be grateful. Jesus appeared especially moved by this show of self-centeredness as He asked, "Where are the nine?"

These are times when one is tempted to think that this is usually the proportion: nine-to-one. Certainly ingratitude seems to be a very prevalent sin. Perhaps it is so easy, for it usually consists only in doing nothing.

Yet even this is often a great offense. So often Jesus still looks at our lives and says, "Are there none found to give glory to God?!! Yet I cannot believe that basically we are not thankful, for the emotions of our hearts are usually more grateful than our actions show. Stupid thoughtlessness in life brings agonizing pain, and Christians strive to relieve and not aggravate pain. Why, then do we hurt people as we do? Certainly not because we wish to or purposely plan it that way, nor because we hate one another. As a matter of fact, we tell ourselves that we really do appreciate the kindness received; the only thing is, we just forgot to say how much we appreciated it. That's all. That is our excuse, and our condemnation, because in every phase of life we ought to show our gratitude.

We shouldn't be stingy with our "Thank You's" in our schools. Appreciation is always needed there, and so often in anxiety, we show ingratitude instead. The life of a teacher is often trying at best, and to add to her teaching load the weight of unjust criticism is often the straw that breaks the camel's back.

Don't be stingy with your "Thank you's" in your business. As tired as you are when you show appreciation to those who have feeling also. Take time to show appreciation to those who serve you and you'll find it pays large dividends.

Don't be stingy with your "Thank you's" in your home. Often home is the place we love best, and in which we grumble most. Christianity should begin at home, for it is here that we build our character. What we become in after years is largely determined there, so there could be not better place to make the practice ground of "Thank you's" than your own home.

Jaycees Will Make Second Toy Collection On Sunday

Experiencing a poor response in their first drive, Jaycees, sponsoring the annual Christmas Cheer movement here, will make a second drive of discarded toys in the town Sunday afternoon, November 30, beginning at 2:00 o'clock. Members of the Boy and Girl Scout troops will assist in the collection, weather permitting.

"We are convinced that there are many discarded toys in the homes here and that the people will gladly give them, but apparently they overlook them," a Jaycee explained. "We plan to canvass the town by telephone shortly before starting the actual collection, reminding the owners

96 YEARS OLD



Mrs. Marcella Coltrain of RFD 1, Williamston, celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday on October 28 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Hadley, with whom she resides. Mrs. Coltrain has nine children and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thanksgiving Day Quietly Observed

As far as it could be learned, Thanksgiving was quietly observed and without serious accidents in this county. Tragedy struck a humble home in Parmele earlier in the week and there were one or two minor automobile accidents and a few fights in Williamston, according to police reports.

Hunters turned to the fields and woods in great numbers, some reporting mighty poor luck while others approached the bag limits. Believed to have suffered a slight stroke while driving his car on Haughton Street, Joe Wilson, local colored man, struck a tree with the machine, doing considerable damage to it. He was removed to a Windsor hospital for treatment.

Jamesville PTA Supporting Band

At a regular meeting November 24, the Jamesville P. T. A. voted to appropriate \$600.00 to be used in promoting a school band which was started this year. This money will be used to purchase drums and bass instruments while other instruments will be purchased by the pupils themselves.

The budget as adopted by the group also includes a \$30 ad in the school annual and various amounts for administrative expenses of the organization.

The program for the meeting was presented by pupils from the elementary school. It was built around the theme for National Education Week, "Children in Today's World."

Members of the Beta Club served as baby-sitters for those parents who brought children to the meeting.

Fire Destroys Tenant House Near Oak City

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the tenant house on the Worsley farm near Oak City between 9:00 and 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

No official estimate could be had on the loss, but one report said a small amount of insurance was carried on the property.

County Officials to Begin New Terms Monday Morning

Only Routine Business On The Calendar For Consideration

Ending their regular terms, members of Martin County's official family will qualify and begin new tenures of office next Monday morning. The personnel of the group remaining the same with one exception, the shift from one term to another will be handled without any difficulty and with the possibility that the organization will be maintained as it is presently constituted.

Jimmy C. Gurkin, succeeding W. M. Harrison as a member of the board of commissioners, is beginning his first term, and he will subscribe to the oath of office before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne along with C. C. Martin, John H. Edwards, H. L. Roebuck and H. S. Johnson who are succeeding themselves as members of the board.

Superior Court In Final Session Of Its Special Term

Most Of Cases Handled By The Court Were Long Drawn Out

With complicated cases on its calendar, the Martin County Superior Court worked well into Wednesday afternoon before quitting for the term. The jury was dismissed about noon, but Judge Susie Sharp held to her task until all judgments were signed along with the minutes. The court, created by special legislative act, handled civil cases only.

A mixed term of the court will be held during the week beginning December 3 when Judge Clawson L. Williams returns.

In the case of G and H Builders Supply Company against J. L. Window a judgment was agreed upon, the plaintiff to receive \$178.44.

R. A. Critcher and others were awarded a \$300 judgment in their case against Will W. Roberson and R. L. Sydenstricker. Considerable time was spent trying this and several other cases.

Smaller Peanut Yield In State

Peanut production in North Carolina this year will fall short of the 1951 crop and will also trail the 10-year (1941-50) average due chiefly to a decrease in acreage allotments, it was reported today by the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service as it estimated the current crop at 263,675,000 pounds.

Reports as of November 1 indicated the crop would come from an estimated 199,000 acres, each yielding an average of 1,325 pounds. Last year 315,210,000 pounds were harvested from 237,000 acres, with an average of 1,330 pounds to the acre—while on the 10-year average 299,494,000 pounds were produced on 276,000 acres for an average yield of 1,090 pounds.

Statisticians with the Crop Reporting Service stated that threshing operations are getting under way in the producing areas and that virtually all digging of the crop has been completed. Weather conditions have been favorable throughout most of the digging season, they said.

Town Officials To Meet On Monday

Other than routine matters, the Williamston commissioners will have little to do at their regular monthly meeting next Monday evening, according to Clerk C. M. Cobb.

According to proposed plans, the commissioners and possibly several county authorities will meet with representatives of the State Highway Commission here next Wednesday afternoon to discuss the railroad underpass on West Main Street and possibly consider a truck route for U. S. Highway 17 around the town to the southeast.

Wreck Two Liquor Plants In County

Raiding in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township Wednesday, Officers Cecil Bullock and Joe Smith wrecked two illicit distilleries.

One of the plants was equipped with a 50-gallon oil drum still, and the other had a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle. The officers poured out 1,300 gallons of mash.

Leamon Roberson Ends Life At His Home In Parmele

Former Resident Of Bear Grass Township Shoots Self With Rifle

Leamon Roberson, employe of a Robersonville saw mill, ended his life at his home in Parmele Tuesday evening about 8:00 o'clock by firing a bullet from a .22 rifle into his head. He died en route to a doctor at Robersonville.

Making an investigation, Coroner W. W. Biggs found it was suicide and ruled a formal inquest unnecessary.

Apparently experiencing financial reverses, the 53-year-old man is believed to have acted on the spur of the moment.

Roberson was helping one of his children with the daily school lesson when a law enforcement officer drove to his home and discussed a debt. It was arranged for him to go to Robersonville and get the matter cleared away. Roberson said he would step back into the house and get his coat. Instead of reentering the home by the front door, Roberson walked around the house, entered a back bedroom, got his rifle and sat down in a straight chair. Placing the end of the barrel in his mouth, he fired the weapon, the bullet going through the brain and on out the left temple.

No one heard the report of the shot, and when Roberson failed to return his wife started a search and found him still sitting in the chair and in a dying condition.

Mr. Roberson was born and reared in Bear Grass Township, moving to Parmele some years ago to engage in building construction work. More recently he had been employed at the saw mill in Robersonville.

He was a son of the late Biggs and Willie Rawls Roberson, and in early manhood was married to Miss Eunice Thompson. He was a member of the church at Macedonia.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Billy and C. B. Roberson; a daughter, Peggy Roberson, all of the home; a brother, Thad Roberson, of Robersonville.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Parmele Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. N. W. Grant, Bethel Methodist minister, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister of this county. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Corn Production Below Average

A lower-than-average corn crop for North Carolina remained in prospect today, as the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service issued its monthly report based on estimates of November 1.

Throughout the harvesting season statisticians have estimated the 1952 crop at an average 25-bushel yield, with a total production of 55,075,000 bushels—and latest figures bear this out, the report stated.

The 1951 yield was an average 31 bushels, with a total production of 67,611,000 bushels—and the 10-year average for 1941-50 was a 26.5 bushel yield with an average production of 59,560,000 bushels.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists, using Martin County highways and streets, continue to boost the accident figures. Already the number of accidents this year is greater than the number recorded for all of 1951, and the property loss is already about \$23,000,000. Just about the only redeeming feature in the frightening figures is the greater respect shown for human life this year.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Damage
1952 7	5	\$ 3,200
1951 5	4	0 1,100
Comparisons To Date		
1952 264	117	1 \$84,300
1951 233	119	5 \$2,830

Three Implicated In Local Store Robbery

Guns Stolen From Lindsley's Store Found In Norfolk

EARLY

Hog killings, forced by a general feed shortage, are getting under way in this county on a fairly large scale, according to reports reaching here this week.

The early peanut harvest on many farms in this immediate section also was indicative to the early meat packing business on the farms. The reports maintained that farmers are killing and packing more meat this year than usual because of low prices generally prevailing on the live hog markets.

License Tags Go On Sale Monday

Delivered here a few days ago, 5,000 motor vehicle State license tags for 1953 will be placed on sale at the Harrison and Carstarphen Insurance Agency next Monday. The auto tags carry the letter "W" and the numerals range from 12,801 to 17,800.

Registration officials of the Department of Motor Vehicles watched the last of 1,275,000 license renewal cards hit the mail today. The cards should reach their owners by December 1 the Department estimated.

Owners who fail to receive a card are asked to contact the Department of Motor Vehicles and request one.

The new color scheme is black with orange numerals and letters. The 1953 plates have a tiny slot cut into the lower right hand corner. Officials explain it was put there so that a date tab, like those used during World War II, may be attached to the plate in the event of a steel shortage or other emergency.

Current plates are valid until midnight January 31, 1953, but officials urge owners to buy early and avoid the usual last minute rush. Truck and trailer owners again will be asked to check their vehicle's body type, tank capacity and fuel used. This information is requested for the Department of Defense, which seeks a reliable estimate of the nation's total motor transport capabilities.

Columbia Youth Wins Scholarship

Glenn W. Woodley, son of J. E. Woodley, Rt. 1, Columbia, N. C., was second place territorial winner in 4-H Farm and Home Electricity achievement for the past year. He was presented a gold wrist watch by R. H. Goodmon of the Virginia Electric and Power Company at the 4-H Electrical Congress which was held in the Hotel Charlotte, Charlotte, N. C., November 17 and 18.

In addition to this prize, he was winner of a \$100 college scholarship for placing first in the Eastern Extension District. This award was presented by L. B. Dixon, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader, at a district 4-H Congress held last month in Washington, N. C. Woodley has received numerous honors in the state and county for his achievements and is considered by all state and county 4-H leaders to be one of the most outstanding 4-H members and Junior 4-H leaders within the entire state.

Hawley Is Named To School Faculty

Charles Hawley, of Godwin, has been appointed to the local high school faculty. Succeeding Professor Larry Hodges who is resigning to go with the farm agent's office in this county, Mr. Godwin is to enter upon his new duties December 15. He is being graduated from State College on December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges are moving into an apartment in the Leggett home and Mr. and Mrs. Godwin will take the Hodges apartment in the teachersage.

Firemen Called To East Main Street Home

Local volunteer firemen were called out at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning when chimney soot caught fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Daniel on East Main Street. The fire got so hot it melted an aluminum fire board, but no other damage was done.

The call Friday morning was the only one received by the fire department during the Thanksgiving period.

Tactical Control Group Paying Off On Korean Front

Major Chas. L. Daniel Has Had Part In Daring Undertakings

The 6147th Tactical Control Group, a new type of operation and the only one of its kind in the world, is paying off well in Korea, according to a news release made available a few days ago by Major Charles L. Daniel, Martin County young man, who has had a part in the daring undertakings. Major Daniel is completing his tour of duty in Korea and is expected home within a short time.

The following release describes the operations of the 6147th Tactical Control Group:

Fifth Air Force, Korea.—In a war where courage is taken for granted, pilots and observers of the 6147th Tactical Control Group, Fifth Air Force, bow to no one.

Flying their unarmed, unescorted T-6 Mosquitoes at murderously low altitudes over Communist positions, they are exposed to intense and deadly accurate ground fire as they seek out, and mark with smoke rockets, enemy concentrations.

It is not uncommon for a pilot to bring this plane back so severely shot up it looks like a sieve. Yet these men return again and again to their perilous jobs, and no one appreciates their devotion more than the ever-suffering infantry.

Ask any frontline infantryman what he thinks of the Mosquitoes and his answer will more than likely be something like this: "There's nothing like them in this world!" The Mosquito pilots spend more time hovering at slow speeds and low altitudes over enemy-held positions than do any other group of combat pilots in the war. They are the eyes and ears of the jet fighter bombers who deliver the close support strikes for the ground forces. They search out cleverly camouflaged enemy targets and then buzz around directing the flashing fighters as they strafe and blast the targets.

Planes of the 6147th received their Mosquito name from the Communist forces who have no love for these low-flying spotters that bring down the screaming jets with their 50 caliber machine guns, high explosive bombs, rockets and napalm bombs that smear their boiling fire for hundreds of yards.

In Korea, the sting of the Mosquito brings death.

Their business is that of close air-ground support, a function that has been built up between the air and ground forces by close cooperation and co-ordination. Forward ground observers in the front lines, many of whom are pilots of the Mosquito group on temporary duty with the infantry, locate Communist positions from their observation posts. Their information is phoned back through battalion and regimental command levels and is sent to the Joint Operational Control staff. There, the information is evaluated and relayed to a circling C-47 plane which, in turn, contacts the Mosquito flying nearest the source of information. In a matter of minutes, one of these two-seaters can be directed to the trouble spot.

Then the Mosquito goes into action.

Armed with nothing but smoke rockets, they skim low across the suspected terrain, pilot and observer searching for the tell-tale signs—a discarded tin can shining in the sun, a heap of fresh earth that locates a dug-out or foxhole, foot prints in the mud or snow. They fly desperately low to pick out these fragments of information, knowing that the lives of United Nations infantry depend on the accuracy of their observations.

Their presence low over enemy lines is the signal for great fountains of tracers to leap up at their ship, seeking to destroy them before they can summon fighter bombers. The violent evasive action of the pilots eludes many of the Red streams, but often the 600-horse power planes are riddled from prop to rudder.

Having confirmed that the area in question contains enemy troops or supplies, the Mosquito climbs and weaves its way to a safe altitude and radios the high-flying jets.

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Legion Hut Dance

Sponsored by the local unit, American Legion, a dance both round and square, will be held in the Legion Hut Friday night, November 28th. The public is cordially invited for only a small admission.

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