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## BIG BIBLE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD WITH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

### Northeastern North Carolina to have Assembly that will bring to Elizabeth City Religious Leaders of State

Eastern North Carolina is to have a big Bible Conference this year which will be attended by preachers and laymen from all over this section of the state.

Speakers have been secured of wide reputation. Addresses may be expected from the foremost preachers and religious workers of the state. Among the distinguished speakers expected to be present are Dr. C. S. Blackwell, W. L. Potent, R. T. Vann, Hight C. Moore, C. T. Thompson, J. T. Henderson and A. C. Cree.

This is the announcement of Rev. L. T. Reed, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city who hopes to make this conference an annual event of increasing importance in this section. The conference will meet in the First Baptist Church, on Thursday evening, March 27th and will remain in session until the Sunday following, and the pastor and deacons of this church constitute a standing committee on program arrangements. For the discussion of every line of christian work the best talent obtainable is to be secured; and it will be the purpose of the conference to provide inspiring music, helpful addresses, and to stimulate Bible study.

Those expecting to attend the conference should write Rev. L. T. Reed at this city, in order that he may make proper provision for their entertainment.

The program of the conference is as follows:

### THURSDAY NIGHT, MAR. 27

- 7:15—Music and Devotional.
- 7:30—Inaugural Address..... Rev. L. T. Reed, pastor
- 7:45—Scripture Reading and Prayer..... Rev. A. A. Butler
- 8:00—Introduction of Preacher..... Rev. C. S. Blackwell, D.D.
- 8:15—Conference Sermon..... Rev. G. W. Perryman

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28th

#### Morning Service

- 9:00—Praise and Prayer Service..... Led by Rev. E. L. Wells
- 9:30—Evangelism, the church and her converts..... J. B. Phillips
- 10:00—Evangelism, the N. T. Type..... Rev. C. S. Blackwell
- 10:15—The Foreign Mission outlook in the Chowan Association..... Rev. E. L. Wells
- 11:15—Address—Investment of Manhood in Church Enterprises..... Dr. J. T. Henderson

#### Afternoon and Evening Service

- 2:00—Praise and Prayer..... Led by Rev. I. N. Loftin
- 2:15—Bible Study—The Christ of God..... Rev. R. E. Peele
- 3:00—The Bible Plan of Church Finances..... Rev. Theo. B. Davis
- 3:30—How to Prepare the Church for a Revival..... Rev. J. B. Phillips
- 4:00—The State Mission Outlook in the Chowan Association..... Rev. A. A. Butler
- 7:30—Praise and Prayer Service..... Led by Rev. S. F. Bristow
- 8:00—Our Foreign Mission Program..... Dr. C. T. Thompson

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29th

#### Morning Service

- 9:30—Praise and Prayer Service..... Led by Rev. W. R. Haight
- 10:00—Address: The Laymen's Movement..... Dr. J. T. Henderson encouraged.

10:45—The Young People and the Church..... Prof. J. H. Highsmith

11:15—Our Educational Opportunity, address..... Dr. W. L. Potent

#### Afternoon and Evening Services

- 2:00—Praise and Prayer Service..... Led by Rev. S. Chaplin
- 2:15—Our Denominational Literature a Factor in Development..... Dr. High C. Morse
- 2:45—Bible Study: The Christ of Men..... Rev. R. E. Peele
- 3:30—Our Home Mission Program in Church Efficiency..... Rev. A. C. Cree, D. D.
- 4:15—Making the young people efficient..... Rev. Theo. B. Davis
- 7:00—Praise and Prayer Service..... Led by Rev. E. F. Sawyer
- 7:15—Meredith College, a Christian force..... Dr. R. T. Vann
- 8:00—Our State Mission Program..... Livingston Johnson

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30th

#### Morning Service

- 9:30—Sunday School assembled Business and offerings
- 10:00—Address: The Graded School..... N. B. Broughton
- 11:00—Address..... W. L. Potent

#### Afternoon and Evening Services

- 1:45—Praise and Prayer Service..... Led by Herbert Peele
- 2:00—The Primacy of State Missions..... Rev. L. Johnson
- 2:30—The Christian Education of our Daughters, An Investment..... Dr. R. T. Vann
- 3:00—Sunday School Mass Meeting, under the direction of..... N. B. Broughton and Prof. J. H. Highsmith
- 7:30—Song and Prayer Service..... Led by Rev. N. P. Stallings
- 8:00—Laymen's Movement Mass Meeting..... J. T. Henderson
- Stereopticon Illustrations, Our Home Mission Opportunities..... Dr. Arch C. Cree

### AT BLACKWELL

#### MEMORIAL CHURCH

In the evening service of last Sunday, the choir of Blackwell Memorial church was assisted by the choral society, recently organized by Mrs. Loftin. The musical program rendered was greatly enjoyed by those present. Pastor Loftin's subject for next Sunday morning will be "The Church's Heavenly Vision". The evening service subject is "Pitching your Tent Toward Zion".

### LADIES SHOULD KNOW

New Spring goods are beginning to arrive now at M. Leigh Sheep's store—and Mr. Sheep who is just back from a trip to New York, Philadelphia and other cities says that he has over three hundred dresses bought to show at his spring opening.

This embraces silk, lingerie, voile and linens made up in the very latest styles.

A great show of stylish suits, waists, coats, etc., will soon be on display in the popular store, the equal of which has never been shown in this part of the state.

The ladies should appreciate the efforts this store is making. It is giving them shopping opportunities far ahead of any town of equal size in the South.

Such an enterprise should be encouraged. Adr

## FENTON TOWE MEETS DEATH

### Allged Betrayer of Young Girl Pays Penalty for Refusal to Marry His Victim.

Another tragedy was enacted in Elizabeth City last Monday morning when J. Fenton Towe met his death from a pistol in the hands of Murden Stokely.

Mr. Towe was a prominent young merchant of Chapanoke. His father died a few years ago, leaving the young man considerable property. He was twenty-six years old.

Murden Stokely is the son of Rufus Stokely. Mr. Rufus Stokely is a prominent farmer of the Chapanoke section. The boy is barely twenty-one years old.

Both Stokely and Towe are well known here. Mr. Towe was a frequent visitor in Elizabeth City. His friends called him "Jim". Mr. Rufus Stokely, father of the boy who did the shooting, lived at the Sam Hastings' place, near Knobbs Creek, until a short time ago.

The shooting occurred at Armstrong's stables less than twenty-five feet from the street. Beyond Rufus Stokely and his son, no one knows certainly just what words were spoken leading up to the shooting. The affair was witnessed by a Mr. Beasley, who lives on Beech street and who was passing the stables when the trouble occurred. Mr. Wesley Williams was also passing the stables when the shot was fired, but saw nothing, he says, except the flash of the pistol and the falling body of the victim. Nobody can be found who will say that he himself heard any word of the conversation leading up to the shooting.

Fenton Towe is alleged to have seduced the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. Rufus Stokely. It was about two years ago that Stokely moved from Sam Hastings' place near here to the Chapanoke section. It was about the time that he moved that the attentions of young Towe to Stokely's daughter began.

On last Friday the girl came to Elizabeth City, stopping at the home of relatives or friends, with the idea of going to Norfolk where it is said that she hoped to enter the Florence Crittenton home. She wanted some one of her friends to go with her, and delayed here, it is thought, waiting to persuade one of them to accompany her. During this delay her condition became so critical that she found herself too ill to leave the city.

Evidence indicates that Towe believed that the girl had gone to Norfolk. Presumably following her, he himself went to Norfolk and spent Sunday there. He returned to Elizabeth City last day night and Monday morning was preparing to go to Chapanoke in his automobile.

Alarmed meantime by the disappearance of his daughter, Rufus Stokely, with his son, Murden, generally known as Pete, went to Chapanoke. Learning that Towe had gone to Norfolk, they waited there all day Sunday for the evening train from Norfolk. When Towe did not appear on that, they learned that he was in Elizabeth City, and came here early Monday morning. Mr. Stokely claims that it was not until this time that he discovered the condition of his daughter.

Before nine o'clock Monday morning, Murden Stokely met Fenton Towe on the street and told him that his father, Rufus Stokely, wanted to see him at Armstrong's stables. The two

## DR. F. P. GATES GOES TO NORFOLK

### Specializing in Electro Therapeutics, opens Office in Monticello Arcade

Manteo, N. C., February 26—Dr. F. P. Gates, who for thirteen years has been a practicing physician in Dare county with headquarters at Manteo, has moved to Norfolk, Virginia.

Dr. Gates was a successful practitioner in this town, but he wished to make a specialty of electro-therapeutics, and this led to his change of location. He is now having offices fitted up in the Monticello Arcade, and will give his time exclusively to electro-therapeutics, treating chronic and nervous diseases with electricity and using the most modern appliances. Dr. Gates will have one of the best equipped offices in the city. The people of Manteo greatly deplore the loss of Dr. Gates to Dare county and to the town. A skillful physician, he was also a genial gentleman and an estimable citizen. His friends believe, however, that he is going to a field of larger usefulness and service and we wish for him abounding prosperity in his new work.

Dr. Gates states that he will be very glad to have his friends of this section call on him when in Norfolk.

### SCHOONER WRECKED

Manteo, N. C., February 26—A four-masted schooner with eight men on board was wrecked off the coast near here last Tuesday night. She carried a cargo of phosphate rock.

The schooner was seen by a group of men who were waiting in the office of the stables. The group went toward the rear end of the building together, a number of men as usual being left around the front of the building. One of these bystanders was said to have heard the elder Stokely say to Towe "I ask you for the last time if you are going to marry my daughter." Towe is said to have answered profanely and contemptuously that he would not. It was at this point, according to the popular version of the affair, that Murden Stokely whipped out a 32 calibre revolver and fired the bullet taking effect in Towe's forehead, penetrating but not passing through the skull. He fell at Stokely's feet, blood spurting and brain oozing from the ugly hole that marked the path of the messenger of death.

The young man lay gasping in the dirt until he was taken into the office of the stables by the bystanders. When a physician hastily summoned reached the scene the young man was taken to the Arlington hotel where the wound was dressed. He lived about an hour, but never regained consciousness.

Murden Stokely and his father remained at the stables until the boy was arrested. In the young fellow's pocket was found the pistol from which was fired the fatal bullet. There was but one other ball in it, and in order to fire that the weapon would have had to be snapped four times, that number of empty chambers intervening between the two cartridges.

Towe was unarmed. A little money was found in his pockets and it is claimed that one hand was still in the front pocket of his trousers when he was picked up after the shooting.

A coroner's jury composed of J. Q. A. Wood, W. H. Jenrette, John W. Brothers, C. C. (Continued on Page 5)

## HOOKWORM DISPENSARY TO OPEN AT COURT HOUSE TO-MORROW

### Examination and Treatment Absolutely free. All should Co-operate to Stamp out disease that is stunting Development of Children of County

The hookworm dispensary for Pasquotank county is to open to-morrow at the courthouse. Every citizen of the county is entitled to free examination for the disease.

Pasquotank county's hookworm campaign has now opened in earnest. Many have been examined for the disease, but those in charge of the dispensary have as yet made no definite report. Such a report, however, may be looked for next week.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the campaign schedule, and from this every citizen of the county may know at once when the dispensary will be within most easy access to him. If he has permitted the dispensary's first day at this point to pass without having himself and his family examined, he should be on the alert to take advantage of the next opportunity of ascertaining whether his children are being stunted in their physical and mental development by the ravages of the hookworm.

The hookworm is a small white worm from one-third to two-thirds of an inch in length, deriving its name probably from its hooklike body. It is a parasite and can never reach its full development or reproduce its kind outside of the intestinal canal of the human body.

The hookworm germinates from an egg. These eggs are produced in large numbers by the adult female worm in the intestinal canal. These eggs can not hatch unless they reach warm moist soil. Passing out of the body in the human excreta, they find practically ideal conditions for their development all over the South. They can not live farther north than the Potomac river.

In the summer soil of the South the eggs hatch probably within twenty-four hours after leaving the intestinal tract. As found in the soil, however, the worm is microscopic in size, and in order to complete its development must find its way into the human body. Hookworm is never contracted except by contact with soil already infected by persons having hookworm disease.

There are two methods of infection. After hatching and living for a time in the soil, the worms, which it must be remembered are at this stage too small to be seen by the naked eye, may get into the human system through the mouth. Raw foods may be eaten from which all particles of soil have not been removed, or perhaps the hands, after contact with infected soil, have not been thoroughly washed.

In this way, the worm passes with the soil directly into the intestinal tract. By far the more common mode of infection, however, is through the skin. When moist infected soil comes in contact with the body, the worm attaches itself to the skin and bores its way through the skin into the blood current. Being too small for the blood vessels of the lungs, it bursts out of them into the air spaces, finds its way into the windpipe, and from there into the stomach and intestines. About six weeks after entering the skin the worm reaches its full development and its eggs may be found in the excreta of the infected person.

In the intestinal tract the hookworm attaches itself to the walls of the intestines. With the sharp lancets on either side of

its mouth, it pierces the lining of this wall and draws the blood from the vessels which ramify the flesh. The harmful effects resulting are due to the loss of blood ingested by the worm and to the loss occurring by the oozing of blood from the wound when the worm has satisfied its hunger; to a harmful secretion injected by the worm to prevent the blood from clotting; and to the inflammation resulting from the constant puncturing and poisoning of the intestinal membrane.

Ravages of the disease show most marked effect upon children, greatly stunting and retarding development and sometimes producing death. Older persons infected, however, and children having the disease in form so mild as not produce noticeable harmful results, should take the treatment in order to prevent the continual pollution of the soil by the eggs which pass off in their excreta.

### MANTEO BRIEFS

Manteo, N. C., February 26—Dr. S. A. Sutton of Kentucky, has located here; and we hope for him a successful practice.

The high school folks are busy getting ready for their commencement exercises which occur the last of this week.

Prof. J. L. Woodard, Principal of the high school, expects to leave Saturday for his home in Richland, N. C.

Mrs. Easter Dough of North End is very sick.

Mrs. B. G. Crisp is also on the sick list.

Many truckers have planted peas, Irish potatoes, and have bedded their sweet potatoes as well.

Mr. Theo. S. Meekins went to Raleigh this week on business connected with the legislature.

The so-called ground hog "myth" seems to be proving more truth than poetry this year.

The Mable Horton is on the Creef's railways being overhauled and repaired.

Sheriff Alexander Midgott was called home this week by the sickness of his mother at Manns Harbor.

### ALBKAMA'S NEXT ATTRACTION

"Alma, Where do you Live?" playing this week in Norfolk at the Granby with May Latham as leading lady is the Alkrama's next offering to Elizabeth City theatre goers. This popular French Vaudeville, with music by Jean Briquet, is familiar to and always popular with theatre goers. Presented here by the same company now playing in Norfolk, it will probably be one of those numbers that fills the seats at the Alkrama to the back row of the galleries.

As "Alma," May Latham is said to be making a decided hit in Norfolk, playing the part with individuality and charm. Avita Sanchez, who appeared not long ago in Norfolk in "Madame Sherry," is scoring no less heavily. Interpolated numbers added by Miss Sanchez are being enthusiastically received and adding success to the play wherever the company appears. Original witticisms by Wilbur Cox, as "Theobald" are always apropos and provoke hearty laughter. The other members of the company are reported well up to the standard of the play.

This attraction is to be offered at the Alkrama on Tuesday, March 11th.

Redwood and Light Point