

REVIVAL DRAWING NOW TOWARD END

Final Services Thursday Afternoon and Thursday Night. Excuse Making Was Subject Tuesday Night

Three more services will close the series of revival services that have been going on at the First Baptist church for the last ten days. Thursday afternoon and Thursday night will be the final services of the meeting.

"Why I am not a Christian, or the Devil's proteks for keeping men out of the Kingdom" was the theme of the evening service Tuesday, when Dr. Foster preached from the text, "And they all with one consent began to make excuse."

"There is a wide difference between a reason and an excuse," said the speaker. "Look of every reason there is a cause. An excuse is a mere pretext on which we seek to evade our duty or obligation. Adam sought to put the blame on Eve for his disobedience in the garden and men have been packing their shortcomings on the women ever since."

"An excuse is the cradle in which the devil is rocking to sleep the consciences of men."

"God is sometimes going to call the hand of the excuse maker. If he should do so tonight, your city would be so full of funerals that you'd have to call on undertakers from a half dozen cities to help you to bury them."

"People will break their necks to get to a banquet and if one of you were to receive an invitation to a function where you would meet the world's great and converse face to face with the foremost men of your nation you would go if you had to mortgage your home to get the funds. And you when God gives you an invitation to sit at his table and feast on his bounty you begin to find pretexts for slighting the invitation."

"One man has bought land, and must needs go out in the night to see what he has paid his money for without ever investigating."

Another has paid for a yoke of oxen without knowing whether they will work or not and must of necessity try them forthwith.

"Another has married a wife who would not care to go out to banquet. All these excuses are ridiculous, of course, and the master uses them only to show the fallacy and shallowness of the proteks on which men are holding back from surrendering their lives to Him."

"I don't know what the devil has suggested to your mind that has served to keep you out of the Kingdom, but of one thing you may be sure: Whatever your excuse is, it is of the devil."

"Do you say 'I don't understand the Bible.' Then you and God are in complete agreement on that. But the way of salvation you do understand. God has made that so plain that the wayfaring man, though a fool need not err therein. A noted infidel when he came to die pointed to the Bible and said: 'There is no trouble with that Book. The trouble has been with my own sinful life.'

"Do you say 'I don't feel like it.' There is nothing about feeling in the Book. It is not a question of feeling. It is a question of believing."

"Perhaps you say that in order to be a Christian one must give up too much. God asks you to give up nothing that is worth while."

"Perhaps you say that your conscience does not tell you that you have accepted Jesus. Your conscience tells you that you have educated it to believe that Hindu mother caste her baby in the Ganges river and unshaken in the belief that she is doing a good act. Your conscience is to be trusted only when it is in accord with God's Word."

"You say you are not good enough to come into the Kingdom. How do you ever expect to be good enough as long as you stay on the outside?"

"You say that you are afraid you won't hold out. I know you won't. By the grace of God I am what I am. Commit yourself to Him and He'll hold out. It is not your part to hold out. That is His part. You reach up to Him by faith and He'll reach down to you by grace."

"Are you waiting for somebody

DEATHS ALMOST TWO HUNDRED

Scores Injured And Property And Crop Damage In Millions From Tornado Which Sweeps Three States

Birmingham April 21—One hundred and eighty-two are dead and scores are injured while the property and crop damage runs into the millions, as the toll of the tornado which yesterday swept parts of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama.

Sixteen bodies were brought into Hamilton, Alabama today by Red Cross relief parties, and special trains were rushed to the stricken sections, carrying doctors, nurses and food.

Appeals for aid have been received from many small towns. Plans have been made to rush relief and food to hundreds of people whose homes were destroyed.

Huntsville, Ala. April 21. Madison County reports at least one dead and several others seriously injured who may die. Preparations are being made to bury the dead and rebuild the devastated area.

HERTFORD PAPER NOT SOLD

The news item sent out from Hertford and published in the The Advance and the Virginian Pilot Tuesday reporting the sale of the Hertford Herald under a mortgage is challenged by Jack Wells of the Linotype Publishing Company which has been printing the Hertford paper here. Mr. Wells explains that the sale at Hertford was of the former Herald printing plant in that place and that the newspaper was not included in the sale.

Home Talent To Give Play

"Under the Willows," or "The Spy" Will Be Presented By First M. E. Ladies Aid

Circle No. 2 of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist Church is arranging for an exciting and interesting play to be presented at an early date by a number of the city's well known amateur actors. The play, entitled "Under the Willows" or "The Spy," and presents a beautiful and thrilling story of life when the Confederacy was struggling to maintain its independence.

The principal character, Dick Delmont, the Spy, is taken by Bill C. Sawyer, and his name alone on the program, is a big drawing card. The other prominent characters in the play are Miss Hattie Harney, Miss Lucile Pass, Miss Katharine Hinton, Miss Mahala Meekins, heroines all, and Guy Brackett, Raymond Sheely, Lloyd Sawyer, Dr. Julian Selig, N. H. Smith and Buxton White, every one a star in his own special line.

The play will recall to many of the older people in the audience the days when the Confederate flag was their flag, and the hopes and fears, and the weary long drawn out struggle of the divided nation, during the long ago War Between the States.

FRENCH TROOPS RELIEVE SITUATION

Constantinople April 21—French troops have entered Aintab and relieved the situation.

American relief workers sent messages from there last week asking for help.

How do you know that some body is not waiting for you and that you are because of his not coming into the Kingdom?

"You say you are too hard to be a Christian. You are mistaken. Jesus is an exacting Master but not a hard one. Go to the men and women of this congregation who have accepted Him and they will testify that His yoke is easy and his burden light. Go to the hard seasoned sinners and see if they will testify that the Devil is an easy master."

"You say 'When I know that the end is at hand, I'll surrender. You're wrong. You'll die as you have lived. The only sure and safe time to settle this question is now. Today if you ever expect to hear His voice harden not your heart."

ALICE NIELSEN who sings at the Alkrama Thursday evening and her prize winning Chow Chow dog Chang



AN EVENING OF SONG

by ALICE NIELSEN

Assisted by Thomas Griselle, Pianist-Accompanist.

PROGRAMME

1. Aria:—Deh vieni non tardar (Nozze di Figaro) Mozart
Miss Nielsen
2. A. Impromptu in A flat Chopin
B. Etude in C Major Chopin
Mr. Griselle
3. a. Chere Nuit Bachelet
b. Mandolin Debussy
c. Extase Du Paso
d. Papillon Fourdrain
e. Ariette Vidal
Miss Nielsen
4. Aria:—Batti, Batti (from Don Giovanni) Mozart
Miss Nielsen
5. A. Gavotte Intermezzo Sar
Two Dances of olden times
B. Minuet Griselle
C. Bourree
Mr. Griselle
6. a. Lullaby Scott
b. Under the Greenwood Tree Buzzi-Pecia
c. Weathercock Lehmann
d. But Lately in Dance Arensky
e. An Open Secret Woodman
Miss Nielsen

Commencement At Forks And Newland

People Of Section Offered Double Opportunity To Hear O. Max Gardner

The commencement address at Newland High School Thursday afternoon at 2:30, and at Fork School at 7:30 Thursday night, will be delivered by O. Max Gardner, Lieutenant Governor, and candidate for Governor of North Carolina.

The people of the section are thus offered double opportunity to hear Mr. Gardner, a prominent statesman and one whom they will be called upon to vote for or against at the coming primary in June.

OVERALL PARADE SATURDAY

New York, April 21—The overall parade here Saturday will take on a national aspect with the presence of representatives from other cities.

GERMANY ASKS LARGER FORCE

Says Larger Army Than Is Permitted By Peace Treaty Is Necessary To Maintain Order At Home

Berlin, April 21. Germany has asked for permission to maintain a larger armed force than is permitted by the Peace Treaty.

The request states that it is necessary to have a large force to preserve order in the country.

WILL NOT PARTICIPATE

Washington, April 21—Ambassador Johnson at Rome has been instructed to attend the Allied Conference at San Remo as American official observer but he will not participate in the discussions or deliberations.

STRIKING MEN REFUSE TO VOTE

Efforts Of Chicago Leaders To Obtain Action Fails. New York Men Will Return To Work

Chicago, April 21. The striking railroad men here refused to vote on the question of returning to work. Effort of the committee of strike leaders to obtain action failed.

Washington, April 21. Agreement with the railroad brotherhoods under which the striking railway workers of New York will return to work was announced today by Edward McHugh, their spokesman, who said he had abandoned the effort to have the case taken up directly by the Railroad Labor Board.

Victory Buttons For Coast Guard

Captain Edgar Chadwick, Superintendent of the Seventh Division of the Coast Guard Department, has just received from the government, a number of Victory Buttons to be given to the men of the Coast Guard who served between April 6th, 1917 and November 11th, 1918.

Victory medals will also be issued to all persons who are entitled to wear the Victory Button. The latter cannot be worn when the owner is in uniform, but the medal can be worn with both uniform and civilian clothes.

All men who have served overseas on convoys will be entitled to wear a clasp with the medal or button. The clasp shows that the wearer was over seas or was in the front line service.

RIGGS—SPENCE

A marriage that came as a surprise to the friends of both bride and bridegroom was solemnized by Rev. J. J. Fisher at Norfolk Tuesday, when Mr. Clara Bartlett Spence became the bride of G. E. Riggs, both of South Mills.

Mr. Riggs is the daughter of the late W. S. Bartlett, former sheriff of Camden County, and has held the position of stenographer for D. E. Williams of South Mills for some time.

Mr. Riggs is a prominent merchant of the little city on the canal. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs are prominent in the business and social circles of the community, and have a host of friends in Camden and the neighboring counties.

PALMER LEADS IN GEORGIA PRIMARY

Atlanta, April 21—Returns from the Georgia Democratic presidential primary show Attorney General Palmer leading with 140 votes for the State Convention, Thomas E. Watson, second, with 120 votes, and Senator Hoke Smith third, with 100 votes.

EXPECT SOLVE MYSTERY

Toledo, O., April 21. The police here are working on a clue which is expected to solve the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Anna Mollard two years ago.

After arresting a restaurant keeper the detectives started excavating.

MICHOAGAN STATE JOINS THE REBELS

Albino Prieta, Sonora, April 21. The whole state of Michoagan has just joined the rebels, according to reports received here.

ALICE NIELSEN DRESS ATTRACTING ATTENTION

A striking gown belonging to the great prima donna, Alice Nielsen, is attracting much attention in the window of McCabe & Grice. The dress is made entirely of discarded silk hose.

PASSENGERS ARE SAFE

Tripoli, April 21—All passengers on the American steamer, Susquehanna, which went ashore on the Dalmatian coast, are safe, according to message received here today.

NIELSEN CONCERT UNUSUAL EVENT

And Patronage Thursday Evening Will Determine Whether Or Not City Will Have Other Such Concerts

Elizabeth City people will have the opportunity Thursday night to hear Alice Nielsen.

The ladies of the First Methodist Church are bringing the world-famous prima donna to Elizabeth City just for the small portion they hope to gain from the sale of tickets, but through a genuine desire to give Elizabeth City an opportunity to enjoy the high class music that other towns no longer than this city have enjoyed, while Elizabeth City has a splendid and noble entertainment.

There has been a number of good features in the city from time to time, and the people, at a rate, have given the artists good patronage. But a musical of this class, Alice Nielsen has heretofore been an altogether unknown quantity in an Elizabeth City theater.

The ladies who are responsible for the Alice Nielsen concert Thursday wish the people to know that if this entertainment is a success financially arrangements will be made hereafter to bring most of the best plays and concerts that come to Norfolk to Elizabeth City.

"But if the people fail to attend," say these ladies, "then Elizabeth City will have lost the opportunity to become one of the chain of towns to which these attractions are to be brought."

"Come out then and bring your children. We need education about the line of music and art, and only by hearing the best can we learn to appreciate it."

Newland Girl Wins First Prize

Miss Lou Williams, a pupil in the Newland High school, won the first prize, a five dollar gold piece, offered by the landowners association of North Carolina, for the best essay written in the Pasquotank County Schools, on the subject "Malaria, Its Cause and Prevention."

Miss Louise Brooker, of the Newland Elementary School won the second prize, three dollars, and Miss Minnie Layden, of the Okesko Elementary School, was awarded a prize of two dollars for the third best essay on the same subject.

The Landowners Association has offered these prizes in every county in Eastern Carolina. The essays winning the first prizes in these counties will be sent to Wilmington, the headquarters of the association, and from there to Raleigh, where the judges, Mrs. Jane McKinnon, Dr. E. C. Brooks and Dr. W. S. Rankin will decide upon the best of these. To the writer of the prize winning essay will be awarded the sum of \$50.00.

The Landowners Association gives half of the amount and Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, gives the remainder.

RECRUITING PARTY HERE

A Navy recruiting party of three arrived in the City Tuesday by automobile from Norfolk, and will be here for two days with headquarters at the Y. M. C. A.

We shall be glad to answer any questions from those interested in enlisting about the navy, says Chief Quartermaster J. W. Amis, one of the members of the party.

Men of the Naval reserve force have this opportunity of enlisting for a practice cruise, which will take them during the summer to Cuba, California, the Hawaiian Islands, the Panama Canal and to Puget Sound.

The travel time presents a splendid opportunity for the re-establishment of ex-service men.

KILLED CROSSING SAVANNAH RIVER

Anderson, April 21—W. L. Conwell was killed today. A bateau taking him and E. G. Partian across the Savannah river, became unmanageable and swept over Gregg Shoals dam.

Partian escaped injury by grabbing a friendly rock as the craft was demolished.