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REV. C. T. THRIFT IS NEW MINISTER AT CHURCH HERE

Pastor Is Also Author of Several Books and Pamphlets

At the recent session of the North Carolina annual conference in Wilmington, Rev. C. T. Thrift was sent to Plymouth to take the place of Rev. K. F. Duval, who went from here to Ellerbe. Mr. Thrift arrived last week-end.

Mr. Thrift is a Virginian by birth and served in the Virginia conference 14 years before coming to this state. He is an A. B. of Randolph-Meun College and a B. D. of Vanderbilt University. Besides preaching Mr. Thrift is a writer of some note. He has written a number of pamphlets, one of which "Why John the Baptist Sprinkled the Multitudes," attained a circulation of more than 50,000. Recently he has published a book of 330 pages, "The Romance of the Gospel," which has been accorded a high measure of praise by the reviewers. Several poems have come from his pen, one of which, "The Morning Star," has been set to music.

Mr. and Mrs. Thrift are occupying the parsonage on East Third Street. They have three children, all of whom are grown. Their son, Rev. C. T. Thrift, Jr., is a member of the North Carolina Conference. He and his wife are in Chicago, where he is completing his work for his Ph.D. degree. Their younger daughter, Laura Nell, is also in Chicago, where she is working for her bachelor of music degree. The oldest daughter, Susie Webb, has been a teacher in the high school at Robersonville for the past three years.

Rev. Mr. Thrift will preach in the Methodist church at Plymouth next Sunday morning and night.

Wins Mule, Then Sells Him for \$2

Selling a mule for two bucks was what Tom Norman did.

He won the mule, a plug. Leon S. Brey, well known horse and mule dealer offered the animal to Tom. He couldn't feed the mule. The animal was practically worthless.

Inasmuch as he had just won the mule as first prize in a clog dancing contest in a fiddlers' convention Tom was willing to settle for two dollars.

Others winning prizes in the event held at Roper Friday night were: violin, James Ambrose of Belhaven, and Harry Paul, of Washington; guitar, Emmett Carawan, Belhaven; harmonica, S. W. Cox, Windsor; ugliest man, W. E. Blount, Roper; band music, Belhaven first and Washington second prize.

There was a good crowd present. J. E. Aiken and the P. T. A. sponsored the event. A concert with all of the musicians joining in at the finish climaxed the affair.

Dinkins Is Coach of Championship Team

Below is an item that appeared beneath a picture in the sports section of the Journal and Sentinel, Winston-Salem, December 1, which shows to what esteem the coaching ability of Charlie Wright Dinkins, of Plymouth, is held by those who have seen his State championship soccer team at work.

"It fell upon the shoulders of a smart coached Lewisville High School (coached by Dinkins) to retain the State soccer championship for Forsyth County schools during the past fall.

"Forsyth teams have returned victors five straight years in the State series, but it was the first triumph for Lewisville, ranked as an outsider at the opening of State play.

"Coach C. W. Dinkins found only five veterans here for first practice. It was quite a task for Coach Dinkins to find and shape six new men into the lineup, but he accomplished the feat by the opening of the State series."

Schools Will Close 20th for Christmas

Public schools in Washington County will be closed after school on Friday, December 20, for the Christmas holidays. They will remain closed for two weeks, reopening on Monday, January 6. This will give the pupils plenty of time to get Christmas out of their bones.

GEO. W. WATERS DIED SATURDAY AT HOME HERE

Prominent in Local Affairs for Many Years; Final Rites Sunday

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon for George W. Waters, 63, who succumbed at his home Saturday evening at 8:30 as the result of a chronic disease that had been troubling him for years. Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. N. A. Taylor, of the Christian church, officiated. Interment took place in the Methodist cemetery.

Mr. Waters had served as postmaster here for years, and for the last few years had been a magistrate and conducted an insurance business. He was well known and well liked and was deeply interested in politics but never held very many offices himself. He was a staunch and loyal Democrat.

Surviving are two sons, W. E. Waters and George Peters, Jr., and two daughters, Miss Emily K. Waters, all of Plymouth, and Mrs. Mildred Peelle, of Williamston. Active pall-bearers were P. W. Brown, G. W. Hardison, John Leggett, Tom McNair, J. K. Reid, and James W. Norman. Honorary pall-bearers included the firemen in a body, with Frank Bratten, L. J. Spears, S. A. Smith, C. L. Bailey, S. A. Ward, Sr., and J. R. Campbell.

District Meeting Of Farm Students

Roy H. Thomas, of Raleigh, state supervisor of vocational agriculture, and N. B. Chestnut, of Greenville, district supervisor, will be the principal speakers at the meeting of the Young Tar Heel Farmers from organizations in Columbia, Creswell, Roper, Plymouth and Jamesville that will be held in Roper Friday, December 13, at 10:30 in the morning.

The young farm students will elect group officers for service for the coming year and will also establish a permanent organization so that the unit meetings can be held at least once every three months. The Roper band under the direction of J. E. Aiken will play. Different phases of agriculture will be discussed at the meeting.

Making Effort To Care for Needy

Below is a note from Mrs. W. C. Brewer, who is supervisor of sewing work in Washington County under the WPA, which explains efforts that are being made to care for the needy children during the Christmas season.

"The WPA sewing rooms wish to have some part in spreading happiness and cheer at this Christmas season. They have offered their services in dressing dolls that might be donated by the children who are willing to give their old baby dolls for those children whom Santa Claus might not be able to find.

"The cooperation of the Woman's club and the schools has been solicited to urge those who wish dolls to be dressed for needy children to bring them as early as possible to Mrs. W. C. Brewer's office in the Leggett building, Plymouth."

Best To Get Rooster From Another Flock

If you plan to use a rooster with the farm flock for breeding purposes it would be best to secure one from another flock. In using a rooster that was hatched and raised at home you would be sure to do inbreeding, and this is a bad practice and will result in the offspring that are low in vitality and still lower in egg-producing qualities. The safest plan would be to get a good vigorous male from some other flock. Be sure however, that the new male is healthy and comes from good blood lines.

School To Present Minstrel At Jamesville Next Friday

Members of the high school and other home talent in the Jamesville community will appear in a show, "Mississippi Minstrel," in the auditorium there Friday evening of this week at 7:45 o'clock. Professor Russell P. Martin announced today. The minstrel will last about two hours, and a large crowd is expected, the school man stating that the entire county was invited to attend. A small admission fee will be asked.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

An agents conference is being held in Raleigh beginning December 16 and continuing through the 20th. The club meetings scheduled for the week are being held this week at night.

Come to the curb market Saturday morning. A surprise package was given away last Saturday. Miss Agnes Davis was the winner.

Mrs. E. M. Snell, of Beech Grove Club, led the sales Saturday morning. She sold \$9 worth of products.

At the beginning of the new year, the home demonstration clubs want to take a new start and see if better and more work can be accomplished. You want to progress this coming year as you have in the past. Splendid work was done during the year 1935. Let's make the year 1936 much better. Advancement depends upon each member. Each is a link in the great chain of home demonstration work. Just how strong is our chain going to be this coming year?

For the coming year I am offering a \$5 prize to the club which does the best work.

Beginning the first of the year at each meeting gold stars will be given to each club that meets certain requirements to be announced later. At the end of the year the club winning the most stars receives the \$5. This will be given at the fall federation.

Christmas Seals Are Now on Sale Locally

Mrs. H. A. Liverman and others are selling the usual Christmas seals for packages. People are urged to purchase these seals as the funds derived from the sale of them will be used in combating the dread disease, tuberculosis.

Last year a goodly number of the seals were sold, and the money was used to help in the treatment of one patient and special help was rendered to a family in which every member was a victim of the dread malady. Only a small amount of the seal money is sent to the national organization for use, as most of it is used in the community where it is collected.

Hope To Secure New Building at Creswell

The Washington County commissioners will go to Raleigh next week to confer with Charles M. Johnson, chairman of the local government commission, with a view toward getting a new school building for Creswell. They will discuss refinancing the county's affairs to arrange for the new building.

At the meeting last Monday they also agreed to cooperate with a move ment by the State County Commissioners' Association to secure a full farm census survey reports through the tax-list takers. J. M. Clagon, chairman, was named by the commissioners to "familiarize himself with and to do all he can to secure tax-listers' compliance and cooperation in development of best farm census reports."

Marine Student Is Commended

Below is a copy of a letter sent to L. R. Davenport, Westover, father of Louis E. Davenport, a private in the U. S. Marine Corps, now stationed at Portsmouth, N. H.

"The Major General Commandant takes pleasure in transmitting herewith a diploma dated October 2, 1935, issued by the International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton, Pa., upon your completion of the practical engineer's marine corps institute. The Major General Commandant congratulates you upon your excellent work in completing this course. A copy of this letter has been placed upon your record at headquarters."

Young Davenport is well known in Plymouth, having been employed here by Williford's store before enlistment.

Gets Big Yield From 5 Acres Lespedeza

J. T. Daniel, of Granville County, reports 36 two-horse wagon loads of lespedeza hay cut from a five-acre field. The field is now inweath with excellent growth being made.

Bartlett Says Every Effort Being Made to Pay All Fair Debts

Says Organization Has No Assets and Operated at Loss This Year

Below are excerpts of a letter received by Wilbur M. Darden, local attorney, from N. G. Bartlett, of Kinston, secretary and manager of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Inc., which sponsored the Plymouth Four county fair this past season.

This letter was written by Mr. Bartlett to Mr. Darden who had been approached by those who had a claim against the fair in the form of premiums and kindred action. L. W. Anderson, principal of the local school, was not included among those approaching Mr. Darden about this matter, but he is a leader among those who are urging Mr. Bartlett to pay.

"Our losses on the operation of the fairs as a whole," wrote Mr. Bartlett, "were of such proportions as to make it impossible for us to pay all the obligations. Since the fairs closed who have been doing everything we know to raise money to pay part at least if not all of these bills.

"The success we have had has not been encouraging, and for this reason we simply have not had the money to do so. We think, though, that after the new year comes in and we have time to collect some dues, we will be in the condition to reduce these debts considerably. We are asking all of those affected to bear with us until we can do this.

"The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is a corporation and has no assets as you know. All the fairs were sponsored and operated by this organization and not by any individual or group of individuals. But nevertheless we are going to leave nothing undone that will help us meet these bills sooner or later."

Mr. Anderson is urging schools that were awarded prizes and others to endeavor to collect for their exhibit premiums. "I am going to make a supreme effort to collect," said Mr. Anderson.

Renovations Made To Jewelry Store

Renovations and improvements have been made in the Leggett building here as a complete new stock of jewelry is being offered by O. R. Leggett, Jr., son of the founder of this business.

Mr. Leggett has painted the interior and exterior of the place. He has received a complete new stock of merchandise for the improved store. Much of it is on display and on the counters and shelves. More is being received daily. Repairs have been made on the old fixtures and in some places new ones have been added.

In addition to the sale of the usual line of jewelry offered by a modern store, Mr. Leggett will also do repair work. The O. R. Leggett business here has been established for generations being handed down from father to son.

Colored School News Summary

Roper.—Miss Gussie Carstarphen, one of the teachers of the Roper white high school and a long recognized citizen and friend of the colored people, has contributed 11 volumes of books on the "Letters and Messages" of Presidents to the colored high school library.

The junior and senior high school classes are sponsoring an oratorical contest Friday night, December 13, 1935.

Prof. J. J. Ciemmons announces a series of lectures to be held at the colored school auditorium from December 16-20, by Lawyer P. H. Bell, government; Dr. L. S. Mitchell, health; Prof. W. Hurdle, education; and Rev. H. M. Reid, religion.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Friday

The American Legion Auxiliary will be entertained at the home of Mrs. E. G. Arps, with Mrs. P. M. Arps as joint hostess on Friday, December 13, at 3:30 p. m. A good attendance is urged so that the unit can win an attendance trophy. All are urged to bring woolen and rayon materials that can be used by the boys at Oteen in making rag rugs.

Town Is Getting Ready For Christmas Season

J. W. Jackson Hurt In Accident on Local Streets Last Friday

Struck by Car Driven by Miss Ora Finch; Suffers Broken Leg

Word was received that John W. Jackson, aged white man of Plymouth, who was injured by an automobile here last Friday afternoon was slowly improving today.

He is in the Parkview hospital at Rocky Mount. Dr. T. L. Bray here found that he was suffering from a broken or dislocated hip and a broken leg. Pain had been relieved by anaesthetics before he left for the hospital.

Witnesses of the accident which took place on Water Street differed. Some said Mr. Jackson walked into the path of the car without looking while others averred that the car struck him while the driver was not looking. Some said he walked into the side of the car.

Miss Ora Finch, home economist of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, was driving the car. She with K. D. Worrell, salesman, hurried to look after Mr. Jackson.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

All potato growers and all farmers expecting to grow Irish potatoes for sale must make application for tax certificates or else pay 40 cents per bushel tax on potatoes shipped. Producers selling less than 50 bushels will get full exemption up to the average bushels sold.

The potato sales exemption certificates will be handled somewhat like the cotton ginning certificates. Every grower must make application for these certificates or he will get no certificates. The average reduction will be very little below that acreage planted on an average for the years 1932-1935, inclusive.

Growers having such evidence as sales receipts and receipts for supplies will be cut very little adjustment if any will be made on applications not substantiated by records. Get all records possible—Our county quota or allotment depends upon the amount of sales evidence we can produce.

The dealers or potato supply merchants will be glad to furnish growers the necessary information. Blank receipt forms will be furnished these local dealers and growers will be notified when these receipts are ready. These forms must be attached to the application when filled out or filed at the county office.

All potato dealers located in this territory have agreed to give this information. It is suggested that those planting with dealers away from here get this information by mail at earliest possible date. Applications will be accepted about January 1st.

Farmers having large lots of No. 1 Mammoth Yellow Soy Beans can get a bid on these beans about January 15th by leaving your name and address at the county office. No mixed or small beans wanted in this lot.

Special Department of Agriculture Bulletins are not always available at the county office but may usually be secured free of charge by writing your Congressman or Senator. Should you not have the member of this particular bulletin, just explain as to what subject is wanted, and it will be sent.

Now is the time to prune and spray fruit trees. Prune and then spray. Peaches and grapes need close or heavy pruning. Apples, pears, etc., need less. A pear tree needs very little if properly shaped when young. Apples need only the branches taken out that rub or touch. This helps prevent disease. Always cut out dead and diseased wood. Don't be afraid to use the pruning shears there, cut back to clear stock. A pear tree bears better when planted in yards, chicken runs, or not cultivated. Spraying calendars are available at the county office.

Union County reports the poorest cotton crop in 25 years as a result of the summer drought followed by early fall rains and boll weevil infestation.

COMMUNITY SING

A Christmas community sing to embrace all of Washington County will be held in the Plymouth High School auditorium on Sunday afternoon, 3 p. m., December 22.

Quartets from the Methodist and Baptist churches have been invited to sing. Mrs. Laura S. Johnston will accompany the singers. Lloyd Gilbert will play a piano solo. The Methodist choir will render some numbers. There will be a number of old-time favorites by the audience, including Christmas carols.

SAYS GUESSWORK IN MEAT-CURING WILL NEVER PAY

Curing Process Has Been Reduced To Science; Rules Outlined

"Take the guesswork out of meat-curing if you want to have a well-preserved supply of pork this winter and next spring.

"The curing process has been reduced to a science," said R. E. Nance, professor of animal husbandry at State College, "and there is no need for any farm to lose its meat through spoilage."

After the hogs have been killed and dressed, he said, the carcasses should be split down the center of the backbone, the leaf fat loosened from the lower end of the ribs, and the meat hung in a smokehouse to chill overnight. Do not let the meat freeze.

The next morning, trim all ragged edges from each cut; wash out and thoroughly scald the containers in which the meat is to be cured. Oak barrels or large stone jars make good curing vessels.

The many methods of curing meat are variations of either the brine cure or the dry salt cure. The latter is considered more satisfactory in the South.

Be sure that all animal heat has escaped from the meat before the curing process is started. The temperature of the curing room should be kept between 34 and 40 degrees, if possible.

In the dry cure, Nance recommends for each 100 pounds of meat a mixture of 3 pounds of salt, three ounces of salt peter, and three pounds of sugar, brown preferred.

Rub half the mixture on the meat, then pack it in the container skin side down, but turn the skin side up on the top layer. Seven days later, repack the meat and rub on the remainder of the curing mixture.

After each piece of meat has cured for three days for each pound of weight, wash it off and hang it in the smokehouse. Smoke it to suit the taste. If the smokehouse is not fly-proof, wrap the meat in heavy paper and place it in thin cloth bags.

Toy and 5c Admits Child To Theatre

Every child up to 13 years of age who brings a discarded toy in good condition to the New Theatre on Wednesday afternoon, December 18, will be admitted for 5 cents.

The toys will be collected in the foyer of the theatre and later turned over to the Boy Scouts for distribution among the needy.

Don't forget the date, boys and girls, Wednesday afternoon, December 18th, at the New Theatre.

You will see Richard Cromwell and Billie Sewell in "Among the Missing," also Tom Mix in "The Miracle Rider" for only a toy and 5c.

Mrs. Lyman Mayo To Move Beauty Shop

Mrs. Lyman Mayo will move into a new beauty shop around the first of the year. It will be located in the J. C. Spruill building on Water Street, which is being remodeled and improved, both in the interior and exterior. All of the equipment will be new.

It has been reported that Mrs. Irene Latham, who owns the shop which Mrs. Mayo has been operating will return to resume the operation of her shop here.

Large Stocks of Gifts Put on Display at Local Stores, Shops

New Arrangement Is Made Of Street - Lighting Decorations

Gleeful little faces peering into the store windows which are loaded with toys and gifts; savings checks ready for you; cold chilly weather; many colored lights beaming above; Yes, you guessed it the first time. 'Tis Christmas.

Foresighted local merchants have brought in from the markets of the world beautiful gifts, gifts that are valuable, serviceable and low in price. Gifts for every one—mother, father, brother, sister, aun and uncle, or cousins or just friends. None should be excepted. All should be remembered.

The little tots will not be forgotten. Old Santa Claus is arranging his pack. Letters have been written to old Saint Nick. Included in the itinerary will be the homes of the needy children. Club women and men will look after these.

Then there is the group of foresighted men and women who are receiving Christmas savings club checks amounting to \$2,145.50. This sum will be distributed among 60 depositors making the average thrifty person receive a check for about \$350 each. However, many will not receive this much as their friends were more eager to accumulate and saved systematically during the year.

The old electric lights will be used in a new method by arching them. A beautiful star is for the front of the market building. Trees were to be arranged on the sidewalk. Old Santa himself was to come down this street just before Christmas. Every thing will be used to induce people to trade in Plymouth.

Then there is the automobile that is to be given away by the merchants at 4 p. m. Saturday, December 28, 1935. Other prizes are included. Arrangements are being made for the people to carry away the merchandise from Plymouth. It will not be necessary for any one to trade elsewhere. The merchandise is here in large quantities and at very reasonable prices.

Zion Chapel School To Be Reorganized

On the first Sunday in January, the Zion Chapel church Bible school will begin its work for the new year. The school will be reorganized and put on a thorough basis. New officers will be elected and an effort will be made to enlist every boy and girl, man and woman who is not going to Bible school.

On this date we are asking every person to arrange to be present at 9:30 o'clock, instead of 10 o'clock a. m., as there is much to be done at that time. It will also be a special day for the church. First Sunday in January, 1936, will be "Dollar Day." Each member is asked to bring one dollar as a special Christmas gift to the Lord.

Our neighbors and friends are invited to share in this fellowship with us. There will be a line extending from one side of the church to the other. Each person will pin his or her dollar to it. Let's make it a whole line of dollars. This money will go for the work in general at Zion's Chapel.

There will be a special program of music. Every one is invited—M. L. Ambrose, minister.

Beauty Shop Here Changes Hands

Mrs. J. S. "Peggy" Howard, Jr., of Wilson, has purchased the Priscilla Anne Beauty Shoppe here. Mrs. Howard operates Peggy's Beauty Shop, the Rothlyn Beauty Shop and Peggy's School of Beauty Culture in Wilson. Mrs. Howard has had ten years' experience in this beauty work.

Mrs. Howard will be assisted in the operation of the local shop by Mrs. Laurine Roughton, Miss Pauline Cook, and Miss Pauline Rountree. This week Miss Ermine Bundy, of Kansas City, triology expert, is here giving free facials. One free beauty consultation will be given to each person for this week.