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REV. MOCK HELD LAST SERVICE SUNDAY NIGHT

Left Wednesday Morning For New Field

Sunday evening the congregations from the Presbyterian and Lutheran churches worshipped with the Methodists at the Methodist church, this being the last service held by Rev. R. F. Mock before leaving Wednesday morning, after a four year's pastorate at Cherryville, to take up his newly assigned work at Franklin.

A large number of people from the community attended the service to bid Rev. and Mrs. Mock farewell and wish for them a most successful pastorate in their new field.

During Mr. Mock's four-year stay here he and Mrs. Mock made many friends who regret to see them leave, but whose best wishes follow them.

Mr. Mock was also a tower of strength in his outside activities for the right things. He was always ready with everything which he was connected to lend a helping hand and was conspicuous in guiding and directing affairs along the right course.—The Eagle, Cherryville, N. C.

Hall Bound Over Dudley Discharged

J. H. Hall, charged with the larceny of eight automobile casings from the Standard Oil filling station on the corner of Iola street and the public square, was bound to Superior court by Justice of the Peace George Carpenter last Friday. Y. V. Dudley was charged with the same offense, but the charge, as to him, was dismissed.

Mr. Carpenter also began the preliminary hearing on the charge that Dudley had embezzled approximately \$21 of the funds of the same filling station while an employe, but the case was continued to 10 o'clock, December 2, when J. Frank Ray, Dudley's attorney, demanded that records showing a shortage in the funds handled by Dudley be produced. The case was continued to give Conley and Joines, prosecuting the case, an opportunity to secure any records relating to the case.

In this latter case, it was charged that Dudley, checked up on November 6, the date he ceased to be an employe of Conley and Joines, was found to be short approximately \$21.

In the automobile theft case, Hall and Dudley were charged jointly with the crime. The evidence was purely circumstantial, and about the only evidence connecting Dudley with the theft was the fact that he had gotten in an automobile with Hall on the night the tires were stolen. Dudley, however, proved an alibi up to the time he got in Hall's car, and his statement that he was driven directly home by Hall and remained there the remainder of the night was corroborated by Mrs. Dudley and by Hall.

The circumstantial links connecting Hall with the theft, as advanced by the prosecution, included the following alleged facts, most of them undisputed: Hall hired a car from T. W. Angel to go to Andrews on the night in question, but did not make the trip; bits of the wrappings and labels off tires of the same make as those stolen and unrecovered were found in the car the next morning; and Hall had stated prior to the robbery it was testified, that he had keys that would unlock any Standard Oil company's door, with the exception of the front door of the service station in question.

Both Dudley and Hall took the stand, and both asserted their innocence.

The tires were stolen on Wednesday night of last week. Four of them were found in the basement of the Baptist church, but the other four have not been recovered.

Hall, who is a native, he said, of Haywood county, has been in Franklin a comparatively short time. Dudley is well known here, having made his home here for several years.

The prosecution in both cases was represented by George B. Patton. J. Frank Ray was the attorney for the defense in each case.

VISITING ATTORNEYS

The following lawyers from out of town are attending court here this week: Frank Watson and Dover Fouts, of Burnsville; George Sutton and Will Sherrill, of Sylva; Chas. Smathers, of Canton, and Lyles Jones, of Asheville.

GULF COMPANY OPENS STATION

New Filling Station One of The Finest In the State and is Located On Corner of Palmer and Phillips Sts.

Enloe and Malone, of Sylva, agents in this part of the state for the Gulf Refining company, have just completed in Franklin a new filling station on the corner of Palmer and Phillips streets only a few steps from the public square. This station is modern in every respect and, in addition to eliminating a former blind corner, adds greatly to the appearance of that section of town in which it is located.

Enloe & Malone state that they have endeavored to build a station of which Franklin could be justly proud and those who have had the pleasure of seeing the new home of the Gulf company in Franklin know that the agents have succeeded.

The new station was formally opened Monday of this week with W. Roy Carpenter in charge. Mr. Carpenter reported a rushing business all day on Monday and an excellent business since that time.

BEMIS MILL IS BUSY PLACE

Great Saw Mill of This Company at Robbinsville Scene of Intense Activity. Three and a Half Million Feet of Lumber Now on Yards.

A trip to the mammoth lumber mill of the Bemis Lumber company at Robbinsville will reveal to the casual visitor a scene of intense activity. This mill began operations on August 10th of this year. Since that date the mill has sawed more than three and a half million feet of lumber, practically all of which is now stacked on concrete in the nearby yards. As one approaches the yard he receives the impression of coming to a miniature city, the houses being represented by big piles of lumber arranged in perfect rows and though placed by a transit. On going to the office of Mr. L. A. Dindinger one wonders how it is possible for one man to attend to the immense amount of detail work required by his duties. He evidently has at his finger tips the entire operations of the concern and transacts all business with promptness and extreme courtesy. Those having business with Mr. Dindinger never have to remain long in waiting and his method of getting rid of visitors after the business is transacted is an object lesson in executive ability.

The company has only recently begun the shipment of lumber, ten carloads going out only a short time ago. A dry kiln is now under construction and will be completed within a short time.

The Bemis Lumber company employs approximately 425 men at the mill and in the woods. The monthly payroll is \$24,000 according to the officials, or in round numbers \$300,000 per year. It is estimated that this company will not exhaust the timber on its holding in 25 years. Thus Robbinsville and Graham county will receive several millions of dollars in salaries alone within that time.

Dr. Speight, formerly city physician of Norfolk, Va., and more recently in camp at Smokemont, has recently accepted a position as physician for the Bemis Lumber company. For this position the company had many applications, but, according to Mr. Dindinger, the recommendations of Dr. Speight showed him to be the ideal man for the position. Dr. and Mrs. Speight have moved into a home near the mill. At his suggestion he will likewise maintain his office in his home so as to be ready for emergencies both day and night.

P. T. A. MEETING

The P. T. A. will be held at the residence of Mrs. Lester Conley, Friday, December 2 at 3:30 p. m. Hostesses for the occasion will be Mrs. Lester Conley, Mrs. A. W. Mangum, Mrs. Smith Harris and Mrs. Jess Conley. These meetings at private homes are very enjoyable and a large attendance is desired. The president hopes every one will, at this meeting, return the quarters received and invested for the book fund. Also bring contributions for the County Home Christmas box.

REV. R. F. MOCK



REV. R. F. MOCK, FAMILY ARRIVE

Rev. Mr. Mock Preached First Sermon Last Sunday to Large Audience.

On Wednesday of last week Rev. R. F. Mock, Mrs. Mock and daughter arrived here from Cherryville where he was pastor of the Methodist for the past four years. On leaving Cherryville the pastor and his wife were the recipients of many evidences of the high esteem in which they are held by the people of that town. In this connection two news articles from the Cherryville Eagle appear in this issue of The Press.

For a day or two after his arrival here the new pastor was confined to the parsonage by illness, but was on the streets Saturday meeting the good people of Franklin. He also was able to preach twice on Sunday, a particularly large audience being present Sunday morning. At that service he preached an intensely interesting sermon on The Church.

Before beginning the services Sunday morning the pastor took occasion to thank the members of the church for the cordial way in which he and his family had been received in Franklin.

The new pastor made an exceedingly favorable impression on his audiences Sunday and the local Methodist church is expecting a year of growth not only in the number of members but in greater power of the church along all lines of Christian endeavor.

900 BUSHELS OF POTATOES PER ACRE

Mr. G. F. Crisp, of Route Four was in Franklin Saturday with a potato tale that rather puts Mr. Dave Lewis in the shade. According to Mr. Crisp he planted a patch 30x40 feet in area and gathered 25 bushels of Irish potatoes from said patch. This patch was about 1-36 of an acre in extent. Multiply 36 by 25 and the figures show that Mr. Crisp produced potatoes at the rate of 900 bushels per acre. But hold on a minute! Was Mr. Crisp entirely responsible for this enormous yield? During his conversation he mentioned his wife several times in connection with his potato patch and thus unintentionally let out the real secret as to the person who should have the credit.

Evidently getting an inkling of the fact that The Press intended telling the world about his famous potato patch and the one who should have the credit for growing the potatoes, Mr. Crisp had his plans laid for leaving Macon county Thursday of this week and going to Sincerest where he expects to spend the winter in the lumbering business. Incidentally he and his son will come home Christmas and install running water in the Crisp home by piping the water to the house from a spring on a nearby mountain.

JUDGE HARWOOD OPENED COURT

Grand Jury Organized With Roland Rickman as Foreman — Judge Harwood Makes Excellent Charge.

Macon county Superior court opened Monday morning with Judge J. H. Harwood, of Bryson City, presiding and Solicitor Grover Davis looking after the interest of the state. Judge Harwood is substituting for Judge Thomas J. Shaw who, it is understood, is holding court elsewhere. In his charge to the grand jury Judge Harwood advised that body to pay little or no attention to anonymous communications as such letters are usually inspired by malice and with no thought to the best interest of society. The Judge also instructed the jury to make no distinction between the rich and poor. In fact he suggested that those in the higher strata of society and who violate the laws should be given closer attention at the hands of the jury than those who hold less responsible positions. Judge Harwood paid his respects in particular to operators of slot machines and to those who sell or give cigarettes to boys or girls under seventeen years of age. He also instructed the grand jury to visit all county buildings, the convict camp and to inspect all property of the county, such as road machinery, with a view to ascertaining that the buildings and property of all kinds are being properly cared for. The Judge told the grand jury to see that all justices of the peace, guardians and administrators make such reports as are required by law. In connection with the sale of cigarettes to minors the Judge stated that it is the duty of the sheriff when he sees one under the legal age smoking a cigarette to inquire of this person as to where he obtained the cigarette and to take action accordingly.

Four Arrested

Officers last Thursday failed to capture a car believed to have been loaded with liquor, but they arrested the four occupants of another car, all four of whom were bound to court by Justice of the Peace George Carpenter Thursday afternoon.

The officers gave chase to three cars, they said. The one in front was the one they believed contained the liquor. They attempted to pass the rear car, when someone—they believe one of the rear car's occupants—fired into their car. They, therefore, stopped the car and took the four men in custody.

L. M. Johnson, of Haywood county, the driver, was bound to Superior court under \$500 bond on charges of being drunk on the public highway, driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, driving without license, carrying a concealed weapon, and an assault with a deadly weapon.

The other three, C. R. Stamey and Barnard Wise, of Haywood county, and Lonnie Hall, of Buncombe, were bound over on charges of being drunk on the public highway and of an assault with a deadly weapon.

REV. AND MRS. MOCK GIVEN A SURPRISE PARTY

Ladies' Aid Society and Board of Stewards Entertain in Their Honor.

A party of more than passing interest was given at the Methodist parsonage Monday evening, when the Ladies' Aid Society and the Board of Stewards of the church entertained in honor of the retiring pastor, Rev. R. F. Mock and Mrs. Mock. All preparations had been made with the greatest secrecy and the party came as a delightful surprise to both.

While Mr. and Mrs. Mock and little daughter, Robbie Gay, were dining with Prof. and Mrs. Joe R. Nixon Monday evening the plans were completed and quite a large crowd had gathered at the parsonage. A message was then sent to the Nixon home, saying that someone wished to see Mr. Mock at his home. He hurried away, leaving the others to follow more slowly. Imagine his surprise and delight when he found not only one but many of his loyal faithful people awaiting him. Mrs. Mock and the others soon came and after cordial greetings, chairs were placed in the center of the room, Mr. and Mrs. Mock were asked to be seated. This they did, wondering. Then while jokes and gay banter were being exchanged, some of the ladies entered with trays filled with lovely gifts. The trays were held above the heads of the honor guests and the presents fell upon and about them in a beautiful and impressive "shower." Then Mrs. Nixon, representing the Ladies' Aid Society, presented Mrs. Mock with a lovely brass console set, telling her in a few well-chosen words something of the love and appreciation the women felt for her and her work among them. The Board of Stewards, with Dr. Evan S. Wehunt as spokesman, gave Mr. Mock a handsome leather travelling bag in token of their love and esteem.

After the presentation of the gifts, the ladies served delicious sandwiches and coffee, and everyone enjoyed a jolly social hour together.

Mr. and Mrs. Mock came to Cherryville four years ago and during those years have done a wonderful work here. Both are quiet and unassuming, loyal and true, with the work of the Master's Kingdom first in their hearts and lives. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Mock the work among the young people in Sunday school and Epworth League has become an even greater factor for good than ever before in the history of the church, and Mr. Mock has been a real pastor and leader for his people. They have endeared themselves not only to the Methodist people of Cherryville, but to a host of other friends here who will miss them greatly.—The Eagle, Cherryville, N. C.

TURKEY SALE BIG SUCCESS

Approximately 200 Citizens of Macon Sold Poultry and Turkeys Co-operatively Here Last Week.

Something like two hundred citizens of the county, disregarding the extremely inclement weather Wednesday of last week, brought to the carlot sale more than 9,000 pounds of poultry and turkeys for which they received in cash for Christmas money \$2,383.19. There were 6,94 pounds of turkey sold and 3,089 pounds of poultry. The price paid for turkeys was 27 1-2 cents while that for poultry was somewhat lower. John Roane, who lives at the foot of the Nantahalas on Cartoogehaye, topped the turkey list with 362 pounds. He also had the daddy gobbler which tipped the scales at 29 pounds.

No records were available as to the cost of raising the turkeys, but it probably amounts to very little in each case.

The names of the ten who brought the most turkeys to the sale follow: John Roane, 362 lbs. \$99.55
Jess Raby, 322 lbs. 88.55
Ebbie E. Cabe, 301 lbs. 82.77
W. D. Elliott, 271 lbs. 74.42
A. B. Slagle, 266 lbs. 75.15
Fred Nichols, 259 lbs. 71.22
F. M. Nichols, 198 lbs. 54.35
F. E. Hasting, 189 lbs. 51.97
W. H. Carpenter, 186 lbs. 51.15
Lillie McCoy, 183 lbs. 49.32