

N. C. PASTOR SPEAKER ON METHODIST HOUR

One of the South's most popular preachers, Dr. Clovis Chappell, pastor First Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., and author of best-seller books of sermons, will be the speaker on The Methodist Hour Sunday morning February 23, at 8:30 Eastern Standard Time.

Dr. Chappell has served nine of the largest churches in The Methodist Church and is the author of more than twenty-five books of sermons. Wherever books of sermons are read, or men talk about how sermons should be written, mention is made of one of Dr. Chappell's books. Possessor of a clear, simple, incisive style, one that appeals to rural as well as city congregations, Dr. Chappell speaks of things eternal in words understood by those who live in the temporal.

He will speak on this 50 station broadcast on "The Beautiful Friendship." Music for this program will be furnished by the choir under the direction of John Hoffman with George Hamrick at the organ. The Methodist Hour is under the direction of Rev. James W. Sells.

These programs originate in the studios of Religious Radio Center, Atlanta, Ga., and are broadcast in cooperation with the Southern Religious Radio Conference, which is composed of radio committees from the Southern Baptist Convention, the Presbyterian Church

Red Cross Fund Drive To Be Conducted In March

The month of March has been designated by the President as Red Cross Fund month. Workers for the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross will receive materials for the drive and start the campaign on March 3, according to an announcement by A. J. Dills, executive secretary for the local chapter.

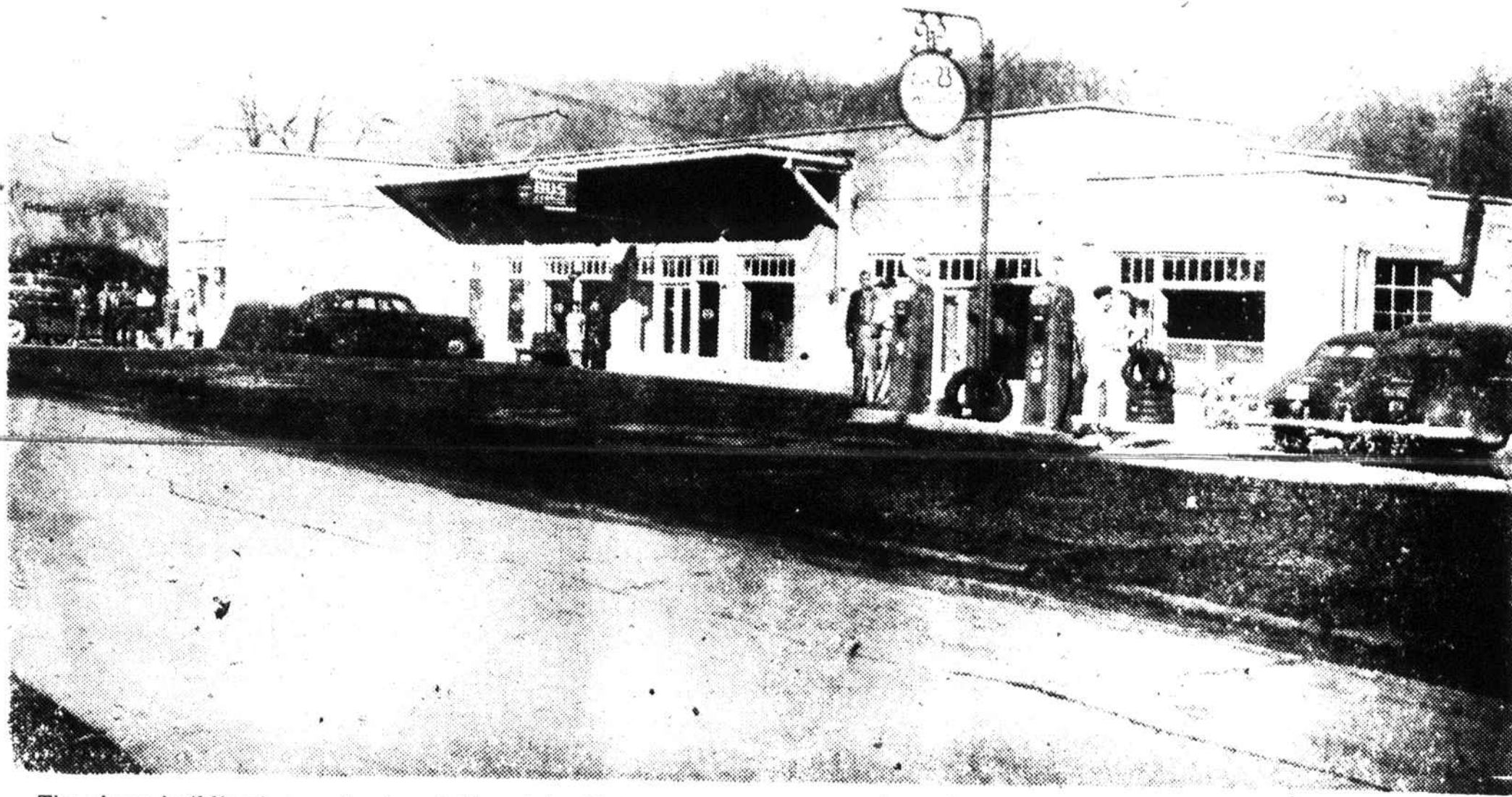
Mr. Dills stated that while the county has not been asked to raise as large an amount as required during the war, there are still many calls on the Red Cross which needs money to finance its operation. There are yet many Red Cross nurses in Veterans hospitals and workers at each army, naval, and other military posts to assist men who are yet in service. These nurses must be remunerated for their services.

Each community of the county will be requested to raise a certain amount of money to finance this program, and a list of workers in these communities will be announced in the next issue of the Herald. Those who are appointed in each community are urged to push the work to a speedy conclusion in order that the drive may be closed before the end of March.

Ministers in each community are requested to make mention of the forthcoming drive in each service held during March.

in the U. S., the Protestant Episcopal Church and The Methodist Church.

Sylva's New Trailways Bus Station



The above building houses the bus station of the National Trailways, Moore's Dry Cleaners, Moore's Recapping shop and Service Station. The building was completed early in December and the bus company moved in December 4. J. D. Moore, local business man, started construction on the building early last summer. It is of rock, concrete and cement block construction and is located on Mill street opposite the rear entrance to Jackson Furniture Company. The basement contains the heating plant and the re-capping shop. The dry cleaning business is in the left end of the first floor with the bus station occupying the greater part of the first floor. The service station is located in the right end of the building.



LIBRARY NOTES

We have several new books on our shelves. Among them are Walls of Jericho by Wellman, author of The Bowl of Brass. This is a story of Jericho, Kansas.

Kenneth Roberts' new novel, Lydia Bailey, is history, romance, and adventure. If you liked Oliver Wiswell, you will like this.

We also have Inglis Fletcher's new novel, The Toil of the Brave. I am sure you will like this as well as Men of Albemarle or Raleigh's Eden.

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Washington Born Feb. 11, Did Not Cut Down Cherry Tree

George Washington was not born on February 22, although almost 140,000,000 Americans will celebrate his 215 birthday next Saturday on that date.

He "rarely swore," in spite of many legends to the contrary.

And of course he did not chop down his father's cherry tree with his little hatchet.

The actual facts of George Washington's life as recorded in the Encyclopaedia Britannica reveal that Washington was born on February 11, not February 22. In 1752, when he was 20 years old, 11 days of the English calendar were deliberately omitted in order to adopt the Gregorian calendar, and an incidental effect was to place the anniversary of Washington's birth on the date now celebrated.

The cherry tree incident is dismissed by the Britannica article written by Allan Nevins, noted biographer, as an "absurd fiction," less noteworthy than the true achievements of Washington's youth. He had mastered the elements of surveying by the time he was 14, the Britannica points out, and when he was only 16 he became assistant surveyor on a rough Western expedition. In his journal he described sleeping under "one thread Bear blanket with double its weight of Vermin such as lice, fleas, etc." The adolescent—and ungrammatical—traveler called the Pennsylvania-German emigrants "as ignorant a set of people as the Indians they would never speak English but when spoken to they speak all Dutch!"

At 20 Washington was the strict and canny manager of a large plantation, fond of riding, fox-hunting, dancing, theatrical performances and "despite an unconquerable awkwardness with the fair sex, of flirtation." Six feet three inches tall and weighing 220 pounds, he excelled in all outdoor pursuits, from wrestling to horse-breaking, the Britannica reports.

His appearance was marred by smallpox scars, however, and before his marriage at 26 to the "good housewife and companion," Martha Custis, Washington had been rejected by a Miss Betsy Fauntleroy and had wooed Mary Philipse of New York without success. "There is clear evidence," the Britannica also states, "that he temporarily felt a romantic attachment for Sarah, wife of his friend George William Fairfax."

As a Virginia planter, Washington attended horse-races, lost money at cards and billiards, liked to go to picnics, barbecues and

clam-bakes—and became one of the richest men in the country. He was "industrious, punctual, efficient and economical," says the Britannica, practicing crop rotation, diversified farming and experimental cattle breeding.

Recognized as an authority on military matters and known for his poise, sense and resolution, Washington was elected commander-in-chief of the colonial forces in 1775. Although "he was not a great tactician," according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, "it is unquestionable that Washington's strength of character, his ability to hold the confidence of army and people and to diffuse his own courage among them, his unremitting activity and his strong common sense, constituted the chief factor in achieving American victory."

When he became the first President of the United States, Washington maintained the dignity which he felt was demanded by his high office, driving in a coach with four or six smart horses and outriders and lackeys in rich livery. At receptions he came in a black velvet suit with gold buckles, yellow gloves, powdered hair, a cocked hat with an ostrich plume in one hand, and a sword in a white leather scabbard.

The famous speech of 1796 known as "Washington's Farewell Address" was actually written, not by Washington, but by Alexander Hamilton, the Britannica reveals, although it was modeled by Washington and expressed his ideas.

After two strenuous terms of office and two and a half years of retirement at Mount Vernon, Washington caught a severe cold and failed to improve in spite of gargles of "molasses, vinegar and butter" and other remedies. "He faced the end with characteristic serenity," the Britannica says, "saying, 'I die hard, but I am not afraid to go,' and later: 'I feel myself going. I thank you for your attentions; but I pray you take no more trouble about me. Let me go off quietly. I cannot last long.'"

Keeping his finger on his own pulse until it stopped, he died at 10 p. m. on December 14, 1799, "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

One ton of forest tree seeds was collected by N. C. Division of Forestry and Parks during 1946 for use in the State Forest Tree Nurseries.

SIXTH GRADE HAS CHAPEL PROGRAM

Last Friday afternoon the sixth grade of the Sylva elementary school gave a chapel program which was different from the usual ones. It was divided into two parts, the first consisting of piano solos played by Roy Kirchberg, Jr., Tommy Reed, and Edith Moore.

The second and somewhat unusual part was a playlet, "Adventure in Bookland," improvised by the teacher, Mrs. J. F. Freeze, and the pupils from their studies in literature. Many of the children elected and portrayed their favorite character by dressing in appropriate costumes and reciting a poem, singing a song, or by telling

something original about the particular character.

Longfellow's poem, "Hiawatha" was one selected with Minnehaha, Hiawatha and his friends, and some Indian braves being depicted. They also did an Indian dance.

Some of the other characters represented were the Queen of Hearts, Rip Van Winkle, Uncle Remus, Little Orphan Annie, Cinderella, Little Black Sambo, Robin Hood and Heidi.

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