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A SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIALIST HERE

Harry L. Strickland Delivered Inspiring Address Last Wednesday P. M.

"You cannot be a Christian without being a world citizen," declared Harry L. Strickland of Memphis, Tenn., known as the Sunday school specialist, in an address at the First Baptist church Wednesday evening. Mr. Strickland, who is at the head of the Sunday school work of the Southern Baptist convention, spent a week in this State and delivered thirteen addresses, the address here winding up his campaign.

He was accompanied by Dr. E. L. Middleton, field secretary of the Sunday school board of the State Baptist convention. Dr. Middleton made a short talk in which he stated that the purpose of Mr. Strickland in coming to North Carolina was to get a fixed purpose for the churches and the individuals—that of winning to Christ and to service. The thirteen meetings held were well attended, he said, and much interest has been manifested.

Mr. Strickland made a strong plea for united effort upon the part of organized classes and scored the individual who lives in a "little world." The person who lives in a "little world" was likened to a pool of water that has no outlet, which results in its becoming stagnant, while the one who lives in a "larger world" was likened unto the pool that has an outlet and is ever fresh and pure. "One cannot be a Christian without being a world citizen," he continued. The chief business of the preacher, the teacher and the deacon should be to inspire, he said.

For more than an hour Mr. Strickland held his audience spell-bound, as he related instances of how men and women had been won to Christ and to service by wide-a-world organized classes. His address was so inspiring that many of those who heard him were moved to more active service in winning both to Christ and to service.

Son Of A Clergyman Fugitive From Wilson

Stodghill Arrested at Richmond For Alleged Shady Transactions Exposition

Richmond, Va., March 28.—C. H. Stodghill, 25, and well groomed, son of the Rev. J. R. Stodghill, Baptist clergyman of Childersburg, Ala., was held here today as a fugitive from Wilson, N. C. He is alleged to have passed two worthless drafts during the Eastern Carolina exposition there recently. He was arrested on complaint of two young men of Wilson who followed him here when it turned out that the drafts were bogus.

Paul B. Bissett, one of them, is manager of Nash Street Drug store. He was the recipient of a draft for \$80. C. R. Godwin, clerk in the Cherry hotel, received the other bit of bad paper, which was tendered in payment of a bill for \$121.70 covering rooms and board at the hotel during the fair for Stodghill and three young women from Richmond in his employ.

Stodghill, representing himself as agent of the Parker Pointing Pen company, had a booth at the fair. According to Bissett, he secured a supply of Parker pens from the drug store for \$80, selling these at the booth. In addition he took many orders, collecting on the spot and arranging for the orders to be filled at the store. It turned out, according to Bissett, that Stodghill had taken orders in many instances at a price less than at which the pens could be obtained at wholesale from the factory.

When arrested today, Stodghill told the police that the Rev. Dr. George W. McDaniel, of First Baptist church in this city, a friend of his father's would doubtless be glad of the opportunity to help him out of the trouble, but Dr. McDaniel declined to come to his rescue.

Stodghill, it developed, was married in January in Baltimore to a girl of that city, and recently engaged a local attorney to institute divorce proceedings for him. The lawyer lost interest in the case when it turned out that a \$50 check given him by his client as the initial fee was worthless.

SARAH BERNHARDT DEAD

Sarah Bernhardt, one of the greatest actresses the world has produced, died, at her home in Paris Monday night, following an extended illness. She was known as the greatest tragedienne of all time.

AUSTRALIAN IS TO SPEAK IN DUNN



HON. THOMAS WALKER

On Monday evening, April 2, at 9 o'clock, Hon. Thomas Walker, member of the Australian Parliament for the past seventeen years, will speak in the First Baptist church of Dunn. His subject will be, "Australia, The Land of Opportunity, and Her Struggle for Prohibition."

Mr. Walker is known as one of the foremost Statesmen, educators, and orators of his country. He has served as Minister of Education and Attorney General and represents West Australia, the largest province in that country, in parliament.

There will be no charge of admission and the public generally is invited to hear this world traveler. Mr. Walker was appointed by the new Prime Minister to come to the United States for the purpose of learning first-hand the effects of prohibition in this country and report his findings to his government.

TOOK CHANCE AND LOST, SAYS COURT

Question Of Damages Should Have Gone To Jury, It Is Said

The bell cord was close to the fireman; yet they took a chance with another man's life and lost."

That is the pointed paragraph with which Chief Justice Walker Clark, writing the opinion of the court, reversed a judgment of non-suit by Judge W. A. Devin, in Cumberland county court in action brought by Mattie Belle Moore, Administratrix against the Atlantic Coast Line for the death of her husband killed by an Atlantic Coast Line train in Smithfield.

The deceased, an employee of the Atlantic Coast Line engaged in switching operations on the yard in Smithfield, was killed by a North-bound extra while he was standing on the cross ties watching the switch engine and giving signals. At the time of the accident, it was in evidence, he was intent upon a switching list in his hands. The engineer of the extra, composed of the engine and a caboose blew his whistle once at the crossing four or five hundred yards away and could have seen the deceased at all times for this distance.

"The distinction is clearly recognized," said Chief Justice Clark, "between the presumption which arises when a person apparently in the possession of all his faculties is seen walking on the track and the duty owed to one of the railroad's employees who is absorbed and engrossed in his work."

Harnett County Wins
The Supreme court also yesterday affirmed Judge Frank Daniels' refusal to continue a restraining order for the Norfolk Southern against the sheriff of Harnett county and the county commissioners involving the collection of a five cent tax for the buildings of bridges in the county.

The tax was levied in 1921 by the county, among other taxes for general county purposes, after the board of commissioners had entered into a written contract with the state highway commission, in accordance with the law, to construct the LaFayette highway in Harnett. The county arranged to issue four notes for \$25,000 each for the work and levied taxes sufficient to retire the notes at maturity. The plaintiff contended the county had violated Article 5 and Section 8 of the constitution; that the board of commissioners was not authorized under the statutes to issue the notes or to levy the tax, and that the board, even if authorized, had failed to comply with the statutory provisions.

The lower court refused to continue its temporary restraining order and the company appealed. The supreme court held the resolutions and proceedings of the board of commissioners had been on record for

Town Political Waters Continue To Attract

C. W. Butler and Wesley B. Thompson "Out" For Commissioner

The town political waters continue to attract. Two new candidates for commissioner have entered the race this week—C. W. Butler from ward No. 1 and Wesley B. Thompson from ward No. 3.

With these new entries two candidates for commissioner are now in the race from wards Nos. 1, 2 and 3, while only one has yet offered from ward No. 4. Two candidates—J. L. Wade and J. W. Whitehead—are already "out" for mayor. The various candidates are beginning to take the matter up with their friends, the voters, and the campaign is expected to grow warmer as the time for voting draws nearer.

Twenty-one Columbia university seniors state they have never kissed a girl. It's now time for that number of girl seniors to assert that they have never been kissed by a man.

SENTENCE DALLAS TO STATE PRISON

Draws From 2 To 5 Years When Motion To Set Verdict Aside Is Over-ruled

Wilmington, March 28.—Herbert E. Dallas was sentenced yesterday to serve from two to five years in the state penitentiary for the killing of Joe Southwell.

Sentence was pronounced after Judge Kerr had overruled motion by defense counsel that the verdict be set aside. Appeal to the supreme court was noted.

The defense contended for a new trial on two counts: First that Judge Kerr in his charge to the jury had said Dallas admitted shooting Southwell. This admission, it was contended, was not made.

A new bond is being arranged for Dallas in the sum of \$10,000 pending his appeal.

The jury stood six for murder and six for manslaughter on the first ballot, it was learned today.

TOM HAYES MAKES ESCAPE FROM THE STATE'S PRISON

Wilson, March 29.—Tom Hayes, who was sentenced with Mrs. Sarah E. Whitley and Rouse, negro conjure doctor, to life terms in the penitentiary for conspiring to murder and murdering Willie Whitley, husband of Mrs. Sarah E. Whitley, made his escape from the penitentiary yesterday.

Whitley was murdered while asleep at his tobacco barn about 18 months ago, near Weldonburg in Green county. Motive for the crime, it was charged, was to collect insurance on Whitley's life and for Hayes and Mrs. Whitley to elope. Hayes has one glass eye.

DURHAM MAN MAKES HIS WILL; COMMITS SUICIDE

Durham, March 26.—L. H. Perry, a well known citizen of Durham, killed himself early today according to information obtained from members of his family, who expressed the opinion that ill health caused the act. Mrs. Perry said her husband made his will yesterday afternoon.

TO FIGHT AT BRAGG

Fayetteville, March 28.—Cole Miller, Hamlet brakeman and fighter of no mean ability, will appear on the boxing and wrestling program to be given at Fort Bragg on April 5. Miller will meet Olin (Batling) Borch, lightweight and welterweight champion of the post.

CONTRACT FOR NEW MILL TO BE BUILT AT ONCE

Work Will Be Done At Once On 40,000 Spindles

Location To Be Determined At Once

The Erwin Cotton Mills Company has ever been ready to aid in any and every progressive move and in building up this section. It was this company that established and maintained the first graded school in Harnett county. It also built and donated to the county the first stretch of improved highway and brought to the county the Durham and Southern railway.

In the erection of plant No. 5, as the new mill will be known, it is safe to say that the old policy of the Erwin Cotton Mills Company will be maintained, that of building up a good citizenship for Harnett county, promoting education and general uplift and making this the best section in the best State in which to live.

In no cotton mill or other industrial village in the State are the citizens more peaceful and happy than in Duke. It is an ideal village, well kept and the mill owners spare no expense in making life pleasant for the operators. A large and well-kept park and playgrounds is provided with its zoo, made up of numerous wild animals, a public library is maintained, and, in fact, nothing is left undone in making the surroundings and living conditions of the citizens of Duke the equal of those to be found anywhere.

Duke, March 29.—One of the most important announcements to come from the head of the Erwin Cotton Mills office was the confirmed news that a 40,000 spindle cotton mill is to be erected here. It is to be built near the other mill, which has between twenty-seven and thirty-eight thousand spindles. The exact location has not been decided upon as yet, but the new mill will be near enough so that all the management can be carried on from the same office. The building of the mill will give the two enterprises nearly eighty thousand spindles making it rank with the very highest manufacturing cities in the state.

The contract for the new mill has been let to J. Spruce & Co., contracting Engineers of Greenville, S. C.

Jumped From Auto To Elude His Wife

Hickory Police Searching For Man Who Led Unsuccessful Double Life

Hickory, March 29.—Hickory officers are looking for E. M. Parks, young white man, who is wanted at Lincolnton on a charge of immorality in a hotel there. He and two women registered there and Parks, who has a wife and child here, claimed that one of the pair was his wife. The warrant alleges that the offense was committed on Sunday, March 18.

Last Sunday Mrs. Parks, who had heard of the escapade, went to Lincolnton to make a personal investigation and learned that her husband had preceded her and removed the tall-tale page from the hotel register. She was returning home when she met Parks in company with his two friends, and they recognized each other instantly. Two seconds later, however, Parks left the company with which he was riding jumping through the automobile curtains and making tracks through the woods.

MISSIONARY UNION CLOSSES SESSION

Mrs. Wesley N. Jones Elected President; Meet Next Year In Goldsboro

Durham, March 29.—The State Baptist Women's Missionary Union convention, which has been in session in the First Baptist church of this city since Tuesday night, closed this evening one of the very best sessions in its history. The registration ran up close to 800. This does not include scores of visitors who did not register. Clear skies all the way through contributed to the large attendance.

Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, of Raleigh, heads the organization again for the coming year. The next session will be held in Goldsboro the first week in October.

Executive Committee
The following is the new executive committee, all of whom live in Raleigh: Mesdames W. A. Cooper, J. S. Farmer, J. H. King, T. W. O'Kelly, E. L. Mayfield, W. C. Riddick, J. H. Westberry, J. A. Ellis, J. R. Barkley, Charles E. Maddy, C. E. Brewer, T. H. Briggs, N. B. Croughton, J. W. Bunn, C. L. Greaves, Z. M. Cavness.

The hospitality of the Durham ladies has been unstinted and most cordial. The visitors were given a trip to Chapel Hill Thursday afternoon. Many other courtesies have been extended.

Preliminary work has already begun, as engineers have been laying off the proposed location and getting their plans into working order. According to an official announcement work will begin as soon as possible.

In addition to the above, present plans call for the erection of more than three hundred dwelling houses to be built at once. Work on these has already begun, with several being practically finished and ready for occupancy. These together with the three hundred and fifty houses will make nearly eight hundred dwellings here.

Along with this the population of Duke will continue to mount upwards as the influx of workmen get started. Also this will mean that the present population of two thousand people here will be augmented by nearly three thousand more, thereby making Duke a city of five thousand people or more. It has not been learned as to how long it will take the contractors to complete the mill, but by sometime in 1924, it is expected that the establishment will be operating.

Duke has long been noted as a manufacturing center as the present mill has been operating for twenty-one years, and by its coming to this section has done much towards making this region one of the prosperous sections in the State. Also it will greatly aid the farmers to market their principal crop—King Cotton—which commodity will be in greater demand than ever before.

LEADING COTTON MAN PASSES AWAY

C. B. Bryant Succumbs To Illness Of Fortnight In Charlotte Hospital

Charlotte, March 29.—C. B. Bryant, a leading cotton broker of Charlotte and former secretary-treasurer of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, died at a local hospital after an illness of a fortnight. He had been operated upon at that time for acute appendicitis.

Mr. Bryant who was approximately 47 years old was related by marriage to Gov. Morrison to whose niece he was married some years ago. The governor had twice been called home from the capital because of Mr. Bryant's illness.

Mr. Bryant had suffered partial paralysis about a week ago and this was said to have been the immediate cause of his death although at one time he appeared to have rallied. Diagnosticians were called from Johns Hopkins hospital but were unable to aid in relieving him.

Mr. Bryant had been prominently identified with the cotton trade since he came to Charlotte more than a quarter of a century ago and at the time of his death not only was regarded as one of the leading brokers of the south but had a number of other business interests here as well.

In the social life he had taken a leading part and was one of the charter members of the Southern Manufacturers' Club of Charlotte and was one of its former presidents.

WHAT TOWN GETS THE EXPOSITION

Location Of Next Year's Eastern Carolina Show To Be Decided Shortly

Wilson, March 28.—The question of the location of the Eastern Carolina exposition for the next year is being discussed in the eastern part of the State which puts up the proper guarantee. Scaled proposals will be sent out, and the matter will be decided in two weeks, according to Manager Bartlett.

The Wilson directors are determined to have it if possible and these have the backing of the business men and citizens of Wilson who have not only had a good time in a social way but the exposition has advertised Wilson and brought her attractions and resources close to the folks in the eastern part of the State.

The exposition will be let on the same basis as last year, and all the places will be given an opportunity to qualify. Of course Wilson stands the best chance of getting it since the warehouse space, and the railroad and hotel facilities and many other things which will conduce to the comfort, convenience and happiness of the visitors.

The guarantee money does not mean that a single guarantor will lose a cent. It is bound to grow from year to year, and while it was a successful venture this year, it will be better the next, and succeeding years. We are pleased to learn from Mr. Bartlett who is an ideal manager of such enterprise that the exposition will sell twice as much space next year as it did this, and with less effort.

The board of directors of the exposition are Messrs. H. H. Taylor, of Kinston, chairman; George C. Royall, of Goldsboro; J. H. Alexander, Jr., of Scotland Neck; W. H. Austin, of Smithfield; Dr. C. J. Ellis, of Greenville.

MITCHELL ALLEN, OF PUNGO, KILLED IN AN AUTO WRECK

Rocky Mount, March 26.—Mitchell Allen, of Pungo, an employe of the Atlantic Coast Line, was killed, and O. E. Raughpita, was injured when the car in which they were riding last night near this city plunged over an embankment and tumbled tumbled. Allen's neck was broken. The bright lights of an approaching automobile was given as the cause of the accident by the police.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT OTEN IS DEAD

Asheville, March 28.—Major E. Evalath Whiting, executive officer at Oteen Veterans hospital here, died yesterday following a breakdown in health suffered several weeks ago. The body will be taken to the former home in Washington, D. C., where Major Whiting was in government service for about 20 years. He was 55 years of age and is survived by his widow and one daughter.

RECORDER UPHOLDS N. C. VOLSTEAD LAW

Local White Man Charged With Purchasing Whiskey From Negro Fined \$10

The much-talked-of Tarlington bill, sometimes called the North Carolina Volstead law, was brought into play at yesterday's session of the local recorder's court. A local white man charged with purchasing whiskey was, under the new law, fined \$10 and cost. The new law was upheld by Recorder R. L. Godwin, an ordinance by the fine imposed upon the offender. The charge against a negro of selling the whiskey was not pressed and in this particular case the buyer of the "old scotch" was meted greater punishment than the seller.

Quite a number of "violators" faced Recorder Godwin at yesterday's session, it being the first session held in two weeks. One negro was convicted of concealing stolen automobile tires and was fined \$10 and cost—total \$20.00. Three defendants, two whites and one negro, were fined with the cost on the charge of being drunk, while one negro was fined with the cost on the charge of using profane language on the streets. Two reckless auto-driving cases were "aired." One white man was found guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and running his car against a buggy. He was required to pay for damage done to the buggy and the cost of the action.

Henry M. Ryles, negro, who ran a car over Sallie Chance, a negro woman, in the eastern part of Dunn some two weeks ago, was required to pay the woman's doctor bills and compensate her for the time lost as a result of her injuries and also pay the cost of the action. He was charged with opening an auto without brakes or horn. A white woman charged with immoral conduct failed to answer for trial, forfeiting her bond.

Raleigh Chatham Miss Inebriate's Companion

Fourteen-Year-Old Girl Sold To Nerve Eloped With Him From Taylorsville Home

Taylorsville, March 28.—Miss Mamie Inebriate, 14-year-old girl, whose disappearance from her home in Taylorsville Monday night led to the belief that she had been kidnapped, and who showed up Tuesday night at North Wilkesboro in company with a man, registering at a hotel under her own name, eloped, according to admissions from the young woman today, with Raleigh Chatham, 30 years of age, who lives near the Inebriate home.

Nothing has been heard from Chatham since he left the hotel at North Wilkesboro after Miss Inebriate had registered and been assigned to a room. He is said to have written a letter to a desk in the lobby and then departed. Hotel authorities notified the Taylorsville police that a girl answering the description and name of the missing girl was there, and her father hurried to North Wilkesboro Tuesday night and took her home with him.

No reason is given as to why the girl left her home with Chatham.

KOHLOSS IS CHOSEN AS CHIEF DRY AGENT

Washington, March 29.—S. A. Kohloss, former prohibition director of the State of North Carolina, was named today as Chief of General Prohibition agents for the 16th Division comprising Wyoming, Utah and Colorado, with headquarters at Denver.

Mr. Kohloss has been detailed by Commissioner Hayes as one of the Bureau's most efficient men.

FIRE DAMAGES POPE LUMBER PLANT

Quick work on the part of the employes at the G. F. Pope lumber plant about 5:45 Wednesday morning averted a bad fire. The fire started in the drydock of unknown origin and damaged the drydock between three and four hundred dollars. The lumber in the drydock at the time of the fire was not damaged, the only damage being to the building. The town fire alarm was sounded and the local fire company responded, but the flames were quickly checked by the fire-fighters at the lumber plant.