

More Than 600 Attend Services

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gregation from the beginning to the end, Rev. Mr. Elliott spoke on "Following the Ways of Peace," using as his text, "Let us therefore follow after the things that make for peace," taken from Romans 14:19. His remarks in full were as follows:

"Peace! At last it has come. The day for which we have been waiting, working, fighting, hoping, longing, and praying. Let the guns of the world be silent while the voices of nappy people fill the unaccustomed void with the joyous language of peace.

Three months and nine days ago, at this very hour, this beautiful sanctuary, a monument of peace for years to come, was the scene of a heart-warming service. We came together as citizens of this town and surrounding community, to voice our thanksgiving in song, prayer, and praise to Almighty God for the "unconditional surrender" of hostilities in Europe. Pastor Williamson thrilled our hearts with his superb address in which he recounted, step by step, the long hard road which led us to this hour. Anticipating dark days ahead, the impassioned speaker challenged us to "gird our loins" at home and abroad for a hard fight with the enemy in the Pacific, and bolstered our hopes for ultimate and final victory.

Here we are in the same place a little more than three months later, for the purpose of giving thanks to God for the ultimate and final victory. It is with unbounded joy that we come together on this occasion. Yet there is an aching void in our hearts when we think of the millions who have given their lives that we might come to this hour.

"Peace! It is almost a rank stranger. Yet, we had little difficulty in recognizing its presence last evening when the news was flashed around the world that Japan had surrendered unconditionally. As I stand here on this momentous occasion, looking into your faces, I can see there is an unbounded joy, a true sense of thanksgiving. A world of emotions wells up in our hearts, giving expression to our unspoken thoughts in our faces. What shall I say to you now?"

If I could speak one sentence that would sum up your feelings, I doubt not that it would be something like this: "Let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for the Lord hath done great things for us." Surely all of us can sing from the depths of our glad hearts, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," giving adequate expression to our thankful liberation.

In that matchless editorial in this morning's Citizen there is an admonition that we would do well to ponder. The victory which we celebrate today came at a great price. "Over the lonely little mounds and the great immaculate cemeteries from Oahu to Okinawa, the war's last bugle sounds its silvery requiem." There is no longer terror for the living, for the honored dead who lie sleeping in the volcanic ash of Iwo Jima, and on the green fields of Luzon, the terror is long past in the final repose which comes, soon or late to all men. This is a soldier's victory. He gave his life that we might come to this glad hour.

But this is a time of rejoicing. We are deeply sympathetic with you who have lost loved ones—107 men from this county paid the supreme sacrifice. But somehow, I feel that this should not be a time of mourning. "Weeping endures for the night, but joy cometh in the morning." The dark night has passed, and the sun of peace has risen upon a world which has long been torn with hostilities and bathed in blood. We now turn our thought and energies to a world of peace.

What of tomorrow? Did ever human language pack into words such anticipation. Did ever human heart ponder such release of emotions? What of tomorrow? The night has passed, and the day of peace dawns with a mixture of rapture and forebodings beyond words. Chief among the anticipations of tomorrow is the thrill wrapped up in this thought: "When he comes back!" When husbands come back to wives who have been waiting all these months and years? When fathers come back to children whom they have never seen? When sons come back to mothers who have kept the candles lighted on their altars of prayer through the long dark night? "When he comes back" is on the lips of millions who have stayed at home and kept "the home fires burning" during these four years of the greatest blood-shed the world has ever known. It is the preface to millions of hopes. It has entered the language of our prayers. It recalls cherished pictures of the past. It calls for the making of plans. What are your plans? What of tomorrow? Do your plans include the promise to make real the home, which he has defended with his life? Do your plans of tomorrow cover the effort to make sure the peace, the freedom, and the opportunities for which he has fought, and given his life?

Immediately we face a day of reconversion, not only in business and industry, but also in home, family, social, and spiritual life. We have been geared to a philosophy of death and destruction. Now we must switch over to a philosophy of life and construction.

Talks On Peace



REV. I. G. ELLIOTT, pastor of the First Baptist Church, yesterday brought a message at the Peace Union Services at the Methodist Church here.

Our implements of war must be beaten into plow shares and pruning hooks. Our energy must be turned into the channels of peace and good-will. Some of us have been so busy under the strain of war that we have forgotten God, His Son, and His Church. What are our plans of tomorrow regarding the church and its influence in a post-war world? Let me step into the role of a preacher of the Gospel of peace and bring you a word from Holy Writ, and hold up its admonitions and promises for a moment.

After forty years of wandering in the heat of the desert, Israel stood on the banks of the Jordan in sight of the Promised Land. There before their eyes lay Canaan, the land flowing with milk and honey, deeded to them in God's own covenant. In order to possess this unpossessed possession, they had to cross over stormy Jordan and deal with the unseen forces fortified against them. Many things were behind them, as many things are behind us now. They knew how to deal with the wilderness, its geography, climate, and enemies. They knew how to live and fight in the wilderness. For four years we have been living, working, and fighting under war conditions, but we stand on the banks of the stream now, and look out upon a new land. Like Israel, we stand on the threshold of a new experience. What will tomorrow bring? God spoke through the lips of Joshua, saying, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." (Josh. 3:5) They needed special guidance for the untrod way before them. They needed faith and courage to go forward. Above all this, they needed consecration.

As we meet here today in this special thanksgiving service, we stand upon the threshold of a new experience. Behind the curtain of tomorrow there are world-rocking potentialities for good or evil. We have come through four years geared to war. There have been war work, war goals, war drives, war talks, war prosperity, war excursions, and all the disconcerting influences that a war-torn world can bring. Now we are faced with a new experience of peace and all its many ramifications. What are we going to do with it? How shall we meet its exigencies? Do we have what it takes to face tomorrow and all the tomorrows that lie out ahead of us? We can and will if we act upon this admonition of Joshua, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Consecration is the need of the hour. Consecration to God and to His Christ must come first. If that sounds too much like an impractical preacher, then read history and see the results of nations and individuals this important fact. We must consecrate ourselves to task of the church, home, and school; to the ideals of liberty and freedom. We must see the need of rebuilding a world which has been reduced to shambles by the most horrible conflict that man has ever known.

Israel obeyed, and you know what happened. The Jordan divided before them; Jericho's walls fell flat; the sun stood still in the heavens, and the Promised Land became their possession. God will do wonders for America, for the Church, for you and me, if we will consecrate ourselves to Him. We must invest ourselves in God's great dreams and enterprises. World evangelization; the struggle for racial brotherhood; for understanding between men of all classes and groups; the task of achieving a sober nation; the staggering effort to bring to pass a warless world—all these enterprises make a reasonable claim upon us if we dare lift the curtain of tomorrow.

When we think of what tomorrow may bring, the words of Thomas Clark sound an authoritative note: "Build me a world, said God. Out of man's fairest dreams; Heaven must be its dome. Lighted by prophet-gleams; Justice shall be the stones. On which my world shall rise; Truth and love its arches. Gripping my ageless skies. Out of dreams, on the earthy sod. Build me a world, said God."

"Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

Mrs. J. R. Barr Dies At Home Of Daughter Saturday

Last rites were conducted on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Methodist church for Mrs. Cornelia Stocker Barr, 87, widow of Jenn R. Barr, Jr., who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert W. Livingstone, on the Eagles Nest Road at 11 a. m. Saturday. Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor of the church, officiated.

Serving as pallbearers were: Clayton Walker, J. C. Patrick, W. A. Bradley, N. M. Medford, Hurst Burgin, and Col. J. Harden Howell.

Mrs. Barr, native of Easton, Pa., had made her home here for the past 12 years with her daughter. The body was taken to Easton, Pa., on Monday for burial in the family plot in a cemetery in Easton.

Mrs. Barr, native of Easton, Pa., friends during her residence here, is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Livingstone, one son, Col. Elvin L. Barr, U. S. Army, who is held as a prisoner of war of Japan; two sisters, Mrs. Ann A. Sampson and Mrs. Idah Altemus, of Easton, Pa.; three grandsons, Lt. Hobart B. Hyatt, Fort Sill, Okla., and Wayne L. Hyatt, of Pickwick Dam, Tenn., and Elvin Barr, of Manila, Philippines; and one grand-daughter, Phyllis Barr, of Emd, Okla.

Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Dr. J. McCloskey To Address County Medical Society

Dr. Joseph McCloskey, medical officer in charge of the Western Medical Center, Charlotte, will be the guest speaker at the meeting (tonight) of the Haywood Medical Society, which will be held in the Nurses Home at the Haywood County Hospital at 8:00 o'clock.

Dr. McCloskey will address the group on "The Control of Venereal Diseases." All nurses and dentists in the county are invited to attend the meeting.

Dr. V. H. Duckett, president, will preside over the meeting, with Dr. Mary Michal serving as secretary.

W. H. F. Millar Returns From Business Trip To England

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in brought back 7,500 men on the return trip.

"The clothing situation is very bad over there, and a strict rationing is maintained on every bit of clothing. The women are worse off than the men, because their garments are not made of as heavy material," he pointed out.

In discussing his plane trip back, the veteran air-traveler said in a casual manner, "nothing exciting, just a nice trip home—and it's swell to be back in these mountains again."

Atomic Bomb Plant Built At Cost Of Thirty-Nine Lives

OAK RIDGE, Tenn.—Climfco Engineer Works, home of the atomic bomb, was built at a cost of 39 lives, J. R. Maddy, district safety engineer, announced. He said 33 lives were lost in construction and six in operational accidents, and that the death rate was less than half that on comparable construction jobs.

To Give Addresses



REV. DR. WILLIAM L. STIDGER, of Boston University faculty, will deliver the first of a series of addresses Sunday morning at Lake Junaluska featuring the 200th anniversary of the birth of Francis Asbury, first bishop of American Methodism, who pioneered Methodism in the Western North Carolina section. Radio preacher, columnist, world traveler and author, Dr. Stridger is considered one of the striking and versatile ministers in America. Among his forty books are poetry and short stories said to be epics in American literature.

His Lake Junaluska engagement includes sermons and addresses on the following subjects: Sunday, August 19, "Francis Asbury, the Prophet of the Long Road"; Sunday, 8 p. m., "The Spirit of Early Methodism"; Monday, 8 p. m., "The Pioneer Abideth Forever"; Tuesday, 11:30 a. m., "The Pioneer Took the Long Look Ahead."

Her Marriage Is Announced



MRS. WILLIAM J. KANOS, the former Miss Kathryn Blalock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Blalock of Hazelwood, whose marriage to Pfc. Kanos, of Fayetteville, took place in Conway, S. C., on Tuesday, July 31.

Kathryn Blalock Becomes Bride Of Pfc. William J. Kanos, U. S. Army

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Blalock of Hazelwood, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Kathryn Blalock, to Private First Class J. Kanos, of Fayetteville. The wedding took place in Conway, S. C., on Tuesday, July 31.

Joseph F. Brown Haywood Farmer Passes Tuesday

Joseph Fletcher Brown, 67, a Haywood County farmer died Tuesday afternoon at 5:10 at his home near Lake Junaluska. The date of the funeral was not announced last night due to a delay in contacting members of the family.

The services will be conducted at the Citadel Chapel of the Mountain Division of the Salvation Army, of which Mr. Brown's daughter is head. Rev. Jarvis Underwood, pastor of the Barbersville Baptist church and Rev. Miles McLean, pastor of Longs Chapel, at Lake Junaluska, will officiate. Burial will be in the Hurricane cemetery near the Citadel.

Active pallbearers will be Arthur Robinson, Bill McClure, Glenn Higgs, Guy Fulbright, Caley Beasley, Walter Bruce Rathbone.

Surviving Mr. Brown are his widow, the former Miss Maggie Rogers, three sons, Fletcher Brown, of Clyde, R.F.D. No. 1, and John D. Brown and Sam Brown, both of Lake Junaluska, four daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, of Lake Junaluska, Maer Cecil Brown, of the Mountain Division of the Salvation Army, Mrs. Oleta Allen and Mrs. Rufus Downs, both of Newport News, Va., one half brother, Bill Brown, of Dillshoro, one grandson, Pfc. Joseph Brown, serving in South Pacific, ten other grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Garrett Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

Hubert Ferguson Will Be Buried Friday Morning

Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the Fines Creek Baptist Church for Hubert Ferguson, 57, well known Haywood farmer, who died at his home on Fines Creek at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday, following a lingering illness.

Rev. Thomas Erwin and Rev. Roy Young will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Harris Ferguson, and four daughters: Mrs. Herbert Pressley, of Canton, Mrs. Glenn James, of Waynesville, Mrs. Herbert Duckett of Crabtree, and Mrs. James Turlington, of Newport News, Va., three sons, Vernon Ferguson, Wilmington, Robert Ferguson, Fines Creek and Rowe Ferguson of Newport News, Va., two sisters, Mrs. Wiley B. Greene of Fines Creek, and Mrs. Robert Noland, of Riceville, Tenn., and three brothers, Theodore Ferguson of Fines Creek, Ulyess Ferguson, Jonathans Creek and Vinson Ferguson, of Portsmouth, Va., and 13 grandchildren.

Wells Funeral Home of Canton are in charge of arrangements.

Marriage Licenses

Edgar Pressley to Naomi Brown, both of Canton.

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State Baptist Leaders Coming To Haywood



DR. L. L. CARPENTER, editor of The Biblical Recorder, state Baptist publication.



M. A. HUGGIN, secretary of the State Baptist Convention.



DR. J. G. KELLY, The Mills, N. C.

Baptists To Hold Two-Day Session

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as the closing feature of the first day.

The Thursday morning session will begin at ten o'clock with a 15-minute worship period conducted by Rev. Forrest Ferguson, followed by the following reports: Training Union, Mrs. Sam Knight, Sunday Schools, Clarence Taylor, Evangelism, by Rev. Jarvis Underwood, and Stewardship by R. A. Kelly.

The business session of the association will be held at 11:10, followed by special music before the sermon by Rev. A. E. Peake, with the association adjourning at noon for an hour and a half lunch period.

M. T. Mann will conduct the 15-minute period in the afternoon session followed by a report by T. E. Erwin on the American Bible Society. Rev. Oder F. Burnett will talk on colleges and seminaries, followed by Rev. R. P. McCracken discussing religious literature.

At 2:45 Dr. L. L. Carpenter of Raleigh, will bring the last message of the associational meeting. The annual election of officers, appointment of committees will be made for the closing scheduled feature on the two-day program.

Associational leaders announced that they expected several state and district workers to attend the meeting, and all would be recognized during the session. Among those signifying their intention of coming were Rev. J. C. Pipes, missionary of this area, and L. A. Martin, state temperance leader of Lexington.

Service Men Not Entitled To Carry Concealed Guns

Souvenir pistols have been taken from five returning service men. It was learned this week from Deputy Sheriff Sam Kelly. The men were carrying the weapons concealed, and all of them had a permit from their commanding officer granting them privileges of bringing the guns home, but the officers explained the permits did not justify carrying them concealed after reaching home.

In most instances the guns were returned when the men promised to keep them at home.

One service man had a midget German pistol when officers stopped him for investigation of other charges.

Two men passing through here enroute to camp, were flashing their guns at a dance, when officers took their weapons away and gave them to military police on July here at the time.

"The action was taken as a matter of precaution to the men, their families, and friends. It is all right to bring the guns home, but put them up immediately," officers advised.

Warren Whitman Goes Back To Army Post

AM 1/c Warren Whitman returned to his post in Norfolk Tuesday, after spending a 26-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Whitman, here.

He has been in the air corps since April, 1941, and has spent the greater part of his time in Africa.

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