

# Presbytery Meets With Potts Church Chinquapin Minister Named Moderator

Approximately 125 churchmen—ministers, elders and deacons met at the Potts Memorial Presbyterian Church of Penderlea on Tuesday, January 10th, in the 169th State Meeting of Wilmington Presbytery. The opening worship featured an address by Dr. W. C. Mebane, the retiring moderator, and special music by the Penderlea High School Glee Club under the leadership of Mrs. McSweeney, director, and Mrs. Dunnigan, pianist.

Assisting Dr. Mebane in the conduct of worship service was his pastor, Rev. A. K. Dudley, of Winter Park Presbyterian Church. Dr. Mebane is an elder in this church and one of the leading surgeons of Wilmington. He spoke on the problem of suffering in its relation to the Christian faith. He pointed out that the Christian faith does not guarantee against the ills and suffering of this world, but gives one the grace and strength to meet every situation. He pointed out some of the Biblical teachings on this subject, and drawing from his own experience as a doctor, he forcibly

showed that from the crucible of suffering comes redemption.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. Rev. D. A. Bowles of the First Presbyterian Church of Whiteville and Rev. J. M. Newbold of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church officiated in this service, being assisted by the elders of the Potts Memorial Church.

The Rev. James F. Garvin of Chinquapin was elected the new moderator and served ably through out the day. Rev. W. B. Hood presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Finance, covering the budget for the new church year beginning April 1, 1950, the Every Member Canvass, and other matters pertaining to the stewardship of one's abilities, time, and material possessions. In connection with this report Mr. John Diefell, a deacon in the Wallace Presbyterian Church spoke on the importance of teaching stewardship to young children in the home and in the church.

Reports of other permanent committees giving reports at this session of Presbytery were the committee on Sabbath and Family Religion by Rev. N. P. Farrior of Pink Hill, and the committee on Foreign Missions by Rev. H. Reid Newland of Castle Hayne. Various ministers and elders spoke of the result of the Preaching Missions held in a number of centers of the Presbytery last fall. The reports on Visitation Evangelism were most encouraging.

Mr. G. L. Gilchrist, an elder in the Myers Park Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, spoke in the interest of Queens College. He pointed out that this college, supported by the Synods of North and South Carolina, sends 20 per cent of its graduates into definite Christian work. He challenged members of the Presbytery to support this great school which is giving a definite program of religious education.

Dr. James M. Carr, secretary of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Southern Presbyterian Church spoke on the importance of the small town and country church. He gave the recent study of all the Presbyteries and found that the city churches grow by members by letter, while the country churches receive more upon profession of faith. Since the spiritual birth rate of the small churches is greater, and because the churches in the urban centers depend upon those who leave these churches for their growth, he urged that Presbytery not only be interested in the small town and country church but give it help where needed. Dr. Carr is a native of Burgaw and was received by Wilmington Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry in 1921 in his home church of Burgaw. Dr. Carr now resides in Atlanta where he directs the town and country church work throughout the Assembly.

Commissioners were elected to the next meeting of the General Assembly which will be held at Massanetta Springs Conference Ground near Harrisonburg, Va. on June 8-14. Each of the 87 Presbyteries send commissioners to the General Assembly, the highest court of the church, in proportion to their membership. Wilmington Presbytery sends three ministers and three elders. Those elected to represent the Presbytery this year are as follows: Ministers - Rev. E. D. Witherspoon, pastor of the St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church of Wilmington; Rev. Frank Hall, pastor of the Pearsall Memorial Church near Wilmington; and Rev. James F. Garvin, pastor of the Chinquapin group of churches; and elders Clarence E. Clark of Clarkton, J. K. Bannerman of Wilmington, and Litchfield Huie of Warsaw.

Rev. H. Reid Newland was elected Permanent Clerk of Presbytery succeeding Rev. W. H. Allison who had served in this capacity for the past three years. Rev. J. D. Withrow of Leland was nominated to be moderator of the next meeting of

the Presbytery. Presbytery accepted the invitation of the First Church of Whiteville for its next meeting place.

The ladies of the Potts Memorial Church provided a delicious meal which was served in the school cafeteria. They were assisted in the serving of the meal by Miss McGowan and some of her Home Economics Class. The resolution of thanks, given by the chairman of the Committee on Thanks, Rev. M. G. Stimpson of Burgaw, was read and adopted following the meal. Members of the Penderlea Boy Scout Troop No. 33, directed traffic during the noon hour.

### TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS

Typographical errors as well as printed statements susceptible of different interpretations often get into the paper to the horror of the editor who discovers the blunder only after the edition has been mailed out. But such embarrassing accidents happen occasionally in the best regulated offices where the proof-reader is not too alert.

For instance a newspaper in reporting a wedding had this:

"She had tight bridesmaids at the ceremony."

Here a "t" where an "e" was meant, caused the blunder.

Another paper printed a letter from an irate subscriber who was criticizing a political speech, made the writer say:

"And them asses believed him."

Of course it was intended to say "the masses."

A Mississippi editor had to do some tall explaining about the inaccuracy of the linotype to get by with this:

"No date has been set for the bedding of the couple."

The correct word, of course, was "wedding."

The following correction appeared in a Virginia paper:

"Our paper carried the notice last week that Mr. — is a defective in the police force." This was a typographical error. Mr. — is really a detective in the police force."

Two or three years ago a paper carried the following classified ad: "For sale—Young dressed birds. Absolutely clean and ready for the rooster."

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Action, however, depends upon the President and Congress. The President has already submitted a number of reorganization recommendations. The Congress has adopted several of these, most important having to do with the housekeeping of the armed forces, which save the taxpayer more than \$500,000,000 a year. But these are only first steps. There will be more ahead if Congress is made to realize Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer want more tax-saving economies. Congressmen and Senators will vote for just so many of the Commission's recommendation as you, their constituents, demand.

What can you, as an individual, do about it? The answer is to write your Congressman and Senators. Tell them you want the Recommendations of the Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government made the law of the land. Join the non-partisan Citizens Committee set up to obtain the necessary action to make the Commission's report work. Write to the Citizens Committee for Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Government, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania, for more information about the Commission Report. Tell your neighbors about it. Make speeches! Make your representatives in Washington act—now!

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Mother doesn't distinguish between her children because one has red hair or another, blue eyes. She cherishes them all -- and knows that what they are is determined, not by what they look like, but by what's in their hearts.

So it is with all men. As children of God, all mankind is equal, one to another. As we attend church each Sabbath, let us heed the words of the minister of our faith . . . and let us pray for guidance, that we might learn to understand and love all our neighbors and fellow citizens . . . and teach our children the ways of truth and understanding. And let us resolve now, at the start of this New Year, to support our churches liberally, and attend them regularly. For it is through them -- and them alone, that we can find true peace.

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