

Eastern Baptist Activities

Important Association Rally

A great Rally of Pastors, Deacons, Sunday School Superintendents, BTU Leaders, WMU Leaders, and as many church members as possible, will be held at the Warsaw Baptist church, Sunday, March 11th at 3:00 P.M.

This meeting is for informational and inspirational purposes, preparatory to the approaching Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, and every pastor and church leader, as well as many other members, should attend this meeting.

Dr. J. C. Canipe, Secretary of the Baptist State Evangelistic Department, will be the main speaker, and Mr. Horace Eason, it is hoped, will be song leader. Pastors and others will please announce and stress the importance of this Rally. Pastor W. I. Terrell of Mt. Olive, is chairman of the committee arranging this meeting; let's cooperate with him fully.

So far about two-thirds of the churches have voted to cooperate in the Crusade. By March 11th we want to re-check with the hope that every church in Eastern Association shall have definitely planned to go wholeheartedly into this simultaneous effort.

State Baptist S. S. Clinic

The recent Baptist Sunday School Clinic held in Winston-Salem, Jan. 23-28 was a success. Approximately 1000 representatives were in attendance.

One of the leading speakers, Rev. A. V. Washburn, Secretary of Teaching and Training, said in one of his addresses: "If we are to have continually growing Sunday Schools we must have continually growing conceptions of the place of the Sunday School as a teaching force, and of its tremendous significance in the evangelistic work in the church." He emphasized 5 rules for building larger Sunday Schools as follows: 1. Keep on looking for more prospects; 2. Keep on providing more space; 3. Keep on training more teachers; 4. Keep on adding more classes and departments; 5. Keep on going out after people.

Baptist Hospital News

During 1950 patients visiting the Baptist clinic numbered 47,889, coming from 92 of the State's 100 counties, and 21 other states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. The total of in-patients for the year, was 9,639, including 1,175 infants born in the hospital. Approximately 20 other denominations and faiths were represented.

Charity work for the year totaled

\$337,000—an amount larger than that reported by any other denomination-controlled hospital in the south. Of this amount \$140,639.81 was paid by the annual Mother's Day offerings from Baptist churches. It would seem that the more we know about the magnificent work that the hospital is doing, the more we will love it, and want to share in the glorious responsibility of maintaining, and enlarging its usefulness.

Pfister T. K. Woody, Jr., was the recipient of a new Chevrolet automobile, a Christmas gift from his two fine churches, Calypso and Bear Marsh. The intrinsic value of such a gift rates high, both the affection and appreciation manifested by the donors cannot be measured by a dollar yard-stick. Congratulations to both churches and pastor, "lucky" preacher, "fortunate" churches!

"Growing A Church", by P. E. Burroughs, was taught by your Missionary at New Hope church during the week of Jan. 28 with classes for all departments. There was an average attendance of 50. A fine spirit of zeal and cooperation was noticeable. New Hope is Marching On, under the leadership of Pastor J. P. Royal.

Ordination Service

Your Missionary had the pleasure of participating in a Deacons' Ordination Service at Clinton Sunday evening, Jan. 28. New deacons ordained were Claudius Peterson, Estel Warren, and A. W. Jackson. The service was well attended.

Ingold-Faison-Riverside

This newly formed field has secured Rev. M. M. Turner, of Hallsboro, as pastor. He will also preach once monthly at Ebenezer, one of our best smaller churches. We extend a most hearty welcome to Bro. Turner, and his good family, to this field of fine folks and rich opportunity. And we welcome him to full participation in the work of our Association.

Training Union Rally

Don't forget the BTU Rally at Mt. Olive, Sunday, March 18th. At this time the Elimination Contest will be held.

LIME WILL HELP KEEP LITTER DRY

State College specialists say that keeping dry litter in poultry houses has been simplified by the use of hydrated lime.

They recommend one pound for each four square feet of floor space and worked well into the litter. Additional applications should be used from time to time.



SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:30-32
DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 61:1-3

Glory and Service

Lesson for February 25, 1951

THERE ARE two sides of the Christian life that don't seem to mix. One of these we can call glory. The very word suggests something not of this world; it calls up mystic visions, inner raptures, the light of heaven. We think of saints and angels in glory, for that is where they belong. But we ourselves can have a bit of it here and now.

When Glory Comes
NOT every Christian has an experience of glory in his life. But those who do, usually find that it comes only at rare intervals, when one is alone, after long and perhaps painful prayer.

Sometimes it is an actual experience of something like great and blinding light; sometimes a hearing of voices as from another shore; sometimes a feeling of unutterable peace and joy such as nothing in this world can give. Whatever form it takes, the experience we are calling "glory" is always connected in the mind and heart with the felt presence of God. It may come in church or it may not; it may come on a river at sunset or some golden night beneath the stars.

When Service Calls
BUT the Christian life is not all glory, by any means. If the glory-side is spiritual, the service-side is material. If the glory cannot be shared, the whole idea of service is sharing. For moments of glory there can be no date nor schedule, no predicted time and place, but acts of service must often be done by calendar and clock.

Glory may not come to every one but service is the duty of all. Yet service, like glory, may come to us from without. At a time when one least expects it, one will be called on for a service one is scarce prepared to give.

Service calls us every day; weariness and pain may at times bar us from glory, but only the last weariness and the most disabling pain will disbar us from service. Glory may be for those far advanced in the spiritual life; service is for these too, but also for the beginners.

The Weaving of Gold and Grey
NOW the trouble is that glory and service seem to get in each other's way. We actually feel like different persons, in glory and in service.

Let us say on a morning in church, when the winter sun is streaming through the windows on the communion bread and wine, and in the silence the solemn words are heard once more: "This is my body, broken for you," one may feel, in Miss Millay's words, "This moment is the best the world can give, The tranquil blossom on the tortured stem."

But the next day, when one is teaching a class of mischievous boys, or helping a neighbor fix a flat tire, or baby-sitting, or spading up a garden, one does not feel like the same person. Can religion, the Christian religion, take in both glory and service?

Some Christians have thought not. Some have gone in for one, some for the other. Some live only for the high hours of worship and rapture, counting all the time between their radiant hours as "dark nights of the soul." Others leave worship to others; they are seldom to be found at communion, but they can always be counted on to help with church suppers or community chest drives.

Jesus showed us the better way. It is not a choice between glory and service; his life included both. He had his high moments, as on the Mount of Transfiguration; but they did not long remain. Presently he found himself down in the valley with disciples who did not understand him, and with demons hard to cast out.

Jesus took both sides of religion and made them one. There was glory in his service and there was service in his glory. (In the very hour of his transfiguration, did he not speak of his death?) The true Christian life, like that of Jesus, weaves the gold and the grey together, the shining gold of life's high moments, and the long-wearing grey of the years of service.

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666 GIVES FAST RELIEF
LIQUID OR TABLETS
when GOLD MINGERS STRINGS

CAPITAL REPORTER

Scott Summers

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19 — Whether you are "for" or "agin" Kerr Scott, he at least made one statement in his radio speech Friday night that should be agreed to by every citizen in North Carolina. "It is true," he said, "we asked our legislators to stop and examine with calmness and logic some of the issues they are advocating here in Raleigh."

He said a great many other things, too. He said the "hold-the-lines" are playing politics with human needs. He said the League of Municipalities had run out on an agreement with him. He said the Powell bill to give cities and towns \$5,000,000 from State-Highway Funds would hamper the primary road system and would discriminate against the small towns of the State.

But you probably heard or read about that. As predicted here the 1951 General Assembly has degenerated into a pro and anti fight. The issues have become so clouded that it is hard for a legislator who is honest in his aim to do what is best for the State to get a clear picture of proposed legislation and needs.

Other lawmakers - jockeying for position in the 1952 election are putting out propaganda and mis-statements, to say the least. They use phony and twisted arguments to get backers for bills. They tell partial truths and repeat vicious rumors.

We should go the governor's statement one better: It's time for the legislature to start thinking in terms North Carolina's needs. Let them put first things first. Let them look at the overall picture instead of a distorted version to build up some particular group. Let them ignore the high pressure lobbyists who seek private legislation. Let them forget politics and act like Tar Heels, trying to do something for their State.

And let them tell the folks back home what the needs are, what they are doing about these needs. Let the voters know the facts - cutting out secret sessions of any kind. If the need is greater than available funds - and if the folks at home are told the true facts - I think North Carolinians would be willing to foot the bill.

It is time for our legislators to quit acting like ward-healing politicians and start acting like statesmen.

One interesting thing was brought out in Senate debate on the Powell bill - which the governor in his speech said was "born in desperation and of questionable parentage." Senator Julian Allsbrook of Halifax was speaking against the bill. He charged that it completely ignored the findings of the Municipal Roads Commission, created by the 1949 General Assembly to study the municipal street problem and to make recommendations.

This commission prepared a lengthy, factual report after 16 months of study. Every legislator was sent a copy of this report, which - among other things - recommended providing new revenue if the State was to accept responsibility for city and town streets.

Allsbrook asked how many of the senators had read the report. Only six raised their hands. That report, incidentally, cost the State approximately \$8,000. This \$8,000 - which would pay a year's salary to three or four A-certificate teachers - apparently was wasted.

Winston-Salem, the State's second largest city and one of the biggest beneficiaries under the Powell street bill, is expecting to end the year with a \$120,000 surplus.

The Twin City has a most unrealistic property evaluation - something like a fourth of actual value. This is to be expected in a city dominated by the cigarette and underwear manufacturers, who are the big property owners.

But just think of the money they'd have in the kitty if they adopted a valuation of property that was even close to real value.

They'd be able to pave all their streets - even silverplate a few past the Reynolds Building - without coming to the State with their hands out.

When the Hamilton Bill made its first appearance in the Senate it was strictly a bill to give Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City his back pay and put him back on the State's retirement payroll, although it did not refer to him by name.

You know the Hamilton case history. He retired a day or two prior to the time he would have been cut off the Special Superior Court judge list by Governor Scott. He retired on total disability, and was drawing \$550 a month.

Later he requested and was assigned to hold court. Then the Supreme Court threw out a case, over which he had presided, and in effect ruled that Hamilton could not legally hold court, but that by holding court he had invalidated his retirement.

The effect of his speech on his colleagues was not as potent as it might have been, however, due to the fact that he was so drunk he had to hold on to his desk to keep from falling.

A bill is in the making to take the N. C. State Fair out of the Agriculture Department's jurisdiction. It would create a State Fair Commission with six members - three representatives of agriculture and three of industry. The agriculture commissioner would be chairman, but would be an ex-officio member of the commission.

Members would be appointed by the governor and would serve only during his term of office.

Further, the governor would appoint the State Fair manager, and he would be prohibited from doing anything but managing the State Fair.

The measure reportedly is aimed at Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine. It more than likely would mean that Dr. J. S. Dorton, State Fair manager, would be eased out of the picture. Doc Dorton, who took the State Fair out of the red and put in a more than self-supporting status, operates the Cleveland County Fair at Shelby and the Southern States Fair at Charlotte and more than likely would resign rather than give them up.

The bill apparently would have as its purpose to strengthen the State Fair, stating that it has outgrown the "agricultural fair" class and now should be considered an "agricultural and industrial exposition."

But don't let that fool you. Its primary aim is a slap at "Stag" Ballentine, and it's probably secondary purpose a backhand smack at Doc Dorton.

It probably would have a good chance of passage, too. Many of the lawmakers are unhappy over the State Fair Coliseum episode. Many of those who voted to continue with its building did so only because the contract already was let. But they did not like the fact that the contract was let after the Legislature started its session. They would welcome a chance to show their displeasure over the way the matter was handled.

Senator Marvin Leatherman of Lincoln opposed section 1 of the Hamilton bill on the grounds that he could not see "handing this man this money after what I've seen this morning at Dix Hill (the State Hospital at Raleigh) Leatherman and several other senators had made an unscheduled tour of the mental institution.

"I can't see taking money that would improve the lot of these people out there and giving it to one man," Leatherman said.

"Besides, people at home are suspicious of special legislation passed by lawyers for lawyers, and I can't help voting against this section."

But they were voices crying in the wilderness. With 31 lawyers in the upper chamber, the bill passed the Senate with a two to one majority. Several of the legal members implied they could not afford to vote against the bill for fear it would prejudice judges against them.

"And you can't afford to have the judge prejudiced against you when you're trying an important case," one of them said.

Burl Hardison of Craven has tossed a bill in to prevent establishment of a restaurant in the new Highway Building. Ostensibly it is a bill to "keep state agencies from competing with private business" but its admitted aim is to stop the restaurant.

Plans for the Highway Building call for placing of electric and other outlets in the basement so that a restaurant could be put there. Dr. Henry Jordan, chairman of the Highway Commission, said it was done so that - sometime in the future the space might be leased to a private operator to put a restaurant there. The N. C. Restaurant Association has been fighting the idea, calling it a foot in the door for putting restaurants in all State buildings, terming it competition with private enterprise, and threatening suit if it is carried out.

The Hardison bill would end all the argument by outlawing restaurants in State buildings.

But the way it is drawn, there is a possibility that it will prohibit ice skating shows and other entertainment features at the N. C. State College Coliseum.

When this was pointed out to him, Hardison was quick to say that the bill would be amended to exempt the State College Coliseum, if it was needed to make it clear that the bill did not apply to the big hall.

One of the battle cries when the Legislature convened a month and a half ago was "we've got to do something about the slaughter on the highways." Bills by the score on highway safety have been tossed in the hopper with gay abandon.

But the only thing done about them to date is to kill 'em. They buried motor vehicle inspection. And this week they embalmed a measure that would have made it mandatory to put all drunken drivers in jail for at least 5 days.



DR. W. A. ALEXANDER
"The Call of Christ and His Church" has been the theme of the Presbyterian Hour series during January, February and March. These radio programs are produced in cooperation with the Protestant Radio Conference by the Radio Division of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., and are heard over 150 radio stations in the South and Southwest.

Dr. W. A. Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Shreveport, La., will be the radio preacher during March. He is a native of Tennessee and was educated at Southwestern Presbyterian University and Louisville Theological Seminary. Before entering the Seminary, he was teacher and athletic coach at Blue Ridge School in Hendersonville, N. C. Dr. Alexander is considered one of the outstanding preachers in the Southern Presbyterian Church and has served large pastorates in Mobile, Ala., Dallas, Tex., and Charlotte, N. C. In 1929 Austin College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He is a former moderator of the Synod of Alabama and now serves the Board of Annuities and Relief of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

The Presbyterian Hour is heard over station WPTF each Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock. On March 4 Dr. Alexander will preach on the subject "God of the Burning Bush".

and will graduate in May 1951, will soon be classified in 2-A until June 1, 1951.

Graduates will then have the privilege of enlisting in the branch of service of their choice.

This release was made public by A. T. Outlaw, chairman of Local Board No. 31 of Duplin County.

NOTICE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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