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FIRST FAIR NIGHT GIVES EVANGELIST HUGE CROWD

Evangelist Preaches to Large Crowds at Tabernacle Last Night—Sermon Was Masterful Effort—Subjects Given for Sunday's Sermons.

The first fair night since Rev. Burke Culpepper, the evangelist, began preaching in the tabernacle brought out hundreds of people at last night's services, the large tent being filled to every entrance. It was an inspiration to the evangelist and he preached a sermon that held his big audience at attention throughout the 45 minutes — and they were not weary when he closed.

Daniel 5:30. "In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain," was the preacher's text. His sermon was built around Belshazzar's impious feast in which the king and his princes, his wives and concubines staged a carnival of defilement and prostitution and desecration. The evangelist summarized Belshazzar's feast as follows: It was a night of parental disregard; a night of official belittlement; a night of revelry, bestiality, desecration and prostitution; a night of God's writing and Belshazzar's weighing.

Comparing the king's feast to a thousand of his lord's, the preacher likened the lessons learned therefrom to the present day. "It is a day of parental disregard," he declared. "This is a day of official belittlement, a day of hip-breeches politicians in which some officers don't consider their oath of office as sacred. Church officials belittle their jobs and pastors belittle their charges."

Declaring that the school teachers were the poorest paid class of workers, he paid them a fine tribute as to the great work they were doing and urged that parents should show their appreciation for what these "makers of American citizens" are doing. He pleaded with the teachers to be mindful of their worthy and commendable work.

Closing his sermon by relating the writing of "Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin," on the walls of Belshazzar's palace, being translated by Daniel as meaning in part, "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting," he declared that now is the time of God's writing and Gastonia's weighing. He urged his hearers not to be found wanting on the great moral and religious issues.

His sermon was a masterful effort. Misses Jane Morris and Miss Edmee Smith delighted the audience with a duet, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Tonight Mr. Culpepper will preach on "Civic Righteousness." At this afternoon's service he will preach especially to the school children of the city. Evening services Saturday at 8 o'clock will be "Kid Night." His subject for the Sunday morning service will be "Was Jesus Christ Divine or Just a Common Man?" Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the services will be for men and boys only, his subject being "The Four-square Man." Those expecting to hear anything bordering on the vulgar were advised to stay away, the evangelist said last night. This sermon will be an appeal to red-blooded men and boys. "The Biggest Fool in Town" will be his theme Sunday night.

ADVANCES IN PAY OF TEACHERS NEXT YEAR.

Law Requires Additional Pay — Gaston County Among First to Report.

Raleigh, May 7.—Reports are coming in just now to the state department of education of the financial adjustments that are being made by the county school boards and county commissioners for the coming school year and the advances that are required by law in teacher salaries and ample budgets for adequate building budgets. A typical one comes from Gaston county, where increases are provided for in teacher salaries on the basis of from \$55 to \$75 per month for elementary teachers and from \$60 to 75 per month for the assistant high school teachers.

The county levies the full 35 cents school tax that the law allows and then 16 cents for incidentals and buildings and with the funds that the county will get from the state school fund will have \$160,806 to spend for the year in school maintenance.

ENJOYABLE PICNIC AT ARMSTRONG PARK.

On last Friday evening, May 2nd, Mrs. Flay Davis' class of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Sabbath school went on a picnic to Armstrong Park. The trip was made in automobiles, there being twenty or more in the party. A delicious picnic supper with ice cream was served, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Pigs Bring Good Prices.

The auction sale of Duroc-Jersey pigs, which was held by Mr. F. M. Francum at his home east of the city, Thursday afternoon, was well attended. All of the pigs brought good prices, the top price being \$40 paid by Mr. Jack V. Harper for a nine-week-old pig. Twenty-two sales were made. All of the pigs were bid in by Gaston county men.

We Sell Red Cross Felt Mattresses. Gastonia Furniture Co.

METHODIST WOMEN MET AT LINCOLNTON

(Reported for The Gazette.)

The Shelby district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Societies convened in Lincolnton May 6th and 7th. The first service was held Tuesday night in the Methodist church, the devotional services being conducted by Rev. D. M. Litaker, pastor. Mrs. W. A. Newell, conference superintendent of social service, and Mr. W. E. Harris, conference superintendent of young peoples' work, made addresses along their own particular lines of work. An appreciative audience listened as these women of God told of the work that had been done in our conference and of the bright outlook for larger and better times this year.

Wednesday morning the conference was opened with a very impressive consecration service led by Mrs. J. K. Dixon, of Gastonia. The delegates were given a hearty welcome through Mrs. D. M. Litaker. Mrs. B. T. Morris, district secretary, presided over the business session and gave an encouraging report of the activities of the women and children of the various societies in the district during 1918. Despite the many calls for war relief and the epidemic of influenza, more new members were added and a much larger amount of money was contributed to missions than in any previous year.

Rev. C. A. Wood, of Shelby, made a splendid talk on "Christian Stewardship," and a discussion of mission study was introduced by Mrs. T. E. Summerrow. Many good suggestions were made for the carrying on of mission study classes.

The model social service meeting led by Mrs. Newell was greatly enjoyed and much good will was gained from it. The children's institute was led in a very interesting way by Mrs. A. J. Owen, of Bessemer City, and reports were given by the leaders or delegates from children's societies. A pleasing feature was a solo by Mabel Rankin, president of the children's society of Main Street, Gastonia.

The young people's work presented by their conference leader, Mrs. W. E. Harris, was one of the most encouraging features of the whole meeting. The interest manifested and the reports given show that the young people of the Shelby district are well organized and glad to do their part in the Master's vineyard. One young lady present expressed her desire to become a missionary. A beautiful duet by Mrs. Hoyle and Miss Gaffney, of Shelby, added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

There were more than 50 delegates present at this meeting and each went away enthused and determined to make this year, 1919, a better year, than the one just closed.

A beautiful and attractive picnic dinner was served on the churchyard by the Lincolnton society and this part of the exercise was entered most heartily into by every one present.

There were many expressions of praise and thanks for the beautiful way in which the Lincolnton people entertained the delegates. God grant that the good impressions may be lasting and bear much fruit in service for Him this year.

"FATS" AND "LEANS" WILL PLAY AGAIN TUESDAY.

One of the attractions for next week is the second game of baseball between the "Fats" and the "Leans," which is to be played at Lory Park next Tuesday afternoon, May 13th, for the benefit of the Public Library. The game will be called at 4:15, and the following is the line-up of the two teams:

Fats: Eli Linberger, c. Dr. R. H. Parker, p. Charles D. Gray, s. Frank Smith, 1 b. O. B. Carpenter, 2 b. E. Thomason, 3 b. S. E. Clinton, lf. James Holland, cf. Fatty Arbuckle, rf; substitutes, Lee Bulwinkle, J. O. White, Dr. C. J. McCombs, Fred M. Allen; manager, C. B. Armstrong.

Leans: C. Burwell, c. G. Logan, p. G. B. Mason, ss. Otto Duncan, 1b. Hugh Wray cf. G. G. L. Sawyer, 2b. Dick Huffattler, 3b. Charles Martin, lf. Chas. Parker, rf; substitutes, E. G. Cherry, J. K. Dixon, W. Y. Warren, Chas. Ford; manager, O. F. Mason.

Both teams will be in uniform, and the members are practicing daily with a view to pulling off a fast and snappy game.

Mayworth-Lory Game.

What promises to be a hard-fought baseball game will be played at Lory Park tomorrow afternoon between the Lory Tigers and the strong team from Mayworth. This is the first game to be played since the Lory and Mayworth boys returned home from the army and the indications are that the contest will be a classic. In the line-up for the Lory team will be Messrs. Charlton K. Torrence and Plato Durham. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Durham to Speak.

Mr. Stonewall J. Durham, of Bessemer City, is to be the principal speaker at Memorial Day exercises in Kings Mountain on May 10th. The services will be held in the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church, beginning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Durham is recognized as a speaker of ability and will doubtless be heard by large numbers.

GERMAN PREMIER SAYS TREATY TERMS ARE HARSH

(By International News Service.)

BERLIN, May 9.—Premier Scheidemann announced today that the German peace envoys at Versailles have been instructed to present a reply to the Allies pointing out the divergences between the peace treaty and President Wilson's 14 principles and try to start oral negotiations. They are also to ask the reason for the hard conditions which are said here to be unacceptable to Germany. Herr Scheidemann said the terms pitilessly abandon Germany to the deepest fall in history. He declared the terms are contrary to the fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth principles, enunciated by Mr. Wilson. He declared the terms were Germany's death sentence. "We must discuss this document of hatred and madness with political sobriety," said Herr Scheidemann. "The mutilated German people are unable to take a heroic position, but we hope conditions will be so altered that we will be able to sign some of the terms." He concluded by saying he hoped for a satisfactory solution, stating that it will be necessary to consider the treaty with good will. The national assembly meets Monday afternoon to begin consideration of the terms.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, May 9.—The cotton market opened with contracts for May selling at 28.20, July 26.65, October 24.89, December 24.40, January 24.15 and March 23.87.

PERSONAL.

—Mr. O. D. Carpenter, of Worth, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Mr. R. L. Mundie, formerly of Lenoir, has accepted a position as bookkeeper with Craig & Wilson.

—Mr. J. H. Rutledge, of Dallas, route two, was in Gastonia on business yesterday.

—Attorney D. P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Rev. Dr. J. L. Viperman and wife, of Dallas, were the guests yesterday of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shuford.

—Mr. James L. Hanna and family spent the week-end with Mr. E. S. Cox and family at West End, Moore county. While away they also visited Pinehurst and Southern Pines.

—The local banks will remain open tomorrow as usual. On account of Confederate Memorial Day falling on Saturday it will not be observed as a bank holiday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Shuford and child, of Richmond, Va., who have been visiting in the city as the guests of Mr. Shuford's brothers, Messrs. J. M., T. B. and J. R. Shuford, returned home the first of the week.

—Master Albert McLean, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McLean, of Connelly Springs, underwent a successful operation at the City Hospital this morning, having had his tonsils removed. He is a nephew of Miss Georgia Connelly.

—Misses Lena Smith and Ola Morton left this morning on train No. 36 for Greensboro to attend a State meeting of the Baraca-Philathea convention, which is in session there today, Saturday and Sunday. They go as delegates from the First Baptist church of this city.

—Mr. George Grice, of Mount Holly, passed through the city yesterday en route to Greenville, S. C., to attend the meeting of the Southern Textile Association. Mrs. Grice and children accompanied him to Gastonia and are visiting Mr. Grice's father, Mr. J. L. Grice, on East Franklin avenue.

—Mrs. J. P. Boyd, of Rich Square, is expected to arrive in the city tonight to join Mr. Boyd, who has been here several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd will make their home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coon on West Airline avenue. Mr. Boyd holds a position in the mechanical department of the Gazette Publishing Company.

Concord's municipal election Tuesday was along strictly party lines. The Republicans elected three aldermen while the Democrats elected three aldermen and the mayor. A bond issue of \$40,000 for improvements on school buildings carried by a large majority.

Judge Joseph T. Johnson, of the U. S. district court for the western district of South Carolina, died at his home in Spartanburg last night after a brief illness. Judge Johnson was formerly a member of Congress from the fourth district of South Carolina.

TRANSATLANTIC SEAPLANE RETURNS FOR REPAIRS

(By International News Service.)

CHATHAM, MASS., May 9.—The American seaplane NC-4 which has been missing since yesterday, was forced down 100 miles north of Cape Cod when the oil in one of her motors became overheated. She slid 2,000 feet into the water, and is safe on the beach near the air station here today. All is well aboard and the plane will return to Rockaway Beach for repairs.

HOW TO REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE.

(By C. R. Hudson, Chief, Farm Demonstration Work.)

At the recent meeting of the North Carolina Cotton Association in Raleigh, it was reported by the secretary that, according to the best information he had been able to obtain, the cotton acreage reduction up to this time amounted to about 21 per cent of the acreage of last year, with about the same per cent decrease in the use of commercial fertilizers. It seems, therefore, that the reduction in the use of fertilizers must be a result of the reduction of cotton acreage, and not a reduction of the per acre use of fertilizers. In fact, there should be an increase, rather than a decrease in the use of fertilizer for cotton, because, when judiciously used, with good methods of farming it is profitable.

If southern cotton growers should decrease their cotton acreage 50 per cent, and yet use sufficient fertilizer to produce two-thirds of the normal crop of cotton, we believe the objects of the Cotton Association would be accomplished.

Profitable Cotton Growing.

The profit on cotton growing does not depend on the large acreage planted, but the large yield per acre, with economical methods of production. A 50 per cent reduction of acreage would release plenty of cultivatable land on which to produce practically all the needed home supplies, and would also give the farmers sufficient time, outside of growing cotton, to handle the other crops planted to corn, peas, beans, potatoes, pasture crops, or forage crops. Thus, at the end of the year, the farmer would have something to live on, and, if necessary, could easily hold his cotton for better prices. This is nothing but safe, sound, sensible, practical, and profitable farming.

A reduction of 20 per cent in cotton acreage, under present conditions, is very commendable among farmers who have been depending so largely upon cotton to buy most of their home supplies. It shows that they are interested in the matter, that they are determined to win the fight, and that they are largely succeeding. But, the question arises, is a 20 per cent reduction of cotton acreage, with about the same reduction of fertilizers, sufficient to win a complete victory. It may or it may not be. It is not absolutely safe. The cotton grower is now in a fight, the results of which, will, no doubt, largely regulate the price of cotton for several years to come. Therefore, nothing that is unsafe or doubtful should enter into the matter. While cotton is worth around 25 cents now (seemingly a high price), yet figures show that the purchasing power of cotton is hardly as great as it was before the World War. In fact, from reliable information, cotton at 30 cents now would be on about the same basis with the price of other commodities, as 12 cents a pound cotton was before the war.

What to Do. 6

Since plans for this year's farming are largely made, the question arises as to what could and what should be done by cotton growers to make the present fight victorious and place them on a surer farming basis hereafter. Fortunately, the land intended for growing cotton this season has not all been planted. Even if it were planted, it would be an easy matter to plow up some of the cotton seed and plant corn, peas, beans and other crops. If every farmer would still make a little further cut in his cotton acreage, he might increase the reduced acreage eight or ten per cent more. It is believed by our best judges that this further move would accomplish the desired results.

Self-Feeding Farms.

What is needed, not only this year, but every year, is self-feeding farms. This, of itself, will automatically regulate the acreage and, consequently, the price of cotton. This would eventually result in the cotton grower transacting his business on a cash, instead of a credit basis, thereby, not only getting purchased commodities cheaper, but enabling him, when necessary, to sell his cotton when it suits him, and at a price more or less in proportion to the cost of production. A self-feeding, and, therefore, independent farmer, is one who produces a full corn crib, a full smokehouse, a home garden with a variety of vegetables, plenty of feed and forage for livestock with ample supplies, or even a surplus of milk, butter, eggs, peas, beans, potatoes, sorghum and other crops. With such a program, well carried out, the cash crop, cotton, could be disposed of at the farmer's leisure and at a fair profit.

TO ESTABLISH MEMORIAL TO LATE CAPT. W. T. R. BELL

Mr. S. N. Boyce and Mr. J. W. Watson attended a meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Selwyn hotel in Charlotte of the alumni and old students of the old Kings Mountain Military School. As a result of the meeting there was organized the W. T. R. Bell Memorial Association, the object of which is to establish a memorial to the late Capt. W. T. R. Bell, who was for many years the head of that institution. Mr. John S. Schenck, of Lawdale, Cleveland county, was elected president of the association and Mr. R. L. Kirkwood, of Bennettsville, S. C., was chosen secretary and treasurer.

Another meeting of the association will be held in August at which time it is expected something definite will be done to perpetuate the memory of Capt. Bell. Just what the nature of the memorial will be is not known at this time. It is hardly probable that it will take the shape of a mere monument but that it will in all likelihood take shape in the form of a scholarship in some well known educational institution or that it will at least be something in the line of promoting education.

There are many old students scattered throughout this section and in many States. The old Kings Mountain Military School, located at Kings Mountain, was for many years a flourishing institution and had a large enrollment. Not a few of the prominent business and professional men of the Piedmont section of North and South Carolina obtained their education there and these men after the lapse of many years, are desirous of doing honor to the memory of the man under whom they were educated.

WILL NOT TOLERATE BOLSHEVISM SAYS DIXON.

Thirtieth Division Boys Would Not Allow It, Said A. M. Dixon, of Gastonia, Before Southern Textile Association, of which He is President, in Session at Greenville, S. C.

Charlotte Observer.

Greenville, S. C., May 8.—The statement that the textile industry in the south faces a greater future than ever before known, and that the cotton mills of both the south and the east would soon be reaching out to the markets of South America and Europe, was made today by A. M. Dixon, of Gastonia, president of the Southern Textile Association, during his annual address, before the association which is holding a two-day meeting at the Southern Textile Exposition. President Dixon paid tribute to the boys of the 30th division, who, he said, were recruited from the most part from the cotton mills of the south and declared that so long as these boys who fought so gallantly for democracy were alive, bolshevism will never gain any headway in the south.

Over 100 textile welfare workers, the most of them from North and South Carolina, gathered here today for the first annual southern textile welfare conference. An inspiring talk by Prof. Josiah Morse, of the University of South Carolina, was the feature of the meeting, although there were group conferences which proved of much value to all present.

Postoffice to Observe Holiday.

Announcement is made today that holiday hours will be observed by the clerks of the postoffice department tomorrow, it being a legal holiday. The office will be open from 8 to 10 o'clock Saturday morning and from 5 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. City carriers will make an early morning collection and one delivery only. Rural carriers will make their rounds as usual.

SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVES UNEARH DESERTION PLOT.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, May 9.—A plot for wholesale desertions from the British army was uncovered by Scotland Yard today. Eight military camps are involved. Literature was found urging the men to desert who entered service when Lord Derby was Secretary of War.

PEACE TERMS TO BE GIVEN AUSTRIANS MONDAY.

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, May 9.—The peace terms will be handed to the Austrians at St. Germaine castle Monday, says a Central news dispatch this afternoon.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Secretary of War Baker announced today that practically all American expeditionary forces will be out of France before the end of August.

Greensboro's new hotel, the O. Henry, was leased Wednesday to William For and Emmet E. Robinson, of Duval county, Florida, for a period of ten years at an annual rental of \$24,000.

Revenue agents are already at work rounding up all the private stills probably operating on the theory that the early bird catches the worm. — Nashville Southern Lumberman.

MEETING OF RED MEN ENDED WEDNESDAY NIGHT

State Convention Adjourns to Meet Next Year in Henderson—John G. Carpenter Elected Great Junior Sagamore—Resolutions of Warriors Hits Staggering Blow to Bolsheviki.

Following the election of officers and the selection of Henderson as the 1920 meeting place, the 21st annual session of the great council of Tar Heel Red Men came to an end Wednesday night.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected, Gastonia securing one in the person of Mr. John G. Carpenter, of Claxsonville, N. C., who was chosen great junior sagamore. Other officers elected were:

A. C. Garrett, of Pasquotank tribe No. 8, Elizabeth City, great sachem; E. G. West, of Minnesota tribe No. 32, Greensboro, great senior sagamore; R. F. Tuttle, of Chowan tribe No. 12, Edenton, great prophet; W. Ben Goodwin, of Pasquotank tribe No. 8, Elizabeth City, great chief of records; E. P. H. Strunk, of Eyota tribe No. 8, Elizabeth City, great keeper wampum.

The financial report showed assets of the great council of the state as being \$48,669.01, and the Pocahontas council \$2,107.72.

Prior to adjourning the Red Men adopted a resolution calling upon "its true and loyal members, wherever in the forest of life their footsteps may trail, to seek by precept and example to bring about, as quickly as possible, a return of those happy and peaceful conditions that adorned our land prior to the war." This resolution gave the I. W. W. and the Bolsheviki a staggering blow when it urged the Red Men to listen not to "the voice of the tempter who seeks to instill the venom of dissatisfaction in the minds of true American citizens, as it may be serves an enemy more dangerous than war—an enemy whose greatest hope is the destruction of the glorious government for which our father's fought, and which it is the duty of every true Red Man to sustain."

A resolution of thanks to the city of Gastonia, the press, the Armington Hotel, to the two local tribes and to Past Great Inchoonee J. W. Cherry was adopted.

The Gastonia convention was declared by the members as being the most harmonious of any yet held.

BOY SCOUT MINSTRELS GO TO LINCOLNTON.

A number of the members of Boy Scout Troop No. 3, assisted by Messrs. Warren Gardner, Herbert Glenn and Shirley, will go to Lincolnton tonight, where they will give a minstrel performance. The same program will be given in Gastonia at a later date, probably about May 23rd. The proceeds of these performances are to be used toward paying the expenses of the big hike which the troop will take to Charleston, S. C., in June.

Memorial Exercises.

The public generally, as well as all Confederate veterans, are cordially invited to attend the Confederate Memorial Day exercises to be given at the courthouse Saturday morning at 10:30 by the Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Captain R. Gregg Cherry is to be the orator of the day.

DURHAM VOTERS DEFEATED MEASURE FOR PARKS.

In addition to voting for city officials in Tuesday's municipal election, the people of Durham also voted on a proposition to appropriate money for the establishment of public parks as a memorial to Durham's soldiers. The measure was defeated.

Referring to the matter the Durham correspondent to The Greensboro news says:

"The greatest surprise of the election was the defeat of the memorial park bonds. They lacked 71 votes of having the required number to be a majority of the qualified voters on the registration books. This was a great disappointment to those who favored establishing memorial parks in the city to our soldiers and sailors. The defeat was probably caused by the people not thoroughly understanding the question, together with much speculation as to the property to be purchased for this purpose."

PARIS, May 7.—The eleventh session

to admit to the Versailles session with the German delegates the representatives of all the smaller nations which declared war on Germany was another victory for President Wilson. The German delegates have arranged to send a copy of the peace treaty to Weimar, a distance of 400 miles, by airplane immediately upon receipt of the text.

Fifteen persons were killed by a tornado which swept the lower Rio Grande valley in Southwest Texas Wednesday.

GASTONIA LODGE NO. 369

A. F. & A. M.
Regular Meeting
Friday, May 9,
8:00 p. m.
No Work.

