

AT THE CHURCHES

A BUDGET OF INTERESTING NEWS CONCERNING THE CHURCHES AND CHURCH SERVICES OF GASTONIA AND VICINITY.

SUNDAY VS. BUSINESS.

Years ago when our Pilgrim Fathers anchored to Plymouth Rock they were all of one faith and sought a haven where that faith could be established and practiced. They observed one Sunday and regulated their business accordingly. Today we are a cosmopolitan nation, our states, our cities, our counties and our towns and communities are populated with peoples from all parts of the world and holding to many different creeds, faiths and practices. Naturally, the shades of opinion concerning the Sabbath, or Lord's Day, are numerous and the cries of sectarianism, class legislation, suppression of personal liberties, etc., are always heard when the observance of the Apostolic, American and Universal Sunday is demanded. As the years have gone by the gates of immigration have opened wider and wider, the customs have changed, Americans have caught the fever of financial, commercial, industrial and political progress until, to a vast, and we would only be more accurate in saying the vast majority, of our people either disregard or are totally indifferent to any day bearing even the semblance of being set apart for the Lord, as a day of worship, of rest, or for any purpose save selfish interests. Our greatest sociologists, employers of labor and men of affairs have long since determined that one day of rest in seven increases the efficiency of everybody and multiplies everything. Entirely aside then from the religious phase we should observe one day in seven as a day of rest. How are we to make the most of it without preparation? At the close of every day's business the successful merchant makes preparation for the next day's business, at the opening of the next day he makes still further preparation, but for the day of rest there is no preparation save to hurry and bustle as close as possible to its dawning, sometimes into it and entirely through it. Our fathers' slaves were given time to prepare for Sunday, our Cotton Mill operatives are given time for preparation, our children are released from studies and schools for the purpose of preparation, but our clerks labor on as close as possible to the division line and awaken to their one day of rest listless and fagged out. Our clerks, upon whom we depend for our daily needs, are certainly entitled to the same degree of consideration from employers as are the employees of our manufacturing plants and "early Saturday night closing" does not signify "shorter hours and more money" neither does it mean a curtailing of production, it does not mean a trade union, a strike or a demand for "something for nothing" but it does mean increased efficiency in the salesmanship qualifications of the clerks, increased courtesy in service to the public and, in the long run, increased business for the merchant. One Monday morning, recently, the writer and a companion desired to make a purchase in one of our stores when it required 15 minutes for the clerk to record a sale to another customer and to listlessly approach us with the information that another clerk would be in that department in a few minutes, and he proceeded to warm himself at the stove. Early closing will add pep, push and politeness to this merchant's assets. It will put the Golden Rule of theory into practical business relationship and will stimulate reverence and respect for the Lord's Day.

The Home Mission committee of Kings' Mountain Presbytery, in response to a call of the chairman, held a meeting at the Presbyterian Mansie, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Lincolnton, Rev. F. L. Drennan, of Mt. Holly, Rev. G. A. Sparrow, of Union, Elders Kennedy, of Gastonia and Stowe, of Belmont and Rev. Dr. Henderlite were in attendance. The sum of \$600 was appropriated to the Gaston county field, \$300 to the field at Mayworth and \$300 to the field in West Gastonia, thus making possible the calling of Rev. A. S. Anderson and Rev. R. C. Long to these fields at salaries of \$2,400 each. A request was made by the ministers and elders present for the Moderator, Dr. Wilson, to call a meeting of Presbytery in Gastonia, April 5, at 10:30 a. m. to consider some important matters of business.

Miss Marian Harvey will sing special numbers at the Osceola Community House Sunday night, at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. C. E. Adams will lead the congregational singing and there will be preaching. The service promises to be full of interest.

Rev. A. L. Stanford has sufficiently recovered from a severe attack of appendicitis to be able to preach at the Main Street Methodist church tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The Sunday night sermon will be the fourth in a special series and the subject will be, "A Governor's Question". A full attendance at both services is desired.

The East Baptist church is distributing attractive handbills as personal invitations to all services and special invitation to the services of tomorrow. Sunday school at 9:45. An interesting Missionary program at the 11 o'clock service and a special service by the R. Y. P. U. at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. H. H. Jordan, presiding elder of the Shelby Methodist District, will preach on the Lowesville Circuit at 11 a. m. and at the Mt. Holly Methodist church at 7:30 p. m. Quarterly Conferences will be held at both points.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite will address the Men's Bible class in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian church

at 10 a. m. and his subject will be "A Holy City". He will also preach at 11 o'clock and have for his subject, "Stewardship". Regular evening service and preaching by the pastor at 7:30. Special services by a chorus choir at all services.

Although the pastor, Rev. E. P. Stabler, seems to be threatened with influenza, there will be preaching at the West End Methodist church at 11 a. m. and at the Franklin Avenue Church at 7:30 p. m. It is to be hoped that Mr. Stabler may have a speedy recovery.

Regular services at St. Michael's Catholic church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock by F. Melchior, O. S. B. of Belmont.

Rev. W. J. Roach will preach at the Lory Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and at the Covenant Presbyterian church in Lowell tomorrow evening at 7:30.

Rev. W. L. C. Killian will preach at Harden Methodist church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. P. L. Shore will supply the pulpit of the Dallas Methodist church while the pastor, Rev. R. A. Taylor, is assisting in the Raulo revival meetings.

Reverends W. T. Albright and R. A.

Taylor are conducting a successful revival at the Raulo School House. Interest in the meetings is increasing and much good work being accomplished. Preaching every night this week and next and preaching at 11 a. m., 3 and 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Rev. W. A. Hough will preach at the South Baptist church tomorrow morning and evening at 11 and 7:30 o'clock. He will preach at the Sandy Plains Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 p. m. It is possible that Rev. M. L. Barnes will preach for Mr. Hough tomorrow night, as Mr. Barnes has given way at Raulo to the revival meetings in progress there.

Sunday school at school house No. 12 Pinkney-Hanover district, at 9:45. Mr. S. L. Haber, superintendent. Rev. M. L. Barnes will preach at 11 a. m. and Rev. E. B. Peck will preach at 7:30 p. m. on "Stewardship". Mrs. Peck will read at the morning service.

Owing to the service at the Osceola Community House tomorrow night there will be no preaching at the Armstrong Community House.

Regular preaching service at the Piedmont Spinning Mill at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Sunday school at the Mutual Mill and Armstrong Com-

munity house at 2:30 p. m.

Miss Marian Harvey and Tribe of Camp Fire Girls, hiked to the farm of Mr. B. C. McLean Friday afternoon as the invited guests of Miss Rebecca Hoke McLean, in honor of her birthday. A delightful time was spent on the hike and at the beautiful country home and the lavish hospitality of the hostess and mother was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all. This bright and cheerful band of girls will enjoy another hike to Crowders Mountain this afternoon.

Rev. W. C. Barrett will preach Sunday morning and evening at the First Baptist church and his subject for both sermons will be, "Will Power." Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. meetings at the usual hours. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Rev. R. M. Stevenson, of Due West, S. C., will preach at the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and tomorrow evening at 7:30.

Regular services by the pastor at the Holy Trinity Lutheran church tomorrow morning. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and at Rhyme's Chapel in the afternoon.

The editor of this column will supply the pulpit of the New Hope Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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CARPENTIER SHOWS GOOD FORM IN PRACTICE

NEW YORK, March 26. — Georges Carpentier, champion European heavy weight boxer, gained a host of American admirers here early today by his display of speed and cleverness in an informal shirt sleeve sparring exhibition with Major Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, of Philadelphia, before a thousand guests at a dinner of the International Sporting Club. It was the French boxer's first exhibition in this country and he was given a rousing ovation. The "match" of two two-minute rounds was staged in a temporary ring erected in the center of the hotel Commodore ballroom. Tex Rickard was referee. The boxers merely removed their coats, vests and collars. At the outset the Frenchman displayed lightning speed, his shifty footwork and feinting being very clever. Major Biddle, an amateur boxer of considerable ability, scarcely landed a blow. Carpentier ducking his swings easily. No hard blows were struck by either boxer, according to agreement. Although the French fighter was not in action long enough to gauge his real ability expert observers were convinced that he is one of the most resourceful fighters, especially on the defensive, that Europe has produced in years.

CROUSE.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.
CROUSE, March 26. — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Payseur spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Carpenter. Born, last Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murphy, a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Clay Kiser and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Payseur.
We are glad to state that Mrs. Jack Kiser, of Long Shoals, who has been seriously ill is some better.
Misses Lula Payseur and Andry Kiser spent Saturday night with Misses Leida and Annie Mae Payseur.
Mr. and Mrs. Man Heavner and family are all sick with the measles.
Mrs. Francis Kiser and grandchildren, Houston Kelly and Amos Kiser, spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. Frank Payseur.
Misses Carrie Kiser spent Saturday night with her uncle Mr. Harley Cloniger.
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kiser and family, of Bessemer City, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanna Carpenter.
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alexander and children, of Crouse, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Alexander.
A rubber vacuum cup to remove tightened watch cases has been invented by a West Virginian.