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## TAR RIVER CHURCH GIVEN ASSOCIATION

Lower Country Line Association Closes Very Successful Conference.

Tar River Primitive Baptist church, 18 miles from Roxboro on the Oxford highway, will be host to the Lower Country Line association when it meets the third Sunday in July, 1940, it was decided by the association's members at the closing of the year's meeting Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the Dutchville church.

The 1939 three-day service opened Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the introductory sermon being delivered by Elder J. A. Herndon, pastor of the Dutchville church. Sermons were given each morning, afternoon and evening, closing Monday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock.

Almost 30 ministers, pastors of the 18 Primitive Baptist churches of the association and other visiting elders, participated in the annual service. Order was maintained throughout the service and in closing F. D. Long of Roxboro, moderator of the association, remarked "I feel it needless to say that we have had a good association, for I know that you all are of the same mind that I am. If there has been any disturbance of any kind during our service I do not know about it."

During the session reports were made by the church messengers, and the following officers were reelected: F. D. Long, of Roxboro, moderator; J. J. Whitley, of Durham, clerk; and S. F. Faucette, of Durham, assistant clerk.

Taking part in the closing service Monday morning were Elders J. T. Williams, of Rocky Mount; T. F. Adams, of Louis Spring; Elder Turner, of the Little River association, and F. W. Rhodes, of Durham. Elder E. L. Cobb, of Wilson, pastor of the Durham Primitive Baptist church, closed the services, after which he gathered sang "How Firm a Foundation."

Other ministers taking part in the three-day service were: Elders, O. J. Denny, Winston-Salem; A. B. Ayres, of the Kehukee association; J. B. Wade, of Martinsville, Va.; W. C. King, of Union Ridge; Perry Johnson, of Coats; J. T. Jones, of the Bear Creek association; J. F. Stegall, of Calhoun, Va.; J. P. Helms, of Roanoke, Va.; D. B. Spangler, of Caslake, Va.; J. W. Wyatt, of Martinsville, Va.; Staples, of Greensboro; J. D. Wood, of Roanoke, Va.; J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw; L. A. Johnson, of Coats; H. F. Mance, of the Abbotts' Creek association; W. R. Dodd, of Danville, Va.; Broom of the Bear Creek association; Elder Barnes of the Black Creek association; Wright, of Winston-Salem; E. C. Jones, of Willow Springs; H. M. Honeycutt, of the Abbotts' Creek association; R. W. Gurganus, of Jacksonville; W. A. Freeman, of Reidsville; R. L. Dobson, of New York.

## SERVICENTER

Wade's B. Servicer, the city's newest and most modern deluxe service station will have its formal opening Saturday, according to an announcement on another page in this issue.

A Standard service station, built according to Standard Oil company's specification, the new Servicer is one of the most modern in the vicinity. Johnnie Wade, the new proprietor, invites the public to inspect the new station during its formal opening.

## "Minute" Hail Does Slight Damage to Crops; Wind More

A severe rain and hail storm struck in Person County Tuesday night around seven-thirty and continued for about one hour.

The storm carried very little hail, but water fell in torrents and for a few minutes it was almost impossible to see how to drive a car.

Hail seemed to center in the Olive Hill section and lasted about one minute. Although hail damage to tobacco was slight there was quite a bit of wind damage. Among those who reported losses by wind or hail were F. D. Long, James Winstead, Charlie Jack Winstead and John D. Winstead, all of Olive Hill.

Immediately after the storm broke in Roxboro all lights went off and the city was in complete

darkness for over an hour. This trouble was reported to be from a transformer that was damaged during the storm.

At one time it looked like the gutters of Main street in the business district would not be able to take care of the large amount of water, but no stores were flooded. The rain checked just about the time water was reaching a dangerous peak on the sidewalks.

Several trees were blown down in the city and limbs from trees were scattered over the roads and in yards. There were no casualties reported.

Taking the county as a whole damage to crops from rain, hail and wind was not great although a few small losses were reported from several sections.

## Johnson Will Not Be Candidate For Governor



State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, in a specially prepared statement to the state press today definitely spiked all rumors that he would be a candidate for Governor in the 1940 Democratic primary.

The state treasurer has been mentioned frequently during the past year as a likely gubernatorial candidate. His complete statement follows:

"I will not be a candidate for the office of Governor in the 1940 Democratic primary. I have at no time sought support for this nomination but I am not unaware of the fact that my possible candidacy has been given generous and wholly voluntary consideration by a large number of people in all sections of the State. This has come without any solicitation on my part and the offers of support have grown to such proportion I now feel that it places upon me the obligation of giving a definite answer at this time. It is my sincere hope and trust that my friends will not think me ungrateful in reaching this decision and I think they are entitled to know some of the reasons for my decision.

"The government of this state has become a gigantic business enterprise. Since I became Treasurer the Legislature has from time to time added many new and important duties to the office. I have seen the interest rate on North Carolina Bonds reduced from 4.32 per cent which was the average rate at the time, to 1.26 per cent. The handling of (Continued on Sports Page)

## Opening Of Local Schools Tentatively Set For Sept. 6

### 101st. Operation Completes Final Kiwanis Tonsil Clinic

#### Underprivileged Children Receive Benefits of Four Clinics.

The 101st. operation yesterday brought to a close the Kiwanis Club's series of tonsil clinics for underprivileged negro children which has been in progress during the past two months.

Scene of yesterday's clinic, as of the previous three, was the Person County Training School, with Dr. B. W. Fassett, prominent Durham surgeon, doing the operating.

Twenty-five negro children underwent the knife yesterday bringing the total for the four clinics to 101, 28 having been removed at the previous clinic and 24 each during the first two. Dr. Fassett handled yesterday's operations and those of the first clinic while Dr. R. B. Wilkins, his associate in Durham, performed those in the two middle clinics.

Aiding with anaesthetics yesterday as on previous occasions were Dr. H. M. Beam, chairman of the Kiwanis Underprivileged Children's committee, who has been in general charge of clinics, Dr. A. L. Allen, local health officer, and Dr. R. A. Bryce, local negro physician.

Nurses assisting included Mrs. Blanche Vincent and Miss Lake Allen of the health department, Miss Margaret Fassett, Mrs. Bill Parker, Mrs. P. M. Rogers and Miss Naomi Daniels.

As the Kiwanis club brought to a close their four-clinic project, Dr. Beam yesterday expressed his personal appreciation and that of club to the following who rendered assistance: The City Ice company, Carolina Power and Light company, Morris Telephone company, J. T. Bradsher, City Water department, Fred Long and local doctors and nurses who have helped in any of the four clinics.

Col. Matt J. Winn, president of Churchill Downs and Latonia, is 78 years old, but has no thought of retiring from racing.

### Child Shows Vocal Talents Under Ether

Nurses and attendants at the Kiwanis tonsil clinic for underprivileged children yesterday morning were startled as the strains of a Negro spiritual rose clearly from the lips of a 12-year-old Negro child completely under the influence of ether.

Displaying talent and tone quality of a true artist, little Ruth Gilmore kept perfect rhythm as her voice wafted gently through "Jesus, You Said You'd Carry Me Through." Pronouncing every word clearly and distinctly, she finished her first and then began a second spiritual, halting not once until both songs had been finally completed.

### Kiwanians Hear Talented Young Local Singer

Miss Evangeline Fox, young local singer and member of the famed Westminster Choir during the past year, and Billy Montague, local business man and member of the club, were the main program features at Monday night's meeting of the Kiwanis club at Hotel Roxboro.

Miss Fox, accompanied by Mrs. Wallace Woods, rendered two numbers and then sang a third as an encore. Her program consisted of "Sweethearts" from Maytime, "Indian Love Call" from Rose Marie and "Wishing", a new popular number.

Montague, introduced by Dr. J. D. Bradsher, spoke briefly on his recent trip to California and the San Francisco exposition, giving a lucid account of his journey as well as the sights to be seen at the exposition.

Emmett Wilkerson, local contractor, was inducted in the club as a new member, having been presented by Vice President Jack Strum.

The joint session with the Oxford club, postponed from last meeting was definitely set for Tuesday, August 8.

### Griffin To Attend Superintendent's Meet Next Week

Superintendent R. B. Griffin will attend a three-day conference of North Carolina school superintendents at Ridgecrest next week, he revealed yesterday.

The session will get underway Wednesday and continue through Friday with prominent educational and legislative leaders appearing on the program. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction will be in general charge of all meetings.

The local superintendent, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Griffin will leave early Wednesday morning, returning Friday night.

### Griffin Says Date Corresponds To Openings In Recent Years.

The opening of Person County schools has been tentatively set for Wednesday, September 6, according to an announcement by County Superintendent of Schools R. B. Griffin yesterday.

The date corresponds with the usual opening date for Roxboro and Person County schools which has prevailed during the past few years, it was pointed out.

Opening date of schools in this county is to a large extent determined by the time the tobacco crop is housed in the county and present indications are that this factor will occasion no delay from the opening date announced yesterday.

According to Superintendent Griffin, a midweek opening of schools has proven more satisfactory than a Monday opening as it gives several days for organization, schedule making and book distribution before actual work gets underway the coming Monday. Teachers may also attend their pre-school meetings on the date preceding the opening without having to be here for the full weekend as would be required if the opening were on Monday.

Faculties throughout town and county are believed practically complete with only a few vacancies still unfilled.

Principal Thomas O. Gentry of Hurdle Mills today announced that Miss Maria Richardson of Keeling, Va. has been selected as home economics and general science teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Ina Rogers last Spring. She is a graduate of State Teacher's college of Virginia.

The few remaining vacancies will be filled within a very short time, it was believed by school authorities yesterday.

### Hospitality Group Meets Again Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, leaders of last month's Hospitality Week will meet in the Chamber of Commerce office to plan a definite organization for the event next year, according to an announcement by Secretary Melvin H. Burke this week.

Final reports of this year's leaders are expected to be made tomorrow and these placed on file for next year's reference.

Also expected to come up will be the selection of a steering committee and general chairman for the Hospitality Week of 1940.

Hospitality Week, the first event of its kind held in this vicinity, won wide acclaim throughout the state as well as widespread local praise and public opinion has decreed it should be an annual event for Roxboro and Person County.

### AT CHURCH EVENT

Mrs. R. L. Wilburn and Miss Lucille Davidson left this morning for Atlanta, Ga. where they will attend the Baptist World Alliance. They will act as representatives of the local church.

"Reason is our soul's left hand, Faith her right, By these we reach divinity." —Donna

## Minister Succumbs To Spotted Fever

Rev. N. J. Todd, 52, Dies At Home Yesterday; Final Rites Today.

Rev. N. J. Todd, 52, prominent Baptist minister of the Allensville community, succumbed yesterday morning around 8:20 o'clock, a victim of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, a comparatively rare disease in this section of the county.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Mill Creek Baptist church, where he had been pastor for 16 years, at 4 o'clock with Rev. W. F. West the officiating minister. The body will lie in state at the church from two o'clock until the hour of funeral. Interment will be made in the church cemetery.

Stricken with Rocky Mountain spotted fever on July 4, Rev. Todd had been seriously ill for the past two weeks and his death was not entirely unsuspected. A member of the Masonic and Junior order lodges for a great many years, the minister had long been prominently identified with the civic and religious affairs of the county. He has been pastor of the Bethel Hill and Mill Creek churches for the past 16 years and for eight years was principal of the Allensville high school. He was graduated from Wake Forest college with an A. B. Degree in 1922.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nora Todd, two sons, Rayall and Jack Todd, seven daughters, Ellen, Frances, Bessie, Laura, Nancy, Nora, Sallie, Anne and Geneva Todd and one adopted daughter, Mrs. Earl Gentry, all of this county, three brothers, Malverin Todd of Miami, Fla., Hugh L. Todd of Portsmouth, Va., and Littleton Todd of Albuquerque, N. M., and one sister, Miss Geula Todd of Roxboro.

Active pall bearers will be E. D. Jones, Tom Montague, G. G. Woody, W. T. Wilburn, W. H. Gentry, Hubert Gentry, Dewey Dickerson, and Robert Wade.

Honorary pall bearers will be: Rev. W. F. West, Rev. J. L. Coley, Rev. L. V. Coggons, Rev. P. T. Worrell, Rev. A. L. Yarbrough, Rev. F. L. Isreal, Rev. C. E. Sullivan, Rev. Joe Curran, Rev. T. W. Lee, Rev. T. M. Vick, Rev. C. H. Stanfield, G. W. Joyner, Dr. G. W. Joyner, Dr. Clyde Gilmore, Damon Boswell, J. Larkin Gentry, Burley Gentry, John Buchanan, Arthur Wade, Dr. J. H. Merritt and O. C. Gravitt.

Floral bearers will be members of the Junior Order, Longhurst Council.

### First Diphtheria Case Reported By Health Official

This year's first case of diphtheria has been reported to local health authorities, according to Dr. A. L. Allen, health officer this morning.

Arvister Whitt, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitt of the Olive Hill community, was stricken with the disease a week ago. The case was diagnosed by Dr. B. E. Love.

In commenting upon the case, Dr. Allen again urged that unvaccinated children be given toxoid as soon as possible. The state law, he pointed out, requires all children to be vaccinated before entering school.

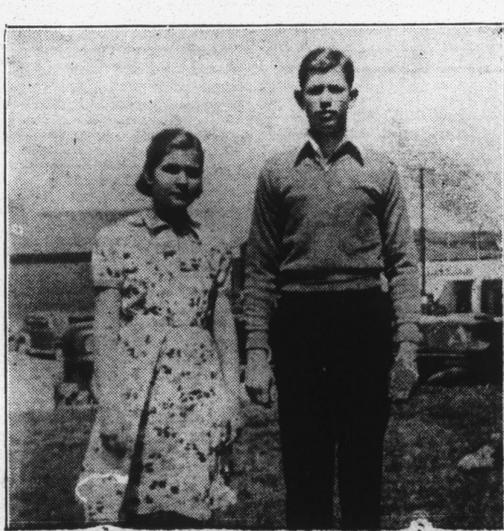
"In late summer, the season for diphtheria begins and cases increase into the fall and early winter," he said. He reminded that diphtheria vaccine is carried on the typhoid tours throughout the county and is available for all unvaccinated children.

## County King And Queen Of Health Are On Program At Short Course Next Week

Heading Person County's delegation of 4-H clubbers to the annual State Short Course in Raleigh next week will be Thomas Horton and Christine Perkins, the county's king and queen of health, who were selected in competition with other county club members last spring.

The announcement was made by Miss Velma Beam and J. B. Snipes, 4-H club leaders of this county, who predicted a large number of Person County young people would attend the week's session which gets underway with registration Monday morning at 10 o'clock. About 1,000 farm boys and girls from all parts of the state are expected, it was said.

According to a letter received by the leaders from Miss Frances MacGregor, assistant state club leader, the county kings and queens of health are expected to meet Mrs. Maude P. McInnes next Thursday to rehearse the part they will play in the Pageant of Progress, one of the week's highlights.



Team demonstrations, recreational programs in the evenings, special radio programs under the direction of Gene Knight, a candle lighting ceremony in Riddick stadium, group conferences, class instruction and addresses by noted farm leaders are all in the program for the week, the announcement revealed.