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TUESDAY, DEC. 30, 1924.

**BEYOND THE SUNSET.**

Robert J. Burdette in a personal letter before his death wrote one of the most beautiful pictures of the future life we have ever read, handed to us by Rev. C. J. Woodson and we pass it along for the good it might do others:

"I watch the sunset as I look out over the rim of the blue Pacific and there is no mystery beyond the horizon line, because I know what is over there. I have been there. I have journeyed in those lands. Over there where the sun is just sinking is Japan. The star is rising over China. In that direction lie the Philippines. I know all that. Well, there is another land that I look forward to as I watch the sunset. I have never seen it. I have never seen anyone who has been there, but it has a more abiding reality than any of these lands which I do know. This land beyond the sunset—this land of immortality, this fair and blessed country of the soul—why this heaven of ours is the one thing in the world which I know with absolute, unshakable, unchangeable certainty. This I know with a knowledge that is never shadowed by a passing cloud of doubt. I may not always be certain about this world; my geographical locations may sometimes become confused, but the other—that I know. And as the afternoon sun sinks lower, its light shines more clearly, and hope, lifting her voice in a higher key, sings the notes of fruition. My work is about ended, I think. The best of it I have done poorly; and of it I might have done better, but I have done it. And in a fairer land, with finer material and a better working light, I shall do a better work."

**SHELBY IS A TERMINAL.**

Shelby is now a terminal of a 400 mile stretch of hard surface highway extending from the foothills of the Blue Ridge to the Atlantic Seaboard. Last week when a stretch of highway No. 40 was completed between Whiteville and Lake Waccamaw, it opened for the first time a route from the mountains to the sea—an ambition which the state highway commission has long cherished. In order to go from Shelby to the coast, however, it is necessary to leave highway No. 20 and go to Salisbury, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Goldsboro and thence to the coast. It was originally intended that highway No. 20 which passes Shelby would go direct to Wilmington via Monroe, Laurinburg and Lumberton but somehow this route was neglected from the very beginning of the highway program through reasons that looked political. Highway No. 20 from Wilmington to Asheville was the first coast-to-mountain route that was proposed and the favor which it won was largely responsible for the sentiment which brought about the highway program in North Carolina. The 65 millions for roads have been spent or contracted for and highway 20 is still not a reality. Even the section between Shelby and Asheville is a matter of uncertainty and unless the proposed 35 millions additional is voted by the next Legislature we doubt if this stretch will ever be built. Governor Morrison has halted his program of progress and put on the four wheel brakes which look like he wants to embarrass the administration of Governor McLean, but McLean thinks for himself and he no doubt will work out plans that will make for the state's future progress.

Although Cleveland has gotten little from the state highway fund, we are proud to be the terminal of the longest hard surface in North Carolina. We live in hopes that some day, some how the route will extend westward to Asheville.

**PAY OF POSTAL EMPLOYEES**

There is talk of increased pay of postal employees by Congress, but the greatest hindrance is a deficit in postal revenue and this is being used as an excuse to deny this faithful organization of men and women what they justly deserve. To our way of thinking the postal employees are the most efficient workers in America today. They do more for less pay than any class. It should not be the ambition of Congress to make sure that the postal department is a money making branch of our government for it is the greatest agency of transporting information, intelligence and education we have. Isn't it far better to subsidize this branch of our government to the amount of five million dollars than spend five millions in building a battleship to destroy humanity? No longer should the authorities look about for a new source of revenue in order that the

salaries of employees might be increased. The increase should be granted whether additional revenue is forthcoming or not, for there is no expense which means more for the uplift of American citizens than an efficient, well organized and well-paid postal service.

Think of the requirements that are made of these men. First they must be intelligent workers—capable of performing the duties that are imposed upon them and they must meet periodically certain tests to prove they are keeping up with their job. In the second place they must meet physical requirements. It matters not how they feel each day, duty calls in all sorts of weather and under all circumstances and they must answer. Then there is another requirement and that is the moral standard which they must maintain. Every employee must be honest and possess a character and reputation that will justify the trust of important mail matter in his care. Certainly these tollers of the night and day are efficient and high class workers, performing a most important duty in our nation and they are not getting paid in accordance with their service. The Star wants to see the postal wage increase granted even if it means an increase in the postal charges on second class matter. The increase should come without changing the mail rates, for a deficit in the postal department is nothing to become alarmed at. The service is so important, the government can well afford to subsidize the postal department in order that it might be all that it was intended to make of it.

**Mrs. Wilkins Injured In Automobile Wreck**

Mrs. D. D. Wilkins, wife of Ex-Sheriff Wilkins was right seriously injured Sunday afternoon in an automobile wreck at the cross roads at the McArthur place west of Shelby on highway No. 20 when the coupe in which she was riding with Miss Hannah Washburn driving collided with another car driven by Conductor Bridges of the Seaboard at Ellenboro. Mrs. Wilkins was rushed to the St. Elizabeth's hospital where it was found she had an ugly gash on her forehead which required a half dozen stitches, an injury to the hip and knee. She did not rest well Sunday night and the real extent of her injuries are not known. Miss Washburn suffered a severe shock but suffered no bodily injury. Conductor Bridges who was riding in the other car said he was uninjured, but his car was badly smashed and had to be left on the roadside. The many friends of Mrs. Wilkins hope that her injuries will not prove of a serious nature and that she will soon be out again.

**DELIVERS SERMON AT FALLSTON CONFERENCE**

Rev. C. B. Way, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church here, delivered the sermon at the quarterly conference of the Fallston charge of the denomination which was held at Knob Creek church near Fallston last Saturday. The conference began at 11 o'clock with the preaching service. Dinner was served at the church and in the afternoon the business session of the conference was held.

Rev. J. M. Morgan, of Fallston, is the pastor of the Fallston charge, and presided over the program of the conference. Mr. Morgan is beginning his second year as pastor of the charge of churches forming the Fallston charge.

**News of Methodist Protestant Church**

The Christmas program was rendered Wednesday night, December 24. Mr. S. C. Tate, the new superintendent, presided during the rendering of the program. The exercises consisted of songs and recitations by the children of the Sunday school and a pantomime, "Silent Night," by five young women. An old fashioned Christmas tree was a feature of the exercises.

The Sunday school and church services were well attended last Sunday, considering the cold weather.

The prayer service Wednesday night will be conducted by a layman in the absence of the pastor.

At the 11 o'clock service next Sunday morning the Lord's supper will be observed. A brief sermon by the pastor will precede the Holy communion. The usual preaching service in the evening at 7 o'clock.

Rev. C. B. Way, the pastor, is attending a conference of pastors and laymen of the Methodist Protestant church in the central section of the state which is being held at High Point.

**Preacher Davis Is Showered With Gifts**

Rev. J. W. Davis, student preacher was the recipient of many useful and substantial gifts during the holidays. Being a young ministerial student, the gifts will help him in a most genteel manner. Following the Christmas program at the Dover mill school building last Wednesday night he was presented with a \$25 watch and when he reached home he found that the members of his congregation had filled his pantry with stores. While at his Kines Mountain church he was presented on the following day with a new overcoat, a "handful" of money and an auto load of groceries. Mr. Davis is of course appreciative of the kind Christmas remembrances from the members of his congregations.

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