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Baptists In Annual Meet

Dr. Spinx Preaches Annual Sermon—To Get Barrett Resolutions Today—Alumni to Hear Potent

Charlotte, Nov. 17.—Evolution and Wake Forest college tonight were apparently uppermost in the minds of many of the more than 500 Baptists representing congregations in every section of the state who are here for the 95th annual session of the Baptist state convention which formally opened in the spacious First Baptist church here this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Routine business incidental to the opening of the convention was dispatched with a rush during the afternoon, a number of committees being appointed and reports read. Tonight a number of young ministers were introduced to the convention and Dr. W. D. Spinx, leading Baptist minister of Winston-Salem, preached the annual convention sermon.

Tomorrow is the big day of the convention with the Barrett resolutions scheduled for introduction at tomorrow night's session. The Barrett resolutions have to do with electing trustees for Wake Forest and so-called "modernist."

Reports are scheduled to be heard tomorrow on the Baptist foundation, Baptist hospitals, state missions, foreign missions, Woman's missionary union, home missions, and education, with special reference to Wake Forest and Meredith colleges and the Barrett resolutions.

Settle on Committee.

The committee appointed to review the report of the board of missions is composed of Rev. H. W. Bacon, of Wilmington; Rev. A. J. Smith, of Franklin; Dr. J. M. Kester, of Wilmington; Dr. W. R. Bradshaw, of Hickory; Dr. E. D. Poe, of Weldon; J. H. Matthews, of Windsor; Jas. D. Proctor, of Lumberton; Mrs. L. B. Henry, of Wadesboro; Rev. E. G. Davis, of Mt. Airy; Mrs. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton; C. A. Smith, of High Point; Rev. W. J. Crane, of Morehead City; and T. F. Pettus of Wilmington.

SHELBY HIGHS PLAY HICKORY FRIDAY

Morris To Take Boys Into Catawba For Game. Want Thanksgiving Game Here.

The Shelby High School boys will go to Hickory Friday afternoon for a game with the Hickory High, it is announced by Coach "Casey" Morris. Hickory defeated the Piedmont High last week and are expected to give the locals a stiff battle. Just what players will make the trip is not known. Coach Morris made several experiments in the Clover game and uncovered numerous prospective stars. The majority of the boys since their elimination from the state series have been attending practice regularly and giving their all to the building of a fast moving outfit for next year, but one or two of the boys have shown too much indifference of late and are not regular at practice, in training and in their school work. To the coach the elimination does not mean a thing as to training and school work, and those failing to keep Morris' training and practice rules may be in for some disappointment when he sends his first teams on the field—several feeling the hand of discipline as they slid along the bench in the last game and watched substitutes star in their berths.

From the present outlook the local high by next year will have a backfield equal or superior to anything Shelby has ever known. With two backs for nearly every position Morris is building a typical "eight horse" team for another season. For speed in skirting the ends and broken field running think how Magnus, Rippy and the smooth-running Harris would work together. Then for the sure gaining line plunges and heavy backed what high school backfield can offer a better array than Tom Kerr, Cline and Gillespie should be by another year. Grigg, the present quarter, may be back to general and ready to replace him or any other backs will be Whisnant, who passes like an old-timer. And to support that bunch are such young backs as Wilson and the little group that will get their chance next season. In the line will be added experience and weight with one or two of the star veterans such as Peeler missing. But for high school eleven Shelby's prospective backfield looks brilliant in possessing a consistent and versatile attack—Rippy, Magnus, Harris, Kerr, Cline Gillespie. All ground gainers and adept on several offenses.

LAWRENCE RESIGNS FARM AGENCY HERE

Will Enter Real Estate Business at Hendersonville. To be Succeeded By Alvin Hardin.

R. E. Lawrence for five years the efficient farm demonstrator for Cleveland county has tendered his resignation to take effect December 1st and Alvin Hardin of Kingston, Tenn., has been selected by E. L. Millsaps, district farm agent of Statesville, to succeed him. Mr. Lawrence will enter the real estate business at Brevard where he has extensive holdings both in business property and acreage. Mr. Lawrence succeeded Dr. R. M. Gidney as farm demonstrator in Cleveland county five years ago and his work here has had marked success. Mr. Lawrence is active, and enthusiastic—his tireless efforts in behalf of better farming, poultry and pig raising, cover crops, potato storage, dairying, etc., and his efforts toward the rural electric lighting system which is one of the greatest steps the county has made, have won for Cleveland the recognition as the "banner agricultural county in North Carolina."

Alvin Hardin who succeeds Mr. Lawrence here December 1st is a native of a cotton section, having been born and reared in South Carolina. He took a course in agriculture at Clemson college where he finished in 1920. His first work was as Smith-Hughes teacher of vocational training. Then he was demonstration agent of Roane county, Tennessee for 18 months, which position he resigned to take charge of the development of the Dyles Orchard company which has finished setting out a peach orchard with 50,000 trees in Tennessee.

Ginners Estimate Below Government

Another Government Estimate is Due November 24th—Bad Weather Reported in Cotton Belt

Furnished by R. J. McCarley's private wire from New Orleans, New York and Chicago. New Orleans, La., Nov. 17.—After ruling lower in early morning as result of easier cables than due and continuance of good weather inland, market bulged in consequence of private estimates for light ginnings for the last period, November 1st to 14th. Subsequently values eased again because of some realizing in anticipation of probability of a rather favorable weekly weather and crop Government report tomorrow.

Returns to National Ginners Association a yield of 14,330,000 to 14,960,000 bales, and ginnings of only 11,980,000 bales to 14th, inst., against 11,122,000 to same date last year. Such returns provide only 781,000 tales ginned for the period, against 1,440,000 last year. The Shelton Bureau is credited with estimating ginnings to November 14, at 12,371,600 bales, which would provide for 1,172,000 bales for the period. Cotton goods in New York were more active and firmer yesterday, wide sheetings having been advanced 1-8 and yarns were steadier.

Next Saturday, November 24th, the Government will issue report as to indicated crop as of November 14th, and ginnings to the same date. The previous Government crop forecast, November 9th, indicated a yield of 15,386,000 bales of November 1st. There was very bad weather in western half of belt during the first week of November, and danger to the crop was reported in some parts of Texas and Ark., while serious injury was reported in Oklahoma, consequently some trade are of the opinion that the next Government forecast will figure somewhat smaller than its previous forecast for 15,386,000, but there are not a few people who think that next Saturday's Government crop forecast will show as large or larger indicated production than its previous forecast.

Advices from the interior are generally to the effect that there are continued good demand for white cotton, with the basis remaining firm, and high, although Memphis wired that demand is not urgent, with the basis slightly weaker, however, we are bullish on the market.

H. & B. BEER. Mrs. W. H. Yeago has leased her home on Sumter street to Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts who will occupy it this week. Mrs. Yeago and children are spending a week or ten days with her sister, Mrs. P. M. Washburn before going to Lake Wales, Florida to join Mr. Yeago for the winter. Much of the conscience fund is spent on candy and flowers for friend wife.

King Hitter



By making six hits out of nine times at bat on the closing game of the season, Harry Heilmann earned the honor of being the leading hitter in the American League with a mark of .323.

E. MILLER ESKRIDGE BURIED WEDNESDAY

Beloved Shelby Man With Gilmer For Five Half Years Succumbs To Operation. 59 Years Old.

Mr. E. Miller Eskridge, 59 years of age, and a beloved citizen of Shelby died Tuesday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock at the Shelby Hospital where on last Friday he had undergone an operation for stomach trouble of long standing. The news of his death is quite a shock to his many friends for he was at his post of duty at Gilmer's Department store the first of the week and few knew of his serious condition. For a number of years he had been suffering with a stomach trouble which became acute the middle of the week and made it necessary for him to undergo a serious operation. He seemed to be getting along nicely Sunday and was quite cheerful but had a turn for the worse on Monday and told members of his family that the end was near but that he was prepared to go.

Honor and Integrity

Mr. Eskridge was born and reared in the Beaver Dam section. He lived awhile at Lawndale, but spent most of his life in Shelby where he was held in highest esteem. For five and a half years he was a valuable member of the Gilmer organization where he was loved by his fellow salesman and noted for his honor and integrity by the store's patrons. For a man of his age he possessed a wonderful amount of energy and was of a most cheerful disposition. He was a staunch member of the First Baptist church, a kind and considerate husband and father, a loyal friend and companion, holding to the highest ideals of mankind.

Mr. Eskridge was married to Miss Mollie Beam 36 years ago and their married life has been a most happy and joyful one. Surviving are one brother, Clint Eskridge of Cushing, Oklahoma, four daughters, Mrs. John Philbeck of Lawndale, Mrs. E. C. Berger of Saint Louis, Mrs. J. M. Cornwell of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Eugene T. Hord, of Raleigh, and one son, Louie Beam Eskridge of Shelby one starward, popular son, Tom, died in his teens during the flu epidemic seven years ago. All of the children were at his bedside when the end came. Mr. Berger of Saint Louis who could not come on account of sickness.

Funeral Today

The funeral was conducted this afternoon from the home on N. DeKalb street by Rev. D. G. Washburn and the interment was in Sunset Cemetery. Members of the Gilmer store where he was the oldest employee in point of service, acted as pall bearers; Messrs. Paul Wootten, Fred Culbreth, Lee R. Hamrick, Raymond Washburn, O. R. Thorpe and E. R. Clary. Beautiful floral offerings and a large crowd of friends attested the high esteem in which he was held.

Mrs. Josie Willis Is Buried At St. Peters

Mrs. Josie Willis was buried Saturday afternoon at St. Peters Methodist church in upper Cleveland, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. John Green of Fallston. Mrs. Willis had been suffering for a long time with a heart trouble. She was about 60 years of age and a noble Christian character, quiet, unassuming, but a splendid neighbor and friend of those with whom she came in contact. Her husband and a daughter, Mrs. P. M. Mauney survive, who with their two children made their home at the Willis homeplace in No. 10 township.

STATE CAPITAL CONDENSED NEWS

Duke University One of Richest in America—Frank Page, Highway Chairman Returns—

(Special to The Star)

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—The trial of Jesse Wyatt, former police officer, for the murder of Stephen S. Holt, prominent attorney of Smithfield, got under way last week. The case is being bitterly contested and the array of lawyers numbers some of the most prominent members of North Carolina's legal fraternity. The defense is putting up an accident theory for the killing while the State is maintaining that Wyatt fired on the automobile in which lawyer was riding without taking any thought of what he was doing and deliberately intending to stop by injury or death because the auto did not halt when he ordered it to. The preliminary hearing brought out testimony that Wyatt thought the auto contained bootleggers but it was also revealed that no liquor was found. Holt had been enroute home after trying cases in the Federal court when the killing occurred on June First.

The celebration of Armistice Day in Raleigh and throughout the State was general and showed that North Carolina has not forgotten. In the Capital City the state commander of the American Legion made an address and quite an extensive program was carried out.

Britton's Death a Shock

The capital city heard with real regret of the death of Edward E. Britton last Monday. Mr. Britton was the Washington correspondent of the News and Observer. Prior to that connection he was secretary to Joseph Daniels as secretary of the navy and managing editor of the News and Observer. He was widely known in North Carolina and generally liked and his death caused general sorrow. He died suddenly after only two days illness.

The crushing defeat of Wake Forest by State, the final score being 6 to 0 interested the Capital City. The Wake Forest team had mounted the pinnacle of football honors in the State and only the game with State stood between it and the title for a second year. To State the victory was a great tonic after a disastrous season.

Richest in Country

Duke University now ranks as the richest university in the country and is better equipped with funds to serve the people than any other. The millions left by J. B. Duke, when the full extent of the endowment is realized will place Duke above Harvard, Columbia and Yale, the three richest heretofore and Duke's physical plant soon will equal any of the others. The University looks forward to new life of service to North Carolina.

Prof. Z. P. Metcalf of the State College faculty goes by invitation to the University of Illinois, Urbana, that state, on November 20th to deliver an address on "North Carolina: An Interesting State, Biologically." Three days later he will tell the same folks about "Some Peculiar Insects" which may be seen in action down this way.

Governor McLean reduces the sentence of T. D. Carter from five to two and half years for his bravery in preventing prisoners from escaping from the Guilford county jail.

During the week Governor McLean appointed Stanley Winborne, of Murfreesboro, and T. T. Thorne, of Rocky Mount as emergency judges under act of the last Legislature. The former is to preside over the second week of the Lenior county regular fall term; the latter will hold the one-week term of civil court on Onslow county.

Frank Page Returns

Chairman Frank Page is back from an extended visit to South America where he went several weeks ago to attend a highway conference. The Chairman was met in New York by his assistant, L. R. Ames, who has held down the North Carolina situation all right in the absence of the chief.

Captain W. C. Lee, U. S. A., military instructor at State College for the past three years, recently promoted from First Lieutenant, will take up new duties assigned to him at Camp Meade, Maryland, next spring. He will be associated with the Tank Corps. He had a record for distinguished service over-seas to his credit.

Replying to a telegram advising him that the North Carolina University Glee Club had appeared before a mixed audience at Hampton, Virginia Governor McLean expressed the opinion that the interchange of courtesies between the races will lead to a more sympathetic understanding. While the concert was given at an institution devoted to negro education it is said that the audience was composed of both races and about equal.

Would Punish



"Maudlin sentimentality, politics and misguided sympathy are responsible for the present crime wave," says Prof. A. M. Cathcart, instructor in criminal law at Stanford University. He advocates speedy punishment for criminals.

PARTY TO SUPPORT GARDNER'S STAND

Falls Almost Put Bill Through At Last Legislature. Dawson Expected To Indorse.

(R. E. Powell in Charlotte news)

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—State Chairman John G. Dawson, who speaks both to the Democratic party and for it is expected to give some sort of sanction, probably whole-hearted, to the Greensboro declaration of Oliver Max Gardner for the secret ballot, but Mr. Dawson is not yet listed among the congratulators who have sent up their word to the Shelby statesman. Many party papers have commended the position of Mr. Gardner and one of the morning journals of today added to the list of cheer leaders supplied by Mr. Gardner. The interest that is now being shown the Gardner speech is a party concern. Heretofore eminent men among the Democrats has uttered their convictions in favor of a big change in the election laws and machinery. Victor Bryant, of Durham, did much for the cause in his last legislative appearance which was just a few weeks before he died. But Mr. Bryant and all other reformers were disadvantaged by having no party backing.

The same thing occurred last Winter. Representative Falls, by the way of Shelby, introduced an Australian ballot bill and almost put it through the House of Representatives. But Senator Tom Johnson of Robeson, was slow to offer his aid because Governor McLean was understood to be lukewarm to say the least. Governor Morrison never had taken much interest in the "cause," albeit Governor Bickett had. Representative Everett, of Durham, who had been counted a champion of the secret ballot lined up squarely against it. He took the position that the Australian ballot is a party question. This is understood to be Governor McLean's view. It was the attitude of President Wilson toward suffrage in 1912 and 1914. The party had not spoken and he could not speak for it. He would not speak to it. But he did in 1916, spoke passionately in 1918 and in 1920.

Chairman Dawson and Max Gardner are so close that it would be difficult to see them in a pose of hostility. One would hardly think Mr. Dawson could not have conferred with Mr. Gardner and since the Shelby man did not have to hurry, it is too much to guess that he would not have delayed a declaration. Mr. Gardner is a cautious man, too, and rushing to a statement isn't in character for him. The whole thing is made to assume the guise of a party pronouncement and it would be easy to imagine such an issue in 1928 if not in 1926. Certainly the party will declare for the secret ballot if it nominates Gardner.

That doesn't exactly follow, to be sure. The 1920 State convention declared for suffrage then proceeded to defeat the man who stood on the platform, nominating the man who did not. But that won't happen any more. The party had the fright of its life.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene T. Hord and son of Raleigh and Mrs. J. M. Cornwell of Columbia, S. C. are here for the funeral of Mr. E. Miller Eskridge today.

Mr. George Blanton returned last night from Raleigh where he attended a meeting of officials of the cotton growers association. Mr. Blanton is director in this district.

Old navy slogan: Don't give up the ship. New navy slogan: "Don't give up the plans."

MINISTER IS FINED BY MULL FOR FIGHT

Three Defendants Fined for Fight That Followed Dispute Started in Tabernacle Saturday.

In recorder's court this morning Judge John P. Mull fined Rev. Will Long, minister of the Church of God, and John Stallings \$25 and the costs each for fighting J. H. Stallings, father of John, who was fined \$10 and the costs for his participation in the same affair.

The trial was one of the most unusual ever aired before the recorder and quite a number of spectators were present for the hearing, which consumed some time.

Debts Started Fight

According to a summary of the evidence the trouble first started Saturday at the house of worship of the Church of God on South DeKalb intersection. The fight following shortly thereafter. The worship was in the form of a testimonial meeting and during the ministers testimonial he referred with no direct reference to people who did not pay their debts. John Stallings followed with his testimonial and after telling of his stand with the Lord, evidence had it, that Long arose and informed Stallings: "You should pay old man Stamey here what you owe him." Stallings came back with the reply that he did not owe Stamey and that Stamey himself was present and could tell about it. The minister then left the tabernacle and John Stallings followed him with the intention of finding out where Long secured his information, according to Stallings. The father of John left about the same time, and according to the Stallings the preacher after getting some distance from the tabernacle reached down and picked up two rocks, one of which he threw at young Stallings, missing him and throwing the other at the elder Stallings, who was struck on the head. Then according to all the evidence a general melee followed in which the preacher received a general bruised face, given him, according to Stallings by the young man.

However, Long testified that he did not pick up two rocks and throw them, but that both the Stallings jumped on him and beat him severely, breaking his nose, blacking his eye and kicking his chest. That young Stallings did the beating while the elder Stallings held him. The evidence directly concerning the fight itself was somewhat contradictory, but all was clear to the point that there was a fight.

Further evidence supporting the fact that there was a fight was on the faces of the two defendants, the preacher and the elder Stallings, both of whom gave the impression of having undergone a severe drubbing of some nature.

Gets After Long

Attorney Peyton McSwain, representing the Stallings, attempted to introduce evidence through witnesses and Long himself, showing that the preacher had been refused permission to preach in the Church of God, the tabernacle where the dispute arose, and had also been ordered to stop preaching at Flat Rock where he had been preaching to mixed congregations of white and black. McSwain further attempted to show that Long had caused trouble in every church where he had entered. Long on the stand himself, admitted preaching in Flat Rock, but denied that he had been ordered to quit.

Preacher Owed Debts

One of the questions asked Long while on the stand was: "Do you not owe some debts yourself, and if you do why don't you pay yours instead of advising young Stallings in public to pay his?" Long admitted that he did owe several debts in town, but that he intended to pay them. Young Stallings on the stand contended that he did not owe Stamey anything and that his father did not take part in the fight other than attempt to take him off the preacher. The minister while testifying referred to the Stallings as "that old murderer and that young murderer—that demon."

Long, the preacher, was represented by Clyde R. Hoey, who did not attempt to make excuse for the happenings at the tabernacle, but contended that Long had the right to defend himself in any manner when two men jumped on him after he was trying to get home and avoid trouble. The attack on the preacher, who told the court that he was a licensed minister of the original Church of God, was nothing more than "brutal" according to Mr. Hoey.

Judge Mull debated little on the matter after the conclusion of evidence and gave young Stallings and Long the same fine and the father of young Stallings a smaller fine.

—Birth—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Mitchell at Mt. Holly, on Wednesday morning November 18th, a son Burton Forrest Mitchell, Jr.

Kiwanians At Gaffney Meet

Eighty Three Shelby People Enjoy Inter-city Rotary-Kiwanis Gathering at Limestone College.

Eighty three Shelby people, Kiwanians and their wives, enjoyed the inter-city meeting with the Rotary Club at Limestone College Monday night where nearly 200 representatives men and women of the two towns gathering around the banquet board for an evening of fellowship. It was "ladies night" from both organizations and not a only were the wives and sweethearts of members present, but a goodly number of the 300 college girls had a part in making the evening a most enjoyable one.

Plead for World Peace

President R. C. Granberry of Limestone extended words of greeting to the visitors, while responses were made by Clyde R. Hoey and President J. Clint Newton of Shelby in choice language. Mr. Hoey closed his remarks by urging such civic organizations as the Kiwanis and Rotary which are national in their scope and number their membership by the thousands, to appeal for world peace in order that wars and slaughter of manhood might be no more. An effort will be made at the next congress to have the United States which crossed the seas with its army to fight for peace, to have this country join the other nations of the world in a peace covenant that will forever prevent such bloodshed and carnage as was witnessed seven years ago.

An elegant banquet was served by the domestic science department of Limestone college and Dr. Guiter, president of the Gaffney Rotary club presided over the meeting. In the absence of State Senator T. B. Butler who was sick, a handsome young business man of Gaffney appealed for a more intimate relationship between the two neighboring towns and urged that his South Carolina brethren emulate the progressive spirit that marks North Carolina.

A beautiful violin solo was rendered by Miss Blythe while Miss Anna Morrison of the Limestone voice department gave two splendid vocal numbers. Secretary Charlie Burrus lead some singing of Kiwanis songs, after which the meeting adjourned and the Shelby people reached home about midnight.

BLACKSBURG FIGHT ABOUT SCHOOL BOY

Difficulty Arose Over Whipping of Boy at Blacksburg High School.

Four members of the Allison clan of Blacksburg stand charged with assault and battery and rioting as the result of an attack early Saturday night on Major Isadore Ussery, superintendent of the Blacksburg schools and Professor C. O. Borts, member of the school faculty and athletic coach says a Gaffney dispatch. The assault took place on Main street in front of Culler's Drug Store, according to reports reaching Gaffney.

Major Ussery was struck on the face with two rocks and Mr. Borts had a large hole knocked in his scalp by a bludgeon or some other instrument during the melee. Major Ussery was rendered unconscious, it was stated, and both men were treated by physicians.

The men charged with the attack are: J. Matt Allison, Confederate veteran and former coroner of Cherokee county; his son Hogue Allison, former police chief of Blacksburg; Walter Allison, son of Hogue, who was recently expelled from the Blacksburg school, according to Professor Ussery; and Harold Leech, son-in-law of Hogue Allison.

West Shelby News Of Late Interest

Mr. Willard McSwain has returned home from West Palm Beach, Fla., where he had been employed for some time. He came home on account of the illness of his wife.

Mr. Frank H. Glenn, of West Gardner street, has accepted a position with the Gulf Refining Company as truck driver and mechanic.

Mr. J. W. Silver is erecting a four-room bungalow on South Smith street. Rev. C. B. Way will conduct the prayer service at the Methodist Protestant church tonight in the absence of the new pastor, Rev. L. S. Helms.

Mrs. Bumgardner, who has been very ill at the home of her son on Clegg street, continues unimproved. Mrs. Maud Stroup spent the past week-end with Mr. Stroup's relatives near Double Shoals.

Possibly a few investors in Florida get bit, but not frost bit.

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