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Methodist Minister Will Leave Hertford

Rev. B. P. Robinson Completes Allotted Time Finishes 4-Year Term In Local Church

HAS MANY FRIENDS

Expresses Regret at Necessity of Having to Leave Hertford

Rev. B. P. Robinson, who for four years has served as pastor of the Hertford M. E. Church, will leave next week to attend the Annual Conference at Wilmington, which means, in the natural course of events, that Mr. Robinson will not return to Hertford for another year.

While a Methodist minister sometimes, though rarely, only spends one year at a charge, the limit of his stay was for many years four years. In recent years there has been some provision made by which it is possible to return a minister for the fifth year, under certain unusual circumstances, this extension is not generally looked upon with favor by the powers that be, and it is rare indeed that a Methodist minister serves longer than four years at one charge.

And so, in all probability, when Mr. Robinson returns from Conference it will be to pack up his personal belongings, gather his family together, bid farewell to the friends he has lived among for four years, and set his face toward a new field of service.

That the new field may lie among entire strangers is more often than not the case with the average Methodist minister. The life of the Methodist minister is one of many contacts, of many strange and varied associations, of the making and the breaking of many ties.

Mr. Robinson closes a very successful pastorate in Hertford. This year's work has been rounded up and completed in the usual orderly manner.

Incidentally, in reference to the financial affairs of the church, it is learned that at no time during Mr. Robinson's four years here has the church failed to make its church debt payment on time.

Not only among the Methodists but in the community generally, Mr. Robinson has made many friends. His genial personality and agreeable manner, coupled with a very human understanding, has endeared him to the Perquimans people, and on every hand are heard expressions of regret that his residence in Hertford is coming to a close.

Asked this week how he felt about leaving Hertford, Mr. Robinson stated that the past four years had been one of the pleasantest of his life; that he had greatly enjoyed the work among the folks whom he felt were of the finest he had ever known, and deeply regretted the necessity of having to leave Hertford. He also expressed much pleasure in the receipt of the several handsome gifts recently presented to him by his friends.

Mrs. D. L. Barber Head Of New Club At Winfall

Miss Gladys Hamrick, Perquimans County Home Demonstration Agent, met with the ladies of Winfall Wednesday, Nov. 6th, at the home of Mrs. D. L. Barber for the purpose of organizing a club.

Mrs. D. L. Barber was elected president; Mrs. D. P. Stallings, vice president; Miss Myrtle Umphlett, secretary and treasurer.

Miss Hamrick gave an interesting talk on fashion.

The club will meet with Mrs. C. D. White on Wednesday, Dec. 4th.

Two Hertford Doctors To Form Partnership

Dr. C. A. Davenport and Dr. T. P. Brinn, two prominent young physicians of Hertford, will form a partnership in the near future.

The prospective partners have purchased the building formerly occupied by the late Dr. G. E. Newby as his office, located on Market Street, next door to the Hotel Hertford, and a new brick building will be erected on this site.

It will probably be early spring before the building is completed and ready for the occupancy of the physicians, as the statement was made this week that they do not expect to build before the first of the year.

Both physicians have been practicing medicine in Hertford for several years.

HOLMES-JOHNSON ARMISTICE DAY SPEAKERS HERE

Programs Held at High School and Community House

SPECIAL MUSIC

Horrors of War Told By Superintendent F. T. Johnson

Armistice Day was appropriately observed at the Perquimans High School on Monday morning with a special program. C. R. Holmes, Hertford attorney, was the speaker, and there was special music featuring songs reminiscent of the World War. Mr. Holmes' subject was Peace.

On Monday evening sixty guests, including members of the Hertford Woman's Club and their husbands, enjoyed a supper at the Community House, when F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Education of Perquimans County, made an address.

Mr. Johnson's subject was War, and Mr. Johnson told something of the horrors of the late World War and gave his hearers to understand that they might expect something much worse in the next world war.

In reference to the actual cost, in dollars and cents, of the World War, Mr. Johnson stated that \$337,000,000,000.00, a truly staggering sum, was spent on the war by all the nations which took part. It was further stated that eight million persons met death in the war.

There were, said Mr. Johnson, twenty-one million wounded in the World War, and it is in this group that is represented the greatest suffering caused by the war, a tragedy which is still existent, and thousands still are lying in hospitals suffering from injuries received during the war.

There was special music by Miss Kate Blanchard's Glee Club, with War Time songs being sung, with everybody joining in the singing. C. R. Holmes read an appropriate poem.

C. Butler Poked In Nose For Being Kind

Trying to do a kindly act toward a stranger and prevent trouble all around, J. C. Butler got an awful wallop on the nose Tuesday evening, resulting in H. L. Seydel and his son, Dick Seydel, who gave their residence as Kinston, being brought to Hertford Wednesday afternoon where a warrant was sworn out by Mr. Butler, charging the two men with assault.

Mr. Butler said that he was crossing the Perquimans River Bridge, driving north, on Tuesday evening around 7 o'clock, when a car in passing him struck his car, doing little damage, but narrowly missing considerable damage. Mr. Butler drove on to Kirby's Service Station at the end of the Causeway, where the car which struck him had stopped. He went into the station, he said, and the elder Seydel, whom he had never seen before, came in. Mr. Butler stepped up to him and said, "My friend, you struck my car when you passed me on the bridge back there. Now, you are drinking, and a fellow is just out of luck when he is found driving a car while under the influence of liquor over here, and I thought I would just give you a tip."

"Biff! The fellow's fist had shot out, landing right between Mr. Butler's eyes. As soon as he had recovered sufficiently from the shock of the blow, Mr. Butler went outside and took the number of the car. The party of three drove off before Mr. Butler could summon an officer, so he reported the matter to the officers and search was made in Perquimans, Chowan and Pasquotank for the men. They were finally located in Edenton and brought back to Perquimans. After arranging bond the men left to return next Tuesday for trial in Recorder's Court. It was said the third man in the car, who was not drinking, was driving.

Two County Winners In Butler Bros. Contest

Two Perquimans children won prizes of a dollar each in the "Onward" School Sale Contest conducted last fall by Butler Bros., through the local 5, 10 and 25c Store of Mark Gregory's.

Bobby Jordan, of Hertford, and Robert Hollowell, of Route 1, Hertford, each was awarded a dollar prize in the school contest.

It was announced that children from 3600 communities took part in the contest.

Grocery Sales Co. Leases New Store

The Grocery Sales Company has leased the Chrysler Building, on the corner of Grubb and Front Street, and will move into the new store on January 1st, according to the local manager, T. A. Peare.

The store occupied by this wholesale grocery firm at present on Church Street, has been leased by Ross's Five, Ten and Twenty-Five Cent Store, which will open here in January.

Local Men Seek State Operation Of Two County School Busses

"Oh, To Be a Turtle"

"Oh, to be a turtle!" Well, it might not be so good, after all. At least, one turtle didn't fare so well this fall after all its preparation for a nice, long winter's nap in a snug, cozy bed. An over-particular farmer upset all its well laid plans by his persistent efforts to get things in ship shape around the place before winter, and Lon, the colored farm hand, made the turtle into a pie for his hungry family before it had time to burrow another bed in the big ditch, and that was the end of the fat, sleepy old turtle.

It happened like this. The old mud turtle had grown to immense size. Each fall he had had more and more difficulty in finding an ample bed of soft, cushiony mud in which to mould his huge shell in preparation for that long, long, winter sleep from which he always emerged so hungry. He had grown heavier, too, of late, and he couldn't move so fast. The fact is he never had been able to cover very much ground, though he had once beat the swift hare in the race!

This fall, however, he found a most unusually fine bed. He probably didn't know the nature of the spot he chose. Certainly he didn't know anything about the use of the big terra cotta pipe which formed the culvert under a bridge on the farm of Elihu Winslow, near Winfall.

But it did seem to be a most desirable spot. The only trouble was that after the turtle had settled himself comfortably and had gathered about his form the mud he needed for his bed the pipe was completely stopped up. That's where the trouble arose.

Mr. Winslow discovered that water wasn't flowing through the culvert and that it appeared to be stopped completely up, so he and Lon went out one day last week to repair the damage. But unstoping that pipe proved to be not such a simple matter, after all. First they used a

long pole and attempted to punch the mud through. That didn't work. They tried and they tried. Not a dent could they make in that hard mud. Finally they wedged the stout pole in the dirt and mauled the end with an axe, but, somehow, they could not dilodge the obstruction in the pipe. They had worked all of the latter part of the morning and it was dinner time, so they decided to leave the job and make another attempt after dinner.

What was the consternation of Mr. Winslow and of Lon to find the water flowing freely through the culvert when they got back! They were puzzled. And then, glancing down the stream a little way they saw the big old mud turtle making off in high dudgeon. He was apparently in a most disagreeable frame of mind, as who wouldn't be at having been so rudely ousted from snug winter quarters. If a turtle had feathers that turtle's feathers might have been said to be ruffled. If a turtle had bristles that turtle's bristles would certainly have been standing on end. Having neither feathers nor bristles, only his steady stride and the flashes from his steady eyes expressed the wrath he felt.

Lon took one look and leaped forward to capture that big turtle before it could get away. He took it home, where it was made into a delectable pie, and that, one might say, was that.

And so, in the light of what happened to this grand old turtle, one cannot, after all, be so sure of the desirability of being a turtle.

"Oh, to be a turtle, A slow, lethargic turtle. With nothing in the world to do But crawl the long day through, To wallow in some quiet pool. Amid the reeds and rushes cool, To know that whate'er befall, I might just crawl within my shell And tell the world to go—!"

PEANUT GROWERS RECEIVE \$22,308.51

Amount Represents 511 Checks Which Are Distributed to Land Owners And Tenants

The office force of L. W. Anderson, County Agent, has been busy this week delivering checks for adjustment payments on peanuts.

Five hundred and eleven checks were received in this office last week, representing \$22,308.51.

Each one of the payments is divided between the land owner and his tenant, according to their respective interest in the peanut crop, which means that the money is pretty widely distributed.

There are still approximately 200 checks yet to come in, according to Mr. Anderson.

Hertford Officials At Meeting In Edenton

Sheriff J. E. Winslow, Recorder's Court Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., Chief of Police J. T. Britt, and Special Night Officer Melvin Owens attended the conference of law enforcing officers conducted by the Institute of Government in Edenton for the 13 neighboring counties on Friday of last week.

"BUDDY" CANNON BETTER

"Buddy" Cannon, who was painfully injured in an automobile accident in Hertford on Wednesday of last week, is recovering satisfactorily.

County Agent Warns Peanut Growers To Keep Record Of Crop

L. W. Anderson, county agent for Perquimans County, has mailed the following notice to peanut growers in Perquimans County this week:

"If you wish to get full benefit from your peanut contracts in the future, be sure that the man who picks your peanuts makes an accurate record of the number of bags picked for you. Also, when you sell your peanuts get a receipt from the buyer and bring it to this office to be filed. Then there will be no question about the amount of peanuts raised by you."

Bethel Ladies Have Exciting Experience In Florida Storm

Arriving in Miami, Florida, last week during the hurricane which swept Southern Florida, was a very exciting experience for Mrs. M. T. Griffin and Mrs. R. D. Creecy, of the Bethel community.

Mrs. Creecy was called to Miami by the serious illness of her son, Beverly, who is taking a course in commercial art in that city. Her cousin, Mrs. Griffin, accompanied Mrs. Creecy on the trip, which they made by bus. The storm was at its height when they drew near Miami and they had some difficulty in traveling in the one hundred and eighty mile gale.

Reaching the hospital in Miami, where Mr. Creecy was a patient, they were delighted to find that Mrs. Creecy's son's condition had considerably improved. They were also very glad to find a safe shelter from the storm. Mrs. Creecy is remaining in Florida for some time. Mrs. Griffin has returned home.

Beech Spring Wins P. T. A. Silver Cup

At the Parent-Teachers Association meeting held at the Beech Spring School on Tuesday evening it was announced that the PTA of that school won the silver cup at the recent District Meeting of the PTA held in Wilson for the largest number of members of the PTA based on the school enrollment.

Those taking part in the program on Tuesday evening were Mrs. Vernon Winslow, Misses Sybil and Alma Howell, Miss Callie Stallings, and Miss Delcie Whitehead.

Musical Program At Colored School

There will be a very interesting musical program given at the colored Hertford High School auditorium Monday night, November 18th, at 8:00 o'clock. The program will consist of old plantation melodies, also spirituals songs by the famous quartettes, The Jolly Four of Belvidere and The Broadway Four of South Norfolk, Va.

This musical will be given under the auspices of St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Sunday School. A small admission fee will be charged.

Johnson and Whedbee Present Matter at Raleigh Today

AID REFUSED

County Bought Two Second Hand Busses From Pasquotank

In order to get the two second-hand school busses which Superintendent F. T. Johnson bought for Perquimans last summer operated by the State, Mr. Johnson and Charles Whedbee will go before the State School Commission at Raleigh on Friday of this week.

Last summer when it became necessary to provide two school busses in order to transport the elementary school children from Belvidere to the Perquimans High School, where it was necessary to bring them because the building at Belvidere had been destroyed by fire, Mr. Johnson applied for school busses from the State School Commission, and when they were not forthcoming Mr. Johnson conferred with L. E. Griffin, of Edenton, who had recently been appointed Executive Secretary of the State School Commission. Mr. Johnson, according to his statement, advised Mr. Griffin that he had been unable to secure the busses from the State and that he had been advised that if the county would buy two new busses for the purpose of transporting the Belvidere school children the State would finance the operation of the busses. Mr. Griffin then suggested to Mr. Johnson that he buy from some neighboring county second hand busses which were being discarded because of their small size, and Mr. Johnson, acting upon the suggestion, did purchase from Pasquotank County two such busses.

It was, of course, Mr. Johnson's understanding that the State School Commission would finance the operation of these busses, but it seems this has been refused.

It is to lay the matter before the School Commission that Mr. Whedbee and Mr. Johnson are going to Raleigh on Friday.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Whedbee will also ask for an additional teacher in the New Hope school. This school has an average daily attendance of around 90 and only two teachers.

Cotton Staple Length Is Shorter This Year

The staple length of North Carolina cotton is shorter this year than in 1934, but the grade is about the same.

The short staple has tended to depress the price, said Glenn R. Smith, cotton marketing specialist of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

On a given market, he admitted, the buyers may not pay more for a bale of long staple than for a bale of short staple cotton.

But the average price of cotton on a market where most of the lint is of good length will be higher than the average price on markets where the staple is short.

Even though the grade is good, he continued, the shorter length of the staple reduces the quality of the cotton.

The only way to produce long staple cotton is to plant good seed of a long staple variety, Smith pointed out. This year, there were a number of growers who planted inferior seed, or good seed mixed with bad seed.

He commended the farmers for picking, handling, and ginning their cotton according to the recommended methods, as these methods are necessary to the production of clean, high grade lint.

Only 42 percent of the cotton ginned up to November 1 this year was an inch or longer in staple length, as compared with 54 per cent last year.

Thirty-one per cent was less than 15-16 inch, as compared with 21 per cent last year. Approximately six per cent was less than 7-8 inch, while last year the amount was less than one per cent.

However, Smith said, most of the cotton grown this year has a longer staple length than that of the 1933 crop.

Proving His Worth
Bride—You told me your fortune ran into five figures.
Groom—Well, it's \$104.81. A wise man always counts his pennies.