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Pneumonia Claims Life Of Rev. A. A. Butler Monday

Outstanding Member of Chowan Baptist Association

ILL 10 DAYS

Beloved Minister Lived In Hertford For Many Years

Rev. Alexander Anderson Butler, 69, beloved Baptist minister and prominent resident of Hertford, died in a Norfolk hospital on Monday after a ten-day illness of pneumonia and complications.

Funeral services were held at the home on Church Street at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, with the Rev. E. L. Wells, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Frank Cole, of Tynar, Rev. E. S. Monds, of Hertford, W. J. Berryman, layman, of Edenton, also paid a fine tribute to Mr. Butler.

Active pallbearers were: Carroll Ward, Emmett Elliott, A. J. Parrish, Emmett Winslow, F. T. Johnson and L. N. Hollowell.

Burial was made in the family plot in Lakewood Cemetery, in Durham.

Mr. Butler, who was an outstanding member of the Chowan Baptist Association, was a former pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church. For a number of years he has served as pastor of Great Hope and Whiteville Grove Churches, in Perquimans. A native of Sampson County, he was at one time pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, in Durham. He had lived in Hertford for many years.

At the fifth anniversary celebration of the Temple Church, in Durham, recently observed, Mr. Butler accepted the invitation to preach the sermon.

In early youth he married Miss Annie Christian, of Durham, who died about twenty years ago. He later married Mrs. Annie Shannonhouse, who survives him. Also surviving are three sons, John C. Butler and Heywood Butler, of Hertford, and James Butler, of Norfolk, Va.; two grandchildren, Miss Annie Lee Butler, of Durham, and Gordon Baylor Butler, of Norfolk, Va., and one brother, Richard Butler, of Atlanta, Ga.

Home Visitation Campaign Closes Among Friends

Five Days Consumed In Visiting Members of Church

SEE PICTURES

Religious Training In Home Emphasized By Field Secretary

Murray Johnson, Field Secretary of N. C. Yearly Meeting of Friends, assisted by Rev. J. C. Trivette, pastor of Pine Woods Friends Church, last week conducted a five-day Home Visitation Campaign among the members of the church.

Wednesday evening a group of the membership met at the parsonage for a conference on "Present Day Problems and How to Meet Them."

Thursday and Friday evenings at the church Mr. Johnson brought forth messages on the subject of Temperance and Missions.

Saturday evening the Woman's Missionary Union was greatly favored with the presence of Mr. Johnson, who presented pictures of Home Visitation activities in the Tennessee mountains.

The closing services came Sunday morning with a regular hour of worship, Mr. Johnson closed with a most impressive message, that there should be a greater emphasis on the part of all in these the serious and to emphasize religious training in the home.

80 Couples Attended Dance At W...

DEPARTED



REV. A. A. BUTLER Beloved Hertford minister, who died Monday in a Norfolk hospital as the result of double pneumonia.

Soybean Exhibit In Portsmouth Draws Several From Here

Interesting Exhibit Car Is Now Making Tour Of South

COMPLETE SHOW

Information About All Phases of Soybean Industry

County Agent L. W. Anderson, C. P. Morris, and probably a number of others from Perquimans will go to Portsmouth, Va., on Monday to take a look at the Soybean Exhibit Car which is making a tour of the South. The exhibit is sponsored by the American Soybean Association, and the object is to present for the first time a complete exhibit of the soybean industry. The exhibits cover every stage of the industry, from the planting stage to the finished products, which includes manufactured products such as parts of the railroad car itself, made of soybeans, and includes the paints and varnishes covering the car, products for animal and human consumption, such as meals and feeds for cattle, hogs, poultry, etc., and flours and breakfast foods, etc., for human consumption. The exhibit deals with the growth from its infancy to the huge soybean industry of today, as well as with the wonderful possibilities of the future.

The modern, air conditioned passenger coach is equipped with door knobs, seat arm rests, interior columns and beautiful arches and many other features constructed of soybean products, all glistening with soybean oil paints.

The exhibit is free and everybody is invited. There will be a great deal of information about the early history of the soybeans and the opportunities for this valuable crop in the United States, where more than 5,000,000 acres were planted last year for the production of human food, forage and hay, and beans that were sold to industries for the manufacture of commodities ranging from ice cream and candy to plastics with the hardness of steel.

Miss Polly Stephens Sorority Member

Miss Polly Stephens has been honored recently at Elon College by election into the Delta Upsilon Kappa Sorority. Incidentally, the brother club of the sorority is the Sigma Phi Beta Fraternity.

Miss Stephens is a daughter of ... and Mrs. C. G. Stephens, of ...

Hertford Camp Of Woodmen Select Officers For Term

Roy Chappell Is Again Re-elected as Council Commander

LODGE ACTIVE

Oyster Roast on Town Lot Planned For February 24th

The Woodmen of the World elected officers at their regular meeting on Thursday night and made plans for an oyster roast which they expect to give on the town lot on Thursday night, February 24.

A. A. Nobles, degree team captain, says that high WOW dignitaries and others from surrounding camps will be invited to take part in the festivities.

The oyster roast will be the first out-of-doors affair of the year, but Herbert Nixon, who handles the local camp's publicity, in making this announcement, says that it will not be the last. Several other out-door events are being planned.

Most of the camp's officers were re-elected for another term at the Thursday night meeting in the lodge hall. Roy Chappell was re-elected council commander, C. C. Mansfield, past council commander, Charles E. Johnson, advisory lieutenant, and A. W. Hefren, secretary and treasurer. Joe Layden was elected to serve as banker.

Aerial Survey Of County Is Planned Says Anderson

Government Lets Contract to Have Work Done

NO DATE SET

Expected to Be Completed Before First Of June

An aerial survey of Perquimans County is to be made, according to L. W. Anderson, County Agent, who was notified last week that the government had let the contract for the work.

This survey, which is made by taking pictures of the land area from an airplane, eliminates the necessity of making the usual survey of individual farms in the county. When the work is completed the entire county will have been covered, with an accurate photograph of the entire area.

The service is a part of the farm program. The pictures, which will be used in checking compliance with the 1938 farm program, will be made at a height of about 30,000 feet.

While Mr. Anderson has no information as to when the work is to be done, it will be completed before the first of June, when the maps will be available for the county agricultural office.

Special Service For Young People Sunday At Baptist Church

There will be a special service for young people at the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. All young people are urged to attend. Young people will occupy the choir and young people will act as ushers.

The subject of the sermon will be "Christ's Challenge to Young People Today."

Other services at this church include Sunday School at 9:45, when a special request is made that the young men attend the class recently organized; B. Y. P. U. service at 6:30 and the regular worship service at 7:30.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT Born to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Baker, of ... near Winton, on February 18, a son. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Daughter Former Winfall Minister Headed For Africa

Mr. and Mrs. Townsley Take Up Missionary Work

SAILED SATURDAY

Mrs. Townsley Formerly Miss Pattie Dimmette Of Winfall

Mrs. Innman U. Townsley, who will be remembered by her many friends in Perquimans as Miss Pattie Dimmette, of Winfall, sailed with her husband, the Rev. Mr. Townsley, from New York on last Saturday, on the Red Star liner, Pennland, for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsley, who have for the past four and a half months been attending the Hartford School of Missions in Hartford, Conn., will spend the next four months in Belgium, after which they will go to Belgian Congo, Africa, to take up missionary work.

Mr. Townsley is a special worker of the Southern Methodist University, and a Lakeland Methodist Church, but Mrs. Townsley is sent out by the General Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville.

Mrs. Townsley father, the Rev. J. W. Dimmette, who was formerly pastor of the Perquimans Circuit, wrote to Winfall friends this week, giving them the new address of his daughter and her husband.

The Townsleys were married last year shortly after Mrs. Townsley finished her work at Duke University.

Long Lost Wooden Wrench Brought To Light In Old Home

Tricky Tool Was Patented In 1897 By E. McM. Newby

LOST 40 YEARS

Owner Easily Traced By Name Imprinted In Wood

Lost for nearly 40 years, E. McM. Newby recovered last week the wooden model of a wrench on which he secured patent rights in 1897.

The model, made of mahogany, which was imprinted with the date of 1897, also bore the imprint of Mr. Newby's name, by which it was traced to its owner.

Mr. Newby, a resident of Hertford, and a member of one of the oldest families in Perquimans, was in the furniture business in Hertford as a young fellow. In selling furniture, he traded in, as furniture dealers frequently do, some old furniture.

Among this was an old mahogany bed, in bad repair, which, incidentally, came from the Newby family. This he used for making various articles from time to time. From a piece he modeled a wrench, a tricky little tool, an improved monkey wrench, with some advantages over the old model.

None of the wrenches were ever manufactured, and after a while the model got lost. How or where, nobody knows. Mr. Newby says he hadn't seen it in thirty years. He often wondered what became of it, but he hadn't believed for a long time that it would ever turn up.

Last week his cousin, Mrs. W. G. Wright, while preparing to move from the old McMullan home, found the little wooden wrench among some old things where it had been lost so long, and from the name knew it to be "Cousin Evert's."

Joseph Perry Claims First Corn Planter Used In County

Joseph Perry, Parkville Township farmer, has an old corn planter which he believes is the first corn planter to be used in Perquimans County. The planter, a "Sinclair," was named by Mr. Perry's father.

It will be on display, among the other exhibits of modern machinery, at the John Deere Show on Tuesday.

Judge I. M. Meekins Rules Against "Silent Salesmen"

Blanchard's Staging John Deere Program For Benefit Farmers

Complete Line Will Be On Display on Lot Next To Store Tuesday

FREE LUNCH

All Day Affair Provides Many Interesting Features

The firm of J. C. Blanchard & Company is putting on a John Deere Day program in Hertford on Tuesday of next week for the farmers of this and neighboring communities, featuring free motion pictures in the way of entertainment, and serving a free barbecue lunch. Souvenirs will also be given.

The complete John Deere line, in which A. L. Skinner, head of this department feels every progressive farmer will take a keen interest, will be on display on the display lot next door to the store. These implements include not only tractors, harrows, and new type planters, but many items in horse-drawn equipment, as well.

A number of factory representatives and experts in farm machinery will be here to assist Mr. Skinner in demonstrating the line. There will also be here for the occasion a representative of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange of Raleigh, and a representative of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

The Perquimans Chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers, as represented by the Vocational Agriculture Class of the Perquimans High School, with their teacher, G. C. Buck, will attend the affair in a body.

The motion picture "Friendly Valley," which will be shown in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building at 10 o'clock in the morning, is an all-star Hollywood picture, and will be the main feature of the all-day entertainment and educational meeting. Packed with human interest, good music and homely philosophy, this all-talking picture promises to be a real treat for everyone. In the large cast of Hollywood entertainers are Frank Darien, Edward Keane, and many others.

Three other pictures will be shown in addition to the feature presentation. They include "School Days," an instructive and educational picture on tractor service and tractor design; "Champions on Parade," a comprehensive portrayal of the most modern farming methods; and a short news reel showing new developments in agricultural equipment.

Plans are being made to make this open house a big event, and farmers from the various communities will have an opportunity to get acquainted there and exchange ideas and experiences in their own farming operations.

It is the first affair of the kind ever planned for Hertford, but John Deere Day has been held at other points with much success.

J. C. Blanchard & Company is taking advantage of this special occasion to offer selected values in each department of the store.

Admission to the affair will be made by ticket and any farmer who has not received tickets can get them for the asking at J. C. Blanchard & Company's store.

Grocery Sales Company Robbed Of Cigarettes

Only cigarettes, some two hundred and fifty dollars worth, however, were taken by the thieves who forced the locks on the front door of the Grocery Sales Company, Hertford's wholesale concern, on Wednesday night.

J. P. Perry, manager of the business, stopped in the store Wednesday night, after attending church service, looking up when he left, as usual. At opening time Thursday morning it was discovered that the steel staple of the padlock had been neatly cut in two, and also that the morticed lock had been ripped out.

The Grocery Sales Company carries a full stock of groceries, cigars, cigarettes, and tobacco, but the only thing taken was the cigarettes.

Feels Certain Machines Are Used For Gambling Purposes

ORDERED OUT

Reverses Order Forbidding Confiscation By Officers

Out goes the "One-Armed Bandit." Federal District Judge Isaac M. Meekins has dissolved an injunction which had forbidden law enforcement officers to confiscate the "silent salesman" slot machines, which replaced the gambling device formerly so much in evidence known as the slot machine.

Judge Meekins on Tuesday overruled his previous order which was directed against law enforcement officers at Elizabeth City and which had been used to protect operators of the machines in other cities, ordering removal by February 25 of all slot machines covered in the injunction. In the meantime, he said, the machines may be operated simply as candy vendors, without use of the "tokens" employed when the devices allegedly were used for gambling.

Attorney General A. E. F. Seawell and Solicitor James A. Powers asked Judge Meekins in a hearing on January 28, at Washington, N. C., to discard the injunction on the ground that it prevented police from obeying North Carolina's Flanagan law against gambling devices.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina ruled on the constitutionality of the Flanagan law against gambling devices before the slot machine interests introduced the new "silent salesman" type of device. Distributors of this type of device contended their product was not a gambling device because it returned candy every time a coin was inserted. An indicator on the machine showed how many "tokens" would come out in addition to the candy on the next play. A plate attached to the device warned against use of the machine for gambling.

The new machine has never proven so popular in Perquimans as were the outlawed slot machines. However, lots of nickels found their way into the hopper.

Judge Meekins is quoted as saying that his investigation had convinced him that the "silent salesman" is a gambling machine as defined by the Flanagan statute, and therefore cannot be operated. The machine was built, he added, in such a way that it "appealed to the gambling instinct," although the manufacturer "sought to obscure the mischief through the warning set out in the copyrighted plate attached to the mechanism."

The jurist is further quoted as saying "if the machine was without guile, the plate would be unnecessary. There can be no question for the latent, not to say obvious, lure of chance in the machine. Set up the silent salesman to vend candy mints, stripped of any opportunity to win tokens, and the result would be as stale, at and unprofitable as fishing with a bare hook."

Friends Picture At School February 25

Merle Davis Will Show Results of Missionary Work

On Friday evening, February 25, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Perquimans Central Grammar School building, Merle L. Davis, administrative secretary of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, will present in moving pictures the extensive missionary work that is being carried on in Africa and Palestine at the present time.

Mr. Davis has just returned from a tour of three countries and his lecture accompanying the reviews will no doubt be valuable information.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to be present on this occasion.

Chas. Johnson Named Attorney For Town

At a meeting of the town council Monday night, Charles E. Johnson was appointed as town attorney to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Walter H. Oakley, Jr., last month.