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JACOB LEE WHITE

WHITE, J. L., Macon, Ga.---Born, Forsyth Co., N. C., Sept. 6,
1862; W.F.C., M.A., '86; Mer. U., D.D., '97; Lic. Oct., '80,
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Elizabeth City, '88-89; Durham, '89-92; 1st Ch., Asheville,
'92-95; 1st Ch., Macon, Ga., Feb., '95--.

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A dedication service for a Memorial Plaque honoring the war dead of West Albemarle Church was held Sunday evening, November 18. The plaque was given by two men, classes in the Adult Department of the Sunday school and the young men's class of the Young People's Department. Woodrow Hill is pastor of the church.

The November 28 bulletin of Calvary Church, Asheville, carried a note of appreciation from J. Lester Lane, the new pastor, and his family for the gracious welcome they received from the people. The same bulletin has another letter of appreciation from Dr. Bartlett A. Bowers, who served as interim pastor of the church for a good many months.

The West End Church, Birmingham, Ala., which James H. Butler, a former North Carolinian, is pastor, has 700 copies of *The Alabama Baptist* going into the homes of members every week. The church gets a specially printed edition which gives news of the church on the front page, and from the edition of November 25 we gather that the church is in a thriving condition.

Pastor Ernest P. Russell of Green Sea Church, Green Sea, S. C., writes that the church experienced one of the best revivals in its history November 7-14, with Clyde E. Baucom, pastor of the First Church, Wilson, N. C., as preacher, and Frank Taylor of Columbia, S. C., as singer. Twenty-six united with the church by profession of faith, two by letter, and there were many rededications.

A recent statement sent out by Dr. R. Parham Hill, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, shows that total receipts of \$320,530.69 had been recorded from September, 1947, through October 20, 1948. His amount \$235,991.29 came through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The amount above does not include amounts received and disbursed by the London office of the Baptist World Alliance Committee.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, observed on the Meredith College campus, the week of November 29-December 5, with the visiting speakers invited by the college, were Miss Violet Long, a return missionary to Palestine, and Miss Albertine Ward, dean of women in the Baptist American College at Recife, Brazil, now in America on furlough. Other programs were carried by student speakers, and the Lott Christmas Offering was taken.

J. Clyde Turner, pastor of the First Church, Greensboro, from 1910 until his death this year, was a recent speaker at a student assembly at Meredith College. He challenged his audience of young women to do a halfway job at even the seemingly least important tasks. "For," he said, "when one gets the consent of his wife to do anything short of one's best, something is taken away from his character."

At the morning worship service of the First Church, Spencer, Sunday, November 21, Pastor W. A. Laudermilch had the pleasure of presenting a nice Bible from the Rowan County Ministerial Conference to Mr. G. L. Webb for having the longest Baptist membership in the county, which is sixty-eight years. "It is an honor to have Mr. Webb as an active member of our church," the pastor states, "and we extend our best wishes to him for many more such years of church loyalty."

On November 9 the Adult Training Union of the First Church, Spencer, united with the Adult Sunday School Department and enjoyed a most delightful social period and "covered-dish" supper at the church. During the social hour a bountiful pantry shower was given the pastor, Rev. W. A. Laudermilch, and his family. Rev. Milton B. Faust was the guest speaker for the evening and used as his subject, "The Wealth of Friendship." Special organ music was rendered by Mrs. John Clark.

We have just learned of the serious illness of Rev. R. E. Heath, pastor of Balfour Church, Asheboro, who has been ill since September, having had two major operations. Dr. E. L. Spivey, who came by the office in early December, told us that Mr. Heath had just come home from the Baptist Hospital and is slowly improving now. Mr. Heath has been a pastor in the Randolph Association for about 15 years, and has served usefully there, having been moderator of the association for a time. His many friends will be glad to know that he is better and will pray that he may be able to resume his work before too long a time.

Dr. R. R. McCulloch, pastor of Rowan Church, preached at the evening service, December 5, at the Clinton Church.

Dr. J. L. White, 86, who had been a Baptist minister for 68 years, died November 25 in Madison, Fla. A native of Winston-Salem, N. C., he had been in Florida since 1916. He leaves four sons who are ministers: Dr. J. L. White, Jr., Norfolk, Va.; Rev. Charles M. White, Caldwell, Tex.; Dr. Lee McBride White, Birmingham, Ala.; and Rev. Russell C. White, Houston, Ala. Rev. J. L. White, III, a grandson, was ordained in May, 1946, and is now preaching in Louisville, Ky. Other survivors include two sons, Edward P. White of Miami, Fla., and H. T. White of Arlington, Va.; and one daughter, Mrs. R. E. Kunkel, Sr., Miami, Fla.

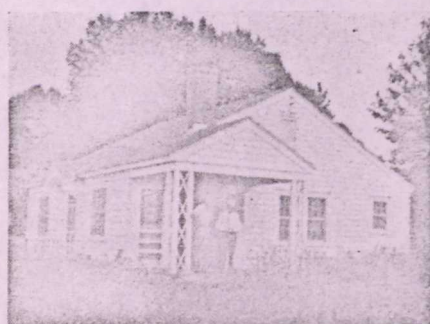
Rev. and Mrs. Eph Whisenhunt of Clayton have an unusual Christmas flower this year. The other day Mr. Whisenhunt brought to the RECORDER office a generous bouquet of beautiful royal purple iris that he had picked from his yard. He said they are blooming quite freely this December. It's the first time we ever saw iris in bloom at this season of the year.

Among recent visitors: Dr. E. L. Spivey, Charlotte; Rev. J. C. Pipes, Asheville; L. J. Godwin, member of Center Grove Church, Ahsokie; Rev. Clarence Godwin, associate

pastor of Soldier Bay Church, Dock Association, and the following members of the church: R. C. Phelps, chairman of building committee; R. B. Coleman, chairman of deacons; P. P. Formyduval, Sunday school superintendent; and J. A. Purvis, member of the building committee, all of Ash, N. C.

From the bulletin of Beulah Association we get this note: "Did you know that we have 375 Indians in Person and Halifax counties, and that this group of people this year has a high school available to them for the first time? Rev. Robert L. Edwards, through the co-operation of our State Mission Board and Calvary Church, has been employed as pastor of the church and teacher in the high school. The North Carolina Board of Education has provided another high school teacher and the Virginia Board provided \$500.00 for a library."

NEW PARSONAGE AT PINETOPS



Above is seen the new parsonage at Pinetops, Roanoke Association. The Pinetops and Webbs Chapel churches form this field, and now for the first time can have a full-time pastor living in the community, and dwelling in the home they have recently built and had ready for the pastor, Rev. J. F. Woodson, of Ashley Heights, who has moved into the snug and modern new parsonage with his family. Much progress has been made in this field; and opportunities are bright for future development. This new home was built in recent months by contractor J. P. Daughtridge, who is seen in the picture, on the day he turned over the keys to John Weaver, of Pinetops, chairman of the building committee.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Clear Creek Church, near Marion, N. C., recently adopted resolutions of appreciation of the work of the late Mrs. J. B. Jameson, who had served as president of the W.M.U. The resolutions state that "we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect," express sympathy to Mrs. Jameson's family, and say "that in the death of Mrs. Jameson this Missionary Society and community have lost a faithful member and worker, who was ever ready to give aid and sympathy to the needy and distressed." The resolutions are signed by a committee composed of Mrs. Ada Padgett, president of the Society; Mrs. W. B. Connolly, vice-president; and Mrs. G. C. Crawford, program chairman.

Most auspiciously Rev. Cecil M. Perry, on Sunday, November 21, 1948, entered upon his pastorate of our church at Ridgecrest, succeeding Rev. Tom E. Walters who on the

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Have you read "The Birth of Israel," by Jerge Garcia Granados?

Mr. Granados is a member of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine and Chief of the Guatemalan delegation to the United Nations. He analyzes the complex events leading up to the establishing of the nation of Israel. It is a fascinating personal record. I was reading this book on election day. After voting I read the part Mr. Truman had to do with the establishing of this nation. He helped to prepare the charter. He advised England to leave Palestine. Then he immediately recognized Israel as a nation. He planned the whole affair.

I thought to myself, God used Cyrus in Israel's first return, it may be He will use Mr. Truman in the "second time" (Ish. 11:11). It occurred to me God may have a hand in re-electing Mr. Truman for the "sake of my people." His election is a puzzle to everyone. It is like the saying, "all signs fail in dry weather" since all human predictions and the reasoning of men failed may there not be a divine element? Why should it be incredible for God to lead the people to vote for a man He could use to restore Israel?

That is exactly what Mr. Truman is doing. I for one am very happy for Israel and Mr. Truman. When I was a boy I heard J. R. Graves interpret the prophecies on the "Restoration of Israel." Here I am seeing this fulfillment. Dr. Graves' book on the "Seven Dispensations," written in 1884, is the most "up-to-date" book in the world on this subject. It is marvelous. In Granados' book he tells of Dr. Chaim Weismann's testimony before this United Nations Committee of twelve. He said:

"Why, he asked rhetorically, had the Jews chosen Palestine? Why a country which has a population that does not want to receive you in a particularly friendly way? A small country which has been neglected and derelict for centuries? Why should a practical, shrewd people like the Jews sink their effort, their sweat and blood, their substance into the sands, rock and marshes of Palestine?"

His answer was, "Well, if I wished to be facetious, I could say it is not the responsibility of the Jews who sit here,

but the responsibility of Moses, who acted from divine inspiration."

Dr. Weismann is president of the state of Israel. In another place he says, "The God of our fathers has given this land to His people. We shall occupy it."

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Dr. Jacob Lee White, the grand old man of the Florida Baptist ministry, died in his sleep after preaching a Thanksgiving sermon in Madison, Florida, Nov. 24, 1948. He was 86 years of age on Sept. 6, 1948. For 20 years he was pastor of the First Baptist Church (now Central Baptist Church), Miami, Fla.

He has served as president of Florida Baptist Convention (1924-26). He preached the annual sermon of the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington, D. C., when he presented his four preacher sons. He preached the annual sermon of the Florida Baptist Convention in 1924.

Dr. White has been pastor of some great Baptist churches in the South, such as First Church, Raleigh, Durham, Asheville, and Greensboro, N. C., Macon, Ga., Central, Memphis, and Tabernacle, Atlanta.

He was a member and vice president of the Foreign Mission Board for 20 years. For more than 20 years he was a member of the board of trustees of Stetson University. But one of the most blessed experiences of his ministry was pastor of First Church of Madison, Florida. He served this church three years and then retired. He went back in October to supply them as interim pastor. On Wednesday night he preached a great Thanksgiving sermon. He swept the people with his eloquence. He went home. He went to bed. He went to sleep. He went to glory. He was found next morning embraced in eternal sleep. To the last he had a strong body, an alert mind, a keen intellect, a loving heart and an abounding faith.

Dr. White was a great gospel preacher. He believed and preached the Bible. Soul-winning was the passion of his life. Until the last day of his life he was a personal soul-winner.

"The men who move the world,
Are the men the world cannot move."

JESUS AND I

"I cannot do it alone,
The waves run fast and high;
And the fogs close chill around,
And the light goes out of the sky,
But I know that we shall win in the end—
Jesus and I.

"Coward and wayward and weak,
I change with the changing sky,
Today so eager and bright,
Tomorrow too weak to try;
But He never gives in, so we too shall
win—
Jesus and I

—Author Unknown.

LAKE FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATION

Last October 10 the Lake Forest Baptist Church dedicated its new auditorium, a rebuilt chapel. Drs. John M. Hansen and the Rev. G. C. Hansen, former pastor, assisted in the services, which lasted through the afternoon.

A great fellowship dinner was served on the grounds between the afternoon services. Significant about this new building was the faith and fortitude which the church demonstrated in raising \$1,200.00 in their building fund. The building committee, Mr. E. H. Mooney, applied for the chapel last April. It remained when Pastor E. H. Mooney left the field; also last April the membership, the cost of moving the building from Lord blessed in a miracle of a willingness in the Lake Forest people to work and rented trucks from Camp Blanding—gave all or half of their task—and volunteer labor evening from five o'clock (times much later) also on holidays, rebuilt the chapel.

Three men, two carpenters, Speigle, who was the work, and Mr. Paul Hansen, Mr. Frank Morgan, crew that led in the several changes were made in the building: a Colonial added and over this the building was enlarged; also a baptistry was built with dressing rooms on either side.

The total cost of the church raised over \$12,000.00, and stands as a monument to the faith, the courage, the daring, and the loving use.

CHURCH ABSENTEEISM

One day at dusk, a bloody battle of Baptists old lad from Indiana form the burden of the following morning he burial detail found the

And if our lines should
Because of things
That extra tank, that
For which we waited
Will you then come
For we, not you, must
Of battles you—not

This is one of the reasons why the Church is absent from the front lines of the battle against the forces of evil, which came out of the darkness, lost, and hundreds of thousands of people are out because of the Church's failure along the industrial front. Church absenteeism is one of the worst spots on the Church's face the issue, and it suggests a positive

tensive care unit. The hospital, the most recent additions to it, the nuclear medicine department, electroencephalography department operates a school for nursing and is affiliated with the college in a two-year associate nursing. Since 1965 James V. [unclear] the administrator, now president in the relationship Hospitals, Inc. (Kentucky).

H. L. DOBBS

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Congo Mission, Vol. I). The Baptist Convention, formerly [unclear], is composed of eight [unclear] difficulties in the Congo, steadily since 1956. One of [unclear] has been on stewardship [unclear] resulted in the doubling of [unclear] members. The convention has a theological school at Kinshasa. Schools suffer from a shortage of [unclear] public health campaign in the Vanga area.

ent has been approved out-ship of the convention with the Foreign Mission Society in [unclear] a legal charter has been [unclear] held by the ABFMS will [unclear] convention.

Missionaries, 100; national churches, 190; baptisms, 99,600; seminaries and students, 83; schools and hospitals, 40,700; hospitals and dispatients, 131,712.

JAMES D. MOSTELLER

CORDER. Chauncey Rake- [unclear]) became editor of this paper on July 1, 1957. George [unclear] 1898-) who came to the [unclear] in 1926 retired in 1963. R. [unclear] assistant editor, June 20, 1963, George W. Knight, Sept. 1, 1968; and Bobby S. Terry, [unclear] present (1970). Robert L. [unclear] been business manager since [unclear] 1966; George A. Price [unclear] the same month. A print shop [unclear] for many years; its contribu- [unclear] operation was reevaluated in [unclear] was to retain the print [unclear] was purchased and in- [unclear] over \$60,000. The *Western* [unclear] upon four sources of income: [unclear] advertising, profits from printing [unclear] Program. Circulation [unclear] 000.

LEO T. CRISMON

THOMAS JEFFERSON (b. Oct. 7, 1870; d. Robinson, Ill.,

Jan. 30, 1954). Rural preacher. The oldest son of farmer Benjamin F. and Margaret (White) Wheeler, he was converted at the age of 12 and became a charter member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Palestine Association in 1883. He married Rose Ella Ralston on Dec. 31, 1891. They had no children but reared two foster daughters. Although limited to an elementary school education, Wheeler realized the value of formal training and urged young preachers to go to school. He began preaching in 1900 and was ordained by the Mt. Olive Church Apr. 24, 1901. During a ministry of more than 50 years, he was pastor of 17 churches in Palestine, Westfield, and Louisville associations. Most of his ministry was spent in the Palestine Association, where he was clerk for five years, moderator for 23 years, and associational missionary-pastor for 20 years. He was the first pastor of the West Union, Flat Rock, and Oblong churches, and led in the erection of the first buildings at West Union and Flat Rock. His longest pastorate was for 12 years at West Union. An active participant in the formation of the Illinois Baptist State Association, Wheeler served on the board of directors for 25 years. He also served as state evangelist for five years. One of his abiding interests was the collecting of historical materials. For more than 20 years, he was president of the Illinois Baptist State Association's Historical Society. He is author of the *History of Palestine Association of Baptists in Illinois* (1938), and is coauthor with Harmon Etter of the *History of the Illinois Baptist State Association* (1940). He is buried in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, near the church he joined as a charter member, where he preached his first sermon, and where he was pastor for four years.

H. LEE SWOPE

WHITE, (J. L.) JACOB LEE (b. Forsyth County, N. C., Sept. 6, 1862; d. Madison, Fla., Nov. 25, 1948). Pastor and denominational servant. His parents were John and Martha White; his father was a merchant and teacher. He graduated from Wake Forest College (B.A., 1886), which also awarded him a D.D. He received an LL.D. from Stetson University in 1934. He married Dovie Poston of Shelby, N. C., Sept. 22, 1886. They had nine children: Lee McBride, Hubert T., Mabel, W. Royal, J. L., Jr., Charles M., Russell C., Edward P., and Martha (Mrs. R. E. Kunkel). Upon graduating from Wake Forest he was called to First Church, Raleigh, N. C. (then the largest Southern Baptist church in North Carolina). In addition to other pastorates in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas, he was pastor of First Church, Macon, Ga., 1895-1906, and First Church, Miami, Fla., 1916-36 (renamed Central in 1936). The Mabel White Memorial Baptist Church of Macon, begun by him as a mission, bears the name of one of his daughters.

He was president of the Florida Baptist Convention, 1924 and 1925; chairman of the board of trustees of Bessie Tift College (now Tift

College), 1895-1905; member of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, 1918-35; and trustee of Stetson University, 1925-47. He preached the Convention sermon at the 1934 Southern Baptist Convention in Washington, D. C., an event that was especially notable for the fact that his four minister sons sat on the platform with him as he preached.

MARTHA WHITE KUNKEL

WHITESIDE, WILLIAM MARION (b. Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 18, 1876; d. Columbia, S. C., Apr. 13, 1963). Educated at Rutherfordton Military Academy and Wake Forest College, he received the honorary Doctor of Humanities from Furman University (1958). Whiteside married Cynthia Ella Wilson of Mills Springs, N. C. They had three sons and three daughters. Upon leaving college he became superintendent of Central Industrial Institute of Columbus, N. C., and served as pastor of four nearby Baptist churches. In 1904 he became pastor of Green Street Baptist Church in Spartanburg, S. C., where he established the Good Samaritan Hospital out of which grew the Spartanburg General Hospital and the present South Carolina Baptist Hospital. The following six years he was efficiency director of the state mission board, serving several churches in industrial areas of South Carolina. On Dec. 18, 1918, he became superintendent-treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Hospital, where he served until retirement, May 12, 1957. A building at the hospital is named in his honor. During his administration the hospital grew from 80 to 225 beds with assets of \$2,151,953.

WILLIAM BOYCE

WHITFIELD, BENJAMIN (b. Vilanow, Wayne County, N. C., Jan. 13, 1800; d. Hinds County, Miss., June 13, 1872). The minister-planter most responsible for the acquisition of Mississippi College by the Baptists and its development during the years 1850-72.

Whitfield moved with his family to Clarke County, Ala., where he married his cousin Lucy Eliza Hatch, Aug. 21, 1821. The young couple moved to Society Ridge, Hinds County, Miss., in 1824. To them were born 12 children. He was a very successful businessman, accumulating 20,000 acres and 140 slaves.

He was an organizer in 1824 of the Union Church and its minister. He helped organize the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1836 and was its president, 1839-43. He was active in all phases of convention life and was instrumental in securing the acceptance of Mississippi College when it was offered to the convention in 1850. Named to the board of trustees, he served as president, except for two short intervals, until his death.

Whitfield helped in securing an endowment of \$100,000 and funds for the erection of a chapel in the prewar years. He planned a personal gift of \$150,000, but the war wiped out his fortune and the college's endowment. The final week of his life he received the news that the

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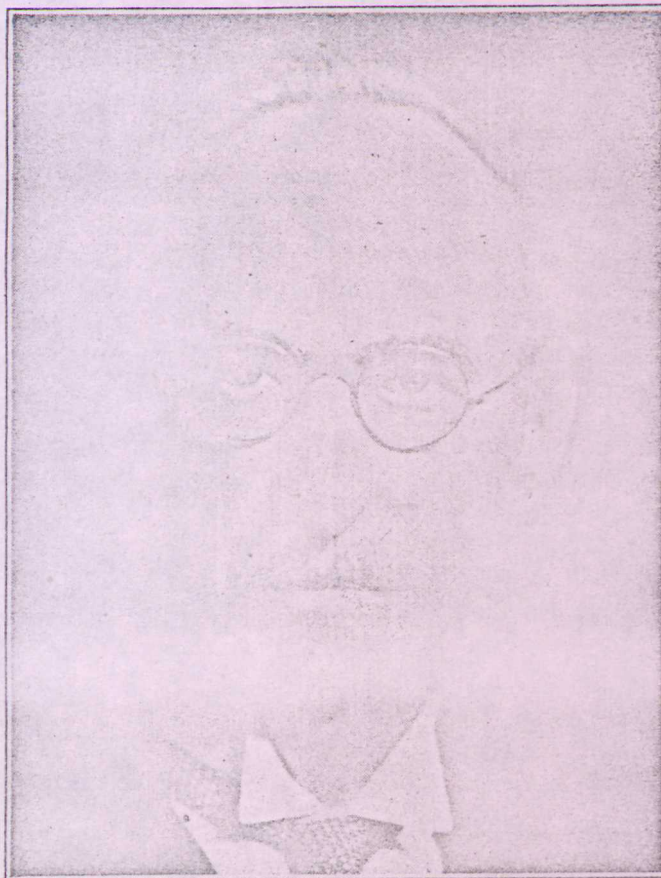
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