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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SHELBY—DR. ZENO WALL, PASTOR

This beautiful church plant, representing a total cost of \$225,000, will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on June 13. Dr. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton and Raleigh, will preach the sermon. A feature article on this church and its pastor appears in this issue of the RECORDER. Horace Easom is educational director. The First Church, Shelby, is one of the strongest and most progressive churches in North Carolina. It is very unusual to find a church of such size and strength in a town of this size. Organized less than a hundred years ago, in 1846, it has sent out numerous leaders in civic and religious life. The Baptist State Convention has met at Shelby four times—in 1875, in 1890, in 1913, and in 1929. Hearty congratulations and best wishes to the church at this high moment in its history.

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June 4: Central W. M. U. Association meeting, New Hope Church.

June 8: Beulah W. M. U. Association meeting, North Roxboro.

June 8: Buncombe W. M. U. Association meeting, Emmanuel Church, Asheville.



Events At Ridgecrest

June 9-16: Southwide Baptist Student Retreat.

June 17-24: Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp.

June 25-29: North Carolina Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador House Party.

June 30-July 6: North Carolina Training Union Assembly.

July 7-August 18: Camp Ridgecrest for Boys.

July 7-13: Southwide Sunday School Associational Officers' Conference.

July 14-20: Southwide Sunday School Conference.

July 21-27 and July 28-August 3: Southwide Baptist Training Union Assembly.



Reporting

The picture of Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, England, president of the Baptist World Alliance, appeared on the front cover of the May issue of the *Maryland Baptist*. He is spending several months in America and is to preach at the Seventh Church, Baltimore, on June 27th.

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The sixth annual Carolina Institute of International Relations will be held at the Woman's College, Greensboro, June 18-26. The theme is "America's Responsibilities in the Post-War World." and among the leaders are Hew T. Roberts, Australian writer and educator; Anup Singh, distinguished author and lecturer on India and the Far East; Karl Scholz, professor in the Wharton School of Economics, University of Pennsylvania; Ralph Harlow, professor of Religion and Ethics, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; Elbert Russell, Dean Emeritus of the School of Religion, Duke University.

The CHURCHES AT WORK

M. A. HUGGINS, General Secretary

WE SALUTE



DR. ZENO WALL



HORACE EASON

Caldwell Pastors' Library

By O. R. MANGUM

The Caldwell Association has been conducting a Pastors' School for the past three years. The writer conducts a class in New Testament interpretation in the morning, and Rev. Zeb Caudle and Rev. E. C. Shoe conduct classes in homiletics in the afternoon. The First Church furnishes lunch. This school meets monthly. It is composed of some fifteen ministers. They study in earnest, and great good has been accomplished.

For some years a need has been felt for a Pastors' Library. This is now an accomplished fact. J. E. Broyhill of Lenoir gave \$250.00 for this fund. The First Church increased it to more than \$360.00. The other churches of the Association have generously contributed toward this fund, making a total of around \$500.00. Clarence Beach and the Lenoir Furniture Corporation made for us the book cases. We have now our first purchase of books in the cases, costing about \$300.00. Most of the books are commentaries. However, we have a good selection of inspirational books. We believe that this is a step forward in our Association and that there will be in evidence better preaching. This could be duplicated all over North Carolina. Many great books are being printed today, which cost more than the average pastor feels like in-

We are glad to present to our readers this week a double salute, to Dr. Zeno Wall pastor, and Mr. Horace Eason, educational director, of the First Church, Shelby. This is an unusual couple of comrades in service in this great church, which will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on June 13. Our front cover carries a picture of the beautiful church plant. The total cost of the building has been approximately \$225,000. A feature article written by R. C. Lawrence tells the interesting story of the church and the present pastor, Dr. Wall. In this column, it only remains for us to give a sketch of Mr. Eason.

Mr. Eason has been in Christian work all of his life, most of the time serving in full-time positions. He is a Buie's Creek Academy and Wake Forest College man, and received his musical training in New York music schools. His first work was evangelistic singing. He did this for five years. He began his full-time church work with the Southside Church, Wilmington, remaining there for a period between one and two years. Then he worked with Dr. R. J. Bateman, First Church, Asheville, for six years. He was in Asheville all through the building program there. He spent two years associated with Dr. George W. Truett as educational director, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

About fifteen years ago Mr. Eason began his work at Shelby. He has charge of educational activities in Sunday School and Training Union, and is also in charge of the music and finances of the church. Recently he was elected acting president of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs.

Mr. Eason is one of the finest spirits and one of the most wholesome characters among North Carolina Baptists. He is one of the ablest and most useful men in the State in the fields of both religious education and evangelistic singing. He has rendered a very notable service in the First Church at Shelby, the good results of which will go on for many years to come.

vesting. If churches would realize the need and among them raise a fund for an Associational Library, the pastors within that Association would be eternally grateful.

Rev. Bruce H. Price, Asheboro, recently conducted revival services at the First Church, Randleman.

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Homer L. Good, pastor of Stony Point Church in the Alexander Associ-

ation, writes that the Training Union has completed a successful week of study, with an average attendance of 52 out of an enrollment of 75, and with fine interest shown. *The Fine Art of Soul-Winning* was taught by the pastor; *Vital Problems in Christian Living* by Miss Elizabeth Campbell of Hickory; *Witnessing for Christ* by Miss Albertina Hare of Apex; and *The Junior and His Church* by Mrs. J. D. Whisnant, the efficient Training Union director. A special effort is being made by members of the Training Union to get new subscriptions to the *BIBLICAL RECORDER*, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, and *The Commission*. Another forward step in the organization is the sponsoring of a church library. Already around 125 fine books have been placed in the library.

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Dr. Carl M. Townsend of the Hayes-Barton Church, Raleigh, conducted revival services in the Bethel Church, Bethel, N. C., from May 10th to 16th. Dr. Townsend is a forceful preacher in the presentation of the gospel message, and was heard by great numbers each morning and evening. The outward visible results from this meeting were six additions to the church by baptism and great numbers rededicated to the Lord and his work. The spiritual life of our church has been strengthened and the people have a larger vision for greater service because of this meeting. We thank God for this able minister who has led us to know and love the Lord better.—MILLARD M. JOHNSON, Pastor.

The Wake Forest Commencement

By J. L. MEMORY, JR.

The 109th Wake Forest College commencement got under way Sunday night, May 23, with the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. John Allen Easley, professor of religion.

At noon Monday the alumni luncheon was held, with Dr. Carl Tyner of Leaksville presiding. Immediately following class reunions were held.

In the afternoon there was a concert on the Donald Pfohl Memorial chimes, an organ recital by Professor Thane McDonald, and a reception by President and Mrs. Thurman Kitchin for members of the graduating class and their guests.

Graduation exercises were held on Groves Field, beginning at 7:30 when the Wake Forest division of the Army Finance School gave a dress parade.

Easley's Sermon

At this season of the year students on examination have been answering questions, Dr. Easley averred. While this has its place, the wise educational program gives the students an opportunity to ask questions as well.

He discussed Psalms 27:4, "... to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple."

In view of the present plight of the world, many students today are asking, "What's the use of planning one's life or trying to hold on to the highest and noblest ideals and then be plunged into the chaos of war?"

If this question were asked on the street or in a roadhouse, Dr. Easley said, "a cynical or blasé answer might well be expected; but ask that question in the temple of God in the presence of Christ and you will have a very different answer. Jesus also faced a world of darkness and confusion. Into chaos he looked that night in Gethsemane. It wrung from Him the cry, 'If it be possible let this cup pass away from me,' but He went on to say, 'Not my will but Thine be done.' It was worth everything to be true to himself and to his inner life, and to the need of the world, no matter what it cost Him."

At Wake Forest, Dr. Easley remarked, "We who have sought to provoke your questions would like to believe that you have pushed your inquiries through to some of those verities by which men and women live and live nobly."

Judge Denny's Address

The session closed Tuesday night with an address by Emery B. Denny, Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, and the presentation of diplomas to the 111 members of the graduating class. Judge Denny was introduced by Gov. J. M. Broughton,



DR. J. A. EASLEY.

President T. D. Kitchin awarded the diplomas.

"A good character, a trained mind, and abiding faith in God" are essentials for which no scientist or inventor can find acceptable substitutes, Judge Denny admonished the graduates.

The strength of a nation, he said, must not be measured "in terms of material wealth alone. America has developed her resources, established and maintained her institutions and become a great and powerful nation, by reason of the vision, the courage and spiritual faith of her people."

"Wake Forest College," Judge Denny said, "without minimizing the value of scholarship, has never abandoned her time-honored position as a great Christian institution. And, whether in peace or war, as men and women experience the vicissitudes of life, they find an ever increasing need for moral and spiritual strength. This is particularly true in those days when our very right to exist as a nation is challenged by the aggressor nations of the world."

We'll Win the War

We'll win the war, Judge Denny believes, because: "First, we are not fighting for territory nor to enslave other peoples, but to liberate them and to retain that which we already have. Second, in this war we have as our allies many nations, three of whom—Britain, China, and Russia—contain more than one-half of the world's population; and I do not concede that our system of free enterprise, of individual opportunity, of reward for extra effort and exceptional ability will be destroyed or endangered by these nations."

Judge Denny believes that the leaders of those nations "who confidently expect to participate in post-war planning should begin now to pledge the nations, both great and small, both strong and weak, wherever possible, to assist in the making and maintenance of peace. Such action, he said, "would



JUDGE EMERY B. DENNY.

strengthen rather than weaken our war effort. Failure to pursue such a course would place upon the hands of the responsible leaders of the world the blood of their countrymen."

"Nations that will not abide by their commitments, that will not live in peace with their neighbors, have no right to expect the further toleration of their existence, except under conditions that will not endanger the peace of the world," the speaker declared.

"May America, with all her material and spiritual power, rise above selfishness and partisan political considerations and cast her lot on the side of humanity."

Medals were awarded as follows: The Joe B. Currin medal for the best essay on Jesus Christ, W. L. Highfill, Winston-Salem; the Hubert A. Royster medal for proficiency in scholarship and athletics, William B. Primm, Rome, Georgia; Hardwicke medal for the best Society Day oration, W. B. Harvey, Erwin, Tennessee.

Winner of the A. D. Ward Orator's medal, open to all members of the senior class, was John Johnson McMillan, of Whiteville, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, missionaries to China.

Euzelian Literary Society medal winners are: Julius C. Smith Orator's medal, W. B. Harvey, Erwin, Tennessee; Junior Orator, E. C. Watson, Garland; Sophomore Orator, Courtney Pierce, Ayden; Debater's medal, William M. McGill, Fayetteville; Freshman Service medal, David Freeman, Raleigh.

Kitchin Presents Diplomas

In presenting diplomas to the graduates, President Thurman Kitchin said, in part: "The disciplined mind, stored with the wisdom of the race and undergirded by religious faith, will be an asset to you in every phase of life and will be a resource when all else seems gone. The kingdom of truth and love cannot be torpedoed or bombed. . . .