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## Methodist Conference Clears Bishop Cannon

The 21st quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, adjourned in Dallas Saturday after sessions lasting seven days.

Warren Akin Candler of Atlanta, senior bishop, 72 years old and bishop for 32 years, presided at the closing devotional. He reminded the delegates that their chief purpose was the salvation of individual souls and other activities should be secondary.

The victories of Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of Washington, D. C., opponent of Governor Alfred E. Smith, in the last presidential election, who had been criticized for his political activities and stock market transactions, were the highlights of the conference. Bishop Cannon was cleared of unbecomingly political activity, he was exonerated in connection with his securities transactions, and he was re-elected chairman of the important board of temperance and social service.

A determined group of laymen, led by Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, waged a bitter fight on the bishop.

## Pittsboro Woman's Club Notes

The following officers of the Woman's Club have been elected to perform their respective duties during the coming year:

President, Mrs. J. W. Hunt; vice president, Mrs. V. R. Johnson; secretary, Mrs. D. B. Nooe; treasurer, Mrs. E. R. Hinton; chairman of civic department, Mrs. A. H. London; chairman of health department, Mrs. Matthews; chairman of literature department, Mrs. N. C. Shiver; chairman of music department, Mrs. R. H. Dixon, Jr.; publicity chairman, Mrs. Wade Barber.

The retiring president, Mrs. A. H. London was a most proficient leader and we wish to thank her for her untiring efforts for the betterment of the club.

To our new president, Mrs. J. W. Hunt, we pledge our sincere cooperation and feel that she will be a most successful leader.

Due to the illness of her husband, Mrs. J. L. Griffin resigned as district chairman and Mrs. E. B. Hatch was elected to fill her unexpired term.

The health department will meet with Mrs. J. M. Gregory Monday, June 2nd, at 8:00 p. m. Mrs. Matthews requests that all members be present.

The literary department met with Mrs. E. A. Farrell Tuesday, May 27, at 3:30 p. m.

The music department will meet with Mrs. Brown at Bynum Tuesday, June 3rd, at 8:00 p. m. Mrs. Dixon urges all members to attend.

The civic department will meet at the club room Tuesday, June 3, at 3:30 p. m. Mrs. London asks all members to be present.

The general meeting of the club will be held the first Wednesday in June, at 3:30 p. m. in the club room. A special program has been arranged, and Mrs. Hunt wishes every member to be present, to plan the work for the coming year. Rumors of a pleasant surprise are floating around.

## Political Writers Descend on State

Rodney Dutcher, manager of the Washington, D. C., bureau of N. E. A. service and political expert for the news and picture service, and J. Craig Ralston, political expert for the Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal, are now in North Carolina surveying the political situation with a view of writing a series of political stories of the aspects of the Simmons-Bailey campaign.

Messrs. Dutcher and Ralston called upon Governor Gardner and others while in Raleigh.

"Official Washington is beginning to show considerable interest in the Simmons-Bailey fight," said Mr. Dutcher, who thinks the political situation in North Carolina will receive almost as much space throughout the nation within the next two weeks as the Illinois and Pennsylvania senatorial campaigns, now concluded. North Carolina and New Jersey now have the political spotlight, focused upon them," said Mr. Dutcher.

## Traffic Accidents Cost 33,060 Lives

Traffic accidents cost the lives of 33,060 persons last year and caused an economic loss of \$350,000,000.

In making public this finding, a special committee on traffic accident statistics said that deaths from such accidents were increasing more rapidly than those from other causes. The report of the committee was submitted to the national conference of street and highway safety in Washington yesterday.

As we grow old we become more foolish and more wise.—La Rochefoucauld.

## Little Billy McIver Seriously Injured

An indefinite report of the injury of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McIver of Gulf reached the record last week, but the report bore no indication of the real seriousness of the injury. The following paragraph from the Express, of Sanford, in which town the little fellow was treated at a hospital, indicates that the injury is far more serious than our earlier informants thought. Says the Express:

Billy the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McIver, of Gulf, was seriously injured by being struck by a car driven by Willard Wilson, of Matthews, near his home last Sunday. The little fellow started across the road and the driver in attempting to avoid striking him wrecked his car. It seems that the accident was unavoidable. The little fellow was brought to the Central Carolina Hospital for treatment. Upon examination it was found that his injuries were very serious. His skull was fractured and in order to relieve the pressure a piece of bone had to be removed. His collar bone was also broken and he sustained other injuries. The friends of the family will be pleased to learn that the little fellow is now improving and it is expected that he will recover.

## Mrs. R. H. Blair Dies at Siler City

The news of the death of Mrs. R. H. Blair, a young matron of Siler City, distresses many friends in the western part of the county. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McMath of Siler City, Rt. 4, and was only 23 years of age.

She graduated from the Siler City high school in 1927, attended two sessions at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, and was married to Mr. R. H. Blair April 15, 1929.

She died at St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro last Saturday morning. The burial occurred Sunday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted at the Siler City Baptist church by Pastor Canip, assisted by Rev. Elbert Newlin of Elon College.

She is survived by her husband, R. H. Blair, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McMath, of Siler City, Rt. 4; four brothers, G. B. McMath, Siler City; C. R. McMath, of Washington, D. C.; Guilford B. McMath, of Siler City; three sisters, Mrs. Ava Tate, of Greensboro; Mrs. Mollie Hancock, Swepsonville; Mrs. Green West, of Camden, N. J. Her grandmother, Mrs. S. M. Steel, of Siler City, route 4, also survives.

Pallbearers were: Herman Kennedy, Harry Jordan, Randolph Lane, J. M. Ray, J. B. Brown, A. J. Clapp, C. G. Harris, T. W. Murray. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.

## Club Entertain Grandmothers

The Woman's Club of Pittsboro observed the eleventh anniversary of its organization by entertaining the grandmothers of the town at a delightful party Tuesday afternoon in the club room.

An enjoyable program was rendered. Mrs. A. H. London welcomed the guests most heartily. She also presented the incoming president, Mrs. J. W. Hunt, to the club and gave to her a lovely bouquet of mixed flowers.

Mrs. W. B. Chapin sang a group of songs: "Mother Machree," "Love Brings a Little Gift of Roses" and "The Sunshine of Your Smile." Miss Catherine Johnson, a talented young musician of the town, played Heller's "Chord Study" and "Volga Boatman." Two songs of long ago that brought tears to the eyes of some of the grandmothers and memories of the past, were sung as a duet by Misses Mary Dell Bynum and Bessie Chapin. "Juanita" and "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Mrs. J. W. Hunt acted as accompanist.

Miss Miriam Thompson gave two appropriate readings.

To test the skill of the grandmothers they were asked to sew twelve buttons on a strip of cloth. The nimble fingers of Mrs. W. M. Eubanks soon completed this task, she thereby receiving first honors.

Following this, block ice cream and cake was served.

As this delightful afternoon drew to a close, a lovely birthday cake gleaming with eleven pink candles was brought in and placed on a central table. Each grandmother cut a slice, showing just as much excitement over cutting the button, thimble, ring and money as their grandchildren would have at a party.

The Pittsboro Woman's Club is a wide awake organization with an enrollment of loyal members and no day on the club calendar is looked forward to with more joy by the club than its annual celebration of "grandmothers' day."

What woman wills, God wills.—French proverb.

Be particularly courteous to strangers and foreigners.

## REPUBLICANS WILL CONTEST FOR ALL COUNTY OFFICES

### All the Republican Nominees of Recent Convention Qualify as Candidates in November Election—Four Primary Contests Among Democrats

The line-up for the November election for Chatham county offices is nearly complete. All the nominees of the recent Republican convention have qualified. Lyndon Powers, nominee for the clerk of court, got the word of his nomination immediately and same over Thursday and had his name entered with the board of elections. Tommie Goldston was here Friday and qualified. When the convention closed it was not known what these two fine young fellows would do about accepting the nominations. Mr. Goldston, as cashier of the Bank of Goldston, was known to have a job that fits him well. Mr. Powers is a public school teacher, and so few knew him that it was a matter of guess as to what he would do. But both have qualified and the race is on, for neither Sheriff Blair nor Clerk Hatch has an opponent in the Democratic primary, and that part of the November ticket is fixed.

Two candidates have entered for the Democratic nomination for surveyor, namely, George H. Hancock and Floyd E. Womble, the latter the present surveyor. Mr. Hancock is a prominent and successful farmer of Bear Creek township. He once thought of running for commissioner, but let another Bear Creek man, Mr. L. B. Hester, get ahead of him in that contest. But to be in the race, he has finally decided to run for surveyor. He has long been a practical surveyor and will probably give Mr. Womble a real race for the job.

In the primary, the nomination for the senatorship is contested by W. P. Horton and W. H. Garner. The writer is not informed as to just how much personal canvassing has been done by Mr. Garner. Mr. Horton is taking things easy.

Jarvis Boone has made his announcement as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for register of deeds, but he is going on about his business very unconcerned, and it is doubtful if he canvassed an hour. Wade Siler is seen here and there, but when seen is probably offener where he is found because of other business than politics. It is another tame race.

Victor Johnson and Will Harrington have really been concerned about getting the nomination for the House. Neither, now that he is in the race, is willing to be beaten. Mr. Johnson has not put in any time visiting the various sections of the county, but he has not neglected to meet the fellows when in Pittsboro. Mr. Harrington, off in one corner of the county, is not so easily kept up with. He may be making a general canvass.

There are four candidates for commissioner, but it is generally felt, apparently, that the race will be between Mr. Hester of Goldston and Mr. R. W. Dark of Siler City, to furnish a commissioner for the western end of the county. Mr. Johnson, located near the center and a member of the present board, feels rather confident. He is counting upon the general feeling that it is better to have one of the old board on the new. Mr. Walden, living at Haywood and in business at Moncure, is expecting to pull a strong vote on his own personal strength and as a representative of the eastern part of the county. Mr. Hester and Mr. Dark are both from the western half of the county, but a considerable distance apart. It may be that the race is all wrong, and that the voters will disregard the geographical feature and vote strictly for the man without regard for his location. If so, it may be another than one of the two westerners that will be defeated. All four are good, strong men. Ten days will decide these matters. But the Republican line-up is already fully determined.

Rev. G. C. Mendenhall is taking his nomination for the senate seriously, though he must win in three counties to be elected. However, he says he lived three years in Lee and knows many of the Lee county voters.

The difference in the vote for Max Gardner and H. F. Seawell in the county two years ago was only 271 votes. Consequently, if the Republican succeed in getting out as large a vote next November as they did two years ago, and if any disaffection appears, keeping some of the Democrats from the polls, the ticket nominated at last week's convention will have more than fighting chance. 150 votes gained from the Democrats would carry the Republican ticket across. However, it is very probable that more Democrats refrained from voting two years ago than will do so this year. However, it is quite certain that

the Democratic candidates will not feel any too much confidence till the votes are counted.

Many feel that Tommie Goldston, Republican candidate for Sheriff, is the strongest man on the Republican ticket. He is a banker and a good one, a fine fellow any way you take him. On the other hand, Sheriff Blair has been a favorite with many Republicans, and has frequently led the ticket, indicating that a goodly number of Republicans had voted for him. But against this strength with friendly Republicans is a feeling, more or less general, that Sheriff Blair has had the office long enough. Consequently, he may lose as many Democrats votes to Mr. Goldston as he has been winning from the Republicans. That being true, if Mr. Goldston's personal ability and known high character, can hold all Republican votes and win 150 Democrats, he will be the next sheriff.

Young Lyndon Powers is a fine boy. He has studied two or three summers at Wake Forest, better fitting himself as a teacher. He appreciates the nomination and feels that if he does not win he has an opportunity to make himself acquainted with the people of Chatham. Away over in the corner of the county, between Harper's Cross Roads and Bennett, he has been known to very few people of the county. Moreover, he has a strong man to beat in E. B. Hatch, who, unlike the sheriff, is not handicapped by the feeling that he has had the office too long.

H. C. Farrell for register of deeds will have a more up hill business possibly than either Goldston or Powers. The voting strength of the Republicans lies chiefly in the west, and Goldston and Powers are well located in win that full strength. If Jarvis Boone should be the Democratic nominee, he and Farrell would be well matched in several particulars. They are both here at Pittsboro and not well known in the western part of the county. Or the other hand if Wade Siler wins, it will be, apparently, easier for him to beat his Republican candidate in the western townships.

The Democratic nominee for the House will have to fight. All the resentment against high taxes, which are a product of the legislature, will turn to the advantages of Seton Smith, the Republican candidate. Also, the Democratic candidates for commissioners also will have that feeling to combat. However, the very strongest Republicans in the county candidly admit that they would not know how to reduce taxes. The interest and payments on the more than a million dollars of indebtedness must be met. The school teacher's salaries are on a state of basis, and those two items make up a large part of the expense of the county.

On the whole, if the Republican ticket appeals personally to the voters, there is a real fight promised this fall. It would be interesting to see an old-time joint canvass of the county. But we shall see what we shall see, and politics at this stage of the game, with "Hoover prosperity" blamed by the Democrats for the hard times, and the legislature and the commissioners blamed by the Republicans for high taxes, guessing is truly guessing.

When we glance over what has been written we find that we have not mentioned the candidates for coroner. Mr. Geo. H. Brooks, the present coroner, has filed as the Republican candidate. Mr. Brooks has made a good one, but of course, Dr. Chapin would make a good one too.

We have also failed to note the names of the Republican candidates for commissioner. Mr. L. N. Womble is a well-known merchant here at Pittsboro. Mr. L. L. Wrenn, of Siler City, is one of the best known citizens of the county and a capable business man. Mr. Morgan, a farmer of New Hope township. His capacity is not so well known to the writer, but it is presumed that he is capable as capacity goes in the such cases.

## AEROPLANE REPAIRED

The aeroplane forced down the first of last week in Hickory Mountain township, which sustained a broken wing and wheel, was repaired and took the air Saturday, following highway 75 to Pittsboro and 90 from Pittsboro. Quite a crowd is said to have been present for the take-off.

The stag hunter will not look at the hare.—Chinese proverb.

## James Tally Moore Dies at Siler City Residence

From a Siler City special to the Greensboro News the Record gleams the following account of the life and death of a good Chatham county citizen:

James Tally Moore, 73, retired Chatham county farmer, died at his home here at 7:30 o'clock, after five years of declining health. He had been confined to his bed for the past week.

Mr. Moore was a member of the Fall Creek Baptist church. He is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Martha Tillman; six sons, Norman and Harvey Moore, of Bear Creek; Colan, J. E. and Edgar Moore, of Siler City, and J. D. Moore, of Bennett; four daughters, Mrs. Lula Mann, Mrs. Eula Whitt and Miss Anna Moore, of Siler City, and Miss Bebie Moore, of Bear Creek; two brothers, Wesley Moore, Pittsboro, and Isaac Moore, Bonlee, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Beal, Goldston. Funeral arrangements had not been completed tonight.

## Questionnaires for Seekers of Congress

In view of developments in Congress, and revelations before the senate lobby committee, the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment made another move certain to challenge the attention of the politicians. The association now regarded as one of the most active and best financed political organizations in the United States has made the formal announcement that questionnaires would be sent to all nominees for Congress this year, the single question being: "Do you favor the repeal of the 18th amendment to the constitution of the United States?"

About a year ago Senator Simmons declared that John J. Raskob, who aided the DuPonts and other wealthy men in underwriting the wet association, should be "dehorsed," that his continued presence at the head of the Democratic national organization meant the domination of the party by wet Tammany and Republican influences.

Since then this demand has grown in volume, and Senator Robinson, of Indiana, for the lobby committee, last week reported that Mr. Raskob had a hand in all the undertakings of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, that he was one of its largest contributors, and that he had apparently joined the Democratic party for the sole purpose of undermining the constitution as it related to the Eighteenth Amendment.

In Paris, about the time Senator Robinson was submitting his report, Mr. Raskob told the newspaper men that the American people would find a way to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment within a couple of years.

Notice of the questionnaire was given recently by Henry H. Curran, president of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment. Mr. Curran's salary of \$25,000 annually has been guaranteed by Chairman Raskob, and four very wealthy men, all Republicans, and it was also revealed by the lobby committee that the idea is to elect wet members of Congress without reference to their party affiliations.

It is in line with this enterprise that the association is now sounding out all men nominated for Congress.

Every candidate for the senate or house in the 1930 campaigns will be called upon to answer the question as the nominations are determined.

## Spring Pig Survey by Rural Carriers

That Uncle Sam expects much of his workers is illustrated by the livestock survey being made right now through the rural mail carriers.

Thus the post office and the agricultural departments co-operate—utilizing their regular machinery for the public good. This is economy and efficiency.

The carrier delivers one of these cards to a few farmers on his route.

If the farmer has sows, cows or sheep, he is to fill out his card completely and put back into his mail box (without postage).

These cards are sent to Raleigh where the crop reporting service compiles them into results that show whether, for instance, the number of pigs and brood sows are more or less, the pigs per litter saved, the fall and spring farrowing results, and other information helpful to farmers in planning their future breeding.

The livestock results for all States will be published late in June which will serve as a guide to the probable competition to be expected. These surveys were not begun until 1924, but have already stabilized the breeding and marketing to a marked degree.

Each farmer who receives one of these cards should fill it out and return AT ONCE. This is for the farmers' benefit, so should prompt his aid.

## Memorial Day at O' Rock Springs

### This Old Church Has Been a Factor in the Life of This Community—Now Used as Cemetery

Memorial days have become a feature of the church services in Chatham. Sunday before last a great throng from far and near met at Hanks Chapel, where speaking, a big dinner, and general converse made the day a pleasant and profitable one.

Last Sunday, old Rock Spring church had its turn. And when we say "old," we mean that very thing. Rock Springs was one of the branches of Sandy Creek Baptist church, the mother of Baptist churches in a large area of the South. It has been organized more than 150 years, and when it is considered that it has been only about 200 years since the first settlers came to this section, it is apparent that Rock Springs has been a factor in the life of this section for practically the whole period since the settlers became sufficiently populated to have any central worshiping place. The church is practically the age of Pittsboro at its present site. But it is presumable that the earlier inhabitants of Pittsboro were chiefly Episcopalians, and that the site a mile and a half north of the new county seat was more nearly in the center of the potentially Baptist population.

The old site, now given over to the cemetery alone, is one of the most beautiful in all this section. One can imagine the great oak forest covering the hill and the level extending back toward the Powell place on the highway. The pines at that day had not overspread the country. We imagine that the old field east of the church site, if it had not already been cleared at that period, was covered by a great canopy of spreading oaks, with scarcely an undergrowth.

A few years ago, a new site was selected for the church a mile or two further from town. But the cemetery has been maintained, and it has become the habit to have an annual meeting on the site of the former church building. The memorial day is preceded by a cleaning up of the cemetery.

It was the editor's privilege to be present Sunday at the celebration of Memorial Day. He was disappointed in finding the cemetery of more modern date than he expected. The most of the graves, if not all, reached no further back than the civil war period. About the oldest we could definitely locate, with the help of Mr. F. K. King, were those of the grand parents of Mr. W. M. Eubanks. It is apparent that the earlier practice of burying in family burial grounds prevailed largely until quite recently. And that was an unfortunate habit, but one naturally growing up in the days before there were any churches in the new country. The consequence is that for many years old grave yards are in evidence here and there with no index as to who were buried in them. We recall one on the old Sampson county farm so old that the writer's father, who was born in 1822, had no idea who were the original settlers. A persimmon tree and the abandoned grave yard told of a little home, but left no legible story of the life that was led there or of the tragedies which made a grave yard necessary so early.

The Rock Springs congregation has done well to retain and maintain this beautiful burial site, and the writer predicts that one day the lovely hillside will be the cemetery for Pittsboro, since the capacity of the churchyards in the old town is limited, and since the Rock

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## The Ministers of County Organize

The ten ministers who attended the Methodist picnic at the home of Pastor Dailey Saturday, on the occasion of his birthday, not only enjoyed an unusually fine picnic occasion, but set afoot a movement which should prove of great value to the county, and of benefit personally to each minister in the county. A ministerial association for Chatham county was organized. All the ministers of the county were not present, it is true, but the ten present were largely representatives of the whole group, and doubtless the others will make haste to join. The association will have monthly meetings.

Rev. J. A. Dailey was chosen president. Rev. Jonas Barclay, vice-president, and Rev. A. H. Porter, of Bonlee, secretary.

The Record will be glad to co-operate with the association in all useful ways.