

The Last Service

The Farewell service was held in the Front Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South Sunday night beginning at 7:30. Instead of the regular preaching service the service was thrown open to the members of the church which proved to be a very enjoyable occasion. Mr. G. W. Anthony, one of the oldest members of the church told about how the members worshiped before the erection of the church and the building of the present house. It was found that only eight members were present who were the first members to worship in what is now the old Methodist church, these worshipping in the Union church before the erection of this edifice. Mr. J. A. Isley told about the first Sunday School Mr. C. W. Hunt being superintendent Mrs. G. W. Anthony assistant superintendent and Mr. J. A. Isley Secretary and Treasurer. The pastor of this church at its first services was Rev. L. L. Johnson. Mr. Isley gave quite a number of statistics which proved very interesting to the members present. Editor O. F. Crowson who had been assigned the subject "Early struggles of Methodism in Burlington" was absent. Mrs. J. W. Lasley held the attention of the audience spell bound as she told of her early religious experiences, how she was converted and consecrated to the work of the Lord when but a girl, and how she at all times stood ready to testify how pleasant and sweet her religious experience had been. After her brief remarks the entire audience joined the pastor in the old familiar song of Happy Day, which was sung without organ or having been announced. Mr. W. E. Sharpe told about the present Sunday school how it had increased in numbers until the present attendance of 447, and how he looked forward with great longing to reach one thousand in the future. Mr. Sharpe pointed out that a large attendance was not the chief aim of the school, but the consecration of souls to the master. And was sure this great aim had been accomplished. Hon. E. S. W. Dameron in his figurative language paid many beautiful tributes of respect to the old walls which had lamented the sound of the death moan and rejoiced to see souls brought to the feet of the cross on special religious occasions. He pointed out how the members of that church should "Look forward to the Mark of the High Calling" which is in Christ Jesus" as they pass out from beneath the shelter of the old walls and pass into the new. The "Last Words" were uttered by Rev. R. M. Andrews and the sound of the voice of the speakers passed away in oblivion, and a very pleasant religious occasion had been witnessed, not only by the members but the visitors as well who were present to take part in the last and farewell service of Front Street Methodist Church. The first services in the new church will be held Sunday morning in the Sunday School apartment.

Death of Little Page

God in his all wise wisdom has seen proper to take from our midst the beloved little son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sellars at twenty minutes past ten Feb. 17, 1912. Death was caused from blood poison started from a tooth. He was born May 25 1906 age five years, eight months and twenty-four days. The burial services were conducted at three o'clock with quite a number of relatives and friends present. The services were conducted by Rev. A. B. Kendall pastor of the Christian Church and was very sweet and impressive. This little boy has passed over the river the first of the family to be taken. We wonder who will be the next? He leaves one little Brother and two little sisters. Thomas, Basil and Martha they have our deepest sympathy, but we must remember that God knows best as he takes us one by one.

G. M.

By the way, who is Colonel Harvey's second choice for President?

A Great Banquet

The Banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce at the Ward Hotel Friday night proved to be a great event in the history of our town. Burlington. Mr. W. E. Sharpe, President of the organization was Toastmaster. At nine o'clock, the hour set, the crowd had arrived, and forty-four strong, marched two by two into the dining room of the hotel. Rev. R. M. Andrews was asked to return thanks after which the goodly number were seated and served to a minute three course dinner, which was very pleasing and very cheerfully accepted. While the guest were being served music was furnished by Wilson's Orchestra which filled the entire spacious hall with sweet strains of melodies. However much the music was appreciated few cheers were given as the recipients were all apparently busy, removing the delicacies. After all had been served the hall was thrown into an outburst of speaking, in which the history of our town was refreshed to the minds of those who are older and given anew to the younger set. The industrial developments of our town was largely discussed, and ways and means suggested to make Great Burlington a Greater Burlington. Our friend Hon. Ned Parker of Graham was present and gave us a slight compliment by telling us how hospitable we were considered in the eyes of the stranger. Many great speeches were spoken all of which we cannot enumerate. The one great determination of every speaker appeared to be to push, pull and boost for Burlington. After a two hours scene of speech making and the rendering of several selections by the orchestra the crowd dispersed. An invitation card was placed before each one present on which they were asked to become a member, if not already one, of the Chamber of Commerce.

Senior Entertainment

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Montgomery on Mebane and Morehead streets was all aglow Friday night when their daughter, Miss Sadie, delightfully entertained the Senior class of 1912 of the Graded School, of which she is a member.

The guest were met at the door by the hostess, Miss Sadie Montgomery, and escorted to the parlor by Miss Mamie Holt where they were met by Miss Flora Garrett. All were entertained with games and music, after which the hostess brought in a bow and arrow together with strings of Hearts numbered 1-10-15-20-25. After a very interesting game it was found that Mr. Earl Dameron had averaged the greatest number of Hearts, was awarded the prize, a book. Each guest was awarded a letter of the alphabet and asked to make as many words as possible pertaining to Valentine, which was a tie between Miss Flora Garrett and Mr. Chas. Story, the latter readily granting the honors to Miss Garrett. The prize a lovely Heart Shaped Box of candy was presented. Having proved a charming hostess in amusement the guest were ushered to the dining room where heart shaped cream in class colors together with cake and place cards, also mints was enjoyed. As the guest were leaving each one gave the hostess a toast after which all departed with great sorrow.

Trolinwood Mills Sold

The Trolinwood Mills of Haw River which have been standing for the past year having been declared bankrupt last March were sold a few days ago by Mr. Fry of Greensboro their owner and purchased by Mr. J. Harvey White of Graham, owner of the Travoria Cotton Mills and other mills of the county. We understand it is the intention of the present owner to change the mills from the manufacture of cloth to a spinning room and begin operation at an early date. This will give new life to our progressive town of Haw River.

However, the straw vote has no standing with the committee on credentials.

Lent Begins Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the most solemn and penitential season of the church calendar. Observed by all Catholic, Protestant Episcopal and some Protestant churches, Ash Wednesday, significant of the sackcloth and ashes of repentance, starts the 40 days of Lent, with the beginning of which comes the end of the gayeties of the social season, Lent begins somewhat earlier than usual this year and Easter comes on April 7.

Ash Wednesday, February 21, is among the most sacred days of the Catholic Calendar. It is not observed widely in the Protestant churches, with the exception of those of the Episcopal and Lutheran denominations. Many Episcopal churches will hold vesper services afternoons during Lent, and noonday service which are held annually during Lent by the Protestant Episcopal Church the Messiah will be continued this year. Striner's beautiful oratorio, The Crucifixion, will be sung in many churches during Holy week.

Mr. Lewallen Dies Suddenly

Mr. Lewallen, a progressive farmer who lived on the L. Banks Holt place just beyond Alamance Mill, died suddenly last Wednesday evening while going to a fire which had been caused by some negro children playing in the fireplace in a tenant house on Mr. Lewallen's farm. It is supposed heart failure was the cause of his death. He was seventy years old, and was carried to Asheboro for burial, he having come to this county from Randolph. The house was completely destroyed by the flames.

Keep Off Sidewalks

During the extremely muddy weather many of the sidewalks of the town have been used to drive across. And not only across but taken entirely at some places. As the weather clears away and the streets get better the town officials have decided to put a stop to this and allow the people to drive only where they should. If you have been trespassing, beware lest you are indicted. As is generally known it is contrary to the law and the law should be enforced.

Death of Maggie Phillips

Maggie Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips, died in the home of her parents at Carolina Mills Feb. 5th, 1912, aged 13 years and 5 days. She had been a constant sufferer since eleven months old, being afflicted with epileptic fits. Her funeral was conducted in the home by Rev. J. D. Andrew Feb. 6th, and her body laid to rest in Pine Hill cemetery at Carolina.

Death of Vance Shepard

Rufus Vance Shepard after suffering since last September with tuberculosis died in his home two miles south of town Feb. 8th, 1912, aged a little more than 33 years. Just one week passed between the death of young Mr. Shepard and his mother whose death was reported last week. On Dec. 16, 1906, he and Miss Lillie Coble were united in marriage. They had one son. The funeral was conducted in the home by Rev. J. D. Andrew, the family pastor, and the body was laid to rest in Pine Hill cemetery in the family plot with his mother.

A large concourse of people gathered to mingle tears of sympathy in this sore bereavement.

Base Ball

Valentine day was a great day for the Cross Road boys. Highland boys went to Cross Roads to play ball that day the Highland boys couldn't hit Uncle Bob Holt's balls. The ladies sang nice songs for the boys still the game stands 9 to 4 in favor of Cross Roads.

A reformed cannibal informs a New York ship news reporter that man tastes like pork. Must have stocked his larder with Chicago samples.

Mr. Nicholson's Opinion

Graham, N. C., Feb. 8, 1912. Mr. Editor:—

As the time approaches for the holding of the primaries for the selection of Delegates to the State and Judicial Conventions, it is well to consider who we will have for our choice as the standard bearer for the next President.

I wish to state here that I am for Col. Theodore Roosevelt, first, last and all the time. I cannot see how a true Republican, who is North Carolina bred, can conscientiously support William Howard Taft for the Presidency, after calmly, and coolly, considering his conduct, actions and attitude towards them during his present administration.

In his memorial speech at Greensboro he stated that "If the offices were all that the Republicans of North Carolina wanted, that then it would be better that the Democrats should have all the offices." Now there was no Republican objected to the sentiment above expressed, for all true Republicans of North Carolina know that the masses of the Republican Party in this State are honest, and are not after the offices regardless of principle, even the Democrats know that there are tried and true Republicans in North Carolina, and they can testify to the fact that there were Republicans who stood by the principles of the Republican party through the trying ordeal of the reconstruction days, without any hope of office.

Now what does Mr. Taft do, soon after he was elected, gives the best and most responsible office in his power to a DEMOCRAT, thus humiliating every Republican who supported him in the State.

It is true that he has appointed and reappointed a lot of little Postmasters all over the State, but everybody knows no different how ignorant they may be, that this is done in order that they will be on hand to whoop up the nomination of Mr. Taft.

No, fellow citizens, we need a strong and able man to grasp the reins of government, one who has truly proved his fitness and is fully able to guide and direct the ship of State successfully, such a man is Theodore Roosevelt who I sincerely trust will be our next President.

A. B. Nicholson.

Box Social a Success

The Valentine party and box social given at the Elmira Graded School last Wednesday night was a success. This function was tinged with a Leap Year Party which gave amusement in leaps and bounds to the large crowds assembled. The object of the occasion was to raise money for the establishment of a library. The boxes, twenty-two in number, were as pretty as you ever see, these auctioneered by Mr. C. M. Coble in connection with a voting contest for the prettiest young lady and several other contests brought in a nice gross return. The cake for the best looking girl was awarded to Miss A. M.ie Truitt. While Prof. Rumbley was conducting the box social in the main auditorium, Miss Montgomery, teacher of the primary department, was entertaining the youths with games.

Pronouncing Bee

The Pronouncing Bee conducted Tuesday night in the Masonic Hall by Mrs. J. L. Scott assisted by Rev. Morgan was quite a success. The line ups would remind you of the old time spelling match but the difference was the teachers consisting of Mrs. J. L. Scott and Rev. Morgan spelled the words and the students or those who participated pronounced them. If the pronunciation was not correct, sit down was the command. Miss Sadie Smith won first laurels with Misses McFadden, Annie Bennett, and Mr. Jno M. Cook in rapid pursuit.

France, fresh from "stood up" to Germany and getting away with it, is not disposed to put up with any indignities, real or fancied, from any of the other neighbors.

What Is Lent?

The name Lent is derived from the old English word Lencten, meaning Spring, and so may be called the Spring fast, and is kept in commemoration of the forty days spent by the dear Lord in the wilderness.

The Lenten fast has been observed and kept by the Church from a very early date. Traces of its observance are found in the writings of the Anti-Nicene Writers Irenaeus and Origen. So it runs all through the Christian Centuries back through Jewish history to the days when Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage. In all the generations, with deviation only as to details, there have been days of preparation for the great Paschal Feast known in our day as Easter. Its antiquity proves its value. Think of the saintly lives it has fostered and developed; of the careless aimless lives to which it has given direction and force; of the good resolutions of millions of souls it has watered with prayers and self denial; think of the multitudes who enjoy the bliss of Paradise because of its inspirations. Its memories are sacred. It is Holy Ground, representing God's presence among His people. As Moses drew near to the burning bush with reference because God was manifested there; so this sacred season is approached. Who dare speak lightly of it? Who dare treat it with unconcern?

Life is a way, the Christian life is the pathway towards Heaven, and Lent is the rest by the way. As Christ said to the Apostles, "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile," so the Church would bid her faithful children to come apart for a while from the enjoyment of pleasure in its many forms, as we count pleasure, and rest, rest the soul and feed it, strengthening the Christian life by prayer and more frequent attendance at God's house.

Lent is the special season for drawing nearer to God. For special acts of charity and devotion, for giving up certain things that might tend to draw the heart away from God, for the deepening of the religious life, for placing the heart in a purifying process to cleanse it from sin, for the uniting us with, and drawing us nearer to the Christ."

Death of Mr. Dickey

Mr. Jas. A. Dickey of Pleasant Grove Township near Dickey's Mill died February 19th 1912 at the age of 71 years. He was united in marriage to Miss Pernelia Maynard February 19, 1883. To this union was born one son and one daughter. He united with Long's Chapel Christian Church as a charter member and was elected deacon at the same time. He leaves a wife, son and a brother.

He was a soldier in the Civil war, being a volunteer of company E 13th regiment, was wounded at Gettysburg Pa. losing his arm, was a prisoner at Davis Island, N. Y. for sometime. He was Treasurer for the county of Alamance for two consecutive terms.

A worthy citizen highly esteemed by all in the community, and all who knew him. Funeral services were conducted at the home by Revs. J. O. Atkinson and J. W. Holt, burial at Union Ridge.

To help the Civic League

If you want to help a good cause, be sure to ride on the street cars on every Tuesday for six weeks.

The President of the Piedmont Railway and Electric Company has kindly offered to give the Civic League 15 percent of all fares to the amount of \$50.00 and 25 percent of all over that amount, on these six Tuesdays.

Are you interested in your town? THEN PATRONIZE THE CIVIC LEAGUE YOUNG LADY CONDUCTORS.

Gov. Folk no doubt regrets that those pesky Missourians have to be shown.

"Marse" Watterson doesn't mind being called "fine gentleman," but he draws the line at "old."

A New Experiment

The Merchants Supply Co. which recently organized for the purpose of taking over the business and good will of the Burlington Grocery Co. is going to try a new experiment in their mode of selling goods. They have until recently employed two traveling salesmen. But they have reduced the number to one and have added what is known as a phone salesman and collector. They have put a lady in charge of this branch of the business, whose duty is to call all customers of the firm, or prospective customers, that can be reached by phone at least once per day for those who do business in the towns, and twice per week for those whose business is located in the country. The one salesman retained will visit those customers who are not fortunately situated so as to have the use of a phone, until such time as the phone system is extended to all enterprising merchants. The Merchants Supply Co. expect to be able to save considerably in the way of traveling expenses formerly paid to traveling salesmen, which will mean that they can sell goods at a closer margin of profit than heretofore. It will be the duty of this lady salesman and collector to not only call you and insist that you give her an order, but she is to insist that you remit for past purchases, so if you get a dunn over the phone, instead of getting insulted, and refusing to comply with the lady's request, you must remember, that it is a new and progressive firm. It cannot longer be truthfully said that there is nothing new under the sun, in these days of insurgency, progressiveness, the Initiative referendum and the recall.

The Alamance County Teacher's Meeting

The Alamance County Teachers Association will hold its last meeting for the present school session in Graham Saturday March 2, at 11 A. M.

PROGRAM:—

1. The Reading Course—Chaps. 7, 8 and 9.
2. Graduation and Promotion of Students.
3. Keeping the Register and making final Reports.

This will be the last teachers meeting for the school session of 1911-12 and it is very much hoped that we may have a full attendance.

The Union dinner will take its regular place on the program. If it is possible let every teacher come. Come and bring your school Register for your own reference. Every item of the program will be discussed in Conference.

Union Meeting of Daughters of Liberty

The entire membership of the Daughters of Liberty of Alamance County is invited to attend a Big County Union Meeting in the Hall of Purity Council No. 22 Burlington, on next Saturday evening Feb. 24.

The members of the local council are looking forward to a large attendance and a very helpful meeting.

Church Notice

The Church of the Holy Comforter, The Reverend John Benners Gible, Rector.

Services: Ash—Wednesday, 21st, 10:30 A. M. 7:30 P. M. Short sermons at both services. Thursday, 5:00 P. M. Friday 10:30 A. M. Saturday 10:30 A. M. Sundry 7:30 A. M. 11:00 A. M. 7:30 PM Sunday School 9:30 AM pews free, Polite ushers, vested choir, public cordially invited. Any questions of inquiry will be gladly answered by the Rector.

Antioch and Freedom's Hill

Rev. G. R. Mines will preach at Antioch Wesleyan Church Saturday, Feb. 24th, 7:30 p. m. and Sunday at 11 o'clock. Also at Freedom's Hill Sunday, Feb. 25, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 7:30 at night.

All are invited to attend. Rev. Mines has been holding revivals in the mountains the last 5 weeks and has been having good success.

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