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City Election Tuesday May Fourth

It is expected that the present Mayor and all members of the present Board of Aldermen will be candidates to succeed themselves—just how many others will be in the race as candidates for the various offices remains to be seen.

The sap in the trees and in all kinds of vegetation is not the only kind that is rising as the spring season opens up despite cold weather. The political sap is also finding vent as the spring season advances. As it is only six weeks till the municipal election will be held, the question of who will be in the race for mayor and city aldermen is now under discussion. Many of the voters of the town seem to be taking very little interest in the approaching election which will be held on Tuesday, May 4th, while others seem to be interested in the election of certain ones for the offices.

Up to a few weeks ago the voters were led to believe that Mayor Banks Wilkins and some of the members of the Board of Aldermen would not stand for reelection, but like a woman, they changed their minds and will be in the race again.

The names of two other citizens of the town have been mentioned in connection with the mayoralty, W. R. Hartness and M. S. Leverette. We don't know that they will be candidates for this office. They will probably make up their minds at an early date as to whether or not they will throw their hats in the ring.

So far no one has come out against E. M. Underwood, Sr., for alderman in the first ward. If any one has entered the race against W. H. Fitz for alderman in the second ward, no announcement has been made to that effect. There is talk of J. T. Ledwell entering the race against J. C. Gregson in the third ward. We understand that the committee will be a candidate for the past, but of Bob Hartness who is being groomed for alderman in the fifth ward.

Sanford seems to be enjoying prosperity and is moving forward and to higher and better things under the present administration. The town has come out of the late lamented depression in great shape and there is much activity on all sides. There are no empty business houses or dwellings in the town and new buildings of various kinds are being constructed. There would be a decided increase in the population of the town if the people who would like to locate here could rent houses. The future of the town looks bright, and if we are to judge by the way real estate is changing hands here, we may expect much activity in the building line in the immediate future.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

The Leadership Training School of the Presbyterian church will begin Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. C. N. Morrison, pastor of Buffalo group of churches, will teach a class on the Bible. Rev. A. V. Gibson will teach a class for elders and deacons. Mrs. A. J. McKeel, of Pinehurst, will teach the children's division and Rev. Mr. Mann, Parent Education. The school will continue through Friday. REV. PATE TO PREACH AT BUFFALO CHURCH.

Rev. A. W. Pate, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Jonesboro, will preach at Buffalo Sunday, 7:30 P. M. Rev. Mr. Morrison will be assisting in the study at the Sanford Presbyterian church.

Timber Thinning Demonstration

R. W. Graeber, Extension Specialist, will assist in these demonstrations.

Thinning demonstrations will be given Monday, March 22nd. The first of these will be given at 10 A. M. on W. T. Sander's place, two miles south of Jonesboro, on the Fayetteville road. The second will be given 1:30 p. m. on S. G. Groce's place, 3 miles west of Sanford, on the Cool Springs road.

Mr. R. W. Graeber, Extension forestry specialist from State College, will be present to help with these demonstrations. He will show how to thin timber to a proper stand by cutting the undesirable trees for flue wood or stove wood and leaving the best trees to grow in to saw timber.

COUNTY LIQUOR VOTE HINGES UPON PETITION

If Lee county is to have a referendum in the near future on the question of whether liquor stores shall be established in the county, the initiative in calling for a vote will have to come from the people. As has been stated in these columns the county commissioners have made it known that they would not call an election at any time, but would leave the matter to the voters, who under the recently enacted county option law are permitted to call a referendum through a petition signed by at least 15 per cent of the registered voters in the county who voted in the last election for Governor according to the vote cast for Governor. How the petition would have to carry from 400 to 600 signatures.

The petition followed by the committee through the initiative on the wet forces of the county and speculation is rife concerning what the wets will do. Some observers claim that a petition with the required number of signatures would not be difficult to obtain, but option is varied as to how the county would vote in the event an election is held.

SANFORD PAINT STORE

The Sanford Paint Store has been in business one year Monday. The managers, Frank Watson and A. C. Farrell, would like to express their appreciation through the press for the cooperation and patronage they have received from the people in this section.

They feel that they carry one of the best paints on the market. Paint that has been used in this section for 27 years, and they also have 12 reliable painters who can give you first class jobs.

Since they opened their store they have enlarged their quarters and have added a more complete line of hardware.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

At the regular meeting of the Parent Teacher Association Thursday afternoon at the high school building a committee composed of Mrs. Martin Wicker, Mrs. W. L. Jewell and Miss Mary Wilkins, were appointed to elect new officers. Mrs. J. C. Pittman, president, and Mrs. E. T. Ussery, vice president, tendered their resignations to become effective in May.

Vance Hulbert, vocational teacher, in the local school made a talk playlet, "How a Woman Keeps A Secret," was presented by the 9th grade of which Mr. W. C. Lane is teacher. Mr. Hulbert then invited those present to visit his room and inspect the work done by his pupils.

Miss Mary Glass has returned from Siler City, where she visited her sister, Mrs. N. W. Dixon, who critically ill.

WHAT ABOUT GOD?

One of the things that determine the effectiveness and methods of religion today is what the people think about God. It is a fairly well recognized fact that the reality about God has faded out of the minds of many people. They no longer feel that He is the burning reality he once was.

They see Him frequently in the faces and lives of good people for whom He is often mediated through human beings. But for many people living in our world God means very little.

The question then arises, why have people lost this sense of God's reality? It stems to me that once can trace with a degree of accuracy the conception of God held by men, as we trace the changes in man's occupations. God has a greater chance of being a living personality to a farmer than He is to a man who works a machine. When the farmer looks at his stock in the barn he realizes that these animals are wholly dependent on him for their life and support.

It is an easy step for him to realize that he himself is like wise utterly dependent upon God. His animals grow attached to him as their feeder and keeper. They all most learn to love him in their cradle.

This sense of dependence all about him helps the man in the country to keep the glamour of God as his feeder and keeper and defender. But to the man who stands day after day at a machine, and watches those mechanical processes go on, without change or variation, this sense of dependence is not so keen. The machine is not dependent on the man. If he deserts it it will not suffer. It is not a relationship—it is a process. He does not learn to love the machine as a living thing. It does not love him as a master. Is it any wonder that in this industrial age we are bound to find a new technique for religion? The 23rd Psalmist not nearly so real to a machine operator as it is to a sheep herder.

Men are growing to think today as never before of the universe as a machine governed by unchanging laws. Not a little of this conception is due to the influence of the machine. No one disres to destroy the machine. It is our servant.

What we must do is to try to find a way to make the lost sense of God return to the mass of the people. It is no longer a question as to what men think about God. It is now a question as to whether men think there is a God. Religion in this day must bring God back to the human heart, to the family fireside, and to the common life of the people. If we can do this, we have begun to win the battle. A people may be judged in a fairly accurate way if we know what they think of God.

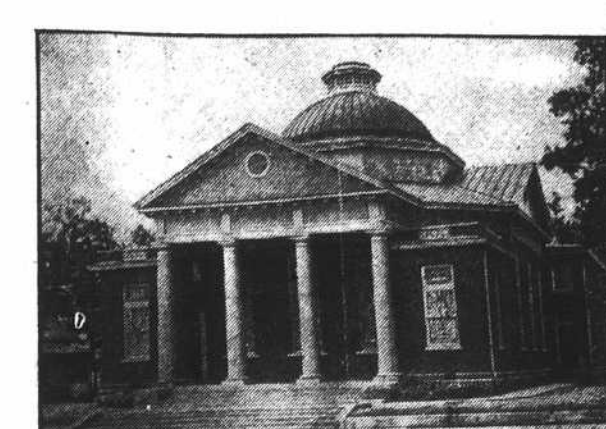
It is my belief that He must be made for men a Spirit, who is infinite, immutable, everlasting, and that these qualities must apply to His wisdom, Holiness, Justice, Goodness and Truth.

7th DISTRICT U. D. C.

The Seventh District of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held their annual meet in Sanford Tuesday in the ladies' parlor of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Victor R. Johnson is director. The meeting opened by singing "The Old North Star." Greetings were by Mrs. H. F. Makepeace, chairman of the Lee County Chapter. The response was by Mrs. Julian N. Gregory. Mrs. M. J. McPhail rendered a piano solo. The address was by Mrs. John N. Anderson, followed by a solo by Mrs. Makepeace. Miss Carrie Jackson gave some Southern melodies. All singing Dixie brought the meeting to a close.

There was a splendid attendance and a very enjoyable day was spent together. Luncheon was served at the Carolina Hotel to 51 people.



FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY STEELE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Steele Street Methodist church was observed last Sunday morning with appropriate exercises in the presence of a large congregation of present and former members and visiting friends.

Rev. C. B. Culbreth, present pastor of the church extended the greet to the congregation and expressed his happiness at being able to observe this occasion with the church. He said that "We are here to show our deep appreciation for the high Christian character and unselfish service of those dead and living, who through their work and sacrifice have made Steele Street Methodist Church one of the leading churches in North Carolina."

Only two of the charter members of the church were present. These were B. Cole and T. R. Moffitt. A. M. Noble, of Smithfield, a brilliant layman of the Methodist church, who delivered the address, was introduced by Mr. Culbreth.

After congratulating the church on its contribution to the spiritual growth of community Mr. Noble said that there was in the hearts of all men desire to worship a supreme being. For this purpose this church was built. The Christian church he declared, is the only institution that has survived during the social changes and economic upheavals that have taken place since it was organized.

Mr. Noble reviewed to some extent the history of the Methodist church and declared that the men who had organized it were imbued with a burning desire to evaluate the human race and that spirit that founded the church was the same spirit that had carried it on.

In closing the speaker urged the members of the church to give it their financial support. We can give without love, he said, but we cannot love without giving. "Some church members think they have to look after their business first, but if we do God's work we can be sure that He will take care of our business." Mr. Noble urged his hearers to take a stand against Sabbath desecration and he also had something to say about the liquor question. "Let the people know where you stand on this question, so important to the welfare of the people," he said. He closed by referring to the general assembly that had voted against a state referendum on the liquor question and predicted that they would hear from the people later.

A bulletin giving a brief history of the church was distributed among the congregation. On this bulletin were the names of the former pastors of the church, presiding elders of the Fayetteville district, charter members of the church and the present board of stewards.

SOCIAL NEWS

Circle No 1 at the home of Mrs. D. C. Lawrence with Mrs. D. M. Gurley as joint hostess. There were fourteen present. Mrs. S. T. Ingram, chairman, presided. Plans were made to give the Old Maid's Convention April 2nd at the school building.

Mrs. J. R. Rives conducted the devotional and Mrs. W. L. Seaworth was mission study leader. The hostesses served sandwiches, cookies and coffee.

Circle No 2 met with Mrs. P. J. Barringer with Mrs. W. H. Long as joint hostess. Fifteen answered the roll call. Mrs. Garland Curran, chairman, presided. Mrs. A. H. Fyne led the devotional and Mrs. Barringer taught the lesson on Prayer. Plans were made to have a rummage sale Saturday on Wicker street, next to the Groceries Store.

Circle No 3 met with Mrs. J. T. Holland, with Mrs. C. H. Porter as joint hostess. There were seventeen present. Mrs. S. A. Cotton conducted the devotional and Mrs. C. Reeves was mission study leader. Mrs. F. W. Mc Cracken presided. The hostesses served cake topped with whipped cream, sandwiches and coffee.

Circle No 4 met at the home of Mrs. C. B. Culbreth with Mrs. A. M. Hubbard as joint hostess. There were 15 present, and two visitors, Mrs. Slough and Mrs. Roy Ledden. Mrs. J. R. Hubbard led the devotional and Rev. C. B. Culbreth taught the lesson on Prayer. There were sentence prayers and all sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Mrs. Benson read an article on Livingstone.

The Polly Ann Backet was put in circulation, after which the hostesses served a sweet course. Mrs. W. L. present Mrs. L. A. Muller, chairman, presided. There were 105 present, Mrs. O. N. Jones, Mrs. E. P. Lane and Miss R. E. Long, and Miss R. E. Long.

Former pastors and presiding elders are as follows: Pastors—Rev. W. O. Hightower, Rev. W. B. Dobb, Rev. J. W. North, Rev. J. E. Thompson, Rev. L. J. Holder, Rev. D. L. Earnhardt, Rev. W. F. Craven, Rev. S. T. Moyle, Rev. J. H. Frizzell, Rev. E. W. Bailey, Rev. W. H. Puckett, Rev. K. D. Holmes, Rev. E. E. Spence, Rev. W. R. Royal, Rev. L. B. Jones, Rev. G. T. Adams, Rev. S. A. Cotton, Rev. A. J. Groves, Rev. L. D. Hayman, Rev. L. C. Larkin, and Rev. C. B. Culbreth. Presiding Elders: S. D. Adams, W. H. Bobbit, P. T. Gibbs, W. H. Moore, R. B. Hall, J. B. Hurley, J. T. Gibbs, R. B. John, R. H. Willis, J. D. Bundy, W. A. Cade, J. C. Wooten and D. E. Earnhardt.

The present officials are as follows: Paul B. Kern, bishop, D. E. Earnhardt, presiding elder, C. B. Culbreth, pastor, G. T. Adams, superintendent, A. J. Groves, superannuate, Mrs. J. T. O'Neal, secretary, W. L. Jewell, treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Roberts, organist, Dr. M. L. Matthews, music director, Fred Ray, sexton.

Board of Stewards: W. H. White, chairman, R. J. Benson, R. L. Burns, W. M. Cade, Mrs. T. S. Cross, G. G. Dorsett, J. W. Gilliams, F. Y. Hanner, M. W. Harriss, R. T. Howard, A. M. Hubbard, Mrs. W. L. Jewell, Mrs. Rex Kelly, Dr. M. L. Matthews, W. R. Makepeace, Mrs. H. M. Melver, H. A. Palmer, F. W. McCracken, Jr., H. C. Roberts, Miss Judith Ross, R. C. Rush, W. L. Simmons, Mrs. J. D. Wicker, and H. H. Underwood.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mr. Garland C. Norris and family, of Raleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. Stacy W. Allen, of this place, are spending ten days vacation at Lakeland, Fla. They expect to return home about the last of next week.

L. P. Wilkins, who has made an examination of the peach crop on the Wilkins fruit farm near Lemon Springs, states that the frost has killed about 75 per cent of the Georgia Belles. This is the first time that the peaches on this farm have been killed to any extent in several years. The peaches on this farm often escape when they are killed in other orchards.

We are informed that something like 100 new tobacco plants have been constructed by tobacco planters in Harriett county, and a large number in Lee county. It is stated that farmers who have never raised tobacco before in this section are making plans to raise it this year. In this way the acreage will be increased, and a lot of low grade tobacco will be put on the market next fall.

JONESBORO NEWS

Miss Caddell Passes After Long Illness. Miss Christian Caddell, one of Jonesboro's most beloved women died Friday night at the home of her niece, Mrs. Minnie Makepeace, following an illness of several months.

Funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home conducted by Rev. Paul H. Fields, pastor of the Jonesboro Methodist church. Music was furnished by members of the various choirs of the town under the supervision of "Mrs. C. A. Goffrey. The many lovely floral designs were in charge of the intimate friends of the deceased. Burial took place in the Jonesboro cemetery. Plan bearers were Messrs. Hamitt Mann, J. W. Kelly, R. B. Avent, John A. Dalrymple, W. G. Watson, and H. M. Jackson.

Miss Caddell had lived practically all her life in Jonesboro and made many friends by her bright, sunny disposition and Christian character. She loved her home and was never happier than when ministering to loved ones. She was a member of Jonesboro Methodist church and was true to her church relations. She is survived by several nieces, having made her home for many years with her niece, Mrs. Minnie Makepeace. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends and relatives from out of town.

Death of Brother in Law. Mrs. D. F. Harris was called to Fairmont two weeks ago on account of the serious illness of her brother in law, Mr. A. S. Thompson, of Fairmont. News was received by friends here that Mr. Thompson passed away last Monday at the advanced age of 79. Mr. Thompson was a prominent citizen on Fairmont, being interested in all activities in the church and civic life of the town. He is survived by three sons and two brothers and a sister in law, Mrs. D. F. Harris, of Jonesboro.

Dr. N. M. Watson Dies Suddenly. News was received in Jonesboro Tuesday of the sudden death of Mr. N. M. Watson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., a former beloved resident of Jonesboro. Dr. Watson was born near Jonesboro, the son of the late Malcolm and Barbara Watson. He is the last surviving immediate member of a large family of boys and girls.

Dr. Watson was an active minister in the Methodist church for about 40 years, serving churches in Raleigh, Wilmington, and Roberdel in North Carolina and at Chattanooga and Knoxville, having spent his early manhood in Jonesboro. He has a host of friends who learn of his passing with keen regret. The deceased is survived by his wife, and two sons and several nieces and nephews who reside in Jonesboro.

Move to Country. Mr. and Mrs. Dion Hunt and little daughter, Ann Brinkley, who have been residing with Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Hunt, on West Main street, have this week moved to their farm one half mile from town near the home of Miss Elva Bryan.

Junior Senior Banquet. The annual Junior Senior banquet of the Jonesboro high school was held Friday evening in the Home Economics department. The banquet tables were arranged in a setting suggestive of Saint Patrick's Day. Covers were laid for sixty-five guests, including members of both classes, Superintendent and Mrs. Hugh L. Stone, members of the high school faculty and the mascots and their mothers.

Henry Fields acted as toast master, and gave the address of welcome. Conner Smith gave a toast to the senior class and Phillip McDavid, president of the class, responded. Miss Jausita Wilson gave a toast to the faculty and the response was made by Hugh L. Stone, superintendent of the school. Harry Hamilton gave a toast to athletics and was responded to by John Cameron, athletic coach. Miss Dorothy Dalrymple gave a toast to the attractive little mascots, Seth Cox, Jr., of the Junior Class, and Ann Brinkley Hunt, of the senior class, and was responded to by a song by Ann Brinkley Hunt.

A three course dinner was served by members of the home economics class under the direction of Miss Mary Sue Smith, home economics teacher. Music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Eris Adams. Irish games and contests under the direction of Miss Juanita Wilson were enjoyed. Misses Nancy Beth York and Kathleen Arnold dressed in quaint costumes danced the Irish jig. The singing of Irish songs by the Junior and senior classes concluded the evening's entertainment which proved to be one of the most enjoyable events of the school year.

Grange Meeting. The Grange met for their regular meeting Thursday evening in the Grange hall, with a good attendance. The Master, Mr. Thomas Adams, presided over the meeting. For the entertainment of the evening, the play, "Are You Listening?" was presented by a group of grange members. Much interest is being shown in the attendance contest, which is under the direction of Miss Katie Rosser, lecturer.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Mae Wootten is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. V. Gibson. Mrs. Murchison Fairley, of Manchester, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. A. G. Carter.

Mrs. Edwin West and Mrs. Earl Byrd, and daughter, Ruby Byrd, of Hemp, visited Mrs. Neal Harrington one day last week.

Mr. J. C. Pendergrass continues ill at his home, Sanford, Route 3. Mr. Sam Hoyle and Miss Nellie Hoyle of Carthage, former members of Steele street Methodist church, attended the fiftieth anniversary of the church Sunday morning.

Mr. Charles Hubbard and Miss Geneva Marks, students at Duke University, and Edwin Hubbard, student at the University, were home for the 50th anniversary of Steele Street Methodist church.

Miss Anna Dean Burks, of Chapel Hill, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. L. H. Crumpler. Mr. H. A. Russell and family have moved from Steele street to Green street.

Mrs. C. A. Pendergrass, Mrs. R. H. Meeks, with their mother, Mrs. J. B. Kelly, of Coats, and Mrs. Gaston Adams, of Benson, spent Sunday in Charlotte with Miss Leta Kelly, who is a student at the National School of Commerce. Miss Sue Beckwith has returned home from Lee County Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. George G. Chiles, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Miller and Frank Clegg, attended a Lions Club meeting at Winston-Salem Tuesday night. It was a celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Lion's organization. It was also the birthday celebration of Judge G. H. Hastings, a prominent member of the Winston-Salem club who came down a few months ago and organized the Sanford Lions club. The members of the club at this place carried a 12-pound cake to Winston-Salem, and had Dr. Chiles, past president of this club, and now a state director of this district, present it to Judge Hastings, to show the appreciation of the Sanford club in his work as organizer of the club. The Winston-Salem club presented him with a beautiful 21 jewel watch.

Two Members of Steele Street Attend Council Meeting. Messdames L. P. Wilkins and D. C. Lawrence, members of the Auxiliary of Steele Street church, attended the council meeting which was held at Columbia, S. C. last week.

At the council meeting, there were thirty-nine conferences represented and missionaries from every foreign field that the conference supports, as well as deaconesses and home workers. Bishop Moore and Bishop Kern were present, also Bishop McConnell, of the Northern Methodist church. There were such large numbers in attendance that Washington street church, one of the oldest churches, could not accommodate the crowd. On Sunday Bishop Moore preached in the city auditorium, and the other bishops at other churches in the city and all were crowded.

The council meeting, which was held from Thursday of last week until Monday of this week, was considered one of the best in the history of the church.

The cost of producing starch from the sweet potatoes was reduced from 18 cents in 1934 to 10 cents in 1935 and to 3 cents in 1936. Farmers were paid 20 cents a bushel for potatoes last year. The average yield per acre is about 200 bushels.