

## Mount Airy's Citizenship Joins in Extending United Welcome to Visiting Baraca-Philathea Delegates

### 500 Delegates Expected to Attend State Sunday School Gathering Here

#### Opening Session Thursday Evening First Baptist Church--Noted Speakers

##### Mount Airy Homes Thrown Open to Visiting Delegates

Extensive preparations have been completed for the holding of the state convention of the Baraca-Philathea Association which will convene in its first session at the First Baptist Church Thursday evening. Those in charge of local arrangements under the leadership of C. W. Andrew, chairman of the central committee, are expecting several hundred delegates from all parts of the state. R. P. Snell, of Raleigh, president, has sent out urgent requests to all members of the association for a full representation at the meeting in this city.

The meeting places will be at the First Baptist Church, Central M. E. Church, and the National Theatre. The headquarters will be at the Blue Ridge hotel where an individual telephone has been installed with No. 519 and an information bureau will be maintained during the three days' session. R. V. Deyerle will here register the arriving delegates, assign them to their respective homes and give any other assistance desired. Any one wanting information in regard to program, time of meetings, assignments, etc., should call phone No. 519.

Visiting delegates will be entertained in the homes of the city under what is known as the Harvard plan, that is, they will be given breakfast in the homes and secure the other two meals of the day at the hotel, the cafes, and other places where food is prepared.

##### Able Speakers.

Many well known and able speakers have been secured for the convention, among them being Hon. R. N. Simms, of Raleigh, noted attorney, and teacher of the Simms Baraca class in his home city; Miss Henrietta Heron, of Cincinnati, one of the foremost Sunday School workers in the nation; Dr. D. W. Daniel, of Clemson College, S. C., one of the most popular educators and speakers in the Carolinas; Mrs. H. M. Finch, of Rocky Mount, a devoted Bible class worker, and others who have had wide experience in this field of Christian endeavor.

##### Opening Session at First Baptist

The four-day convention will hold its first session Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, beginning at 8 o'clock. C. W. Andrew will preside at the opening session with Rev. E. Gibson Davis leading the song service. Mr. Davis is an experienced man in this work and will have charge of the music features during all the sessions. Judge W. F. Carter will deliver the address of welcome, followed by responses by Miss Heron and Mrs. N. Buckner, of Asheville, state secretary. The keynote address of the evening will be delivered by Dr. A. E. Corey, of Kinston, his subject being "Christian Friendliness." At the close of the meeting an informal get-acquainted reception will be held.

##### Business Session.

The initial business meeting will open Friday morning, at 8:45 o'clock, with Mr. Snell presiding, this meeting also at the First Baptist Church. The devotional exercises will be in charge of the Rev. C. D. Crouch. Mr. Snell, as president of the Baracas, and Mrs. William W. Dickerson, as head of the Philatheas, will make their reports. The principal address, "Baraca-Philathea--What Is It?" will be delivered by Miss Heron. Dr. E. H. Broughton, of Raleigh, will also speak on "Why I Like the Baraca-Philathea Plan." Reports, open discussion and other routine features will keep the delegates busy until lunch at 12:30 p. m. In the afternoon the delegates will be taken on a sight-seeing tour as guests of the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club and the Merchants' Association.

The Friday program will be concluded with the annual Baraca-Philathea banquet, which will be held at the Central Methodist Church, beginning at 6:30 p. m. The after-dinner program will be in charge of E. C. Bivens, and following the usual toasts and felicitations Dr. D. W. Daniel, of Clemson College, famous in the Southeast for his after-dinner orations, will deliver his address on "The Joyful Life."

Saturday morning the sessions will be resumed at 8:45 o'clock at the Central Methodist Church, with Mrs. Dickerson, the Philathea president, in the chair, and the devotional service in charge of the Rev. B. H. Milkman. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Buckner and Miss Heron. Class reports and routine business will continue until luncheon time.

##### Election of Officers

In the afternoon at 2:30 the delegates will gather for the final business session, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected and the next convention city chosen. Mr. Snell will preside and the devotional exercises will be conducted by the Rev. J. C. Grier. Unfinished business, reports of committees and open discussion on themes, led by Miss Heron, are on the program, in addition to the election of officers and selection of the 1928 meeting place. The "Quiet Hour" at 4:30 will be in charge of Mrs. H. M. Finch.

The Saturday program will conclude with a song and praise service beginning at 7:30 p. m., with Mrs. Z. H. Ross in the chair and the devotional exercises led by the Rev. J. O. Ervin. Installation of the new officers will be in charge of Mrs. Finch, and the session will conclude with the "Quiet Hour" led by Miss Heron.

The sunrise prayer service at 7 o'clock will open the Sunday program, with Mrs. Finch and the Rev. J. C. Grier in charge. At 9:30 the delegates will visit the various Baraca and Philathea classes at their regular sessions and will attend the regular church service at 11 o'clock.

##### Concluding Service.

The mass meeting and memorial service Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the National Theatre will bring the convention to a close. John D. Berry, of Raleigh, will preside, and the Rev. W. A. Newell will have charge of the devotional exercises. The addresses will be delivered by Miss Heron, who will speak on "Life's Crosses," and Robert N. Simms, of Raleigh, whose subject will be "Marshall A. Hudson and the Future of Baraca-Philathea." The roll call of deceased Baracas and Philatheas will be conducted by Mrs. Buckner. The convention will close with a consecration service in charge of Mrs. Finch and the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

##### A Few Banquet Tickets Available.

Mrs. C. C. Hale wishes us to announce that a few tickets for the Baraca-Philathea Convention banquet, to be spread in the dining room of Central Methodist Church Friday night, will be available for local people.

These tickets may be purchased from Mrs. C. C. Hale at \$1.00 each. The visiting delegates will have to be taken care of first, then the local delegates and afterwards those who apply will be served as they come. It is quite an honor to be able to attend this banquet and sit at the meat with these distinguished visitors, and the few tickets available for local people will soon be taken, get yours reserved today.

The members of the Woman's Club will cater for this banquet.

Mrs. A. P. Turnmyre left Wednesday to attend the graduating exercises of the University of Richmond, at Richmond, Va., where one of her brothers will graduate. She will visit Washington, D. C., and return through the Valley of Virginia accompanied by a brother from South-  
ern Plains.



Yours for another "Million"

Marshall A. Hudson.

Founder and late president of the World-Wide Baraca Philathea Bible Class Union. Mr. Hudson was known as "the man who wanted a million,"—a million young people studying the Word of God and serving humanity in the name of Christ.

The movement started with a class of a dozen young men about thirty-five years ago. It now encircles the globe and numbers more than a million members.

##### Lightning Kills Man Near Gladesboro Church

Mr. J. Cassell Bowman was killed by lightning during a storm one day last week.

When the storm came up Mr. Bowman who was about 55 years old was plowing in a field near the Gladesboro Church and sent his boy to the barn with the team and he started with a sack of potatoes to the shelter of the school; just as he passed under a piece of telephone wire, which had been cut when telephone service was discontinued, the lightning struck and passed from the wire, swinging a foot or two above his head, through his body. The boy saw him fall and called for aid and a neighbor worked with him as long as breath lasted, possibly thirty minutes, however it is said the bolt broke his neck.

Messrs. J. E. Ayers and Kent Harman of this city attended the funeral which was held at the Gladesboro Church.

##### A Modern Lunch Stand.

The City Lunch, opposite First National Bank, will soon complete the remodeling of their stand and will have one of the nicest places in the state. A row of arm chairs will be installed as soon as they can be received from the factory and electric equipment will keep food and sandwiches warm for serving at all times. A complete line of sandwiches will be carried in stock, including barbecue. R. S. Johnson is manager of the business and has as his assistant Arthur Lawrence.

Mrs. S. N. Alfred, of Austin, Tex., and Mrs. H. E. Hauser and little daughter, Mary Frances, of Anderson, S. C., are guest of relatives here.

##### ARE WE TO HAVE A BASE BALL TEAM?

Mass Meeting Thursday Night To Discuss Plans For Organization of Club.

If Mount Airy is to have a baseball club during the coming season those interested should attend the mass meeting that will be held in the city hall Thursday night this week, at 7:30. All who appreciate the value of a good baseball club for a city are urged to attend this meeting and discuss means of organizing and maintaining a creditable team during the summer. There is plenty of baseball material about this city and it only needs an organization to gather it together, give it a little training and we should then have a winning team. Judge Lewellyn, Fred Falger, E. C. Bivens and others will be on hand to take part in the discussion leading to an organization.

### What Graduates Intend to Follow

It is interesting to note the large number of members of the graduating class of the Mount Airy High School who will enter some college or teacher training school in the fall. It is easy to recall the time when the average citizen felt that only those entering some of the higher professions had any need of going beyond the high school course.

Some of those who have not yet decided fully where they will go will no doubt join the majority in continuing their studies in higher institutes of learning. The list as we were able to get it follows: Hiram Hubert Alfred, farming; Willie Clifton Baughn, farming; Capitola Mae Belton, N. C. C. W., Greensboro; W. Max Brannock, McClellan Store; Ruby Ethel Cook, undecided; Annie Fawcett, Randolph Macon, Lynchburg, Va.; Kathryn Louise Fawcett, Salem College, Winston-Salem; John F. Gilbert, will go to college; Ethel Mae Goad, undecided; Marie Gwyn, undecided; Leslie W. Jackson, too young for college, will take college training later; Lillian Johnson, Meredith College, Raleigh; Wade Hampton Johnson, assisting his father on the farm, will go to State College, Raleigh; Daisy T. Jones, undecided; William Henry Kingsbury, local circulation manager Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel, will enter U. N. C. in the fall; Katherine Long, Teachers Normal College, Farmville, Va.; Annie Lillian Mabe, undecided; Grace Martin, teacher training course at Dobson Normal; Annie Massey, commercial student; Winston McKinney, State College, Raleigh; Alice Lee Norman, undecided; Wallace Shelton, University of North Carolina; Giles Smith, helping in his father's store and will go to Davidson College, Davidson; Charles Sprinkle, farmer, State College, Raleigh; Arnette Taylor, commercial student; Carrie Taylor, Meredith College, Raleigh; Katherine Tilley, commercial student; Verona West, Meredith College, Raleigh.

### Youths Must Get Permits Before Being Employed

County Welfare Officer I. F. Armfield says there are a number of young boys and girls in this city who desire to work about the factories, but are under proper age to be employed without an examination and permit from his office. He will be in this city every Saturday for a few weeks and will be glad to give these examinations on Saturday afternoons. All between the ages of 14 and 16 must have permits from the welfare officer before they can secure employment. The closing of the schools has released a number of boys and girls who want to secure employment and Mr. Armfield will keep office hours in this city on Saturdays so that they can be given the physical examination and secure the proper certificate.

### Early Morning Fire.

Fire early Sunday morning destroyed the store of Fred Beamer at the quarry. Mr. Beamer had owned the store only a few months and it was in charge of Raymond Beamer. The loss to the stock is estimated at \$3,000 with \$1,500 insurance. The building was the property of the quarry.

Assistance of the fire company, which brought chemicals into use, saved adjoining property, although the front of Mitchell's new grocery store was badly blistered and scorched.

### Troop I Scout News.

Since Troup I of Mt. Airy has been reorganized the boys have passed many tests and now nearly everyone has passed at least the tenderfoot test. Recently two boys were voted into the troupe and will be initiated soon. A new patrol has been added to the troupe and they have three patrols now. In the last meeting Homer Beck, James Bray and Kenneth Cook were appointed the new patrol leaders. The troupe has received its charter and registration blanks from headquarters and the registration blanks have been given to the members. One of their aims is for every member to pass at least the second class test before they go on their camping trip.

### Some Tobacco News From Southern Section of Georgia

#### Five Nurses Graduate at Martin Memorial Hospital.

A very fine address by Dr. J. T. Burrus, of High Point, featured the graduating exercises of the Martin Memorial Hospital Training School for Nurses at the Community Building Tuesday evening.

Dr. Burrus addressed his remarks to the class and spoke along the line of the progress made in the medical and nursing profession in the past.

Of the five nurses receiving diplomas three, Misses Lucy Dudley, Leslie Pullen and Cynthia Walker will remain for the present at Martin Memorial Hospital, Miss Clarice Smith will do private nursing in Roanoke, Va., and Miss Nettie Triplett is already employed on general duty at the Elkin Hospital.

A delightfully informal reception was held in the Nurses Home following the program when the staff and graduates received the guests and the pupil nurses served refreshments.

#### Will Fish For Tarpon in Florida

Messrs. W. E. Merritt, and sons Oscar, Haywood and Hugh Merritt and Frank Sydnor leave Friday morning to spend a week or ten days fishing for tarpon in the waters at Marco, Fla.

Mrs. Haywood Merritt will accompany them as far as Winnaboro, S. C., where she will spend the time with home folks.

Mr. Merritt and his boys had such wonderful luck at tarpon fishing last year that they brought back a pocket full of pictures of themselves and some of their biggest catches so that they could tell their fish stories without fear of contradiction.

#### Bakery Under New Management

Judge H. H. Lewellyn recently acquired the Sanitary Bakery in this city and is making plans to greatly improve the facilities of the plant by the addition of more modern equipment. Gus Bruner will continue in the capacity of baker, and there is no more capable man than Gus, Mount Airy is large enough to support a local bakery and Judge Lewellyn expects to make the service and product such as to gain the undivided trade of the city.

#### Demonstrating Electric Refrigeration.

Mrs. H. S. Weinberg, demonstrator for Frigidaires, will spend next week in this city holding demonstrations for Holcomb & Midkiff, Frigidaire agents for this county. During the week Mrs. Weinberg will meet with various clubs of the city and explain to the ladies the value and conveniences of electric refrigeration, and on Saturday of next week a public demonstration and exhibit of Frigidaire cabinets and units will be held in the store of the local dealer.

#### LOCAL CONCERN TO HANDLE PONTIAC CAR

##### Smith Motor Co., Inc., Accepts Agency For General Motors Product.

Smith Motor Co., of this city, has been incorporated with J. D. Smith, Jr., F. W. Smith and Jas. F. Ashby as the stockholders. The new concern has accepted the direct agency for Pontiac and Oakland and will receive their first shipment of Pontiacs in a few days. The Pontiac has been manufactured only about a year, starting with the employment of 400 men and now employing 5600 in their Pontiac plant. For the present the new concern will have headquarters at Massey's old garage on North Main street. Mr. Ashby will be in active charge of the agency, having had much experience in automobile salesmanship, previously holding a position with the Ford agency in this city.

The Pontiac is a six cylinder car with price ranging from \$775 to \$975. A large advertisement in this paper carries the factory announcement of the appointment of this new agency.

#### J. M. Dix, Formerly of Surry, Writes of Crop Conditions in New Tobacco Belt.

Many people of this section, and especially the farmers who grow tobacco, are interested in the plantings that are being made over the tobacco belt. In this section it is predicted that the amount of tobacco planted will be about the same, but some of our farmers have had some apprehension over the cotton growers turning to tobacco and creating an over production. It is true that in many places in the cotton belt tobacco is taking the place of cotton to an extent but it would appear that this has not been extensive enough to bring about an over production to any serious degree.

The following letter from J. M. Dix, who is now operating a large farm at Nashville, Ga., 50 miles north of the Florida line, to his friends, J. W. Lovill in this city, will be of considerable interest to our readers:

"Nashville, Ga., May 29, 1927.  
"Mr. J. W. Lovill,  
"Mount Airy, N. C.

"Dear Sir:

"Your letter of the 27th received and carefully noted. I have had occasion to see the tobacco crop from my place to Valdosta, and from Valdosta south beyond the Florida line and from Valdosta to Boston, also I went to Augusta, Ga., last week by the way of Douglas and through the Vidalia section. This gives me pretty fair idea of the Georgia crop, and I would say that there is 25 per cent more planted than last year, with an average of 75 per cent stand, but this does not mean that there will be 75 per cent of the original planting that will make good tobacco. Some crops that were planted from the 10th to the 15th of March have been replanted through the latter part of March, through April, and the first part of May. This makes the fields very irregular and the last replants in them will not get the proper amount of cultivation as the first plantings are in bloom.

"It is still dry except for a shower locally here and there over scattered territory. The early tobacco has begun turning yellow at the bottom and unless we get rain immediately cannot amount to much. Summing the whole crop up it looks like about 60 per cent of last year's crop and of poor, irregular quality, but you know that tobacco is a crop that can come out much better than one would think if it could have rain before it is too far gone. At Nashville there have only been a few light showers since last September, most of the water courses have stopped running and the swamps are dry enough to burn. The Alapaha river below Valdosta has been absolutely dry and dusty for about six weeks. This will give you a pretty fair knowledge of the situation here. The best prospect for tobacco that I have seen is around Vidalia. Our individual crop is late with a poor stand, but is not hurt from the drought so far.

"Yours very truly,  
"J. M. DIX"

#### Fined For Driving Under Age.

In the Recorder's Court Monday Judge Lewellyn fined M. T. McKnight \$10 and the cost for allowing one under the age of 16 years to drive his car. The case was the result of an accident to the little girl of James Lowry, although it was never contended that the age of the driver, who was Mr. McKnight's daughter, contributed to the accident. The child sustained a fractured skull when run over on South Main street some weeks ago, but is recovering. Mr. McKnight was deeply hurt over the sad accident and is said to have born all the hospital expenses.

Henry Galloway was given a preliminary hearing for killing Fred Vinson and bound to Dobson court without bond.

#### Collar Bone Fractured At Play

Little Mary Frances Webb, seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Webb, had the misfortune to fracture her collar bone Tuesday morning when she tripped and fell against the curb when she and a little friend were jumping rope near her home.