

ESTABLISHED IN 1880.

MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA, JULY 25th, 1929.

\$1.50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

Baptist To Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Church

Members of First Baptist Church Plan Home-Coming Day; Many Visitors From Distant Points To Attend

Sunday, August 11, To Be Memorable Day.

Members of the First Baptist Church of Mount Airy and their friends together with all the living former pastors of the congregation will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the church in an all-day service Sunday, August 11. Advance sheets of the arrangements as worked out by the program committee indicate that the occasion will be a high religious carnival in the life of the church. At least five former pastors besides the present pastor, Dr. I. T. Jacobs, will each have a part in the various services to be held at the church. A picnic lunch will be served on the grounds for all members of the church and their friends. One former pastor, Rev. J. E. Smith, will come all the way from his present charge at Gary, Ind., to help out in the celebration. It will doubtless interest our readers to know that not less a personage than Dr. A. C. Dixon, later one of the world's renowned pulpit orators, together with our own late lamented pastor C. C. Haymore, were instrumental in organizing the church. Both Dixon and Haymore were young men at the time and Mount Airy was but a small village. They had but recently been college mates at Wake Forest. At Haymore's suggestion young Dixon came to Mount Airy and held evangelistic services for several days. What the net results in converts that effort produced no one living today recalls, but out of it grew the organization of the "Baptist church of Christ," which during the 50 intervening years has come to be known as the First Baptist Church.

The original organization was made up of 16 members, drawn for the most part of surrounding country churches. Rev. J. H. Lewellyn, for many years a powerful and respected Baptist preacher in Surry and surrounding counties, was moderator of the presbytery called together to effect the organization and Dr. A. C. Dixon was the secretary or clerk. The minutes of the proceedings whereby the church became an organic body were written in Dixon's bold but clear script. These records have been carefully preserved by the succeeding church clerks. A few years ago Dr. A. C. Dixon, then pastor of the great Spurgeon Temple in London, came to Mount Airy to visit his friend Haymore and was shown the record of the organization of the church. He did not recognize his own hand writing until his attention was called to it but when it was pointed out it is said the great preacher gazed over it like a schoolboy. Upon being told that the church then numbered some 600 in its membership, Dixon exclaimed: "The organization of this Mount Airy church was probably the best days' work I ever did for the Lord."

Dobson Now Has Electric Current

S. P. U. Co. Turned on Power Tuesday Afternoon

More than 40 homes and business enterprises of the town of Dobson are now being supplied with electricity furnished by the new power line of the S. P. U. Co., running from this city to the county seat. For several weeks work has been progressing on the line and sub-station located at Dobson and on Tuesday afternoon Supt. C. M. Whitlock, with a number of citizens and officials looking on, threw the switch at the Dobson sub-station which sent the current into Dobson and through the homes and enterprises of the town. The current is conveyed to Dobson under a force of 13,000 volts and the sub-station there reduces it to 2200 before it enters the pole transformers. The company now has under construction a power line from Pilot Mountain to Westfield and in a short time will be supplying the residents of Westfield with electricity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clarke and family of Stuart, Va., were visitors here the past week end to see their niece Miss Ellen Clarke who is a patient for treatment at Martin Hospital.

Funeral at Hollow Springs Church

Funeral services for Mr. Will Barnes aged 81 years who died at his home on South street Tuesday were held at the Hollow Springs Baptist Church at 3 p. m. Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. T. W. Bryant officiating. Mr. Barnes has been in bad health for some time and was a furniture factory worker before his health failed. He is survived by his wife and several children and one brother John Barnes. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Hollow Springs Church.

Hospital News

Mrs. W. B. Hale is recovering from a minor operation performed several days ago. Mrs. Will Prather and baby are now at their home in this city. Twin sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Fawcett Sunday. Wilson Barber submitted to an operation for the removal of his tonsils Wednesday. Mrs. Charles Winfrey, of route 5, is recovering from an operation performed Monday. Mr. A. Z. Johnson and Mr. Vestal Pople of Winston-Salem are recovering from injuries received in the wreck of a truck on the Winston-Salem to Mount Airy road last Saturday. Mrs. D. J. Dalton, of Meadows-of-Dan, Va., is doing nicely following an operation for appendicitis Monday. Mrs. Phil Haskins and baby are now at their home near this city. Mrs. D. B. King, of The Hollow, Va., is a hospital patient for treatment.

Mount Airy Team Loses to Pinnacle

Playing an interesting game with the result in doubt throughout Pinnacle Wednesday afternoon defeated the Mount Airy team before a medium number of fans. Parrish hurried for Mount Airy while Pinnacle used the veteran Pettitt and both moundmen pitched good ball, although at times the batters found each for long hits for the runs that were scored. The final result was Pinnacle four and Mount Airy three. Good fielding of both teams and several good plays featured the game.

Rev. John Permar Goes to Asheboro

The Rev. John Permar and family consisting of his wife and four children will leave Tuesday to make their future home in Asheboro. The Rev. Mr. Permar came here from Graham about two years ago to become pastor of the Friends Church in this city and during their stay Rev. and Mrs. Permar have made many warm friends not only among their own congregation but among the citizenship in general. It is understood that the Rev. Mr. Permar resigned his pastorate here largely on account of his wife's health hoping a change of climate would benefit her.

He will be succeeded as pastor of the Friends Church in this city by Rev. Clifton Pearson of Guilford College. The Rev. Mr. Pearson has a wife and one child.

Gene Dunnigan Dies Suddenly

W. Eugene (Gene) Dunnigan died suddenly Monday evening at his home at Shorttown north-west of this city, the cause of death supposed to be apoplexy. Mr. Dunnigan had finished his supper and seemed to be in his usual good health and in good spirits. Suddenly he became ill and called his wife to summon a doctor but died within an hour after being stricken.

He was about 40 years old and is survived by his wife formerly Miss Mollie Walker, three sisters Mrs. John Leonard, of Charlotte, Mrs. Homer Thompson, Mrs. D. C. Bowman and one brother James Dunnigan all of this city. His mother Mrs. Tom Dunnigan died last April at the home of her daughter Mrs. Bowman.

The funeral was conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon and the remains laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery, Rev. O. L. Harris officiating.

Mrs. Conrad Smithman and children of Winston-Salem, are visiting her mother Mrs. John L. Ashby.

Mount Airy Granite For New Postoffice

Stone Picked For Asheville Building—Plans For Greensboro Office Still Unknown.

Washington, July 23.—The treasury department, (Architects office), states that Mount Airy granite, a light gray, is to be used for the Asheville public building. Representative Fritchard has been writing the department about using a stone found a few miles outside of Asheville, but the department does not undertake to dictate to the contractors—in this case March Brothers, of St. Louis—about the material to be used, if it comes up to specifications.

It will perhaps be two months yet before the architects get a good start on plans for the Greensboro building. The department apparently has a vast volume of business on hand, and one now and then gets an idea in individual cases, that it has ceased operations. However, it is moving, and will get around to cities like Greensboro in "due course" as they say when there is no intention to give dates.

The Mount Airy Circuit News

There will be regular services at Beulah Sunday at 11 a. m., New Hebron at 3 p. m., and at Oak Grove at night.

The Mount Airy Evangelistic club will begin a meeting at Pleasant View Sunday night, and assist the pastor during the week as much as possible. The public is most cordially invited to the services. There will be no services except at night.

The meeting at Salem, in which Rev. T. V. Crouse did the preaching, was a great success. There were some twenty-five or thirty professions and recommitments and thirteen additions to the membership of the church. Brother Crouse did some splendid preaching and won his way into the hearts of the people. He will always find a glad welcome awaiting him any time he may return.

The pastor assisted the Rev. J. W. Campbell in a meeting last week near Walnut Cove, where considerable interest was manifested and four joined the church.

These news items appear from time to time at the suggestion of our friend, the honorable Editor of The News, and I find are read by a good many people. I had a letter from Japan recently telling how they were enjoyed by a reader there.

State's Birthrate Is Highest in Nation

The department of commerce announces that for the birth registration area, exclusive of Massachusetts and Utah, the birth rate for 1928 was 19.7 as compared with 20.7 for 1927. In 23 of the 38 states the birth rates were lower in 1928 than in 1927.

Highest birth rate in 1928 (27.5 per 1,000 population) is shown for North Carolina, and the lowest (14.4) is for Washington.

In North Carolina last year there were 80, 893 births, while the total number of deaths, all ages, totalled 36,163. There were 6,903 deaths of infants under one year, a slight decrease in the death rate among infants as compared to the year previous.

Glenn Boyles of Bluefield, W. Va., is visiting relatives here.

Tax Book Tangle Keeps Books Locked In Folger's Office

The dispute over the question of employing help to assist Tax Supervisor S. F. Folger in making out the 1929 tax books remains unsettled and no work is being done on the books. The task of compiling the tax abstracts, copying them off on to a permanent record and then making up the tax books for the sheriff's use is a duty that is placed upon Mr. Folger under the act that created his office in this county. But one man cannot do the work in the time that is required, therefore other help must be secured and it is at this point that Mr. Folger and the County Commissioners have come to a disagreement.

The County Commissioners take the position that they have been elected by the voters of the county to conduct the affairs of the county, and that they are responsible for the conduct of the county's business and further that they construe the law as giving them the authority to employ and furnish to Mr. Folger such help as he may need to complete the work of making out the tax books. Going on this interpretation of their duty the Commissioners on last first Monday employed help to assist Mr. Folger, but at the same time Mr. Folger made it known that he would employ his own help. The Commissioners declined to allow Mr. Folger to do this and notified him

Sales Season Opens On Georgia Markets

Tobacco Prices Range From \$12 to \$30—Good Increase Over Last Year

Waycross, Ga., July 23.—Georgia's crop of bright leaf tobacco went on the market in 23 towns and cities in the southern part of the state today, and early reports from the markets indicated that prices were substantially higher than last year, strengthening predictions that the total money received this season would establish a new record.

Scattered reports from throughout the belt gave sales prices of from \$12 to \$30 per hundred pounds with the average from 25 to 30 per cent higher than the opening day of last year. Sales ranged from \$12 to \$30 per hundred pounds at Douglas, with warehousemen estimating the average at \$18, which they considered a good price for the quality of weed offered, mostly sand lugs. Douglas sales were estimated at approximately 500,000 pounds for the day against first day sales of nearly 1,000,000 pounds last year.

At Blackshear, prices averaged in the neighborhood of \$20 per hundred against \$11 last season, with approximately 750,000 pounds on the floors. This little town last year led the state in total pounds sold with more than 2,000,000 pounds of the weed changing hands.

Averages at Valdosta were estimated at \$17 per hundred with more than 900,000 pounds estimated on the floors, establishing a record for the market. Opening prices were estimated at \$20 per hundred pounds, nearly twice the opening day bidding of a year ago, and the quality of tobacco was said to be low, growers holding their better grades of leaf until later in the season. Claxton with an estimated average of \$23 had the highest reported price, with 200,000 pounds sold at noon.

Report of Activities at Camp Cemecku.

Twenty-five boys and girls of the Four-Square Club of Central M. E. Church returned Tuesday, July 23, from a nine days' camping trip at Camp Cemecku, Kapps Mill. Those in charge were Mr. and Mrs. Rhoadaker, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gibbs, and Miss Moselle Owen.

The sports and amusements consisted of boating, swimming, exercises, drills, hiking, pitching horseshoes, reading and riding. Each day closed with devotional services.

Weiner roasts, watermelon feasts and a starvation diet were greatly enjoyed by: Woodrow Thompson, Ruth Wolfe, James Burke, Frances Owen, Mary E. Partridge, Robert Harris, Mary Brockington, Carroll Tiley, Ruth Bowman, Paul Perry, Virginia Harris, J. B. Banner, Paul Owen, Dale Monday, Gibbs Gibbs, John Sharpe Jordan, Parker Martin, Robert Moore, Ora Smith, Lovill Dean and Annie Thomas.

Visitors from Elkin, Mountain Park, Dobson and Winston-Salem were entertained. The local visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dean and family, Misses Florida and Dorabelle Graves, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thomas and daughter Mary, Miss Frances Folger, Mrs. R. A. George and children, Miss Martha George, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bowman and daughter Clarice, Mr. Jim Burke, L. I. Martin and family, W. B. Hale, Mrs. F. A. Owen and daughter Katherine, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tiley and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jordan and family.

Elkin Masonic Picnic To Be Biggest Event of Year

Occurs Next Thursday; Fort Bragg Military Band Coming; Sheriff Haynes Issues Challenge To Jack Ray

Destructive Hail Storm

The country just south of Burch Station in this county was the scene last Friday afternoon of a most destructive hail storm. Just how much of the country was affected by the storm we are not able to say, but we have it on good authority that several farms were badly injured. The farm of Mr. Grover Williams, a mile from Burch Station, was in the area injured. He had about twenty-five acres of tobacco that is a total loss. All corn and other growing crops on his place were beat into shreds. Other adjoining farms also suffered loss.

Free Band Concert Draws Big Crowd

First Open-Air Entertainment Well Received By Citizens of This City.

The Mount Airy band, under the leadership of director A. J. Wagner, gave its first open-air concert on South Main street Tuesday evening. The program began at eight o'clock and for an hour the public listened to a selection of fine and highly entertaining music. These programs will be given from time to time by the members of the band during the next two months at the stand erected on the Hadley lot on South Main street.

Some of our citizens have suggested that it would be appropriate and afford the public greater convenience during the concert if our city officials should rope off the block during the concert hour, allowing cars to park in the street but detouring the through traffic around the block.

Aged Veteran Dies In Carroll County

John Easter died Sunday at the home of his son, Van Easter, in Carroll County, six miles north of this city, at the age of 94 years. He was a veteran of the civil war serving under the Confederate flag and had many interesting experiences during the four years of the war, which in later years he related to his friends during the hours of conversation. The remains were buried Monday in the family burying ground near his home.

Big Ice Cream Truck Takes Plunge

Two Occupants Injured; Driver Loses Control Coming Down Grade

The big ice cream truck which makes daily trips to this city from Winston-Salem was practically demolished last Saturday morning on the Tom's creek fill this side of Pilot Mountain and the two occupants, A. Z. Johnson and Vestal Pople, painfully injured.

The truck weighs several thousand pounds besides having a large body on the chassis. It was loaded down with ice cream and milk to supply the Saturday and Sunday trade of its Mount Airy customers and is said to have had on about \$300 worth of merchandise. The truck was coming down the long incline to the bridge and had gained considerable speed when it failed to make a slight curve in the road after crossing the bridge. The driver says something went wrong with the steering apparatus and the truck plowed its way through a half down of the heavy highway posts planted along the fill at that place. The protecting guard wire was like sewing thread in the path of the truck, and the wild vehicle plunged on down the embankment and landed in a small branch 20 feet below, resting on its top.

The two occupants were protected from being crushed to death by the heavy construction of the body and cab. When the truck came to its sudden stop in the branch Pople was thrown clear of it and suffered a broken ankle in the fall. Johnson was painfully injured about the head. Both are in Martin hospital and Johnson expects to leave Saturday while Pople will have to remain longer.

A force of hands spent several hours in getting the truck back on the road. It was so heavy and cumbersome to handle that considerable damage was done to it by the wrecking crew.

Miss Martha Adams, surgical supervisor at Martin Memorial Hospital, is spending a vacation in Washington, D. C. this week.

Proceeds Go To Oxford Orphanage Fund

A delegation of citizens of Elkin spent Tuesday in this city conferring with local Masons and others in regard to the annual Masonic picnic which will be held at Elkin next Thursday. Tuesday night an informal meeting was held in Granite Lodge at which time Judge J. F. Hendren, chairman of the picnic committee, explained to a large number present, the work that is being done by the picnic organization. This will be the 10th picnic held at Elkin for the benefit of the Masonic orphanage at Oxford and during that period more than \$6,000 in net proceeds has been turned into the orphanage treasury by the picnic committee.

Judge Hendren has a program outlined that will be the best in the history of the picnic, one of the features being the presence of the large military band that is being sent from Fort Bragg for the occasion. Judge Johnson J. Hayes will be the speaker of the day and the singing class of the orphanage will give a concert. In the afternoon there will be two baseball games between crack teams as well as a horse-shoe pitching tournament in which Sheriff C. H. Haynes has challenged Jack Ray for the honors. At this event the Sheriff is expecting his friends to rally to his support while Jack is calling on all the Yadin folks to come over and shout for him.

As many as possibly can are being asked to bring a basket for the picnic and Mrs. C. Binder has charge of the basket committee for Mount Airy. Those who are to carry baskets are asked to notify her by phone or letter not later than Saturday.

Cow Thieves in Surry Pull A New Stunt

Having No Truck They Force Bossy To Provide Her Own Transportation.

Two thieves last Thursday night stole Walter Bryant's milch cow which was tied by the roadside in the Round Peak section and drove her 15 miles over into Virginia and tied her up to a tree in the forest. Bryant early Friday morning discovered his loss and found that the thieves had driven the cow up the country road leading towards Lowgap. He secured a truck and the assistance of some of his neighbors and followed the trail.

The tracks of two men showed plainly, one going ahead leading the cow and the other following behind, presumably for the purpose of encouraging the animal with a stick to follow her leader. Several worn out switches were discarded along the roadway. At Lowgap the trail led up the Galax road, but in the neighborhood of Chestnut creek the thieves took a road leading to Cold Creek by Snow Hill Church. When the trailers reached this point, however, they learned from the road forces now surracing the highway that a carload of a title was to be loaded at Galax that morning. So they left the trail and went straight for Galax. Not finding the cow at the loading pens, they went back to the point on the main highway where they had deliberately left the side road taken by the thieves and took up the tracks made by men and cow.

Following this road for about five miles they noted where the tracks ceased. A little scouting revealed the cow on one side of the road tied to a tree in a dense thicket. Without searching for the two thieves, Bryant and his men loaded the cow on their truck and headed for home. It is their belief the thieves intended later in the day to drive the cow on to Galax and sell her to the cattle shippers. Except for having been driven some 15 miles without her usual morning's lesson bossy seemed none the worse for her experience. Although the route traveled with the stolen cow was fully 15 miles not over five miles in an air line from the point from which the animal was stolen. This is explained by the fact that Bryant's place is near the foot of Fisher's peak and the thieves had made the long circuit in order to secrete the animal on the opposite side of the mountain.

BOX SUFFER

There will be a box supper at the Ladies' Baptist Church Saturday night July 27, the proceeds for the benefit of the church. Everybody come and bring a box.