

THE LUTHERANS IN CONVENTION

AT HISTORIC OLD ST. JOHNS CHURCH IN THIS COUNTY.

The Mecca of Lutheranism This Week—The 110th Annual Meeting. Synodical Sermon by Dr. Kinard. Annual Report of President—His Recommendations. — Visitors to Synod. — Officers Elected. — Programme for Today.

All roads lead to historic St. Johns this week. It is the Mecca of Lutheranism in Cabarrus county, not only because of the convention now in progress there, but also for the reason that it is one of the oldest congregations of the county, and one of the oldest Lutheran organizations in the State.

The Synod of North Carolina opened its 110th annual convention yesterday morning at 11 o'clock with the synodical sermon by the Rev. M. M. Kinard, D. D., pastor of St. Johns Church, Salisbury, and president of Synod, from the text I Timothy 4:12, in which the speaker emphasized the example of the minister of the Gospel before believers and before the world.

The annual synodical communion was administered to the members of Synod, after which adjournment for dinner was ordered.

Resembling after dinner, the regular business of Synod was taken up. The president offered his annual report, setting forth the usual pastoral changes, dismissals and reception of ministerial members, installations and the like. The report concluded with a number of recommendations, among which were the following:

1. That every congregation of Synod be urged to make the "every member canvass" to solicit regular weekly contributions to the current expenses and benevolent objects of the Church.

2. That the Duplex Envelope be used in all our congregations for making the contributions of each member.

3. That each congregation be requested to make at least quarterly remittances to the treasurer of Synod in order that the objects of benevolence may have the use of the moneys that belongs to them during the progress of the year.

Among the visitors at Synod, the following may be noted: Rev. C. F. Sherrill, of the M. E. Church, South; Rev. G. W. McClanahan, of the Pennsylvania Ministerium; Rev. W. A. Denton, D. D., of Hickory, fraternal delegates from the Lutheran Synod of Tennessee, and Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., of Salem, Va., who as general secretary of the board of foreign missions will speak today on the work of the Lutheran Church in Japan.

The cause of the United Synod home missions will be presented by the Rev. R. S. Patterson, late of Coatesville, Pa., who has recently been elected general secretary of the home mission board with headquarters at Charlotte.

Rev. Prof. A. G. Voigt, D. D., dean of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., in addition to the work of the Seminary, will speak in behalf of the board of publication, which has established such a splendid plant in the capital city of the Palmetto State.

The following officers were elected: President—Rev. M. M. Kinard, D. D., of Salisbury. Vice President—Rev. V. Y. Boozer, of Lexington. Secretary—Rev. A. C. Parker, of Troutman. Treasurer—Jas. D. Heilig, Esq., of Salisbury.

The Synod will continue in session during the rest of the week, adjourning on Sunday after the service of ordination, when five young men will be set apart to the sacred offices of the Gospel ministry.

Miss Louise Young and Mr. John Fitzgerald Married.

The following is a special from Dunn to the Charlotte Observer: Miss Louise Young and Mr. John Fitzgerald, both of Dunn, were married in Weldon last Wednesday and are now at Atlantic City on their wedding trip. This marriage came rather as a surprise here. Miss Young was visiting relatives and Mr. Fitzgerald was visiting very quietly and it was some time before the report that they were married was confirmed.

The announcement of the marriage will be of interest to the people here, where the bride has frequently visited, being a great of her aunt, Mrs. L. D. Coleman.

CITY WATER REPORT.

Regular Monthly Report Made On The City Water by Director Shure Of The State Laboratory of Hygiene.

Superintendent Fisher, of the water plant, has received the analysis of the city water which, according to law, is examined monthly. The report is practically the same as was made last month and is as follows:

- Sediment—slight. Color—0. Turbidity—very slight. Odor—slight. Alkalinity (in terms of calcium carbonate)—20.0. Chlorine—5. Nitrogen as nitrate—0.02. Nitrogen as nitrite—0. Albuminoid Ammonia—.058. Free ammonia—.050. Total number of bacteria at 20 C. per c. c.—80. Total number of bacteria at 38 C. per c. c.—6. Total number of acid producing bacteria—0. Colon bacilli in 10 c. c.—0. Colon bacilli in 1 c. c.—0.

The Luther Brotherhood Tonight.

The regular monthly meeting of the Luther Brotherhood of St. James Church will be held in the lecture room tonight, beginning at eight o'clock. The committee in charge are sparing no pains to make this a very interesting gathering. All men of St. James and their friends are urged to be present. Visitors from the Synod now in session at St. Johns are expected to be with the brethren, among whom are Mr. J. H. Rehder, of Wilmington; Mr. A. H. Snyder, of Salisbury, and Rev. R. S. Patterson, the newly elected general secretary of home missions. Mr. Rehder and Mr. Snyder are two active, energetic laymen of their respective congregations and will have a practical message for the men of St. James. Mr. Patterson is a gifted speaker, and will delight his hearers. Following the programme, refreshments will be served and a social hour enjoyed.

Eight North Carolina Postmasters Named.

North Carolina got eight new Democratic postmasters yesterday. All of them were recommended by the Congressmen from the district in which they are located. They follow: Newton, F. M. Williams; recommended by Mr. Webb; Hamlet; Hamlet, R. B. Terry; Mocksville, R. E. Hunt, Sr.; North Wilkesboro, James G. Hackett; Mount Gilead, Richard A. Bruton; all recommended by Mr. Page; Lenoir, Virgil D. Guire; Albemarle, J. D. Bivins, recommended by Mr. Doughton; Greenville, David J. Whitehead; recommended by Mr. Small.

Methodist Church to be Dedicated.

Rev. C. F. Sherrill announces that quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's Church at Beal's Mill next Saturday and Sunday. There will be preaching on Saturday at 11 a. m., and after dinner on the grounds, the business session will be held. On Sunday St. Paul's Church will be dedicated by the presiding elder, Rev. W. R. Ware. The Church is beautifully located and has a fine membership.

The Colonel's Maid.

"The Colonel's Maid," a comedy in three acts, will be given by the local talent of the Mont Amoenia Seminary and Collegiate Institute, of Mount Pleasant, in the auditorium at China Grove on Saturday evening, May 10. Admission 35, 25 and 15 cents. The play is an exposition of various difficulties met in bachelor housekeeping, and is very comical but instructive.

Total of 600,000 Acres Bought.

Washington, May 7.—Approximately 93,000 acres of mountain land in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia were approved for purchase today by the national forest reservation commission. This will make almost 600,000 acres bought by the government up to date for the Appalachian and White Mountain forest reservation.

Temperance Meeting at Mt. Pleasant.

Friday night in the auditorium at Mount Pleasant, Rev. O. L. Stringfield will make an address on temperance. Mr. Stringfield is assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina and is a strong speaker. No admission fee, and all are invited.

John W. Hunsdale, Jr., Elected City Attorney.

Raleigh, May 8.—The city commissioners held their first formal meeting this morning and elected John W. Hunsdale, Jr., city attorney.

MANLY MORRIS FOUND NOT GUILTY

RAPID PROGRESS WAS MADE AT THE TRIAL.

Case Was Started Yesterday Afternoon—Evidence Submitted Does Not Bring Out Any New Facts Which Have Not Hitherto Been Reported—Acquitted.

The case of State vs. Manly Morris, charged with the murder of Sam Morgan, went to the jury today at 12:40 o'clock. The evidence was concluded late yesterday afternoon and Attorney Hutcheson made the opening speech for the State before court adjourned for the day. Messrs. Hartsell, Means and Osborn for the defense and Solicitor Wilson for the State spoke this morning and Judge Webb delivered his charge to the jury. The State is asking for a verdict of murder in the second degree or manslaughter. The jury had not returned a verdict when court adjourned for the noon recess.

The trial of the case was begun yesterday afternoon. Quite a number of witnesses were examined on both sides and the case progressed with unusual dispatch for a murder case. The contention of the State is that Morris, after having a difficulty at a poker game in a room on the third floor of the Pythian building with Bob Armstrong on the night of the murder, went to his home, secured his pistol, came back and fired at Armstrong, who in the meantime had stopped in the lobby of the Theaterium together with several companions.

The defense contends that Armstrong was making an effort to do Morris bodily harm with a knife and beer bottle and that he shot in self defense, the ball missing Armstrong and hitting Morgan. Morris was the principal witness in his own behalf. He testified in substance, that he, Morgan, Armstrong and others were playing poker together in a room in the Pythian building, which he and Morgan had rented together from the Pythian Realty Company, and that Armstrong became offended because he (Morris) would not loan him \$10 and made an attack on him with a knife but was stopped by men in the room. After the difficulty Morris testified that he started for his home at Forest Hill but as he was passing the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on Union street he saw a hack pass which reminded him that he had left his horse at the livery stable and turned around and started back uptown to get his horse. As he approached the picture show, he testified he heard Armstrong's voice and for fear of meeting him he got out in the street and walked down the car track. Just opposite the picture show, Morris said that Armstrong called him and cursed him and then made for him with a knife in one hand and a bottle in the other and that he shot twice, one of the balls striking Morgan.

The defense put much stress on Morgan's statement made at the hospital in Charlotte a short time before he died. Brandon Means, who was present at the hospital when the statement was made, testified as to what it contained, which was in effect that Morris was Morgan's friend and that the latter hoped that he would not be punished for shooting him. Bob Armstrong has gone to parts unknown, having left here soon after murder took place.

Morris Acquitted.

The jury returned a verdict at 2:33 o'clock finding Morris not guilty.

A DEMENTED WOMAN MURDERS HER BABIES.

Philadelphia, May 8.—Suddenly demented, Mrs. Mary Kulaska, aged 28, early today murdered her infant Blanche, twenty-two months old, and Agnes three months old, slashing their throats with a large carving knife. The deed was enacted in the same room where the woman's husband and another couple were sleeping. The babies' heads were almost severed. The husband overpowered the wife in a struggle.

Slashes Their Throats With a Large Carving Knife.

When the question of locating the Home comes up at the convention of the International Typographical union at Nashville, Tenn., in August, the delegation from Asheville will make a determined fight to secure the branch home for Asheville.

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Municipal Officers Elected.—The Synod—Last Brick Laid on Seminary Building—Store Room to Be Erected.—Personal.

Mt. Pleasant, May 8.—Mt. Pleasant passed through the throes of the annual municipal election Monday. The following were elected: Mayor, Lee Evans Foil; commissioners, L. S. Shirey, D. D. Barrier, J. B. McAllister, F. W. Foil. The fifth commissioner resulted in a tie between Prof. J. H. C. Fisher and E. M. Dry. School commissioners: Dr. M. A. Foil and D. H. McEachern. The proportion of voters to the number of candidates was two to one, approximately. This would lead one not familiar with conditions to the conclusion that the town is full of office seekers, but such is not the case. It is the "stay-at-homers," the people who are satisfied with conditions as they are, and who do not care to put themselves to the trouble of going to the polls.

The community is looking forward with interest to the meeting of the N. C. E. L. Synod, which convened in historic St. John's yesterday. It is expected that not a few will make it convenient to attend the sessions. Mt. Pleasant has extended a special invitation to the members of Synod to a picnic supper to be served on the campus of the Institute Friday evening. It will be a genuine pleasure for our people to open the doors of hospitality to this body who are closely identified with some of the interests of the town, and at the same time it will give Synod an inside look at the work of their educational institutions located here, something of its nature now and something of the plans that are soon to materialize into larger and better schools. We are glad to have Synod with us.

The last brick has been laid on Mont Amoenia Seminary and within the next few days the building will be ready for the roofing force. "The Colonel's Maid" was presented by local talent at the auditorium Saturday night, and has been conceded one of the best entertainments offered during the year.

Rehearsals are now on for the annual play which will be given on Monday night of commencement week. The play has been selected with care, bears a reputation of unquestioned merit, and in the hands of the capable cast we bespeak a performance really worth while.

Mr. L. A. Lentz has moved to the rear of his lot the office occupied by A. A. Harvell's jewelry and repair shop. On the space vacated Mr. Lentz will erect a handsome two story store room. This will join Mr. C. G. Lentz's store rooms recently built, in fact will be completion of them and when finished will make a business house that will be a distinct credit to the town.

Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Stanley and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Barringer spent last week at China Grove attending the meeting of the North Carolina Reformed Classis.

Miss Dora Moore returned to Albemarle Saturday, having spent some time with her aunt, Mrs. Thornton Fisher, who is seriously ill, and her condition is not improved at this writing.

Mrs. C. H. Thayer is spending the week in Salisbury.

Mrs. Hugh Sanders, of Salisbury, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Crowell.

Mr. Wm. Hahn has returned from Morganton very much improved in health, having undergone treatment there for nervous troubles.

Miss Estelle Dick, of Concord, spent last week here.

Misses Laura and Lillian Heilig entertained the junior class of Mont Amoenia Seminary last Saturday night.

Dr. William Sappenfeld, of Concord, was a Sunday visitor here.

Mr. J. Y. McEachern spent Sunday in Salisbury.

To the Veterans.

The Dodson Ramsour Chapter, U. D. C., extends a cordial invitation to each and every veteran in the county to participate in the Memorial Day exercises, which are to be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the opera house. In order to attend in a body you are requested to meet at the city hall at 2 o'clock promptly. Mr. M. H. Caldwell, the speaker of the day, has a message for each one of you. Lend inspiration to the occasion by your presence.

SECRETARY.

Mrs. Ham To Succeed Mrs. Helen Longstreet.

Washington, May 7.—When President Wilson was at the capital today, he consulted the Georgia Senators about getting another candidate for the Gainesville postoffice and this led to the report that Mrs. Longstreet was not to be appointed.

Later it was announced Mrs. H. W. J. Hamm had been selected to succeed Mrs. Longstreet.

DANIELS WITHDRAWS HIS OPPOSITION

TO THE APPOINTMENT OF WATTS AS COLLECTOR.

All the Congressmen From the State Except One Favor Mr. Watts' Appointment and President Wilson Will Soon Name Him, it is Thought.

Washington, May 8.—A. D. Watts will in all probability receive the appointment soon of collector of Internal Revenue for the western district of North Carolina. It is said now that all the State Congressmen but one favors Mr. Watts. Secretary of the Navy Daniels' opposition to him has been withdrawn.

SOUTHERN RY. INCREASES PAY OF 1,000 SHOP MEN.

Many Employes in South to Benefit From Decision of Road's Officials.

Kansas City, May 7.—Increases in wages for approximately 1,000 shop men employed on the Southern railroad and allied lines in the southern states have been granted by the railroad boards concerned, according to an announcement from the headquarters of the International Union of Carmen.

The announcement was based upon a telegram from F. M. Ryan, president of the carmen's union, who is attending a conference in Washington, D. C., between managers and heads of the allied shop crafts.

The telegram said an agreement had been reached granting two cents an hour increase to all the carmen, effective April 1, and that this would add to the carmen's income by a total of \$165,000 annually. Officials said 25,000 carmen would be affected. They said the telegram indicated that boilermakers, sheet metal workers and other allied crafts also had received increases.

Memorial Day Exercises.

The programme which will be presented under the auspices of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the opera house, promises to be an unusually attractive one.

Mr. M. H. Caldwell, our townsman, and a gifted speaker, will make the memorial address. Aside from the always inspiring patriotic songs of the Veterans' Choir, eleven young ladies, representing the seceding States will render "The Dream of Lee and Lincoln," a beautiful poem, written by Rev. Plato T. Durham, a former Concord pastor, the music of which was composed by Miss Janie Patterson, one of our most talented young ladies. A quartette consisting of Mrs. L. E. Boger, Miss Ada Craven, Messrs. J. B. Sherrill and T. C. Newman will sing a pretty and appropriate selection, entitled, "Hallow the Bed Where the Boys Are at Rest." Immediately after the exercises a line of march will be formed to the courthouse yard to decorate the Confederate monument. The public is cordially invited.

SECRETARY.

Evidence Piles Up Against Suffragettes. London, May 8.—With the resumed hearings in Bow street court evidence continued to pile up against the suffragettes charged with conspiracy. Among the evidence were receipts showing that Edward G. Clayton, a Richmond chemist, aided militants in furnishing information of inflammable chemicals, giving location of lumber yards. All Scotland Yard is working on the St. Paul's bomb case.

During the hearing Mrs. "General" Drummond collapsed at prisoners' dock, due to the weakness of the hunger strike. Annie Keeney and Miss Kerr showed extreme weakness.

Due to illness Mrs. Drummond's trial was postponed to May 13. None of the women have eaten since they were jailed. They were released on five thousand dollar bonds each. Clayton has recommended jail without bond.

The California Japanese Situation. Washington, May 8.—Deliberation continues in the administration's attitude toward the California-Japanese situation until Mr. Bryan comes back. There will be no formal protest from Japan until Governor Johnson signs the measure and it becomes a law. No announcement will be made as to the administration's attitude until later.

Watch Concord move trash clean up day.

The Meetings at Forest Hill Church. Good interest is being manifested in the series of meetings now in progress at the Forest Hill Methodist Church, being conducted by Rev. W. M. Biles, of Newton. Services are being held at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. each day. On next Sunday afternoon Mr. Biles will preach on the subject, "Is the Young Man Safe?" The service will be for men and boys only.

Change of Administration Will Take Place Saturday. City Engineer, Clerk, City Attorney and Tax Collector to be Elected in June.—Policemen to be Chosen in October, and Recorder in January.

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THE TARIFF BILL WILL BE PASSED TODAY

Expected to Pass at Least on Third Roll Call.—The Progressives Are Divided.

Washington, May 8.—Only cut and dried opposition of the minority, which recognized the futility and the overwhelming Democratic majority, intervened on the final passage of the tariff bill in the House this afternoon. The formal reading of the engrossed measure has begun and it is expected to pass at least on the third roll call. The Democratic schedule is to vote almost solid. The Republicans are almost solid against it, and the Progressives are divided.

SCHOOL CHILDREN STRIKE IN GREATER BOSTON

Assumes Alarming Proportions.—Windows Are Smashed Today.

Boston, May 8.—The school children's strike in greater Boston assumed alarming proportions today when the ranks were swelled and windows smashed. More trouble is threatened from the strike and the police threaten drastic action. The children want shorter hours.

Case of Mabry vs. Brown Decided by Supreme Court.

In the case of Mabry vs. Brown, from Cabarrus, the Supreme Court this week affirmed the judgment of the lower court in holding that the widow of R. A. Brown could dispose of her husband's property in any manner that she desired. The husband left all his property to her in life and appointed her and her two sons as executors of the will. They sold a piece of the property, but Mabry, the purchaser, would not take it unless all the heirs signed the deed. The suit was brought to test the validity of the title and was a friendly one.

Case Decided for Yorke Furniture Company.

In the Yorke Furniture Company, of Concord, vs. the Southern Railway, the furniture company wins out in a freight dispute, according to a decision of the Supreme Court handed down Tuesday. The furniture company applied to the Southern for two cars to ship furniture to Kansas City, and was supplied with four small cars instead of the two large ones specified, the agent assuring the company that the two-car rate would apply. In the end the Southern consented for the higher rate, making a difference of \$46 in freight. The court holds that the two-car rate must be observed.

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