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Religious Poll In The Nation

Newspapers To Assist In Getting Facts Expected To Be Of Great Importance To Church Leaders

New York, Nov. 21.—American churches are to use daily newspapers to find out how many persons in this country believe in God. The question, "Do you believe in God?" and eleven others will make up a questionnaire to be submitted to newspaper readers all over the country by the church advertising department of the International Advertising Association early in December, it was announced today.

RELIGIOUS QUESTIONNAIRE.
The questionnaire will ask:
"Do you believe in God?"
"Do you believe in immortality?"
"Do you believe in prayer as a means of personal relationship with God?"
"Do you believe that Jesus was divine as no other man was divine?"
"Do you regard the Bible as inspired in a sense that no other literature could be said to be inspired?"

"Are you an active member of any church?"
"Do you regularly attend any religious services?"
"Would you be willing to have your family grow up in a community in which there is no church?"
"Do you regularly have family worship in your home?"
"Were you brought up in a religious home?"
"Do you send your children to any school of religious instruction?"
"Do you think religion in some form is a necessary element of life for the individual and the community?"

WILL TAKE POLL.
Newspapers are to be asked to print these questions daily and publish daily totals of the religious poll. Names of those answering will not be published.

Charles Stelzle, publicity counselor for the church advertising department, today said the facts developed by the poll "will, no doubt, be startling to large numbers of church leaders whose opinions concerning the state of mind on religion have been based upon a comparatively limited personal acquaintance, mainly with those sharing their opinions."

"Nobody," Stelzle said, "is in a position to secure this data quite as well as the newspapers. They will make an unique contribution to the religious life of the nation by giving the country the information thus obtained. The non-sectarian nature of the questions will permit everybody to participate. As the answers will deal with beliefs without regard to what others may think, and as there will be no particular desire on the part of those who answer the questions to change the opinions of others, the answers given will undoubtedly be sincere."

Prominent ministers all over America are connected with the campaign.—Associated Press.

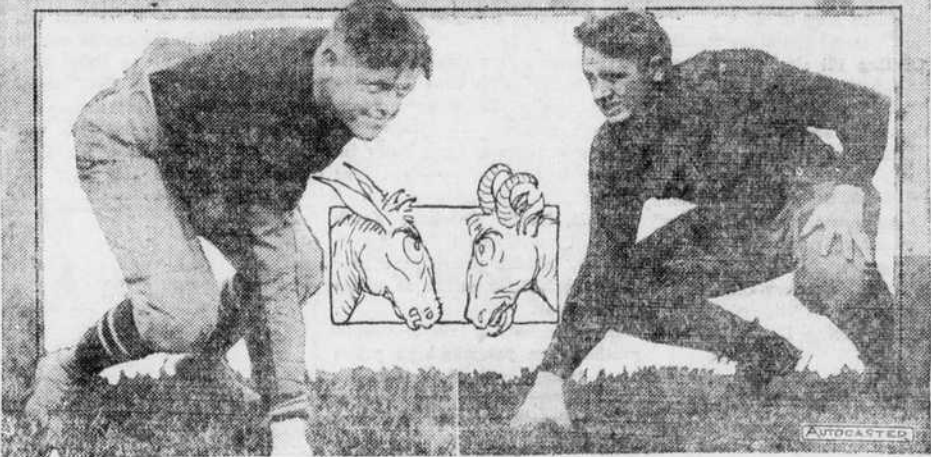
Literally Speaking.
"Going to the lecture on appendicitis tonight?"
"No, I'm tired of these organ recitals."

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—
By Mc—



"14 pints make de rode onsafe"

Army! Awaiting Whistle for First Service Game in West. Navy!



Despite the hue and cry about the ticket scandal, caused primarily by the break down of old "Supply and Demand," wherein some 600,000 mid-western folks are trying to get into 40,000 seats, there should be a good football game at Chicago when Army and Navy line up Saturday—for the first service game ever played in the mid-west. Above, "Tiny" Hewitt, Army, and Frank Wickharst, Navy. Captains.

Big Increase In Cotton Estimate

Last Report Indicates Yield Of 18,399,000 Bales From This Year's Crop.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The cotton crop will total 18,399,000 bales this year as indicated by reports according to the yield, ginning and other factors as of Nov. 14th, the department of agriculture announced a fortnight ago a yield of 17,918,000 indicated. Last year's crop totaled 16,103,679 bales.

Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to November 14th totaled 14,953,708 bales including 426,926 round bales counted as half bales exclusive of linters the census bureau announced today. An approximate yield of 186.6 pounds per acre is indicated as compared with 181.4 and 187.2, last year's final yield. The indicated production for certain states follows: Virginia 52,000; North Carolina 1,360,000; South Carolina 1,140,000; Texas 5,800,000.

The department's next report December 8th showing revised harvesting acreage and the percentage of acreage abandoned the yield per acre and total production will be the last report until next April when the final report will be issued.

The ginning to Nov. 14th for cotton states follow: North Carolina 863,417; South Carolina 762,961; Virginia 27,478; Texas 4,027,159.

Engagement Announced.
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Stephenson announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Mary Franklin Barbour, to Mr. Charles R. Daniel, of Weldon, the wedding to take place in December.

Miss Barbour is a member of the school faculty in Weldon, where she has taught for several years. She is an accomplished and popular young lady, and has many friends here who will be interested in the announcement of her engagement. Mr. Daniel is a member of the law firm, Daniel & Daniel, of Weldon. He is a successful lawyer, and is prominent in the church and social life of Weldon.

INTEREST BAPTIST CHURCH
The revival, which is in progress at the Baptist church, is steadily growing in interest. Both services were well attended Sunday, a union service being held at the evening hour. Dr. A. J. Fristoe, of Asheville, is preaching interesting sermons every night. Sunday night he used as his text, John 3:18—"He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten son of God."
Afternoon services will be held today and tomorrow at 3:30 o'clock. Tonight the service will begin at exactly seven o'clock in order to allow those who wish to attend the play at the school house to leave in time for the program. The meeting will close tomorrow night, and it is desired that a large crowd

STORES TO BE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

The banks and stores here will be closed on Thursday, the day set apart by the president of the United States as a national Thanksgiving day. The governor of the state and the mayor of the town have also issued proclamations. Only a few of the fruit stores and drug stores will be open for business that day. The tobacco warehouses will be closed Thursday and Friday, but all the buyers will be back on the market Monday.

Daughters Clean Up Battle Ground

Local U. D. C. Chapter Hears Report of Mrs. W. M. Sanders; Election of Officers.

A report of county-wide interest was made at the meeting of the U. D. C., held at the home of Mrs. Thel Hooks Saturday afternoon, when Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Sr., stated that the Bentonville battleground has recently been put in splendid shape. After the work that has been done there, it will now be possible to secure Federal aid for its permanent upkeep. Sometime ago the county commissioners agreed to place a boulder on the battleground for a memorial tablet, and this will probably be attended to in the spring.

At the meeting held Saturday afternoon the new year were elected as follows: Mrs. F. H. Brooks, president; Mrs. D. J. Wellons, first vice-president; Mrs. Thel Hooks, second vice-president; Mrs. N. M. Lawrence, recording secretary; Mrs. W. L. Fuller, corresponding secretary; Miss Ruth Jones, treasurer; Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt, registrar; Mrs. E. S. Abell, historian; Mrs. Georgiana Tab, chaplain.

Mrs. W. M. Sanders, Sr., who is the outgoing president, presided over the meeting, which was opened with prayer, followed by the minutes of the last meeting. Two reports of interest during the business session were those of Mrs. H. L. Skinner on the Children's Founders Roll, designed to raise money for Stone Mountain Memorial; and of the bridge tournament, which turned thirteen dollars into the local treasury.

The January meeting will be held on the 19th with Mrs. W. L. Fuller.

MR. CHARLEY STANLEY PASSES AT REX HOSPITAL
Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Charley Stanley which occurred early yesterday morning at Rex Hospital, Raleigh. Mr. Stanley, who lived near Four Oaks, was taken to the hospital with appendicitis and upon operating it was found that his appendix was ruptured.
The deceased was a brother of Dr. Dr. J. H. Stanley of Four Oaks. We were unable to learn the funeral arrangements before going to press.

Proclamation Is Issued By Mayor

Thursday, Nov. 25 Set Apart As a Day Of Thanksgiving.

The gratefulness of the American conscience has, since the landing of the Pilgrims on our native soil, sanctioned the setting apart of one day in each year for the specific purpose of offering and rendering thanks to Almighty God for His many and untold blessings to mankind. This time honored custom had its beginning when America was in its infancy and a weak and struggling nation. It has been carried on and followed with regularity as the nation has grown and prospered. Our own North Carolina has gone forward in every line of endeavor. Our humble efforts to carry into effect God's purpose have been signally blessed. Adversity has not visited us without being counterbalanced with a blessing from Almighty God.

For all of these things and many more let us give thanks unto Him from whom it came. In response to the action of the President of the United States and in pursuance and in accordance with the proclamation of our Governor of North Carolina, I, John A. Narron, mayor of the city of Smithfield, N. C., do hereby proclaim and set apart Thursday November 25, 1926, as Thanksgiving Day, and call upon the people of our city to dispense with their usual vocations and to publicly assemble together, to the end that thanks be returned to God for His many blessings that we have enjoyed under His dominion and hand for all time.

I especially call upon the ministers of Smithfield to call their people to worship on this day and give thanks unto God, and pay homage unto Him, without whom nothing would be possible and our happiness would be futile.
Done in the city of Smithfield on the 22nd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, in the one hundred and fifty-first year of our American independence.
JOHN A. NARRON, Mayor.

The Pacific Ocean is larger than a pair of dreamy eyes and almost half as deep.

Husband and Wife



My husband is always tinkering with our radio. He won't leave it alone. Consequently it never works.—Jennie W.

Dem. Com. Makes Recorder's Court Recommendations Has Full Docket

County Home Keeper On Salary Basis, Abolishment of Bridge, Commissioner Among Items.

Several constructive recommendations were adopted here Saturday by the Democratic Executive Committee of Johnston county which are designed to give Johnston county efficiency in the fields which they touch. Mr. J. B. Benton, chairman of the committee, called the meeting to order at noon in the courthouse, and when the roll was called, each of the seventeen townships was represented. A sprinkling of interested citizens was present to listen to the deliberations of this body which met for the first time since the election on November 2nd.

Mr. Benton opened the meeting with a brief statement concerning the recent election, in which he expressed his appreciation of the fine cooperation of the Democratic men and women in the county, giving as a reason for the Democratic victory, the facts that new blood, new ideas and fine ideals are governing the party, and that a new and reconsecrated effort towards better government is being made.

Mr. Benton stated that the Executive Committee has no desire to indicate what shall or shall not be done, but it is insistent that the best administration possible be given the people of the county. The committee urges that the newly elected officers take no thought as to whether they be nominated two years hence or not—that is, that they refrain from the obnoxious habit of playing politics while serving the whole people. The chairman feels that an efficient administration will take care of the results two years hence. He feels that the record of the sheriff, the judge, and the solicitor of the recorder's court will be a prime factor in their re-election. The sheriff was undoubtedly elected on what is popularly known as a dry ticket. The people have every right to expect that he exert himself to the utmost to stamp out as far as possible bootlegging and bootlegging. The chairman strongly suggests that no deputy be appointed in any township who will not pledge himself wholeheartedly to this end.

Several other recommendations, which had been suggested to the chairman from various sources in the county, were made, a discussion of which followed their presentation by Mr. Benton. In several instances action was taken by the executive committee. One of the recommendations adopted, which has been under discussion for several years, was to the effect that the keeper of the county home be placed upon a salary immediately, and that a sufficient number of cows and chickens be supplied to furnish the inmates plenty of milk, butter and eggs.

It was further recommended that the office of bridge commissioner be discontinued and that one man in each township be appointed as commissioner for that township. This will effect a saving of several hundred dollars a year without prejudice to the interest of the traveling public. A recommendation was passed that the sheriff take his own good time in the matter of appointments to the various offices in his jurisdiction, and that he make known clearly what the qualifications for these offices must be. The body in session thought it a good plan to distribute the appointments over the county as far as possible.

A thing that promises to be up for discussion in the coming General Assembly—that of more efficient county government—was discussed, and with this in view, the executive committee recommended that certified public accountants, thoroughly familiar with county accounting methods, be engaged to make such audit of the county's affairs as may be necessary to establish the responsibility to be assumed by the incoming officers, and at the same time that these accountants shall be re-

quested to make recommendations for an adequate system of accounting on the budgetary basis. It was also recommended that the banks handling deposits for the county make a bond sufficient to guarantee the county any loss.
Before the meeting adjourned a rising vote of thanks was given to the Democratic newspapers of the county, and Mrs. L. D. Debnam and her township chairman for the work done in the recent campaign. The chair also advised the appointment of women on the executive committee in the future.

Services at St. Mary's.
A special Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Mary's Grove Freewill Baptist church next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Keeping His Religion Pure.
"Parson" exclaimed Ephriam, "I've got 'ligion, I tell you!"
"That's fine, brother! You are going to 'lay aside sin?"
"Yes, suh."
"You're going to church?"
"Yes, suh-ree."
"You're going to care for the widows?"
"She' am!"
"Are you going to pay your debts?"
"Suh? Dat ain't 'ligion. Dat's business."

What's Daddy Doing?



No doubt in your older and less dignified years you laugh out loud every time the daddy of this youngster comes into sight. No so Charles, Jr.—as this newest photo shows, but maybe it's part of the act. It's Charles Spence Chaplin, Jr., now almost two years old.

Child Succumbs To Severe Burns

Three-Year-Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Edgerton Dies At Local Hospital

A tragic accident occurred near Kenly yesterday afternoon, when the little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Edgerton was so badly burned that he died three hours later. The sad occurrence took place about four o'clock, while the mother was in the cotton patch. The little fellow turned his crib over and his clothes caught from the fireplace. Several small children were at the house with him.

The child was rushed to the Johnston County Hospital, but the injuries were too severe for medical aid to alleviate. The little body was burned almost all over.

TOWN HORSE KILLED BY AUTO FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday night one of the town horses was killed instantly on South Third street when hit by an automobile driven by Bill Canaday of Four Oaks. According to our information, Canaday drove down the street towards Four Oaks and in passing the town wagon which was being used in cleaning up the street, caused the men at work to have to get up on the sidewalk to get out of his way. In a short time, it seems he returned, having left his coat at the armory. This time he struck the horse with fatal results. A lady in the car with Canaday was hurt and was taken to the hospital here.

NEW METHODIST PASTOR PREACHES

Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, the new Methodist preacher assigned to this charge, preached his first sermon here Sunday to a large congregation. Rev. Mr. Earnhardt, who comes to this city from Durham, comes with a splendid reputation, and the comments since his initial sermon Sunday seem to bear out the reports which preceded him.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnhardt with their two children will move here this week.
Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Parker, after a two years' stay here were transferred to City Road Church at Elizabeth City. They are leaving this week for their new home, and the good wishes of the Methodist congregation go with them.

Services at Barbour's Chapel
Elder N. W. Harrison, of the First Advent Christian Church of Durham, will preach at Barbour's Chapel on Thanksgiving night, November 25, at seven o'clock. Everybody is invited to this service, which will take the place of the eleven o'clock service.
J. Q. BAKER, Clerk.

Call Meeting In Interest Poultry

T. T. Brown, of Wayle, Will Tell Of The Poultry Work In That County Here Saturday Afternoon.

For months, the interest in poultry raising has been growing in Johnston county, and in view of the low price of cotton, the time may be ripe for a poultry association. In order to discuss the advantages of such an organization and at the same time find what other counties are going along this line, the county home agent, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, is calling a county-wide meeting here next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and she is particularly desirous that every poultry raiser in the county interested in a regular market for his surplus be present.

Wayne county has taken hold of the poultry situation in a larger way than most counties, and Miss Garrison has secured Wayne's whole-time poultry man, Mr. T. T. Brown, to speak here next Saturday afternoon. A hatchery that serves Eastern North Carolina is located at Goldsboro, and a representative of the hatchery will also be present Saturday. A distinct advantage to Wayne and neighboring counties is the fact that one of the biggest poultry firms of Philadelphia has a branch business located in Goldsboro. This makes a sure market for all poultry not consumed locally. Local dealers are given a cordial invitation to be present and offer any suggestions.

At this meeting Saturday afternoon, the winners in the meat planning and table setting contest which has been conducted by the county home agent during the past five months will be announced. Three prizes will be awarded. Miss Mary E. Thomas, State Nutrition Specialist, was in the county last week judging the contest.

NEGRO IS HURT IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Friday afternoon about one-thirty o'clock an automobile driven by Mr. A. M. Noble crashed into a truck parked on Market street, completely demolishing one side of Mr. Noble's car, and painfully injuring Louis Holden, a colored man who was standing near the truck. Holden was pinned between the truck and the curbing which inflicted lacerations on one leg. He was taken to the hospital immediately where his wounds were dressed, and he is reported to be getting along nicely now.

Mr. Noble had his wife and two little girls in the car with him, but they were all unharmed.

ORPHANS AT FOUR OAKS METHODIST CHURCH

The Singing class from the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh will give a sacred concert at the Methodist church at Four Oaks Thursday night, November 25, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is given a special invitation to attend and hear this splendid program.

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A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

(Miss) Leone Stephenson recognized her name last issue. [inoc]