

REV. J. W. VESEY RESIGNS.

Pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Having Accepted a Call to the Pastorate of the "Wood Lawn" Baptist Church of Jacksonville.



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The members of the First Baptist church were greatly surprised yesterday morning after the preaching service to hear Pastor J. W. Vesey offer his resignation, saying that he had accepted a call from the "Wood-Lawn" Baptist church of Jacksonville.

Mr. Vesey has been pastor of the Arcadia Baptist church just two years and three months. Under his ministrations the church has had one of its most successful periods, there having been added to the church during this period of time 160 new members, 46 of them by baptism. The church now has a membership of 460, and is one of the most active and liberal among the churches of the state. Last year it contributed \$6,837.44 for all purposes.

Rev. Vesey is regarded by all who know him as being one of the most consecrated Christian workers to be found anywhere. Personally, we regard him as one of the most faithful workers we ever saw. Both he and his splendid wife have greatly endeared themselves to the people of every denomination and of no denomination in this city. It is a rare thing to see a minister and his wife both so happy in each other's work. Notwithstanding the fact that few indeed, if any, could cover more ground in looking after his flock than Pastor Vesey, yet there are many who regard Mrs. Vesey as the better pastor of the two. These two good people will be greatly missed by Arcadians. Their places will be hard to fill. Brother Vesey's resignation as read before the congregation by the church clerk is as follows:

May 27th, 1916.

To the Arcadia Baptist Church of Arcadia.

Dear Brethren: For two years and three months we have labored as co-workers in the Master's vineyard, years of pleasure and disappointments, leisure in seeing souls saved and added to the church, pleasure in the fact that we have made progress. Disappointment in that we have not accomplished more for our Lord.

As I look back through the present pastorate, how cordially we were received, the many acts of kindness shown the pastor and family throughout the years of our association together, my heart goes out in gratitude, and we thank you heartily.

The co-operation and loyal support of so many of the members and the numerous deeds of kindness have made the rough places smoother and life a joy and comfort.

If at any time, by thought or deed there may have arisen any differences or misunderstandings, all are forgiven, and forgiveness sought.

We have prayed and worked together for Him who gave His life for us; we have received blessings at His hands too numerous to mention, and now we come to the parting of the ways, our paths diverge. May our Heavenly Father abundantly bless and prosper and make you a great soul winning church, and ere long may perfect love, peace and harmony reign within and without.

And now I hereby tender my resignation as pastor of this church to take effect the last of June, 1916.

That God may direct you in the selection of another leader, bless and prosper you in the prayer of Your Pastor,

J. W. VESEY.

IN COMPLIMENT TO MISS PETERS.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Last evening Mrs. John J. King entertained a number of the younger couples of the city society folks at a 6 o'clock dinner in honor of her niece, Miss Christina Peters, of Bunker. After enjoying a very delicious five-

course dinner, dancing took place in the spacious halls and front room of the hostess. Having spent several delightful hours here the young people adjourned to the Star Theatre, from where after seeing the pictures, they all went to their respective homes. The following young ladies and gentlemen had the honor of being the guests of Mrs. King last evening: Misses Christine Peters, Susie Stonebraker, Marjorie Clay, Charlotte Seward, Messrs. John Treadwell, Porter Smith, Edwin Wey and Clarence Zimmerman.

METHODIST LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. O. Bickley, on East Hickory street. There were eighteen members of the society present, and much interest was manifested in the business and social activities of the meeting. Besides, the members there were two visitors present, they being Mrs. Roland Cline and Mrs. George M. Lynch. Delightful refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned to meet next Friday afternoon, June 2nd, at the home of Mrs. J. A. Parker, on East Magnolia street.

BIRTHDAY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The Olustee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will celebrate the birthday of Jefferson Davis at their regular monthly meeting Thursday, June 1st, at 4 o'clock, at the Masonic Hall.

This day will be observed instead of June 3rd, his birthday, in order that more of the public may enjoy the occasion with the chapter.

A program has been arranged, and refreshments will be served. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

MR. AND MRS. L. M. BENNETT ENTERTAINED

A very enjoyable event occurred last evening when Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bennett entertained several young couples of the city at their home on North Oak street. Most of the evening was spent in the playing of rook and other minor games, after which a delightful ice course was served. All of the following, those who attended, vote the affair a great success: Misses Jennie Gunn Haughton, Helen McAlister, Elsie McAlister, Margaret Dean, Florence Roberts, Mrs. J. S. Wells, Mrs. W. B. Clay, Mrs. J. A. Bennett, Messrs. Allan Parker, Cauley Langford, Jim Davidson, Roberts, Dr. J. S. Wells and Strong.

MERRY NEEDLERS.

The Merry Needlers club met Thursday afternoon, May 25th, at the home of Mrs. H. P. Bevis. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent in sewing fancy work and in other social activities. Those present were Mrs. M. M. Archard, Mrs. W. B. Clay, Mrs. John Polot, Miss Anna Appleby, Mrs. A. B. Royal and Mrs. Earl J. Weaver. Light refreshments were served and the club meeting was adjourned to meet next Thursday, June 1st, at the home of Mrs. W. B. Clay, on East Oak street.

LITTLE MISS BURTON ENTERTAINED.

Last Saturday afternoon little Miss Nell Montague Burton entertained a number of her friends at a party given in honor of her third birthday. Those present were Misses Dorothy King, Catherine Martin, Mary Elizabeth Treadwell, Theodius Sumpey, Kathleen Lamb, Fleming King, Celeste Parker, Helen and Mamie King, Maybelle Treadwell, Thelma Welles, Reba and Gwendolyn Jones, Marmaduke Goucher, Norma Seward, Mildred Allen Jones, Margaret Lynch, Helen Lynch, Mary Katherine Koch, Masters Eliot and Atwood Dunwoody, Robert Cline, Warren Jones, Jr., Aurel Rossin, Pennick Carlton and Vivian Treadwell.

Punch was served throughout the afternoon, and the refreshments consisted of ice cream, cake and candy. Miss Nell received many dainty and useful little gifts, which came wrapped with many good wishes and which made the little lady very happy indeed.

IN HONOR OF MISS HAMPTON.

Last evening at her home on North Arcadia avenue, Miss Ruby Trice entertained at a rook party in honor of her house guest, Miss Annie May Hampton, of Tampa. At 8 o'clock the guests began to arrive, and after an hour had been spent in chatting the game of the evening, rook, was started, with about six tables of guests playing. This game was kept up until a late hour, when light refreshments of punch, ice cream and cake were served. Those who had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of Miss Trice last evening were the following: Miss Anne May Hampton, Ben Russell, E. L. Morgan, Miss Gussie Byrd,

Miss Marie Martin, Alfred Blvens, C. B. Byrd, James Lane, Miss Eunice Newsome, Miss Gladys McNary, Miss Bill Wood, J. Treadwell, Tom Mitchell, Ed. Houston, Miss Annie Durstane, Miss Julie Lee Livingston, Pet Stapleton, Bert Higginbotham, Miss Alma Blake, Miss Coxe Ezelle, Marshall Dancy, Miss Louise Lanier, Miss Mary Booth, Miss Kate Carlton, Miss Both King, C. F. Harbin, Miss Marie Lynch, Miss Edith Lohr, Miss Ethel Sadler, J. H. Speil, D. W. Mardin, Miss Maible Wright, Miss Winnifred Holzendorff, M's Abnena Dwyer, Eugene V. Nabole, Harley Watson, Miss Florence Butler, Glenn Appling, Geo. Stonebraker, Miss Bertie Gore, Virgil Steele, Murray Hays, Miss Wenda Wey, C. A. Byrd and Jim Meigs.

NED PETERY KILLED YESTERDAY.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The sad news of the death of Ned Petery, which occurred in Mulberry, reached this city yesterday afternoon. Petery, who was a flagman for the C. H. & N. Railway, left here yesterday morning on the local freight train going north. At Cottman, a little place between Arcadia and Mulberry, at 9 o'clock, some box cars had to be coupled to the train, Young Petery, as he ran between the moving engine and a box car to open the coupler, fell and the tender of the engine passed over him, cutting off both legs and one arm. The engine was stopped, but before any one could reach him Petery had crawled out from between the rails unaided and looked up at the train crew and told them not to get excited. He was immediately taken to Mulberry, where everything in the power of human agency was done to save his life, but all to no avail, for at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon he was called to meet his Maker.

The deceased, who was only 25 years old, was well known in this city, as he had made this his home for the past several years. His father, who now lives at Pine Level, where he operates a saw mill, at one time owned and operated the Farmers' Union Store in Arcadia, and he was ably assisted in this business by his unfortunate son, Young Petery, who had only been connected with the railroad company for the past ten months, leaves a father and mother and several brothers and sisters to mourn his death. Nothing could be learned concerning the funeral arrangements, but it is thought that it will be held in this city.

STATE EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS IN SUTHERLAND.

The State Epworth League Conference is in session at Sutherland. The music by the college orchestra is a special feature of the conference.

President Garfield Evans made his report, which was considered one of the most comprehensive and carefully prepared reports ever made to a Florida League Conference. Many suggestions were made by the president, which were referred to the several committees to be brought into the conference for discussion and final adoption, if they meet the wishes of the body. There are, according to reports, about 107 senior chapters in the Florida conference, forty-three juniors, two Girls of Epworth, and one Knights of Ezelah.

Vice-President J. L. Moon made a report of his work, which has been more in the way of counsel and advice with the president and other members of the cabinet.

Treasurer Dudley, who was detained at home, sent his report, which was read, showing a most gratifying condition of finances in the State Epworth League. The League chapter devoted much attention to missionary work, taking part in the African special. The Leagues of Southern Methodism have as their task the raising of funds to carry on this work in Africa, it being divided into shares of ten dollars each. Some of the Florida chapters take five or ten shares each.

The work of the League conference is growing to such proportions that probably at this session the treasurer will be required to give bond in the sum of at least \$500.

President Evans remarked that ten years ago \$300 was the outside figure for the conference to raise for all purposes, and this year they have raised over \$1,000.

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTIONS.

We received the following from W. R. Minor, of Bowling Green, chairman of the DeSoto County Democratic Executive Committee, with a request to publish same. Mr. Minor says:

"Mr. Editor: I have had numerous inquiries as to qualifications, whether or no members of other parties will be entitled to vote in the coming primary. For the information of the public I am handing you the following resolution which should govern the elections. Other parties are organizing in our county and state, and the democratic party insists that only

those who are democrats should participate.

Below will be found a certified copy of resolution adopted by State Democratic Committee of Florida prescribing qualifications of electors for democratic primary election, June 6, 1916:

First, That he is a white man.

Second, That he believes in the principles of the democratic party, and that his party affiliations are with the democratic party.

Third, That he intends in good faith to support and vote in the next general election for all candidates, national, state and county nominated by the democratic party, and so pledges himself.

Fourth, That only those who come within the provisions of this resolution shall be accepted as democrats with the right to participate in the general primary as democrats.

Fifth, That sections 4 and 5 of a certain resolution adopted by this committee on January 6th, 1916, wherein certain terms and conditions were prescribed for those who were therein declared as members of the democratic party, be, and the same are hereby abrogated and repealed."

I, the undersigned, W. R. Minor, chairman of the DeSoto County Democratic Executive Committee, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of resolution passed by the state democratic executive committee, prescribing the qualifications of electors entitled to participate in the democratic primary election to be held June 6th, 1916, said resolution was passed February 24th, 1916. Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of May, 1916.

W. R. MINOR,

Chairman DeSoto County Democratic Executive Committee.

QUALIFIED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF DESOTO COUNTY

To participate in the Primary Election to be held June 6th.

Several days ago we published a complete list of the qualified voters of the county as shown by the tax collector's office. We stated at the time that this would be somewhat modified because of the fact that a number of qualified voters were over the tax paying age, and that there would also be a number of young men eligible to vote who have never as yet paid a poll tax. We have now a complete list of all the eligible voters of the county, as shown by the supervisor of registration, which we publish below:

Fort Green precinct No. 1	82
Wauvhula No. 2	655
Lily No. 3	40
Pine Level No. 4	42
Charlotte Harbor No. 5	50
Grove City No. 6	17
Punta Gorda No. 7	303
Fort Ogden No. 8	96
Arcadia No. 9	724
Crewsville No. 10	41
Zolfo No. 11	222
Venus No. 12	62
Brownville No. 13	53
Avon Park No. 14	106
Bowling Green No. 15	159
Gardner No. 16	69
Nocatee No. 17	85
Owens Co. No. 18	42
Cleveland No. 19	43
Oak Hill No. 20	44
Lake Sterns No. 21	11
Horse Creek No. 22	16
Ona No. 23	112
Platt No. 24	5
Bermont No. 25	59
Murdock No. 26	17
Sweetwater No. 27	24
North LaBelle No. 28	26
Citrus Center No. 29	20
Bassemger No. 30	5
Limestone No. 31	40
Sebring No. 32	112
Adrian No. 33	42
Palmdale No. 34	19
Lakeport No. 35	12
Lake Branch No. 36	26
Total	3 458

HIGH HONOR FOR PROF. GRANBERRY.

The Florida Index, published in Lake City, Florida, in its splendid write-up of Columbia College, contains the following which will be of considerable local interest:

"Additional degrees were the degrees of doctor of literature bestowed upon Prof. P. W. Carr, of Dade City, and Prof. J. A. Granberry, of Bowling Green."

Prof. Granberry was for several terms the beloved principal of the DeSoto County High School of this city, and it will be a source of great pleasure to his many friends here to learn of this great honor conferred upon him.

Every one who is well acquainted with Prof. Granberry knows him to be a high class Christian gentleman, and a scholar well worthy of the honor bestowed on him by this splendid educational institution.

A Pennsylvania girl has been identified as the heir to \$25,000. The identification was made by means of a mole under her ear. Truly, this is "making a mountain out of a mole." —Buffalo News.

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