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DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The district conference of the Asheville district was held here last week at the Methodist church, beginning on Wednesday night, June 2, and closing the following Friday afternoon. Rev. C. A. Wood, presiding elder of the district, moderated the meeting.

The conference program was remarkable for the fact that all the addresses and discussions were made to fit in the one general theme of the church. Several fine addresses were made by some of the leading ministers of this district, and the discussions on the various topics were carried on with much interest.

The first address was made on Wednesday night by Rev. J. C. Harmon of Bethel church, Asheville. His subject was "The Church as the Body of Christ." Thursday morning Rev. W. L. Rexford of Marshall spoke on the "Church as the Mother of God's Children." He was followed by Rev. H. M. Hoyle of the Haywood street church of Asheville on the "Church as a Brotherhood."

The mission of the church was discussed on Thursday afternoon. The leaders in this discussion were Rev. J. H. Barnhardt of the Central church of Asheville, who spoke on the saving of the individual; Rev. W. A. Newell, president of Weaver college, whose subject was the social and moral mission of the church; and Rev. W. F. Womble of Hendersonville, whose subject was world-wide missions. The discussion that followed President Newell's address was especially spirited, dealing with the various forms of amusement and dissipation which threaten the spiritual life of the church.

Mr. C. H. Trowbridge of Brevard Institute presided at the Thursday night's session, which was devoted to the subject of "Christian Education." This subject was interestingly treated by Miss Annie Wilson, Miss Maude Allison, William Allison and Rev. W. A. Newell. Miss Wilson dealt specially with vocational training. Miss Allison traced the girl student's career at school and college and showed the beneficial influence of Christian teachers on the girl's beliefs and attitude toward religious thought. Mr. Allison held up with pride the record of his Alma Mater, Trinity. President Newell made a fervid appeal in behalf of the Methodist colleges of the state, pointing out their special advantages and opportunities.

On Friday morning Dr. D. Atkins of Keith, Asheville spoke on the "Bible as the Basis of Work in the Church," by "The Call to Preach." Presiding Elder Wood insisted that this call came from both God and the church. The discussion that followed showed how greatly the delegates were interested in this important matter.

There was a special laymen's meeting on Friday morning, presided over by L. B. Rogers of Asheville. Several laymen took part, spending on Sunday school work, financial affairs, etc.

An interesting item of the compiled reports from all quarters of the district was the fact that since the last annual conference there have been some 100 additions to the church on profession of faith. This period may be considered, owing to the prevalence of meetings in the summer, the lean half of the year.

The conference adjourned about four o'clock Friday afternoon after a most interesting and helpful meeting.

Indigestion and Constipation.
"About five years ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets after suffering from indigestion and constipation for years without finding anything to relieve me. Chamberlain's Tablets helped me at once and by using them for several weeks I was cured of the complaint," writes Mrs. Mary E. McMullen, Phelps, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

INSTITUTE NOTES

The summer school opened Tuesday, June 8th, with an enrollment of about thirty pupils, with more coming. After devotional exercises, led by Mr. Reece, followed by short talks from Mr. Trowbridge, Prof. Haynes, Mrs. Reece and Miss Blair, and the usual music, the morning was spent in organizing classes. There will be no afternoon session.

Mrs. Julia Trowbridge and Miss Alma Trowbridge left June 2 for a trip north. They will visit friends and relatives in Chicago, Iowa City and Dubuque.

Prof. Haynes of Sunnyside school, Wilkesville, S. C., arrived Monday night, as did also Miss Griffin of Goldsboro. Both are new teachers engaged for the summer school.

Mr. Clarence Douglas left Monday afternoon, having remained through the short vacation to assist Miss Callahan in taking stock in the store. Mr. Douglas has been with us four years and has also spent several summers here. He will enter college next year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

June 7, the first Monday of the month, the board of education held an all-day session in the superintendent's office and transacted some business of importance.

In answer to the advertisement for bids to build an additional school room at 111 West 100th, a dozen contractors appeared and submitted bids to the board. The contract was let to G. W. Hayes on a bid of \$750.

The board fixed all the salaries of teachers for all the schools, on a four months basis. These salaries range from \$32.50 to \$80.

An estimate was made of the total receipts and expenditures for the coming year and from these the balance needed to be raised by excess school tax to maintain all schools for four months.

JORDAN HOUSE BURNED

The dwelling house owned and occupied by Herman Jordan, about two miles from town on the road leading around the east end of Sugar Loaf mountain, was burned to the ground last Saturday night. The cause of the fire is not known. The family were awakened about midnight by the fire, which had gained too much headway to be controlled by Mr. Jordan and his wife. Some of their furniture was saved, much of it lost. The house was built about two years ago. It was insured for \$500. It is Mr. Jordan's intention, we understand, to put up another residence.

FULLER SMITH

Under the heading of "Fuller Smith Wedding," the Advance-Sentinel of Johns, Tenn., of June 1, has the following:

"An interesting wedding of Wednesday was that of Miss Linda Smith and Mr. R. S. Fuller, which was quietly solemnized at the beautiful parsonage of the First Baptist church, only a few immediate members and a few friends witnessing the ceremony which was performed by Dr. J. E. Martin, pastor of the First Baptist church. The bride was one of Jellico's most attractive women, and looked lovely in a tailored going-away suit. The groom is a prosperous business man of Brevard, North Carolina. Immediately after the wedding the bride and groom left for Asheville, N. C., where they will spend a short honeymoon before going to Brevard, where they will make their future home."

JUNIOR AID PROGRAM

The Junior Aid Society, of Rosman will give a program on Tuesday night, June 15, consisting of two plays, recitations and songs.

Admission price five and ten cents. Every one come. We will try to please all.

MISS MABEL CARPENTER

GENERAL NEWS

The progress of the allies on the Gallipoli peninsula, long held in check by the Turkish forts, began to take on new life as the week opened. The capture and holding of nearly three miles of Turkish trenches on June 4 and the surrender of Amara in Mesopotamia with 2,000 prisoners were the most striking events of the war, after the recapture of Przemyśl by the Austro-German army.

In Galicia the Russians recovered sufficiently to make considerable advances in the lower section of the San river, while the Teutonic allies were making desperate efforts in the face of stubborn opposition to advance on the Galician capital.

The contest between the western armies remains in about the same condition as has marked it for many weeks. Gains on either side are slow, and claims made by either side are disputed by the other.

The first serious opposition of the Italians in their invasion of Austria was met at Tolmino, where a battle began early in the week. The Italian navy at the same time was busy in the Adriatic.

Turkish ammunition according to an Athens dispatch, is being supplied from a factory secretly established by the Krupp near Constantinople. The factory employs 1,000 workmen in addition to a large number of Turks. Saltpetre is being manufactured by a new electrical method.

Ninety Americans, forty-four Englishmen, 127 Spaniards, and fifty-seven others composed the first refugee party to leave Mexico City on a special train, secured by the Brazilian minister, acting for the American government.

What Greece will do in regard to the war is a question overshadowed by the condition of King Constantine's health. The king of Greece has undergone a serious operation and his condition has been critical for some time. As his temperature rises the war fever of the country abates.

Roumania's political condition resembles that of Italy before the latter's entrance into the war. Counter-demonstrations were held at Bucharest on June 6 by those standing for neutrality and those clamoring for war. Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece would complete the chain of fire that encircles Europe, leaving out the peninsula in the northwest and the peninsula in the southwest. The war has become a continental struggle.

A committee representing the free federation of workmen of Porto Rico, accompanied by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation, made petition to President Wilson on June 6, asking that congress give the island a new constitution and that Porto Ricans be made citizens of the United States. The petitions declared that workers on sugar and tobacco plantations were underpaid; that the island police force had been used to oppress them; that the right of assembly and free speech had been denied; that appropriations for schools had been cut down to lessen taxes on the rich. They represented that "the rights, the liberties and the lives of the masses of the people of Porto Rico are placed in jeopardy by the maladministration of the laws."

The interstate commerce commission has dismissed a complaint by the cities of Charlotte, N. C., and Rock Hill, S. C., that freight rates in car load lots on east iron pipes from East Radford and Lynchburg, Va., and from Anniston, Ala., violated the long and short haul clause.

MEETING OF ALDERMEN

The regular meeting of the board of aldermen was held Monday night, June 7. Present: Mayor T. W. Whitmore and aldermen T. L. Snellson, J. W. Duckworth, J. A. Miller, Jr., R. S. Morgan and J. M. Kilpatrick.

Several matters of considerable importance and interest to the public were brought before the board and acted upon.

The town tax levy was fixed at \$1.50 on the \$100 worth of property and was divided according to the following items:

Interest on bond, 70 cents; street improvement, 20 cents; general purposes, 60 cents; total \$1.50.

The tax on each poll was fixed at \$2.00.

It was ordered that all license taxes as provided for in the town ordinances be levied and collected.

G. L. Erwin came before the board with a petition asking the board to take some action about the light service. It was decided unanimously that the matter be referred to the light committee with power to act.

It was ordered by the board that the manager of the pool room be requested to clean his windows and open the doors and not to allow admittance to a minor under sixteen years of age, unless accompanied by parent.

The board ordered that section 22 in chapter 3 of the town ordinances be repealed as to drug stores, restaurants and bakeries; that drug stores be allowed to keep open without restriction on Sundays from 8 to 10 a. m. and from 4 to 6 p. m.; that restaurants be allowed to keep open from 7 to 10 a. m. and from 12:30 to 8 p. m., and bakeries from 7 to 9 a. m. and from 4 to 7 p. m.

It was ordered by the board that section 20 in chapter 3 be amended so as to allow automobiles to run around corners at the rate of eight miles an hour and twelve miles an hour on straight streets.

The election of town officers, postponed from the former meeting, was taken up. There were two applicants for the position of tax collector, city clerk and street overseer—all being combined in one. B. E. Paxton received one vote and C. C. Kilpatrick four. C. C. Kilpatrick was declared elected to succeed himself. The applicants for the position of policeman were Len Brooks, D. B. Holliday, W. W. Singleton and J. L. Aiken. W. W. Singleton received four votes and was declared as policeman.

J. S. Braufield was elected chief of the fire department at a salary of \$600 a year and street tax.

The pay of the men from a was fixed at \$12 a year and street tax, with the requirement that they practice once a month. Should any one fail to practice \$1.00 for each month will be taken from his salary. Chief Braufield is to select his men and to consolidate the fire companies.

DEATH OF MRS. GORDON KING

Mrs. Gordon King died at her home near Blantyre on Tuesday. She had been for some time in failing health due to cancer. She leaves a husband and ten children.

Mrs. King was a daughter of the late James Morris. Her husband is a brother of A. H. King of this place.

She was a member of the Methodist church and the interment took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Oak Grove cemetery. Rev. W. H. Davis, an old friend of both the deceased and her husband, officiated at the funeral ceremonies.

Modern Solomon.

A Georgia magistrate was perplexed by the conflicting claims of two women for a baby, each centering that she was the mother of it. Judge remonstrated Solomon, drawing a bowie knife from his belt, declared that he would give his own child. The women were shocked, but had no doubt of the authority of the purpose of the judge to make the proposed compromise. "Don't do that," they both screamed, in a high voice. "You can keep it yourself."—Columbian Comment.

CREAM ROUTES

J. A. Arey, dairy expert of the department of agriculture at Raleigh, was in this county during the week in the interest of establishing cream routes for the farmers of this section. Mr. Arey visited parts of the county where dairy products are the most numerous. He said that Transylvania county is a fertile field for development at this line of industry, and that the farmers were in sympathy with the project of establishing cream routes.

As an evidence of the success of these routes Mr. Arey spoke of the growth of the dairy industry where the routes have been organized. At Mooresville in Iredell county a creamery has been in operation for eighteen months. In that time the output of butter fat has increased from 3000 to 10000 pounds a month. Other sections also were cited. As the business increases the farmers go more and more into dairy farming and add to their number of cattle.

In brief, the cream route system is as follows: Instead of selling their butter to the local market at the low price due to deficiency in product, the farmers get separators and send the cream to some near-by creamery. This cream is sent along organized routes, very much like those in the rural mail system. A man may be employed to collect the cream regularly, or the farmers may take turns about in delivering, or each farmer may deliver his own product.

The advantages urged for the organization of these routes are that they promise a stable market the year round for dairy products; they relieve the farmer of the work of making and marketing his own butter; they insure a standard high grade product, and they act as a stimulus to the raising of cattle and dairy products.

Mr. Arey said that the most serious obstacle he had met with in this county was the lack of a farm demonstration agent. Where the agent is found, his cooperation in the work is favorable to the establishment of the routes.

The growth of the dairying industry under the route system leads naturally to the establishment of a creamery at home.

ARMFIELD-MCDONALD

On Wednesday, June 3, Miss Betty Armfield of Brevard, was married to Mr. W. L. McDonald, of Gulfport, Mississippi. The ceremony took place in the Methodist church of Hendersonville. Rev. McWomble officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vernon Smedberg, of Brevard, Mrs. Womble, of Hendersonville, and Mr. Bill, of Dayton, Fla., completed the wedding party at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald will make their home for the present at the latter's residence on Jordan street, Brevard.

MRS. ZILPHA ASHWORTH

Mrs. Zilpha Ashworth, an aged resident of Dunn's Rock township, died the latter part of last week and was buried Sunday afternoon. The funeral services were held at Dunn's Creek church and the interment took place in the cemetery of that church. Rev. A. W. McDonald officiating.

Mrs. Ashworth, whose maiden name was Miss Zilpha Crane, was born March 3, 1831. At the age of seventeen she was married to John Ashworth, a citizen of this county, who died about forty years ago. Of this union two sons survive, John and Lawrence Ashworth, and two daughters, Miss Martha Ashworth and Mrs. Laura Raxter. Two surviving sisters, Mrs. Amanda Hugh and Mrs. Eovaline Landrette, living in South Carolina, were unable to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Ashworth was for many years a member of the Baptist church, having united with that denomination in her girlhood. Her last years were spent at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laura Raxter, in the Carr's Hill community.