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## METHODIST CONFERENCE CLOSES AT REIDSVILLE

Rev. A. L. Stanford Returned  
as Pastor of First M. E.  
Church.

The annual Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church South, came to a close at Reidsville Monday. This body will meet in Gastonia next year.

Rev. A. L. Stanford was returned as pastor of the First Church of this city. Rev. B. A. York, for two years pastor of the Hickory circuit, was superannuated, and will be succeeded by Rev. T. J. Folger. Rev. E. O. Smith, for the past year pastor of West Hickory Church, goes to Pilot Mountain and is succeeded by Rev. D. F. Carver. Rev. W. M. Biles of Newton goes to West Asheville and is succeeded by Rev. J. H. West. Rev. L. T. Mann is now presiding elder of the Charlotte district.

The following are the appointments for Statesville district:

W. R. Ware, presiding elder.  
Alexander circuit, C. P. Goode.

Catawba circuit, A. G. Loftin.  
Cool Spring circuit, E. K. Creel.

Davidson, Ira Erwin.  
Granite Falls-Hudson, W. V. Honeycutt.

Hickory, First Church, A. L. Stanford.

Hickory circuit, T. J. Folger.  
Iredell circuit, J. C. Mock.

Lenoir Station, D. M. Litaker.  
Lenoir circuit, J. C. Postelle.

Maiden, J. A. Peeler.  
Mooreville Station, C. S. Kirkpatrick.

Mooreville circuit, J. T. Ratledge.

Mt. Zion, J. W. Jones, Jr., preacher; E. M. Hoyle.  
Newton Station, J. H. West.

North Lenoir circuit, J. W. Hoyle.

Rhodiss, G. W. Fink.  
Statesville, Broad street, J. F. Kirk.

Statesville, Race street, J. W. Williams.

Statesville circuit, D. H. Reinhardt.

Stony Point circuit, W. T. Albright.

Troutman circuit, J. C. Keever.  
West Hickory, D. F. Carver.

President Davenport college, J. B. Craven.

Bursar Davenport college, C. M. Campbell.

Professor Davenport college, E. J. Harbinson.

Superannuated, B. A. Yorke.

The following are the statistics of the conference:

Local preachers, 200; members, 106,303, an increase of 6,071 over last year.

There were 7,793 additions on profession of faith, 4,844 of these coming from Sunday schools, and 5,276 by certificates.

In baptisms there were 4,057 adults and 1,851 infants.

Statistical reports show 890 churches, valued at \$2,573,505; 199 parsonages, valued at \$494,665; other property at a value of \$143,387. There are 11 districts, with 10 parsonages, worth \$50,500. The church carries an insurance of \$804,563.

The Sunday school department shows some interesting statistics: Eighty-three schools; 6,230 officers and teachers; home department, 1,687; cradle roll, 272; members in all departments, 87,882 an increase of 6,156 over last year. There are 22 training classes and 260 Bible classes; 4,844 pupils joined the church.

In the financial statistics, the pastors were paid \$190,635, the presiding elders, \$21,156, the bishops, \$2,848 the superannuated preachers, \$10,292, a total of \$224,931. Foreign missions received, \$27,079; home and conference missions, \$25,670; church extension, \$9,171; education, \$12,692; expended for improvements and upkeep, \$143,389; with many minor interests that will run the great total to over \$565,000.

## Southern Power Company Plant Nearly Completed

Statesville, Nov. 19.—The Southern Power company's big hydro-electric power plant at Lookout Shoals on the Catawba river 12 miles west of Statesville, is nearing completion. A section of the big dam was closed yesterday and as a result so much of the water of the river was cut off that the cotton mills of the Long Island Cotton Mill company at Long Island and the Turner Mills company's mills at Monbo and East Monbo, several miles further down the river, were forced to shut down for six hours.

## SOCIAL ITEMS

November 18 Mrs. W. L. Abernethy entertained the Travellers' Club. Mrs. W. L. Flowe and Mrs. M. L. Mitchell were guests and Dr. J. H. Shuford also for a short time. Miss Geitner gave a brief sketch of Corneille, from whose writings the day's quotations at roll-call were chosen. This author with Racine bears the title of French Shakespeare. Mrs. J. H. Patrick opened the program with an article on "Scientific Progress in France." It was remarkable how much valuable and interesting information was conveyed in so concise a form, about the nation which has given the world some of the greatest discoveries and inventions of the age in every department. Mrs. J. L. Cilley then gave pleasure by playing the "Scarf-Dance" of Cecile Chaminade, a French woman who enjoys the reputation of being the greatest woman composer. Mrs. E. B. Menzies read an interesting account of "Louis Pasteur and M. Curie," the one the apostle of sterilization, the other the discoverer of radium. Mrs. Chadwick. Mrs. W. L. Abernethy and Mrs. J. L. Cilley sang a trio, "Amaryllie," a gavotte composed by Louis XIII in 1620. Mrs. J. H. Shuford read in closing a selection from Martin's "Stones of Paris" on "Quartier Latin," bringing into prominence Gringorie and Francis Villon. The beautiful chrysanthemums and roses from the garden deserve mention. After current events, delicious refreshments brought this profitably pleasant evening to a close.

## Use for Obsolete Guns.

Many unutilized things are made of obsolete guns, and in England especially are to be found a number of objects of interest in this line says the Marine Journal. The Victoria Cross, for instance, has always been manufactured from the guns captured at Sebastopol. Many things in the British Isles are named for Waterloo in consequence of the great victory that was won there over Napoleon on June 18, 1815, one in particular being the Waterloo Bridge, the gas brackets on which were fashioned many years ago from cannon used at Waterloo. Another instance is the ornamental capital of the monument to Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar, which was made from old cannon, and at Aldershot there is an effigy of Wellington and his charger Copenhagen, also made from worn out guns. In the crypt of St. Paul's there is the funeral car which bore the remains of Wellington to his last resting place, made entirely of enemy guns.

## Killed by Auto Saturday.

Salisbury, Nov. 20.—David Lentz, 40 years old and a prominent farmer of the Organ church neighborhood of Rowan county, was killed this afternoon when his automobile took to a ditch while Mr. Lentz and his son were on their way home. Mr. Lentz, junior, was driving the car at the time of the accident that cost his father his life. The son escaped unhurt.

## JOHN E. HAITHCOCK ANSWERS LAST SUMMONS

Death Came Thursday Night.  
Was 65 Years of Age.  
Funeral Saturday.

Mr. John E. Haithecock, for many years a resident of Hickory and one of our most highly respected citizens, passed away last Thursday night at an hour unknown, he having been found dead in bed Friday morning about 11 o'clock, death having apparently overtaken him during the night.

The funeral services were conducted from the First Presbyterian Church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. G. Garth. Pall bearers were Messrs. Geo. W. Hall, C. C. Bost, D. M. McComb, C. M. Shuford, W. B. Menzies and Dr. W. B. Ramsay. The interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

The deceased was 65 years, 5 months and three days of age. He was born at Williamsboro, N. C., and grew up there as a boy. December 3, 1863, he was happily married to Miss Annie Eliza Vashon of Richmond, Va. To this union were born three children, Geo. E. Haithecock, who now lives in Gastonia, Miss Martha H. Haithecock of Hickory, and John Vashon Haithecock, who died in 1891 at the age of 6 years. With his family and parents he moved to Hickory December 31, 1887.

Mr. Haithecock was formerly in the furniture business in Hickory but retired from this about 10 years ago, going into insurance and real estate business which he has been connected with ever since. For the past five years he has been in very feeble health and Miss Mattie, his daughter, ever faithful, attended to her father's business affairs. Mrs. Haithecock died April 6, 1910.

In the death of this good man Hickory keenly feels her loss. His industry, uprightness, courtesy and sympathy won for him the esteem and trust of all and many recognized him as a benefactor and leader. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. The bereaved son and daughter have the heartfelt sympathy of all our people.

## Women in Mexico.

The dress of the women of the peons is generally sombre and modest. No scarlet blanket covers them, but a blue reboso, or shawl, which is generally placed over the head in lieu of a hat.

The women of the poorer class accept with what to the foreigner seems almost a pathetic resignation, the style of dress which custom has dictated to their class. There is no aping of the wealthy in their attire. Whether it be the fine lace mantilla or the Parisian hat which the far-distant-from-her seniorita wears; as in temple or plaza she takes her dainty way, or the pretty frock or delicate shoes, the poor woman of the peon, or the mujor of the pretty shopkeeper, casts no envious glance.

Mrs. Lucretia Roberts is constant and deputy sheriff of Santa Cruz county, Ariz. She is a widow and is interested in cattle. Mrs. Roberts has a ranch of 160 acres and has arrested a Mexican horse thief with the aid of deputies, who were men. Mrs. Roberts even has had a tussle with wolves. She is a young woman with blond hair and a very winning smile for an officer of the law. She is bitter on "bootleggers" and says that any man whom she orders must come to her assistance against malefactors.

President Wilson was greatly agitated when his automobile came near to running down a small boy. Alone in his class, by jinks!

## Local and Personal Items of Interest

Today is Thanksgiving Day. Remember the orphans.

The City Council have increased the salary of Policeman Eugene Sigmon to \$55 a month.

Mr. Harry Little, a former Hickory boy, who is travelling baggage inspector for the Southern Railway, was a Hickory visitor last week.

Mrs. John M. Stephens, who has been spending some time visiting in Atlanta and Charlotte, returned home Thursday night.

The directors of the Catawba County Rural credit association met Saturday afternoon at the First Building & Loan office. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this institution will be held in January.

Mr. C. M. Sherrill, formerly of this city now of Louisville, Ky., has accepted a position as manager of the Chicago office of the Fulton Company and will enter his new work December 1. Mr. Sherrill has many close friends in Hickory, he having spent many years here.

The Bethel church congregation and the Aid Society will hold their annual Thanksgiving sale at Bethel church Thanksgiving day. There will be preaching at eleven o'clock in the morning and the sale at one o'clock P. M. Every body is cordially invited to come.

Friday night thieves entered the store of Ashcraft & Lockhart and took \$12 in change. Nothing else was missed. The robber entered through a rear window. Mr. D. P. Bowman's store was also entered Thursday night and made off with about \$3, several sweaters, shoes, and other small articles.

Sophia 19th, of Hood Farm, Lowell, Mass., is the world's champion Jersey cow, with a record of 17,557 pounds, 12 ounces milk, and 1,175 pounds, 7 ounces butter, one year authentic test. Wonder if we haven't some cows in Catawba that will compare favorably with the above record?

Mr. S. C. Cornwell returned Saturday from Dayton, Ohio, where he attended the annual convention of City Managers. H. M. Waite of Dayton, was elected president, J. G. Barnwell of Rock Hill, vice-president, and O. E. Carr of Cadillac, Mich., secretary-treasurer. The convention will meet next year with the National Municipal League at a time and place to be chosen later.

The Revival services at the First Baptist Church, which were conducted for a week by Rev. J. T. Riddick of Durham, closed last Thursday night, and Rev. Mr. Riddick left for his home Friday. There were 25 additions to the church and much renewed spiritual interest as a result of the meeting. Rev. Mr. Riddick is a splendid preacher, and greatly endeared himself in the hearts of Hickory citizens during his stay here.

Mrs. Bettie Rainie and little grandson, Rainie Smith, of Milton, spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Morton. Mrs. Rainie has many warm friends in Hickory who look forward with much pleasure to her visits to Hickory. They left Sunday evening, accompanied by Miss Lelia Walters of Blanch, who has been spending some time here with her cousin, Miss Francis Lentz, for Bartow, Fla., where they will spend the winter. Mrs. Rainie will visit her daughter, and Miss Walters her sister.

## Notice!

All day turkey rolling at Stroup's Park, Thursday, November 25. Everybody invited. Special rolling ground for ladies. Automobile service, cars start from front of Busy Bee Cafe. Lunch on grounds.

## HICKORY CITIZENS AND LENOIR COLLEGE

Mass Meeting Held in Interest  
of the \$100,000 Endowment  
Fund.

An enthusiastic mass-meeting in the interest of the additional \$100,000 endowment fund for Lenoir College, now being raised, was held in the Hub Theatre last Friday night. Mayor J. W. Shuford presided as chairman, and short talks were made by Mr. John J. George, President R. L. Fritz, Dr. W. A. Deaton, Mr. D. W. Aderholdt, Prof. C. M. Soley, Rev. J. D. Harte, Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., Rev. Longaker, Mr. A. K. Joy, Mr. Bascom Blackwelder and Mr. D. L. Russell. Hickory's part to be raised for the endowment is placed at \$25,000, and considering the financial benefit derived through having the college in Hickory, this is considered a fair assessment.

The campaign to raise this endowment will be vigorously prosecuted from now on until the amount is raised. It will mean a bigger and better Lenoir College which at the same time will be a part of greater Hickory. The privilege of contributing to this worthy cause is one which those having the means cannot afford to overlook. It is the hope of this paper that Doctor Fritz will experience no trouble whatever in raising the endowment, the interest accruing from which will mean so much for the college in advancing the cause of Christian education.

A large number of college students attended the mass-meeting and enlivened the occasion with their yells and cheers. The meeting was very enthusiastic notwithstanding the small attendance.

## The Print Shop Towel.

Everything.

The printing office towel is born with the complexion of the lily and the freshness of the rose—it is hung in pristine purity from a roller that seldom revolves—it shakes hand with best fellows and the wisest of men—it comes to be populated by enough germs to entitle it to protection by the society with the long name—it loses its complexion and chaste purpose—a residuum of lye from the yellowest of soap eats out conscience and its hope—its flexibility vanishes like the editor's scissors and the foreman's pipe—it may be rolled up like a carpet and will stand in the corner like an umbrella, but it is dear to the heart of every printer, for its damp acquaintance is the last rite that marks to his departure to the realm of food and drink.

## Prohibition Bills Passed.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 18.—Three prohibition bills passed at the special session of the Georgia state legislature have been signed by Governor Nat. E. Harris. Two of the measures were signed today and the other last night. All become effective May 1, 1916.

One of the bills prohibits the manufacture or sale within the state of any beverage containing more than one-half of one percent of alcohol. Another forbids the advertisement of intoxicating liquors in newspapers, periodicals, on billboards or by any other means. The third provides that shipments of liquor into the state for personal use shall be limited to two quarts of whisky, forty-eight pints of beer and one gallon of wine to any one person within any thirty-day period.

Speak softly to mother. Talk gently to father. Be considerate of the brother or sister. It will make a man of you, and in after life you will be kind, gentle and considerate to all people, an honor to your community, and a bright spot in the lives of your fellow beings.

## Making Effort to Secure Civilian Training Camp

Hickory is making an effort to secure the civilian military camp which will be established in the South next summer, mention of which was made in last week's Democrat. Secretary Joy has received a letter from General Leonard Wood in regard to the matter, who states that it will probably be established farther South, but we understand that more details will be furnished the war department and that the effort to bring the camp here will not be given up. Howard A. Banks, former editor of this paper, has interested himself in the matter and has written General Wood urging him to give Hickory fair consideration.

## Remember The Orphans.

The proposition has been made by the North Carolina Orphanage Association that on Thanksgiving Day everyone shall give the orphans a day's wages, the gift to go through his own church or lodge to the orphanage he prefers. It would be difficult to think of a more worth cause, and certainly if the people of this state should do as the plan suggests, the orphanages of all kinds would not be in debt as so many of them have to report so often. An orphan child, one left without any support or training, without the love and sympathy so necessary to all child life, is an object of pity to every one, and it certainly is commendable that no cause appeals more than this. From every standpoint the orphans need our help.

No one could calculate the amount of money saved to the state by the child life saved through orphanage work. Many a derelict would be left stranded on rocks of sin, a menace to morals, an expense to the state, if these little ones were left to grow up on the streets of our cities.

But aside from this, think of the souls saved and the energy safely directed into good channels. Also many distinguished servants of the church and state had their nurture in these institutions. Calculate what you should give if you responded to this proposal, and carry it to your church Thursday morning.

J. G. GARTH.

## Judge Rountree Resigns From Bench.

Judge George Rountree, for the past two and a half years a member of the Superior court bench, has sent his resignation to Governor Craig and on January 1, will resume the practice of law at Wilmington.

Marsden Bellamy, of Wilmington, has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Judge Rountree.

## Have Put It Up to Greece

The entente allies have demanded that Greece either join with them and fulfill her treaty obligations to Serbia or demobilize, and to impress King Constantine that they mean what they say, the allies have declared a commercial blockade of the Hellenic empire, according to dispatches from Athens.

## Mitchell-Whitener.

Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. D. T. Whitener, near Brookford, Miss Laura Whitener and Mr. Anderson Mitchell of Alexander county, were united in marriage, Rev. V. L. Flumer of Newton, performing the ceremony.

## Eppe-Schrum.

Miss Mittie Schrum of Lincoln county, who has often visited in Hickory, was married last Thursday to Prof. L. M. Eppe, Rev. J. D. Andrew of Newton, officiating.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM WEST HICKORY

Local and Personal Items of  
That Hustling Town and  
Community.

West Hickory, Nov. 24.—J. M. Freeman is getting along fine with his night school. He has about 25 pupils enrolled and they all seem to be taking a great interest in the work.

Mr. Calvin Lail is quite sick at present. He has pneumonia.

Miss Lillian Abernethy spent last week in Asheville with her sister, Miss Vida Abernethy.

Miss Emma Lewis is sick at present. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. H. A. Burch has returned after spending several days at Morganton and Table Rock.

Miss Fannie Smith and her mother have moved to their home in Lenoir.

Miss Maude Reinhardt of Platteau, was here Saturday and Sunday visiting the family of Mr. H. A. Heavener.

Mrs. Barbara Hawm spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Oyama.

Mr. Cicero Williams of Alta Vista, Va., has been here several days visiting the family of Mr. R. W. Williams.

Mr. W. P. Austin spent Sunday with his father near Lenoir.

## Slinging the Slush.

A Washington dispatch reads: "Mrs. McAdoo, wife of the secretary of the treasury and a daughter of President Wilson, appeared on the street today with a cane. It was an ebony hued cane with a crooked handle inlaid with silver. Now and then she hooked it over her arm."

How interesting! And what a display of journalistic ingenuity in ferreting out and dishing up to a staid world the really important events of the day. But this Solomon of the press neglected to tell us the length of the cane, its size and weight, the store from which it was purchased and the angle at which it was carried. Such omissions are reprehensible in modern journalism.

## Success.

He has achieved who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task, who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poem, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty, or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.—Bessie A. Stanley.

## Paved to Depot.

It will be good news to many people to learn that the work of paving Green street to the depot has been completed and the usual mud on that street will be a thing of the past. The town authorities are to be congratulated on this work—for rushing it through before the winter rains, sleet and snow. It will prove a blessing to the travelling public in general.—Morganton News-Herald.

## Value Newspaper Ads.

The railroads of the United States demonstrated their faith in newspaper advertisements by spending ten million for newspaper advertisements during the fiscal year, according to an address before the Chicago advertising agency by Garrett Poul, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific.

A good man never has to tell others of it!