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Baptists Adjourn Session Eighty Sixth Convention

'God Be With You Till We Meet Again' Sung on the Stroke of Noon When One Of Best Sessions in Baptist History Came to Close To-day

DELEGATES NOW RETURNING HOME

And With Them Go Sincere Farewells Of Old Friends and New

The Baptist State Convention closed its 86th session when that body adjourned shortly after noon today.

During the proceedings preliminary to taking up the morning topic of social service the Convention directed the president to appoint a press committee to use such means as might be necessary to insure full reports of its proceedings in the daily and weekly newspapers of the state.

The first subject taken up under the topic of social service was ministerial relief. That this work should be put on such a basis that recipients should have no feeling that they are objects of charity was the main subject of discussion of the report on this work submitted by Rev. J. M. Arnette and spoken to by Rev. C. C. Smith of Durham.

That the delivery of liquor by public carriers and the advertising of liquor in the public prints be prohibited and that the Baptists of the State press for National Prohibition were provisions embodied in the adopted recommendations of the report on this subject.

Following the report on the Orphanage Superintendent Kesler was directed to provide two swimming pools at that institution; one for boys, one for girls. Dr. Johnson commented on the of home-like quiet prevailing at the orphanage and said that under the management of Mr. Kesler boys and girls there were being given the right sort of training—training in body, mind and spirit.

Memorials to ministers and prominent laymen of the convention, or members of their families, who have died during the year, followed the report on the Orphanage. Those named were J. W. Watson pastor at Manteo, who died in Rex hospital at Raleigh; R. B. Thomas, Rev. Charles F. Hooper, Mrs. Martha Holloman, Mrs. Carey J. Hunter. A telegram of sympathy was sent to Mrs. J. M. Frost.

The delegates returned to their homes this afternoon, most of them leaving on the southbound train at one o'clock.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S SESSION

The Baptist State Convention in the session of Thursday night put its stamp of approval on a resolution offered by Baylus Cade to the effect that a memorial to John Haynes Mills shall be erected by the children on the grounds of the Orphanage at Thomasville. The memorial will take the form of a statue in heroic bronze representing this great benefactor of the fatherless shielding a desolate child. A committee composed of T. J. Taylor, E. F. Aydtlett, Chas. F. Brewer, Hight C. Moore, Gilbert Stevenson, E. W. Timberlake, and Livingstone Johnson was

appointed to take charge of this movement.

The Convention also adopted last night unanimously by a rising vote resolutions expressing appreciation to Elizabeth City, its Chamber of Commerce, the press, the railroad, the First Baptist Church, and to Blackwell Memorial Church, its pastor and choir for hospitality and kindness extended the Convention during its session here.

Editor Hight C. Moore reported that North Carolina's apportionment of the Judson Memorial Centennial Fund has been raised in full. The report was discussed by Braxton Craig who led the campaign and raised \$91,000 of the apportionment. Mr. Craig said that his efforts could not have met with success but for loyal support given him by the pastors of the state.

Editor Moore also presented the report on the Laymen's movement. The report stated that the Laymen's movement had proven practicable and had rectified the mistakes made in the beginning of its inauguration, that it had aroused and stimulated men to stewardship, promoted weekly giving and inspired more widespread activity in missionary endeavor. The committee recommended that the movement be endorsed by the denomination, that John A. Oates be appointed chairman of the Laymen's Movement Committee, that men's mission study classes be organized, and that laymen should be urged attend the Laymen's Convention in Asheville this spring.

Formal recognition was extended to the pastors who have come into the state or have become pastors during the past year. These were: Fred D. Hale of Lexington, W. H. Carter of Hertford, W. R. White of Greensboro, J. B. Filler of West Durham, W. C. Moore of Mount Holly, J. M. Kester of Wilson, C. D. Graves of Wake Forest, R. K. Redwine of Walnut Cove, E. B. Jenkins of Washington, and A. J. Taylor of Rainsboro.

Dr. Mullin's address on 'The Model Laymen' closed the evening's session, emphasizing the importance of the Laymen's work, telling of its marked growth in recent years and predicting a more rapid growth in the next few years.

Dr. Mullins began by saying that in speaking of a model layman he was not using the definition which the man whose wife who had called him a model husband found upon consulting the dictionary, viz: "a small imitation of the real thing," but that he was describing the man with a real purpose.

First of all, said he, this model layman must live a clean, upright life, for this is the greatest contribution which a man can make

to the time in which he lives. It is impossible for a man to live a life that is not known. Men are like acrostics. Read them up and down and across and they read the same way. A man's business life, his social life and his church life must spell Christian or the world will see that he is insincere.

Second, he must be a good citizen. Clean, fine men should give themselves civic life. The temptation of Americans is to leap from the pinnacle and expect the Lord to take care of them.

Third, he must be a good church member. He must go to church regularly. Men do not realize that regularity and steadfastness mean in their religious life. An unbeliever once saw a Christian pass his home every Sunday for thirty years on his way to church and was finally so impressed by this steadfastness that he himself was led to become a believer.

Fourth, he must be a man of prayer. The principle of prayer must govern the life. Prayer must be a factor in his business. Happy is the man who does not get discouraged in his prayer. Men are as lazy as their circumstances will allow. Some men are intellectually lazy though physically energetic, some are the reverse, some are energetic enough physically and mentally but are spiritually lazy. A man can't pray unless he girds up his loins and fights his way to victory.

Fifth, he must be a liberal giver. He must help his pastor to develop the giving spirit in the congregation. Teaching people to give is a long process, line upon line and precept upon precept. When I was a young preacher a man told me that I spoiled my sermons talking about money. Well, the Bible is spoiled there.

Dr. Mullins set forth the needs of the laymen as follows:

- 1. A great horizon. Not the horizon of a worm or squirrel but of an eagle. Men are measured by their horizons, and men are needed in the kingdom who will take into their hearts all the great interests of the kingdom.
2. The abolition of the distinction between laymen and clergy. It is the prerogative of every Christian to feel the glad tidings.
3. Team work. A man can't stay on a baseball team who will lie down on his job.
4. Initiative. Thought is needed in the problems of the church as well as energy in the business of the church.
5. The spirit of conquest and achievement must be put by laymen into the church. A man needs to put the same qualities into his church work that he puts into making his business a success.

In closing Dr. Mullins spoke of the increased number of active laymen during the past few years and said that in a few more years he expected to see a great host of these helpers cooperating with the pastors in the work of the church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON'S SESSION

Woman's work was taken up at the afternoon session Thursday. J. Clyde Turner said that the women are due highest honor in that they have instilled the mission spirit into the heart of the young people of the church, have kept alive in the churches a spirit of prayer and have been leaders in disseminating missionary information and in fostering mission study and in fostering mission study classes. All this has been done, he said "with womanly modesty, Christian humility and with whole-hearted and supreme loyalty to the Master. As to the importance of prayer in mission work, Mr. Turner said: "Every great missionary enterprise had its beginning in a prayer meeting.

Of woman's work in missionary effort Dr. Walter N. Johnson said: They have been doing for years, in the way of systematic giving, what we are just beginning the men to do in a few of our churches.

Sunday School work was another subject taken up for discussion

Rumanian Army Is Still Intact

London, Dec. 8.—Fresh details of the German occupation of Bucharest have added to the belief that Rumanian retirement was masterfully executed with minimum losses. The Rumanian army is still intact and with re-organization and re-equipment may again become a formidable force.

The Germans along the whole of the Monastir front have been strongly reinforced and are presumably diverted from the Rumanian theatre of war. It is believed that the Germans are planning a powerful offensive against the Franco-Serbain-Italian-British forces of Macedonia.

GIVES BIRTHDAY PARTY

Master Edward Dunstan entertained a number of his little friends at his home, 101 West Church street, Wednesday evening, the occasion being a birthday party. Those present were: Burgess and William Perry, Charles and Frank Hollowell, Lawrence Aydtlett, Wesley Sheep, William Fearing, Braxton Dawson, Zack Owens, Edward Old, Walter Johnson, Edgar Stevens, Ralph Wilcox, Travis Turner, Joe Thompson, Frank Snowden, Ward Thompson, Andrew Bailey, William Harrell, Selden Mann, Frank Horner, William Drinkwater, Davis Spence, Koscoe and Archibald Turner, Johnnie Shaw, Forrest and Garand Dunstan, Marjorie Bell Carr, Emily Jennings, Adelaide Dunstan, Mary Harney Pritchard, Anna May Winslow, Ruth Scott, Margaret Wells, Margaret Davis, Margaret Sawyer, Louise White, Rebecca Stevens, Mary Gladden Gregory, Mary Louise James, Mary Horner, Monterey and Catherine Cartwright, Beasia Drinkwater, Virginia Lefty, Elizabeth Thompson, Marjorie Skinner, Vivian Turner, Francis McCleny, Margaret Fearing. The numerous games played, the funny stories told, with the good things to eat served to make the occasion one of great pleasure to the happy gathering.

SLAVE QUARTERS BURNED

Part of the old slave quarters on the Hollowell plantation at "Bay's side" were burned Wednesday afternoon. These quarters were built many years ago, had very large chimneys and fireplaces.

In these huge fireplaces were built iron cranes on which pots, kettles and other cooking utensils were hung over the fire in "ye olden time" when there were no cook-stoves and all cooking was done in the fire places.

Thursday afternoon, a number of suggestions were made for the improvement of the Sunday School literature.

B. Y. P. U. work was also discussed at this meeting and the discussion was interestingly led by several of the denomination's younger pastors. Through the work of the Young People's Union it was pointed out, the young Christian is given training which makes him a useful church member and some are led into the active work of the ministry.

A matter that has been inadvertently overlooked in this paper's reports of the Convention was the appointment on Wednesday of a committee to lay before President Wilson the protest of North Carolina Baptists against General Funston's action in presuming to dictate to Baptist preachers how they should preach the gospel to American soldiers. Of this committee John A. Oates is chairman.

AN ERROR CORRECTED

The Convention sermon next week will be preached by Bruce Benton of Rockingham. In yesterday's report the name was printed as Bennett.

Lloyd George Well Supported

London, Dec. 8.—All doubt that Lloyd George would not have complete support for his new government in parliament was swept away when the Liberal party members formally resolved to support the new regime in the prosecution of war. This action means that Lloyd George is not only backed by Unionist and Laborites, totalling 324 votes out of 670 in the House of Commons, but also by a liberal block of the remaining votes, perhaps 260 or more.

PARCEL POST SALE

Belvidere, Dec. 5.—Last Friday evening a public Literary Society and parcel post sale was given for the benefit of the society.

A special program was rendered with much success. The debate subject was resolved: "That Military Schools, Colleges and Universities in the United States." Affirmative: Sidney Chappel and Tim Jessup, Negative: Murray Lane and Harry Chappel. Two of the judges decided in favor of the negative.

After the debate the parcel post sale took place. The proceeds amounted 12.00 which will be used to help install electric lights in the school building.

VIOLATE TRAFFIC LAW

Four more violators of the traffic ordinance were given the usual first offense fine of \$10 and cost each by Judge Sawyer in the police court Friday morning. They were: F. E. Scott, white, driving automobile; Winton Davenport, C. E. Barnett and David Horton all colored. For the past week there has been a steady incoming of these traffic violators to the office of police justice, the policemen having come to the conclusion that force is the best means of persuasion after all.

DELEGATE TO COM-MERCIAL CONGRESS

Mr. S. R. Siff, manager of S. R. Siff Co., of this city has been designated by the Richmond Millinery Association, Richmond, Va., as a delegate from Eastern North Carolina to the Southern Commercial congress which convenes in Norfolk next week. Following closely upon this appointment came an invitation from the city of Norfolk to Mr. Siff requesting him to attend the merchant's banquet at the Chamber of Commerce building Monday night.

Mr. Siff, up to this time, is the only delegate appointed from this city. He will leave Sunday morning and will remain in Norfolk during the entire sessions of the congress. He will have rooms at the Victoria.

MEETING EASTERN STAR

The regular meeting of the White Rose Chapter O. E. S. will be held this evening in the Masonic Hall.

All members are requested to be present to attend business of importance.

WANTED Travelling salesmen to handle an up to date line of trunks and bags, on strictly commission basis. No advances. Liberal offer. Address ROGERS BROS. & KEVAN, Petersburg, Va. It pd

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.

Mr. R. H. White was stricken with paralysis at his home on Poindexter St. Wednesday afternoon. At the time of this writing Mr. White was in a rather serious condition.

Bargains which you don't find once in a season. Ladies suits, up to the minute at startling prices. Mitchell's Department Store, adv.

NOT WASTE TIME ON WILL-O-WISP

RECENTLY REPORTED KILLING OF AMERICANS WILL NOT AFFECT SITUATION

Washington, Dec. 8.—While orders to "get Villa" still stand, the war department has let it be known that it does not expect General Pershing to take any more steps toward hunting the will-o-the-wisp unless there is practically a certainty of victory. The reported killing of Americans recently will not affect the expedition unless there is a general alteration of the United States policy which will come only if the Northern Mexican situation becomes intolerable.

Urge Need Of Marine Post

Washington, Dec. 8.—The establishment of a large marine corps post on the Chesapeake Bay as a training station for expeditionary forces was called the paramount need of the marine corps in the annual report today.

Find Evidence Food Speculation

Washington, Dec. 8.—The government already has damaged evidence of widespread illegal speculation in the food markets of the country. This statement was given to the United Press today by an official intimately connected with the food price probe. Details were refused except when this official explained that investigation tends to bring to light gross abuse of transportation facilities and that inquiry tends to show that certain interest are able to control to some extent the movements of large numbers of freight cars and have been acting in vicious illegal collusion to withhold food supplies from the large markets, notably Chicago.

Sub Question Is Complicated

Washington, Dec. 8. The administration's present intention in respect to the German submarine situation is to get a complete show-down of just how far reaching Germany's pledges really are.

Great Britain has notified Secretary Lansing that the Marina was not under British regulation or charter. Lansing therefore believes that the submarine question is seriously complicated since America's rights are involved in both the Marina and Arabia cases.

BAZAAR AT WOODVILLE.

The Woman's Betterment Society of Woodville will give a bazaar at the school house on December 15th for the benefit of the school. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited.

WILL HOLD BAZAAR

The Parsonage and Epworth League of City Road Methodist church will hold a fancy bazaar in the Hinton Building on the 14th, 15th and 16th of this month. At this time they will offer for sale a number of fancy articles.

Mr. Mack Siff, of New York, cousin of Mr. S. R. Siff, of this city, spent Thursday here on business.