

APPOINTMENTS OF WESTERN N. CAR. M. E. CONFERENCE

PLEASANT SESSION ENDS WHEN ASSIGNMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED BY BISHOP.

MONROE GETS NEXT SESSION

Not So Many Important Changes in Pastors as in Former Years.—Want Larker Lay Representation—Matter of Entertainment.

Asheville.—Following the reading of the appointments by Bishop James Atkins, the Western North Carolina Methodist conference adjourned to meet next year at Monroe. There was no opposition to the selection of Monroe as the next meeting place, as it had been generally understood since the last annual session that the 1918 meeting would be held there, in view of the fact that Monroe was a bidder for the 1917 session, but was defeated in the contest by Asheville.

In the list of appointments not so many important changes occur as have characterized those of some former years, though the reading of the list was the event of the whole conference session, as usual, in which the members, as well as the people back home, took the keenest interest.

For Larger Lay Representation. The Western North Carolina conference is progressive in spirit and practice, but is not disposed to attempt radical departures in the sphere of church polity. The conference refused to ask even for the removal of the time limit, but did send up to the general conference a memorial asking for an increase in lay representation in the annual conference.

By action of the conference, it was proposed that \$5,000 should be raised as a war fund to assist with the religious work in army camps, and a committee of lay members was appointed to devise plans and to lead in the raising of the proposed fund.

The committee is composed of the following gentlemen: S. A. Cole, Charlotte district; J. E. Boyd, Waynesville district; L. B. Rodgers, Asheville district; C. H. Ireland, Greensboro district; D. E. Hughes, Monroeville district; W. E. Merritt, Mount Airy district; J. D. Moore, North Wilkesboro district; J. E. Kessler, Salisbury district; J. H. Searcy, Shelby district; G. F. Ivey, Statesville district; James A. Gray, Jr., Winston district.

The report of the board of church extension was read by A. W. Pfeiler.

Dr. M. Murray, the secretary of the general board of church extension, addressed the conference to its great delight. Dr. Murray is a great favorite in North Carolina and his coming is hailed with pleasure. He is easily one of the greatest secretaries that the church has ever had in charge of any of her boards.

He is also a great humorist. One of his latest stories is that a young negro applied to enlist in the army. "In the cavalry or the infantry?" inquired the recruiting officer. "Why, them?" asked the puzzled African. "In the cavalry you ride," explained the officer, "and in the infantry you walk." "Now, put me in the infantry," "Why not?" continued the recruiting sergeant. "Now if it comes to my place, I don't want to be bothered with a horse."

Matter of Entertainment. A resolution was introduced to consider some other method to provide entertainment for the annual conference. Dirman Thompson, F. S. Lambeth, P. N. Peacock, J. H. Ivey and L. R. Rodgers constitute the committee.

By unanimous vote, the conference accepted the invitation extended by J. E. Abernethy for the next session, in November, 1918 to be held in Central church, Monroe.

Resolutions of thanks were extended by rising vote to the people of Asheville for an unstinted hospitality; to the news reporters for full and accurate reports of the conference, and to the bishop for the brotherly and able manner in which he, as president, guided the affairs of the conference.

The bishop after the reading of the minutes of the morning session, addressed the conference, and then answered the question: "Where are the preachers stationed next?" after which the conference adjourned sine die just before noon, thereby closing a very enjoyable session of the conference.

Appointments Read. The appointments for the ensuing year, as read, are as follows:

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

R. G. Tuttle, Presiding Elder. Asheville-Bethel—J. O. Erwin; Central—O. W. Byrd; Chestnut Street—D. Atkins; Haywood Street—O. P. Adair; West Asheville—E. W. Fox; Asheville Circuit—J. W. Carver, supply; Biltmore and Mt. Pleasant—D. R. Proffitt; Black Mountain—G. H. Christenberry; R. L. Ferguson, supply; Brantley—W. E. Proovey; Fairview—W. A. Thomas, supply; Flat Rock and Fletcher—J. L.

Smith, Hendersonville—M. F. Moores; Henderson Circuit—C. A. Johnson; Hot Springs—Marshall, J. J. Gray; Leicester—J. G. W. Holloway; Mars Hill—W. B. Thompson, supply; Mills River—R. P. Honeycutt; Rosman—O. W. Wright; Spring Creek—J. M. Green; Sulphur Springs—Jas. H. Green; J. F. Starnes, Jr., preacher; Swannanoa—E. P. Bogle; Tryon-Saluda—J. M. Folger; Walnut—J. O. Banks; Weaverville Station—O. J. Jones; Weaverville Circuit—T. J. Huggins; Missionary to Korea—N. B. Stokes; Missionary to Cuba—R. J. Parzer.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder. Ansonville—John Cline, Charlotte; Belmont Park—A. L. Aycock; Brevard Street—L. T. Cordell; Calvary—A. R. Surratt; Chadwick—G. W. Fink; Dilworth—L. B. Abernethy; Hawthorne Lane—T. F. Marr; W. L. Nicholson, supply; Seversville—B. F. Hargett; Spencer Memorial—C. M. Campbell; Trinity—J. W. Moore; Tryon Street—Z. E. Barnhardt; Hickory Grove—R. H. Kennington; Lifeville—J. P. Hornbuckle; Marshville—Seymour Taylor; Matthews—J. A. J. Farrington; Monroe—Central—J. E. Abernethy; North Monroe, J. R. Warren, supply; Morven—S. T. Barber; Pineville—W. F. Elliott; Polkton—W. B. Davis; Prospect—M. A. Osborne; Thrift—B. F. Fincher; Unionville—J. W. Bennett; Wadesboro—A. L. Sanford; Waxhaw—M. H. Vestal; Weddington—C. L. McCain; Missionary to Japan—S. A. Stewart; Missionary to Japan—N. S. Ogburn; Dean Chandler School of Theology, Plato Durham; Assistant Editor of Advocate—W. L. Sharfhill; Principal Southern Industrial Institute—J. A. Baldwin.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

J. H. Barnhardt, Presiding Elder. Ashboro—Ira Erwin; Coleridge—R. L. Melton; Deep River—F. W. Cook; Greensboro—Centenary—A. W. Pfeiler; Spring Garden Street—C. S. Kirkpatrick; Walnut Street and Carraway Memorial—A. C. Gibbs; West Market St.—E. L. Bain; J. P. Lanning, supply; Greensboro Circuit—J. E. Wooley; West Greensboro—J. T. Rogers; Gibsons—W. C. Jones; High Point—East and West—W. A. Barber, supply; Main Street—H. H. Robbins; Wesley Memorial, C. T. Rowe; Pleasant Garden—C. E. Cherrill; Rainsboro and Greensville—C. C. Byrum; Randleman—W. L. Dawson; Randolph Circuit—T. C. Johnson; Reidsville—Main Street—W. E. Abernethy; Ruffin—W. M. Smith; Uwharrie Circuit—J. M. Varner, supply; Wentworth Circuit—F. L. Townsend; President Greensboro College for Women—S. B. Turndine; Treasurer Greensboro College for Women—W. M. Curtis; Editor North Carolina Christian Advocate—H. M. Blair; State Sunday School Secretary—J. W. Long; Missionary to Korea—J. R. Moore; Student University of North Carolina—E. K. Crout; Professor State Normal College—Jno. A. Lesh; North Carolina Children's Home and Aid Society—W. L. Hutchins.

MARION DISTRICT.

Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder. Bakersville—S. G. Erwin; Ball Creek—John S. Mitchell, supply; Broad River—D. S. Hudson; Burnsville—A. C. Swafford; MBI Spring—J. M. Barger; S. P. Mauldin, Jr., preacher; Chisato—N. M. Moffitt; Connelly Springs—B. Wilson; Enola—M. W. Hecker; J. supply; Forest City—W. T. Albright; Hamlet-Carolina—M. B. Clegg; Marion Station—J. B. Scroggs; Marion Circuit—M. W. Mann; Marion Mills—E. G. Kirk; McDowell—J. A. Fry; Micaulee—E. O. Shufeldt; Morganton Station—E. Williamson; Morganton Circuit—A. J. Barras; Old Fort—R. P. Mook; Rutherfordton—T. C. Jordan; Spindale—E. B. Carpenter; Spawns Pine—J. P. Harris; Table Rock—J. B. Taylor; Thermal City—C. C. Tomczak, supply; Professor in Rutherford College—A. R. Walker; Student at Trinity College—T. F. Higgins; Professor in Rutherford College—W. E. Cary.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT.

H. C. Sprinkle, Presiding Elder. Ararat—G. W. Clay; Danbury—O. P. Routh; Dobson—T. V. Crouse; Draper—C. R. Allison; Elkin—J. P. Hipps; Jonesville—J. H. Robertson; Leadville—G. C. Brinkman; Madison Stoneville—R. S. Howie; Mt. Airy—Central—C. D. Herman; Mt. Airy Circuit—T. P. Jimison; Pilot Mountain—J. W. Coombs; Rural Hall—J. C. Mook; Spray—J. F. Armstrong; Stokesdale—M. T. Steele; Summerfield—A. Sherrill; Walnut Cove—G. W. Williams; Yadkinville—W. M. Boring.

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT.

T. E. Wagg, Presiding Elder. Avery—D. G. Wilson; Boone—H. L. Powell; Creston—E. E. Yates; Elkland—W. L. Scott; Elk Park—A. S. Abernethy; Helton—H. M. Wellman; Jefferson—T. J. Houck; Laurel Springs—D. A. Clarke; North Wilkesboro—W. R. Ware; North Wilkes Mission—Guy Hamilton; Sparta—J. C.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

J. C. Rows, Presiding Elder. Albemarle—Central—J. E. Gay; Cornet—Watauga—O. C. Fortenberry; Wilkesboro—L. B. Hayes; Wilkes—W. S. Cherry; Professor and Chaplain Appalachian Training School—J. M. Downum; Missionary to Japan—W. A. Wilson; Principal Jefferson School—W. L. Scott.

M. Gentry, supply; First Street—W. I. Hughes; Albemarle Circuit—H. F. Starr, supply; Radin—J. E. B. Houser; Bethel—J. T. Stover; China Grove—W. S. Hales; Concord—Central—Z. Paris; Epworth, Center—A. S. Raper; Kerr Street—J. W. Strider; Forest Hill—R. M. Taylor; Westford, Harmony—A. P. Brantly, supply; Concord Circuit—P. L. Shore; Cottonville—J. G. Brown, supply; Jold Hill—E. M. Avett; Kannapolis Station—G. W. Vick; Kannapolis Circuit—R. L. Forbis; Mt. Pleasant—G. A. Stamper; New London—S. E. Richardson; Norwood, Randall—J. A. Bowles; Oakboro, Lores, J. J. Eads; Salem Circuit—A. L. Johnson, supply; Salisbury—First Church—W. A. Lambeth; Park Avenue, C. M. Short; South Main, P. W. Tucker; A. H. Whisner, supply; Sallsbury Circuit—R. C. Kirk; Spencer—Central, C. M. Pickens; East Spencer, North Main, R. K. Brady; Woodleaf—E. J. Poe; Agent Superannuate Fund—J. P. Rodgers; Assistant Sunday School Secretary—W. R. Shelton.

SHELBY DISTRICT.

John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder. Belmont—A. P. Rathedge; Belwood—D. W. Brown; L. E. Stacy and H. G. Stamey, supply; Bessemer-Concord—J. D. Rankin; Cherryville—J. F. Moser; Crouse—D. P. Waters; Dallas—High Shoals—R. A. Taylor; Gastonia—East End, A. Burgess; Franklin Avenue and West End, E. P. Stabler; Main Street, H. H. Jordan; Fred H. Price, Jr., preacher; Kings Mountain—El Bethel—R. A. Swearingen; Lincoln Station—W. F. Womble; Lincoln Circuit—J. P. Davis; Lowell-Bethesda—J. W. Kennedy; Lowville—J. A. Sharpe; McAdenville—A. R. Bell; Mt. Holly—J. S. Hiatt; Polkville—C. R. Canipe; Rock Spring—W. B. Shinn; Shelby—Central—G. A. Wood; Shelby Circuit—W. C. Williams; South Fork—T. A. Plyler; Stanley-Iron—L. L. Smith; Secretary of Education—H. H. Jordan.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder. Alexander—J. J. Edwards; Catawba—A. G. Loftin; Cool Springs—C. P. Goode; Davidson-Huntersville—W. A. Jenkins; Dudley Shoals—H. G. Allen; Granite Falls—E. Myers; M. B. Wooley, Jr., preacher; Hickory—First Church—R. M. Courtney; Hickory Circuit—J. A. Peeler; Lenoir Station—D. M. Litaker; Lenoir Circuit—Elmer Simpson; Maiden—D. F. Carver; Marvin—To be supplied; Mooresville Station—L. A. Falls; J. W. Jones, Jr., preacher; Mooresville Circuit—J. T. Rathedge; Mt. Zion—T. A. Grose; Newton—R. M. Hoyle; North Lenoir Circuit—J. M. Price; Olin—J. C. Postell; Rhodhiss—John H. Green; South Lenoir-Whitnel—D. A. Lewis, supply; Statesville—Broad Street—L. D. Thompson; Race Street—J. W. Williams; Statesville Circuit—D. H. Rinehardt; Stony Point—E. N. Crowder; Troutman—J. C. Kover; President Davidson College—J. R. Craven; Professor Davidson College—E. J. Harbison; Student Trinity College—R. C. Davis; Army Y. M. C. A.—O. L. Stinson.

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT.

J. H. West, Presiding Elder. Andrews—M. T. Smithers; Bethel—C. E. Stodman; Bryson-Whittier—J. W. Campbell; Clinton—J. H. Bradley; Clyde—R. E. Hunt; Franklin Station—R. H. Daugherty; Franklin Circuit—J. C. Amberger; Pinos Creek—J. F. Sallwey; Glenville—T. L. Noble, supply; Haywood—A. L. Bathum; Hayesville—C. M. Carpenter; Highlands—D. V. Howell; Judson—E. B. Bell, supply; Jonathan—J. H. Grant; Spauld—J. E. Womack; Myrtle Station—J. W. Ingle; Murphy Circuit—B. P. Clarke; Ranger—W. R. Warren, supply; Robbinsville—G. A. B. Holder; Sylva—J. J. Cook; Tuckasee—R. L. Foster; Waynesville—W. F. West; Webster—J. L. Toague; Student Brown University—E. O. Dryman.

WINSTON DISTRICT.

Frank Siler, Presiding Elder. Advance—J. H. Brendall; Cooleman—N. R. Richardson; Davidson—P. L. Terrell; Davis—T. S. Coble; Denton—P. H. Brittain; Farmington—J. W. Vestal; Forsyth—H. H. Mitchell; Hanes-Clemmons—J. W. Fitzgerald; Kernersville—T. J. Ogburn; Lewisville—J. E. McSwain; Lexington Station—W. H. Willis; Lexington Circuit—P. E. Parker; Linwood—D. C. Ballard; Mocksville—E. O. Cole; New Hope—J. P. Fitzgerald; Thomasville Station—W. O. Goode; J. C. Richardson, supply; Thomasville Circuit—W. F. Sandford; Walkertown—J. C. Harmon; West Davis—W. J. S. Walker; Winston-Burkhead—J. E. Thompson; Centenary—E. K. McLarty; Grace—W. M. Robbins; Liberty Street—C. O. Kennerly; Salem—E. L. Shelton; Southside—C. C. Williams; West End—R. D. Sherrill; Student Trinity College—J. H. Lanning; Student Weaver College—H. R. Deal; Missionary Secretary—W. H. Willis.

Transferred.

T. J. Folger to the North Carolina Conference.

J. W. Hoyle to the North Carolina Conference.

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R. S. Abernethy, J. D. Arnold, H. L. Atkins, P. C. Battle, W. M. Bagby, J. J. Brooks, J. D. Bule, S. M. Davis, M. C. Field, T. P. Glenn, S. S. Higgins, W. V. Honeycutt, A. W. Jacobs, R. W. Pickens, D. V. Price, J. P. Reynolds, James Wilson, J. A. Wiggins, B. A. York.

M. E. CONFERENCE AT KINGS MOUNTAIN

BISHOP HUGHES READS APPOINTMENTS OF PASTORS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

MEET NEXT AT ASHEVILLE

Blue Ridge-Atlantic Methodist Conference Hears Strong Addresses at Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain.—At the closing session of the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Methodist Conference, Bishop Hughes read the appointments for the coming year as follows:

Asheville district—J. L. A. Bumgarner, superintendent, Asheville; F. W. Stanton, Asheville; C. T. J. S. Green, Bakersville; T. H. Stamey, Boone; Ray P. Jones, Canton; W. C. Matney, Canton; C. T. W. H. Pless, Clyde; T. J. Freeman, Creston; W. A. Patton, Culbertson; W. T. Clark, Etawah; Otis Fraley, Hayesville; J. H. Fine, Lansing; W. A. Graybeal, Leicester; A. B. Dennis, Montzama; K. L. Haga, Pisgah; D. L. Earnhart, Pond Mountain; Salvin Sexton, Sylva; G. N. Sloan; Unaka, G. W. Williams.

Coast district—W. S. Moore, superintendent, Charters; C. C. Wallford, Elizabeth City; J. Warden, Hamlet; W. L. Carter, Harkers Island; to be supplied, Hatteras; to be supplied, Marshallburg; to be supplied, Morehead City; D. W. Hayne, Morehead City; W. Q. A. Graham, Ocracoke; W. P. Miller, Parnell; F. A. L. Clarke, Pembroke; W. L. Moore, Pheasant; G. S. Deland, Pinners; A. B. Fry, Rowland; D. F. Lowery, Troy; C. L. Hawkins, Washington; John Chaney, Whiteville; J. M. Smith, M. O. Fletcher, president, Washington College; J. M. Gambrill, in school at Athens, Tenn.; J. L. Dennis, field agent conference; claustral; retirement fund; J. M. Flower, conference evangelist.

Statesville district—W. J. Pinn, superintendent, Ararat; S. N. Bumgarner, Casar; supplied by W. Foster; Gastonia; S. W. Johnson; Harmony; J. M. Wall, Hickory; S. A. Earnhart, Kannapolis; T. E. Flores, Kings Mountain; B. A. Culp, Misenheimer; C. M. White, Newton; A. A. Matheson, Old Fort; J. H. Gillespie, Thurmond; T. W. Bryant, supply, Statesville; Austin Wilson, Tray Hill; D. J. White, supply, Zion; F. C. West, Beasemer City; J. M. Heath, Winston-Salem; to be supplied.

The place of meeting of the next session was called for and Dr. Stanton presented a cordial invitation from the First Church at Asheville, which was accepted by acclamation.

Dr. Palmer addressed the conference in the interest of the boards of home and foreign missions.

Following this the conference went into executive session, to consider some matters of purely church interest, during which all except members of the body were excluded.

War Subject Carolina Day.

Religion.—The state department of education is sending into every public school district in the state and in private schools as well, the official programs the department has prepared for the observance of Carolina Day on December 4. The program stipulates that the people of the school communities shall be informed of this observance and that part of the program is conveyed by distribution and service, as directed by the state superintendent. The program is: "Make, save and serve." The characteristics of the program impress the causes of the war, the needs of the government and the means of service that are at hand for all the people. In its conception the program is designed to be most opportune and it is believed that the county superintendents and the teachers all over the state will utilize it to their fullest extent as a patriotic duty they owe their counties, the schools and the school communities.

Christmas Tree for Soldiers.

Southport.—The Red Cross chapter of Southport has undertaken the matter of providing a Christmas tree for the soldiers at Fort Caswell and also to provide a Christmas package for every man in the service there. Owing to the fact that there are about 1,000 men to be provided for the chapter will ask other chapters in the state to assist in this matter. The cities from which the soldiers come will especially be asked to contribute. Rev. J. N. Bynum is chairman of the committee in charge.

Killed in Auto Accident.

Shelby.—Joe Short, a farmer living near Shelby on Avery McMurry's plantation, was killed when the automobile in which he was riding plunged down a 40-foot embankment at the Weaver bridge of the Shelby-Spartan road. Tom McCoy, owner of the car, a man who runs a local tire vulcanizing plant, was driving. When he rounded the curve he saw he was about to meet a farmer, James Champion, who was riding in a buggy, and rather than strike Mr. Champion, McCoy steered the car down the embankment.

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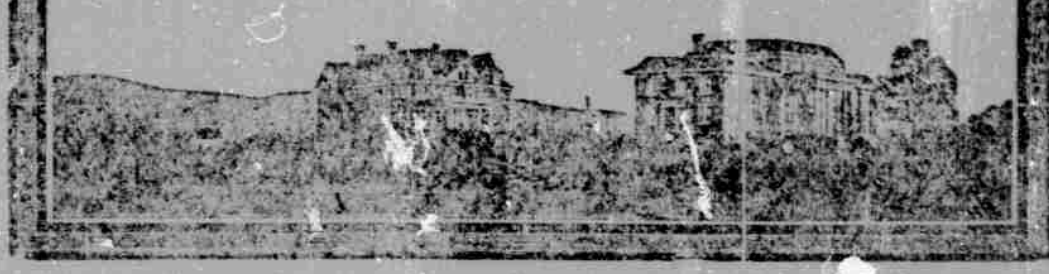
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