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NEXT CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS TO BE AT GREENSBORO

Five Days Session comes to Close
With the Reading of New Appointments by Bishop Denny.

The western North Carolina Conference which closed in Winston-Salem Monday afternoon made possibly fewer changes in the pastorates than have been made in a number of years. We think the list of appointments in full to be of sufficient local interest to warrant their publication. The appointments are as follows:

Winston-Salem District
W. A. Newell, presiding elder.
Advance—J. M. Varner.
Coolidge—P. L. Shore.
Davidson—R. F. Honeycutt.
Davie—Jin H. Green.
Denton—S. F. Barber.
Farmington—C. M. McKinney.
Forsyth—John Cline.
Hanes—J. C. Cornett.
Kernersville—E. O. Cole.
Lewisville—J. W. Vestal.
Lexington, First church—W. L. Hutchins.
Erlanger—R. A. Smith.
Linwood—J. W. Campbell.
Mocksville—A. C. Swafford.
Oak Ridge—W. G. McFarland.
Thomasville, Main Street—A. C. Gibbs.
Trinity—J. R. Church.
Thomasville—T. B. Johnson.
Walkertown—H. G. Allen.
Welcome—J. W. Fitzgerald.
Winston-Salem, Burkhead—J. S. Hiatt.
Centenary—Z. E. Bernhardt.
Central Terrace—J. A. J. Farrington.
Grace—J. P. Hipps.
Green Street—G. A. Stamper.
Ogburn Memorial—G. B. Clemen.
West End—R. H. Daugherty.
Conference Missionary Secretary—R. M. Courtney.
Missionary Evangelist—P. E. Parker.
Superintendent Children's Home—C. A. Wood.

Asheville District
H. C. Sprinkle, presiding elder.
Asheville, Bethel—T. C. Jordan.
Biltmore—W. F. Sandford.
Central—A. C. Chappell.
Chestnut Street—C. Ray Jordan.
Haywood Street—Carlock Hawk.
Mt. Pleasant—J. M. Fogler.
West Asheville—L. W. Colson.
Asheville circuit—C. A. B. Hold-erby.
Black Mountain—G. C. Brinkman.
Brevard—E. R. Welch.
East Biltmore—D. Atkins.
Elk Mountain—J. W. Hennessee, supply.
Flat Rock—Fletcher—H. W. Dargan.
Hendersonville—Frank Siler.
Henderson circuit—C. F. Tate.
Hornby—H. L. Powell.
Hot Springs—A. A. Angel.
Leicester—J. I. Spinks.
Mars Hill—G. W. McClamrock, supply.

Mills River—J. O. Cox.
Oteen—T. A. Groce.
Roshan—J. C. Richardson.
Saluda-Tycoon—R. F. Fikes.
Sandy Mush—J. W. Groce, supply.
Spring Creek—W. I. Hughes.
Swannanoa—J. O. Banks.
Weaverville—B. C. Reavis.
Weaverville circuit—A. J. Burns.
General Evangelist—Raymond Browning, Hendersonville quarterly conference.
Missionary Western Mexican mission—R. J. Parker.

Charlotte District
J. B. Craven, presiding elder.
Ansonville—D. S. Richardson.
Bethel—R. E. Hunt.
Bethel and New Hope Circuit—J. C. Umberger.
Charlotte, Belmont Park—W. B. Davis.

Brevard St.—T. F. Higgins.
Calvary—C. M. Short.
Chadwick—B. F. Hargett.
Dunworth—G. D. Herman.
Duncan Memorial—A. R. Surratt.
Hawthorne Lane—L. D. Thompson.
Seversville—E. P. Billups.
Spencer Memorial—J. H. Armbrust.
Trinity—J. E. Abernethy.
Tryon Street—H. G. Hardin.
West Charlotte—J. A. Smith.
Hickory Grove—W. M. Robbins.
Lileville—D. F. Carver.
Marshville—Ezlie Myers.
Matthews—R. E. Tinslaw.
Monroe Central—C. C. Weaver.
North Monroe—J. R. Warren.
Morven—J. S. Gibbs.
Peachland—W. R. Harris.

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DURING LAST YEAR 14,000 LIVES WERE LOST IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS

Scientific American.

A report made of the last annual meeting of the National Highway Traffic Association opens with the statement that during last year 14,000 lives were lost in this country in automobile accidents. The present registration shows that there are in the United States 12,000,000 vehicles, and the manufacturers estimate that the increase this year will be 3,000,000 additional. The report says that the risk to safety lies in the fact that 90 per cent of these vehicles are congested upon 10 per cent of our roads. Fourteen recommendations are made by the committee, all designed to reduce the ghastly slaughter, which is now going on, and which, unless something is done to check it, will continue to increase.

The more important recommendations come under four heads: First, to secure good designs for new roads; second, to promote adequate improvements of old roads; third, to insist upon reconstruction of existing roads at the places which have proved especially dangerous, such, for instance, as grade crossings and approaches to bridges, and lastly to improve the location of the center line on dangerous curves and elevations.

Particularly urgent is the call for standard practice throughout the country in respect to the location of danger signals, the elevation and widening of the roadway with regulation of traffic on curves. On the completion of the transcontinental routes there will be an increase of interstate traffic and when a driver passed into a new section of the country, where the regulations, signal posts, etc. differ from those in his own state, he is liable, without intending it, to break local State laws, thereby becoming a menace both to himself and others. Hence the need for standardized rules, and so far as possible, standardized, constructions from one end of the country to the other.

NEWS ITEMS FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL

The storm that has been brewing over the southern and central sections of the country for some days suddenly broke over this section last night and this morning several inches of snow fell. This is unusually early for such a snow to come, but to see it in all its beauty falling in great flakes on the white pines on the campus of the Appalachian School and making them look hoary with age is a sight that greatly palliates the inconvenience that may result. The snow has turned to sleet and the weather looks rather wintry.

News from the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Winston-Salem informs the people here that Rev. G. C. Brinkman who goes to Black Mountain and Rev. M. B. Woosley comes as Boone's pastor. The people while regretting to see the old pastor go will heartily welcome the new pastor. Also Rev. J. E. Womach who has been pastor of the Watauga charge, goes to Jamestown-Oakdale, and Rev. P. A. Brittain will take his place.

On Monday evening the 23rd Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hahn at their hospitable home gave a reception to the teachers of their children both in the Training School and the town school. A most sumptuous dinner was served in a most pleasing and attractive manner and in such an abundance that the most craving appetites were fully satisfied both as to quality and quantity. A delightful evening was spent with these pleasant people in their good home, and all left feeling that it was a mark of great consideration on the part of these good friends to welcome to their home those who are uniting with them in striving to prepare their children for the higher ways of life.

J. M. DOWNUM.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Prayer services Wednesday 7 p. m.
Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.
Note the change in time of evening services and that prayer services is on Wednesday night instead of Thursday night.
Prayer services at boys Home on Thursday night at 8:45.

LUTHERANS HOLD SPECIAL SERVICES

Rev. Cobb of Salisbury Assisting the Pastor Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat in the Services.

Special services are being held this week at the Episcopal Chapel by the Lutheran constituency of our town. Rev. W. G. Cobb of Salisbury is assisting the pastor, Rev. Jeffcoat in these services and is preaching forceful services. Rev. Cobb is not only an excellent preacher and an attractive speaker but is a good singer, and will sing at some of the services.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY MUST PAY \$35,000.00 FOR ACCIDENTAL DEATH, SAYS COURT

A verdict of \$35,000 was awarded in civil court in Charlotte before Judge Harding by a jury in suit of Mrs. Margaret Blum against the Southern Railway for the death of her husband, George J. Blum, September 1922, at Linwood, Rowan county. Robert Hayes, another Charlotte citizen was killed in the same accident. Mrs. Hayes has also sued for \$75,000, and the case is scheduled for trial at once.

The verdict was the largest ever rendered in a Mecklenburg court for accidental death. The Southern paid a \$40,000 verdict to Harry Talley, young Charlotte man, who was injured in the wreck of the Carolina-Virginia football special at Salisbury in 1915. Mr. Talley died last year as the result of his injuries.

GOVERNOR MORRISON AND HON. CAMERON VISIT BOONE

Governor Cameron Morrison together with the Laird of Lochesle who is the Chief of the Clan Cameroun of Scotland, and Hon. Benahan Cameron, spent a few hours here Friday evening at the Critcher Hotel, but continued their journey to Blowing Rock that night. Colonel Cameron and Governor Morrison were anxious to show their distinguished visitor the glories and tremendous beauty of our mountain scenery.

THE "HOSIERY SALESMAN" IN JOHNSON CITY JAIL

It will probably be gratifying to those of our ladies who may have been fleeced by one calling himself J. J. Dickson, some months ago, to know that he has been arrested at Johnson City, Tenn. This fellow's graft was that of taking orders for silk hosiery, collecting about one-third of the price, and assuring the buyer that the balance should be paid on delivery. Of the hosiery, which hasn't yet taken place. The fellow was at the same game though he had changed the name of the mills for which he was pretending to take orders. — Sampson Democrat.

HAYNES HAS LAUNCHED UPON A NEW CAMPAIGN AGAINST "HOME BREW"

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes has launched upon a new campaign against home brew. In order to stamp out what he characterized as the menace of trafficking in home brew ingredients, the commissioner announced he would revoke the permits of all breweries which continue the practice of making malt syrups, now widely used as a base for home-made beer.

All breweries will be notified said Mr. Haynes to cease the manufacture of such syrups at once, and failure to do so will result in prompt citation and revocation of their permits to manufacture cereal beverages.

It is the intention of the department to absolutely stamp out the menace in all parts of the country in a campaign to halt the manufacture and traffic of home brew ingredients at the source.

The new policy was decided upon after a conference between Commissioner Haynes and his legal staff.

BOX SUPPER WELL ATTENDED

The box supper at Elk School no. 1 last Saturday night was a great success. The community in general took part in the supper and the snug sum of \$136.30 was raised for the purpose of putting drinking water in reach of the school.

The very best of behavior prevailed and everything went off quietly. With the continued progress the community is making it is destined to become one of the leading sections of the county in a short while.

MORRISON MAKES A GOOD REPORT

Tells Governor's Conference Liquor Situation in North Carolina is now Under Control.

WASHINGTON—Governor Cameron Morrison came here to attend the governors' conference with the president. He did not attend the meeting of the State executives in Indiana; he was busy with the chief of his clan and could not get away.

Governor Morrison was calm but militant. He had no sensational story for the President. Before entering the House he stated, that if called upon he would make a good report on the Federal prohibition officers in North Carolina. He said that they are doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. He feels that prohibition enforcement is a matter for the courts and that his state takes that view of it, and is punishing the guilty. He thinks that the solicitors and sheriffs and police officers are trying to do their full duty.

In other words Governor Morrison brought a cheering report to the White House Conference. He knows that there are moonshiners, blind tigers and bootleggers in the state, but they are being held in check.

Mr. Morrison is not worrying over the prohibition situation. He believes that problem will solve itself. His concern is about the constructive program he is backing to put North Carolina in the front ranks of the great states. He is satisfied that the people of his state are with him, and he will carry it through, but he is being handicapped by critics.

"North Carolina is going forward," said he. "It is advancing rapidly along industrial lines. Its roads are being improved and its school facilities enlarged and brought up to date."

Mr. Morrison would have political leaders forget petty politics and get behind a program for nation-wide development along the very lines that North Carolina is following, something that will make the United States greater.

Asked about the issues for the 1924 campaign Mr. Morrison said: "I fear very much foreign relations will figure in the next campaign to an unfortunate extent and

exclude consideration and settlement of domestic questions which ought to have the attention of the country. I also fear prohibition will figure to a hurtful extent. The enforcement of the law is not a political issue but one for the courts.

"I hope that foreign relations as well as prohibition can be kept out of the Fordney-McCumber Act ought to have intelligent and practical consideration by the country and become the leading issue of the campaign."

Governor Morrison is very enthusiastic over the progress North Carolina is making. His constructive administration is beginning to show good results. People throughout the country are manifesting interest in it.

At 2 o'clock when the governors assembled at the white house for the enforcement however, Governor's Morrison's attitude was that of an observer. He had no intention to offer suggestions or make a speech, but to listen and learn. He declared that if the president called on him he would express his views on the conditions in his own state and give the prohibition officers credit for good work.

Governor Morrison took a prominent part in the final stages of the conference. He made the motion to accept the President's proposal and expressed his views freely. He said that when all was said and done the courts would have to enforce the prohibition laws, and that the President had the naming of the district attorneys, whereas the people elected the prosecutors in the States. He explained that the most insignificant solicitor could tell him where to turn in if he started dictating to him. But he added, the request of the President was reasonable and should be accepted.

Mr. Morrison made a good impression especially to those who want to see the dry laws carried out. He told the President and the governors that the Federal enforcement agents in North Carolina were active and effective and described them as good men. He also asserted that if the question considered was one for court consideration and not for politicians it would soon be answered. More work by enforcement officers of the right sort and less politics would

NATIVE GROWN SEED POTATOES TOES OF SUPERIOR QUALITY

Reports received by Prof. Matthew Chief of the Division of Horticulture for the State College and Department of Agriculture, from 19 demonstrations made by farm agents in eastern North Carolina prove that native grown seed Irish potatoes from the mountains of this State are equal to and even superior to the seed obtained from Maine and other northern sources.

In reporting this work, R. F. Payne Assistant horticulturist says, "The two main considerations in this comparison were the relative earliness and the productivity. There was small difference in the date of maturity of potatoes from the two sources; but those from both sources were earlier than potatoes grown from seed produced locally the preceding year."

"From the standpoint of yield, the mountain grown seed gave superior results. An average of the 18 tests showed that the mountain seed produced an average of 174 bushels of No. 1 potatoes and 48 bushels of the lower grades. The seed from Maine produced an average of 150 bushels with 51 bushels of the lower grade. This shows our native grown selected seed to be superior by 24 bushels of the highest quality potatoes."

"In all these tests a good stand was secured from seed from both sources. It is a fact however, that seed from Maine often fail to give a good stand on account of disease and chilling or overheating in transit. Since native grown seed give equally as good yields with chances of injury from shipping very slight due to the short haul, growers of eastern North Carolina should plan now to get their seed from the producers of their native state."

MONTHLY REPORT SHOWS INCREASE IN BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN N. CAROLINA

The general death rate in North Carolina is increased from 10.5 per 1,000 population in August to 11.5 in September, but the general birth rate of 26.4 per 1,000 population in August was increased in September to even a greater extent—34.4 according to the monthly vital statistics report of Dr. Register of the State Board of Health, which has recently been made public.

The deaths, according to the report numbered 2,560 for the entire state, while the births for the same period totaled 7,618. Seven hundred and twenty still-births were reported.

Dr. Register's report showed a decided decrease in the infant death rate. The death rate among children under two years of age in August was 3.3 per 1,000 population, while in September it was 2.7. Diphtheria and enteritis were accredited as the principal causes for deaths among children.

Mortalities from typhoid fever showed a decrease of from 59 in August to 39 in September, but deaths from diptheria increased from 24 to 44. In August there were 226 deaths caused by tuberculosis and in September there were 194. Pellagra caused 21 deaths in September.

Dr. Register's report gave the venereal disease distribution rate for September as 2.5 per 1,000 population, the same as for the month previous.

The distribution rate for Arsenophamine per 1,000 population was stated to be 5.6 for September, while it was 7.4 in August.

IN THE TOILS FOR RECENT VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL PROHIBITION LAWS

Last Monday night Deputy Sheriff George Hayes and Chief of Police W. R. Greene found Wayne Stout (white) and Pomp Hackett (col.) both of Wilkes, at the road camps between Boone and Blowing Rock, well tanked up and having in their possession a goodly supply of corn liquor. They were taken in custody, brought to Boone, given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace W. R. Gragg, found guilty, and in default of a bond of \$750 each, they are now in the county jail where doubtless they will remain until the spring term of the Superior court. It does seem that sometime men would learn that to dabble with whiskey means almost everlasting destruction to liberty and property. — make the Volstead Act a great blessing.

BLOOD HOUNDS TRAIL DOWN P. O. ROBBERS

Two Men Suspected of Robbing the Banner Elk Post Office Caught in Johnson City—Excellent Work.

As was noted in our last issue the postoffice at Banner Elk, Avery county was robbed Tuesday night of last week. As stated blood hounds were wired for from Johnson City, and were "on the job" early in the day Wednesday. They were taken to the postoffice where they immediately picked up the trail and followed it to a nearby church where the stolen stamps were recovered. From there the dogs followed in hot pursuit to Shell Creek, Tenn. The robbers, at least the ones the dogs were after, took "near-cuts" to shorten the distance to their objective, but this did not bother the trained canines in the least, until they landed at Shell Creek where took suspicious looking characters got on the train bound for Johnson City that morning. There they lost out. The man having them in charge boarded the next downtown train. As soon as he arrived and his dogs hit terra firma again, regardless of the great number of people who had been on the streets since early morning, they soon got on the trail again and within the fewest minutes brought to men to bay in the C. C. & O. depot, who were recognized as the ones who went down a few hours before armed with shot guns. They were immediately arrested and placed in the lock-up. County officers at Boone were notified and Deputy Sheriff Geo. Hayes went down to investigate. It being a Federal offense, and our authorities having no jurisdiction they were remanded to jail. U. S. Marshall Hendrix of N. Wilkesboro was notified, and he, in company with District Attorney F. A. Linney, met the prisoners, who were in custody of Sheriff Vance of Washington County, at Elk Park, and they were brought on to Watauga County for safe keeping.

The prisoners are Albert Lauder-milt and Van Jennings, both of Avery County. They were given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner John W. Hodges yesterday afternoon. The defendants through their attorney W. R. Lovill, waived examination, and in default of \$5,000 bond each, were returned to jail until the trial comes up at the next term of Wilkesboro Federal Court. Deputy Marshall Hendrix served on them two other warrants for violation of the dry laws and commissioner Hodges fixed the bonds in the cases at \$500 each. It looks to a layman like the boys are in deep trouble.

THREATENED TO MOVE BONES OF WILLIAM PENN

LONDON—During the recent agitation over the remains of General Oglethorpe it was repeatedly suggested that the removal of the founder of Georgia would be followed immediately by an attempt to take the bones of William Penn to America.

The threat was regarded by the Society of Friends as sufficiently serious to cause them to issue a statement to forestall any possible effort to disinter Penn's dust from the peaceful little Quaker town burial grounds where Penn, his wife and five of his children are buried.

The declaration recalls that the state of Pennsylvania in 1881 approached the trustees of Jordans with a view to bringing about the removal of Penn's body. At that time the trustees replied that "after consideration of the matter, not only from the standpoint of the society of Friends, but in a dispassionate and cosmopolitan spirit, they have arrived at the conclusion that it is their duty to refuse."

The present statement adds that should the application be renewed there is no reason whatever to believe the decision of 1881 should be departed from.

In Memory of L. L. Lowrance

Lawson L. Lowrance, after a long life quietly passed away Jan. 8, 1922. He was a brave son of the Confederacy, an almost adored husband and father, a kind friend and neighbor, as the large concourse of people showed who followed him to his last resting place. Peace to his memory.