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## NEXT CONFERENCE WILL BE IN WILSON; THE APPOINTMENTS

### Rev. G. F. Smith Returns to Louisburg and Rev. N. H. D. Wilson Becomes Presiding Elder Washington District

#### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

##### DEPLORING LYNCHING

Enforcement of Law Forbidding Sale of Cigarettes to Boys is Asked; Enforcement of Outster Law Recommended to Assembly; Changes in Presiding Elder Personnel.

Goldsboro, Dec. 16.—The next session of the North Carolina Conference will meet with the Methodist church in Wilson.

The conference orders that its board of publication negotiate with a commission appointed by the Western North Carolina conference looking to the consolidation of the two Methodist papers of the State.

The Methodists go on record as deploring lynching, and asking for the enforcement of the law on the statute books of the State concerning selling cigarettes to boys, and regrets that the law has not been enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Rev. V. T. Ormond was elected conference lay leader for next year.

Year of Great Achievement. The board and committees made reports to the conference all of which indicate that this has been a year of great achievement among the Methodists of the conference. A resolution of thanks to the most excellent hospitality extended to the conference by the Goldsboro people was passed by a standing vote.

Rev. H. M. North was nominated to preside at the conference setting at the new site, and Rev. L. C. Craven as alternate.

Resolutions extending an invitation to the annual conference to be held in the city of the conference.

New Presiding Elders. The new presiding elders were appointed as follows:

North, W. H. Will. N. H. D. Wilson and J. B. Sunday. The old ones who retire are Revs. J. T. Gibbs, J. H. Hall, C. T. Adams, C. L. Reed. These go back to the pastorate.

The opening session of the conference which has been in session here since last Wednesday was opened with religious exercises conducted by Rev. W. B. North.

Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of the church at Wilson, invited the conference to convene in their city at its next annual meeting, and the invitation was accepted.

The following appointments for this district were made:

- Presiding Elder—J. E. Underwood.
- Benson—E. M. M. Hall, J. T. Stanford, Jr., preacher.
- Cary—R. C. Ross.
- Clayton—O. L. Hinson.
- Four Oaks—E. B. Craven.
- Franklinton—T. A. Sikes.
- Garner—M. B. Cox.
- Granville—B. H. Black.
- Princeton—J. G. Johnston.
- Kenly—C. P. Jerome.
- Louisburg—G. F. Smith.
- Millbrook—J. C. Williams.
- Oxford—R. C. Craven.
- Oxford Circuit—B. C. Thompson.
- Raleigh—Central, D. N. Caviness; Edenton Street, W. W. Peole, J. O. Guthrie, Superintendent; Epworth, W. G. McFarland; Jenkins Memorial—C. W. Robinson.
- Selma—C. K. Proctor.
- Smithfield—S. A. Cotton.
- Tar River—G. B. Perry.
- Youngsville—H. M. Jackson.
- Zebulon—J. W. Fisher.
- Supt. Anti-Saloon League—R. L. Davis.

Editor Raleigh Christian Advocate—L. S. Massey.

Superintendent Methodist Orphanage—A. S. Barnes.

Editor Christian Advocate—T. N. Ivey.

Conference Missionary Secretary—A. D. Wilcox.

President Louisburg College—F. S. Love.

Chaplain U. S. N.—W. E. Edmundson.

Other appointments in this section but in other districts were as follows: Henderson—First church L. E. Thompson; North and South Henderson, L. C. Larkin.

Nashville—L. B. Jones. Rocky Mount—First church, W. A. Cade; Clark Street, B. B. Staughter. North and South Rocky Mount, I. T. Poole.

Spring Hope—W. P. Constable. Rev. N. H. D. Wilson was appointed a Presiding Elder and assigned to the Washington District.

Resolutions endorsing the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League and also urging the ratification of the Federal Prohibition Constitutional Amendment were passed.

Where the people of Louisburg will give up Rev. and Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson

with much regret, they are pleased to know of his promotion. They will also be glad to know that Rev. G. F. Smith who is assigned to this charge, is coming as a return, he having served the Louisburg church about twenty years ago, and was the pastor here when the movement was begun to build the new church.

#### Tobacco Market to Close for Christmas.

It has been announced that the Louisburg Tobacco Market will close today, (Friday) for the Christmas holidays. It will remain closed until Tuesday January 7th, 1919, when it will again open to sell the remainder of the crop.



John Norman Wilder.

Another of Franklin's brave sons fell with his face to the front when John Norman Wilder, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wilder, killed in action in France, Nov. 11, 1918. The sad news came to the parents Dec. 2nd, in a telegram from the Adjutant General of the Army which was as follows: "Deeply regret to inform you that Private John N. Wilder, infantry, officially reported as killed in action, November eleventh, HARRIS, Adjutant General."

John Norman Wilder cheerfully answered the call when the largest entertainment from Franklin left in April last, and in that brave, high spirited band of boys none held his head higher or faced the call with more composure than he did. He wrote his parents that he did not want to fight merely to be fighting; but was ready to do his duty, and in that high and holy purpose he offered his splendid, pure young manhood on the altar for his people, his country, humanity and his God. Greater love than this hath no man; for he laid down his life, with our other heroes, that peace and love, humanity and Christianity might prevail over the world. He was in his pure young life, always ready to meet the Master and a thousand years of ordinary life will not afford such opportunity for glorious service as our boys had in this war. Measured by grand, illimitable results our boys in dying, either in camp or sickness or in the field of battle for our holy cause have accomplished more in the short span of their lives than generations of men have accomplished in the past, or can hope to compass in the future.

It is inexpressible sad that he lost his life just as the grand result was attained—the very day the armistice was signed and his heart was turning towards his beloved home and its joys; but he faced his duty, we believe, without flinching, and that said General Lee in the test of the best soldier—"Duty is the most sublime word in the English language," wrote (this greatest of all soldiers; and his life was the exemplification of "duty" fully performed. John Norman (named for a greatly beloved Methodist minister who served in Louisburg in the eighties) was in Co. M, 221st Infantry, and saw considerable service in France. Shortly before his death he was in a hospital and while there wrote the last letter ever received by his mother and it is such a clear indication of his character and life it is given in full.

"Oct. 23, 1918, Co. M, 321st Inf. U. S. A. P. O. 791. Dear Mother: Wonder how you all are these days. Have been thinking of writing you before now, but have been feeling pretty tough—have the "grippe". I am in the hospital now—came the 11th, but am up and feeling lots better now. Haven't got any mail since I have been in the hospital. I guess there is some for me at the Co. I don't know where

my Co. is now—reckon I will get back to it some time.

Perry Wilson is here also. A lot of the boys have colds here. Had a letter from Lorene and Josephine some time ago, and was so glad to learn that they both were in school, and hope they will study hard and learn all they can. I haven't been in the trenches yet, but have been very near them.

I wish I could be back in the States to be with you all Xmas, but may be I can be home Christmas after this one. Don't worry about me while I am over here, but write me often.

With lots of love to you all, Your Boy

NORMAN.

This is typical of the American soldier, according to what those who have observed them in life and as death approached them "Over there" say of them—thoughts ever turning homeward and to mother, father and sisters of this young hero bade him God speed with bright smiling faces all around with aching hearts, as he entered the soldier's life that day, and may God comfort them, and all our bereaved mothers and fathers, with the assurance of an everlasting reunion where peace shall passeth all understanding shall be forever, and with the proud satisfaction that they gave to the world and to God such men.

#### LETTERS FROM FRANCE

Mapleville, N. C., December 13, 1918.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I have secured a letter from my Aunt, Miss Mattie Wheeler, that came from my cousin, Sergeant James Adie Gardner, who is in France. If you like you can publish it in the Franklin Times. The letter was as follows:

My Dear Aunt Mattie: Your letter received a few days ago and it did me lots of good to read such a nice letter, and to know the one I have always loved, loves me still, and wishes me well. I will always love you and never forget you for I need no mother to care for me. I can hardly believe that I am over four thousand miles from home, but I am not the least bit homesick, but I do not worry about it for I have my good health. Well, when we all come home, I think this will be a better world to live in and I will appreciate the good old U. S.

Until recently Aunt Mattie, we were not allowed to tell our whereabouts but now I can tell you I am in the South-eastern part of France about sixty miles from Bordeaux and about two miles from the ocean in a good healthy climate. Our best town is Broussais, which is about six miles from camp. We had a big Fourth over here, hope we will celebrate the next one at home; but the biggest trouble is we boys don't know how to speak French. We are trying to talk to the girls, but they can learn our language faster than we can theirs. We are getting on fine. All the French people like the American boys. I don't believe I have seen one yet that I would like to take home with me. Some of the boys like the French girls but for my part give me an American girl. Tell (Grandmother) that I still love her and think of her often and wish for her nothing but happiness and pleasure.

Write often. Your loving Nephew, Sergeant James Adie Gardner. Co. E, 8, Bu Jo Reg. A. E. F. Via New York.

Somewhere in France, November 12, 1918.

My Dear Mother: I wonder what you are doing this P. M. It is very cold here but I think I can stand it now after they have stopped fighting.

I have served one turn in the trenches and was in one drive and so far have come out all O. K.

It won't be long before I will be back now if everything works out all right. Most every body says February but I give it until March. I let the people back home were some happy when they heard the war was over, I would like to have heard what you said.

Don't you people back home stop praying until we have landed on the other side. And then you can pray for the poor boys left behind. This is the time when it is twice blessed to give.

I saw Vasser Perry today, guess you remember him.

Well, I will tell you about shooting my best friend accidentally. Just as we were relieved from the trenches I was cleaning my pistol for inspection and by some means it went off and the shot went in his arm. Only a slight wound though, thank goodness, Ralph Smith was his name. Ask Oda, she remembers him.

Payton is still with me and getting on O. K.

I can't understand about you not letting my mail. I haven't written as often as some but as I understand you haven't gotten but one letter. Please don't worry about me because if anything happens to me you will be notified by wire at once so if you don't hear from me you know I am all O. K. Hope all the home folks are well and I will see you before February.

Lots of love, your son, CLYDE.

C. F. Collier, M. G. Co., 322 Inf., U. S. A. P. O. No. 791

#### The Duke Memorial Fund.

Mr. Editor:

My appreciation of your request that I tell your readers about the Memorial services recently held at Maple Springs in honor of Rev. G. M. Duke is not to be judged by my tardiness in complying with your wishes. Sickness and other circumstances unavoidable have prevented my doing so.

It is not to be expected that I shall at this late hour, undertake to report the speeches. There are some things concerning this meeting however, which are of greater moment than the speeches, though they were all of a high order and each one was worthy of special mention. The general outcome of the occasion is the thing in which the people are most interested, and of this I wish to speak.

But before doing this, I desire in behalf of Mrs. Duke to thank all who in any way whatever, contributed to the great success of this great occasion. From whatever angle viewed, it was a pronounced success. And this success was in large measure due to the newspapers who gave so generously of their valuable space in making known the time and place and object of the meeting.

First of all, then, we thank the press for its invaluable services. Then we thank all who joined with Maple Springs in providing so bounteously for the temporal wants of the great multitude who came from far and near. In like manner we thank the speaker whose beautiful and eloquent tributes so stirred and comforted those who had come to hear. Again and especially do we thank all who joined so enthusiastically in providing the memorial fund asked for. Individuals, churches and lodges gave, in a few minutes time, \$4,000.00 in cash, War Stamps, Liberty Bonds and gift edged subscriptions. And there are yet many others to be heard from. The giving was liberal and spontaneous, and was characterized by a spiritual fervor which was beautiful indeed. Among those yet to be heard from are personal friends, churches, Mission Lodges, and the great Round Oak Association whose churches until recently belonged to the old Tar River.

These churches, and other churches whose membership was not to be present on this occasion are being the less interested, and they together with the noble Round Oak which never loses sight of a noble cause will insist on making a liberal part in honoring him who spent the best part of his great life in their service. And when all these shall have been heard from, there will be, I venture to believe, ample funds for a handsome monument for the grave and a more enduring monument at the Orphanage to be known as the Duke Memorial Building.

At the memorial services I was appointed a committee of one to perfect what had thus been so nobly and worthily begun. On the next day I deposited all cash and subscription with the First National Bank to the credit of the Duke Memorial Fund, and as fast as payments are made I am giving my receipt in full.

The same motion that put me in charge of the unfinished part of the program authorized me to call to my assistance such help as I might desire. I have therefore, requested Mrs. C. P. Harris and Mrs. J. H. Uzzell together with Messrs. George Duke, H. D. Egerton and Robert Perry to assist in the selection of the monument.

And to safeguard myself from errors in the other part of the program—the Administration Building—I have secured the co-operation of Mr. C. P. Harris and the Executive Committee of the Tar River Association consisting of Brethren Ivey Allen, Moderator, Dr. T. J. Taylor, E. W. Dowers and J. H. Gardner. And the Association at its recent session at Bump, in a most hearty and unanimous vote, put the seal of its approval on all that has been done and is proposed in the program.

Mr. Kesler, the General Manager, has just written me that this new building is sorely needed right now. If therefore, all will respond promptly to this urgent call in behalf of this worthy cause, they will render a twice blessed service. They will bless the memory of one of the best of men, and at the same time become a blessing to the fatherless ones to whom cry for help in time of need (J. M. Duke was never known to turn a deaf ear. This is the time when it is twice blessed to give.

Mr. Editor I have made no attempt to report in detail the happenings of the day. I have desired simply to direct the attention of your most excellent paper to the good beginning of what promises to be a great and glorious achievement. It will require about ten thousand dollars to complete the undertaking. But what is this divided among the friends of G. M. Duke.

We are going to put at the grave a monument that meets the wishes of his family and his own wishes could he have a voice in the selection of it. The balance will go into a permanent building at the Orphanage when this good man will ever stand in the fullness of his manhood with outstretched hands full of blessings for "these little ones." Who would not be glad to take a part in this good work.

If these lines should chance to fall under the eyes of any who have not yet subscribed to this fund, we will be glad to enroll their names among the contributors to this fund, and send

receipt in full for the amount.

W. B. MORTON,  
Custodian Duke Memorial Fund.

#### Standard Long Distance Telephone Rates Established.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Under an order of Postmaster General Burleson published today standard long distance and toll rates on telephone calls will be established throughout the country next January 21. This will involve reductions in about 70 per cent of the rates now charged and a slight increase in about 30 per cent.

Night service rates are made much cheaper, being one-half of the day rate from 8:30 p. m. to midnight and fourth of the day rate from midnight to 4:30 a. m. The basic rate on day calls will be 6 1-4 mills a mile, figured on an air line mileage.

#### Cotton Report.

The tabulation of the reports shows that there were 12,477 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Franklin County, from the crop of 1918 prior to December 1, 1918, as compared with 8,178 bales ginned to December 1, 1917.



SERGEANT C. D. ELLINGTON

On October 4, 1918, in the front ranks died another one of Franklin County's noble sons, Charles David Ellington was born in 1896, and only lacked a few days of being 22 years old when Capt. George W. Craven's Company D, he was one of the first that joined. He went to the Mexican border with the Company and has been with it ever since. On the merit of his true worth he was made a sergeant.

I have heard Major Boddie say he was one of the best men he had in the Company. He was always a loving and dutiful child, and as a son he was faithful and true. He was loved by all who knew him. No man could die a nobler death than this boy has died, fighting for Liberty, fighting to keep the world safe for his people, fighting that Hun barbarism should not envelop the world. He gave his young life on the blood-soaked fields of France; did his all and now as the kinfolks he has left behind are grieving for him, let him stop and think, "Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his brother" and surely this young man has laid down his life that we all might live. He leaves behind him his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ellington, four brothers and five sisters, and his Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. David Weldon, all of whom have the deepest sympathy of all the people of the County. May God bless each one of them.

#### In Memoriam.

By Anna L. Price.

Lieutenant John Neal U. S. N. aged 21, of Louisburg, N. C., died of pneumonia, October 6, 1918, on battleship Penn. U. S. N. He was a Christian as well as a patriot and is greatly mourned.

Soldier who in the "dew of youth," Didst answer to the service call, And give thy life to liberty, Beneath our honored flag,— We do salute thee, sadly too, Thou wert so young to die! And if in time some should forget, Who only knew thy name and lot, The mother never can forget, Who bore thee, watched thy infancy, Who helped to make thy spirit true, And wept beside thy bier. Fond mother, dry thy tears, arise, God will repay thee for this loss, And thou shalt meet thy boy again. Heaven is wide and there is a sea, "Like unto glass," before the throne, Where cometh no battle ship of earth, No war nor sickness unto death, But love, joy, peace, health, fellowship, And glory to the Highest.

#### Allied Conference Not to be Resumed Until January 1

Paris, Dec. 15.—Plans for the reassembling of the Inter-Allied Conference and the meetings of the peace congress are gradually being matured. It was the first intention to have the inter-allied conference meet tomorrow or Tuesday but owing to the inability

of Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Balfour to be here because of the British elections and the approaching holidays, the formal session will not be resumed until January.

Meanwhile President Wilson will have an opportunity to confer with the premiers and leading statesmen of the allies, and visit the battlefields and peripatry Italy.

King Victor Emmanuel, the Crown Prince and Premier Orlando arrived in Paris Thursday. They will dine with the President sometime this week.

The merits of the question and consideration to come before the conference thus far have developed only in their initial phases, discussions of them having been more or less informal. For the American delegates the chief objects to be obtained during the next fortnight is a first-hand understanding of the views of European statesmen and an opportunity to convey to them the American viewpoint.

#### PRESIDENT PAES OF PORTUGAL SLAIN

Assassinated at Railway Station in Lisbon His Assassin Killed by Crowd. London, Dec. 15.—Dr. Sidorio Paes, President of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin shortly before midnight Saturday while he was in a railway station at Lisbon waiting for a train to Oporto. Advices from Lisbon reporting the assassination say that he was struck by three bullets. President Paes died within a few minutes after he was shot. The President's assassin, named Joetne, was killed by the crowd.

#### Lynched by Crowd, is Report.

Paris, Dec. 15.—According to a Havas dispatch from Lisbon the assassin of the President was lynched by the crowd.

Tamagnini Barbosa, the minister of the Interior, has assumed the presidency.

#### Headed Revolution.

Dr. Sidorio Paes was formerly proclaimed president of Portugal on last June 4. He had a revolt in Portugal in December, 1917, and was named President of the provisional government on December 14 a few days more than a year later he was re-elected.

Dr. Paes was a graduate of mathematics in the University of Coimbra when he entered the Portuguese army in 1911 and fought in the war. At the outbreak of the war he was Portuguese minister to Germany and remained in Berlin until the end of the war when he returned to Lisbon. While president-elect, Dr. Paes declared that Portugal would continue in agreement with the allies against Germany. One of his first acts after being proclaimed President was to take the oath of office and to participate in the war by Portugal.

On December 6, while walking in the streets of Lisbon, Dr. Paes was fired at, but the shot went wild. The President's aggressor was arrested.

#### Good Words for Colored Troops.

The following is a copy of the last orders issued by the Colonel of the 810th Pioneer Infantry, colored troops at Camp Greene, Charlotte, to his men, handed us by Sgt. Major Chas. H. Young, a Franklin County boy, and it is published here to show the work of the colored men who went from this County.

Headquarters, 810th Pioneer Infantry, Camp Greene, N. C., December 14, 1918.

#### General Orders.

No. 13. 1. The 810th Pioneer Infantry will cease to exist in a few days. 2. The regiment has a record second to none for discipline and results accomplished. I have heard, both directly and indirectly, many comments upon the regiment, all in praise of it, many expressing surprise at the results accomplished in such a short time.

3. No one, who has not been intimately associated with the regiment, can fully appreciate the hard, earnest work which has been necessary to make this record. Officers and men have worked long and arduous hours with a cheerful enthusiasm which has been inspiring to all. The spirit of the regiment is shown by the fact that the disorganization has not lowered the discipline in any way.

4. Every officer and enlisted man has reason to be proud of our organization. I have, in my twenty years of service, served with many regiments but with none in which I have taken as much pride or from which I regret as much to part as I do this one.

WM. A. KRINT, Col., 810th Pioneer Infantry.

#### List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for December 20, 1918.

Miss Millie Battle, Mr. Hillo E. Branch, Miss Sallie Davys, Onnie Davis, Miss Mary Annie Dean, M. R. A. O. Dickens, Miss Sarah Dixon, Mr. J. T. Duke, Mrs. Lucy Floyd, Mr. Daniel Harris, Miss Susan Jennings, Miss Kate Tomberdin.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

—A merry Christmas for all is the wish of the editor and force of the Times