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METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. Beaman and Mr. Bruton Return to Lumberton—H. M. North Succeeds J. H. Hall as Presiding Elder of Rockingham District—District Appointments.

By Long-Distance 'Phone to The Robesonian.

Goldsboro, Dec. 16.—The North Carolina Methodist conference adjourned this morning with the reading of the appointments. Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman returns to Chestnut Street Methodist church, Lumberton, and Rev. R. A. Bruton returns to Lumberton circuit. Rev. H. M. North succeeds Rev. J. H. Hall as presiding elder of the Rockingham district, Mr. Hall going to Aberdeen station. Other changes in the district are as follows:

Biscoe—A. S. Parker; Caledonia—G. M. Daniel; Maxton—J. A. Hornady; St. Pauls—J. W. Starling; Rockingham—A. L. Ormond. No other changes were made in Rockingham district. Rev. N. L. Seabolt, a former pastor of Lumberton circuit, goes to Montgomery circuit.

Dr. Beaman and Mr. Bruton will arrive home this evening.

LAITY RIGHTS FOR WOMEN.

N. C. Methodist Conference Votes to Give Laity Rights to Women—Also Votes to Change Apostles Creed to Read "Christ's Holy Church"—Other Conference Notes.

The North Carolina Methodist conference, which adjourned its 82nd annual session today at Goldsboro with the reading of the appointments, voted Saturday by overwhelming majorities in favor of granting full laity rights to women and changing the word "Catholic" in the Apostles Creed to read "Christ's Holy Church." These two constitutional questions were passed down to the annual conferences by the last general conference.

The conference passed a resolution commending President Wilson for the part he took in the world war, and going to France to take part in the peace conference, and pledging the support and prayers of the conference to the President.

The report of the board of publication, read by Editor L. S. Massey, showed that the stock of the Raleigh Christian Advocate had been taken over by the conference and about \$5,000 paid for the stock. Quite a heavy loss of subscribers resulted from the postal regulations forbidding subscribers to be carried beyond the time of paid-up subscription.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, secretary of church extension, reported that a little more than \$500,000 was raised during the past quadrennium, and that within the past 6 months more than \$100,000 has been donated to the loan fund.

Rev. W. H. and R. W. Townsend and J. O. Guthrie were continued in the supernumerary relation.

When the 20th question, "Who are superannuated?" was called, the bishop called the conference to prayer for Dr. A. D. Betts, the oldest member of the conference, the bishop himself leading in an earnest and touching prayer. His name with the following was referred to the committee on conference relations: T. J. Browning, J. D. Langston, T. P. Bonner, W. A. Forbes, W. A. Smith, P. Greening, O. C. Brothers, T. J. Bailey, C. W. Smith, W. D. Giles, D. P. Parker, B. C. Alford, H. E. Trupp, J. H. Louder, J. A. Lee and J. M. Benson.

The presiding elders reported a number of new houses of worship erected or finished during the year, salaries of pastors raised and a great many overpaid.

Committee appointments included the following of Robeson county: Rev. A. J. Parker, Red Springs, on members; on boards to serve for the next 4 years: board of education, A. J. McKinnon, Maxton; Christian literature, Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, Lumberton.

To Raise \$1,500,000 Fund.

The conference voted to assume the sum of \$1,500,000 as its share of the great centenary fund of \$35,000,000 for missions by the Southern Methodist church.

Nine new ministers were admitted on trial, as follows: Dwight A. Petty, Wilbur G. McFarland, Leon C. Larkin, Joel W. Dimmette, Edgar M. Hall, Neil B. Johnston, James Carl, Davis Stroud, Oscar P. Fitzgerald.

A paper requesting a State censorship of moving pictures, introduced by Rev. M. T. Plyler, was adopted.

The conference endorsed the proposition looking to the erection of a Peace building at Emory university to commemorate the ending of the world war, which building is to be used by the teachers' college of that institution to especially prepare teachers for the work of reconstruction.

Army of Occupation Reaches Objectives.

The objectives of the American army of occupation were reached Sunday at various points, states a press dispatch. Spreading out like a great fan, the advanced units of the Americans took up their positions along the boundary of a 30-kilometre semi-circle pivoting on Coblenz.

Death of Aged Colored Woman.

"Aunt" Ira Barnes, colored, aged 86 years, died yesterday at her home in the Back Swamp section. She was a highly respected negroess of the antebellum type and had many friends among the white people.

Mr. W. H. Hubbard of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

EVANGELIST McLENDON.



Pitty Sayings of McLendon.

Some people try to divert attention from their own faults by criticizing others.

Some people make up in feelings what they lack in sense.

If you don't like what I say come to me after the service and apologize.

Some people are like a squirrel in a cage: lots of activity but no progress.

Nothing good ever started with a majority.

Professing Christians ought not to sit around unconcerned and let a whole town go to hell.

The way some church people act is enough to give a snail nervous prostration.

Too much spiritual locomotor ataxia.

Let's start a drive for Jesus and righteousness right here in Lumberton.

If good preaching would have saved you you would have been saved long ago.

You've got to shell the woods for God and give the devil a run for his money.

A revival is the normal condition of the church.

Some folks object to a revival because, they say, it is temporary. So is a rain storm, but it does a lot of good.

GROWING IN INTEREST.

Large Crowd Attended Service at Warehouse Last Evening Colored

Folks This Evening—Services at 8 and 7:30 P. M. After Today.

The evangelistic campaign is growing in interest. The service last evening at the Banner warehouse was attended by about 2,500 people, despite the rain.

Evangelist B. F. McLendon preached three strong sermons yesterday and at the close of the evening sermon it looked like wellnigh the entire congregation responded to the first invitation that has been given, expressing a desire to see a great revival in Lumberton.

This evening at 7:30 Mr. McLendon will preach to the colored people. A noted negro singer from South Carolina will lead the singing, which will be a feature of the service.

Services will be held twice daily after today, at 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Prof. Carroll, choir leader, and Mrs. Carroll, pianist, will conduct a special service for children 7 to 13 years old Thursday and Saturday afternoons this week at 4 o'clock. All children between those ages are invited.

Reports of sermons Saturday evening and yesterday must be held over for a later issue.

Revival Needed and a Revival is Certain.

Unfavorable weather kept many from the service Friday evening, but still a fair-sized crowd heard Evangelist McLendon preach a strong sermon on the subject "The Hour Has Come."

Before announcing his subject Mr. McLendon gave expression again to his absolute assurance of a great revival. "We are as sure to have a revival as you are in this building," he said. He declared it makes no difference whether some people support the campaign or not, or come to the meeting, he is going to keep in the middle of the road, refrain from personalities, in which he has never dealt, and there will be a great meeting. He said that there is not a drop of sectarian blood in his veins and that if there is any set of people who ought to stand by him in a meeting it is the Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists.

That in his meetings he has added more members to Presbyterian churches than there are people in Lumberton. He said he had 25 boys in seminaries preparing themselves for the ministry, and that some of these he is helping to educate.

Objections to Revivals.

In the course of his sermon he noticed objections that are sometimes urged to revivals. People say they are temporary. "So is a rain storm," he said, "but it does a lot of good."

Illustrating further the fimsiness of this objection, he said if your child is sick and about to die and you call in a physician and his life is saved, and then after another year the child dies, you do not think it was not worth

CASES NOT PROCEEDED.

Not Sufficient to Hold Boys Indicted With Being Connected With Disturbance at Mill Village—Who Did the Shooting is Not Known.

Upon the recommendation of the solicitor, Recorder E. M. Britt not proceeded with the case against Frank Taylor and Waiter Edwards of the National cotton mill village and Gilbert Higley and John Collins of Lumberton, who were indicted on the charge of being connected with the riot at the mill village on the night of the 8th inst. The case came up for trial Saturday afternoon and Lee Allen, Luther Britt, Leslie Bullard and Murphy Bennett submitted to the charge of disorderly conduct and were allowed to go upon payment of the cost. However, the last named defendants denied firing any shots.

As was stated in last Monday's Robesonian, a number of shots was exchanged between some boys from Lumberton and people living at the mill village. The solicitor advised the court that while it was true that a number of shots was fired, he had been unable to secure sufficient evidence to convict anybody of doing the shooting.

A large crowd gathered for the trial.

SEIZE TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Attorney Instructed to Get Possession of All Property Belonging to Town—Laws Pertaining to Autos to Be Enforced.

At a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Friday evening the police force was instructed to rigidly enforce all town and State laws pertaining to automobiles.

The board passed an order instructing the town attorney to proceed to get possession of any property rightly belonging to the town, regardless of the claimer of such property.

Mr. W. Lennon, town attorney, advised the board that he was ready to proceed.

The matter of granting a franchise to the Seaboard Air Line Ry. Co. for a sidetrack maintained by said company, connecting the Seaboard and V. & C. S. lines, was referred to the town attorney.

CHRISTMAS ROLL CALL.

Red Cross Starts Its Annual Roll Call to Secure Millions of Members.

The American Red Cross today begins its annual Christmas roll call of the nation to secure the millions of members and dollars needed to carry on its work.

Enrollment is voluntary and the membership fee is \$1. Every person will be given an opportunity to enroll.

Since the Red Cross has announced that hereafter it will depend upon the membership fees for its funds, officials expect that the enrollment during the period which ends on the night of December 23 will greatly exceed the 22,000,000 of last Christmas.

ROBESON CASUALTIES.

Names of Robeson County Boys Mentioned in Overseas Casualty Lists.

Names of the following Robeson county boys have been mentioned in overseas casualty lists made public since last Friday:

Wounded severely: Wesley Bullard, St. Pauls; I. K. Parnell, Lumberton; Winslow Locklear, R. 1, Pembroke; Sergeant John C. Snoddy, Red Springs; Cook Albert Parham, Parkton; Private R. W. Oxendine, Pates; Private Willie Dial, Pembroke.

Wounded, degree undetermined: Wagoner Lewis Barrett, Lumberton.

while to have the child spared to you for a year.

"You can write just three letters across the back of the person who says a revival creates too much excitement: a-s-s." You have political revivals, Liberty Loan revivals, revivals to stir up interest in better farming—all sorts of revivals. "Where would we be today if it had not been for revivals?" he asked.

Revivals started by Martin Luther, John Knox and the Wesleys were "temporary," but we are reaping the benefits to this day.

A Crisis in History of Lumberton.

In some diseases there is a period known as the crisis. In every battle there is crisis period. A revival campaign is such a period in the history of a town. If hell and iniquity triumph, this will be a good community to move out of. The armies of God are marching to the relief of this place.

Church Only a Means to an End.

The church is only a means to an end, and not the end itself. The church is a place where men should be saved, people should be in it to fight for God.

"If good preaching would have saved long ago, you would have been saved long ago. You need something else, and by the grace of God you are going to get that while I am here. Preaching is often too nice, too jainty, meant to tickle the palate of intellectual giraffs, while the sheep are perishing. If preachers would preach with a view to getting people saved we would have better people. You've got to shell the woods for God and give the devil a run for his money."

Here the preacher gave several illustrations of churches that had been dead for years because they had been dominated by worldly-minded members of whom the preachers stood in awe and dread, but had finally been electrified into life by fearless preachers who preached the truth.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Memorial Services for Departed Heroes—School Will Open Dec. 31. Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Dec. 14.—Last Sunday night was a great night at the M. E. church. The occasion of memorial services in memory of the following heroes: G. H. Marsh, J. Marvin Odom, and E. V. Johnson. Long before the approaching hour for the opening the church was packed to its capacity.

The pastor, Rev. W. L. Maness, was present and read appropriate papers and a brief history of each, which was very interesting and accurate, showing by this his efficiency as a pastor.

Rev. J. K. Hall, pastor of the Presbyterian church, read the Scripture lessons, and Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor of the Baptist church delivered an interesting address. His theme was "Heaven Recognition," which was consoling to the stricken ones. The songs by a large choir were very appropriate and rendered most beautifully.

The quartette anthem by Rev. J. L. Jenkins, bass; Mrs. W. E. Alley, contralto; Mrs. Jas. Blue, soprano; and C. D. Williamson, tenor, was a feature. Mrs. R. B. Hutson, organist. The church was decorated beautifully in national colors and beautiful flowers.

Thus we feel like one of the greatest services of the church has passed to history.

We all are glad to welcome our friend Mr. Gaston Stanton home from Georgia, where he spent several months in training for Uncle Sam. He is in the fat of health.

We should have said in our last letter that Mr. T. W. Thompson has bought the nice and beautiful farm of Mr. P. H. Perry, near town, and that Mr. A. M. Stubbs now owns the Blount building, on South Main street.

The school expects to open Tuesday, the 31st of December, providing the "flu" does not re-appear.

The Christmas spirit has already appeared and it really seems that a Merry Christmas awaits us. Why not? Sorry to report Mr. W. E. Alley on the sick list.

We should have reported in our last letter the new babe at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McMillan.

Parkton will be much represented at the Banner Warehouse Sunday.

Rev. W. L. Maness left Tuesday morning for conference at Goldsboro. He stated in his talk Sunday night that his work during the year had been most pleasant and satisfactory and that he expected to be returned for another year.

THE "FLU" SITUATION.

No Cause for Alarm or Closing of Schools—Children of Families Where There Are Cases of "Flu" Should Be Kept at Home

A few cases of "flu" were reported to County Health Officer W. A. McPhaul from all over the county last week, but they were all mild and no deaths were reported. There are about 8 cases in Lumberton.

Dr. McPhaul says there is no cause for alarm or closing of schools. He thinks that this same condition will obtain for several winters.

He urges the importance of keeping children of families where there is a case of the "flu" home from school. Last week a child from one family where there was a case of "flu" attended school all the week and developed a case Friday. Where children are allowed to go to school from homes where there are cases of the disease there is danger of spreading it.

PRESIDENT IN FRANCE.

His Arrival at Brest Was the Culmination of an Imposing Naval Spectacle.

President Wilson reached the harbor of Brest on board the steamer George Washington at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon and within an hour stepped on shore—the first time an American President had trod European soil.

The arrival of the President in the harbor was the culmination of an imposing naval spectacle which began as the presidential fleet rounded the outer capes, then passed the entrance forts and moved majestically into the harbor where the George Washington anchored at the head of a long double column of American dreadnaughts and destroyers and the units of a French cruiser squadron.

Heard From Brother Through Robesonian for First Time in 20 Years.

In Thursday's Robesonian was published a letter from Henry Currie, colored, from Limona, Fla., in which he sought information about members of his family. In this way Archie Currie, who lives 3 miles from Lumberton on the Fairmont road, heard from his brother for the first time in 20 years. Neither knew where the other was until the letter was published in The Robesonian.

13 Months on Roads For Stealing Bicycle.

B. F. Fairley, colored, was given a 12-months road sentence by Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday on the charge of stealing a bicycle. Fairley admitted taking the bicycle from the fair grounds during the county fair last month. The bicycle belonged to the Lumberton Cycle Co. and was recovered.

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

From Civilian Life to an Officers' Training Camp.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I've been intending to write you for some time, but there's not much time left for a fellow in a regular outfit to do anything for himself.

My anticipation that a civilian, such as I was, without physical training for a number of years and no military training at all, could not stand the awful "hell" at the C. O. T. S. came true. I took the chances and have no regrets to express or apologies to make. I'm happy that I did not wait longer than I did.

I do not know a person who had not had previous experience in my platoon of 60, who got through. The only thing that I now regret is that I did not pick up and go off with the boys when the war broke loose.

I could give thousands of details that a fellow runs across in the army. Sometime I will do this in person. My idea of the army was that of all other civilians when I left. The people back home, in my opinion, have very little conception of what it is and what is required. I'm not criticizing anyone for the lack of knowledge. No one can get on to the thing without being in it.

The boys who went to the strictly civilian C. O. T. S. were quite fortunate. All had the same opportunity and advanced alike. Seven-eighths of the men in my company were old soldiers.

The experience that I've had the good fortune of going through has been great and varied and I'd not part with it for gold. (My worst experience was a bad case of "flu" which kept me off the drill field and away from my other work for 3 weeks.)

It's not at all certain when I'll get a discharge, but I'm hoping I can soon be amongst my friends in Lumberton, and that Mrs. Goodwin and I can renew our past pleasant relations with those who were so good to us.

The news in and about Lumberton has been getting to me through my wife. I'm glad to know that you're still prospering and I wish you the best always.

If you have the time to write I'd be glad and happy for you to do so. Very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,
JUNIOUS J. GOODWIN.
Co. "C" 4th Repl. Regt.
Camp Gordon, Ga.

Dec. 10, 1918.

Curnis Stephens, colored, returned last week from Camp Greene, Charlotte, having been discharged. He went to camp last August and spent part of the time at Camp Grant, Ill.

Relatives of Mr. H. O. Floyd, formerly of the Fairmont section, now in France, have been advised that he came out of the big fight of the last days of the war alive. Mr. Floyd belongs to Co. D, 321st infantry, 61st division. He stated in his letter, which was dated November 13, that he was in the thick of the fight when it ceased.

WANT FREE MARKET.

Southern Senators Insist Upon a Free Market for Nitrate of Soda.

Washington Cor., 13th, Wilmington Star: An unexpected situation has developed in the nitrate of soda market, and consequently affects the distribution of the product to farmers from Wilmington and other Southern ports. The War Department purchased immense quantities of the fertilizer at war time prices for use in manufacturing munitions, and the signing of the armistice finds a surplus in its hands stored at seaport towns. Secretary of War Baker yesterday transmitted a letter to Senator Simmons agreeing to distribute this soda to North Carolina farmers at actual cost to the government, but upon investigation it is found that the cost to the farmer would be between \$90 and \$95 a ton. Meanwhile an embargo has been placed on the product to this country so the War Department can dispose of its surplus at war-time prices. Southern Senators claim that this will work an injustice to farmers. An unrestricted market should be the order of the day as in cotton and woolen goods.

Frank Hampton, secretary to Senator Simmons, had a conference today with the department of agriculture today. He finds that the price now in an unrestricted market would be something like \$75 a ton. Southern Senators will clamor for a free market.

Get Your Pension Money From the Clerk of the Court.

Clerk of Court C. B. Skipper has received the State pension warrants for Robeson county and those who draw pensions can get their money by calling on him. The total amount to be distributed is \$9,140. Four totally blind pensioners, \$120 each—\$480; 1 of the first class, \$85; 4 of the second class, \$75 each—\$300; 1 of the third class, \$55; 87 of the fourth class, \$45 each—\$3,915; 3 blind widows, \$85 each—\$255; 90 widows, \$45 each—\$4,050.

Rev. J. Stedman Black, a widely known and esteemed Presbyterian minister, died Wednesday in Fayetteville at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Williams.

Mr. D. P. Buie of Philadelphia is a Lumberton visitor today.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 25 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Frank Britt and Lillian Pridden.

—Mr. Carlyle Bethea has accepted a position as salesman in the Lumberton Bargain House.

—Mr. Sam Pappas returned yesterday from Charlotte, where in a hospital he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

—Miss Euphemia Tyson returned Friday night from Lynchburg, Va., where she took a business course at the Piedmont business college.

—An entertainment, followed by an oyster and fruit supper, will be given at Oakdale school house, near Marietta, Monday evening, Dec. 23rd.

—Mr. J. W. Barker and family moved Friday from their farm on R. 7, 7 miles from Lumberton, to Lumberton. They are occupying a house on 13th street. Mr. Barker will continue to operate his farm.

—Supt. W. H. Cale of the Lumberton graded and high school expects to go tonight to Raleigh to attend there tomorrow a meeting of school men of the State to discuss proposed legislation affecting schools.

—Mr. B. E. Gore, an employee of the National cotton mill, had two gashes cut in his head Friday evening when his foot was caught in a belt and he was thrown against a card machine. Dr. T. C. Johnson dressed the wounds.

—Mr. Lee G. Stone arrived here last night from Hopewell, Va., where he has held a position for several months in the DuPont munitions plant. Mr. Stone says practically all laborers there have been released, 10,000 having been discharged in one week, and the only thing left at Hopewell is a bunch of broken-hearted business men.

—Prof. W. J. McLean, colored, has resigned as principal of the Lumberton colored graded school, effective Jan. 1st. It is understood that Prof. McLean, who is a graduate of Lincoln university, will engage in Sunday school mission work. It is probable the Rev. W. C. Pope, a local colored preacher, will be elected to succeed Prof. McLean.

—Lieut. Langdon M. Townsend of Camp Johnson, Fla., who has been visiting his father, Rev. R. Walter Townsend, at Raynham, is visiting relatives in Lumberton. He is a nephew of Messrs. C. B. and L. T. Townsend of Lumberton. Lieut. Townsend, as some readers of The Robesonian will recall, in 1915 won the first prize of \$500 offered through the National Securities League for the best essay on why the United States should be prepared for war. Lieut. Townsend, who has made his home in New York until recently, was at that time a student at Columbia university.

GERMAN PROPAGANDA.

Operations of the System Through Which Valuable Information Was Gathered for Berlin.

Operations of the German propaganda system in the United States through which valuable information for transmission to Berlin was gathered at the same time that German doctrines were spread over the country were laid bare Friday by Captain G. B. Lester, of the army intelligence service, in testimony before the Senate committee investigation brewers and German propaganda. Most of the evidence related to activity of Teutonic agents before the United States entered the war.

Captain Lester declared that an unnamed informant, now interned, told him that the Berlin government, on July 10, 1914, nearly a month before the war started, called into conference about 131 trained and educated German propagandists and sent them to all parts of the world with instructions to prepare for the world war which they were told was about to be precipitated. Thirty-one of these landed in the United States two weeks after hostilities started and became the nucleus of an organization of between 200,000 and 300,000 volunteers, mainly German-Americans, who gathered information of all kinds and reported it to German consuls and agents in hundreds of communities.

Enormous Preparations to Overwhelm Germans With Poison Gas.

Details of America's "enormous preparations" to overwhelm the German armies with poison gas were made public the other day by the New York section of the American Chemical society. It is thought that Germany's knowledge of these preparations had been an important factor in causing her to seek an armistice. Up to the time the truce was signed there had been produced 5,000,000 masks, 3,000,000 extra canisters, 500,000 horse masks and large quantities of mustard gas suits, gloves, ointment and antidotes. The production of gas masks when hostilities ceased had reached 40,000 a day.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER.

Optometrist

Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses.