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Baptist State Convention

Dr. Chas. E. Maddrey Elected Secretary of Board of Missions—Boards of Missions and Education to Remain Independent Bodies—Relief Pledged For Starving Millions in Europe.

The 90th annual session of the Baptist State convention, which convened in Asheville, First church, Tuesday, adjourned last night.

By unanimous vote, the delegates and messengers passed recommendations whereby material relief is pledged to the starving millions in Europe and the near east, with a proviso that funds shall also be gathered for relief in famine-stricken China. Special offerings for this cause are to be taken in all Baptist churches of the convention on Christmas day, the contributions to be in addition to pledges of church members to the great campaign fund.

Rev. Chas. E. Maddrey, D. D., of Austin, Tex., formerly pastor of the Tabernacle church of Raleigh, yesterday was elected corresponding secretary of the board of missions, to succeed Dr. W. N. Johnson, who resigned after serving 5 years. Rev. Dr. R. T. Vann was re-elected secretary of the board of education and Rev. J. M. Arnette of Wagram was elected corresponding secretary of the board of industrial relief. J. C. Bullock and D. H. Hinton were elected trustees of Meredith college, Raymond C. Dunn, trustee of Wake Forest, Tyler Wheeler, trustee of the orphanage.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. John Jeter Hurt, D. D., of Wilmington. The convention adopted a report providing that the two general boards, of missions and the board of education, continue their work as independent bodies, but that in all matters not pertaining to their particular objects alone these two boards shall sit jointly.

The report of the Woman's Missionary union showed that the union contributed for missionary work in the year 1890, \$1,921; in 1900, \$9,710; in 1910, \$32,003; and in 1920, \$174,373.98. The women were apportioned \$1,100,000 as their part in the Baptist 75 million campaign and actually pledged \$2,167,331. During the year 452 new societies were organized and at this time the union reports 2,030 societies in the State.

The report of Secretary Johnson of the board of missions showed that Treasurer Walters Durham received for all denominational work during the year \$1,153,731.73, as against \$292,408.30 last year. Five years ago the Baptist people spent \$85,524 for State mission work and reported 3,835 conversions. Last year the State mission appropriation was \$88,872.61 and 4,012 conversions were reported and 20 new churches organized.

John Henry Bethea Begin Sentence in State Prison.

John Henry Bethea, negro, charged with killing Deputy J. A. Kitchin, who entered a plea of second degree murder, which plea was accepted by the State, was carried to Raleigh yesterday to begin the 30-year sentence in the State prison given him by Judge J. Lloyd Horton. He was carried to Raleigh by Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt and Mr. Elmer S. McNeill. They also carried Eury Chavis, Indian, to the State hospital for the insane.

Heavy Rainfall Monday Night and Tuesday.

Didn't it rain? The total rainfall here Monday night and Tuesday totaled 3.53 inches. The heaviest fall was between 5 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, the fall during the two and a half hours totaling 1.67 inches. The rain was general throughout this section. The lights were off for about 15 minutes about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.

35 Young Men Have Enlisted in Army.

Around 35 young men have enlisted in the U. S. army since the recruiting station was opened here six weeks ago. The following have enlisted during the last two weeks:

Charlie Stone, Earl Branch, Troy Roberts, Eli Hagins, Fred Stone, Leon Brisson, William Humphrey, William Prigden, Daniel Norton, Victor Blue, Purvis Xneophon, Lonza Stone, and Raymond Barnes.

First For 25th Year To Pay Taxes.

Mr. Ellis Miller of Gaddy township was again the first Robesonian to pay his State and county taxes. Mr. Miller paid his Tuesday as soon as the books were turned over to Sheriff Lewis. This makes the 25th year that Mr. Miller has been first to pay taxes in Robeson—in fact it has become a habit with him.

Residence Burned at Bladenboro.

The residence of Mr. Robert Bridger, Jr., at Bladenboro was destroyed by fire of unknown origin yesterday.

New York, Nov. 16.—The Republican national committee will abandon its headquarters here December 1, Will H. Hays, chairman, announced today. The only office of the committee after that date will be in Washington. Clarence B. Miller, secretary of the committee, will be in charge of the Washington office.

Tax Books Turned Over To Sheriff

Task of Compiling Not Completed Until Tuesday—1 Per Cent. Off for Taxes Paid Before Dec. 1—Sheriff Lewis Will Begin Tax Rounds Dec. 22nd.

The 1920 tax books were turned over to sheriff R. E. Lewis for collection at a special meeting of the county commissioners Tuesday. The task of compiling the books was not completed until Tuesday and County Auditor J. M. McCallum employed extra help in order to get the books ready by that time. The work of compiling the books is usually begun immediately after the first Monday in July. The work this year was held up until after the special session of the Legislature and the work was not begun until September 9, when the lists were turned over to the auditor.

All who pay their taxes before December 1 will be entitled to a 1 per cent. discount. Those who pay during the month of December will pay the face of the receipt and on January 1 one per cent. will be added and a like per cent added for each month thereafter until paid.

Sheriff Lewis will begin his usual rounds Monday, November 22. The places and dates he will be in the various townships are given in an ad elsewhere in today's paper.

Petitions Against Increase in Rates

Consensus of Opinion Locally The Telephone Rates Are High Enough Considering Service Given.

The Chamber of Commerce is circulating petitions asking the Corporation Commission to refuse to grant the Southern Bell Telephone Co. the right to increase its rates. The hearing will take place Tuesday of next week. Telephone subscribers who wish to sign one of the petitions can find one at the store of Mr. K. M. Biggs. Lumberton people generally think the rates charged by the Bell people are already high, considering the service given. The consensus of opinion is that there should be some improvement in the service before a higher rate is charged.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. T. L. Johnson, town attorney, was instructed by the mayor and town commissioners to go to Raleigh and enter protest against the proposed increase.

HARRELL OUT UNDER BOND.

He Will Be Given a Hearing Before Recorder Britt Next Monday.

Mr. Braddy Harrill, who was arrested Sunday night on the charge of reckless driving and driving when he appeared to be drunk, was released Monday afternoon under \$100 bond. He will be given a hearing before Recorder E. M. Britt next Monday.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mrs. Sarah M. Bass of Saddle-tree township died Monday morning of injuries received Friday when knocked out of a buggy by an automobile driven by Mr. Harrell. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict to the effect that while Mrs. Bass came to her death from injuries received when auto driven by Mr. Harrell struck a buggy in which she was riding, the accident was unavoidable.

Examination for Postmaster at Shannon.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Shannon, Robeson county, on Dec. 11, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Shannon and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$501 for the last fiscal year.

Marketing of Better Grades of Tobacco Boosted Price.

Marketing of better grades of tobacco in October boosted the average price of leaf in North Carolina five cents on the pound, but the 178 warehouses sold approximately only 85,000,000 pounds during the month, against 102,630,000 in October, 1919 according to the monthly report of Frank Parker, State agricultural statistician.

The season's sales to November 1, Mr. Parker reported, were short of the 1919 season's total to the same date by 28 per cent.

Stuffed Bills and Bonds in Inner Tube.

Having ridden gaily around Vance county with the inner tube of the extra tire on the back of his automobile stuffed with bulging bills and Liberty bonds amounting to about \$18,000 which he had rifled from registered letters and packages, Loren Vernon Graves, a clerk in the postoffice at Henderson, was yesterday arrested by a squad of postoffice inspectors, and after a hearing here, is now in the Wake county jail in default of payment of a \$10,000 bond.—Raleigh News and Observer.

N. C. Bankers Will Support Crop Financing Plan

Will Subscribe for Stock in \$6,000,000 Corporation Formed to Aid in Marketing Southern Products.

Greensboro Dispatch, Nov. 17. Fifty representatives of as many North Carolina banks met here this morning to discuss participation in the formation, under the Edge law, of a \$6,000,000 banking corporation, having for its object extension of credit in marketing products of farms of the South, adopted a resolution instructing themselves to recommend to the boards of directors of the banks, that each bank subscribe 3 per cent of its capital and surplus in stock of the corporation.

The resolution, which passed by unanimous vote, followed explanation of the purposes and machinery of the banking corporation, the organization of which followed a meeting of bankers from all over the South at New Orleans recently. The action of the Tar Heel bankers is in line with that of those of Georgia, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Similar meetings will be held within the next few days in Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Florida.

The proposed corporation will be located at New Orleans and will have a minimum capital of \$6,000,000. It is the result of stagnation in the marketing of Southern products, such as cotton, tobacco, rice, etc., but it is planned to make it a permanent institution, its purpose to be opening up of new markets for these products and the financing of others in Europe which must have credit if Southern products are to find a market.

J. Elwood Cox of High Point stated that his chief object was organization and co-operation in order that better export marketing conditions might prevail in the Southern States in the matter of disposing of their products, such as cotton, tobacco, sugar and rice. In order that this might be accomplished he stated, it is necessary that foreign markets be financed by Americans. Mr. Cox attended similar conventions at New Orleans and in Southern States and found the enthusiasm over the project high.

Jurors For December Court

At a special meeting of the county commissioners Tuesday the following were drawn as jurors to serve for a two-weeks' term of civil court beginning Monday, Dec. 6th:

First week.—L. D. Edens, Henry Lupo, T. B. Jenkins, J. C. Baxley, Tom Cox, A. M. Tolar, L. F. Bullock, W. J. Smith, T. C. Parham, P. R. Floyd, Irving Prevatt, E. C. Floyd, W. H. Humphrey, J. J. McPhaul, H. B. Ashley, J. R. Jacobs, J. A. Stanton, J. J. Allen, G. P. Higley, J. D. Buie.

Second week.—B. J. Britt, John H. Ammons, E. E. Chandler, C. E. Grantham, E. W. Floyd, J. D. McRaney, H. M. Ivey, J. R. Brown, L. McInnis, J. D. McNeill, R. O. Edmund, M. P. McGoogan, W. J. Humphrey, J. M. Pittman, J. R. Floyd, W. E. McIntyre, E. P. Townsend, W. B. Townsend, C. C. Price, A. E. Spivey.

No Expulsions Will Be Made at Trinity.

Trinity College, Durham, Nov. 17.—No expulsions will come as a result of students absenting themselves from classes here on Armistice day, according to announcement made today.

Signed statements from several students who played a conspicuous part in the affair expressing regret for the part they had taken, were read at chapel exercises this morning. The statements were addressed to the dean, to the faculty, and to the student body.

With the receipt of these statements by the authorities, it was decided that only the rulings decided upon for all who cut classes should affect the signers who had apparently been ring leaders. These rulings as announced yesterday are: That no student who absented himself from classes on Armistice day shall incur any absences during the remainder of this term when he is physically able to be on class, that all freshmen must pass four-fifths of their work this term or withdraw from classes; that upper classmen must pass five courses this term. The action of the college authorities with reference to the ring leaders is expected to close the incident which started when students on the day preceding Armistice day started a demonstration, giving yells for a holiday, and followed it by an agreement to cut classes when no announcement was made with reference to a holiday.—Special to Greensboro Daily News.

Mrs. McL. Lee, Near Fairmont.

Mrs. McL. Lee, aged 66 years, died Tuesday at her home, near Fairmont, of pneumonia. Deceased is survived by her husband and several children. The funeral was conducted from Pleasant Grove church yesterday at 3 p. m. and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. A. G. McNeill of the Rennert section was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Parkton News Letter

Hog Killing Time—Church Notes—Singing Convention Next Sunday—Blind Tiger Booze Captured—Personal and Other Items.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, Nov. 15.—Hog killing has at last come. No more high-priced steak for this scribe! It seems as if cotton and cotton seed are the only things that have come down in price, and you can scarcely get any kind of an offer for them on our local market.

Rev. J. K. Hall, pastor of the Presbyterian church, filled his pulpit here Saturday morning and Sunday at 11 o'clock, communion services Sunday, a large congregation and a good service. The choir was large and the singing good. Sunday night Rev. W. L. Maness preached his last sermon before conference. He preached one of his most able sermons to a large congregation. The Presbyterian congregation called in their regular service at night and Rev. J. K. Hall and his congregation attended, also the Boy Scouts attended in a body. This is Rev. Maness' third year on the Parkton circuit and it is the sincere wish of his congregation and all others that he be returned for another year. The church has made a good record this year, for which the pastor is very grateful.

This seems to be a busy week for our little town. Carl Jansen, a lecturer of the national reputation, will lecture at the auditorium Tuesday and Wednesday nights and on Friday night a music recital by the music department of our school, which promises a treat. Mr. W. F. Blount, one of the South's best violinists, will be heard, also we ask our friends again not to forget the singing convention at the school auditorium Sunday p. m., commencing at 2 o'clock. There you will probably hear some of the prettiest vocal music of the season. The Bladen-Union choir and Parkton choir will be heard. Sorry to report St. Pauls has declined, for some unknown cause, unless they reconsider and come anyway, as we have hoped for. We are now hoping that the Lumberton quartette will come and entertain us as they have in the past. We would gladly give them a place in the program and a royal welcome. No seats guaranteed later than 2 o'clock p. m., Nov. 21. A singing does not need to be advertised. Here you will hear the gospel in song. You are welcome.

Last Saturday evening a negro by the name of Hub Blue blew into Parkton with a Ford car, and through suspicion the chief proceeded to examine his old Ford and upon examination found two full jugs of white lightning and then some in the third jug. As the officers made for the Ford the negro made for parts unknown and so far as has been learned he is still going. The Ford and monkey rum are in the possession of our officers, McNeill and Canady, just for the present.

Just a little effort would have relieved more blockaders, and why not get busy and put some more out of business for a while. Miss Ruby Council, who is teaching over at Antioch with a few of her friends (just can't remember all their names), attended church in town last night.

Miss Benthaw, one of the high school teachers, spent the week-end in Norfolk, Va., where her father is a patient in a hospital, and will return this p. m.

Mr. A. B. Williamson, carrier on route 1, is enjoying a few weeks vacation and his route is being served by Mr. Fred Chason of Lumber Bridge.

Sheriff W. H. Marsh and family of Fayetteville were callers to relatives in town Sunday evening.

It would be interesting to hear Mr. J. B. McCormick rehearse his experience when he shot and killed his first large buck on Saturday a week ago. He weighed 147 pounds. Mr. McCormick shot the animal only twice, having punctured his heart the first shot, and he ran two hundred yards and fell dead. It all took place up in Cumberland county.

Box and Oyster Supper at Oak Dale Nov. 23rd.

Lake View, S. C., Nov. 15.—There will be a box and oyster supper at Oak Dale school house Tuesday night, Nov. 23. The proceeds of the supper will be used for the benefit of the school. Everybody is cordially invited.

Carnival at Philadelphia School Nov. 22nd.

Students and teachers of the Philadelphia high school will give a carnival Monday night, Nov. 22, at the school. Admission of 25c and 15c will be charged and the receipts will be used for the benefit of the school.

Raleigh News and Observer: The Democratic and Republican State Executive Committees are only \$3,200 apart in their sworn statements of expenditures in the recent election filed with the Secretary of State, but it will take the official count of the State Board of Elections to mark the total of the gulf that separates their total achievements. The Democrats spent \$15,783.91 and the Republicans disbursed \$12,744.

Rennert News Letter

Community Pictures and Box Supper Next Monday Evening—Great Revival Meeting Closes—School is Progressing Nicely—Personal Mention.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Rennert, Nov. 15.—Mr. Folger will show the community service pictures at Rennert next Monday night, Nov. 22nd. The picture show will start at six o'clock. Immediately after the pictures the ladies of the Baptist church will give a box supper the proceeds from which go to the church piano. Everybody is cordially invited to come and help in this good cause, and to enjoy the occasion.

Rev. William Black, Presbyterian evangelist, and his singer, Mr. Burr, have just closed a great revival at Rennert. The meeting was largely attended by Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists, and all the churches were greatly revived. Several professed faith, and joined the different churches. It was a great opportunity for a little village like Rennert to have and hear Dr. Black and his splendid singer.

Our school is progressing nicely, our efficient teachers being Misses Ella Shaw, Eva McKaskel and Lizzie Mac Easterling.

Miss Pearle Prevatt, who is teaching at Pembroke, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Mary F. Graham is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Page at Marietta.

Mr. D. F. Webster has returned from a business trip to Florida.

Mr. Ernest McGoogan, who is a student at State college, Raleigh, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. W. T. Covington and son, Frank, are attending the Baptist State convention in Asheville this week.

SEEN AND HEARD

(BY HAPPY JACK)

Oh, but he was some mad! He reached the union station just after the Virginia & Carolina Southern passenger train had pulled out—he had been left. It was simply awful, he declared, for a train to leave out before time. When advised by an official of the railroad that the train left right at the time it was scheduled to leave, the stranger advised the official that it left before time, according to the town clock. The railroad man then informed him that they were not running by the town clock. Moral: Don't take the town clock's word when you expect to catch a train.

It happened just before the election. A Lumberton lady received a telegram from her father. She was frightened when she saw it. In fact she felt sure that something was wrong at home, probably some member of the family dead, or dying. Such was not the case, however. The telegram was from her father advising her not to forget to register and vote.

There lives in Robeson county a man who has never had a haircut or a shave, and there is some doubt about his ever having had a bath. Have you seen him? He was among the visitors in town one day recently. He lives in a house by the side of the road, but is not a friend to man.

"I heard that the barbers had raised the price of a shave 10 cents," said a man from the country. He then added that his informant told him the raise was made because of the long faces resulting from the price of the fleecy staple.

One can see a difference in the size of the crowds that visit the stores that advertise in The Robesonian and those that don't advertise. Guess which stores get the largest crowds. It's easy.

Perhaps you know, and perhaps you don't know, how the word news originated. Here's how. N. came from the word north, e from east, w from west and s from south—news.

Watch the label on your paper and don't let your subscription expire. All subscriptions are discontinued when they expire.

Johnny—"What makes the new baby at your house cry so much, Tommy?" Tommy—"It don't cry so very much—and, anyway, if all your teeth were out, your hair off, and your legs so weak you couldn't stand on them, I guess you'd feel like crying yourself."—London Ideas.

Donations for Confederate Home.

The members of Robeson chapter, U. D. C., are requested to send their donations for the Confederate home at Fayetteville to Mrs. T. F. Costner's residence not later than Friday.

Every member is urged to make a contribution to this Thanksgiving box. MRS. L. T. TOWNSEND, President.

Asheville, Nov. 16.—Asheville and immediate vicinity was visited tonight by the first snowfall of the season, but because it has been raining two days the snow melted immediately. A fresh wind from the north turned the night into the coldest of the season.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 16 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. C. B. Meares, who was confined at his home for several days, is able to be out again.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Studie Ray Shook of Shannon and Mr. Willie Gordon Bohann of Red Springs.

—Messrs. J. L. Stephens, J. H. Wishart, W. O. Thompson and Spurgeon Small are attending the Sandhill fair at Pinehurst today.

—Mr. Grover T. Page returned Monday from Baltimore, Md., where he spent 6 weeks at the Weiderheld sanatorium undergoing treatment. His condition is very much improved.

—The poem "The Vet," on page 6, belongs on page 7 immediately following "Echoes from Rhineland" by Mr. DeWitt Smith. It was sent in by Mr. Smith but got separated from his letter by mistake.

—Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent of the Lumberton schools, has arranged with Messrs. M'White Brothers to operate a hot lunch stand on the school grounds. Hot sandwiches will be served the school children during the lunch hour.

—The fire alarm was turned in about 4:30 Monday afternoon on account of a blaze in a closet at the Fill-yaw boarding house, First street. The flames were extinguished by the use of chemicals before much damage was done. It is thought the fire started from an open fire place.

—Twin calves are seldom—mighty seldom, they say. A Jersey cow belonging to Mr. J. C. Carlyle, who lives on R. 2 from Lumberton, gave birth last Saturday to two calves, male and female, and mother and calves are doing nicely, says Mr. Carlyle, who was a Lumberton visitor Monday. Mr. Carlyle says he never heard of this happening but once before.

—Members of the Lumberton post of the American Legion are planning for a great time on Thanksgiving night. The affair will be held in the Legion hall on the second floor of the municipal building, beginning at 7:30. Special music will be rendered and oysters will be a part of the menu. All members who expect to be present should notify Adjutant I. Leon McGill at once.

Farmers are almost through gathering crops. Some of them have a good bit of cotton in their patches yet. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duncan and infant of Fayetteville are spending some time at the home of Mr. J. D. Duncan. Mr. and Mrs. R. Mercer and daughter, Miss Jessie, spent last Wednesday in Lumberton. Mr. James Barfield is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barfield.

BELLAMY BRIEFS.

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Miss Elma C. Hall of Council spent several days recently the guest of Mrs. W. T. Mercer.

Mrs. J. J. Branch and daughter, Miss Dovie, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Mr. Joe Branch and family of Lumberton were visitors at the home of Mr. R. Mercer Sunday.

Messrs. W. T. Mercer and J. J. Branch spent a short while at Lumberton Saturday night.

Sorry to report Mr. J. D. Duncan on the sick list.

Wishing the Robesonian and all its readers a Happy Thanksgiving.

Washington, Nov. 16.—A blanket invitation to every citizen having knowledge of "any irregularity or misconduct on the part of any agent, employe or officer of the War Department" to submit such evidence for investigation was issued today by Secretary Baker in reply to recent criticisms of the surplus division, appearing in a New York newspaper. The secretary's statement pledged thorough inquiry in every accusation brought to the attention of the department.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The census bureau's monthly cotton seed and cotton seed products report issued today shows 773,464 tons of seed were crushed in the period from August 1 to October 31, and 471,979 tons on hand at mills October 31, compared with 973,766 and 608,559 last year.

New York, Nov. 16.—President Wilson has accepted honorary life membership in the National Democratic Club.

The prices of advertised commodities have risen much less than prices of things never advertised. When any concern has spent thousands for trade mark publicity, it cannot afford to discourage business by a series of piratical charges. —Fourth Estate.

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