

APPOINTMENTS OF  
M. P. CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Church met at Greensboro last Wednesday, the sessions continuing until Tuesday of this week. The first session was given over to preliminaries. In the afternoon President Johnson addressed the conference on the work of the past year. In closing his address he referred to his desire to retire from the duties of the office which he had held for five years.

After receiving reports and referring them to the various committees the election of officers was entered into with the result as reported in last week's Courier.

Rev. W. E. Swain, of Asheboro, was elected President on the second ballot. Rev. William Porter, of Burlington, was made Secretary of the Conference.

The time for holding the next conference was set for Thursday after the third Sunday in November.

Friday's sessions were taken up with discussions of various departments of church work.

Saturday there was a sharp rivalry for the next conference, which closed with the acceptance of the invitation from Liberty in Randolph county.

Delegates to the General Conference which meets in Pittsburgh, Pa., next May were elected as follows: Clerical, W. E. Swain, Asheboro; T. M. Johnson, T. J. Ogburn, J. F. McCullough, R. M. Andrews, Greensboro; J. D. Williams, High Point; A. G. Dixon, Henderson; Laymen, J. N. Willis, T. A. Hunter, Greensboro; R. T. Pickens, High Point and J. Allen Holt, Oak Ridge.

The following appointments were read Monday for the coming year:

- Alamance—W C Lassiter.
- Albemarle—To be supplied.
- Anderson—C J Edwards.
- Asheboro—T M Johnson.
- Ashville—J S Williams.
- Broad River—J E McSwain.
- Buncombe—Geo L Curry.
- Burlington—W M Porter.
- Caldwell—Unsupplied.
- Chatham—W D Reed.
- Chesterfield—Unsupplied.
- Cleveland—H S B Thompson.
- Concord—D A Braswell.
- Davidson—To be supplied by J H Hulin.
- Denton—G L Reynolds.
- Fairfield—W T Totten.
- Fairview—T F McCulloch.
- Flat Rock—A L Hunter.
- Forsyth—E G Lowdermilk.
- Gaston—T A Williams.
- Graham—C H Whitaker.
- Granville—G W Holmes.
- Greensboro—T J Ogburn.
- Greenville and Spring Church—W D Fogleman.
- Guilford—D A Highhill.
- Halifax—W L Harris.
- Haw River—J R Hutton.
- Henderson—A G Dixon.
- High Point—J D Williams.
- Ivey—W A Lamar.
- La Grange—J F Dozier.
- Lebanon—J H Moton.
- Liberty—J W Frank.
- Lincoln—J A Burgess.
- Littletown—Unsupplied.
- Mebane—R M Andrews.
- Mecklenburg—T A Plyler.
- Mocksville—T H M Thews.
- Monroe—H D Garman.
- Mt. Hermon—O P Routh.
- Oak Ridge—W R Lowdermilk.
- Orange—Unsupplied.
- Pinnacle and Mt. Zion—W F Kennett.
- Randleman—J H Bowman.
- Randolph—W F Ashburn.
- Richland—J H Stowe.
- Roanoke—C L Whitaker.
- Rockingham—H W Braswell.
- Saxapahaw—W M Pike.
- Stanley—A O Lindley.
- St. Paul's—O E M Raper.
- Tabernacle—H L Powell.
- Uwharrie—W J Hackley.
- Vance—J E Hartwell.
- West Lexington—Edward Suits.
- Why Not—J A Ledbetter.
- Winston Station—G F Miloway.
- Winston Circuit—Unsupplied.
- Yacough—N G Bethen.
- Superannuated—J W Heath, P D Moore, W C Hammer, W C Kennett, J N Garrett, C A Pickens, Geo E Hunt.
- Editor of "Our Church Record"—J F McCulloch.

Without appointment at their own request: I I York, J H Turner, C A Cecil, G H Biggs.

Loaned to Seminary—C E Forlines.

Educational Work—S Simpson.

In the hands of the president—J H Abernethy, J R Newland, J S Dunn, J L Giles.

MR. SWAIN PRESIDENT.

Brief Sketch of the New President of the M. P. Conference.

Rev. W. E. Swain, who was last week elected President of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference of the M. P. Church, was born in Creswell, Washington county, this State, on July 29, 1856. He was graduated from Yorkin College in the class of 1884, being ordained to the ministry in 1886. Since his ordination he has been on the Ontario, Lenoir, Vance and Mount Hermon circuits, and the Warden station, being now at the Asheboro station, which position he has filled for the past four years.

For four years he has served the Asheboro Station and has done a good work. The church has grown under his charge and besides an increased enrollment the house of worship has been enlarged and repaired. He is a tireless worker and while being energetic and devoted in the cause of the ministry, he is keenly interested in the progress of his town.

Our people will learn with pleasure that he will continue to make Asheboro his home.

His successor as pastor is Rev. T. M. Johnson, of Greensboro. He is able and popular as both pastor and preacher.



Mrs. Shoaf, charged with Cruelly Whipping the Little Fields Child While Visiting Her.

THE COURIER presents herewith a cut of Mrs. Shoaf, who is charged with brutally mistreating the child of Mrs. T. C. Fields, of High Point. Mrs. Shoaf and her husband are now in jail at Charlotte, being sent there for safe keeping.

A recent attempt to whitewash the horrors of the crime have recently been illustrated by affidavits from the attending physicians, who declare that the case was not misrepresented by vivid descriptions sent out to the papers of the State.

Little Jennie Fields, the unfortunate child, is improving, though she will be disfigured for life.

The mother is a bright young woman 30 years of age, intelligent and very good looking.

The Shoafs will be tried at the February term of Davidson court.

LATER.—They gave bond before Mayor A. F. Sims, of Thomasville, in the sum of \$500 each for appearance at the next term of Davidson court.

Death of Mrs. Shaw.

Mrs. Rebecca Shaw, wife of the late Peter Shaw, a prominent educator of Moore county, died at Davidson last week. The deceased is survived by five children: Mrs. R. N. Page, of Biscoe; Rev. A. R. Shaw, Charlotte; Judge Thos. J. Shaw, Greensboro; Mrs. Robinson, Greensboro; Mrs. Phillips, Maun; Misses Sarah and Cornelia Shaw, Davidson. The remains were interred at Bethesda church, near Mt. Gilend, Friday.

Now is the time to get your neighbors to subscribe for The Courier.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Alvin Huncert was killed at a railroad crossing near Wadesboro one day last week. He was in a wagon with his wife and children. They escaped injury.

Prof. J. M. Bandy, civil engineer of Greensboro, has just completed a water and sewerage system at Lenoirburg at a cost of \$49,000. He will install another at Wadesboro.

High Postell, was tried at Asheville last week for killing Edward Edwards, of High Point. Upon a plea of murder in the second degree, accepted by the Solicitor, the defendant was sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary.

Safe Crackers were in evidence at sharpburg near Wilson last Friday night. Entering the Supply Co.'s store they took the combination lock and by the use of nitro glycerine the door was blown off. Only \$35 was secured.

Churence Fink was seriously stabbed at High Point one day last week as he came out of the opera house. His assailant is unknown.

The National Farmers' Union at New Orleans last week launched a scheme to place 8,000,000 bales of cotton in a warehouse to hold for 15 cents.

Saturday a race riot was narrowly averted at Burlington, N. C., by the prompt action of the militia. The riot started over the murder of a police officer by a negro criminal.

Miss Callie Leach and Mr. Elwood Blair were married at Thomasville last week.

Joe Newman, a young man about 20 years of age, was accidentally shot in the leg in Stokes county one day last week. He died a few hours later from loss of blood and shock to his nervous system.

15 cases of scarlet fever are reported at Thomasville, and the graded schools have been closed on account of the epidemic.

The engagement of Miss Mary Vassar Gravelly, of Danville, to Mr. Ernest Clapp of Greensboro was announced last week. The marriage will take place in January.

Haynes Kinaw, aged 65 years, was killed at a cotton gin near Lumberton last Friday. His coat caught in a shaft and his body was carried around a pulley horribly mangling it.



Mr. T. C. Fields, father of the High Point Child that was so Brutally treated at Thomasville.

Ohio Republicans have endorsed Senator Foraker for reelection and for the Republican nomination for President.

Peter W. Hairston, a prominent citizen of Davie county, was thrown from a horse near Walnut Cove a few days ago and was seriously injured. He is 43 years old.

A company has been formed at Wilson to publish an afternoon paper. Mr. J. O. Foy is Editor-in-chief, and R. B. Evans will be city editor and advertising manager. \$25 is offered to the person suggesting the name for the paper.

A negro festival a few miles south of Mt. Gilend, in Richmond county last Wednesday night, a row occurred and when over it was found that four had been shot and probably two will die. Whiskey was the cause.

CAROLINA DAY.

Will be Celebrated in Public Schools.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, the Day.

Interesting Pamphlet Issued by Department of Education on the "Scotch Irish Settlement in North Carolina."

A pamphlet has been issued from the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction which contains the material for the exercises to be held in the public schools of this State on "North Carolina Day," Friday December 20th. The list of the contents are:

- Preface—J. Y. Joyner.
- Suggestions to Teachers—J. Y. Joyner.
- Hail, Far Carolina!—William B. Harrell.
- Origin of the Scotch Irish—U. H. McNamee.
- Counties Settled in Part by Scotch Irish in Orange—U. H. McNamee.
- The Regulations—E. C. Brooks.
- Capture of Charlotte by Cornwallis—S. C. S. Noble.
- Battle of King's Mountain—W. C. Allen.
- My Country, 'Tis of Thee—S. E. Smith.
- Rev. David Caldwell, D. D.—Joseph M. Morehead.
- James Knox Polk—Mary Augusta Bernard.
- Andrew Jackson—E. W. Sykes.
- William Jackson—E. W. Sykes.
- William Alexander Graham—R. D. W. Connor.
- The Scotch Irish in North Carolina: Their Schools—Charles Lee Raper.
- The old North State—William Gaston.

The pamphlet is to be made a basis for the study of North Carolina history by the schools of the State for some time before North Carolina Day, and on that day those children to whom the different articles have been assigned will be called upon to answer the questions assigned them.

"North Carolina Day" in the public schools was provided for by an act of the legislature of 1901, and October 12th was the day set apart in this act unless the State Superintendent designates some other time. Superintendent Joyner has changed the date to the last Friday before Christmas for this year and every succeeding year, as many of the schools are not in session in October.

FOUNTAIN.

Fountain—One of the prettiest weddings seen here in a long time took place Tuesday, the 19th, at the hospitable home of Capt. and Mrs. W. D. Lane, where their sister, Miss Sallie Foster, was united in marriage to Mr. Rufus Fournier, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Richardson, of High Point. The bride is prominently connected in Greensboro, Salisbury, Graham and New York. The groom is a well known young man of Ramseur.



Jennie Fields, Central Figure in the Thomasville Sensation.

Burglars visited Mt. Gilend last Thursday night. They secured tools from a blacksmith shop and drilled holes in the safes of the Mt. Gilend Drug Co. and Branton & Co., but were frightened away before any further progress was made. Everything was in readiness for dynamite. No goods were missed. The thieves entered a window at each of the stores.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF RANDOLPH COUNTY.

Perhaps the educational interest of the county has never been in a better condition than at the present time. One recent improvement is the establishment of two new high schools by State aid, one at Farmer and one at Ramseur. These schools were made possible by the raising of a certain amount of money in each place and the duplicating of the amount by the State. Friends of education will recall the appropriation by the last Legislature of \$500,000 to be used for High School instruction and to be apportioned among the various counties in proportion to the number of pupils each county has in the House of Representatives.

Ramseur should consider herself fortunate in securing these two schools. It will mean the placing of high school instruction within the reach of boys and girls and will enable school teachers at a minimum of expense to tuition in these schools will be free to those eligible to enter. The high school will be run in connection with the elementary work, and consists of instruction beyond the common school branches, which are included in the first seven grades of work. It should not be understood that instruction in the elementary branches is free of tuition, but as soon as these are completed in any school the student can enter the high school department free of tuition.

The course of study embraces four years of work. It will be seen from the course which appears below that upon the completion of the work a student would be well prepared for teaching or for entrance into any of our best colleges and universities. It ought to mean that every teacher in the county would take the entire course as soon as possible.

The course of study follows: First year—English History, Arithmetic and Algebra, English Grammar and Literature, Latin and Introduction to Science.

Second year—Algebra, Ancient History to 500 A. D., English Composition and Literature, Latin and Physical Geography.

Third year—Algebra and Plane Geometry, Mediaeval and Modern History, English Composition and Literature, Latin, Greek and Physics.

Fourth year—Geometry and Advanced Arithmetic, American and N. C. History with Civics, English Composition, Rhetoric and Literature, Latin, Greek and German.

Prof. N. E. Loeffer will be Superintendent of the Farmer High School and Prof. W. P. White, of Ramseur. Both are competent men and it is earnestly hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to do real high school work this year, because the appropriation will go into effect Dec. 1st.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSES.

The people of Randolph county have decided that it does not pay to have school in the old log huts. They want something better and their desires are taking definite form in action. During the last four or five years much progress has been made along this line, and this year bids fair to maintain the pace.

In Trinity township the old Miller school use has been moved and a new addition made to one end of the building. Messrs. D. M. Welborn and P. C. Floyd are the committee.

There are still some poorly equipped houses and some buildings that should be replaced by better structures. No doubt there will be a decided improvement in the next year. Indeed some plans have already been launched. To supplement the usual efforts for improvement we now have the Woman's Betterment Association working on it, and we confidently expect great things from it. Experience has proved that the women of other counties have almost transformed conditions and as much may and should be done in Randolph. We ask the hearty cooperation of all concerned in the work of education in our efforts to provide better buildings and more attractive grounds.

Wife Murderer to Hang.

The Supreme Court has refused to grant a new trial to Frazier Jones, who was convicted in Guilford Superior Court of murdering his wife at Gibsonville on last Thanksgiving Day. He was sentenced to hang last January, but on account of the appeal the sentence was not executed.

The date for execution will be fixed by Gov. Glenn when decision is returned to the clerk of Guilford court.

Buried at Arlington.

Brigadier General Geo. E. Pond, of the U. S. A., died at the home of his sister Mrs. H. T. Babson at Salem last week. The remains were interred at the Arlington Cemetery at Washington last Saturday.

Mrs. Fickls, Mother of the Unfortunate Little Jennie.