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## CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE HELD LAST WEEK

Several Powerful Sermons Feature Opening Day. — Committees Make Reports. — Good Attendance Noted. The North Carolina Christian Conference began its 95th annual session at Park Cross Roads church in the eastern part of Randolph county, Nov. 16, and continued in session until Friday afternoon. Despite the inclement weather the sessions were largely attended and a fine spirit was manifested. The Christian churches near the entertainment church assisted handsomely in caring for the delegates and visitors. The opening day was featured by two addresses by President T. E. White and Rev. S. C. Harrell. Mr. White spoke on "Big Jobs for Little Churches" and Mr. Harrell on "Ministering to the Expression of Life." Both addresses were ordered published.

Rev. J. W. Harrell, D. D. former pastor of the Christian church in Burlington, and for 25 years a prominent minister in the Christian church, was transferred to the North Carolina Methodist Episcopal conference in session at Rocky Mount.

Reports were made by the various committees on Sunday school of Christian Endeavor, on home missions, and on the woman's home missionary work. J. A. Dickey, executive secretary, also made his report of the year's work.

Three missionaries of the church, at home on furlough were present in the conference and made helpful addresses. Rev. E. C. Fry telling about the Japanese work, Rev. D. P. Barrett about Porto Rico, and Rev. W. F. Jordan of the work in Central and South America.

Mrs. W. A. Harper was on the program for a history of the woman's board. In her absence Mrs. W. H. Carroll, of Burlington, read the paper.

Dr. J. O. Atkinson, mission secretary, delivered an address on "Our New Day in Mission Work." He told of the work shortly to be undertaken in a neglected field in China where a college is to be made the center of an enterprise of evangelization for 1,000,000 people not now covered by any foreign missionary agency.

Supt. Chas. D. Johnson was also heard in a strong plea for the Christian Orphanage, which is now erecting an additional building to accommodate 50 or 60 more orphan children.

A general discussion on "an adequate program of religious education" for the church in reconstruction claimed the attention of the conference at the afternoon session. The delegates voted to correlate the Sunday schools with Elon College and to regard Elon as crowning and completing the church's educational system.

Rev. F. C. Lester is creating a fine impression by his "morning watch" devotional half-hours given each morning, as is J. V. Gunter during his "afternoon fellowship" talks.

Several visiting ministers were present during the session, among them Dr. W. W. Staley, president of the Southern Christian convention, Dr. C. H. Rowland, president of the Eastern Virginia conference, and Chaplain B. F. Black, of the A. E. F.

Reports were heard on foreign missions, education, and addresses were given by Rev. C. B. Riddle, Dr. N. G. Newman, Joe Wiley Stout, Rev. W. L. Wells and President Staley.

The conference adjourned on Friday of last week.

The only new point to be undertaken is Clayton for next year, with Rev. J. E. Frocks a pastor. A church has already been organized there, and a house of worship will be erected during the year.

Rev. J. E. McCauley and Rev. W. J. Edwards were ordained to the full gospel ministry, and Rev. S. M. Lyman licensed as a probationer. Dr. N. G. Newman, of Elon College, preaching the ordination sermon. Several candidates were admitted to the Biblical class.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. R. L. Williamson, Henderson; vice-president, Rev. A. T. Banks, Ramseur; secretary, J. A. Dickey, Elon College; assistant secretary, J. W. Patterson, Greensboro; treasurer, Hon. K. B. Johnson, Cardenas.

The reports of the ministers, of whom there are 45 actively engaged in the work, showed fine progress along all lines, as did also the reports from the 121 churches connected with the conference.

A most pleasant incident in the conference was the presence of Dr. J. W. Wells, pastor of the entertaining church in 1853, now in his 95th year. The grand old patriarch, like the Apostle John, sat as he talked to the conference which was charmed with his reminiscences.

Danville, Va., and Sanford are bidding for the conference next year.

Mr. J. A. Britt Hit By Train. Mr. J. A. Britt, of Candor, was accidentally hit by the Norfolk Southern passenger train Monday morning of last week below Biscoe.

It seems that the engine of Mr. Britt's car went down on the railroad track he was crossing and before he could get it started again was hit by the oncoming train, turning the car around and throwing Mr. Britt in a ditch.

He was brought to Asheboro to Memorial Hospital on the train. He suffered several cuts and bruises on his head and his hip was injured, but he is getting along nicely now.

## RAMSEUR NEWS

Mr. D. C. Holt and family are spending a few days with relatives and friends in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bales, I. Lambert and Mrs. W. E. spent Saturday night and Sunday at C. H. Craven and family, of Coleridge.

Alton Craven, of Bell Buckle, Tenn., attended the funeral of his grandfather last week.

Mr. R. H. Kirkman and family, of Troy, were here on business one day last week.

Mr. N. F. Phillips went to Greensboro last Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Phillips and Mr. Archie Jones and family, of Bennett, were visitors here last Sunday.

Mr. Will J. Cox made a trip to Roxboro last week with Mr. Fillmore in his airplane. He says they were 47 minutes going and he enjoyed the trip very much. He spent the night with Mr. W. E. Ferree and family, former residents of Ramseur.

## GOVERNOR BICKETT'S THANKS-GIVING PROCLAMATION

Here is the governor's proclamation:

"A nation-wide survey discovers on the surface of things little to stimulate public gratitude. A blight is on our material prosperity, and the faith for which we fought has been denied."

"But adversity is the supreme test of character. By way of the Cross we pass to immortality. Moreover, it is somewhat to have felt the mighty urge born of great humanities; to have heard the trumpets of God calling us to a great adventure; to have battled, albeit in vain, to set the nations free from the grip of blood and iron and guide them in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace."

"In North Carolina our people have been blest with health and strength. The fields have yielded an abundant harvest; the heads and hands of industry have arrived at a closer understanding and sympathy; the public conscience has awakened to the necessity for radical enlargements of our charitable institutions, and revolutionary increases in our educational facilities; and, even on the dreary field of taxation the light has fallen, and error and injustice are passing away."

"Therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, governor of North Carolina, do proclaim and set apart Thursday, the 25th day of November, 1920, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer."

"On that day let our people repair to their several places of worship and return thanks to the Lord for his enduring mercy and unfailing love and especially let us remember that pure religion and undefiled is to visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world," etc.

## SOPHIA ROUTE 1 NEWS

A large crowd attended the baptizing at Glenola the second Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Davis spent Sunday in Randleman.

Miss Blanche Davis spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Cora Edwards.

Mrs. A. E. Edwards and daughter Cora spent Friday in High Point.

Mr. James C. Davis spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis.

Mr. A. D. Gray spent Saturday in High Point on business.

Mr. Frank Bingham and Miss Cora Edwards spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Edith and Ollie Julian of Millboro.

Miss Callie Stanley spent Monday afternoon with Miss Cora Edwards.

The little infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cox was quietly laid to rest in Marlboro cemetery Sunday afternoon.

The bereaved have our heartfelt sympathy.

Misses Nannie and Bertha Spencer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Spencer.

Miss Lela Spencer attended services at Marlboro Sunday.

Miss Muriel Lowe spent the weekend with relatives. She was accompanied by Mrs. Foust, of New Center.

Mrs. Eliza Edwards and daughter Miss Cora attended Quarterly meeting at Center Saturday.

Miss Cora Edwards spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Callie Stanley.

Messrs. Ray Lackey and Allen Clodfelter, of High Point were welcome guests at Mr. C. W. Stanley's Sunday.

Messrs. Dewey and Mollie Stanley spent Sunday night in High Point.

Among those who visited at C. W. Stanley's Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Avery Hayworth, Miss Cora Edwards and Messrs. Allen Clodfelter and Roy Lackey of High Point.

South Carolina Lad Kills Two Small Children

Ray Henderson, aged 16 years, of South Carolina, murdered Frank and Floyd Kirby, aged six and eight years, respectively, of Gaffney, S. C., last week.

It is said that Henderson enticed the children to go with him hunting and when about six miles from their home shot the younger child, blowing the top off his head, caught the elder boy and beat him over the head with his gun until he was dead, then threw the murdered bodies into a nearby creek.

Henderson was apprehended and lodged in the Cherokee county jail.

## THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN PEACE TIME Eastern Europe



Americans who contribute to the Red Cross would feel amply repaid for their generosity if they could see what it means to hundreds of thousands of war weary sufferers in the Balkans. Here is a widowed Roumanian mother with her five children just after a visit to a Red Cross relief station. All are barefoot and the boy at the left is wearing clothes made of scraps from the battlefields. They have just received winter clothing, food and condensed milk for the baby. Similar work is being done for Roumanian refugees driven from home.

Mr. W. H. Watkins influential Randolph County. Dead. The Father of Ramseur Community Called.

After having more than reached his three score and ten years, Mr. W. H. Watkins, of Ramseur, answered the last roll call last Thursday morning. His comings and goings have ended but the memory of one whose life has been full of noble deeds lingers in the hearts and minds of his loved ones and friends.

Mr. Watkins a few years ago suffered a stroke of paralysis and was in feeble health for some time but for the past two years he had been unusually strong and well. He was stricken with cold a few days before the end came but there was no alarm over his condition until early Thursday morning a short time before the end came when members of his family noticed his breathing was bad. Some of the neighbors were summoned and suddenly the final good bye was said.

Mr. Watkins was the son of Culpepper Watkins and Anna Marshall Tomlinson. He was born in Stanley county near Norwood and was educated in the public schools in the community and later at Jonesville near Elton.

In the early days of the Civil War Mr. Watkins, only 17 years of age, enlisted with Company C 14th regiment Anson County Guards. He went through the entire war with a record unsurpassed. Entering as a sergeant he was promoted from time to time, and surrendered at Appomattox. Returning from the war with no money but with a clean character, sterling qualities, honest endeavors and a firm determination to succeed, he began his business career by clerking in a country store. A few years later he engaged in the mercantile business in Montgomery county by himself. In 1870 he was elected sheriff of Montgomery county which office he held for four years.

In 1879 Mr. Watkins moved to Ramseur then but a small village known as Columbia factory. He assumed charge of the Columbia Manufacturing Company and has made it one of the best business enterprises of the county. Soon after moving to Ramseur Mr. Watkins urged the beginning of a Sunday school. Although not then a Christian himself his influence brought about the establishment of the Sunday school and the church in which he has taken the keenest interest and has been a devoted, consecrated member. In every phase of life in the Ramseur community Mr. Watkins has had a hand, church, industrial, social and economic. It was truly said of him he was the father of the community. In early life Mr. Watkins was married to Miss Louise Smithman, who with one daughter Mrs. I. F. Craven, and three sons, J. C. Watkins, Greensboro; E. C. and W. H. Watkins, Ramseur, survive. A daughter, Mrs. Fieta Watkins Cole, died in 1900. He is also survived by a sister Mrs. Nannie Ross, of Sanford.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Smith, pastor of the church, who was assisted by Rev. Jordan, presiding elder of the Gastonia district, and who was a former pastor, also H. C. Byrum, also a former pastor. A large number of relatives and friends throughout the state gathered to pay the last tribute to Mr. Watkins who was a man among men, a friend in time of need and one for whom every one had most profound admiration and respect, and in whom every one had implicit confidence.

To be a friend is indeed a blessed privilege and a pleasure to a man the type of our esteemed friend, Mr. W. H. Watkins. His good deeds will live after him.

Revival Meeting at Central Falls Baptist Church.

A revival meeting began at the Baptist church at Central Falls last Sunday, November 21. Rev. W. G. Moon, of Fairmount, Ind., has charge of the preaching. The services will continue for two weeks.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and help make this revival a success.

## NONVIOLENT AT RANDLEMAN

Wm. Huffman Shoots and Kills James Hinchaw.

On Friday November 19, 1920, Wm. Huffman, an overseer in Deep River Mills shot and killed James Hinchaw. Huffman came from Spray to Randleman some three months ago. Hinchaw was a married man, a member of Co. K, and served in France, a son of Lee Hinchaw. Huffman is married also and has five children.

The deceased it is claimed while under the influence of liquor went to the home of Huffman and with vile and abusive language and with rocks in his hands broke out the glass in front door in an effort to get in the house. Huffman having refused to go out, but Mrs. Huffman went to the door to invite deceased to leave. As she closed the door to leave is when the glass was broken and in falling the pieces cut her face and hand. Then it was the husband shot killing Hinchaw without knowing who he was or why he was there.

The Coroner without noting details of the circumstances at the killing but in this as in all other cases, The Courier calls upon all to await the hearing of the case before either condemning or excusing the act, for in this as well as all other cases there should be a fair trial both for the defendant and state.

## NORTH CAROLINIANS URGED CONTRIBUTE TO ARMENIANS

"Innocents, orphaned by the cruel ravages of war, thinned by the pangs of hunger, paled by the lack of nourishing hands of mother and father and begging for a chance to live, today are holding out their appealing hands in supplication to North Carolinians for continued support. Thusly, the Near East Relief sums up a critical condition among a beggar nation where Christianity flourishes despite the efforts of the brutal Turks to destroy it."

In the last campaign North Carolina adopted 3,334 homeless tots. These children, saved from death and torture, today are being given a chance to live at the orphanage at Trebizond, Armenia. It is known as the home of North Carolina's adoption. It is where the 3,334 children allotted to this state are depending upon Carolina generosity to keep them alive.

In calling upon the people of North Carolina, the Near East Relief is confident that the orphans allotted to this state will be cared for as in the last campaign.

## CHAUTAUQUA OF SPLENDID EDUCATIONAL VALUE

The Stafford Chautauqua which was held the first of the week under the auspices of the Asheboro school was of much educational value. Splendid lectures were given, each being illustrated with pictures. The music was well chosen and nicely rendered. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson are cultured people and their chautauqua is of high order and will cultivate the tastes of the young people to higher and better thinking.

## J. A. BRITT, WHO WAS HIT BY TRAIN, RECOVERING NICELY

Mr. J. A. Britt, who was injured when the Norfolk Southern passenger train hit the car in which he was riding at a crossing near Biscoe, Monday of last week, and who was brought to the Memorial hospital is getting along splendidly and will return to his home in Candor within a few days.

## Priest of Ireland Kidnapped and Murdered

The body of Father Griffin, priest of Galway, Ireland, who disappeared several days ago, was found Saturday in a shallow grave four miles from Galway with a bullet wound in his head. He was kidnapped several days ago by three unknown persons.

## FOURTH RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Randolph Citizens Asked to Back This Splendid Organization

For the remainder of the month the Randolph Chapter of the American Red Cross will strive to go over the top in the fourth Red Cross Roll Call. Chairmen have been appointed for every township in the county and the appointed canvassers will canvass their territory to solicit Red Cross members. C. G. Somers, of Asheboro, is roll call chairman and F. E. Byrd is treasurer.

The annual membership fee is \$1.00; life fee, \$50; sustaining \$10; and patron fee \$100.

In gloomy war days when Randolph's brave heroes were facing the fire on the battle fields of France this great organization did more than anything else. They were followed on the battlefields by Red Cross aid when needed. This organization not only helps in war but keeps up their splendid work in peace times, rendering aid wherever needed.

Randolph citizens have been loyal and answered willingly to many calls and let's stand to the back of the Red Cross in this call. Remember the service they rendered our boys acting as a mother to them thousands of miles from home.

The following roll call chairmen have been appointed:

Asheboro—Mrs. Charlie Cranford, Mrs. Charles Fox, Mrs. Hal M. Wort, and Mrs. Basil Brittain.

Franklinville—Mrs. T. I. Fox, Randleman—Mrs. P. C. Story.

Seagrove—Mrs. D. A. Cornelson, Mrs. R. L. Albright.

Trinity—Miss Maude Phillips, Columbia—Mrs. T. A. McGitt, Ramseur.

Liberty—Mrs. W. T. Hanner, Julian, Concord—Mrs. C. C. Hubbard, Farmer.

New Hope—J. M. Shaw, New Hope Academy.

Tabernacle—Mrs. A. W. Fuller, Thomasville Route No. 4.

Level Cross—Mrs. V. U. Siler, Randleman, Route No. 2.

New Market—J. M. Furr, High Point, No. 2.

Union—S. A. Cox, Pisgah, Back Creek—Miss (Dora) Redding, Randleman Route No. 3.

Coleridge—Dr. R. L. Caveness, Brower—Herbert Tysor, Erect.

Pleasant Grove—Johnnie Powers, Bennett R. F. D.

Columbia—Mrs. Walter Scotten, Staley.

Cedar Grove—Mrs. C. T. Luck, Seagrove No. 2.

Grant—Mrs. Fernando Lynch, Asheboro.

Cedar Falls—Arch Briles, Worthville—W. L. Ward.

Central Falls—Mrs. Irvin Cox.

## U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MOVED TO CHARLOTTE

The records of the United States Attorney's office were moved to Charlotte this week, and Chief Clerk H. M. Worth and stenographers Misses Lula M. Steed and Alice Phillips have gone to Charlotte where the headquarters will be in the future. The office has been at Asheboro since September 1, 1914, and has occupied the four rooms in the second story of the law building. Former United States Attorney Hammer was appointed United States Attorney on February 23 and was confirmed on February 24, 1914. He was qualified and entered upon the duties of his office, on March 3, 1914, and after the expiration of his first term he was reappointed for another term.

Having been nominated for Congress, Mr. Hammer sent his resignation to the Attorney General effective September 15 last. S. J. Durham, Esq., of Bessemer City, was appointed a few days thereafter and entered upon the duties of his office.

Mr. Hammer will resume his civil and criminal practice of law which he has neglected for several years owing to the arduous duties.

## Frank Bivens Dead

Frank T. Biven, aged 66 years, died at his home in Jamestown last Sunday. Deceased formerly lived in Asheboro and married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hooker.



## Santa Claus Writes Children of Randolph County

Dear Children, One and All: Christmas time again is here and, little dears, I am ready for you. My stores are full, my airplanes are ready and all I need is to know what you want. Write me a letter and tell me what to bring you.

Address, SANTA CLAUS, Care of The Courier, Asheboro N. C.

P. S.—Be good children. They please me. S. C.

## WEEKLY RALEIGH LETTER

(By Maxwell Gorman)

Raleigh, Nov. 21.—The circulation of a recommendation of Marion Butler for appointment to a cabinet position in the new Republican administration at Washington has failed to secure signatures of the most prominent Democrats whose names were solicited. Governor-elect Morrison, Governor Bickett, Senator Simmons and Overman, State Chairman Warren and all the congressmen from the state and all the rest, except two Supreme Court justices (Clark and Hoke) Commissioners of Agriculture and a few other Democrats, point blank refused to endorse the Sampson Fox.

It is talked here today that the purpose of Mr. Butler in seeking to get the endorsement of the leading Democrats was to use them in a future campaign which he is figuring in ahead, rather than to expect them to do any good in an ostensible application for a job under the Harding administration which the state of North Carolina has no right to expect and which Butler really has no hope of securing. The Sampson Fox has failed if that was his purpose, because the result is a distinct refusal of the active Democratic leaders to endorse Butler for any thing.

## Financing State Administration

The state budget commission which has been functioning in Raleigh since early last week is still working on the job of financially making ends meet in the undertaking of preparing the budget of salaries of officers and making appropriations for the various institutions and it is having some difficulty, to say nothing stronger. Every public institution and every state official needs increase appropriations. The new state tax decision may be followed by levy of a state tax, for 1921, yet as a necessity, even though there will be help coming in next year from the income tax. It is far better to levy a small state tax than to allow the institutions for the insane, blind, deaf and dumb, for the feeble minded and for crippled children and victims of the white plague and help for the orphans to go inadequately provided for. However, the state tax levy has not been recommended and may not be. The budget committee will not make public any of its recommendations to the general assembly until its report is submitted to that body in January.

## SHERIFF J. F. HUGHES RESIGNS MR. BRADY APPOINTED

Sheriff J. F. Hughes has tendered his resignation as sheriff of Randolph county and Sheriff J. A. Brady who was elected by the Republicans of the county in the recent election, was appointed Tuesday by the Board of County Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff Hughes.

Sheriff Brady has assumed the duties of the office and will be formally sworn in on Monday of the December term of court. Mr. Brady expects to move his family to Asheboro in the near future.

## AMERICANISM HELD SOUTH TOGETHER

The News and Observer truthfully says that it was Americanism that held the South together in the recent election.

Germans, dissatisfied over the peace treaty in general; Italians, dissatisfied over the award of Fiume; Greeks discontented over the treatment of Greece, all the other foreigners and descendants of foreigners who took their spite out on the Democratic party live somewhere else than in the South. There was dissatisfaction in the South, of course, over high taxes, over the draft, over the many disagreeable things that war brought. But in the South principle is what counts. The voters of the South believed sincerely in the league of Nations and as Harding said it ought to be scrapped, the South as far as its ability went, was with the exception of Tennessee, in favor of scrapping Harding.

## DOWN IN NEW HOPE

Both sides have appealed to The Dispatch to expose the rascality of the other side during the election in New Hope township, just across the line in Randolph county. The first request came from a Republican subscriber who declares Democratic leaders tried to get two poor women who were dependent upon him for a living to vote their ticket. He is "glad to state, however," that he found out this "trick" and had them to vote his way. The second letter is from a Democratic woman who declares that two saw-mill men, Republicans, discharged a poor homeless lad of sixteen because he said he was a Democrat and that this was followed up by the people who were boarding the youth, turning him out of a home. A Democratic home has taken him in, she reports. She also charges that Republican money "from the North" flowed into Randolph, but delights in the fact that "we beat them to a frazzle in New Hope."

Evidently there is considerable politics in New Hope, and it takes a good while for it to simmer down after an election. We wish we were in position to arbitrate the matter, but being a little far from law, Ex-Sheriff C. C. Shaw is hereby nominated as a board of arbitration to go down to New Hope and get matters adjusted.—Davidson Dispatch.