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M. E. CONFERENCE IS NOW IN SESSION

Sessions Began At Greensboro
Yesterday—Bishop Collins
Denny In Charge.

The opening session of the Methodist Episcopal church conference was held in Greensboro at the West Market church yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Bishop Collins Denny is presiding. Every detail of the conference has been worked out and hundreds of ministers and visitors are in Greensboro for the session. A number of Asheboro people are expected to attend some of the sessions of the conference before it adjourns. Hundreds of homes in Greensboro have been thrown open to the visitors and every detail has been arranged for their entertainment and comfort.

All the presiding elders, Revs. W. F. Womble, Greensboro district; J. B. Craven, Charlotte; T. F. Marr, Salisbury; H. C. Sprinkle, Asheville; D. M. Litaker, Statesville; C. S. Kirkpatrick, Shelby; R. S. Howie, Waynesville; J. W. Williams, North Wilkesboro; J. H. West, Mount Airy; W. A. Newell, Winston-Salem; and Z. Paris, Marion, are present.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill, who has called the conference roll for the past 30 years, will perform that service again today, and, will doubtless be elected to succeed himself for the 31st time. Mr. Sherrill is considered one of the best, if not the best, conference secretary in the South. The first item of business will be reports from the presiding elders. It used to be the custom for each preacher to take the floor and report of his year's work, but the conference has grown so large that it would take up practically all the time allotted to a session to get through this item of business alone, hence the presiding elder usually makes a report covering his district.

Yesterday afternoon Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Lexington, preached before the conference. Last night's session was given over to the consideration of the Sunday school work, and Dr. John W. Shackelford, of Nashville, Tennessee, delivered an address.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill has been asked to write a history of the western North Carolina conference and Rev. L. A. Falls has been requested to continue the writing of the biography of each member of the conference which was begun by Rev. R. M. Taylor and was incomplete when he died last year.

There is always great interest in the appointments for the various churches and the session of the conference that has to do with these appointments will be of unusual concern to the Methodists of western North Carolina.

Mr. J. B. Parks Dead

J. B. Parks, aged about 81 years, died at his home near Pisgah, in Union township, Monday following an illness from heart trouble. Mr. Parks is the last of a large family of children, the others having preceded him in death. Surviving besides the widow, are one daughter, Mrs. Dovie Callicott, of Strieby; three sons, Messrs. R. O., Walter, and Causey Parks, all of Pisgah.

The funeral services were held Tuesday at the old Parks' burial ground.

Mr. Parks has long been a leading citizen of his community taking an active part in all community affairs. He was as long as he was active considered one of the best farmers in the county.

Orphanage Singing Class Here Saturday

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will be in Asheboro next Saturday night, October 18th, and will give a concert in the graded school auditorium. A small admission fee will be charged which will go to the orphanage. This class is composed of 14 boys and girls of the Oxford Orphanage and they represent the 375 children in that well known institution. This class has gained an enviable reputation for giving concerts of high order, concerts that are both entertaining and uplifting.

If you wish to spend a pleasant hour and at the same time lend your aid to a worthy cause you will not fall to be present at the concert Saturday night.

Declares She Was On Her Side Of The Road

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Briggs, aged 69, of Rocky Mount, was held for Superior Court in \$5,000 bond charged with responsibility for the death of Reo James, 14-year-old school boy, of Thomasville, in a hearing held in Lexington last Friday. Young James was instantly killed on the central highway between Thomasville and Lexington on October 8th when Mrs. Briggs' automobile collided with a motor bus. Mrs. Briggs drove on after the wreck and gave bond at Rocky Mount for her appearance at the Lexington hearing.

Infant Dead

Oscar, the 20-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Hoover, of Asheboro Route 5, died Saturday. The funeral services were held at Bank Creek church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Dr. W. H. Rogers, of Asheboro.

Flying Atlantic



Capt. H. Flemming, Chief Pilot of the new U. S. Dirigible ZR-3 in its flight across the Atlantic ocean to deliver it here from Germany. In trial trips the great airship has successfully met all tests.

Calls on Mr. Meekins To Name The Banks

Corporation Commission Says Republican Nominee Talks From Standpoint Of Partisan Feeling.

Characterizing the statement of Isaac W. Meekins, Republican candidate for governor, that half the banks in North Carolina should be closed, as utterances emanating from partisan feeling, members of the North Carolina Corporation Commission have issued a statement demanding that he name the banks that should be closed.

The statement, after disposing of the accusation as one requiring no answer, and stating that if there were too many banks that it is the fault of the Legislature and not the regulating body, and admitting that the bank examiners are Democrats, and explaining that a similar condition would hold under a Republican administration, continues:

"On one phase of the matter the commission is disposed to register resentment of Mr. Meekins' line of attack, and that is his thoroughly reckless attack upon State banks as a whole, which is regarded as the most pernicious piece of partisanship of the campaign. If Mr. Meekins knows of exactly 225 banks in the State that ought to be shut up he ought to name them and not shoot with a well muzzled gun at all banks in the State.

"The campaign he is making on this line would be far-reaching in its mischievous consequences, if it were not known that it is purely political and partisanship of the worst kind. It is dangerous and unexcusable partisanship even for the last month of a partisan campaign."

Ten In "Death Row"

"Death row" at the state prison at Raleigh now has ten occupants but due to appeals and the absence of Warden Sam Busbee from the state the execution of any of the condemned is not likely to take place at a very early date. Seven of the number have appeals pending before the supreme court. The other three have been granted respites.

Small Fire At Filling Station

An open gas tank, gasoline vapor, a lighted match, and the natural result, a fire.

Sunday afternoon Worth Hinshaw, driving Dick Burkhead's Ford coupe, and with him two other boys drove up to Ingram's Filling Station for gas. While the gas tank of the Ford was open and the hose inserted one of the boys struck a match to light a cigarette and carelessly threw the lighted match away. The path of the lighted match was directly across the open tank. The result was a fire which did damage to the Ford and considerably scorched and smoked up the front of the filling station. Only timely work with chemicals prevented a serious blaze.

M. E. MATTERS

(By W. H. Willis)

Joined Sunday by letter, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Steers.

Ninety-one members have been added this year. This makes 157 during the present pastorate. The membership now stands at 531.

The writer has made during the year about 500 pastoral visits, 65 of these were responses to invitations to dinner.

COMPANY GIVEN BACK MILLIONS

Mellon Corporation Charged
By Congressman With Illegal Profits.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The Aluminum Company of America, "owned principally by Secretary Mellon and his brother, R. B. Mellon, of Pittsburgh," was declared by Representative Jeffers, of Alabama, in a statement made last night by the Democratic National Committee, "not only to have been the beneficiary of special favors through tariff legislation," but in June, 1923, to have received "an allowance of \$15,589,614.39 as settlement of an amortization claim."

"And this vast allowance which was finally granted to Mr. Mellon's company," Mr. Jeffers said, "is a matter of fact, is a great deal larger amount than was first estimated to be due to the Aluminum Company of America as amortization."

Charging that the Aluminum Company "owned chiefly by the Mellons, is the recipient and beneficiary of special favors at the hands of the present administration," Mr. Jeffers added:

"It is an improper state of affairs, where an individual having claims against the government for such vast amounts is himself at the head of the department which handles such claims. In so doing, Secretary Mellon is as devoid of ethics as would be a judge sitting upon a case in which he had a personal interest. And especially in a department where favoritism in the handling of cases in that department is completely surrounded and protected by the wall of absolute secrecy, which has covered all transactions within that particular department."

Mr. Jeffers also declared that the Aluminum Company, "has been granted favors by the Department of Labor because of the admission, outside the immigration quota, of foreign workers in large numbers to work at its new York plant across the border from Canada, when there were millions of idle laborers in America."

Referring to the amortization claim, he said:

"Several important and interesting steps figured in this case before this enormous allowance was finally granted. It was not granted upon the basis of the first claim filed nor upon the first engineers' report which was filed. Amended or supplemental returns figured in this case, as did additional reports covering alleged inspections made by engineers in the department."

"The result of the long drawn out process of this claim through the bureau of Internal Revenue, was this final amortization allowance of almost \$16,000,000, an amount far more generous than the amount originally claimed or estimated. Either the engineers responsible for the original amount were extremely moderate, or did not do the company justice, or the engineers who made the final allowance were extremely generous to the Aluminum Company."

"I may say that I believe the real truth of the matter concerning this amortization refund claim which was allowed is that it was never truly a legal amortization claim. The stuff on which this enormous amount was allowed could never have been properly classed as coming within the scope of the legal meaning of amortization."

THE BEST TRAINED TEACHERS

There were 2,146 white graduates of A grade colleges teaching last year in North Carolina. The city schools employed 1,400 of these and the rural schools employed 746. If these trained teachers had been distributed ratably on the basis of the number of teaching positions in city (3,982) and rural schools (12,415), then the city schools would have had 522 instead of 1,400 and the rural schools would have had 1,624 instead of 746. This shows clearly that the best trained teachers are attracted to city schools.

In the negro schools there were 68 graduates of A grade negro colleges, 51 of whom were employed in city negro schools and 17 in rural negro schools. If these had been distributed between city and country on the basis of the number of colored teaching positions, then the city schools would have had 15 instead of 51 and the rural schools 53 instead of 17. It appears that the city schools are seeking well-trained teachers even for their negro schools.

Surprise Birthday Dinner

Sheriff A. Carl Cox was very agreeably surprised Sunday upon the occasion of his 44th birthday. It was also the birthday of his little daughter, Margaret Miller, who was one year old on Sunday. Quite a number of relatives gathered at Mr. Cox's home in South Asheboro where a sumptuous dinner was spread for the occasion. Among those present besides the immediate family were: Mr. J. B. Hockett and family, of Pleasant Garden; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Cox, Carl Cox, and Dwight Hockett, of Greensboro; Miss Nettie Cox, of Pleasant Garden; and E. U. Cox and family, and Florence Cox, of Climes.

ASHEBORO DOGS CARRY OFF PRIZES AT SHOWS

Lindley's "Plumgoodun" Wins
In Open Class—"Carolina
Pat" Wins At Thomasville.

The third annual Bench Show of the Winston-Salem Club was staged at the fair grounds, October 7 and 8. Seventy-seven Pointers were shown, which probably is the largest number of this breed ever exhibited at any one show in the United States. The open Pointer dog class had thirty-six. "Plumgoodun", owned and shown by Mr. W. W. Lindley, won the open class. Also the beautiful "Carolina Frank" memorial cup offered by Dr. T. W. Shore for the best son, grandson, daughter or granddaughter of "Carolina Frank." He also was crowned best Pointer in the Show as well as winning the twenty-five dollar special offered by Mr. C. G. Hill and the five dollar special offered by Mr. Geo. W. Edwards.

"Carolina Pat's Applejack" owned and shown by Mr. F. C. Garner, was second.

Only two dogs sired by "Applejack" were shown but they won first and second.

Mr. R. Vagt, licensed judge, Amityville, Long Island, N. Y., judged.

At Everybody's Day Show, Thomasville, October 11th the open class for Pointers had twenty entries.

"Plumgoodun" won the open class and the beautiful silver cup donated by Mr. T. S. Comstock.

"Carolina Pat", owned by Mr. C. Rush, was second in the bitch class. Maj. R. F. Stedman and Mr. Evans judged.

The Carolina Field and Kennel Club, Raleigh, will hold its first annual American kennel Club Show October 15th and 16th.

Over fifty Pointers and fifty Setters had been entered two days before closing and the officers of the club predict the largest show south of Philadelphia.

Officers Get Still, and Make Arrest

Prohibition enforcement officers and deputy sheriff C. L. Gray, of High Point, captured a 50-gallon still and complete outfit, and arrested a white man, Vernie Kinley, in Tabernacle township near the rock fence Monday morning. Kinley is in jail at High Point. Kinley was found sitting at the still and made an attempt to get away. He had an open knife in his hand when arrested, but made no attempt to use it.

Connecticut Senator A Suicide

Senator Frank Brandegee, aged 60, committed suicide in his home at Washington Tuesday by inhaling gas. Financial worries and ill health are the reasons assigned for the act. Senator Brandegee was a bachelor and lived alone except for two negro servants.

Charged With Attempted Assault

Fred Taylor, whose home is somewhere in Virginia, but who is selling hosiery from house to house in North Carolina, was arrested at Ramseur Friday charged with attempted criminal assault on a young woman at her home. Taylor was given hearing and put in jail at Asheboro upon failure to furnish the bond required by the examining magistrate. However, Taylor furnished bond Monday and was released. According to the report, the assault was attempted at the young lady's home where Taylor was making a social call.

High-Point Man Gets Money Back

Friday afternoon Randolph county officers were notified that a number of gypsies traveling in three Cadillac automobiles were on their way towards Asheboro after having robbed a Mr. Hamilton, who conducts a store on South Main street, in High Point, of \$100. The officers gave chase and overtook the gypsies at Seagrave and held them for identification. Mr. Hamilton arrived on the scene and in a very short while he had recovered the stolen money. According to his story, while one of the gypsy women was telling his fortune, one of the male members of the crowd went through his pockets and extracted \$100 in \$5.00 bills.

Feed Withdraws Offer

Henry Ford has withdrawn his offer for Muscle Shoals and is putting it up to the government for the next move, according to an interview in Collier's Weekly. He states that he has withdrawn his bid for the reason that the whole matter has been made the subject of complicated politics and that productive business can't wait on politics. Ford states that he can make more money out of coal lands.

Governor Cameron Morrison Will Speak In Asheboro Friday Night



Governor Cameron Morrison will bring his fight for the adoption of the Port Terminal and Water Transportation bill to the voters of Randolph county in an address in the court house at Asheboro Friday night, October 17th, at 8 o'clock. This will be Governor Morrison's first and only appearance in this county on behalf of this bill.

There is no politics in the matter, and all people of the county regardless of political affiliations are urged to come out and hear the Governor.

Remember the date and place: Asheboro, Friday night, October 17th, at 8 o'clock.

Third Annual Meeting Piedmont B. Y. P. U.

Begins At Baptist Church In
Asheboro Next Saturday
Afternoon.

An attractive program has been arranged for the third annual meeting of the Piedmont B. Y. P. U. Association which will meet in the Baptist church in Asheboro Saturday afternoon and Sunday, October 18th and 19th. The first session will begin at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon with worship and special music, after which Rev. A. O. Moore, of Salisbury, will make a short talk. He will be followed by Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, on "The Challenge of the Young People." After this will be the round table discussion.

Saturday night Dr. C. A. Owens, of Lexington, will deliver an address on "How Young People Can Serve the Church." Dr. Owens is a good speaker and his address will be one of the features of the program. Following his address will be a social hour.

Sunday's program beginning at 11 o'clock will be interesting. The program for Sunday afternoon begins at 2:30 and consists of addresses by Rev. H. O. Miller, of High Point, and an address by Mr. Preston.

It is expected that several hundred delegates and visitors will be in Asheboro for the meeting as much interest has been manifested in the association since its inception three years ago.

PUPILS IN HIGH SCHOOLS INCREASED TO 75,681

An increase over a five year period in standard high schools from 78 to 409, the number of pupils from 23,665 to 75,681, the number of graduates from 2,940 to 8,829, and the number of teachers from 1,172 to 3,265, was reflected in a report covering the period since 1918 made public Thursday by Superintendent of Public Instruction, A. T. Allen.

Despite this increase in the public high schools, the primary institutions still thrive, and there are now 68 in the State, with 8,053 students and 811 teachers.

Marked increase was shown by the negro schools. There are now 14 accredited high schools for the instruction of negroes, manned by 119 teachers and having an enrollment of 2,870 pupils. 218 pupils graduated from these schools last year.

Friends Quarterly Meeting

Southern Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, will convene at New Hope, near Edgar the 25th of this month. Meeting for ministers, elders and overseers will be held the preceding day at 2:30 P. M.

Ministers and Friends from Ohio, and New Jersey are expected to be in attendance, and the public is cordially invited to attend. The public days, which are the 25th and 26th.

PLANS READY FOR STATE M. P. MEET AT REIDSVILLE

Sessions Convene October 29th
—Program Arranged—Ex-
pect Large Attendance.

A tentative program of the ninety-ninth annual session of the Methodist Protestant conference, which will convene at Reidsville October 29, has been prepared by the program committee composed of Rev. C. W. Bates, of Henderson; Rev. J. D. Williams, D. D., of Reidsville; Rev. A. G. Dixon, D. D., of Greensboro.

The sessions of the annual conference will be held in the First Methodist Protestant church of Reidsville, beginning Wednesday morning, October 29, at 10 o'clock, and will be in continuous session until Monday, November 3.

The first day of the annual gathering of ministers and laymen will be featured by the conference communion service, to be held at 11 o'clock under the direction of Dr. Dixon, the president. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the annual election of conference officers will be held, at which time the president, secretary, treasurer, member of stationing committee and other officials will be chosen. The conference sermon will feature the evening session of the conference and will be delivered by the president of the conference.

Much interest always centers around the election of conference officers of president and lay members of the stationing committee. The stationing committee performs the work of assigning the pastors to the various churches throughout the territory of the conference, which embraces all of North Carolina and portions of Virginia and South Carolina.

The sessions of the conference will begin each morning after the first day at 9:30 o'clock with the calling of the conference roll of ministers and delegates. This will be followed by song and devotional service conducted by different ministers of the conference. Each day's session will be filled with the reading of reports and discussions of many matters pertaining to the work of the denomination. Addresses by official representatives of the general conference of the Methodist Protestant church will be heard at different times during the period of the conference.

Betta Buys City Market

Mr. R. E. Betta has purchased the City Meat Market from Mr. J. E. Crain and associates. Mr. Betta will be assisted by his son, Mr. Walter Betta. Both are experienced market men, having had several years experience in this line of business. They expect to maintain the same high class service that has characterized the City Market in the past. Mr. Crain has not announced his future plans, but he will probably locate elsewhere.

LEGUMINOUS CROPS FURNISH MOST AMMONIA

Show By Experiments With Wheat
in North Carolina—Prevents
Washing of the Land.

The practice generally followed by most farmers in this State in raising wheat is to fertilize with 300 or 400 pounds of 8-2-2 or from 200 to 400 pounds of 16 per cent acid phosphate. The results of fertilizer experiments carried out by the Division of Agronomy of the North Carolina Experiment Station for a period of several years have shown that both phosphates and nitrogen are necessary for large increases in wheat yields. If this is so, the addition of phosphates alone or phosphates with a small amount of ammonia will not give the yield that should be secured for the reason that ammonia is also one of the limiting factors along with the phosphates.

Therefore, the Experiment Station is advising farmers to use for wheat a fertilizer analyzing 10 to 12 per cent phosphoric acid, 4 to 6 per cent ammonia and, when potash is cheap, around 2 per cent potash. In order to test out several different formulas in a good wheat soil, an experiment was made in Davie county in 1924:

Where no fertilizers are used very small amounts of wheat are produced. Phosphates alone do not give large yields of wheat. Ammonia alone gives a little more profit than phosphates alone. When phosphates and ammonia are used together and in large quantities the yields of wheat are not only increased but after taking out the cost of the fertilizer increased profits are secured.

The ammonia in fertilizers costs more than the other elements of plant food. If the farmers are practicing a good crop rotation which includes the growing and turning under of leguminous cover crops, part if not most of the ammonia can be secured by the legume crops, thereby decreasing the amount in the fertilizer formula and the cost of the fertilizer.

In growing these leguminous crops the farmer not only succeeds in getting ammonia cheaply, but also as most of these crops are grown in the winter time he keeps his land from being washed away and conserves any ammonia that might be lost during the winter months if the land is left bare.—W. F. Fain, in Charge, Soil Fertility Investigations, Division of Agronomy.

Hinshaw-Cranford

Miss Nina Cranford and Mr. Clark Hinshaw, both of Randleman, were married Saturday evening, October 4th, at the home of J. A. Neighbors, the officiating justice of the peace, north of Asheboro in the presence of a few intimate friends of the bride and groom. Mr. Hinshaw is the son of Mr. Lee Hinshaw, of Randleman, while Mrs. Hinshaw is a popular young lady of Randleman.

Woman's Club Gives Sewing Party

There will be a sewing party at Mrs. C. C. Cranford's for the members of the Woman's Club today at three o'clock. The plan is for each member to bring sewing preparatory for the bazaar which is to be held in connection with the annual chrysanthemum show. The ways and means committee of the club has taken charge of this department. All members are urged to be present promptly at three o'clock.