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Superannuated Ministers and Their Support

Attention of Conference Called to the Fact That Retired Ministers Do Not Receive Anything From Fund First Year After Retiring.

"Not One Preacher in Fifty Receives Sufficient Salary When in Active Service to Provide For Needs of Old Age," Says Bishop McCoy.

(BY MAMIE BAYS.)

The most impressive and touching scene witnessed on the floor of the present session of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was that of this morning when just after the names of two members of the conference had been referred to the committee on conference relations for the superannuated relation the announcement was made that neither of these preachers had been serving charges which had enabled them to save money with which to provide for their needs when retired from the active work of the ministry.

Attention was called also to the fact that preachers when retired from the active work do not receive anything from the fund provided for the support of conference claimants the first year after they retire. In view of this fact, the need of the preachers in question was presented and the conference was asked to contribute a collection to be divided between them. The collection amounted to \$157.42.

Bishop McCoy speaking of the same when a preacher must retire from active service said that not one preacher in fifty receives salary sufficiently large during the active years of his ministry to enable him to provide for his needs when retired. He referred them to the endowment fund for superannuated preachers which is being established by the church at this time and said that he hoped the time was not far distant when the fund would amount to enough to enable the church to provide ample support for retired preachers.

At the present time the average amount available for preachers who were from active work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, does not exceed \$200 per year. When it is remembered that the average salary of the preachers when in the active work is not more than \$600 per year, it is easily understood how it is that preachers of Southern Methodism cannot accumulate money to meet their needs when retired. This fact is not due to lack of liberality upon the part of the membership of the church, but is due rather to the fact that many claims for financial support from the church are not provided for and the constant increase in departments and organization as a consequence increases the number of secretaries in charge of these departments and increases the demand for money for the support of the same. Most of the secretaries of the different boards receive \$3,600 a salary each year and the salary of each of the thirteen active secretaries is \$4,000 a year, that of the superannuated bishop \$2,500 and that of each of the six widows of support of the episcopacy each year amount to \$72,000 or \$28,800 each year. No church provides more liberally for its official life than does the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and special effort is being made at this time to increase the amount of money available for the support of the pastors and for the support of retired preachers who have spent many years in the service of the church.

Conference Convened. The conference convened at 9 o'clock this morning, with Bishop McCoy in the chair.

Rev. H. K. Boyer, D. D., was elected to preside over the opening devotional service. The minutes of the session of Friday were read and approved. The result of the first ballot for clerical delegates to the general conference was announced showing that Rev. W. H. Durham, presiding elder of the Winston district, had been elected. There was no other election and the second ballot was prepared carrying the same names. Seven ballots were taken and the sixth of the lay delegates was elected and the sixth of the clerical delegates was Frank M. Carter, of Asheville.

It is probable several more ballots will be necessary to the election of the lay delegates remaining clerical delegates. The report of the joint board of the conference was submitted by J. S. Marshall, of Shelby. This report showed the conference for conference claimants, \$8,000 had been paid. The amount for each of the conference claimants was then announced. The election of alternate lay delegates to the general conference resulted in the election of F. E. Duffee,

of Hendersonville; S. G. Rogers, of Franklin and J. W. Harris, of High Point.

G. D. Herman presented a resolution recommending the co-operation of this conference with other religious and fraternal orders in the establishment of a hospital in North Carolina for feeble minded children, and it was adopted.

A resolution was presented by J. C. Rowe requesting the college of bishops to place the time for holding the Western North Carolina conference earlier so that the time of the session will not include Thanksgiving day. The resolution stated that the special reason for the making of this request was that the pastors desire to be with their congregations on Thanksgiving in order to secure from them contributions to the support of the Children's Home.

An amendment to this resolution was presented, but the amendment was lost when the vote was taken and the resolution was adopted.

F. E. Durfee presented a resolution recommending the working out of some plan that is feasible which shall give to all church property shall be insured against risk.

Minute question 6 was called. "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" Answering this question, Bishop McCoy announced that Frank Siler, an elder of the North Georgia conference; E. H. Troy, an elder of the Louisiana conference and A. G. Shaplen, an elder of the New Mexico conference, had been received by transfer to this conference.

On the third ballot for clerical delegates to the general conference, Rev. G. T. Rowe, presiding elder of the Greensboro district, was elected.

Rev. John R. Stewart, secretary of the superannuated endowment fund, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, addressed the conference in the interest of that fund. He showed the fund is steadily growing and urged the conference to aid the increase as rapidly as possible.

The next speaker was Rev. Gross Alexander, D. D., book editor of the church and editor of the Methodist Review, and he spoke to the conference in the interest especially of the Review which is a bi-monthly publication of highest grade.

The fourth ballot for clerical delegates to the general conference resulted in the election of Rev. J. H. Weaver, D. D., pastor of Central church, Monroe.

The report of the board of publication was submitted by D. B. Coltrane, of Concord. This report had reference to the North Carolina Christian Advocate of which Rev. H. M. Blair is editor. The report showed that twelve years ago when the present board took charge of the management of the paper the number of subscriptions was 4,000 and that 7,200 is the number of subscribers at this time. The net increase of subscribers during the past year was shown to be 1800, but that this number falls short of 1200 of the number of new subscribers pledged last year.

The present plan of the paper was recommended as a wise one and one that should be continued, and it was stated that in order to make this plan a success greater co-operation upon the part of pastor and official boards is necessary. The report called attention also to the fact that a large number of the officials of the churches are not inclined to take and to read the paper and that the increase in financial receipts is due largely to the job department of the paper. All advertisements of patent medicines have been eliminated from the paper the report showed.

VISITING MINISTERS TO OCCUPY CITY PULPITS

The city pulpits will be filled tomorrow by visiting ministers attending the Western North Carolina Conference, the appointments being as follows:

- METHODIST. Trinity—9:30 a. m., Love feast, conducted by J. W. Jones and J. D. Atkins. 11 a. m. Preaching by Bishop J. H. McCoy, followed by ordination of deacons. 3:00 p. m. Memorial service. 7:30 p. m. Preaching by J. C. Rowe, followed by ordination of elders. Tryon Street—11 a. m., Dr. John B. Steward. 4:30 p. m. Dr. Chas. D. Bullard to Wesley Adult Bible class. 5 p. m. C. D. Bullard to Y. W. C. A. Brevard Street—11 a. m., B. M. Hoyle; 7:30 p. m. J. E. Woodley. Calvary—11 a. m. H. C. Sprinkle; 7:30 p. m. Reunion of former pastors. Dilworth—11 a. m. Loy D. Thompson; 7:30 p. m. C. M. Picketts. Seversville—11 a. m., J. P. Hipps; 7:30 p. m. J. L. Smith. Chadwick—11 a. m. P. W. Tucker; 7:30 p. m. Scott Owens. Belmont Park—11 a. m., R. M. Taylor; 3:30 p. m. G. A. Stamper. North Charlotte—11 a. m., M. H. Vestal; 7:30 p. m. W. E. Poovey. 3:30 p. m. Preaching and dedication of church by J. E. Thompson. All former pastors are requested to attend. Duncan Memorial—7:30 p. m., T. C. Jordan.

- BAPTIST. First Baptist. 11 a. m., Dr. C. D. Byrd; 7:30 p. m., George D. Harmon. Pritchard Memorial. 11 a. m., J. P. Rogers; 7:30 p. m., E. M. Hoyle. Ninth Avenue. 11 a. m., S. F. Barber; 7:30 p. m., M. F. Moores. Allen Street. 11 a. m., R. L. Melton; 7:30 p. m., J. A. Bowles. Statesville Broad Street. Frank Siles Wedding, S. W. Brown. Monroe Central. F. J. Osborne. Big Springs. C. M. Short. Theatro, West Trade street, 5 p. m., Loy D. Thompson. Y. W. C. A., at 5 p. m., G. T. Rowe. Y. W. C. A., at Tryon Street Methodist church at 5 p. m., Dr. C. D. Bullard. Steel Creek Presbyterian. D. A. Newell. McAdensville, J. J. Barker. CLOLED. Clinton Chapel. 11 a. m., M. H. Tuttle. Grace A. M. E. Zion. 7:30 p. m., M. T. Smathers. Simpson's Chapel. 3 p. m., W. L. Dawson; 8 p. m., R. A. Taylor.

- Congregational Church. Corner Caldwell and Stone wall streets, 11 a. m., J. W. Ingle; 8 p. m., G. C. Brinkman. Little Back. 11 a. m., M. T. Steele; 7:30 p. m., E. W. Fox. Ivey's Chapel. Corner Crockett and Stone wall streets, 8 p. m., T. A. Grace. Stone wall A. M. E. Zion. 11 a. m., A. R. Surratt. St. Paul's Baptist. 3 p. m., A. P. Rutledge. PRESBYTERIAN. First Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., J. H. Barnhardt; 7:30 p. m., Dr. S. B. Turentine. Second Presbyterian—11 a. m., P. T. Durham; 7:30, J. E. Abernathy. Tenth Avenue—11 a. m., E. L. Bain; 7:30, D. M. Litaker. Westminster—11 a. m., D. H. Co-man; 7:30, W. H. Willis. Knox—11 a. m., R. M. Courtney; 7:30, C. G. Kirkpatrick. St. Paul's—11 a. m., R. G. Little; 7:30, W. F. Womble. West Avenue—11 a. m., A. L. Co-burn; 7:30, R. F. Honeycutt. Pegram Street—11 a. m., J. W. Clegg; 7:30, O. J. Jones. Amity—3 p. m., O. P. Ader.

- A. R. P. First A. R. P.—11 a. m., E. E. Williamson; 7:30, A. L. Stanford. East Avenue Tabernacle—11 a. m., L. F. Mann; 7:30, A. W. Plyler. Chalmers Memorial—11 a. m., W. M. Robbins; 7:30, Z. E. Barnhardt. Villa Heights—11 a. m., H. H. Jordan; 7:30, J. C. Harmon. Forest Grove—7:30 p. m., J. F. Armstrong.

CAR IGNITES WHILE BEING CLEANED IN THE BUICK GARAGE. A sudden ignition of gasoline at the Buick garage, 209 South Church street, at noon today resulted in a hurry call to the two up-town fire departments and considerable excitement for awhile. Employees in the garage were engaged in cleaning up a handsome Buick car carried in stock when a short-circuit is presumed, ignited the gasoline and in a moment the car was enveloped in flames. Hand extinguishers were brought quickly into use by a number of men and the fire was put out with little damage to the car.

Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 29.—Conferees reached an official agreement for settlement of the strike at the General Electric Company plant today. A copy of the agreement was sent to the trades alliance for approval.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina: Unsettled tonight and Sunday with occasional rains, somewhat warmer in interior. Light to moderate northeast and east winds.

CRACKSMEN ROB BANK AT ELLENBORO

Secured Three Thousand Dollars and Made a Successful Get-away — Bloodhounds Put on Trail Which Led Towards South Carolina.

Loss Was Covered by Burglar Insurance—Nine Charges of Explosives Were Used — Posse in Search of Robbers.

Ellenboro, N. C., Nov. 29.—Cracksmen last night blew the safe of the Bank of Ellenboro and secured three thousand dollars in currency. The loss was covered by burglar insurance. Nine charges of explosives were applied before the cracksmen succeeded in securing the cash. It is believed there were three or four members of the party of robbers, but so far no clue to their identity has been found. A number of the townspeople were awakened by the explosion. Mr. Green, who lives near the bank, rushed out but was forced back to his home by the robbers. Bloodhounds were secured and put on the trail, but it was hard to follow. The trail led towards the South Carolina line. A large posse is now scouring the country for trace of the robbers.

THE SAYRES SET FORTH ON HONEYMOON

New York, Nov. 29.—The elusive white house bride and bridegroom—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre—avoiding the gaily decorated gateway and bunting bedecked pathway arranged for them, slipped quietly through the second cabin today and sailed away for Europe on their honeymoon. A great crowd that gathered on the docks at Hoboken was keenly disappointed at not seeing them and even President Wilson did not know of his daughter's and son-in-law's arrival on the ship until he found them in their cabin five minutes before sailing time. Mr. Wilson accompanied by Miss Eleanor Wilson and Dr. Cary T. Grayson, reached the boat half an hour before the George Washington was due to start. The ship's officers stood at attention as he came on deck and the band played "The Star Spangled Banner". The crowd cheered. There was a wait of 15 minutes for the Sayres. Nobody seemed to know where they were. The captain of the liner was growing nervous. Finally the president entered the suite assigned to the pair and to his surprise there they were with a few friends and many flowers. The band struck up Mendelssohn's wedding march as theSayres were cast off. Among the floral pieces presented to Mr. and Mrs. Sayre was a cluster of American beauty roses given by a committee representing the Hoboken Letter Carriers on behalf of all letter carriers in the United States.

IMPORTANT MEETING G. C. C. OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON

A meeting of great importance to Charlotte is to be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Greater Charlotte Club office. It is in reference to taking steps to secure Horner's School for Charlotte. The agitation begun by The News and taken up by the Greater Charlotte Club and Mr. S. B. Alexander, Jr., an alumnus of Horner's, is widening in interest, a vision of the possibility of securing the school becomes possible. Mr. Alexander's interest and enthusiasm expressed itself in the call appearing in yesterday's News, duplicate copies of which were mailed to the Horner alumni last night. Mr. Alexander's call stated that Prof. Horner will be here Wednesday next at which time the Greater Charlotte Club will lay before him a proposition. To discuss the matter fully Mr. Alexander requests all old Horner boys to meet at the Greater Charlotte Club office this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

APPROPRIATION BILLS TO BE TAKEN UP

Washington, Nov. 29.—The appropriation bills for the coming session of congress will be gotten under way in the house next week. The appropriations committee has resumed hearings on the District of Columbia bill, estimates for which aggregate \$14,000,000. This amount will be cut when the bill is reported next week. Representative Sherley of Kentucky and James of South Carolina in charge of the fortifications and legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills have said they would try to get both measures passed by the house before Christmas.

NOVEL CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Whether a judge may refuse to accept a verdict of involuntary manslaughter if a murder case is to be decided by the United States supreme court.

DEMOCRATS HASTEN WORK ON CURRENCY

Washington, Nov. 29.—In an effort to complete consideration of the administration currency bill by tonight the conference of senate democrats today hurried through minor details, devoting attention to the disputed fundamentals. Some details were referred back to Senator Owen and the administration democrats of the banking committee.

Whether the conference would adopt a binding resolution to put all of the democrats behind the Owen bill as a party measure arose today but the leaders did not hurry to force an issue upon it. Several democrats have taken the position that while they favored the bill generally they desired to be free to vote for any amendments. Senator Lewis, of Illinois, democratic whip, said he expected to present a binding resolution. Other senators said that should such a resolution fail the democrats would consider themselves bound by a gentlemen's agreement to vote for the bill as framed by the conference.

YOUNG BOYS ROB SEVERAL HOMES IN CITY THIS WEEK

Two white boys, Clarence Blackwell, aged 15, and Arthur Blackmon, aged 13, were held under \$300 bonds this morning by Recorder Hamilton C. Jones on charges of breaking into three different residences in the city this week and ransacking these from top to bottom, taking therefrom quantities of various articles including pistols, razors, trinkets, Confederate money and other articles. The homes entered were those of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Peares, on Grove street; Mr. E. J. Hennessee, mail carrier, and Mrs. J. C. Lanyoex, on Graham street, near Seventh.

There were three or four warrants against each of the youths and in most of the cases they pleaded guilty. Mrs. Peares testified that she was away from home until about 3 o'clock Thanksgiving afternoon and that upon her return she found the keys of most of the doors gone and nearly every bureau, dresser and closet in the home ransacked and turned topsyturvy. She missed keys, trinkets and other articles, while Mrs. Lanyoex stated that her home was ransacked in the same manner on the same afternoon and numerous articles taken therefrom. Mr. Hennessee said that he had lost a razor and knife and other small articles Tuesday evening. He had recovered a part of the property from police headquarters.

The two boys were arrested near the city hall some hours after the robberies had been reported to police headquarters by Patrolman Mack Earnhardt and Wilson and were locked up at the police station. The youths took the affair with no show whatever of fear or of penitence, and both admitted that they had been arrested in the past, and had been charged with taking things that did not belong to them. Mr. Hennessee noticed the boys sitting on the curb in front of his home before leaving Thursday afternoon. He was in the habit of hanging the front door key to a nail on the porch and said that it appeared that the front door had been opened with this key. There are other cases which the police say are in the same class as the above but warrants were issued only in the three cases mentioned. The trouble into which the boys gotten is of a serious nature and their cases will be disposed of in superior court. Both boys live in Charlotte.

MEXICO SEEKS FUNDS IN BELGIUM

Brussels, Belgium, Nov. 29.—Mexican agents have sought and are still seeking loans here. It is understood that Luis de La Barra, the financial agent in London of the Mexican government, has entered into negotiations for advances but has not been very successful. The Philippon Bank, which is behind the Secondary Railroads Company, whose concessions for 3,200 miles of railroads is pending before the Mexican congress, is considered as the concern most likely to make a loan to Provisional President Huerta's administration. F. M. Philippon, however, told the Associated Press today that a Mexican loan could not now be floated in Belgium as the situation was too uncertain.

TO PRESERVE ORDER IN INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 29.—The first police action to prevent disorder incident to the unsettled labor conditions in Indianapolis was ordered by Acting Superintendent of Police Coffin when the police appeared at roll call this morning. The patrolmen were instructed to prevent the congregating of crowds upon the streets and were told that three or more persons would constitute a crowd. During the past few months many riots have occurred here when large numbers of persons were permitted to gather upon the streets.

Thousands Witness The Army - Navy Football Struggle

Annapolis Rooters. Annapolis, Md., Nov. 29.—The brigade of midshipmen, more than 700 strong, together with several trainloads of Annapolitans left here early today for the scene of the big interservice football game at New York this afternoon.

Because of the great distance to be traveled before the trip to New York and back it was concluded an extra early start was necessary so it was not yet daylight when the buglers sounded reveille and turned the naval rosters out of bed. This was at 4:15 and two hours later the last train load of midshipmen had pulled out of the station. Captain John P. Gibbons, superintendent of the naval academy, and Mrs. Gibbons; Commandant of Midshipmen Captain George W. Logan and Mrs. Logan and others of the local naval contingent, got away for New York yesterday afternoon and with the departure of the brigade this morning but little more than a corporal's guard remained to watch over the institution.

Baltimoreans Attend. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 29.—Special and regular trains leaving Baltimore this morning carried hundreds of football enthusiasts bound for the scene of the annual Army-Navy game at New York this afternoon. The exodus which began on Wednesday only ceased with the departure of the last train which could set its passengers down in the metropolis in time for the contest.

Conspicuous among the throng of Marylanders who went to New York to see the games was Governor Phillips Lee Goldsborough. The presence of the governor of Maryland at the army and navy game is always an institution, arising from the intimate social relations existing between the state administration and the Naval Academy.

WOULD CAN THE "CAN TRUST"

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 29.—Suit filed here today in the United States District Court to dissolve the American Can Company, the so-called tin can trust which the Department of Justice alleges controls a large percentage of business in the United States in tin cans, containers and packages of tin. The American Sheet and Tin Plate Company also was made a defendant because of an agreement it is alleged to have with the American Can Company to sell its tins for cans at a preferential rate. In its complaint the government alleged practices in restraint of trade, agreements by absorbed companies not to re-enter the field, contracts by consumers to buy from alleged trust exclusively and arbitrary fixing of prices. Attorney General McReynolds asked in the bill for dissolution other than on a pro rata basis by asking for a separation into units of different ownership to insure the restoration of competition.

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Forty Two Thousand Tickets Were Gobbled Up in a Hurry—Weather Conditions Unfavorable—President Wilson Attends.

New York City in Gala Attire—Odds Slightly Favor Navy—A Graphic Story of The Great Sporting Event.

New York, Nov. 29.—The line up and outstanding features which attended the playing of the Army-Navy football game in New York City today for the first time in the history of football rivalry between the two service schools were epitomized as follows:

Weather Conditions. Weather: Rain forecast officially, in amendment to yesterday's assurances that the day would be only partly cloudy. Some rain fell during the night but not enough to affect the field, which was protected with a straw covering and only a downpour at the last moment could make playing conditions altogether intolerable.

The Scene. The scene: The New York National League baseball stadium on the meadow of the Polo Grounds under the shadow of Coogan's Cliff, near the upper extremity of Manhattan Island where the modern horseshoe grandstand of steel and concrete and the ordinary baseball bleachers were reinforced by temporary stands almost completely enclosing the gridiron.

42,000 Spectators. The crowds: Provisions made for 42,000 spectators with nearly every ticket sold, the largest crowd that ever witnessed an army-navy game. The tickets: Regularly priced at \$3 each, tickets sold yesterday as high as \$25 apiece but speculators who had left this morning were letting them go as low as \$10 apiece or \$15 for two, the slump being due in great part to the threatening rain.

Celebrities Present. Distinguished box holders: The president of the United States, whose interest in the game brought him from Washington last night, along with the hundreds of other enthusiasts in administrative circles, and army and navy branches of the government, including almost all of the generals and admirals in the service and a host of pretty maids and matrons from the capital. Official Washington, Annapolis and West Point were all virtually transferred to the metropolis for a football holiday.

The Favorites. The favorites: On paper the Navy's representatives were credited with marked superiority over the army team this season and history records navy victories in nine of the 17 former games between the two schools, with a string of three navy victories during the past three years. On the morning of the contest, however, a few football critics in New York asserted that the army eleven had a good chance to win and that in any event a keen battle of football brains and brawn was assured.

The Betting. Odds prevailing for a week past at 10 to 7 in favor of the navy were reported as ruling even higher today with confident navy men freely offering 2 to 1 at which ratio army men were eager to indulge. The Camps. The camps: The rival squads, with 40 in the army list and 33 in the navy, were quartered at large hotels within running distance of each other in the theatre district. Almost every man was reported in perfect physical condition.

Color scheme: The city was full of gold lace, more of it than can be remembered at any time since the Dewey naval parade. The rival colors, the navy blue and gold and the army black, gold and gray, were also displayed by the thousands of wives and daughters and sweethearts in the football crowd. Songs and Cheers. A number of new songs set to popular refrains and several original service yells were prepared for use for the first time today to the accompaniment of the rival bands. The navy musicians had the honor of making the first entrance to the grounds, through their being victors in the last game. They afforded a gorgeous display in their blue coats, with lurid red lined capes, with eight companies of cadets arranged according to their size following with the many flags.

The West Point corps of about 600 in traditional gray uniforms followed, the corps parading around the field. The mascots: The active Navy goat, nearly smothered with gold lace, and the stubborn army mule in his every day clothes, were in readiness to provide circus features as side shows to the gridiron battle. Last year the navy goat died on the eve of the game but the loss of the mascot was followed by victory. Superstitious members of the navy team who believed that their luck depends on the goat's early death suggested his sacrifice before the game today but it was deemed to let him live. Time of game: Start at 2 o'clock with play divided into the usual four periods of fifteen minutes each.