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CONFERENCE HAS ENDED

Session Closed Sunday Night at Charlotte With Reading of Appointments.

The opening day of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference at Trion Street Church, Charlotte, proved to be a busy and interesting one with the reports of the 11 presiding elders, reports that showed gratifying progress in the work of the year; the election of a secretary and of the conference committees; and the presentation to W. L. Sherrill of a gold headed cane in recognition of his 25 years of service as conference secretary. Added to this was the raising of \$1,300 for Payne College, Augusta, Ga., the presentation of the service flag with 99 stars.

The second day of the Methodist conference had been set apart as Centenary day, and it proved to be from the standpoint of attendance, sustained interest, plans set on foot, and the enthusiastic assumption of a tremendous task for itself, the greatest day in the history of the Western North Carolina conference. After a full and frank discussion of the world's present needs at the close of the great war and the unparalleled opportunities for much needed service in world redemption combined with the ability of the church to give, the conference by unanimous vote amid handclapping pledged itself to the task of raising \$1,750,000 for this great centenary enterprise.

Presentation of Service Flag.
The conference just before adjournment entered into the exercises of unfurling a service flag which carried 99 stars that represented the sons of preachers of the conference who were enlisted in the service of the army and navy. The exercises consisted of a presentation speech by Albert Sherrill, a speech of acceptance by the secretary of the conference, singing of the national hymn by the conference, and prayer by Bishop Kilgo who has a son in the service.

The four gold stars represent those who made the supreme sacrifice. They died for liberty and their sacred dust rests in the soil of bleeding Belgium or beneath the beautiful lilies of France.

Appointments.
The list of appointments of preachers for the ensuing year as read by Bishop Darlington before adjournment of the Western North Carolina conference follows:

Charlotte District.
H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder.
Ansonville—A. R. Bell.
Charlotte-Belmont Park—A. L. Aycock.
Brevard Street—L. T. Cordell.
Calvary—A. R. Surratt.
Chadwick—R. L. Forbis.
Dilworth—L. B. Abernethy.
Hawthorne Lane—T. F. Marr, W. L. Nicholson, supernumerary.
Seversville—B. F. Hargett.
Spencer Memorial—C. M. Campbell.
Trinity—J. W. Moore.
Tryon Street—Z. E. Barnhardt.
Hickory Grove—K. H. Kennington.
Lilesville—W. S. Cherry.
Marshall—Seymour Taylor.
Matthews—J. E. McSwain.
Monroe-Central—H. H. Jordan.
North Monroe—J. R. Warren, supernumerary.
North Monroe—J. R. Warren, supernumerary.
Morven—S. T. Barber.
Pineville—W. F. Elliott.
Polkton—L. H. Griffith.
Prospect—M. A. Osborne.
Thrift—B. F. Fincher.
Unionville—T. J. Huggins.
Wadesboro—C. S. Kirkpatrick.
Waxhaw—E. Myers.
Weddington—E. P. Stabler.
Missionary to Japan—S. A. Stewart.
Missionary to Japan—N. S. Ogburn.
Dean Candler School of Theology—P. T. Durham.
Assistant Editor N. C. Christian Advocate—W. L. Sherrill.
Principal Southern Industrial Institute—J. A. Baldwin.
Conference Evangelist—G. W. Fink.
Secretary of Education—H. H. Jordan.
Salisbury District.
J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder.
Abemarle-Central—R. S. Howie, C. M. Gearty, supernumerary.
First Street—W. F. Stanford.
Abemarle Circuit—H. F. Starr, supernumerary.
Badin—J. E. B. Houser.
Bethel and Loves—R. F. Huneycutt.
China Grove—W. S. Hales.
Concord-Central—Z. Paris.
Eppworth-Center—M. H. Vesta.
Kerr Street—J. W. Strider.
Forest Hill—R. M. Taylor.

Westford-Harmony—A. P. Brantley.
Concord Circuit—P. L. Shore.
Cottonville and Oakboro—J. C. Brown, supply.
Gold Hill—E. M. Avett.
Kannapolis Station—G. W. Vick.
Kannapolis Circuit—J. S. Gibbs.
Mt. Pleasant—B. Wilson.
New London—S. E. Richardson.
Norwood-Randall—J. A. Bowles.
Salem Circuit—E. Y. Yates.
Salisbury-First Church—J. E. Abernethy.
Park Avenue—A. S. Raper.
South Main—P. W. Tucker.
Salisbury Circuit—R. C. Kirk.
Spencer-Central—E. E. Williamson.
G. A. B. Holderby, Jr., preacher.
East Spencer-North Main—R. K. Brady.
Woodleaf—E. J. Poe.
Agent Superannuate Fund—J. P. Rodgers.

Statesville District.
W. A. Newell, Presiding Elder.
Alexander—J. J. Edwards.
Catawba—J. T. Ratledge.
Cool Springs—R. A. Swearingen.
Davidson-Huntersville—M. B. Wooley.
Dudley Shoals—B. C. Reavis.
Granite Falls—H. G. Allen.
Hickory-First Church—W. O. Goode.
Hickory Circuit—J. A. Peele.
Iredell—D. C. Thompson, supply.
Lenoir Station—R. D. Sherrill.
Lenoir Circuit—Elmer Simpson.
Maiden—D. F. Carver.
Mooreville Station—L. A. Falls, J. W. Jones, Jr., preacher.
Mooreville Circuit—E. N. Crowder.
Mt. Zion—W. B. Davis.
Newton—R. M. Hoyle.
North Lenoir Circuit—J. H. Price.
Olin—R. L. Halton.
Rhodiss—John H. Green.
South Lenoir-Whitnel—D. A. Lewis, supply.
Statesville-Broad Street—L. D. Thompson.
Race Street—J. W. Williams.
Statesville Circuit—D. H. Rhinehart.
Stony Point—A. G. Lottin.
Troutman—J. C. Keever.
President Davenport College—J. B. Craven.
Professor Davenport College—E. J. Harbison.
Conference Missionary Secretary—R. M. Courtney.
Chaplain U. S. Army—O. L. Simpson.
Chaplain U. S. Army—W. A. Jenkins.
Army Y. M. C. A. Work—T. A. Groce.
Army Y. M. C. A. Work—G. M. Goforth.

Shelby District.
John F. Kirk, Presiding Elder.
Belmont—J. E. Thompson.
Belwood—D. W. Brown, L. E. Stacy and H. G. Stamey, supernumerary.
Bessemer—H. C. Byrum.
Cherryville—J. F. Moser.
Crouse—D. P. Waters.
Dallas—R. A. Taylor.
Gastonia-East End—A. Burgess.
Eighth Street—W. T. Albright.
Franklin Avenue—C. L. McCain.
Main Street—A. L. Stanford.
Kings Mountain—E. L. Kirk.
Lincolnton Station—D. H. Litaker.
Lincoln Circuit—O. C. Fortenberry.
Lowesville—J. A. Sharpe, Fred A. Price, Jr., preacher.
Mayworth—J. W. Kennedy.
McAdenville—S. M. Needham.
Mt. Holly—C. M. Short.
Polkville—C. E. Canipe.
Rock Spring—W. B. Shinn.
Shelby-Central—C. A. Wood.
Shelby Circuit—N. C. Williams.
South Fork—T. A. Plyler.
Stanley—L. L. Smith.

Marion District.
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder.
Bakersville—A. L. Lucas.
Bald Creek—J. B. Mitchell.
Broad River—D. S. Richardson.
Burnsville—J. P. Hornbuckle.
Cliffside—A. J. Burrus.
Connelly Springs—M. B. Clegg.
Enola—To be supplied.
Forest City—W. L. Dawson.
Hearletta-Caroleen—W. R. Shelton.
Marion Station—W. L. Hutchins.
Marion Circuit—M. G. Ervin.
Marion Mills—J. B. Folger.
McDowell—J. A. Fry.
Mica—W. J. Hackney.
Mill Spring—R. L. Shelton.
Morganton Station—C. M. Pickens.
Morganton Circuit—R. F. Mock.
Old Fort—N. M. Modlin.
Rutherfordton—T. C. Jordan.
Spruce Pine—J. P. Morris.
Spindale—J. B. Carpenter.
Table Rock—J. B. Taber.
Thermal City—M. W. Heckard.
Professor in Rutherford College—J. A. Walker.
Student Trinity College—T. F. Higgins.
Student Weaver College—S. P. Mauldin.
Army Y. M. C. A. Work—E. O. Smithdeal.

One of the things that helped to mop up that ex-Hindenburg line was the sturdy purchase of war savings stamps. Did you help?

TOTAL CASUALTIES 236,117

Eight Divisions National Guard and Army Will be Sent Home Soon.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Demobilization of the American expeditionary forces, already in progress with the movement homeward of sick and wounded, will be hastened by the return at an early date of eight divisions of national guard and national army troops, eight regiments of coast artillery and two brigades of field artillery. This announcement was made today by General Pershing, chief staff, on receipt of dispatches from General Pershing.

Total casualties to November 11, when hostilities ceased, were 236,117. This includes, General March said, killed and died of wounds, died of disease, unclassified death, wounded, prisoners and missing.

The divisions which General March said have been designated by General Pershing to return as soon as the sick and wounded have been moved to the United States, are:

National guard: Thirty-first (Georgia, Alabama, Florida,) 34th (Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota,) 38th (Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia), and 39th (Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana).

National army: Seventy-sixth (New England), 54th (Kentucky, Indiana and southern Illinois), 86th (northern Illinois), and 87th (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and southern Alabama).

The coast artillery regiments to return as soon as possible were announced as the 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 73d, 74th and 75th.

The two field artillery brigades to be brought home are the 65th and the 163rd. Eighty-two aero squadrons, 17 construction companies and several special units from England will be brought home as soon as transportation facilities are available, General March said.

Casualties sustained by the Americans were tabulated by General March as follows:

Killed and died of wounds, 36,154; died of disease, 14,811; deaths unclassified, 2,204; wounded, 179,625; prisoners, 2,163; missing, 1,160. Total, 236,117.

While the total losses suffered by the American army in France at the first glance appeared to be almost double the total estimated by officers here as probable, analysis of the table, it was pointed out, shows that among the 179,000 wounded are included the names of thousands of men whose injuries were so trivial that they never were admitted to hospitals and the record of their injury was kept only in company and regimental dressing stations. The final total of killed, died of wounds or diseases, or on the unclassified death list, the seriously wounded, and the prisoners and missing, officers believe will work out not in excess of 125,000.

The official figures show also nearly double the number of deaths from disease that have been made public to date. No explanation has been forwarded by General Pershing but it is assumed that the unexpected increase is due to the wide distribution of American and allied hospitals to which the men

were sent, making it a slow process to assemble the data.

The number of Americans taken prisoner by the Germans—little more than 2,000 is strikingly low in view of General March's announcement that a total "in round numbers" of 44,000 Germans had been captured by the Americans. The fact that the American armies have been moving forward continuously since they entered the battle doubtless accounts for the great difference.

The 1,160 men reported as missing probably include others who will be found to have been captured, some whose bodies will never be recovered, and others who may have become lost in the ranks of the French or British forces. The classification also covers the unidentified dead always to be expected when great bodies of troops are engaged.

General March said no report on the organization of the army of occupation had been received, but that the divisions designated by General Pershing for return were among those he could spare immediately. The order in which they will return has not been established. He also gave assurances that the war department had no intention of allowing the veterans of the battlefields of France and Belgium "to sneak into the country" unnoticed, but, that timely announcement would be made so that a laudate reception could be planned.

Secretary Baker supplemented General March's outline of demobilization plans later by stating that General Pershing was reducing his army to a strength of 30 divisions and would further reduce it as conditions justify. At an average strength of 40,000 men to a division which would cover all necessary auxiliary forces, this would mean that General Pershing would retain 1,200,000 in France from which the actual army of occupation and its reserves would be organized to provide against any possible emergency.

General March showed that virtually all of the supplemental army corps and army troops are to be withdrawn.

Big Hogs.

J. P. Bird, of Nealsville, killed a hog a few days ago that weighed 428 pounds. On the same day N. H. Bird killed a seven and one-half months old pig which weighed 238 pounds.

J. P. Ray killed a 13-months-old hog Tuesday that weighed 518 pounds.

The Grand Theatre announces that it has closed a contract with the American Film company for their new pictures featuring such well known and popular stars as Mary Miles Minter, William Russell and Margarita Fisher. These are high class features, just being released, and the first one shown will be Mary M. Minter in "The Eyes of Julia Deep", on next Monday.

All stores, banks, and business houses generally in Marion will be closed today, Thanksgiving Day.

The Bryson-Snyder Company offer special bargains Friday and Saturday. See ad. in this paper.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Davidson College went "over the top" in her United War Work campaign. Davidson's allotment was \$4,000 and the sum of \$7,179 was raised.

Geo. B. Justice, assistant commissioner of Labor and Printing of North Carolina, has resigned his position effective December 1 and will be succeeded by L. E. Nichols, of Raleigh.

Dr. Kenneth G. Matheson, president of the Georgia School of Technology, succeeds the late Edward K. Graham as regional director of the Student's Army Training Corps for the Southeast.

Governor Bickett has called a special term of Surry county court for February 10, Judge Levy presiding, to try the men arrested in Winston-Salem on the charge of inciting the riot-mob demonstration in the attempt to lynch the negro Russell High, charged with criminal assault. Thus far sixteen men have been arrested as guilty of aiding and abetting in the mob demonstration.

Fire of an unknown origin which originated in the basement of Hamoy's candy kitchen, entirely destroyed the Hotel Iredell building at Statesville Sunday morning. In addition to the loss of the hotel building which was complete, the stock of merchandise of the McLelland stores, the Iredell barber shop, Hamoy's candy kitchen and the Iredell Produce company, were completely burned up. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Influenza Death Toll in State Appalling.

During the month of October the epidemic of influenza levied a death toll in North Carolina in excess of even the highest estimates that were made while the epidemic was at its height. More than five thousand people in the State during October died from either influenza or influenza-pneumonia. The exact figures can not be given yet because of the incompleteness of reports from some of the counties.

A tabulation of the reports to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health shows the total number of deaths reported as resulting directly from the epidemic to be 4,805. It is known, however, that several counties have not reported in full, and that reports for October yet to be made will run the total above the five thousand mark.

Gaston and Forsyth counties, according to the figures at hand, suffered the heaviest losses, each having a total of 210 deaths. Wake was a close second, with a total of 208, with New Hanover third, its total being 164. Only one county in the State, Alleghany, reported no deaths from the epidemic during October. Two counties, Alexander and Clay, each reported one death. Among the other counties of the State the deaths are very evenly distributed according to population, showing that the entire State was affected by the epidemic, all sections suffering alike in the death toll levied.

McDowell reported 34 deaths from the epidemic during October.