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## METHODIST CONFERENCE

Sessions of Western North Carolina Conference to Open at Greensboro October 22.

The 30th session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, will be held in West Market Street church, Greensboro, beginning October 22, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington presiding.

Dr. E. L. Bain, the pastor, and the officers of West Market Street church are busy with preparations for the coming event. The conference this year will have in attendance 263 ministers in full connection, 39 probationers, serving as pastors, and 26 local preachers, who have charges. There are 88 lay delegates, 14 candidates for admission on probation and 69 lay members of the conference boards who are not delegates. Besides the bishop, there will be seven or eight connectional men and distinguished church workers as guests of the conference.

The Harvard plan of entertainment has been adopted by the conference, which is that lodging and breakfast are given the delegate, by the entertaining home, and dinner and supper provided by the conference at hotels and restaurants.

While the sessions of the conference proper begin October 22 at 9 o'clock a. m., many committees will meet October 21. Most of the delegates are expected to arrive on the afternoon of the 21st.

Conference usually adjourns on Monday following the opening on Wednesday.

J. Dobson McCurry Accepts Principalship of Garden City School.

Mr. J. D. McCurry, of Marion, has accepted the principalship of the Garden City school, and has already entered upon his work. Mr. McCurry is well known in McDowell county, as he has lived here during his entire life. He is a young man of splendid qualifications and the people of Garden City are well pleased with the way he is conducting the school. He is a graduate of Oak Ridge Institute and spent some time at the University of North Carolina. He joined the colors and saw service overseas.

On last Friday night the school gave an ice-cream and box supper. The proceeds will be spent for school furnishings. A neat sum was realized for the benefit of the school.

The people of this community are much interested in their school. They expect to have a modern building and a first-class high school as soon as ways and means can be provided. Already there is talk of a bond issue and special tax for this purpose. They have a number of acres of land and an admirable site for one of the best schools in the county.

## Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum	88 degrees
Minimum	42 degrees
Rain	0.00 inches
Sunshine per cent	.95

Federal court will be held in Salisbury Monday, October 20, beginning at 3 p. m.

## State Welfare Officer Speaks to Marion Audience.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson, of Raleigh, State Director of Child Welfare, was in Marion last Friday and spoke to the people of this community at the court house on the work of public charities and welfare. Mrs. Johnson is one of the leading women of the State. She has for a number of years been active in anything pertaining to the general welfare of the people. She is especially interested in promoting wholesome recreation, child welfare, and anything that means for the community betterment.

Mrs. Johnson's talk Friday night was along the line of the duties of the County Superintendent of Public Welfare. She went into details and explained his varied and delicate work. She emphasized and dwelt upon the qualifications and the type of person to fill the position. She insisted that it should be a person of education, leadership and of a sympathetic, highly Christian disposition.

Since Mrs. Johnson's visit to Marion much is being said with reference to the welfare work in McDowell county. The people are greatly interested it seems in this matter. It is expected that some action will be taken by the authorities with reference to the selection of a person for this work in a short time.

## County Board of Education to Meet Monday.

The County Board of Education will meet in regular session in the office of the County Superintendent on next Monday. There are a number of matters of importance for the consideration of the Board. As previously stated in these columns, the schools are over-taxed. Some provision it seems must be made for better facilities. Buildings and equipment are inadequate to take care of the unprecedented attendance and demands. The Board no doubt hopes to make some provision that will take care of the school interests of the county.

## Another Railroad May be Built Through Mountains.

Asheville, Sept. 29.—Announcement is made of the proposition to build another railroad through the heart of the mountains, this road to be built between Murphy, county seat of Cherokee county, on the North Carolina-Georgia line and Allen's gap. It will connect with the big band mill located there by the Whiting company. The road will open up virgin timber lands and W. H. Woodbury and associates have purchased 10,000 acres of land in the Beaverdam township, through which the road traverses, and this timber will come in over the road from the mouth of Hanging Dog creek, it being the plan for both companies to use the same road.

Monroe Hensley, Sunday at Weaverville, shot to death Lee Buckner. Hensley is alleged to have been drunk. Both men have large families.

S. Benton, Salisbury, while asleep Friday night, walked from a second story window, suffering a broken hip, a broken jawbone and other injuries.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 30.—There are a few cases of influenza in and around Old Fort.

George B. Strickland spent Saturday in Marion attending a teachers' meeting.

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and little daughter, Margaret, returned to Nashville last week after spending several weeks with relatives in Old Fort.

Miss May Anderson, who has recently returned from overseas service, spent several days in Old Fort the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. B. Strickland. She left last week for La Grange and Greenville, N. C., for brief visits, after which she will return to Washington, D. C., to resume her work in the Treasury Department.

Rev. R. F. Mock has returned from Spruce Pine, where he assisted in a series of revival meetings. The Baptists of Old Fort recently closed a successful revival, several additions were made to the church and some went to other churches.

Rev. Mr. Vesey, pastor of French Broad Avenue church, Asheville, assisted in the revival at the Baptist church for the past two weeks. He returned to Asheville Saturday.

I. H. and J. C. Greene returned Saturday from Spruce Pine, where they have been for the past several days engaged in the sale of land. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bradley, and Thaddeus Bradley left Sunday for Greenville, S. C., to attend the reunion of the 30th Division.

Mrs. Chaney and children left Monday for Asheville to spend Monday and Tuesday.

The flume which extends about seven miles up Curtis creek is almost completed. The flume will be used to transport acid wood, lumber, ties, etc. It was constructed at considerable cost and will be operated for several years. The lumber, etc., will be received by conveyors and placed on a platform and then loaded on cars.

### GREENLEE

Marion, Rt 2, Sept. 29.—A large crowd was in attendance at the ice cream supper at the school house last Saturday night.

J. R. Ledbetter spent one day last week in Asheville.

E. H. McCall of Old Fort is visiting his brother here.

Mason Ledbetter spent the week-end with relatives at Glenwood.

Henry McCall and Woodfin McCurry made a business trip to Asheville last Monday.

Millard and Sidney Hall spent Sunday with homefolks here.

Miss Eva Snipes and little brother, Glenn, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives at Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Grant have returned home after spending a week with relatives in Old Fort.

Miss Lonnie Snipes of Asheville is visiting her parents here.

G. L. Fleming and two sons spent one day last week in Asheville.

T. M. Burnett and V. I. Bradley spent Sunday with homefolks here.

### CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Sept. 29.—Rev. Wacaser is conducting a successful meeting at Pleasant Hill. There has been several conversions.

Mrs. John Parker and children recently returned from a visit to homefolks near Shelby.

Rev. Fletcher Simmons preached his farewell sermon as pastor to the Baptist congregation here Sunday.

Martin Swann has moved his family to the cotton mill village.

Misses Ellen and Ruby McGee of Ashford were guests of Mrs. John Yount during the week.

Mrs. T. J. Barnes is visiting her sister at Glenwood.

Miss Ora Shehan of Nebo spent the week-end with Mrs. J. H. Barnes.

Mrs. George Haney and daughter Mary, of Nealsville, spent the week-end with Mrs. Carolina Barnes.

Miss Lena Swann, of Marion, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

### NEBO

Nebo, Sept. 30.—Rev. A. P. Sorrels, Union Mills, preached at the Baptist church Sunday at eleven o'clock. There was a large crowd present and everyone seemed to enjoy his sermon.

Mrs. K. E. Simpson, of Rutherfordton, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson.

Miss Lois Kincaid is home from Morganton for a week's visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kincaid.

Rev. T. A. Drake and Edwin Brinkley went to Asheville Monday for a few days' stay in the interest of the Seventy-five million-dollar campaign that has been launched by the Baptist denomination of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Fairer Division of Cars Promised.

Washington.—Assurances of a fairer equalization of the coal car supply in the southern states in order that coal production can be increased to meet the demand this winter were given by A. G. Guthrie of the car service section of the railroad administration to a committee from southern states. The committee came to Washington to seek relief for that section of the country, and assurances were given at a conference between Mr. Guthrie, southern senators and members of that committee.

The committee announced it would accept the railroad administration's assurances but said if the promises were not carried out pressure for action would be brought against the railroad administration through southern senators. At conference the committee said it was not seeking any preferential rights but merely desired an adequate supply to enable mines in the southern states to increase their production.

## RIVAL FACTIONS MARSHAL FORCES FOR REAL FIGHT

Washington.—While the German peace treaty received only brief consideration in the senate, outside developments indicated that the factions were lining up for the real fight over the league of nations covenant.

The outstanding feature of the day was the announcement by Senator Johnson, republican, of California, that he would leave here for the Pacific coast to keep up his attack on the treaty, which was accepted to mean finally that his proposed amendment to equalize the voting power of the United States and Great Britain would not be called up for weeks hence.

## FITZPATRICK MAKES BOLD ASSERTION TO COMMITTEE.

Washington.—Appearing as labor's first witness in the senate investigation of the steel strike, John Fitzpatrick, of Chicago, chairman of the strikers' committee, declared that an agreement by the United States Steel corporation to arbitrate differences with its employees would result in an immediate end of the walkout, which, he said, now affects 340,000 men.

## President Wilson is Ill.

President Wilson, Friday, at Wichita, Kans., cancelled all remaining engagements of his speaking tour in the interest of the peace treaty and returned to Washington Sunday. The President acted under orders from his physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, who said in a formal statement that Mr. Wilson was suffering from "nervous exhaustion" and that while his condition was not alarming, a considerable period of rest would be "necessary for his recovery."

Quo Vadis Wooten, 14-year-old girl of Jones county, is in a precarious condition as the result of being shot in the back by her younger sister, the 22-caliber bullet striking the spinal column. The girl was asleep at the time and the shot did not awake her. When she awoke she was unable to move.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Lexington.—Charles Rothrock, age 90 years, died here at the home of his son, ex-County Treasurer E. A. Rothrock.

Winston-Salem.—The leaf tobacco sales on the local market this week aggregated 1,613,504 pounds. It brought an average of \$35.70 per hundred pounds.

Taylorsville.—O. F. Pool sustained the loss of his barn at All Healing Springs, two horses, three cows, 50 bushels of wheat, a quantity of fodder, a buggy, a number of farm implements by fire.

Lumberton.—Whether one or several cotton storage warehouses will be established in Robeson under the law as provided by the last legislature will be determined within the next few days.

Rocky Mount.—O. A. Snipes, for seven years postmaster of the local office, has resigned. The act upon Mr. Snipes' part was occasioned by a decline in health and the increasingly arduous duties.

Greensboro.—Vice President Thos. R. Marshall will speak in Greensboro early in November, it is announced by M. R. Vickers, of Durham, provided tentative plans which are now being developed may be carried to fruition.

Wilmington.—A general strike of skilled workmen went into effect at the plant of the Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation when over 1,000 men quit work as a protest against alleged discrimination in favor of negroes.

Selma.—Plans and arrangements are being made by several of the manufacturing enterprises in Selma to come to the state fair in October and be represented in the parade with floats. The chamber of commerce, the merchants' association, and the school will be well represented.

Sanford.—The Peoples' bank opened its doors for business. The management was well pleased with the way money came in from tobacco sales, as well as the general run of depositors.

This makes three banks for Sanford.

Lexington.—Lexington is well represented in the colleges of the state this year, a large number of young men and women leaving for Trinity, St. Mary's, Salem, North Carolina College for Women and elsewhere. A number of young women went to G. C. W., and a large number of young men will enter A. & E. college.

Charlotte.—Meeting for the first time of the fall season, directors of the Charlotte Y. W. C. A. accepted the resignation of Mrs. J. A. Durham as treasurer and named Miss Kate Stratton to that office.

Asheville.—When an automobile left the road and ran over an embankment on the Asheville-Canton highway Arthur May, of this city, was instantly killed and M. L. Lowe was seriously injured.

Gastonia.—At an enthusiastic meeting of citizens of Gastonia it was decided to go ahead at once with the establishment of a Y. M. C. A., to cost not less than \$150,000.

Wilmington.—Work will begin in the near future on a handsome \$100,000 office building which will be occupied on completion by Alexander Sprunt & Sons, Inc., one of the largest cotton exporting corporations in the world.

Rocky Mount.—Approximately 40 gallons of white lightning whiskey, otherwise known as monkey rum, with a total valuation, according to prevailing prices, of about \$1,600 and a big Mitchell touring car were seized when police officers arrested L. J. Bridges, a railroad man and O. D. Murray, a local plumber.

In India only 12 women in every 1,000 of full age can read and write.