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## METHODIST YEAR CLOSURE

Rev. W. L. Hutchins Preaches Strong Sermon, Eulogizing Pioneers of Church.

The annual conference of the Methodist Church, South, of Western North Carolina met Wednesday of this week at Greensboro. At these annual conferences pastors are assigned to the various churches of the conference, and the year's work is reviewed and the work for the following year is outlined. It is a great coming together of preachers, officials, and other interested in the work of the church.

The Greensboro conference is expected to be the most largely attended of any ever held in Western Carolina. The Methodists of the city have arranged for the entertainment of all who will be present at the sessions of the conference.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of the Marion Methodist church, and family left Tuesday to be present at the conference. Rev. Hutchins has been here nearly two years, succeeding the late Dr. Scroggs. During his pastorate of the Marion church he and his family have greatly endeared themselves, not only to the Methodist congregation, but to the entire people of the community. Under the rules of the church a Methodist preacher does not know until the appointments are read at the final meeting of the conference whether he will succeed himself, or be sent to a new field. The work of Rev. Hutchins has been universally satisfactory, however, that local Methodists and the people generally hope he will return to the Marion church.

Sunday being the last of the conference year the local Methodist pastor took advantage of the occasion to talk of the work of the Methodist church. He told of his early history, of the great and heroic sacrifices of the early pioneer Methodist circuit rider whose heart and soul were with a great mission, braving the perils of the time when the country was young, laid the foundation on which the present great church is built. He closed the sermon with an appropriate and beautiful eulogy to the circuit rider, in verse of his own production, as follows:

Do you know those war-scarred heroes, and why all their faces shine?  
Can you tell me, gentle comrade, where they've been?  
They are a troop of Circuit Riders, from the "far-flung battle line,"  
Where the foe of man is fighting hard to win.  
These knights of God are coming from the mountains and the sea,  
Shout it not, for they are humble, modest men;  
They are coming from the conflict to report their victories  
And to hear their marching orders, "Go again."

Some have climbed the rugged mountains and with faces toward the dawn  
Have seen a gleam of gold along the gray;  
Have seen the mist of morning like a silver veil withdrawn  
Before the light of God's on-coming day.  
Some have watched along the sea-shore, where the storms are breaking wild,  
God's rescue men who stand along the shore;

They are men who fear no danger when the mad waves high have piled;  
They are bravest when the storms most loudly roar.  
Can you feel hell's pillars trembling

when these men are on their knees,  
For they dare the Arch Fiend's fell malevolence;  
And the world is being lifted by their importuning pleas,  
For they loose the power of God Omnipotence.

They can storm the forts of Heaven with their thunderbolts of prayer;  
They can move our Ancient God upon His throne;  
For their faith knows no denial; "Ever on to do and dare."  
Is the motto of these men to self unknown.

They are men in dire privation who stand bravely at their post,  
And they count not even life to them as dear;

They are quick to hear His summons and they never count the cost,  
When the Captain calls each man replying, "Here."

Some have fallen in the battle and their weary flesh is dust,  
For them the sunset bugle call has blown,  
And their unforgotten ashes are the nation's sacred trust

While their soldier-spirits march before the throne.  
O, to fall as they have fallen, and to win as they have won!  
O, to stand with them and hear the King's behest:

Come ye blessed of my Father to the Kingdom of His Son;  
Enter ye, our faithful soldiers, into rest.

## Graded School Honor Roll.

The first month of school for the year 1919-1920 was very satisfactory. The attendance for the month surpassed all previous records. The first, second, third and sixth grades have the largest enrollment. The enrollment for the month is as follows: Primary and Grammar grades 370, with an average attendance of 335; high school 102, with an average attendance of 97.

The honor roll for the first month is very good. The purpose of the honor roll is to encourage earnest and systematic study, promptness and regularity in attendance, and good deportment. The requirements for the honor roll are: An average grade of 90% on all subjects, not less than 90 on deportment, and a perfect attendance record—100%.

Below is the honor roll for the first month, ending October 10:

Primary Department—Hubert Bolch, Fred Conley, Ralph Lewis, James Stepp, Charles Sinclair, Helen Grayson, Lettie Jones, Mary Rabb, Rena Turner, Jodie Henline, Jabaze Wilson, Francis Ballard, Alvin Banks, Charlie Boone, Alvin Finley, Kenneth Whitener, Virginia Yancey, Thurley Franklin, Hazel Whitten, Paul Branch, Kate Cowan, Alice Holmes, Nora Lewis, Beatrice Pearson and Carrie Silvers.

Grammar Grades—Jeannette Gilkey, Benson Davis, Guyon Whitten, Lila Mae Lonon, Francis Bush, Teddy Saunders, Floyd Glenn, Crowson Gwin, Hugh Bowden, Clyde Moody, Maude Epley, Jewel Reid Giles, Mary Tate, Dorothy Gilkey, Margaret Craig, Mary Alice Laughridge and Carlton Gilkey.

High School—Lucile Conley, Madge Finley, Elizabeth Reid, Pearl Wilkerson, Josephine Bush, Alice Roane Cross, Irene Franklin, Alda Norton, Luna Wall, Jonsie Conley, Mary O. Conley, Ruth Cowan, Kate M. Ellis, Viola Giles, Wahlee Greene, Paul Story, Leona Bush, Pauline Hawkins, Mayo Laughridge, Mae Curtis.

Distinction Honor Roll—Conie Joe Lewis, Kathryn McCall, Mary K. Ouzts, Mildred Holton, Everrett Henley, Harry McCall, Pearl Lewis, Lenoir Bird and Sarah Margaret Neal.

## BUDGETS FOR SCHOOLS

State Department of Education Issues Drastic Rules Governing Budgets.

Blank forms and rules governing county budgets for schools have been sent out by the State Department of Education at Raleigh and are now in the hands of county superintendents.

The rules governing budgets are very drastic. County boards of education cannot exceed the salaries as allowed by law under the regulations of the State department. The salaries of teachers are based very largely on the grade of certificate held and the number of years experience. The maximum salary allowed second grade teachers is \$45.

In estimating the number of teachers allowed for each school county boards are required to use as a basis of this estimate the average attendance of the schools. The law in this respect reads as follows:

"In schools where during the preceding year the average number of children attending such school daily was not less than 65 pupils funds may be apportioned for paying the salaries of three teachers, and in schools where during the preceding year the average number of children attending daily was not less than 95 pupils funds may be apportioned for paying the salaries of four teachers, and in schools where during the preceding year the average number of children attending such school daily exceeds 95 pupils funds may be apportioned for one additional teacher for each 30 additional pupils in average daily attendance in said school."

This means that in estimating the number of teachers for which the State will make apportionment in any particular district that the State will take as a basis the sworn figures of the county superintendent and board of education as to the average daily attendance in each particular school during the preceding year. If a school is using more teachers than is allowed under the regulation of daily attendance, the salary of such teachers would have to be taken care of from other funds than those allowed by the State.

Section 7 of rules governing budgets reads as follows:

"Every teacher who does not have, according to the records of the State Board of Examiners, a State Certificate, will automatically be considered as holding a second grade certificate and the apportionment from the State Public School Fund made accordingly."

There are doubtless a number of teachers at present teaching in the schools who, waiving the question of slight technicalities, would be entitled to first grade certificates. Owing to certain technicalities in a number of instances some teachers have been unable to secure certificates; other teachers have been negligent in having their records properly certified with the Board. In any event, any teacher teaching in any school, unless the records of the State Board of Examiners show that she holds a first grade certificate, will be classed as a second grade teacher and the State will make the apportionment allowed for second grade teachers, which

is not more than \$45. Should any second grade teacher be receiving less than this amount the State will apportion amount of the teacher's salary. Teachers who do not hold State certificates and are drawing more than \$45 are doing so in violation of the law and regulations governing teachers' salaries. County boards of education who permit such violations are doing so at their own peril. It is therefore a matter of supreme importance to every one connected with the school work that their records are clear as to this matter of certification. Under the regulations of the State Board, teachers will be given until December 15th in which to have their certificates put in force; and all teachers who do not comply with the regulation by that time will be subject to Rule 7, as quoted above.

There are two distinct funds in Budget—the salary fund and the building and incidental fund. The teachers' salary fund cannot be used for any other purpose than the payment of teachers' salaries. Heretofore it has been possible, in case a school did not use up all its apportionment, that the balance might be used for repairs or in purchasing equipment for the school. Hereafter school boards and committeemen cannot use the teachers' salary fund for purposes other than for paying salaries. The building and incidental fund is made up of poll taxes, fines and forfeitures, dog taxes and any special property taxes that the county commissioners might levy. This fund will be very much limited. County boards of education will be seriously handicapped in making appropriations for buildings, supplies, etc., because of the limitation of this fund. The law provides that county boards may pay not exceeding one half of the cost of erecting buildings and providing equipment, and of course this amount is limited. It does not mean that under certain conditions the board could pay even one-half, because if one-half of the cost of any building should exceed the amount of the building fund, then the board could not make the one-half appropriation. Each district is supposed to raise by private subscription or otherwise at least one-half the cost of buildings and equipment before they can, under the law, expect any aid from the county. The State does not make any appropriation whatever for buildings. It does, however, have a fund known as the Loan Fund from which counties may borrow money, but the money so borrowed has to be repaid, with interest. From the building and incidental fund must be paid the commissions or salary of the county treasurer, the cost of libraries, the State loan fund, expenses of county superintendent, fuel, janitors and other expenses. It is easily seen, therefore, that the most rigid economy will have to be applied in governing all incidentals, administration and building expenses.

The law, of course, is new and doubtless changes will be found necessary. Its authors do not claim for it perfection, but it is the best that they could provide from past experience. It will possibly work hardships in some counties and in some school districts.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### OLD FORT

Old Fort, Oct. 21.—Clarence Mauney and Harry Burgin are attending the State fair in Raleigh this week.

Ed Lonon and Arthur Jordan left Monday for Akron, Ohio.

N. L. Bloomer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Mashburn.

Jack Hoffman and F. M. Green spent a few days in Asheville last week.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Mock, Sunday, October 19, a daughter.

Miss Bessie Smith of Greenville, S. C., is visiting Miss Myrtle McCurry.

Paul Harmon entertained in honor of the world war veterans Saturday night.

Mrs. I. L. Caplin has returned from a visit to relatives at China Grove.

W. H. Byrd of Asheville visited relatives here Sunday.

J. C. Grant, the six-year-old child of Ms. and Mrs. D. Y. Grant, died last week while on a visit in Gastonia. Their little daughter is reported as being very ill.

Rev. R. F. Mock left Tuesday for Greensboro to attend the Methodist conference which is in session there this week. J. N. Nesbitt and M. F. Hoffman are the delegates to conference from the Old Fort church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Early and little daughter, Geneva, spent Sunday in Marion.

Following is the honor roll of the Old Fort Graded school for the month of September: First grade: Clarence Adams, Jessie Godfrey, Paul Marlow, Lyle Stepp, Lula Brown, Enla Brown, Myrtle Connor, Gertie Connor, Pressley Connor, Mary Grant, Martha Hughes, Worth Arrington, Robert Bird, Ebel Bird, Grady Justice, Gordon Lonon, Clyde Nesbitt, Paul Pelts, Benlah Calloway, Irene Jordan, Christina McDaniel, Vera Oats and Geneva Stepp. Second grade: Pauline Noblitt, Elva Noblitt, Dorothy Spencer, Bessie Lail and Francis Sherrill. Fourth grade: Elizabeth Strickland and Allie Stepp. Fifth Grade: Beatrice Adams, Carroll Sawyer, Kate Keener and Ward Treverton. Sixth and seventh grades: Gordon Kanipe, Earl Nesbitt, Albert Noblitt, Francis Strange, Jamie Parker and Muriel Strange.

### DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Oct. 21.—Murray Cooper and little child died Sunday, October 13. Interment was made at Trinity church.

Mrs. Mamie Greene of Marion spent the week end with her bother, J. M. Goforth.

The Dysartsville school will open next Monday with Prof. M. S. Giles as principal.

T. E. Satterwhite is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

The fourth quarterly conference of the Thermal City charge was held here last Saturday and Sunday. Most all assessments were reported paid in full.

Misses Mamie and Lona Goforth visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

Farmers are quite busy gathering corn and preparing to sow wheat.

### Mr. J. J. Britt III.

Asheville, Oct. 18.—J. J. Britt, former congressman from the 10th district, who has been ill here for several months, has gone to Mayo brothers at Rochester, Minn., to take treatment. Mr. Britt's condition has been considered serious for some time and he has been confined to his bed most of the time during the past few weeks. He is said to be suffering from heart trouble.

The part that will very probably be more criticised is that part which governs salaries and certificates from a centralized authority at Raleigh. The object, however, is to try to secure uniformity in the qualifications of teachers and salaries. Whether or not this can ever be done is yet to be seen. There are arguments to both sides of the question.