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SOME OF THE THINGS THE METHODISTS STAND FOR

(Report of Board of Temperance and Social Service, adopted by North Carolina Methodist Conference recently at its session at Rocky Mount.)

Your board believes that in these abnormal times the influence of the church ought to be felt along all practical lines and that only as the principles of Christianity shall permeate the actions of men in the changes that are now taking place will our nation be saved from strikes, lock-outs, anarchy and other forms of lawlessness. The various "isms" and organizations spreading abroad in the land give the clarion call to the church to apply the doctrines of Christ to all the details of human society.

A League of Nations.

We believe that all difficulties, differences and misunderstandings arising between nations should be settled by some organization of nations. We deplore the fact that the "League of Nations" has not yet been ratified by this country and we still hope that a way will be found whereby this nation may become a member of the league.

Negro Problem and Lynching.

When Christians learn to do unto others as they would have others do unto them, the negro problem will be in the process of solution and profiting and lynching will become a thing of the past.

The Cigarette.

We repeat our statement of one year ago that "the cigarette is an evil and its use is injurious. The law of the State forbids its use by or gift to any one under sixteen. Our conviction is that this law is not properly enforced. We give it our endorsement and call on citizens and officers to see to its enforcement."

Moving Picture Shows.

In view of the many indecent and immoral pictures that are exhibited in the moving picture theatres all over this country, threatening the morals and Christian ideals of our people and poisoning the minds and hearts of our children, we believe that this conference should memorialize our State Legislature to provide for a State Board of Censors, who shall pass upon all films sent to the State for public exhibition.

Sunday Baseball and Like Games.

We deplore the practice of games such as golf and baseball on the Sabbath and hereby memorialize our State Legislature to enact a State-wide law prohibiting the same.

Street Carnivals.

We believe that the street carnivals exhibited in many of our towns and cities do no good and much harm, and we urge the authorities of the municipalities to use all present law to prohibit them. We name J. J. Boone, Dr. M. Bolton and Luther Hamilton as a committee to co-operate with like committees from other organizations to investigate the matter of legislation concerning the exhibiting of such carnivals and to secure further legislation, if need be.

For Sabbath Observance.

We urge Congress to enact a law for Sabbath observance in the District of Columbia and a law for the nation to stop all Sunday mails, post-offices, railroad trains and newspapers.

OUTLOOK FOR TOBACCO GROWERS NONE TOO BRIGHT

Some Worthwhile Views Expressed By the Southern Tobacco Journal.

Tobacco farmers, or at least many of the more thoughtful ones, seem to be deeply in earnest about controlling acreage and marketing tobacco. From the beginning of the seasons efforts have been made to induce farmers to hold back their tobacco until there should be an improvement in prices. In the face of all the efforts that have been made farmers have been and are still selling their tobacco as rapidly as possible. To tell the truth, as we believe it, we do not believe that those who have sold will lose by the transaction. We are candidly of the opinion that there will be no early improvement in prices. It may be that in the course of a few months there will be an improvement, but we scarcely think so.

But as to the future? Those who are in earnest about improvement, the solution should be guarded and controlled by those things that are practical. The only fair way to sell tobacco is at public auction. That is a fact that can not be denied. Now as to the marketing of the crop. We believe there is a way by which a great improvement could be made. One thing is that farmers should be required to sell their tobacco in larger piles. If this could be done congestion would be prevented and it would be much better for all concerned. As to the matter of acreage reduction, that is a matter for each farmer to decide, and he can do it—Southern Tobacco Journal.

I WANT TO BE THE POSTMASTER

of Oxford and ask the good will and support of the patrons of the office. Don't sign or endorse for anyone till you have given all candidates a chance to see you. W. L. PEACE.

THERE WILL BE NO BOMBS EXPLODED HERE CHRISTMAS LIBRARY.

Mayor Stem Has Already Seen and Heard Enough Fireworks.

Our little boy friend around the corner called at the Public Ledger office the other day merely to say: "I bet you will have plenty of big bombs, firecrackers and fireworks next Christmas."

"Why do you think there will be a big noise here next Christmas?" we asked.

"Because Mayor Stem was in the World War and he likes to hear a big noise," said the little man. "He is not nervous like daddy and mother, and you might throw a sure enough bomb right in front of him and he wouldn't skid one bit."

We endeavored to explain to our little friend that Mayor Stem loves all good children and that he stands for their rights and suggested that Mayor Stem is of the opinion that a small firecracker is sufficiently large to be heard by Santa Claus.

"If we don't make a noise Santa will stop in Henderson and Durham and not come to Oxford," said the little boy, "we've got to make a noise and have the fireworks to make him come to Oxford."

Other towns in this part of the country have put the ban on fireworks during the holidays, in some instances forbidding them by ordinances which prevent their sale. A few years ago the average town in this section spent hundreds of dollars on racket-creating devices during the holidays.

A MALIGNANT BREW IS POPULAR HERE

Can You Conceive Of a More Hellish Concoction?

Some where in the shadowy hills and hollows of Stokes county it is said there are men making mean likker. They say that the likker which these men make is so mean that a drink of it will induce you to hit your mother-in-law, and that a debauch from it is worse than the flu. Some one who eviently escaped, has furnished The Reporter with the formula of the diabolical concoction, to wit:

Sugar or molasses 20 lbs.
Stable manure 1 bushel
Ivy root 10 lbs.
Tobacco 5 boxes
Concentrated lye 2 tin hands

The sugar or molasses is supposed to temper down, but the compost makes you rise; the ivy root brings on the stagger; tobacco befuddles the brain, and the lye furnishes the fire.

Can you conceive of a more hellish brew? Can you imagine a digestion that would withstand this corrosive? What brain would not turn topsy-turvy what stomach would not heave at the very thought of it?

Yet there are plenty of fellows that will guzzle it, will lie for it, steal for it, and almost die for it. After soaking it they walk like a sick rooster and their breath smells like a skunk. They talk non-sense, repeating over and under, and wink the watery eye at every fool sentence. In other words they become idiots while the brew burns, and invalids when it cools down.—Danbury Reporter.

THE FATAL GRADE CROSSINGS IN AND AROUND OXFORD

People Are Becoming More Careless Every Year.

There are several dangerous railway crossings in and around Oxford. The one at the north end of the local Southern yard is particular dangerous to a large number of school children who pass that point twice daily. Two children were killed at this crossing three or four years ago and we fear there will be other fatalities.

The alarming feature of the situation is that, in spite of efforts made by railroad and highway officials, and precautions taken in the way of automatic signals, watchmen, etc., there is a steady increase in the number of grade crossing accidents each year.

During the past three years there were three times as many American citizens killed or injured at grade crossings as were killed during the Revolutionary War. During the principal battles of the Revolution there were 6,600 Americans killed or injured while during the three years, 1917-1919, there were 19,668 men, women and children killed or injured in grade crossing accidents, of which number 5,605 died of their injuries within 24 hours after the accident.

The motorist is partially or entirely to blame for many of the fatalities at railway crossings. He does not observe the precaution necessary or is willing to take a chance on "beating the train to the crossing." No grade crossing can be made absolutely "fool proof," regardless of the safety devices used to protect the traveler. The solution is the under or overhead crossing and why the railroad and highway officials have not enough sense to see it that way is beyond us.

Your battery should have water about every two weeks. Stop at Wildard Service Station.

AT OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH WILL COME TO A CLOSE TONIGHT

Dr. Bruner Has Accomplished Much Good Here.

The protracted meeting which has been in progress at the Oxford Baptist Church for more than a week will come to a close tonight. Dr. Bruner, who has been assisting Dr. Harte with the meetings will preach his last sermon of the series tonight.

The meetings have been largely attended, and the people of the community profited by the strong sermons delivered by Dr. Bruner.

NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

—For the first time in several years, wheat sells for less than \$1.50 a bushel in Chicago.

—Benny Leonard retains his championship by knocking out Joe Wellington the 14th round.

—Anti-vice crusaders from Washington and states north are soon to visit North Carolina.

—State board of elections announces results of vote for Congress in November elections.

—R. H. Latham, of Winston-Salem, is elected president of the N. C. teachers assembly at Asheville.

—Harding makes detailed inspection of Pacific end of the Panama canal, studying defense problems.

—American Legion representatives propose to cut red tape in government bureaus dealing with disabled soldiers.

—L. V. Graves, former postoffice clerk at Henderson, admits in federal court robbing mails of about \$20,000.

—Reorganization of the national guard is proceeding very slowly, according to Major General Carter's report.

—R. W. Bolling, Wilson's brother-in-law, is a victim of "attempted blackmail," in the opinion of J. T. Meehan, of the shipping board.

—At Governor Cornwall's request 400 picked federal troops are sent into the West Virginia coal strike zone.

—Reduction in prices of bars, plates and structural shapes is announced by independent steel companies.

—Friends of Judge Pritchard will urge his appointment to the supreme court bench when the first vacancy occurs after Harding is inaugurated.

—Boost for hard-surfaced roads through northwestern counties is given at banquet in Winston attended by representatives of eight counties.

—Legislation to force the railroads to place gates or watchman at all grade crossings will be proposed in the N. C. legislature.

—Charged with murder of Fred D. Shepard, "Georgia Peach King," his former wife, her sister and son are arrested after poison is found in his exhumed body.

NORTH CAROLINA GETS MANY FAVORS FROM THE HARBOR BILL

Cape Fear River Alone Allotted \$695,000 In Measure To Go Before Congress.

(Washington Special)

Harbor and waterways improvement and maintenance will require appropriation of \$78,207,665 for the fiscal year of 1921, according to estimates of Major General Lansing H. Beach, chief of army engineers, in his annual report made public. He recommended a rivers and harbors bill total of \$57,206,715, supplemented by sundry civil items aggregating \$10,982,950 for continuing contracts and other items in other money bills.

The recommendations will be incorporated in the annual estimates submitted to Congress at its session December 6.

Wilmington, N. C. district: Maneto Bay \$4,500; Pamlico and Tar rivers \$8,500; Neuse river \$15,000; Beaufort \$6,000, waterways; Core Sound to Beaufort \$2,500; Beaufort inlet \$9,100, Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington \$695,000; North-east river \$3,000; Black river \$2,000.

EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE FARMERS HAVE ENROLLED

We learn from Mr. P. W. Knott, secretary-treasurer of the Granville County Tobacco Grower's Association, that 80 percent of the farmers of the county have signed the pledge. Only a very few have refused to enroll, said Mr. Knott.

Mr. Knott, who is in close touch with the farmers and the general conditions, feels very much encouraged with the outlook of the organization.

HAVE YOU ANSWERED THE RED CROSS ROLL CALL

The membership campaign for the Red Cross has been far from satisfactory. Three hundred and fifty members is far too small a number when 1400 joined last year.

The county reports have not been received at all. These should be sent in at once. Join today at Mr. Wood's store.

Readjustment Sale.
See the adv of Cohn & Son on the fifth page of this paper. The figures speak for themselves.

NORTH CAROLINA GIVES PARTY LARGEST MAJORITY IN ENTIRE UNION

The State Board of Elections, now in session at Raleigh, states that the official vote of two counties at the November election are lacking, but the returns in hand indicates that the Democratic victory was greater than the first reports indicated, and that the Amendments carried by such majorities as have never been heard of in these parts before.

Largest In the Union.

The party ticket will run slightly past 80,000 and the majority for the amendments, with two counties missing, runs past 177,000 votes, or more than 50,000 beyond the hopes of the most ardent supporters of the proposal to levy a tax on incomes and make the payment of poll tax no longer a prerequisite to voting. North Carolina's majority for the party is bigger than that returned by any State in the Union and it is the only State to give an increased majority over the last preceding elections.

Total Vote 550,000.

The process was virtually a doubling up of any vote, majority, or plurality that had ever been cast before in any Southern State except Texas. Cameron Morrison has indicated vote of 308,000 while to his opponent fell a vote of 230,000.

Cause Of Wonderment.

The vote piled up in some counties where it was generally assumed that there would be a light vote is the cause of some wonderment. And there is also the fall of Mecklenburg for long years banner vote producer in the State, giving over first place to Buncombe and taking fourth place down the party table in the State, with Guilford and Forsyth in second and third places respectively.

Stedman's Vote.

Major Charles M. Stedman, democratic candidate for Congress in the Fifth District, received 45,301; Merritt, republican, 38,448. Majority 6,817.

THIRTIETH DIVISION BEING REORGANIZED IN NATIONAL GUARD OF THREE STATES

Included In The Authorized Units For State In One Division Of Air Service With 13 Airplanes Attached.

North Carolina and its sister States of Tennessee and South Carolina, which furnished the machinery for breaking the Hindenburg line some two years back, is to have that same organization, the Immortal Thirtieth Division, reorganized in the National Guard of the three States, and ready for another emergency whenever it may come, according to an announcement from the office of Adjutant General John Van B. Metts.

The Plan.

Under the plans received North Carolina will have one regiment of infantry, one engineer regimental headquarters, one engineer battalion, engineer headquarters and supply company, one division of air service, medical regimental headquarters, hospital company, ambulance battalion headquarters, an ambulance company, medical supply section, medical laboratory, veterinary company, truck company, wagon company, service park unit, signal company and one motorcycle company.

Heavy Artillery Also.

In addition to these outfits the following have been allotted to the State militia organization: one regiment of artillery equipped with 155 mm howitzers; one balloon company one squadron of cavalry; two companies of coast artillery; one anti-aircraft company, one truck company and one auxiliary engineer battalion. The complete personnel of officers and men included in the State's quota of the Division will be 5,311 officers and men.

GAME LURES PROMINENT MEN TO EASTERN CAROLINA

Bud Fisher and Others Enjoy the Thrills.

The sounds country has been given good advertising recently by Rex Beach in his magazine article on the shooting around Ocracoke and the guides which make it a famous hunting center. The lodges all along the coast and in the woods, says the Kinross Free Press, have been made shipshape for what may be a record business. The usual number of celebrities are looked for. Besides Beach, who has been "at it so long he hunts like a native," they say which is a big honor to be paid an Nimrod, Christy Mathewson, Grantland Rice, Bud Fisher and a lot of others have enjoyed the thrills which come with a fall or winter outing in Eastern Carolina. The late ex-President Cleveland and Admiral Robley Evans were habitual hunters in the sounds.

Gasoline Output Records Smashed.
All gasoline output records were broken during the month of September, the bureau of mines announced this week. Refineries produced an average of 15,000,000 gallons, making the output total for the first nine months of 1920 three and a half billion gallons, as compared with 2,900,000,000 gallons during the same period in 1919.

MISS BETTIE MAE CHEATHAM BRIDE OF DR. McDOWELL

"Wayside Farm," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Cheatham on Oxford Route 3, was the scene of a lovely marriage on Saturday morning when their daughter Miss Bettie Mae Cheatham became the bride of Dr. Francis C. McDowell, of Zebulon. The living and music rooms were thrown together and tastily decorated with ferns, chrysanthemums and cathedral candles. Promptly at high noon Miss Annie McDade, of Richmond, accompanied by Miss Sallie Charles Cheatham, of Henderson, sang a group of songs: "Until," "Sunset," "Believe Me," and "Those Endearing Young Charms."

Rev. F. M. Shamburger, of Newbern, performed the ceremony. He was followed by the little ring bearer, Ira Howard, Jr., who carried the ring in a white rose. The maid of honor, Miss Nita Woodard, of Wilson, wearing white taffeta embroidered in silver and wearing a white picture hat, came next, carrying yellow chrysanthemums; Misses Mary Eccles Cheatham, of Wilson, and Laureta Howard, of Oxford, scattered chrysanthemum petals before the bride, who entered on the arm of her father. She wore a French gown of white taffeta with veil and orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The groom and his best man, Dr. Charles A. Woodard, of Wilson, met the bride at the altar. During the ceremony which was particularly impressive, Miss Sallie C. Cheatham played Fraumere. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for an extended northern tour.

The bride is a most talented young woman a graduate of Peace Institute, and of a charming personality. The groom, Dr. McDowell, is a very prominent physician of Zebulon and enjoys a large circle of friends who are congratulating him on winning so lovely a bride.

Among the out of town guests were: Miss Beth Easley, Clarksville, Va.; Miss Mattie White, Elizabeth City; Miss Rosebud Winn, Clarksville, Va.; Miss Annie Osborne, Lawrenceville, Va.; Miss Olivia Cheatham, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. H. Osborn, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allen, Raleigh; Mr. Reynolds Allen, Raleigh; Mrs. Theodore Cheatham, Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Johnson, Weldon; Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Shamburger, Newbern; F. F. Harding, Raleigh.

MUSICAL BENEFIT FOR BRANTWOOD HOSPITAL

An Unusual Attractive Program Being Arranged For the Occasion.

Lovers of music and the citizens of Oxford have a treat in store and also an opportunity to contribute to a worthy cause in the near future. Miss Berte Hutchings and Mr. William Pace, Jr., accompanied by Miss Mary Webb, are planning to give a musical at an early date for the benefit of Brantwood. Miss Hutchings, whose beautiful voice is so much admired by Oxford people, always receives a generous ovation and this occasion will prove no exception. Miss Webb's talent is too familiar and too much admired in Oxford to need any introduction. Mr. Pace has just returned from New York where he has been studying and has a supply of lovely new songs and familiar ones to which he will use at this Recital. With three such gifted musicians a lovely program is being arranged and no one can afford to miss it. It is sincerely hoped that a crowded audience will greet these musicians and a large sum may be realized for our newest and greatest institution—Brantwood. The date will be announced in the next issue of the Public Ledger.

TWO WAKE MEN HELD FOR SIMULTANEOUS MURDER OF WIVES

Charles Davis, Wealthy Farmer, and Sam Shadrick, of Near Wake Forest, Jailed.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 30.—Charles Davis, wealthy Wake county farmer, and Sam Shadrick, also a planter who lives near Wake Forest, were placed in jail here yesterday and are being held in connection with the killing of their wives.

Although Davis and Shadrick live only about ten miles apart, the two women are reported to have been slain about the same time.

NEGRO POPULATION OF THREE LARGE CITIES

Washington, Nov. 29.—The census bureau made public the white and colored population of Baltimore, Louisville and Cincinnati.

Baltimore has 108,290 negroes or 14.8 percent of her total population of 733,826.

Cincinnati has 29,636 negroes or 7.4 percent of her total population of 401,247.

Louisville has 40,118 negroes which is 17.1 percent of her total population of 234,891.

—Miss Jessie White continues quite ill at the home of her father J. F. White on College St. Grave fears are entertained for her recovery.

REMARKABLE TURKEY TALES FROM FISHING CREEK

Uncle Jack Wilson Has Had a Remarkable Experience In His Day and Time.

A few days ago Uncle Jack Wilson, the famous shot of Granville county, while out hunting on his place in Fishing Creek, near Bethel Church, saw something approaching him from across the river. When he first saw the speck in the sky he thought, perhaps, it was a flying machine, but when it was about 100 hundred yards in front of him, above the tree tops, he placed his gun against his shoulder and fired, and a 11 pound turkey fell at his feet.

There is nothing so very remarkable about the above incident as compared with some experiences of Uncle Jack Wilson, who long ago acquired the reputation of being the best shot in this section of the State. Some of his experiences are worthy of note.

"There was an old turkey gobbler in our section some years ago," said Uncle Jack, "that evaded the hunters for more than five years. We built a dozen or more blinds in the neighborhood and hoped to capture him, but he evaded all of them and refused to eat anything we spread in front of the blinds. However, I was determined to capture him at all hazards; I found out where he roosted and built a blind close at hand and crawled into it about a half an hour before sun down and awaited his arrival. He finally made his appearance down the path, and just as I was ready to pull down on him he sprang behind a large pine tree; I closed in, but he managed to keep the tree between him and me; finally I made a lung and fired one barrel and broke his wing; unfortunately I stumbled and fell and the end of the gun stuck in the ground, and before I was ready to fire the second shot the old gobbler disappeared."

On another occasion Uncle Jack wounded a large gobbler and threw his gun down and chased him as he ran away. "After running him 100 yards I caught him by the leg and we had it hot and heavy for ten minutes before I was able to subdue him."

One of the most remarkable experiences of Uncle Jack, which he is fond of relating, was when he had 30 possums in a large cage. "One of the possums was so fat he could hardly move around in the pen," said Uncle Jack. "One night I captured a small possum and put him in the pen with the others, and what do you suppose the little rascal did? When I went out to the pen to feed them next morning I found that the little possum had ripped open the stomach of the big fat possum and crawled inside of him and had gone to sleep."

FORMAL OPENING OF THE CROWN CAFE

Messrs Royster & Woltz, proprietors of the Crown Cafe, have succeeded in fitting up a handsome restaurant in the First National Bank building, and are now ready to serve their patrons.

These two very pleasant and courteous young men deserve success. Oxford has long needed a cafe conducted along ideal lines, and Messrs. Royster & Woltz, men of large experience, will see that everything is just as it should be. The private dining room for ladies is very neat and attractive.

They have secured the services of the best cook in Raleigh, a colored man who was for a long time in the dining car service of the Seaboard Railway.

We call attention to the announcement of the Crown Cafe on the last page of this paper.

Madame Blye's Recital.

On Tuesday Nov. 23rd, Oxford College had the great privilege of enjoying a piano recital given by the gifted pianist, Madame Birdie Blye. The artist was in excellent form and played with that inspiration, beautiful tone coloring and feeling which always characterize her performances. She played with an enviable grace and repose of manner and all were charmed by her agreeable touch and fine interpretation. She received a rousing reception being recalled by numerous encores which were very graciously given. The favorite numbers played were "Scherzo" Op 39 Chopin; "Esquise de Crimes" Bortkiewicz and "Hark, Hark the Lark" Schubert, Loszt. The entire program constituted an artistic treat which will not soon be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to enjoy it. F. B.

Child Painfully Burned.

While playing in the fire yesterday morning the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Howard was painfully, but not seriously, burned about the face. The clothing caught fire and the presence of mind of Mrs. Howard saved his life.

Meeting Postponed.

On account of the Episcopal Bazaar being held this Wednesday and Thursday, the Woman's Club will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 8.