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## METHODIST PREACHERS

### Methodist Conference to Hold Next Session in Raleigh.

Bishop Wilson Presided.—The Laymen's Movement inaugurated with Dr. D. B. Zollcoffer to lead—Rev. J. H. Shore to go to Greenville—Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth to be Pastor at Smithfield.

The North Carolina Conference closed its annual session at Durham Monday. The gathering of the Methodists was a great one in every respect. Bishop Wilson, one of the best loved men in Southern Methodism presided. The Laymen's movement was fully put on foot with Dr. D. B. Zollcoffer, of Weldon, at its head. Pledges of support were easily obtained and the movement will result in much good to the people it is most earnestly believed.

Quite a number of changes were made in the appointments. Rev. J. H. Shore, who has served the Smithfield church so acceptably for the past three years, goes to Greenville, and is succeeded here by Rev. Marvin Culbreth, a young minister of much promise. Rev. A. L. Ormond who has been on Kenly circuit, goes to Fayetteville circuit, and is succeeded by Rev. C. B. Culbreth. The Newton Grove circuit will be served by Rev. J. J. Porter. The following is a complete list of the appointments:

#### RALEIGH DISTRICT.

R. B. John, Presiding Elder. Raleigh—Edenton Street, F. M. Shamburger; J. O. Guthrie, Supernumerary, Central, L. B. Jones, Jenkins Memorial and Apex, J. H. Buffalo. Epworth, P. D. Woodall. Cary—J. D. Pegram. Clayton—G. B. Starling. Smithfield—J. M. Culbreth. Selma and Princeton—W. H. Puckett. Kenly—C. B. Culbreth. Zebulon—A. D. Wilcox. Millbrook—G. T. Simmons. Youngsville—D. B. Parker. Franklinton—N. E. Coltrane. Louisburg—F. A. Bishop. Tar River—G. W. Starling. Granville—C. W. Robinson. Oxford—L. S. Massey. Director Correspondence School—J. L. Cunningham. Methodist Orphanage—J. N. Cole, Superintendent. Raleigh Christian Advocate—T. N. Ivey, Editor.

#### DURHAM DISTRICT.

J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder. Durham—Trinity, G. T. Adams, Memorial, M. Bradshaw, Carr Church, Duval, Mangum, H. E. Spence, West Duval, Mangum, M. E. Spence, West Denham, W. P. Constable, Durham Circuit, G. W. Fisher. Chapel Hill—W. R. Royall. Hillsboro—N. M. McFarland. Mt. Tabor—J. B. Thompson. Leesboro—N. C. Yearby. Roxboro—J. A. Hornaday. Milton—W. T. Usry. Yankeeville—C. R. Ross. Pelham and Shady Grove—S. S. Nicks. Burlington—E. M. Snipes. Burlington Circuit—C. O. Durant. East Burlington, Graham and Haw River—G. T. Vickers. Alamance—C. M. Lance. Trinity College—J. C. Kilgo, President. Student in Trinity College—T. G. Vickers. Secretary in Trinity Y. M. C. A.—B. A. Barnett. Professor in Trinity Park High School—W. A. Stanbury. Conference Sunday School Secretary—W. B. North.

#### FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. T. Gibbs, Presiding Elder. Fayetteville—Hay Street, L. E. Thompson. Fayetteville Circuit—A. L. Ormond. Hope Mills—T. H. Sutton. Cokesbury—N. M. McDonald. Sampson Circuit—N. H. Guyton. Bladen—O. W. Doub. Buckhorn—E. R. Welch. Dunn—A. J. Parker. Duke—J. M. Daniel. Newton Grove—J. J. Porter. Pittsboro—B. A. Royall. Haw River—L. M. Chaffin. Goldston—J. W. Hoyle. Carthage—H. M. Eure. Elise—E. N. Harrison. Sanford—R. W. Bailey. Jonesboro—L. H. Joyner. Lillington—W. C. Martin. Siler City—E. B. Craven.

#### ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.

W. H. Moore, Presiding Elder. Rockingham—J. E. Underwood. Roberdel—J. M. Ashby. Richmond—A. J. Groves. Mt. Gilead—J. A. Lee. Pekin—N. L. Seabolt. Troy—T. J. Dailey. Montgomery—Supplied by G. H. Biggs.

Aberdeen and Biscoe—D. N. Caviness. Hamlet—H. A. Humble. Laurel Hill—D. A. Watkins. St. John and Gibson—L. L. Nash. Laurinburg—N. H. D. Wilson. Raeford—J. W. Bradley. Maxton and Caledonia—A. P. Tyler. Red Springs—S. A. Cotton. Rowland—S. B. McCall. Lumberton—E. M. Hoyle. Elizabeth—F. D. Noblitt. Robeson—C. W. Smith. East Robinson—W. A. Jenkins. Agent of North Carolina College—Euclid McWhorter.

#### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. L. Cunningham, Presiding Elder. Wilmington—Grace Street, T. A. Smoot. Fifth Street, K. D. Holmes. Bladen Street, W. E. Hocutt. Trinity, W. L. Rexford. Scott's Hill—C. T. Rodgers. New River—T. J. Browning. Onslow—J. T. Stanford. Swansboro—W. E. Brown. Jacksonville and Richlands—J. C. Whedbee. Kenansville—J. M. Lowder. Burgaw—J. J. Barker. Magnolia—Y. E. Wright. Clinton—W. E. Merritt. Whiteville and Vineland—D. C. Geddle. Chadbourn and Bolton—C. E. Vale. Columbus—Supplied by F. M. Eure. Carver's Creek—J. M. Marlowe, (supplied). Mt. Tabor—L. E. Sawyer. Shallotte—Supplied by G. C. Eilers. Town Creek—Supplied by T. H. Bane. Southport—G. D. Langston.

#### WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

A. McCullen, Presiding Elder. Washington—M. T. Plyler. Bath—F. E. Dixon. Aurora—C. R. Canipe. Swan Quarter—W. F. Sandford. Mattamaskeet—R. R. Grant. Fairfield—J. L. Rumley. Greenville—J. H. Shore. Vanceboro—Supplied by E. D. Dodd. Ayden—J. B. Bridges. Farmville—W. A. Forbes. Robertsonville—Supplied by J. C. Reynolds. Bethel—J. W. Autrey. Tarboro—R. H. Willis. Rocky Mount—D. H. Tuttle. South Rocky Mount and Marvin—H. E. Tripp. Springhope and Mt. Pleasant—B. E. Stanfield. Standhope—H. P. Reid. Elm City—R. E. Hunt. Wilson—G. F. Smith. Stantonsburg—J. W. Martin. Fremont—B. H. Black. Pinetops—H. E. Lance. State Organizer Anti-Saloon League—R. L. Davis. Missionary Secretary—R. H. Willis. Nashville—E. C. Bell.

#### NEW BERN DISTRICT.

R. F. Bumpass, Presiding Elder. New Bern—Centenary, R. C. Beaman. Goldsboro—St. Paul's, E. H. Davis; St. John, J. H. Fizzle. Goldsboro Circuit—J. M. Carraway. Mt. Olive and Faison—E. E. Rose. Mt. Olive Circuit—R. F. Taylor. La Grange—J. J. Boone. Hookerton—M. D. Giles. Snow Hill—G. B. Perry. Kinston—F. D. Swindell. Dover—M. W. Dargan. Grifton—L. B. Pattishall. Bridgeton—J. M. Wright. Jones—Phillip Greening. Pamlico—F. T. Fulcher. Oriental—G. B. Webster. Carteret—D. A. Futrell. Morehead City—L. P. Howard. Beaufort—J. H. McCracken. Atlantic—F. S. Jenkins. Straits—W. J. Watson. Ocracoke and Portsmouth—R. D. Daniels.

#### WARRENTON DISTRICT.

W. S. Rone, Presiding Elder. Warrenton—W. W. Rose. Warren—B. C. Thompson. Ridgeway—B. C. Aldridge. Henderson—First Church, R. C. Craven. North and South Henderson—Supplied by W. B. Humble. Littleton—R. H. Broome. Weldon—S. E. Mercer. Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary—W. A. Piland. Roanoke—J. T. Draper. Enfield and Halifax—J. E. Holden. Battleboro and Whitakers—W. Y. Everton. Scotland Neck—C. A. Jones. Hobgood—W. F. Galloway. Williamston and Hamilton—C. L. Reed. Garysburg—D. L. Earnhardt. Northampton—J. C. Humble. Rich Square—W. F. Craven. Conway—S. T. Moyle. Murfreesboro—L. B. Singleton. Harrellsville—J. P. Pate. Bertie—J. G. Johnson. Littleton Female College—J. M. Rhodes, president.

#### ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT.

J. H. Hall, Presiding Elder. Elizabeth City—First Church, J. D. Bundy.

Elizabeth City—City Road, W. E. McRae. Pasquotank—J. Y. Old. Camden—C. P. Jerome. Moyock—S. J. Kilpatrick. Currituck—F. M. Jackson. North Gates—B. P. Robeson. Gates—Rufus Bradley. Perquimans—J. H. M. Giles. Hertford—T. A. Sikes. Edenton—J. W. Potter. Plymouth—J. E. Martin. Roper—J. M. Benson. Chowan—William Towe. Pantego and Belhaven—W. F. Jones. Columbia—A. W. Price. Dare—R. A. Bruton. Roanoke Island—W. H. Brown. Kitty Hawk—Supplied by J. M. Watson. Kennekeet—Supplied by R. L. Beasley. Hatteras—W. E. Trotman. Transferred: N. M. Watson to the Holston Conference, W. O. Routh and F. S. Love to the Western North Carolina Conference, L. E. Bridges to the Florida Conference.

#### Death Came Quick.

Mr. I. R. Baker, of Clayton township, died suddenly Thursday night of last week. He did a hard day's work killing hogs and ate heartily at every meal. He retired early and at eight o'clock complained of suffering internally. He died at 11 o'clock. A few years ago he came to this county from Wayne. He owned a large farm which he conducted successfully. His death is a considerable loss to the neighborhood.

#### THE BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR.

Takes up Much Time of the Senate. Foraker Heard From—District of Columbia Affairs Chiefly Occupy Attention of House.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Brownsville affair consumed nearly the entire session of the Senate today. Senator Foraker obtained the floor early in the day and read letters from a former soldier of the 25th regiment telling of the procedure of Government detectives in attempts to get a confession from him. Mr. Foraker introduced an amendment to his original bill for the re-enlistment of these soldiers provided that a commission of three retired army officers be created to determine whether the discharged soldiers are innocent of complicity in the shooting up of Brownsville as a pre-requisite for their re-enlistment instead of leaving that duty with the President as provided by the Warner bill.

Following these remarks the President's message giving the results of the War Department's investigation of the Brownsville affair was read and Mr. Foraker again took the floor to comment upon the message. At 3:45 the Senate adjourned.

#### House of Representatives.

While considering bills dealing with affairs in the District of Columbia the House today passed a measure providing for 85 cent gas in Washington. The bill now goes to the Senate, as well as another bill abolishing "buckets" in the District. A bill providing for free lectures in the public schools was voted down. An attempt by Representative Henry, of Texas, to obtain a change in the reference of a bill prohibiting the making of future contracts on agricultural products brought forth the promise from Chairman Scott, of the agricultural committee, that his committee would soon grant hearings to farmers' unions and others on this subject. The House voted to adjourn Saturday, December 19th, to Monday, January 4th, and adjourned for the day at 5 P. M.

#### Marked for Death.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. A pill in time that will save nine is Rings Little Liver Pill. For biliousness, sick headache constipation. They do not gripe. Price 25c. Sold by Hood Bros.

#### A Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heart-felt thanks to the dear people of Smithfield for their untiring aid and sympathy rendered during the illness and death of our beloved son and brother—Charlie. Mrs. L. I. Kirkman and family.

## BOOM IN STANDARD OIL

### Twenty Millions Added to Company's Quoted Value.

Said That New Corporation will Be Formed With \$500,000,000 Each Preferred and Common Stock—Average Earnings of Past Ten Years Would Show 8½ Per Cent on Capitalization.

New York, Dec. 14.—There was a big jump in Standard Oil on the curb today. The opening bid was 700, or ten points above the closing figures of Saturday. The best offer was 725. This attracted general attention and started gossip as to a new company, with increased capital. After half an hour of bidding, a sale was made at 720, or twenty points above Saturday's close. This is the highest point within three years.

The advance represented an appreciation in the company's capital in one day of \$20,000,000. It is said on what appears to be good authority that the new company will be, like the steel corporation, a billion dollar concern; that the capital will be \$1,000,000,000, divided into \$500,000,000 7 per cent preferred stock and \$500,000,000 common stock. Averaged \$85,000,000 a Year.

The investigation by the government brought out the fact that the company has been earning \$85,000,000 a year for the last ten years. This much the officials of the company have been forced to acknowledge. Just what other earnings there are is a matter of conjecture only. Eighty-five million dollars is 8½ per cent on a capitalization of \$1,000,000,000, and would permit of 6 per cent on the common, with 2½ per cent of the known earnings held back for depreciation, betterments, and improvements.

Such a company will, it is expected, find no trouble in selling its stocks. The present government examination has proved what a wonderfully managed corporation the concern is. The stock listed on the exchange will always be one of the leading issues traded in there, and the fluctuations will be watched with the same degree of closeness that is given to Union Pacific and the United States Steel Corporation issues.

#### Holdings of the Big Men.

There are today about 6,000 holders of the stock, with John D. Rockefeller holding 27½ per cent of the total. Under the new organization, he would hold \$275,000,000 of the new company's stock. Henry M. Flagler would hold \$87,500,000; Charles Pratt \$71,000,000; Oliver H. Payne, \$71,400,000; J. A. Bostwick, \$48,400,000; William Rockefeller, \$45,700,000; W. G. Warden, \$42,000,000; Benjamin Brewster, \$11,700,000, and John D. Archbold a paltry \$10,000,000. The remainder will be distributed to the smaller holders of the company. These men mentioned own 66.6 per cent of the company, and will continue to manage it. No one knows just what the company's income is from investment securities and other sources, but it is generally believed that it runs into the millions also.—Washington Post.

#### Near Death's Door.

"I was near to death's door. The doctor said he had done all he could; that my stomach was 'old and worn out. I was so weak I could not walk. I took Mi-o-na tablets, and have been eating hearty ever since, and I am able to work like a tiger. I wish I could go and thank you myself. I send you my picture, and you can use my word and my picture, and I thank you again."—Mrs. Nelson Lucier, 112 Fisk St., Athol, Mass. Mi-o-na cures dyspepsia. If any of the readers of The Herald are suffering from stomach trouble of any kind, Hood Bros. will sell you a box of Mi-o-na for fifty cents with an absolute guarantee of relief, or money back. In many cases one box will effect a permanent cure; in chronic conditions more is necessary. But one thing is certain: one box of Mi-o-na will make you feel so much better and brighter, so much more energetic, that you will not give it up till cured.

#### THE NEWS IN BENSON.

Gathered and Reported by The Herald's Regular Correspondent. Benson, N. C., Dec. 17.—Mr. Moses Peacock, who has been attending the University, came in last night to spend the holidays. Mrs. Fulton Hall and Miss Jennie Thomas, of Fayetteville, are in town en route for Goldsboro where they will spend the holidays. Miss Zula Bruton, one of the teachers of the Benson High School, went to Greensboro Friday afternoon to visit her sister who is attending the

Methodist College at that place. Rev. A. E. Brown, of Asheville, N. C., who is Superintendent of the Mountain Mission Schools, preached an able sermon at the Missionary Baptist church here Sunday night.

Of the number visiting here recently are Mrs. R. J. Baucom, Miss Rosa Lee Setzer and sister, of Dunn; Mr. Jack Moore, of Raleigh; Father Irvin, of Newton Grove; Mrs. Minnie Talton and son, of Smithfield, and Mrs. J. J. Henry, of Wilson.

Mrs. Effie Hinton who lived near town, died last Sunday morning having been sick only a few days. She was buried Monday afternoon at the family burying ground. Those from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. Bradley Johnson, of Emporia, Va. and Mrs. John Johnson, of Clayton.

On Friday night, December 18th, there will be a public debate between the members of the two literary societies at Graded School building. The query is: Resolved, That for the betterment of civilization the education of women should equal that of man. On Tuesday night, December 22, the departments of music and elocution will give a recital, consisting of plays, recitations, instrumental and vocal music. Everybody invited.

On last Friday night the Baraca class of the Baptist church entertained the Philathea class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittenton by giving an oyster supper. Several songs were given by the class which added greatly to the joy of the occasion. A very large crowd was present and everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

#### STOP FLOOD DEVASTATION.

Representatives Godwin and Thomas Introduce Bill For Building Levee in Pender and Bladen Counties—\$100,000 Provided.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Representatives Godwin and Thomas introduced today a bill in the House of Representatives, appropriating \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to construct a levee or levees at Kelly's Cove on the Cape Fear river, in Bladen county, N. C.

The bill provides for the levees to be constructed under the direction of the War Department.

It will be remembered that during the floods of August and September, 1908, the water in the Cape Fear river rose to the highest point known and a considerable portion of the country lying between the Cape Fear river and the Black river was entirely flooded by an escape of water from the Cape Fear river at a low point near Kelly's Cove. The water passing from there across the country to Black river completely flooded French's Creek township in Bladen county and Canetuck township in Pender county.

The bill will have the hearty cooperation of both Representatives Godwin and Thomas, as great benefits will be derived from the construction of this levee, from the people of Bladen in Mr. Godwin's district and the people of Pender in Mr. Thomas' district.

The bill authorizes and directs the Secretary of War to cause to be levied on the Cape Fear river a levee or levees from the old French's Creek church at Kelly's Cove, on the river, to Kelly's Mill, a distance of about two miles and about 150 yards at the mouth of Natmore Creek for the prevention of the overflow of the Cape Fear river and for the maintenance of the natural channel of the Cape Fear river.—Wilmington Star.

#### WENDELL NOTES.

Mr. R. B. Whitley and Mr. A. R. Richardson spent Sunday in Selma returning Monday. Mr. Alex Lee, of Belhaven, N. C., is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. P. Underhill. Deputy Head Consul, J. K. Turner, of Raleigh, is here organizing a local camp of Modern Woodman of America.

Dr. Jas. Allen made a flying trip to his old home at Star, N. C., last week on business. Rev. Mr. Smith, the Evangelist, is conducting a protracted meeting at the Baptist church here this week and is preaching some fine sermons and is having very good attendance. Times are rather dull here at present as the farmers are holding their cotton for higher prices and so have no money and are staying at home. The saw mills, however, are running full time and this keeps things moving along.

Christmas will soon be here and with it we expect the usual amount of "corn juice" shipped from Virginia. At present the express agent claims that there is at least 10 gallons received here every day. How shall we get rid of this evil? BOB.

#### BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Great Meeting Characterized by Many Great Addresses.

The Baptist State Convention held its eighty-seventh annual session in Wilson last week. The Convention was one of the best ever held and was an inspiration to those who attended. It represents 1,891 churches with a membership of 210,000. The past year has been a good one.

Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest, was again elected president with out a dissenting vote.

The venerable Dr. J. D. Hufham, who has been present at nearly every convention for the past fifty years, was present and offered the opening prayer. A great many fine addresses were made during the session; among them those delivered by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. W. L. Poteat, President of Wake Forest College, Dr. J. W. Lynch and Mr. J. W. Bailey, were gems of the first water and can be placed in the list of great speeches delivered at Baptist Conventions. Dr. Willingham and Dr. Porter on Foreign Missions thrilled the people.

The next session will be held at Wadesboro in December, 1909.

#### Superior Court.

The December term of Johnson Superior court is in session here this week, with his honor, Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, presiding. This is Judge Adams' first court as he was appointed last Saturday to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Walter H. Neal, whose resignation was noted last week. The State is represented by Solicitor Armistead Jones. Court did not convene until two o'clock Monday on account of the inability of Judge Adams to get here sooner. The following grand jury was selected and sworn in:

J. R. Ledbetter, Chairman; Simeon Wall, F. T. Booker, A. Ryals, M. C. Smith, B. A. Coats, W. R. Hales, Nazro Parker, Levi Lancaster, J. W. Alford, P. P. Godwin, Z. Taylor, W. J. Aycock, Jesse W. Bailey, J. M. Martin, Stephen Westbrook, Floyd Allen and Aquilla Byrd.

Ed. S. Sanders was appointed officer to attend the grand jury.

After the grand jury had been duly charged, the criminal docket was taken up. A large number of cases have been disposed of, some of them of but little importance to the public. The most important cases disposed of up to last night are the following:

Bud Hudson was charged with disturbing religious services. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$20.00 and costs. Walter Ennis pleaded guilty to carrying concealed weapons, and was fined \$20.00 and costs.

Henry Morris and Jasper Morris were tried for an affray. They waived the bill and pleaded guilty. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Lindo Batten was tried for carrying concealed weapons. He waived the bill and pleaded guilty, and was fined \$20.00 and costs.

William R. Smith pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying concealed weapons, and was fined \$25.00 and costs.

Isham Atkinson pleaded guilty to the charge of burning a sage field. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

R. R. Bailey, A. D. Johnson, John Johnson and Jarvis Johnson all pleaded guilty to being engaged in an affray. A. D. Johnson was fined \$20.00 and one-fourth of the costs, while the other defendants were fined \$25.00 each and one-fourth of the costs.

Jesse Pearce, George R. Love, E. D. Johnson and Willie Wilson were charged with an affray. Wilson pleaded guilty. The jury found E. D. Johnson and George R. Love guilty, and Jesse Pearce not guilty. Wilson was fined \$15.00 and one-third of costs, while the other two defendants were fined \$20.00 and one-third of costs each.

Isham Smith pleaded guilty to the charge of an assault with deadly weapon, and was sentenced to 12 months in jail to be worked on the public roads.

W. M. Mills pleaded guilty to carrying concealed weapons, and was fined \$20.00 and costs.

Seth Ryals was charged with an assault with deadly weapon. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$15.00 and costs.

Albert Wise was found guilty of the charge of larceny, and was sentenced to two years in jail to be worked on the public roads.

Avan Best, Jim Stewart, George Williams, Casey Durham and John Haden were found guilty of gambling, and were each given a sentence of six months in jail to be worked on the public roads.

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