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DISTRICT CONFERENCE HAS FINE MEETING

The annual meeting of the Raleigh District Conference of the Methodist church which met with the Smithfield church closed a three days session yesterday at noon.

The Conference was presided over by Rev. J. H. Hall, of Raleigh, the Presiding Elder of the District. Mr. W. A. Edgerton, of Selma, was secretary of the meeting.

The Conference opened Monday night with a sermon by Rev. M. D. Hix, of Stem, Granville County. The first business session of the Conference was held Tuesday morning.

There are nineteen pastoral charges in the District, and every pastor was present. There were 47 lay delegates in attendance. In addition to the pastors and lay delegates the following were present representing the different phases of the work:

Rev. L. S. Massey, Editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox, representing Lenoir County.

Rev. S. E. Mercer, President of Carolina College at Maxton.

Dr. F. N. Parker, representing Trinity College.

Rev. R. L. Davis of the State Anti-Saloon League.

Mr. M. W. Brabham, Sunday school Field secretary.

Rev. J. N. Cole, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh.

The next annual session of the conference will be held with the Benson Methodist church sometime next year.

The reports from the churches showed that some very good meetings have been held since last conference, and that the spiritual condition is generally good. One of the special objects for prayer of the Conference was that the churches might be blessed with an outpouring of the Spirit of God resulting in the salvation of many souls.

One thing that characterized the Conference was the fine preaching, beginning with the sermon of Rev. Mr. Hix Monday night and reaching a climax yesterday at the eleven o'clock services when Dr. F. N. Parker, of Trinity College, preached that great soul-stirring sermon. Many have pronounced it the greatest sermon they have ever heard. His text was "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." His theme was the Pre-eminence of Christ and he handled it in such a manner that his hearers were enabled to see the Saviour as they never saw Him before.

The opening sermon by Mr. Hix Monday night was on the subject: "Our Heavenly Home." Tuesday at eleven o'clock, Rev. Harry M. North, of Edenton Street church at Raleigh, preached on "The Characteristics of the Early Church." Tuesday night Rev. C. R. Canipe, of the Tar River circuit, preached on "Experimental Religion." Wednesday morning at eleven the sermon was by Rev. A. P. Tyler, of Oxford, who preached on "Selfishness." Rev. L. S. Massey, Editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, preached at the Wednesday night service, using as a subject: "The Perfect Man." These sermons were all of a high order and were calculated to stimulate the hearers to a more active Christian life. The sermons were the best part of the Conference. Minister and layman will return to their work with a nobler conception of what it means to be a Christian.

Prof. Fitzgerald, of New York, added much to the pleasure of the Conference with his soul-stirring singing. He was once an opera singer who later consecrated his talents and his voice to God and has since been trying to glorify Him in Christian songs and hymns. He was aiding Rev. Mr. Wilcox in a meeting at Lenoir county who encouraged him to attend the Conference.

Smithfield was glad to have the Conference and it is believed that its presence here has been a benediction to our town and community.

No individual and no health department alone can ever cope with the fly problem. But all of us, working together, can very effectively cope with it.

All power is a trust and we are accountable for its use.—Disraeli.

DR. RANKIN COMING.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Health, will deliver an address in the Baptist church here Tuesday night, April 29 instead of April 22, as was announced in these columns last week. The change was made necessary on account of an important meeting in Rockingham county where Dr. Rankin's presence was greatly desired.

Dr. Rankin is coming upon invitation of the Baptist Baraca class. The class has planned to have several addresses from visitors during the year and Dr. Rankin's address will be the first of the series. His subject is "Public Health and Individual Responsibility." This is a subject which every person should be vitally interested in, and it is hoped that the town will give Dr. Rankin a good attendance.

ITEMS FROM FOUR OAKS.

Miss Alma Pierce, of Kenly, is visiting her sisters, Miss Mattie Pierce and Mrs. W. R. Keen.

Messrs. L. C. Barbour and Hunter Creech, delegates to the Baraca convention at Charlotte, returned Wednesday. They report a good time.

Mr. Mark Williams of Rocky Mount spent Sunday here with his cousin Miss Blanch Williams.

The many friends of Miss Maud Gilkin, one of the teachers of Four Oaks Graded school who was operated on for appendicitis, will be glad to learn that she is improving fast and will be home in a short time.

Mr. Price, of Pine Level, was a welcome visitor in Four Oaks Sunday. Mr. Jake Massengill and Miss Mamie Ford drove over to the parsonage Sunday morning and were married in the presence of a few friends and relatives. We wish for the new couple a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams and family accompanied by Mrs. C. W. Sandy went to Greensboro Thursday through the country on Mr. Adams' car to be present at the recital of their daughter, Miss Annie Adams who will graduate from G. F. C.

Miss Carra Wilson, of Dunn, is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. G. K. Massengill.

TAX LISTERS FOR 1913.

At the last regular meeting of the county commissioners the following were appointed tax listers for this year for the various townships of the County:

Wilson's Mills, John A. Wilson. Clayton, M. G. Guley. Cleveland, F. T. Booker. Pleasant Grove, John Stephenson. Elevation, Julian Godwin. Banner, J. G. Smith. Meadow, C. M. Aultman. Ingrams, Jasper T. Massengill. Bentonville, W. N. Rose. Boon Hill, C. H. Holt. Beulah, N. R. Pike. Micro, J. H. Broadwell. O'Neals, Ivey Narron. Wilders, W. B. Eason. Selma, F. M. Hood. Pine Level, W. F. Gerald. Smithfield, W. T. Adams.

CORBETT SCHOOL HOUSE NEWS.

The farmers of this section are very busy planting and preparing to plant.

Miss Alice Sullivan spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Minnie Corbett.

Mrs. J. E. Corbett spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. H. H. Brown.

Mr. G. W. Corbett spent a while Sunday with his brother, Mr. R. P. Corbett.

Miss Ruth Corbett spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Minnie Corbett.

Messrs. David Batten and Robert Garner visited their parents Saturday night and Sunday, near Selma.

There will be services at Corbett school house next Sunday conducted by Rev. Exum Broadwell.

Messrs. A. J. Price and W. B. Parker were in this section Sunday after noon.

NEVER.

Hokus—Do you think we shall ever have universal peace?

Pokus—Not so long as women continue to play bridge for stakes.—Judge.

BENSON'S BATCH OF LIVE NEWS

Benson, April 17.—Mr. E. S. Abell, of Smithfield, was in town Wednesday on legal business.

Mr. Robert C. Barbour, of Elevation township, was in town Saturday spending the day.

Mr. Zeb Stewart, a former Bensonian, now a lumber dealer of Chapel Hill, was in town several days recently.

Mr. Henry Edgerton, of Selma, was in town Monday on business for several hours.

Mr. Roscoe Barber, of Rocky Mount was here this week on business.

Mr. J. B. Faircloth, returned Tuesday afternoon from Sampson county.

Mr. W. B. Coxe, of Dunn Realty and Insurance Company, was here Monday on business for his company.

Messrs. Jas. P. Lee and Paul Johnson are in Norfolk this week.

Mr. E. B. Bridgers, Benson Drug Company's efficient druggist, spent Sunday in Lillington with friends.

The graduating class of the Benson High School was entertained last night at the home of Mrs. Cornelia Jernigan near town.

The revival at the Baptist church which has been going on for ten days closed last night. The services have been conducted by Mr. Duncan, the pastor, assisted by Rev. R. P. Walker of Greensboro. Mr. Walker is an able speaker and has made many personal friends while here. Large congregations have been present at almost every service during the meeting and much interest has been manifested, there having been twenty-six confessions of faith and six have united with the church. The ordinance of baptism will be administered to the candidates the fourth Sunday afternoon at Stewart's pond two miles South of Benson.

Mr. Isaac Smith, a highly esteemed citizen and prosperous farmer died at his home near Benson last Thursday afternoon. He had been in bad health for several months confined to his bed most of his time, and his death came as no surprise to his friends and relatives. His remains were interred in the family burying ground at his home Friday afternoon. He leaves surviving him a widow and several children.

Notwithstanding the fact that the matter has been repeatedly called to their attention through the Spokesman the town officials seem to entirely ignore the fact that there is an ordinance of the town which prohibits hogs running at large on the streets of Benson. Many citizens of the town have no fences around their lawns and gardens and they are continually annoyed to find their gardens destroyed when they return home in the evening, while if the laws were enforced there would be no hogs on the streets.

Benson High school seems to have won its share of the athletic honors at the inter-scholastic track meet of the Southeastern High School division for North Carolina, held at Fayetteville last Friday. Mr. Coda Smith, of the Benson school, won the hammer throw and shot put for his team, his record in the hammer throw being ninety two feet, while in the shot put he made thirty-one and a half feet. Robert Barbour of Benson, won the 440 yard dash, James Raynor of Benson the running broad jump, while several other Benson boys came in second.

From developments last night it seems that there will yet be a hot time politically in Benson at the election on May 6th. A second convention was held last night by citizens of the town, both democrats and republicans taking part, and a new ticket named as follows: For Mayor, H. A. Parker. For commissioners, J. E. Wilson, R. T. Surles, P. B. Johnson and Jake Wheeler. The regular ticket which was nominated several days ago consists of the following gentlemen: Mayor, Jesse Britt; commissioners, P. B. Johnson, Preston Woodall, W. T. Martin and W. D. Boon.

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BARACA-PHILATHEA FINE MEETING

Charlotte, April 14.—Durham gets the next State Baraca-Philathea Convention, the determination of the delegates from this city making itself felt from before the time the convention convened—the Durham folks began their work on the trains coming into Charlotte. The only other town to make a strong bid was Raleigh, but the decision was Durham's from the first.

This afternoon the Baracas elected their State officers, choosing the following:

President—E. W. Tatum, of Salisbury.

Vice-Presidents—Dr. George E. Dennis, of Charlotte; E. J. Schantz, of Durham; C. M. Bagwell, Winston-Salem; C. M. Maxwell, of Asheville.

Secretary and Treasurer—H. A. Bland, of Raleigh.

Executive Committee—Dr. J. S. Betts, of Greensboro; W. A. Devin, of Oxford; J. E. Allen, of Warrenton; J. M. Stone of Greensboro; J. R. Royster, of Greensboro; W. O. Alexander, of Wilmington; J. D. Berry, of Raleigh; A. E. Smoot, of Salisbury; also the state officers.

The biggest Sunday parade ever seen in Charlotte was formed at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by 1,300 Baraca and Philathea members, headed by the only Baraca band in existence, furnished by Salisbury, and with the Baracas was Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse, N. Y., president of the world-wide Baraca Philathea union and founder of the first Baraca class.

To the auditorium the paraders made their way, and this building was filled to overflowing for the first time since the Craig-Kitchin campaign of 1908, 4,000 to 5,000 people hearing the address of the hour, delivered by Dr. Sparks White Melton, of Norfolk, whose magnificent voice adequately filled the edifice with a ringing call to arms for active Christianity.

Mr. Hudson was heard by an immense audience at the First Baptist church at 2:15. Beginning with the germ idea of the Baraca movement, he traced its growth, mentioning the fact that North Carolina alone has 1,277 such classes, exceeding their sister classes, the Philatheas, by 66. Mr. Hudson also spoke of the fame of North Carolina as a church-going State known throughout Christendom.

JURORS FOR MAY COURT.

The following jurors have been drawn for the May Civil term of the Superior Court:

Wilson's Mills, J. T. Coats. Clayton, H. A. Pool and N. R. Pool.

Cleveland, G. A. Wright. Pleasant Grove, L. D. Adams. Elevation, C. B. Barbour.

Banner, J. W. Neighbors. Meadow, John Tart. Ingrams, N. I. Lee.

Bentonville, M. A. Pennington. Boon Hill, J. B. Creech and C. R. Eraswell.

Beulah, A. J. Hill and O. J. House. O'Neals, Vincent Pittman and Will H. Pittman.

Wilders, C. R. Castleberry and J. W. Flowers.

Selma, W. A. Green and B. S. Pittman. Pine Level, J. H. Woodley and S. A. Pedin.

Smithfield, J. H. Cullom and W. A. Laster.

PROF. ROSE RESIGNS.

Prof. Z. Hardy Rose who has been principal of the High school here for the past three years, has tendered his resignation. Under Prof. Rose's management the school has made far progress and has gone forward in many ways. He has done his work well and has built up a good attendance, at some periods of the year registering more than fifty pupils, whose homes are in various parts of this and adjoining counties. He deserves a great deal of credit for the interest he has taken in the school and there are many who regret that he resigned.—Benson Spokesman.

Never esteem anything as of advantage to thee that shall make thee break thy word or lose thy self-respect.—Marcus Aurelius.

A TRAGIC DEATH IN SMITHFIELD.

On Tuesday last, just before noon, little Christine Ellis, the four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ellis accidentally caught afire while playing around a washpot in the yard, and was so badly burned that death ensued five hours later. Her mother who was in the kitchen, saw the child soon after the flames started and rushed to her rescue, but before she could reach her, the child was aflame from head to foot. As soon as the child saw that she was on fire she ran violently away from her mother, thus fanning the flames into greater fury. The mother's hands were horribly burned in her efforts to save her little girl. Also the hands of LeMar, the seven-year old brother, who held her heroically as long as he could to keep her from running, were severely burned. A physician was summoned at once and seeing there was no hope to save the child, did what he could to ease the burning pains until death came to her relief at five o'clock.

It is hard sometimes to reconcile ourselves to the providences of God, yet we know He doeth all things well. The little life begun here on earth has served its purpose among us and God, in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to gather it to its home in heaven, thereby drawing those left in the home circle, in a more sacred nearness with the Father above.

The burial services were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon. Rev. A. S. Barnes, pastor of the bereaved parents, assisted by Rev. J. H. Shore, of Dunn, officiated. Just before leaving for the cemetery Miss Kate Woodall sweetly sang, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." The floral offerings were beautiful, entirely covering the little mound. The pallbearers were: Messrs. T. W. Daniel, J. H. Abell, W. C. Ward and Paul Eason.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved ones. Those here from a distance to attend the burial were: Mrs. Zilphia Ellis, Mrs. M. V. Sanderford and Mr. Walter Ellis, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lindsay, of W. son; Mr. C. C. Gilliard, of Dunn, and Mr. Ed. Gilliard, of Wilmington.

DEATH NEAR KENLY.

In the death of Mr. Ephraim I. Pearce which occurred last week in Kenly, Johnston county loses one of her best citizens. He was seventy-four years old. For about a year he had been in bad health and two months ago was hurt by a horse which made his case worse. He was buried at the family grave-yard near Kenly, Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick conducting the burial services. He leaves six children—Mrs. T. R. Kirby, Kenly, Mrs. Albert Mitchell, Pikeville, Mrs. W. S. Grady, Goldsboro, Mr. Lee Pearce, Surrency Ga., and Messrs. Hackney and Walter Pearce who live near Kenly. Mr. Pearce was a life long Democrat, a good neighbor and a man of influence in his community.

SPRINGTIME CONSERVATISM.

Be conservative about spring. Don't let the small boys and girls get too optimistic, either, about these warm days. Shoes and stockings will not hurt them much for a few weeks longer. The ground has not gotten thoroughly warmed yet. There is still too good a chance to catch that last spring cold if we let all the fires go out, change from heavy to light under wear, lay off our vests, or cast aside the shoes and stockings all at once. Better do these things gradually, one at a time, instead of all at once the first warm day.

It is rather strange how otherwise sensible men and women will go from a hot, dry-baked air indoors to the other extreme outdoors these days, and then refer to the resulting cold or pneumonia as a "mysterious dispensation of Providence." Their own conduct ordinarily is the only mysterious thing about it.—Health notes.

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HOW TO WIN A GOLD MEDAL

A gold medal to the school boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 15 who writes the best composition, not to exceed 800 words, on the repair and maintenance of earth roads, is to be awarded by Logan Waller Page, Director, Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All compositions must be submitted to Mr. Page before May 15, 1913, and the medal will be awarded as soon thereafter as the compositions can be graded. The compositions may be based on knowledge gained from books or other sources, but no quotations should be made.

After many years experience in dealing with the public road situation of the country, it is Mr. Page's belief that ignorance on the subject of repair and maintenance of roads is as much the cause of their bad condition as any other one factor. It is expected that the competition will bring about a better understanding of the subject of repair and maintenance in the rural districts.

Many children living in the rural districts have experienced the disadvantages of roads made impassable through a lack of proper maintenance and it is expected that their interest in the competition will stimulate greater interest among the parents. Bad roads have prevented many children from obtaining a proper education and have even prevented doctors from reaching the side of rural patients in time to save their lives.

Any child between the ages mentioned, attending a country school, may compete. Only one side of the paper must be written on; each page should be numbered; the name, age, and address of the writer, and the name and location of the school which he or she is attending must be plainly written at the top of the first page. The announcement of the competition has been sent to the superintendents of schools in the rural districts. No further information can be obtained from the Office of Public Roads. This announcement should be plain to everyone, and all children will thus start on a basis of equality.

A GOOD MAN LAID TO REST.

On Thursday, April 10th, Mr. Isaac J. Smith, who lived in the southern part of this county not far from Benson, died after several months of poor health. He was nearly seventy years old and had lived a useful life. For a long time he had been a consistent member of Hahnah's creek Primitive Baptist church. He was clerk of this church for more than thirty years. He attended services there the third Sunday in last October, but was not able to remain until preaching was over. Since then he has been confined to his room most of the time. His body was laid to rest Friday in the family burying ground. The funeral was preached by Elder James H. Johnson. He leaves a wife and six children, four sons and two daughters. His place in the community will be hard to fill.

THE INCOME TAX.

The greatest virtue of an income tax is to be found in the fact that it is a direct tax. If that is so—as it undoubtedly is—the only way in which the virtues of the tax can be brought home to the people is by making practically all of them pay it. What we need to learn is that the government at Washington is supported out of taxes. Many of us do not realize this. Under this indirect system of taxation there are thousands of people who do not understand that they pay any taxes at all. Hence, the wild extravagance of our government. If its whole cost were apportioned on a per capita basis—which would not be a bad idea—we should soon see an end of the river and harbor, the public building and the pension graft. There could be no greater reform than one that would make the people feel the cost of their government.—Indianapolis News.

Difficulties are things that show what men are.—Epictetus.