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## M. E. CONFERENCE MOVES PREACHERS

### Rev. D. H. Tuttle Only One in Johnston County Sent Back

When the appointments were read Monday at the Methodist Conference meeting in Elizabeth City, it was seen that quite a number of changes had been made. The Raleigh district and especially Johnston County were no exceptions in this instance. Rev. D. H. Tuttle of this city was the only minister in the county sent back to his former charge. Mr. Tuttle has been here three years and his congregation expected him to be returned to round out his four years.

The changes in the Raleigh district are apparent from the following list of appointments:

#### Raleigh District

Presiding Elder—M. T. Plyler.  
Bailey Circuit—L. C. Beethers.  
Benson Circuit—J. E. Blalock.  
Cary Circuit—D. N. Caviness.  
Clayton—Marvin Self.  
Credmore Circuit—V. A. Royal.  
Four Oaks Circuit—W. J. Watson.  
Franklin—E. H. Davis.  
Garner Circuit—G. A. Starling.  
Granville Circuit—L. H. Joyner.  
Kenly Circuit—W. B. North.  
Louisburg—O. W. Dowd.  
Millbrook Circuit—M. G. Ervin.  
Oxford—T. M. Snipes.  
Oxford Circuit—N. B. Strickland.  
Princeton Circuit—G. B. Perry.  
Raleigh—Central, H. I. Glass.  
Edenton Street, W. A. Stanbury.  
Epworth, R. F. Bumpas.  
Jenkins Memorial, W. H. Brown.

Selma—O. P. Fitzgerald.  
Smithfield—D. H. Tuttle.  
Tar River—J. C. Williams.  
Youngsville Circuit—W. B. Humble.  
Zebulon Circuit—T. E. M. Hall.  
Business Manager North Carolina Christian Advocate—T. A. Sikes.  
Superintendent Methodist Orphanage—A. S. Barnes.  
Superintendent Anti-Saloon League—R. L. Davis.

Among the changes as noted in the list was that of presiding elder, Rev. J. C. Wooten who has had charge of the district being transferred to the New Bern district. Other names from the county are as follows: Rev. W. G. Farrar who has been at Princeton was assigned Rocky Mount Circuit; Rev. J. E. Holden, formerly at Kenly goes to Clinton; Rev. J. A. Russell, who was at Four Oaks is transferred to the Snow Hill Circuit; and Rev. J. T. Gibbs, who was at Clayton, was superannuated and for awhile will live with his son in Fayetteville. Dr. Gibbs has preached for 53 years.

## BOK PEACE AWARD JURY AT WORK

Washington, Nov. 22.—The Jury considering the Bok peace award plans, in the hundred thousand dollar competition which closed November 15, is hard at work.

Elihu Root, chairman; James Guthrie Harbord, Roscoe M. House, Ellen F. Pendleton, Roscoe Pound, William Allen White, and Brand Whitlock hope to make the selection by January 1st. Immediately thereafter, whatever plan is selected by the jury will be presented to the widest possible public for consideration and for a vote. This will be done not only through the press, but also through the activities of eighty-eight national organizations which form the Cooperating Council of the American Peace Award, and which have made exceedingly definite arrangements for submitting the winning plan to every one of their members for consideration and a vote. The total membership of organizations that have already arranged to take a "referendum" among their members on the plan reaches far into millions. They include the most powerful industrial, professional, civic, fraternal, and religious (all faiths) organizations in the country.—Capital News Service.

Opportunity is constantly calling to you, but it won't send the sheriff out with a search warrant to round you up.

## GOVERNOR MORRISON ISSUES THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Governor Morrison Friday issued the following proclamation calling up on the people of North Carolina to observe November 29 as Thanksgiving day.

"North Carolina has been blessed with a year of great prosperity in material things. On the farm, in the factory and in every line of business, God has generously rewarded the labors of our people.

"We have been led by God to make a liberal use of our material prosperity for the benefit of the defective and for improved educational opportunities for our children.

"Now, therefore:  
"I, Cameron Morrison, governor of North Carolina, following the previous action of the President of the United States, in his proclamation of November 6, 1923, do hereby proclaim and set apart Thursday, November 29, 1923, as

"Thanksgiving Day,"  
"and call upon our people to observe the day by assembling in their respective places, of worship and giving thanks to Almighty God for His many mercies and blessings to the people of the United States, and of this state, and pray for Divine guidance in the future. May I implore the people of strength on Thanksgiving day to remember the orphan, and the defective of every class by some act of generosity and helpfulness.

"Done in the city of Raleigh on this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight year of our American independence."

## BOX PARTY FOR THANKSGIVING S. S. A SUCCESS

Last Saturday night the people of Thanksgiving Sunday school and community enjoyed a very successful box party, realizing the neat sum of \$45.60. There were several exercises. Cake walking seemed to be enjoyed by all. Mr. Charles C. Perry and Miss Thelma Owensby were the lucky couple to win the prize. Guessing the number of seed in a gourd was also among the contests engaged in. There were several high and low guesses but only one lucky one, Miss Alma Jenkins being the winner of the prize.

Then with Mr. W. A. Parrish as auctioneer, the boxes were sold, ranging in price from one dollar to four dollars. There was one party or parties so hungry or who did not have the cash to pay for what they wanted to eat that they acted so brave as to take one of the boxes from a window before the sale started. The Philathea class is offering a nice Turkey dinner to the one taking the box if he will send his name to the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. W. S. Earp.

After the boxes were sold the contest came for the prettiest girl. After a time of close voting Miss Sallie Pittman was declared the winner and received a nice prize. Then for the ugliest boy came a close and long continuous voting between Mr. Crockett Allen and Mr. Lester Whitley, both of near Wendell. Mr. Whitley was the winner.

The proceeds of this entertainment will be used in paying for the piano for the Sunday school.

With Mr. W. S. Earp as superintendent, we have a very progressive Sunday school with more than one hundred and fifty enrolled. We cordially invite the people of the community out every Sunday morning at ten o'clock sharp. Church services are held each second Sunday at eleven o'clock and Saturday before at 2:30. Come and see what is going on.—Reporter, Zebulon, Route 1, November 21.

### Mrs. E. S. Abell Hostess

Mrs. E. S. Abell delightfully entertained the members of the Round Dozen Book Club and a number of other friends at her home on Church street Wednesday afternoon. Book was played at eight tables. At the close of the game a chicken salad course with iced drink was served. The interchange of books then took place, and the guests departed having spent a most pleasant afternoon.

## ROSEMONT SELLS FOR OVER \$16,000

### New Residential Section Just Opened Attracts A Large Number of Buyers

One of the biggest events for the development of Smithfield took place yesterday, when Rosemont, a valuable residential property located near the school house, was offered for sale, bringing \$16,410. Smithfield will necessarily grow in this direction and for that reason quite a number of prospective home owners were among the bidders. This section formerly owned by Rev. W. R. Coates has been laid off in six blocks with a winding avenue dividing the property in half, and no finer residential locations can be found anywhere in the town.

The prices of the forty-eight lots ranged from \$50 for one down on the hillside to \$3,275, the amount paid for the lot on which an attractive bungalow is situated. The purchasers, twenty-four in number, are as follows: S. C. Turnage, R. C. Gillett, W. J. Eason, W. C. Ryals, J. W. Myatt, E. H. Dixon, Joe Stephenson, A. M. Noble, M. B. Williams, J. L. Rackley, F. H. Brooks, W. G. Gray, J. C. Lassiter, J. H. Abell, J. T. Matthews, L. T. Royall, J. W. Daughtry, J. A. Keen, V. V. Hunter, C. J. Thomas, D. T. Stephenson, Frank O. Ray, J. L. Woody and W. S. Peterson.

The sale which was put on by the Union Auction Company of this city, characteristic of all land sales—brass band, money given away, and gold watches for those drawing the lucky tickets. Two watches were given away, Miss Juanita Woody and Mr. Joe Stephenson being the lucky persons. Those receiving cash prizes of a dollar each were Joe Mike Grantham, J. D. Stephenson, W. A. Bizzell, Mrs. W. R. Coates, G. A. Martin, W. A. Braswell, J. T. Matthews, Mrs. Carson Adams, Omar Adams, Mrs. W. W. Jordan and Mrs. B. W. Adams. The two little girls who drew the tickets were also the recipients of a dollar each.

A big crowd attended the sale from start to finish.

## WEATHER BUREAU WAS ESTABLISHED 50 YEARS AGO

The United States was not the first country to establish a national weather forecasting service, although the earliest experiments in forecasting by means of telegraphic reports were probably those of Prof. Joseph Henry of the Smithsonian Institution, 1849. The first national forecasting service was established in France in 1855, as the result of an episode of the Crimean War. In November, 1854, a severe storm did much damage to the French and British warships in the Black Sea. The French astronomer, Le Verrier, director of the Observatory of Paris, made a study of this storm and came to the conclusion that, with the aid of telegraphic reports, its eastward progress across Europe might have been predicted so that the disaster to the ships could have been averted. This idea led to the foundation of the French meteorological service. In this country the establishment of a similar service was frequently recommended by scientific authorities and finally, in 1839, an experimental service was established in the Cincinnati Observatory. These experiments in weather forecasting were so successful that Congress was induced to establish a national service, one of the principal duties of which was forecasting the weather. This service was originally attached to the Signal Corps of the Army, but since the year 1890 it has been a branch of the United States Department of Agriculture.

## TEACHER ON PROBATION BECAUSE SHE SMOKED

Secaucus, N. J., Nov. 21.—Miss Helen Clark, a primary school teacher, is on probation for smoking. The Board of Education notified her last night at a hearing that unless she "reformed" she would lose her job. Her lamplady testified as to the smoking.

## A SCHOOL TRUCK TOPPLES OVER

### Clarence Underwood Who Was Riding on the Fender Gets Broken Leg

An unfortunate accident occurred Wednesday afternoon on the road between Wilson's Mills and the Burkett Jones place about four miles off here when a Ford school truck carrying about forty-four children turned over. One fifteen year old boy, Clarence Underwood who was riding on the fender, sustained a broken leg. No other persons were injured. The accident happened on a level piece of road, and the car, we are informed, was running at a moderate rate. The heavy load, according to report, caused the fender brace and the front wheel to come together and lock, this causing the accident. One glass in the truck was broken and the steering rod bent, but outside this the truck was practically unharmed.

The truck carries the children from the Pimple Hill school, which has been discontinued, to the Wilson's Mills school.

## TENT MEETING STILL GROWS IN INTEREST

(Reported for The Herald)

The weather conditions have been favorable for the tent meeting during the past few days. Having good weather the people who live some distance from here, many of them having large families, have attended the services during the week. The people who live in Smithfield are interested in the meeting and many of them have been converted since it has been in progress. The new converts have been taking an active part in the prayer meeting which is being conducted every night under the tent from seven to 7:30. Those who have attended these services can see that there has been a change in those who have been converted.

Prayer service was conducted in the jail yesterday afternoon for the benefit of the prisoners. In this service eight white and three colored men heard the singing of two old hymns, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." A father with his three boys were there in jail and he seemed to be deeply touched by what was said. This service was enjoyed by them and they promised to live a life after this that will please the Lord. Sunday afternoon immediately after the three o'clock service Mr. Matthews and Mr. Faircloth with other Christian workers are going to conduct services for the convicts at the Camp.

The prayer service every night from 7 to 7:30 at the tent has grown in interest. At this time all Christians have an opportunity to say something. On Wednesday night the young people conducted the service. Miss Nannie Phillips led. This being her first time to conduct public service, she deserves a word of encouragement. Mr. Matthews is especially anxious to have the young folks take part in these services and in this way receive some good training in Christian work.

Quite a number of the good women of the town who are active Christian workers in the different churches are attending the prayer meetings held in the different parts of the community every afternoon at three o'clock. These meetings are becoming very interesting and helpful. If Christians want to grow and flourish, the afternoon prayer meetings are good places to go to get some spiritual food.

### Mrs. N. T. Holland Hostess

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. N. T. Holland was hostess to the Sans Souci Book Club and a number of other friends at her home in Brooklyn. Tables were arranged in the living-room, dining-room and hall for rook, the feature entertainment. Toward the close of the afternoon refreshments consisting of a chicken salad course with hot coffee, were served. Chrysanthemums and ferns were used effectively in the rooms thrown open to the forty guests present on this occasion.

## OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR IS IMPEACHED

Oklahoma City, Nov. 19.—J. C. Walton fifth governor of Oklahoma, was removed from office tonight by unanimous vote of the State Senate Court of Impeachment after his trial on charges of crime or in office, neglect of duty, moral turpitude and general incompetency.

A formal verdict was returned after the Executive had been found guilty of 11 of the 16 charges presented. The vote was 41 to 0.

Nine of the original 22 charges constituting the impeachment bill were dismissed by order of the court.

### Denied New Trial

The court, by a standing vote, denied a motion for a new trial, which Governor Walton's counsel filed immediately after the verdict was announced.

The Governor's removal, although not formally ordered until after a verdict had been returned on each charge, was made certain this afternoon when the court found him guilty of abusing his pardon and parole authority, the first charge to be voted upon.

Forty-one senators, lacking only one of the total membership of the body, voted for conviction. Senator Jack Berker, who has consistently voted in the Governor's favor throughout the 16 days of the trial, was absent.

The articles of impeachment were filed by the lower House of the State Legislature, which less than two months ago the executive had dispersed by military force.

### Trapp Successor

By the removal of Governor Walton, Lieut. Gov. M. E. Trapp became governor. Trapp has been lieutenant-governor during two four-year administrations and has been acting governor since October 23, when the Senate suspended Governor Walton after the filing of the impeachment charges.

The vote followed with surprising suddenness after the examination of the last witness, E. M. Marland, president of the Marland Refining Company, had barely left the stand when W. E. Disney, chairman of the House Board of Managers, which conducted the prosecution, announced that the evidence was concluded.

A few preliminary maneuvers and then a motion was made to vote first on Article 19, the clemency charge. The court sustained the motion and the prosecution summed up briefly the testimony introduced in support of the charge.—Associated Press.

### Baptist Church Next Sunday

Sunday school at 9:45, with organized classes for men and women. Beginning with next Sunday the hour will be 7 o'clock for all evening services. The pastor, Rev. S. L. Morgan, will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., the morning topic being, "The Responsibility of God's Steward." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, the subject being, "The Stewardship of Time." Next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 the Johnston County B. Y. P. U. association will meet with the Baptist church here, and a very interesting program is promised, a leading feature being a demonstration program given by the Clayton B. Y. P. U. Everybody is cordially invited to all the services.

Special attention is called to a service at our church next Thursday, Thanksgiving day, at 10:30. It is understood that no other church in town will have a service that day. The President and the Governor of our State have issued proclamations calling on all the people to observe the day with religious services and it is to be hoped that people of all denominations will turn out in large numbers to this service. Make no engagements to conflict with this hour of the day to real thanksgiving. The country people are cordially invited to the service.

### S. L. MORGAN.

## TOBACCO CO-OP'S CLOSE FOR THANKSGIVING

I wish to notify the members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, that the Warehouse in Smithfield will be closed Wednesday night Nov. 28th for Thanksgiving, and will be re-opened Monday, Dec. 3rd.

A. G. JOHNSON, Mgr.

## ARCTIC EXPLORER DRAWS 14 YEARS

### Dr. Cook and Many Others Are Convicted In Federal Court Heavy Sentences

Fort Worth, Texas, Nov. 21.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, oil operator, who was found guilty in Federal court here this afternoon of fraud in connection with the operations of the Petroleum Producers' Association, of which he was sole trustee, was sentenced to serve fourteen years and nine months in the Federal prison and assessed a fine of \$12,000 by Federal Judge John M. Killits. Fred K. Smith, treasurer of the company, was sentenced to serve seven years in prison and was fined \$12,000. S. E. J. Cox was sentenced to eight years and fined \$8,000. Other co-defendants of Cook who were found guilty were given the following:

A. K. Echman, seven years and \$12,000 fine; W. L. Braddish and W. P. Welty, two years each and \$1,000; J. S. Rooks, C. W. Slets, S. L. Hess, T. O. Turner, B. S. Henninger, E. J. Bowen and R. L. Maxwell, each one year and a day and fines of \$1,000. L. A. McKecher was given six years and a fine of \$1,000.

Judge Killits passed sentence on Dr. Cook after a scathing denunciation of the methods said to have been practiced by the former Arctic explorer. Cook made no statement.

Cook's bond was placed at \$75,000, which he will not be permitted to make until a complete record of the case has been drawn.

The jury was out twenty hours. After it had delivered its verdict, Judge Killits launched into an arraignment of Dr. Cook.

Dr. Cook, made an international character, because of sheer effrontery, was conducting a school of crime and operating a cold-blooded, deliberate confidence game, disguised as the Petroleum Producers' Association, Judge Killits asserted.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook first became internationally known in April 1900 when, upon arriving in Copenhagen from a trip into the Far North, he announced that he had discovered the North Pole. His story was accepted as true and he was received there with high honors.

Upon returning to this country Dr. Cook published reports of his journey and wide credence was given his narrations for some months. Since then his claims have been disputed, and he ultimately was branded as a faker, but in the meantime he was the recipient of many honors. He was made president of the Explorers' Club, New York, and a member of the Kings County Medical Society, the American and National Geographical Societies, the American Ethnological Society, the American Alpine Club and lesser organizations.

Dr. Cook has written voluminously for magazines along the lines of ethnology, anthropology, geography and other sciences from his observations in the Arctic and Antarctic. He was the author of several books, including "Through the First Antarctic Night." In 1913 and 1914 he lectured in this country and in England but led a life of comparative retirement until he came to Fort Worth in 1919 and went into the oil business.—Associated Press.

## BLEW OUT THE GAS; TWO PREACHERS DEAD

Wilmington, Nov. 16.—Rev. C. V. Richardson, of Rocky Mount, and Rev. R. C. Merritt, of Magnolia, negro preachers here attending a negro religious convention, were found dead early today in the same bed at the home of Rev. G. D. Carnes, negro on South Seventh street. Death, it was said, was caused by asphyxiation.

Indications in the room in which they were found were that they blew out the gas light upon retiring last night and during the night were overcome by the escaping fumes. Coroner Allen, of New Hanover county, has summoned a jury and will hold an inquest late today.

A blockhead never sees things as you do. Therefore he is a blockhead.