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Delegates Arriving On Eve of Episcopal Diocesan Convention

Sessions to be Preceded by
Bishop's Supper and
Meeting of Executive
Council Tonight

HUNDREDS EXPECTED
Visitors Being Entertained
in Homes Throughout the
City; Youthful Hostess on
Hand Early

Nearly half of the 200 delegates and visitors expected here for the forty-fourth convention of the Diocese of East Carolina Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held tomorrow and Thursday, arrived today, in order to be on hand in ample time for the first regular session tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The convention is to be held in Christ Church, and the visitors are being entertained in homes throughout the city.

Among the early arrivals were the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., of Wilmington, Bishop of the Diocese and chairman of the convention; the Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., of Edenton, president of the convention; George B. Elliott, of Wilmington, vice president and general counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and chancellor of the convention; the Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., of Wilmington, and his daughter, Miss Ann Milton, who is field secretary of the Young People's Service League; and Mrs. H. D. MacMillan, of Wilmington, diocesan president of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Other diocesan officers arriving today included the Rev. W. R. Noe, of Wilmington, executive secretary; and Thomas D. Meares, of Wilmington, treasurer. Virtually all the 18 members of the executive council of the diocese were on hand, in anticipation of the meeting of the council to be held tonight, preliminary to the convention.

The council session will be preceded by a supper served in Christ Church Parish House auditorium tonight at 6:30 o'clock, in honor of Bishop Darst, invited guests to include all the clergy present and one lay representative from each parish and mission in the diocese.

The convention will open officially tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock with a meeting for the men in Christ Church, and the women holding forth in the parish house chapel. The men will represent the parish while the feminine delegation will transact the business of the various parochial organizations. The meetings tomorrow morning will be devoted mainly to organization.

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Luncheon will be served the delegates tomorrow and Thursday afternoons at 1 o'clock in the auditorium on the second floor of the parish house. Business sessions will be held each afternoon from 4:30 to 5 o'clock, with church services each night at 8 o'clock. A special confirmation service will be a feature Thursday night.

Election of officers, and selection of time and place for next year's convention are slated for disposal at the Thursday afternoon session. For the convenience of the visitors, a reading, writing and lounging room will be available on the second floor of the parish house, and accessible by a stairway from the cloister connecting the parish house with the main body of the church.

In ample time to welcome the visiting hundreds, a baby daughter arrived at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Hill Friday night. She weighed eight pounds, and is to be christened Carolyn Harding Hill. Mr. Hill is rector of the church, and is immensely proud of the little girl, his first daughter.

The program for the sessions of the Woman's Auxiliary and Parochial Society of the diocese follows: Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock—Opening hymn. Prayer by the Rev. H. G. Ensland, of Farmville. Greeting from Christ Church Parish, tendered by Mrs. C. W. Melick. Response by Mrs. Hannah Bonner, Washington. Roll call, officers' reports, and adjournment at 11 o'clock, for special service in church.

Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock—Opening hymn. Officers' reports, and reports from standing committees. Appointment of new committees. Announcements. Thursday morning at 7:30 o'clock, the women will hold annual corporate communion, after which the Bishop's Fund will be presented. At 10 o'clock a business session will be held, including a conference on box work, led

Blast That Broke Levee To Save New Orleans



The dramatic climax of a city's fight against flood disaster is shown in this remarkable black earth of the levee was shot nearly 100 feet in the air by the blast, which was visible at the right while part of the evacuated lowland country right. The moke was made in the hope that the outburst would wash flood sufficiently to save the anxious city.

MANY SURPRISES AT SAWYER SALE

Preferred Stock Paying
Dividends Regularly,
Goes at Below Par

The unusual spectacle of seven per cent preferred stock, which is paying quarterly dividends regularly, selling at 65 to 80 was presented at the courthouse Monday at noon, at a commissioner's sale incident to settlement of the estate of the late M. N. Sawyer, for many years a highly prominent figure in the business, political and religious life of the community.

The stock in question comprised 110 shares in the Crystal Ice & Coal Corporation, of this city, which were bid off by Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer, son of the decedent, for \$8,800, or \$80 per share, and ten shares in the Crystal Ice & Coal Company of Washington, North Carolina, bid in by Graham W. Bell. The latter went for \$50, or \$5 a share.

Other stock sold included 20 shares in the First Citizens National Bank, which went to Walter P. Wood, of this city, at \$25 per share of \$100 par value, or a total of \$4,500; ten shares in the Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank, bid in by Milton Love and Trial Justice Sawyer at \$145 a share, or \$1,450 for all; and one share in the Southern Trust Company, sold to Mr. Sawyer at \$155.

C. O. Robinson bid in 350 shares of seven per cent preferred stock in the Elizabeth City Hoistery Mill, at \$3,000. The stock has a par value of \$10 a share. Thirty shares in the Standard Manufacturing Company, at par value of \$100, brought \$1,500, being bought by Trial Justice Sawyer.

Besides the stocks, various notes and small property tracts here were sold. These brought a total of \$2,463, making the aggregate receipts at the sale \$23,318. It is explained, however, that none of the figures are final, inasmuch as the court order directing the sale allows a period of 20 days in which bids may be raised. The sale was conducted by M. B. Sawyer, commissioner.

ANOTHER ADDED TO LIST DEAD MINERS

Fairmont, W. Va., May 3.—The bodies of six additional victims of the Everettville mine disaster were located by rescue workers at noon today, making the total known dead 24. The rescuers continued their search for 70 miners still missing.

Fairmont, W. Va., May 3.—(AP)—Another name was added to the death list at Everettville mine today when rescuers, searching for 77 entombed men, came upon the body of a miner in the main drift, some 3,000 feet back in the blast swept tunnels.

This brought the known dead to 18. The last victim found was a miner, with a belt buckle marked "M." It was believed he was one of the section bosses who was not with the main body of men who were trapped.

STEAMER BURNED NEAR DEEP CREEK

Meager reports received from South Mills Tuesday told of the burning of the steamer Emma K. somewhere between Deep Creek, Virginia, and Norfolk Monday night. No word as to the cause of the fire was available. The steamer is said to have been loaded with fertilizer, and to have been bound from South Mills to Norfolk.

It was stated that Alex Sawyer, temporarily employed as engineer on the steamer, was forced to jump overboard to escape from the flames. The Emma K. is said to have carried a crew of three or four men, and to have been owned by Phillip M. Matthews, of South Mills.

TAXPAYERS FIND QUESTIONS HARD

Assessors Urge Property
Owners to List Early
and Avoid Rush

Much difficulty is being experienced by taxpayers here in answering certain essential questions with reference to the listing of their property in the course of the quadrennial revaluation being made this month, members of the board of assessors here report.

The members of the local board are J. B. Perchee, Elbert R. Spence, N. A. Jones and C. E. Bailey, with Judge J. B. Leitch as county supervisor.

The printed form used in connection with the revaluation, for instance, bears a query as to the names of owners of adjoining property. This occasionally proves a hard nut for the property owner to crack, in giving in his holdings.

Other questions relate to the size of the lot, in front feet, the depth; the size of the dwelling or dwellings; the date erected, and the date when the present owner acquired the property. There are many other questions, too, but the foregoing are declined to be raised. The assessor suggests that much time and trouble may be saved if property owners will take care to inform themselves on these items before undertaking to list their holdings.

As usual, the assessors are urging strongly that everyone list early, in order that the usual last minute rush may be avoided. They will be on duty in the courthouse auditorium each week-day from 9 o'clock in the morning to 5 in the afternoon through the remainder of May.

PLYMOUTH MAN HEARD BY MANY

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards Assists City Road Pastor in Revival

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards of Plymouth preached his first sermon in the revival, begun Sunday at City Road Methodist Church, before an unusually large Monday night congregation on the general theme of the Christian as the salt of the earth, in the light of the world, and as witness for Christ. He made a most favorable impression upon those who heard him, and the outbreak appears bright for a fruitful meeting.

In the sermon Monday night, Christianity was pictured as an ideal in the world, which un-saved men and women as judges, and the great and brilliant opportunity left in the hands of His disciples by Jesus Christ after His ascension from the dead and ascension to the Father was described in glowing terms.

"The devil recognizes God," the preacher declared, "and he deceives His slaves and masters; but to man is reserved the honor and duty and privilege of being the salt of the earth, the thing that saves it from corruption and decay, of being the light of the world, leading all peoples into paths of righteousness and peace; of being a witness for Jesus, speaking and bearing testimony for him."

"A witness is one standing between two conflicting parties, and his duty is to tell the truth. He must know what he is talking about, and the failure of Christianity in the world today is in part the failure of Christians to know their duty."

"We hear many criticisms of the Church, but the Church is the only organization on earth created by witness for God and for saving the world from destruction by lighting a path to God."

"What sort of witness are we hearing? What is our testimony to the world and to our family? Our children have a right to our testimony. Are we living up to our duty? Are we being episcopal known and read of all men bearing witness to the saving power of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us?"

The sermon throughout was illuminated by attractive illustrations and made a deep impression upon those who heard it. Services continue through the week beginning each evening with a song service led by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker.

"The public is welcome at every service," says Mr. Parker.

PAUL GREEN WINS 1927 PULITZER PRIZE

Chapel Hill, May 3.—(AP)—Paul Green, of Harnett County, and professor at the University of North Carolina, is the 1927 Pulitzer prize winner for his best American play, "In Abraham's Bosom," and received \$10,000 for it. He was born on a farm near Ellington on March 17, 1894. He teaches philosophy.

MRS. SNYDER TELLS HOW SHE FAINTED

New York, May 3.—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Snyder testified today that when she saw her lover and co-defendant, Henry Judd Gray, beating her husband, she fainted and after reviving made no effort to learn whether her husband was dead or alive.

LETTERS ABOUT MOTHER'S DAY RE IN THURSDAY

Those entering The Advance contest for the best letter on "What I Think of Mother's Day" are reminded that their letters must reach The Advance office by six o'clock Thursday afternoon, May 5.

The prize winners will be announced in a Mother's Day advertisement appearing in The Advance either Friday or Saturday.

Details of the contest appeared in last Thursday's issue of The Daily Advance. Mother's Day is next Sunday. Governor McLean has issued a proclamation asking the people of North Carolina to observe the day.

What do you think of Mother's Day? The contest is open to any mother in the Albemarle section, and the prizes are waiting.

BRICK HOUSE LANE Will Be Improved

Steps to improve the condition of the lane running from the Newland Highway, some two miles from this city, to the historic Old Brick House, reputed to have been the abode of the bloodthirsty pirate Blackbeard some two centuries ago, were taken by the Pasquotank Highway Commission Tuesday.

Upon representation that the lane, which is about half a mile long, is in bad condition, largely from heavy tourist travel, the commission authorized Chairman S. G. Scott, Commissioner Pritchard and Road Superintendent J. E. Provo to investigate and offer recommendations at the June meeting.

The commission also took under advisement a request from Superintendent S. L. Sheep, of the city schools, for improvement of the highway from the city limits on Southern avenue, to the colored State Normal School. The commission expressed themselves unanimously in favor of the improvement asked, but informed Mr. Sheep that no money was available for it.

Individual members of the commission voiced the hope that the Board of County Commissioners and perhaps the City Council and various civic organizations here might take steps to put the road to the school in better condition.

ABANDON THEORY OF BOY BEING KILLED BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Fredericksburg, Va., May 3.—(AP)—The first theory of local and state police and private detectives that nine-year-old Albert Baker was killed by an automobile and his body then thrown into the Rappahannock River near here was abandoned today when Coroner John E. Cole reported that an autopsy revealed a fracture at the base of the skull and no other broken bones. When the boy's body was found in a sack on the banks of the river six miles from here yesterday the authorities thought both legs had been broken and concluded he had been run down by an automobile and his body disposed of so as to avoid presentation.

Coroner Cole reported today, however, that the examination of the body by him and several other physicians showed only the fractured skull. The boy's right hand was missing but the coroner said this probably was due to it having become disjointed at the wrist through decomposition.

PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS CLOSE JUNE THIRD

Plymouth, May 3.—According to information received today the Plymouth graded schools will close June 3, with appropriate exercises, after a very successful year.

The preacher of the barefooted sermon and the person who will address the graduating class have not been definitely decided upon.

Fight to Hold Levees As Mississippi Rolls On Is One of Grim Endurance

COUNCIL STAGES
RECORD SESSION

City Fathers Do Exactly
Nothing, Having Exactly
Nothing to Do

Outside of hauling up a record for speedy dispatch of the business in hand, the City Council last night did exactly nothing, for the good and sufficient reason that it had nothing to do. According to Mayor McCabe, the session lasted exactly 18 minutes.

There were no spectators at this unusual session of the City Fathers, until toward the last of the 18 minutes. Then Dr. J. W. Selig, optometrist and man about town, walked in, a little apologetically.

The unofficial act of the Council, outside of receiving routine reports and approving the bills, was to give silent sanction to a pronouncement by Mayor McCabe to the effect that hereafter, until further notice, session will begin at 8 o'clock instead of 7:30.

City Manager Miles W. Perchee reported briefly that the streets were in fairly good condition, that the brick re-laying on Burgess and Shepard streets had been finished, and that work was underway on the re-laying of Belgian blocks on Shepard.

Twenty-eight arrests and the seizure of eight gallons of liquor during the month were reported by Chief of Police Holmes.

The report of City Tax Collector George H. Wood cited the collection of \$10,262.37 in taxes in April, making a total of \$117,175.68 for the fiscal year, to date.

Hoodoo Is Barrier To Prospective Candidates

A hoodoo here which strong men have been known to quail before has become a factor in the municipal election to be held here next Tuesday, in which the voters are to choose a mayor and four members of the City Council.

To date, three candidates for the mayorship and nine aspirants to seats on the Council have entered the lists, making a total of 12. There are still other individuals here who are known to have a hankering for the emoluments of public office as well as for the thrill that comes to him who campaigns; but a dread superstition is in the way.

The next candidate who comes out will necessarily be the thirteenth. In obedience to the popular idea on the subject of the number 12, the Pullman Company recently has ordered its stricken summertime train from all sleeping cars.

Unless two or more of the politically ambitious ones who have not yet announced themselves decide to pool their hopes, temporarily at least, and come out together, wise politicians here are forecasting that the field will be left to the twelve who have entered already. Nobody wants to be the "unlucky thirteenth."

The entrants to date for the mayorship are Jerome B. Flora, P. C. Coburn and W. T. Culpeper. Those running for the four seats on the Council are Leslie Armstrong, D. Ray Kramer, J. J. Hughes and E. J. Coburn, all seeking re-election, and L. S. Gordon, J. D. Fitchett, C. W. Overman, G. E. Pritchard and L. B. Twiford.

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Flood Waters Stream Through Broken Dykes and Widen Their Territory North and West

REFUGEES FLEEING

Relief Squadron Ploughs Through Muddy Waters to Remove Residents from Inundated Lowlands

New Orleans, May 3.—(AP)—Successful termination of the fight to hold the levee line against the charge of the Mississippi River became a question of grim endurance in the Natchez sector today, while a relief squadron ploughed through muddy waters to remove residents from the inundated lowland parishes of North-eastern Louisiana.

Flood waters from the Red and Mississippi Rivers, streaming from breaches in the levee systems, continued their invasion, widening their territory Northward and Westward as they moved to meet the coming flood from the Arkansas River.

The levee fight became desperate on the West bank of the Mississippi in the neighborhood of Vidalia and a crew worked throughout the night on electrical lights and pumps, widening their territory also, the situation became critical as emergency measures were speeded to stop the flow over levees. The crisis was expected between Delta Point and Deer Park, in the same territory, within two days.

With thousands of persons already driven from their homes in Northeastern Louisiana, the crest was but their invasion, widening. Many towns in Concordia, Catahoula, Avoyelles and neighbor parishes already had been deserted but in others reliance was placed on protection levees and residents reared their defenses before the coming flood.

A rescue fleet left Natchez today, headed by the Flad, an Hugsby and composed of six steam launches, four Cowart and motor boats and half a dozen surf boats to comb the area already covered by water.

An Unending Caravan

Memphis, Tenn., May 3.—(AP)—A seeming unending caravan of people poured out from parishes in Northern and Central Louisiana today fleeing down the wall of water sweeping down on their homes as the Mississippi River, and its lower valley tributaries, continued their rampage through broken dykes.

The population of refugee camps swelled hourly as people came on foot, in wagons, in automobiles or were ferried to safety in flooded sections by relief boats concentrated in the area, the Red Cross announced. The task of raking food and other supplies washed the facilities of the organization.

Two great rescue fleets plied the waters of the lower Mississippi, roamed the swollen reaches of the Red, Ouachita, Black and other tributaries, or sent units of small skiffs and motor boats across the flooded fields to take off any persons unroofed.

Vicksburg refugee population a mileback was estimated by the Red Cross at 16,000. Bastrop, Louisiana, held 3,500.

While thousands, heeding urgent flood warnings, were evacuating their homes and going to concentration camps, reports came to Red Cross that many others had refused to leave.

Preparations were being made today to set up wireless communications between strategic points in the valley. A chain of land stations will work with those on vessels in the rescue fleets and will form the first great communication system of the kind set up by the Red Cross.

Need \$10,000,000 for Relief

Washington, May 3.—Impressed with the dire plight of thousands of sufferers in the Mississippi River flood area and the grave crisis caused by further crumbling of levees, President Coolidge has appealed to the Nation to increase to \$10,000,000 its donations for relief work.

This is twice the amount originally requested and means that the American public must duplicate its performance of the past week if their President's new figure is to be reached. The first fund has been slightly over subscribed.

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"The situation in the Mississippi valley," Mr. Coolidge said, "has developed into a grave crisis at