

Camp Meeting Was Major Part Of Religious Life Haywood Years Ago

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The writer desires this explanation: Wherever religious meetings, language, home life, etc. are depicted (or omitted) by language common to the spirit of the day, it is not a duty to stick to the facts as possible—and people draw their own conclusions.

In this portrayal of the past, our readers will find that some of the preparations for these meetings were made before hand—and with- out course, there were the flowers in those days, some of whom were known for their hospitality at such occasions. Know- ing the well-to-do families al-

Significance of Mourners' Bench

The mourners' bench played an important and significant part in most of the churches of the South for many generations past. Past, we say, because it has now almost disappeared; a few of the so-called fundamentalist, or old-style churches, still use it. It signified not only an attitude of repentance, but a resolve to "pray through" to forgiveness. It was the place where the penitents or "mourners" were supposed to wrestle fervently until they got heart-felt religion—then to let the church and congregation know it by shouting. If a person who "got through" by his own seeking (or together with the prayers of others in his behalf) and was not of the demonstrative, shouting type, he was supposed to at least be able to stand up, tell the church about it and shake hands, as a sign of his repentance.

Alley McCracken and others used to tell a story illustrative of the times: At one of these meetings Uncle Bill Haynes went to Aunt Adeline Messer and said, "Adeline, I want you to pray for my son, John."

"Pray for him yourself," she re-



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Delegates Arrive For Conference At Junaluska

More than 300 men and women are due to register Friday for a 15-state convention of Methodist church school superintendents and other officers at the Lake Junaluska summer assembly.

The conference will continue through Sunday, it was announced by the Rev. Walter Towner, Nashville, Tenn., who will be in charge. He is director of the Department of General Church School Work at the Methodist Board of Education.

In addition to church school superintendents, delegates will include chairmen of local church Commissions on Education, and assistant superintendents for membership cultivation.

Besides the nine southeastern states usually embraced by the assembly program, delegates will come from Indiana, Ohio, Delaware, Illinois and West Virginia.

"The convention will provide an opportunity for sharing ideas with those working at the same job in the church, and our primary purpose is to help those in attendance to become more effective leaders for Christ and His Church," the Rev. Mr. Towner said.

The faculty leadership will include Prof. James E. Ward of Peabody College, Nashville; Robert G. Mayfield, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities, Chicago; the Rev. James W. Sells, executive secretary of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional

applied, "I've got my own younguns to pray for."

The Meeting Begins
Now, let us imagine that the meeting under this old brush arbor is about ready to begin, either the 11 o'clock or the "early candle-light" service. The preacher or, maybe, the song-leader picks up the old Christian Harmony and "hists" the hymn, perhaps "Among Grace" or "Come Thou Fount—". This is the signal for all outside activity and noise to cease, and for the people to assemble.

We gave you an idea of the kind of messages they delivered in those days and the style or manner of most of the preaching. It was not only usually loud and long, but was also characteristic of the Jonathan Edwards fire and brimstone days. Those were the days when, it is said, God's wrath, rather than Christ's love, was preached and sinners were "shaken over the pit". (But with all this, there was often fine fundamental interpretations of the Scriptures and good, sincere preaching.) Toward the close of the sermon the preacher usually departed from his text altogether—to warn, exhort and to entreat "sinners" to come forward. Then they would often step down from the pulpit and get in the aisle—and now the—

Altar Call Is Made
This was the signal for the "workers" to go out into the congregation to "talk to sinners". (This was the term used.) In the good meetings often several persons would go up for prayer, and in the "awful meetings" fifteen or twenty at the mourners' bench together was not unusual. So it is on this particular night—as we are trying to picture for you an "awful meeting". An appropriate hymn—like, we'll say, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus," resounds in this crude "temple of the Lord", the singing and praying all intermingled. Now someone is shouting—now another—Yes, it's the voice of a new convert, and some of the congregation are straining to see.

Thus it goes on until near midnight, when the service closes, more because of almost complete exhaustion, perhaps, than anything else.

At last the meeting closes for the year, and the candidates for baptism are received. Then the crude seats are stacked up for another year—and the hogs and cattle come in and take over in the meantime.

(More on ministers, meetings and churches planned for future articles.—Editor.)

ABS Field Day Slated August 18

Arrangements are being completed for a field day program at the Asheville Stud of the American Breeders Service to be held on August 18. Any persons who have used artificial breeding, as well as others who may be interested have been invited to attend.

Speakers will include Dr. V. A. Rice, head of the department of animal husbandry of the University of Massachusetts; Prof. George Hyatt, Jr., in charge of dairy extension at N. C. State College; and J. R. Prentice, head of the American Breeders Service.

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Time is also allotted during the day for inspection of bulls, exhibits and demonstrations. The program starts at 10.30 a.m. and adjourns shortly after 3.30 p.m.

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