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WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE IS MEETING HERE THIS WEEK

Dr. E. Teeter is presiding at invitation of the president, Rev. J. A. Clement.

The annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Church) of America convened with the Wesleyan church here Tuesday morning of this week. Ministers and delegates began to arrive Monday evening, and a large number are in attendance, among them being many prominent ministers of this denomination. Dr. E. Teeter, of Sheridan, Ind., the president of the General Conference, is here, and by invitation of president J. A. Clement is presiding. Dr. H. C. Bedford, president of Central (S. C.) College, is on hand to present the educational interests. Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Harvey, returned missionaries to India, are present and will have prominent part in the missionary program. Rev. Anna K. Folger, of Princeton, Ill., will represent the W. H. & F. M. S. of the General Conference, Rev. Mr. Hughes, evangelist, of the Louisville, Ky., Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Rev. H. T. Roddy, of Tennessee, an evangelist of the Apostolic Holiness Church, are prominent visitors.

Today (Thursday) at 11 o'clock Dr. H. Clark Bedford will preach a Thanksgiving sermon. There will be preaching twice daily: at 2 and 7:30 p. m. The ordination sermon by Rev. E. Teeter, and ordination services will be conducted Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Old-fashioned Methodist Love Feast at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, preaching to follow; also Sunday night at 7:15. Special music will be rendered at all services. The business meetings will convene each morning at 8:30 o'clock, and after preaching in the afternoon.

The attendance of Ministers and delegates is the largest in the history of the conference, and the pastor, Rev. Edw. M. Graham, urges those who have not opened their homes for visitors, to please let him know at once if you will assist in the entertainment of these good people.

A cordial invitation is extended by the conference to all pastors and their congregations to attend all the services.

PAUL PETERSON WRITES

Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. Nov. 24, 1917.—No doubt you are still running the only Newspaper Kings Mountain can boast of, and if I'm properly instructed you still say a few things about Farns for the different Social Stanzas pulled off at home. Now please don't forget that a few Kings Mountain boys are putting in about twenty to twenty-four hours per day helping prepare a hot reception for old Bill. And as the quarantine is, we can-



REV. B. A. CULP.
Who is beginning his eighth year as pastor of Grace Methodist Church.

FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Joe Short, a farmer living near Shelby on Avery Mc Murry's plantation was killed Monday afternoon of last week when the automobile in which he was riding plunged down a 40-foot embankment at the Weaver bridge on the Shelby-Sharon road. Tom McCoy, owner of the car, a man who runs a local tire vulcanizing plant, was driving when he rounded the curve he saw ahead a farmer, James Chambliss, who was riding in a buggy, and rather than strike Mr. Chambliss and possibly deliver a fatal blow to him, McCoy steered the car down the embankment, with the result that it turned over several times and landed upside down on the brink of the river with all of the occupants pinned underneath. Lawrence Jones, a barber, was in the car, together with two women named Haynes from Blacksburg, S. C. None of others was hurt to any extent. McCoy managed to extricate himself and lift the car off the others. Short had ugly bruises about the head and died five hours later after he was taken to his home. He is survived by his wife and six children.

not scour around and get the few necessities required to make us feel like doing this work. You people at home are scrapping solely for money while we are scrapping to keep somebody from being boss of our home land. Now a few things from home in a while would make us feel more like we were not forgotten. To tell the truth about the matter there are lots of people down here who never sampled any good old Kings Mountain eats. And if the eats are sent to us once every six months maybe "they" will not sample them then.

Respectfully,

Paul C. Peterson,
F. H. 117—105th S. T.

PATHFINDERS RETURN

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Nov. 18.—One of the greatest good roads tours for the purpose of inspecting and locating the most feasible route from Washington to Atlanta, for the Bankhead National Highway Association which traverses from Washington to Los Angeles Cal., started from the steps of the Capitol on October 30th, and came to a close at the Capitol steps in Washington on November 8th.

Before the party started, impressive ceremonies were held in the rotunda of the Capitol. Representatives from the State, Treasury, War, Navy, Postoffice Interior and Road Departments, were present to lend dignity and to give their influence and approval to the Bankhead National Highway, which reaches from Washington to Los Angeles. Speeches were made by Senators J. H. Bankhead, Hoke Smith, D. U. Fletcher, Congressman E. Y. Webb, W. P. G. Harding, John Shelton Williams, and others.

After the ceremonies were concluded the Pathfinders in special automobiles accompanied by 50 automobiles started down Pennsylvania avenue from the white House on their journey South under the leadership of Mr. J. A. Rountree, who had charge of the party and conducted the ceremonies of the tour.

The official party that made the tour consisted of the pathfinders, Messrs. John Oliver La Groce, A. G. Batchelder, Maurice O. Eldridge, accompanied by Senator Bankhead, ex-congressman T. S. Plowman, president, and J. A. Rountree, secretary. Dr. H. M. Rowe, Congressman E. Y. Webb, C. E. Ireland, Mrs. Ruth Kramer and Miss Selene Rountree, of Birmingham. The official party was escorted by State Highway Commissioners and delegations through the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia.

The Pathfinders traversed from Washington to Fredericksburg, R. C. Moore, Petersburg, South Hill, Boydton, Clarksville, Va., to Raleigh, Durham, Hillsboro, Mebane, Graham, Burlington, Greensboro, High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, Spencer, Salisbury, Concord, Charlotte, Gastonia, Kings Mountain, Snell, N. C., to Gaffney, Spartanburg, Greenville, Anderson, S. C. Hartwell, Royston, Athens, Windsor, Lawrenceville, Stone Mountain, on to Atlanta, arriving there Saturday night November 8th. Traveling a distance of 834 miles.

After the party arrived in Atlanta, they boarded the Southern train Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4th and returned to Greensboro, N. C. where automobiles were in waiting to escort the party over the Piedmont route to Washington via. Reidsville, N. C. Danville, Alta Vista, Lynchburg, Loversington, Charlottesville, Gordonsville, Culpeper, Manassas, Fairfax Va., on in to Washington, a distance of 342 miles. Stops were



REV. AND MRS. C. B. HARVEY

Returned missionaries to India. They will be here at the Wesleyan Conference.

COOL HEADS SAVED LIVES OF MANY PERSONS

Cool heads and a little common sense probably saved the lives and limbs of several hundred persons, as usual mostly women and children, in Raleigh recently when burning insulation on electric wires filled a motion picture theatre with smoke. The theatre has a seating capacity of about 800 and it was crowded. When there were indications of fire nobody got excited and the theatre was emptied without incident. Concerning the incident The Raleigh Times carried the following editorial:

"An unpleasant incident which marred the first exhibition of the Red Cross films, the tanks in action, Monday afternoon nevertheless served to display a quality in Raleigh people that is deserving of the highest praise.

"The Strand Theatre was crowded, practically every seat on floor and in gallery, when a pungent smell was succeeded by wisps of vapor creeping along the ceiling. Some few rose from their seats and made for the door. The audience as a whole, very largely composed of women and children, remained in their seats. Those who had started to leave returned. The pictures continued to be flashed upon the screen. The piano accompaniment never hesitated. The crowd smiled at its temporary nervousness. Then it came! The small increased in pungency, ribbons of smoke became darker clouds that commenced to fill the theatres and to make the air stifling. It was only then that the crowd began to move—but without suggestion of fright, in order, without undue pushing or crowding. It was as if the program were complete and the audience filing out after uninterrupted entertainment.

"One wondered what might have been the consequence of a single fear ridden person. Suppose there had been the fool, once inevitable in such a gathering,—to yell 'Fire!' Nothing of the sort happened, but that it did not was not remotely connected with the fact that the 'fire' was the burning of a small piece of insulation,—a big smoke, and a mighty stink!

"The happy issue of this incident was due, no doubt, in part, to the years of steady education from official sources and through the press as to the obligation of keeping one's head in the threat of fire in public places. The very school children knew the fire drill. Older members of the audience had mental pictures of the holocausts of human life of which they had read, and knew that they had been caused almost invariably not so much by fire as by the panic that goes with it. But we wondered if this efficient calm did not represent, also, something of the effect which war is having upon the people. Did it not mean that there was sunk into the mass consciousness a duty of preservation that is not so much naturally selfish as it is nationally economic? Did it not mean that, even to the minds of small children, the sufferings of humanity, even then reflected in part upon the screen, have brought a new courage, a sensible fatalism?

"However that may be, it was a pretty sight to stand in the theatre and watch the filled aisles empty themselves slowly and without flutter, while the brown smoke eddied over their heads!

"So looking, one could imagine what an American army will be in action,—drum-fire, charge, or gas attack,—as the case may be."

CLEAN UP ALL THE SCHOOL HOUSES

Schools will open shortly, but now that they are idle an excellent opportunity is afforded to have them thoroughly inspected and piles of old papers, rubbish and other litter cleared out and all fire hazards removed or properly safeguarded. Stove pipes and furnace equipments should be investigated and all defects corrected, and every method adopted which spells protection against and prevention of fires. The annual average of 800 school houses damaged or destroyed by fire can easily be lowered if a little foresight and caution are exercised in a thorough cleaning up and inspection campaign before the school term opens. It is to be remembered that the lives of children are involved in the necessity of carefulness in this important item, and no amount of expense or caution should be spared in protecting these little ones against danger or injury by fire. A hint to school officials and janitors ought to be sufficient.—Fire Facts.

made at all the principal towns and cities.

It is estimated that over one hundred thousand people greeted the pathfinders on their journey of twelve hundred in automobiles, Banquets, luncheons, public meetings were held, thousands of school children lined the streets and roads in many places waving flags and singing patriotic songs. The pathfinders were escorted by committees

from one town to another. frequently there would be as many as a hundred and fifty cars in line. One of the features of the trip was that of Senator Bankhead who is seventy-six years old, and Ex-Congressman Plowman, who is seventy-three years making the entire trip and delivering an average of ten speeches daily without the least inconvenience.

The three pathfinders, Mes-

CONFERENCE CLOSES

The Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference of the M. E. church held its 40th annual session here last week closing Sunday evening.

The attendance was large and it is pronounced one of the most successful sessions ever held.

Features of the session was the lecture Tuesday night by Bishop Hughes and the address of Dr. Artas, on Temperance Rev's Kynett and Farmer, on Missions, Dr. Treney on "Sunday School", and Bishop Hughes and Prof. Fletcher on Christian Education.

Pentecostal services were held Friday and Saturday afternoon conducted by Dr. Stanton, Asheville. These services were largely attended and were enjoyed by all.

Members of the conference are loud in their praise of the splendid entertainment accorded them by Rev. Culp, the local pastor, and the people of Kings Mountain and hope soon to meet with them again.

The next session of the Conference will be held with the First Church in Asheville, and the members are hoping for Bishop Hughes as a presiding officer again next year.

The appointments for this Conference appears on the second page. The punctuation in the list is wrong and should be observed. Transposition of a semicolon makes the whole list read wrong. For example: Rev. B. A. Culp is assigned to Kings Mountain; B. A. Culp, which indicates that Mr. Culp would take the following appointment which is not the case.

GONE ON DEER HUNT

Messrs D. M. Baker, W. A. Ridenhour, C. E. Neisler and Fred Hambricht left Monday for Hilton Head, S. C. where they joined a company from Gastonia and Capt Dilling, who was already down there, for a big deer hunt on the big hunting preserve owned by Capt Dilling and associates.

Rev. M. L. Kesler, manager of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, addressed the Baptist congregation here at the eleven o'clock service Sunday, presenting the orphanage work. In Sunday school he made a very interesting and helpful talk to the Baraca class on the ideals of the work at the orphanage.

Messrs, La Groce, Batchelder, and Eldridge, took observations, notes and maps of the two routes—the Eastern and Piedmont routes. They will study the same and within the next sixty days or more they will make a report recommending the most feasible route, and will report to President Plowman, who will call a meeting of the board of directors to pass upon the same.

The Bankhead pathfinding tour from start to finish was indeed a great success.