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M. E. CONFERENCE HERE LAST WEEK

Seventy-Five Delegates Took Part in the Meeting.

The fiftieth session of the Cokesbury District Conference convened in the Methodist church last Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Bishop Warren A. Candler of Atlanta, preached a strong and forcible sermon after which the conference was organized. There were about seventy-five delegates present and the reports of the various charges were very favorable, showing that Methodism is making progress in the District.

On Friday night, Rev. F. E. Dibble of Newberry, preached a strong and impressive sermon.

The Bishop preached two excellent sermons on Sunday to large and appreciative congregations.

The conference was addressed by W. C. Kirkland, editor of the Southern Christian Advocate; H. Z. Nabers of the Epworth Orphanage; Dr. G. S. Pugh of Columbia College; Dr. John O. Willson of Lander College, and Prof. A. M. DuPre of Wofford College.

The next session of the conference will be held in O'Neal Street Church, Newberry, 1917.

Messrs. J. F. Miller, W. P. B. Kinard, J. C. Smith and J. B. Humbert were elected delegates to the annual meeting of the Upper South Carolina Conference which meets in Greenville, November 15th.

Rev. Walter I. Herbert, presiding elder of the Cokesbury District, presided over the sessions of the conference.

J. G. EVANS DIES IN CHESTER HOSPITAL

Member Well-Known Abbeville County Family

Mr. John G. Evans, for several years a resident of Abbeville, but who lately has been residing on his farm near Lebanon, died at Chester on Saturday night, July 15th, where he had gone to take treatment in the hospital for stomach trouble.

Mr. Evans is a member of the Evans family of Abbeville county. He married a Miss Gibert, sister of the Hon. Jas. S. Gibert and the Misses Gibert of Lebanon. She survives him as do four daughters, Mrs. Ferrell of Greeleyville, Mrs. Saunders of Atlanta, Mrs. Jack Hardin of Rome, Ga., and Miss Annie Reed Evans, and his two sons, Charley and Pettigrew Evans, of Abbeville.

Mr. Evans was a member of the Lebanon Presbyterian church. The remains reached Abbeville Monday evening and the funeral was at Lebanon Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. A number of people from the city attended.

DEATH OF MRS. WILSON.

Mrs. John A. Harris received the sad intelligence Sunday of the death of her aunt, Mrs. H. D. Wilson, which occurred at her home at Bainbridge, Ga., Saturday night. Mrs. Wilson was the widow of Dr. H. D. Wilson, who was at one time a prominent dentist in Abbeville. Many friends remember him and his family and sympathize with them in their sorrow. The funeral occurred Sunday.

PLEASANT HOUSE PARTY.

Miss Thelma Seal, the attractive young daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Sam C. Seal, will be hostess to a bevy of pretty girls at a house party beginning Thursday. Misses Agatha Bailey and Lois Bailey of Clinton, and Miss Helen Britt of Mt. Carmel, will be her guests and a number of pleasant affairs are being arranged for their entertainment.

CHASED HIM TWO DAYS

Ike Jones, colored, charged with house breaking, was captured near Lowndesville a few days ago by Deputy Jones, after a two-days' chase, had his preliminary hearing before Magistrate Hammond and was placed in jail to await general sessions which convenes the first Monday in September.

CAMDEN BRIDGE GOES.

Columbia, July 18.—The Seaboard Air Line bridge between Camden and Columbia was washed away today, leaving only one railway bridge between Columbia and the North, that on the Atlantic Coast Line, a few miles below the Camden bridge. If the latter bridge is washed away all through trains which have been detoured by the Coast Line through Columbia will have no way of reaching their destination in the North unless they go by way of Savannah and Charleston.

SOUTH CAROLINA SUFFERS MOST DISASTROUS FLOOD

Pee Dee and Santee Streams Reach Record Heights—Loss in Piedmont is Already Serious. Catawba Section Especially Suffers as Result of Heavy Rains In the Foothills.

Columbia, S. C., July 18, 1916.—The lower half of South Carolina today is facing the prospect of the most disastrous flood in recent years, according to the weather bureau officials, as a result of the rapid rise in the rivers caused by heavy rains in the Piedmont and in the mountains of North Carolina. The crest of the flood has already passed the Piedmont section, leaving destruction in its wake, and is now sweeping on toward the sea, gaining in size as the smaller streams converge in the bigger rivers.

The damage to the South Carolina up-country and to western North Carolina can only be estimated, as communication is still much handicapped by destruction of bridges and prostration of wire service. The loss, however, is certain to be severe, as the streams in many sections have gone far above flood stage.

Damage on Catawba.

The most important damage reported is from the Catawba section, where three big railroad bridges and many smaller structures have gone

down. Cotton mills also have suffered heavily, while the crop loss is expected to be large.

Train service from Columbia to Spartanburg has been eliminated for the present and only by extensive detours can trains be run from Atlanta to Washington. The Columbia-Charlotte line was cut by the destruction of the Catawba trestle. The Atlantic Coast Line has maintained its through service in the Pee Dee, though schedules have been badly disrupted.

Widespread warnings have been sent to all territory covered by the Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Lynchies, Black and Waccamaw rivers by the Charleston weather bureau officials. It is declared that the most disastrous flood of years may be expected in the section drained by these rivers. The Black river at Kingtree has already reached record stage, water registering the highest ever experienced and is still rising. The Great Pee Dee at Cheraw attained a stage of 35.1 feet yesterday morning and may not go much higher at that point, but further down stream will be of most serious flood

portions. On Lynchies river the record established in 1908 of 20-feet is being rapidly approached. Great volumes of water are forcing these rivers over their banks fast. Railroads have been warned to use the utmost caution in this territory.

Water in Flood.

That the Wateree river at Camden will reach a height of from 40 to 45 feet, an unprecedented flood, within the next 36 hours was the warning sent out last night by the United States weather bureau at Columbia. Long distance telephone messages to the mayor, the chief of police, and others at Camden begged that the news be spread, and according warnings are being sent to Eastover, Hagood, Boykin, Lugoff, Wateree, Kingville and all towns and settlements near the confluence of the Wateree and the Congaree. The prediction was based on a report from the observer at Catawba, York county, who went to Rock Hill to tell the Columbia office that the water at Catawba last night was 9 feet higher than any previous known stage. The gauge

had been washed away and the river was still rising, the crest having not passed Catawba.

Piedmont Section.

Spartanburg, July 17.—Slowly receding waters in the rivers of Piedmont South Carolina tonight are leaving this section of the country without railroad connection except over the main line of the Southern railway to Atlanta and the Charleston & Western Carolina to Augusta, while the stations of the big water power developments are flooded and out of commission. Railway bridges have been swept away and on the mountain divisions of the Southern railway and Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio there are numerous serious landslides.

The cotton mills of this immediate section have not suffered greatly, though many of them have been forced to close because of high water. Most of the cotton manufacturing plants of this county are on the Tyger and Pacolet rivers and these streams have not reached danger

TO RE-ORGANIZE PRESENT BODY?

May Announce Mass Meeting in the Near Future.

Re-organization of Abbeville's Chamber of Commerce either under the name of the present organization, board of trade, or maybe "Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce" is being talked right along in business circles this week, and an announcement of a mass meeting of the business men of Abbeville to discuss plans for this purpose is likely in the near future.

It is known that some of the more progressive business men of Abbeville have for the past several months been quietly working out plans for re-organizing the present Chamber of Commerce, and according to some of the interested parties a proposition will be made to include the whole county in the organization, taking in the farmers and others interested in the promotion of Abbeville's commercial welfare.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Sarah Thomson celebrated her fifth birthday party last Thursday by inviting about thirty pretty little girls to a party. Games were played until time to serve refreshments when the little folks were ushered into the dining room where there was a big cake with five candles, and ice cream and cake for every guest with souvenirs of pink rosebud candle holders with candles in them. The party was delightful in every way and everybody had a good time.

W. T. McDONALD DIES THURSDAY

Well Known Citizen of Abbeville County. Aged 69.

W. T. McDonald, age 69, died at his residence in this city on July 13th 1916, after a long illness. Mr. McDonald was born and reared in Abbeville and lived in the county all his life.

At one time he was in business with Mr. R. M. Haddon under the name of McDonald & Haddon, and later he went into business for himself.

For several years he managed the business of W. R. Powell at Mt. Carmel and later was book-keeper for A. M. Hill & Sons of this place.

When the Rural Free Delivery service was established Mr. McDonald was one of the first carriers out of Abbeville and he served faithfully in this position until failing health compelled him to give up the work. For the last two years he has been an invalid at his home on Magazine street.

For many years Mr. McDonald contributed to the columns of the Press and Banner, writing the local news for this paper which he did in an admirable way. He was familiarly known by the name of "M" to the readers of this paper.

Mr. McDonald first married a Miss Rutledge, daughter of Philip Rutledge of Abbeville. She died soon after their marriage and he then married Miss Leila Anderson of Summerville, S. C. She survives him with four sons, Walter, W. T. Jr., Marion and Arthur.

Mr. McDonald was a member of the Methodist Church for many years and he was a faithful attendant upon the services of his church. His funeral services were conducted there by his pastor, Dr. J. L. Daniels on last Friday, after which his body was laid to rest in Long Cane cemetery.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. East and northeast winds on the coast probably increasing.

BRITISH REPULSED BY TEUTONS.

London, July 17.—The heavy fighting that has been going on for days in the region of the Somme has dwindled perceptibly in intensity, Sunday witnessing merely heavy bombardments on the British front and comparatively calm on line held by the French. In the region of Verdun the French in the northwest of fortress have captured German positions, and southwest of Thiaumont, on the east bank of the Meuse, have penetrated German first line trenches.

In the eastern theater in the region of Lutsk heavy fighting has been renewed with the Russians the aggressors. According to Vienna, all attacks there have been repulsed. Neither the Vienna nor Petrograd official communication touches upon the operations in the Carpathian region, but Petrograd records the capture of a quarter of a mile wide with a depth of thirty feet. Farmers of the section reported all highway bridges wiped away by the flood.

Abbeville County Fair Is Attracting Much Interest Throughout the County

That the 1916 Abbeville County Fair will be the most successful ever attempted in a county the size of Abbeville is the unanimous prediction of those who are in touch with the enterprising officers of the Fair Association. President Gambrell and Secretary Williamson are now assembling one of the most attractive premium lists the association has ever offered the rural citizens of Abbeville county and it will be left to the farmers of the county to take advantage of the unusual opportunity afforded them to further their interests in this annual competition of the various products of the farm, the county fair being generally conceded to be the highest and most admirable manner in which to promote the interest of the farmer.

The business men of Abbeville

generally are contributing liberally to the premium list, and reports coming in from various sections of the county attest the keen interest of the farmers, hundreds of them expressing their intention of bringing exhibits to the fair.

The officers of the Fair association, Dr. C. C. Gambrell, president and C. E. Williamson, secretary, have announced November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd as the dates for the fair this year.

The executive committee composed of T. G. White, chairman, W. A. Stevenson, J. S. Stark, W. A. Calvert, and G. A. Neuffer are none the less active in their efforts to make the 1916 fair the best ever.

November 1st, 2nd and 3rd will mark the seventh annual fair in Abbeville county.

ELABORATE ELECTRIC SIGN.

A very pretty and substantial electric sign has been erected in front of the city electric plant, extending across the roadway. The sign reads, "A. P. & E. P." and was designed and erected by Superintendent E. M. Anderson.

MISS PERRIN HONORED.

Miss Sarah Perrin of Abbeville, was the guest of honor at a very delightful rook party given by Miss Kate Summer on Monday morning. Cards were followed by a course of delicious refreshments served on the small tables with their pretty covers, each holding a bowl of lovely shasta daisies. Misses Ruth Howie and Mary Miford were among the invited guests.—Newberry Observer.

PICNIC.

A picnic will be given at Lebanon church, August 4. The Ladies Aid Society of the church will serve a barbecue dinner for the benefit of the society. Everybody is cordially invited to come and enjoy the day.

FINE TOMATOES.

Mr. Oscar Cochran has been bringing some very fine tomatoes to Abbeville for the past two weeks. They are of excellent variety and are very large.

Mr. Glenn and Mr. Henry Gilliam, prize farmers of the city, have also been selling some fine fruit.

A HAPPY EVENT.

The many friends of Miss Amelia Anderson are wishing her much happiness this morning and are taking much pleasure in the announcement of her engagement, which appears in another column of this paper. Mr. Simpson is one of the popular and brainy professors at Furman and is to be congratulated on his good luck.

Miss Anderson is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Anderson and is a young woman universally beloved by a host of friends.

Governor Manning Pays Abbeville Brief Visit

Hon. Richard I. Manning, Governor of the State, and candidate for re-election to that office, visited Abbeville Thursday, arriving on the afternoon Southern train and leaving the next morning. The Governor had no speaking date in Abbeville, and made no public address while here.

He was visited at the hotel by a number of the people of the city and while here conferred with local politicians. The Methodist Quarterly Conference being in session here he attended one of the meetings and had the pleasure of hearing Bishop Candler. He went from Abbeville to Hones Path.

THANK YOU!

A few days since as we were returning from a trip to Georgia night overtook us before we reached Abbeville, and we were gratified to see how well the city is lighted. There are electric lights near each other all the way up the residence streets which make the whole city have the appearance of a white way. When we reached the square it was splendidly lighted, enabling one to see almost as well at night as he could in the day time. Greenwood needs more and better lights. If any of our people do not think so, we suggest that they go over to Abbeville some night and take notes.—Greenwood Journal.

SONDLEY AND THE SNAKE.

It was not a "Wake" that Col. Richard Sondley started on Magazine street Tuesday afternoon. No, he didn't dream in his after dinner nap he was at a political meeting shouting hurrahs for Colie Blease. It happened in this way: The colonel wanted to look industrious before his son-in-law Dr. Harvin, who had just come down from Washington to spend a few days with Mrs. Sondley and himself. Mrs. Sondley had told him to set the doctor a good example while he was there, so after dinner Tuesday the colonel went out to trim the fig bush. He got away under the overhanging branches and was getting out all the dead timber and driftwood when he felt something around his left ankle. He thought it was his little grand-daughter and that she was playing a trick on him and he trimmed right on. After a while it wrapped around again, and he looked down and saw it was an upland moccasin which had by this time made three wraps around his ankle.

He set the doctor a good example in high kicking and all the neighbors an example in how to hollow when in trouble. In fact he aroused the whole town. Col. Patrick Roche was sitting on the front piazza of his country residence four miles from town, watching the gathering clouds when he recognized his friend's voice, and he knew from the tones of it that the friend was in trouble, so he hastened into town and rushed right over to the residence. By this time Colonel Sondley by hard kicking, had gotten the snake loose and Mrs. Sondley had gotten the camp-phor and was holding it to his nose. Colonel Roche advises us that the front yard where colonel Sondley performed his gyrations looked like a French aerial bomb had "hit" there. Will, the butler, killed the snake and hung it up to see if it would cause it to rain.

PARR SHOALS DAM RUSHED BY FLOODS

Columbia Derives Its Power From This Plant—Bank in Side of Gaston Shoals Plant Reported.

Spartanburg, S. C., July 17.—The Gaston Shoals plant of the South Carolina Light, Power & Railway Company, furnishing power to Spartanburg and Gaffney and operating many mills is threatened by the rising Broad River. The big plant of the Southern Power Company is flooded. This company operates the interurban railway system between Spartanburg and Greenwood, S. C., and Gastonia and Charlotte and lights several cities.

The Parr Shoals Development Company, from which the city of Columbia derives its power, lies below the Southern plant on the Broad River and the floods are rushing it tonight.

A break in the island side of the dam of the Gaston Shoals plant of the South Carolina Light, Power & Railway Company six miles north of Gaffney, S. C., was reported late today and all plants below were notified of the possible danger. The report has not been verified. This dam holds a body of water six miles long, a quarter of a mile wide with a depth of thirty feet. Farmers of the section reported all highway bridges wiped away by the flood.