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DOVER CONFERENCE ENDS IN TURMOIL

Claim of Shortage in Reports Arouses Methodist Ministers

STATES $3,200 MISSING

Dover, March 29.—Disorder marked the closing of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference this morning in Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, owing to the discovery by Treasurer V. F. Hills that there was "a cash shortage of $3,200 in the reports of the ministers."

Apparently all the ministers wanted to talk at once, and Bishop McDowell had difficulty in restoring order.

Mr. Hills said that he could not account for the shortage unless it was through the carelessness of both the ministers and his untrained helpers. The shortage was there and he asked the conference what it was going to do.

At first the body ordered an immediate executive session, but was informed by Mr. Hills that it would take a week to trace the shortage.

An auditing committee was then appointed, consisting of certified accountants, the four district superintendents and four members of the conference. This committee will remain here until the treasurer's report is checked and will then report through the newspapers.

Many Changes

Of the 167 ministers members of the conference, seventy-five will occupy new charges this year. There have never been so many changes, it is said. It has been rumored during the entire session that there would be a shake-up in the appointments, but nothing like this number was expected.

Following are the appointments:

Dover District

W. E. Gunby, district superintendent, P. O. Dover.
Beckwith and Spedden—J. R. Diehl, P. O. Cornersville.
Bethel, Del.—J. H. Whedbee.
Blades and Epworth—R. W. Mills, P. O. Seaford, Del.
Bridgeville, Del.—G. E. Sterling.
Cambridge—W. E. Hubbard.
Camden, Del.—J. J. Outten.
Canterbury—E. S. Hoxton, P. O. Viola, Del.
Church Creek and Taylors Island—To be supplied, P. O. Church Creek.
Crapo—J. S. Parks.
Dover, Del., St. Paul's—R. W. Campbell.
Wesley—E.W Jones.
East New Market—W. D. Short.
Ellendale, Del.—Conrad Hamer.
Elliotts Island—G. W. Kliver.
Farmington and Epworth—H. M. Smith, P. O. Farmington, Del.
Federalsburg—J. B. McCabe.
Felton, Del.—D. J. Moore.
Frederica—N. C. Benson.
Galestown—Supplied from secretary, P. O. Seaford, Del.
Georgetown, Del.—T. F. Beauchamp.
Georgetown Circuit—W. G. Barlow, P. O. Georgetown, Del.
Grennwood, Del.—C. H. Meade.
Harrington, Del.—E. H. Collins.
Hoopers Island—W. I. Donahoe, P. O. Fishing Creek.
Houston, Del.—A. G. Thomas.
Hurlock—W. F. Dawson.
Laurel, Del.—E. H. Thomas.
Lewes, Del.—N. F. Andrews.
Lincoln, Del.—J. H. Thornton.
Little Creek, Del.—H. N. Parks.
Magnolia and Barratts Chapel—C. W. Spry, P. O. Magnolia, Del.
Milford, Del.—D. W. Jacobs.
Milford Neck—Supplied from Frederica, P. O. Frederica, Del.
Millsboro, Del.—J. A. Buckson.
Milton, Del.—J. F. Eldridge.
Mount Pleasant—W. B. Hornre, P O. Laurel, Del.
Nassau, Del.—W. C. Buckson.
Rehoboth, Del.—S. T. Hamblin.
Reliance—L. T. McLain, P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
St. Thomas—J. W. Hutton.
Seaford, Del.—L. E. Windsor.
Seaford Circuit—C. H. Hudson, P. O. Seaford, Del.
Secretary and McKendree—S. B. Bradley, P. O., Secretary.
Vienna—H. N. Bailey.
Williamsburg—A. Travers.
Wyoming, Del.—D. J. Ford.
Zoar Circuit—Harvey Hufnal.

Middletown District

O. E. Jones, district superintendent. P. O. Middletown, Del.
Bayside—J. H. McRill, P. O. Sherwood.
Bozman and Neavitt—J. P. Kelley, P. O. Bozman.
Burrsville—E. N. Wright, P. O. Denton, Md.
Cecilton—G. W. Dawson.
Centreville—L. E. Poole.
Chestertown, Del.—W. F. Corkran.
Cheswold, Del.—H. E. Reed.
Churchill—O. T. Baynard.
Clayton, Del.—D. J. Givan.
Concord—C. H. Atkins, P. O. Hobbs.
Cordova—D. E. Carr.
Crumpton—Otis P. Jefferson.
Denton—M. E. Wheatley.
Easton—R. P. Nichols.
Fairlee—S. L. Hanby, P. O. Chestertown.
Galena—Ivanhoe Willis.
Greensboro—H. G. Budd.
Henderson—W. L. McClintock.
Hillsboro—W. T. Taylor.
Kent Island—G. S. Allen, P. O. Stevensville.
Kenton, Del.—J. E. Parker.
Marydel—T. S. Bacon.
Middletown, Del.—W. A. Hearn.
Millington and Dulaney—F. A. Baker, P. O. Millington.
Odessa and Friendship—W. T. McGuire, P. O. Odessa, Del.

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MEDITATIONS OF THE CRACKER

Give me a home 'neath azure skies and studded twinkling stars, where gentle ocean breezes sigh their message from afar, where sweet perfume of bud and bloom, my nostrils can assail, a domicile with shrubs to groom and vines to spread a veil. Give me a place near Nature's heart, where 'naught but good may dwell, away from commerce's noisy mart, where fairies 'round me steal, with the bees around me sobbing, where the golden sunbeams play I, would revel with the robin in his blithesome round-de-lay.

SENIORS PRESENT CLASS PLAY

Splendid Performances of "The Charm School" Given at H. S. Fri. & Sat. Nights

COACHED BY MISS WILLIS

Under the direction of Miss Eleanor Willis, English instructor of Caroline High School, the members of the class of '26 presented their class play, "The Charm School," on Friday and Saturday evenings in a most creditable manner. The auditorium of the new school was used, and with the new curtain in place, made a very attractive setting.

The play, produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, of New York, is a rollicking three-act comedy, full of all the funny situations that one might associate with the attempt of a young, good-looking fellow to run a young ladies' boarding school with the main endeavor to give his girls "charm." The characters had been especially well chosen, and it is hard to say who was the best. The heroine, Bernice Wooters, certainly took the part of Elise to perfection, while the hero, Mervin Pentz, was a most fascinating, yet stern, Austin Bevans. Other parts were equally well taken, especially that of Miss Curtiss, played by Miss Hake.

Throughout the evening music was furnished by the school orchestra, under the direction of Professor Smith, with Mrs. William Neal at the piano, in place of the regular pianist, Evelyn Wyatt, who was in the play. This organization, which is only a little over a year old, has made most amazing progress, and played with assurety and ease the many popular numbers of the day.

The entire cast, with the managers, follows:

Austin Bevans, Mervin Pentz.
David Mackenzie, Pat Yoeman.
George Boyd, William I. Norris, Jr.
Jim Simpkins, Edgar DeFrank.
Homer Jones, Dan Crouse.
Elise Benedotti, Bernice Wooters.
Miss Hays, Dorothy Hynson.
Miss Curtis, Irma Hake.
Sally Boyd, Mary T. Nuttle.
Muriel Doughty, Mary Emily Walls.
Ethel Spelvin, Evelyn Wyatt.
Alix Mercier, Katherine E. Wright.
Lillian Stafford, Edwina Nichols.
Madge Kent, Kathryn Thawley.
Charlotte Gray, Anne Wilson.
Business Managers—Anne Jackson, William Norris.
Advertising Managers—Anne Wilson, Dan Crouse.
Costume Managers—Louise Beauchamp, Virginia Adams.
Furniture Managers—Marie Quillen Pat Yeoman.
Property Manager—Solomon Hurst.

THE TOWN OF PRESTON IS GOING FORWARD

The town of Preston has let a contract to a firm in Atlanta, Georgia, to erect a 75,000 gallon water tank at a cost of about $6,000. This is a part of a plan to put in a complete water system including 8 inch mains and thus ultimately make the town more secure in case of fire, and also reduce the fire insurance rates.

M. P. CONFERENCE OPENS NEXT WEDNESDAY IN WILMINGTON

The Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church will open on Wednesday, April 7, at 9 a. m. in Peninsula M. P. Church, Wilmington, Delaware. One item of special importance this year will be the election of a new president. The term of Dr. G. I. Humphreys, the present incumbent, expires at this session of conference.

The local church will be represented by the pastor, Rev. G. J. Hooker, and Mr. T. P. Fisher as lay delegate.

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Lenten Thoughts

By the Rev. FRANCIS KIRWAN

Of all the events that men celebrate in their anniversaries, none is so large with significance to the life of man as those commemorated in the observance of Holy Week.

Among the important events of that eventful week in our Lord's life amongst men three stand out prominently, The Institution of the Holy Communion, The Sacrifice on Calvary, and The Resurrection.

Human intellect finds it difficult to comprehend the full value of these works of Christ for man, in comfort to the sorely tried, in vision of inner meaning of being, in inspiration to holy achievement, in strength to withstand the destructive forces of evil, in faith in the ultimate triumph of right, in hope of a glorified earth and an eternal heaven, in a love that beautifies and enriches every relationship of man and fellowship with God.

With this wealth of subjects to select from, one is at a loss to know what thought to stress, it seems like leaving the magnificent for the mean, like blotting out the firmament in order to see a single star, and yet the magnitude of a star may fill the soul with wonder to the point of worship.

Let us look for a moment to the passion of our Lord and see what a lurid light is thrown by it upon the malice of sin, look again and see a love that will go to such extremes to save man from this malice and open to him a life that is life indeed.

For this purpose we need not try to make vivid the details of a remote past in order to get the vision for today all of the elements are present that contributed to the crucifixion of Jesus.

Have you never known a disciple of Jesus Christ who has not sold the cause of his Lord for what he regarded as his advantage, are all of the Judases dead? Note the victims of this treachery, even the blighting of the Church of God and you begin to see the malice of sin.

Have you never cried out, would God the example of Peter denying his Lord so cravenly when Christ was on trial, had died with Him, was it not because you saw the malice of that sin that so moved you?

How many people have become disgusted with religion instead of recognizing the maliciousness of sin when clergymen disgrace their office, is not this a cry to crucify Jesus?

Was the choice of Barabbas, the robber, rather than Christ the Savior, more popular with the multitude than it is today? If anything can reveal the malice of sin more clearly than this it is hard to find.

Is not what is called normal religion, making a mock king of the Son of God, putting a reed in His hand instead of a sceptre, crowning Him but with thorns? Is not this sin's deepest malice?

Those seeing the struggle between right and wrong and determine to keep out of the whole mess are they not following Pilate in thinking themselves virtuous because they have washed their hands of the whole affair? Do they not deliver Right to be crucified?

See the victims of all this in our hospitals, in our jails, and in our poor houses, in our perverted social order, in wrecked homes and in ruined lives, and still we indulge in pious sentiment when we observe this anniversary, saying, if we had lived in the olden time, we would have been on our Lord's side. Do we not prove what would have been, by where we stand today?

Man needs a resurrection from the death of sin to the life of righteousness today as much as ever. Christ's work is finished (Calvary and Easter). Shall we apply it against the maliousness of sin in our time. Holy Week proclaims God to be a Father and not merely a Force—He will not leave man alone. He still so loves the world that He gives His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

METHODISTS VOTE FOR FALL MEETING

Appointments Announced At End of Baltimore Southern Conference

BISHOP CANDLER SPEAKS

Winchester, Va., March 29.—The Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, in its closing hours today voted 117 to 79 in favor of changing the time of meeting from spring to fall, subject to approval by the General Conference, which will meet at Memphis, Tenn., in May.

No Charges Made

No charge of any kind was preferred against any member of the conference when reports of moral standing were called for, the replies being made by presiding elders of the eight districts.

Conference appointments made public tonight for the Eastern Shore, are as follows:

J. H. Wells, presiding elder.
Church Hill—C. M. Sarver.
Easton—J. H. Billingsley.
Goldsboro—C. R. Curtis.
Ingleside—H. A. Wilson.
Kent—C. L. Reiter.
Queen Anne's County—R. V. Whitehurst.
Royal Oak and Tilghmans—J. A. Road.
Trappe—To be supplied by F. T. Fairbanks.

The conference having voted to meet in the fall instead of spring, another meeting will be held next fall at a time to be fixed by the bishop selected by the general conference to preside. The place of meeting is in the hands of an entertainment committee. No invitations were received.

Miss Adeline Fisher to Become Bride

An engagement of interest to the many friends of the bride in this section is that of Miss Adeline Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Fisher, of Denton to Mr. William J. Kindley, of Baltimore, son of the Rev. Bradley W. Kindley, of Delta. The wedding will take place in Denton on April 22d.

SERVICES FOR PASSION WEEK

Denton M. P. Church

There will be special services at Denton M. P. Church on Thursday and Friday evenings—April 1 and 2. The sermon theme on Thursday evening will be "Gethsemane." The Lord's Supper will be administered on Friday evening. These services should be of vital interest to all as theyrepresent the passion through which our Lord passed for the sake of mankind.

Next Sunday—Easter Sunday—will be a day of interest and we trust of blessing, to all. At eleven o'clock the pastor's sermon theme will be "The Risen Christ."

The choir will present two anthems especially appropriate for the occasion. The first is "They Have Taken Away My Lord," by Stainer, and the second, "God So Loved the World," is taken from Stainer's Crucifixion. Both numbers are beautiful.

In the evening at 7:30 the Sunday School will render their Easter Program. A splendid program is being arranged by the committee and you will enjoy it. You are cordially invited to all these services.

FIRE DAMAGES CAR IN WHITBY & CARROLL GARAGE

Last Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock the fire siren sounded for a town fire, located in Whitby & Carroll's garage on North 3d street.

While workmen were engaged in repairing a Ford truck flames suddenly burst out under the truck from gasoline or oil on the floor. Just how it started, no one seems to know, as it appeared so suddenly.

A hose used to wash cars was put into action and before the firemen responded to the alarm the fire had been put out, but not until the wiring of the ignition system was burned and the heat from the fire had cracked the windshield. No damage was done the building.

FREDERICK P. ROE DEAD

Canner, Banker and Leading Citizen of Caroline County

Frederick P. Roe, in his sixty-fourth year, died last Thursday morning, March 25th, in the Church Home and Infirmary in Baltimore. Digestive trouble had been sapping his strength for several months, but on March 9th he had undergone a major operation from which he seemed to be recovering until the 21st when alarming complications developed and on Tuesday it became apparent that Nature was exhausted beyond the rallying point and nourishment impossible.

Mr. Roe was a native and life-long resident of Greensboro. He had been in the canning business since youth, first with his father, Andrew B. Roe, later as superintendent of the William C. Satterfield cannery and finally as head of his own canning establishment which was one of the largest in the state.

Since January, 1911, Mr. Roe had been president of the Caroline County Bank, Greensboro, and had taken an active part in bringing this bank up to its present financial standing. For a number of years he was president of the Board of Town Commissioners of Greensboro and was a leading spirit in all movements for the development of the town and the betterment of local conditions; among other things in introducing the first water and sewer systems and the telephone to local use.

Never active in politics, he was nevertheless a very influential member of the Republican party in this district and was well known and admired thruout the Eastern Shore in business and financial circles.

Mr. Roe was twice married. His first wife, Carrie Manlove, of Greensboro, whom he married in California in 1896, died in January, 1919. In April of the following year, Mr. Roe married Genevieve Dix, who with their two children, Frederick Dix and Genevieve, survive him. He is also survived by a daughter of his former marriage, Mrs. James Keene Saulsbury of Greensboro and by three grand children, James Keene, Jr., Carol Manlove and Irwin Roe Saulsbury.

A brother, Mr. Harry A. Roe of Denton; and two sisters, Mrs. Blanche G. Rickards of Salem, N. J., and Mrs. Katie Emerson of Baltimore, also survive him.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 1 o'clock from his residence in Greensboro. The burial service was read by the Right Reverend George W. Davenport, D. D., Bishop of Easton, assisted by the Reverend Francis W. Kirwin, Rector of Holy Trinity Church. Interment was made in the family lot in the Greensboro cemetery.

The active pall bearers were:—Messrs. Irwin T. Saulsbury, Thomas Clayton Horsey, Frank Manship, James E. Curry, Daniel Zacharias, William B. Massey, John C. Brown and Dr. W. W. Goldsborough.

The honorary pall bearers were:—Mr. William P. Manlove, Dr. Frederick R. Malone, The Hon. T. Alan Goldsborough, Messrs. L. Irving Jones, John C. Brown, A. W. Brumbaugh, R. H. Stafford, J. W. Price, W. J. Murphy, Harry Bilbrough, Jonas Shaner, Elmer A. Cole, J. E. Gibson, P. Seldon Raughley, T. P. Richard, Charles S. Warren and James W. Thawley.

DR. F. J. LIBBY WILL TOUR DEL. AND MD.

Is Ex. Sec. of National Council For Prevention of War

OPEN FOR ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, plans to make a lecture tour through Delaware and nearby Maryland counties, during the week of May 20-27 inclusive. His tour last year, when he spoke to thirty-six different groups in seven days, was so successful that he has been asked to return. He brings a message that is vital to every individual and community. Organizations desiring to have Dr. Libby address them should correspond immediately with a member of the itinerary committee, Lester Judy, Greenwood, Del., Mrs. Frank Elliott, Greenwood, Del., E. C. Wine, Woodside, Del., C. R. Pentz, Denton, Md.

Dr. Libby is an authority on international affairs. His broad experience and wide travel have fitted him for world peace. Before the great War, he studied abroad, during and after the war directed European construction work, and in 1923 visited the leading continental countries. He brings to his work for international peace an intimate knowledge of many peoples and the present complex European situation.

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GOOD ATTENDANCE AT CO. P. T. A. MEETING

Dr. Driver Gave Interesting Illustrated Lecture On Consolidated Schools

MUSICAL NUMBERS GIVEN

The Caroline County Parent-Teachers' Association held the initial meeting of the year, on Thursday evening, March 25, in the beautiful auditorium of the Caroline County High School, in Denton.

A very brief business meeting was conducted by the president, Mr. W. I. Norris, after which the audience listened to three vocal numbers. A girls' chorus, ably led by Mrs. Stevens, sang "The Barefoot Trail," "The Torpedo and the Whale," and "Awake, Dearest One," with a correctness in technique and a charm of expression which brought forcibly before the audience the value of vocal teaching in our schools. After the singing of "Maryland, My Maryland," by the audience, Mr. E. M. Noble introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Lee Driver, a member of the Department of Education of the State of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Driver's subject was, "The consolidated school;—eliminating the one-room schools."

The speaker presented by story, facts and pictures the possibilities of better education for rural boys and girls, through the consolidated school. Many pictures were shown of the one room school, old, dilapidated, ugly, and unsanitary, and in contrast, many modern, beautiful and thoroughly equipped schools, made possible by the grouping of the financial resources scattered through the one-room schools.

The consolidated school makes possible many educational advances, domestic science for girls; manual training for boys; laboratory and musical training, and better trained teachers. Through competition in his own class, it gives each boy a new vision of his mental, physical and social possibilities. Dr. Driver appealed to the pride of the community in saying, "A community is judged by what you do for your children"—and urged the very best for them, in every way possible, in every community.

Miss Louise Fisher, of Denton, charmed the audience by her pleasing rendering of a song—and after the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Hooker, of Denton—the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the president.

STATE CONTEST BY PROGRESSIVE PARTY LIKELY

It is regarded as practically certain that the Progressive party will nominate a full State ticket in Maryland this year, including candidates for Governor, United States Senator, Comptroller, Attorney-General and Clerk of the Court of Appeals. In addition, candidates may be nominated for city offices and for local offices in some of the counties.

Edward D. Bieretz, chairman of the Progressive party said yesterday that the whole question of whether the party will make nominations and, if so, for how many offices, will be settled at the meeting of the State Central Committee April 13. Incidentally, the day will be celebrated by Democrats as Jefferson Day.

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TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES

Dave Gooslum says that it's mighty hard work to think about spring's work when the fish are bitin' so doggone good.

Parson Savemall says that it won't do to condemn a man's veracity when he's tellin' about the size of the fish he caught.

Pete Doolittle says as soon as his wife gets over the rheumatiz so's to be able to dig some bait he's goin' fishin'.

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