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UPPER CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS READ

THE REV. J. L. DANIEL RETURNS TO NEWBERRY.

Many Changes Made—Financial Reports Please Denomination—December 31 Day of Prayer.

The State.
Union, Nov. 8.—Sessions of the Upper South Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church concluded here this afternoon with the reading of the appointments by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington. The appointments follow:

Anderson District.
A. E. Holler, presiding elder, Anderson.

Bethel, A. M. Smith.
Orrville, F. G. Whitlock.
St. John, A. N. Brunson.
Antreville, W. A. Duckworth.
Calhoun Falls, J. T. Lawrence.
Central, W. S. Goodwin.
Clemson College, A. E. Driggers.
Honea Path, J. E. Mahaffey.
Lowndesville, N. G. Ballenger.
Pelzer, W. L. Mulliken.
Pendleton, J. T. Miller.
Piedmont, J. C. Harmon.
Princeton, G. G. Harley.
Seneca, J. B. Connelly.
Starr, J. W. Lewis.
Walhalla, E. P. Taylor.
Walhalla circuit, D. A. Jeffcoat.
Westminster, R. L. Doggett.
Williamston and Belton, J. E. Henley.

Student Emory university, W. F. Harris, Bethel quarterly conference.

Cokesbury District.
J. W. Kilgo, presiding elder.
Abbeville, C. E. Fesle.
Abbeville circuit, J. M. Mason.
Butler, A. E. Smith.
Cokesbury, A. H. Best.
Greenwood, Greenwood Mills, W. H. Murray.
Greenwood circuit, D. E. Jeffcoat.
Kinards, L. W. Shealy.
McCormick, T. W. Munnerlyn.
McKendree, H. M. Tucker, supply.
Newberry, J. L. Daniel.
Molhoh and Oakland, Paul Kennett, supply.

O'Neill Street, W. F. Gault.
Newberry circuit, G. F. Clarkson.
Ninety-Six, O. A. Jeffcoat.
Phoenix, W. P. Meadors.
Plum Branch, R. L. Rountree.
Poplar, D. C. Gregory, supply.
Prosperity, J. D. Griffith.
Saluda, J. L. Singleton.
Waterloo, S. H. Booth.
Whitmore, J. P. Simpson.
Lander college, president, J. O. Wilson, Main street quarterly conference; professor Lander college, R. O. Lawton, Main street quarterly conference; assistant Sunday school editor, L. F. Beaty, Main street quarterly conference; associate head master Carlisle school, W. J. Snyder, Main street quarterly conference.

Columbia District.
J. R. T. Major, presiding elder.
Aiken and Williston, G. R. Hodges.
Aiken circuit, S. C. Dunlap.
Batesburg, A. L. Gunter.
Columbia, Brookland, G. T. Hughes.

Edgewood, W. M. Harden.
Epworth, to be supplied.
Green Street, R. L. Keaton.
Main Street, R. S. Truesdale.
Rose Hill, E. T. Hodges.
Shandon, Z. F. Morris.
Washington Street, M. L. Carlisle.
Waverly, W. H. Polk.
Whaley Street, James Waite.
Edgefield, G. W. M. Taylor.
Fairfield, R. E. Sharpe.
Gilbert, L. W. Johnson.
Graniteville, W. H. Lewis.
Irmo, M. A. Cleckley, supply.
Johnston, D. W. Keller.
Langlely, J. C. Cunningham.
Leesville, J. H. Brown, D. R. Ruff, supernumerary.

Leesville circuit, W. F. Johnson.
Lexington circuit, H. A. Whitten.
North Augusta, A. W. Barr.
Richland, A. A. Merritt, supply.
Swansea, R. C. Griffith.
Wagner, J. M. Meetze.
Epworth orphanage, superintendent, T. C. O'Dell.

Editor Southern Christian Advocate, R. E. Stackhouse, Shandon.
Greenville District.
J. M. Steadman, presiding elder.
Clinton, L. E. Wiggins.
Easley, J. Paul Patton, and one to be supplied.

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MARLBORO BANKER MAY BE SUICIDE

SHOES, COAT AND HAT LEFT ON BANK OF RIVER.

Card Bears Message—Telephone Call Causes Apprehension as to T. B. McLaurin.

The State.
Bennettsville, Nov. 8.—A deep gloom was cast over Bennettsville this afternoon when a telephone message was received from the sheriff of Rockingham county, North Carolina, which led to the belief that Thomas Breeden McLaurin, president of the Mutual Savings bank of Bennettsville, had taken his own life. Mr. McLaurin's coat, shoes and hat were found on the bank of the Pee Dee river and on these were found Mr. McLaurin's card on the back side of which was written, "I thought it best to do this."

About the middle of the afternoon today Mr. McLaurin had his chauffeur send a public car to his office for him. Mr. McLaurin left in this and nothing more was heard of him until the message was received. The clothing was found at Blewett falls, about nine miles above Rockingham, which is 25 miles from here. Many men have gone from here to search for Mr. McLaurin tonight.

Mr. McLaurin is the son of former Senator John L. McLaurin and is one of the most substantial business men in Marlboro county. He has large farming interests and in addition to being president of the Mutual Savings bank was also president of one of the large cotton warehouses here. So far as known, there has not been the slightest intimation that the financial status of any of the institutions with which he was connected had been jeopardized. Mr. McLaurin was particularly well known and well liked, and the entire community are deeply shocked and grieved by the report.

Mr. McLaurin is 38 years old and has a wife and one child.

MARLBORO BANKER TO RETURN HOME

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 10.—Thomas B. McLaurin, 35, banker of Bennettsville, S. C., whose relatives had been seeking him since he left home Monday, was taken in custody by local police late today and after an examination by a physician, his relatives here asserted he would return home tomorrow.

Mr. McLaurin, a son of former United States Senator John L. McLaurin of South Carolina, expressed surprise, according to police, that his absence from home should have caused worry there. He said he had been on a business trip to Montgomery, Ala., and was on his way home when found by police here.

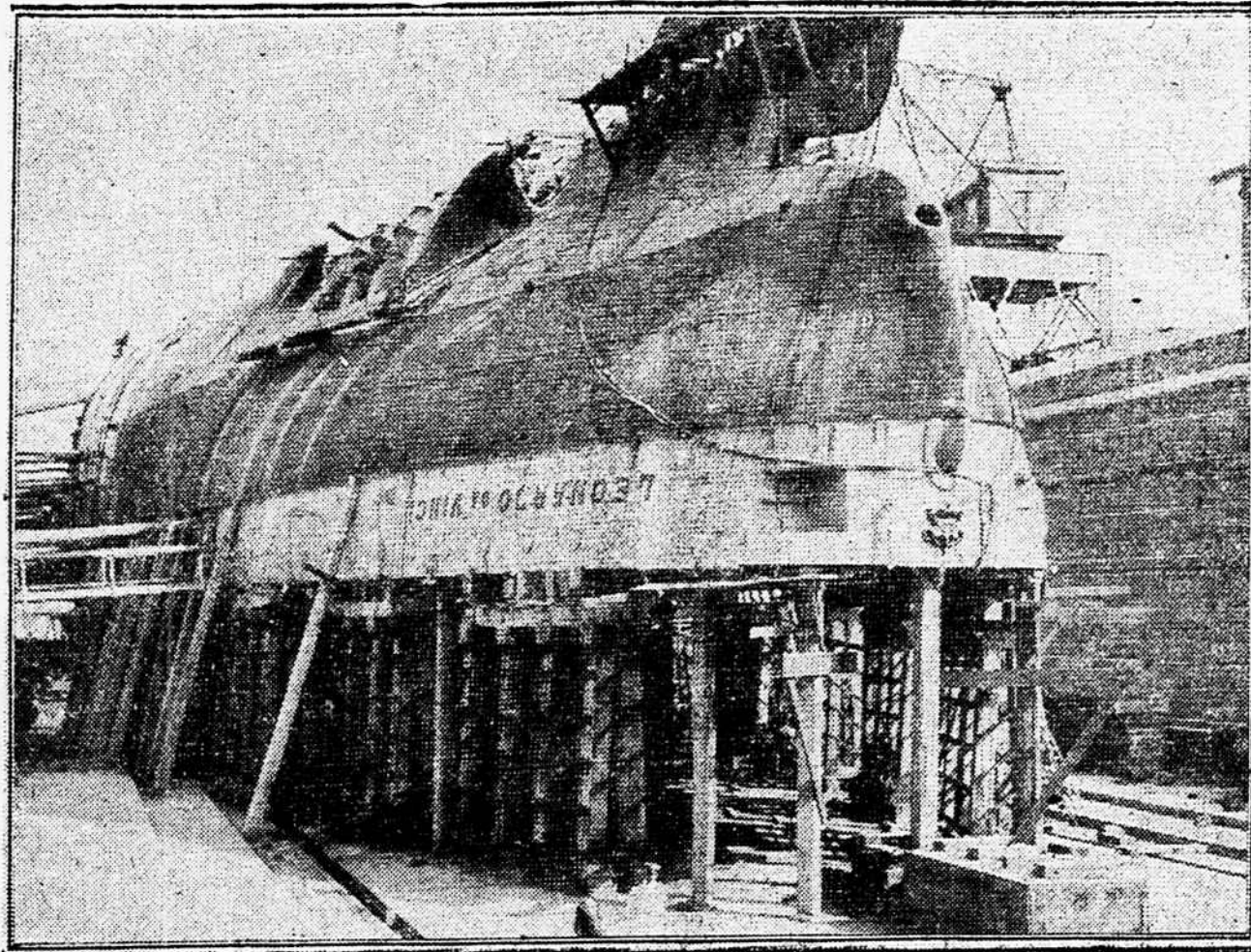
McLaurin denied any knowledge of clothes and a note intimating suicide said to have been found near Blewett's Falls, N. C. He had telegraphed his wife from here yesterday: "Everything is all right; don't worry," and this caused special search to be made here for him.

T. W. Bouchier of Atlanta, a relative of Mr. McLaurin, stated tonight that after leaving police station the banker had been taken to a private sanitarium, near Atlanta and found to be in good condition mentally. After spending the night there, Bouchier said, the banker would leave in the morning for home. Bouchier denied all reports that McLaurin was suffering from any mental trouble and emphasized that no matters connected with the bank had anything to do with his absence from home.

The State.
Bennettsville, Nov. 10.—Word was received here tonight that T. B. McLaurin, president of the Mutual Savings bank of Bennettsville, whose disappearance a few days ago caused much apprehension, has been located in Atlanta. His father, John L. McLaurin, and other kinsmen, went to Atlanta yesterday, it being believed that the missing man had gone either to the Georgia capital or to Savannah.

Some good plumbing is being done by Mr. Clarence Duncan along Harrington street.

ITALIAN ENGINEERS PERFORM GREAT FEAT IN RAISING SUNKEN WARSHIP.



One of the greatest feats in the history of marine engineering in Italy is nearing completion at Taranto, where the dreadnought Lenardo da Vinci has been raised after resting for four years in the harbor's bed.

HARDING RESTS ON TEXAS COAST

PRESIDENT-ELECT TO ENJOY FISHING FOR TIME.

Hopes to Hook Big Tarpon Found Off Point Isabel—Residence in Cottage.

Point Isabel, Texas, Nov. 8 (By the Associated Press).—In this little gulf coast fishing town, which nestles in the southernmost tip of continental United States, President-elect Harding went into seclusion today for an interim of rest and recreation before he begins preparation of the policies of his administration.

Politics and international problems and all the big and little questions involved in the making of a new governmental regime at Washington are to be shut out of his consideration while golf and fishing are to take first place in his attention and ambitions.

He puts fishing first of all and his fondest desire for the time being is to hook one of the big tarpon that are found off Point Isabel.

The president-elect and Mrs. Harding arrived here late in the afternoon and took up their residence in a small frame cottage overlooking a bay where a fleet of fishing boats lay at anchor.

The townfolk, largely Mexican fishermen, gave them a warm welcome, pouring out of their little box like houses and crying out their greetings in mixed English and Spanish dialect. A score of pupils in the Point Isabel school lined the entrance to the village and showered eulogies and other semi-tropical flowers on the members of the party as they passed.

Several guests, accompanying the president-elect, including his pre-convention manager and close adviser, Harry M. Daugherty, were housed in a small winter resort hotel nearby. The party of 32, including newspaper men and secret service men, overcrowded the hostelry and the town's restaurant was overtaxed by the visitors when the time came for the evening meal. From Brownsville, 20 miles away, the party made the trip by motor.

Their special train reached Brownsville shortly after noon and they spent several hours resting at the Brownsville Country club before proceeding to their destination.

Brownsville threw its doors open to the visitors, a large crowd meeting the train and commanding a speech from the president-elect. He responded briefly from the rear platform of his private car, expressing his pleasure at the reception accorded him in his trip through Texas.

Earlier in the day he had spoken in a similar vein at San Benito and several other cities along the railroad. Mr. Harding is the guest here of F. E. Scobey and R. B. Creager, prominent Texas Republicans. The cottage he and Mrs. Harding occupy is Mr. Creager's winter home.

SALMON GIVES UP IN NORTH CAROLINA

CORONER'S JURY HOLDS HIM ON CHARGE OF MURDER.

Also Detains Mrs. Aiken—Mrs. Flinkenschelt Testifies Murderer Took Between \$800 and \$1,000.

News and Courier.

Greenville, Nov. 8.—Walter Salmon, known here since the killing of Asa Flinkenschelt last Friday as James E. Salmon, and charged with murder in connection with the case, surrendered to the chief of police at Salisbury, N. C., last night, according to information received here today. The Salisbury chief, it is understood, is an uncle of Salmon's wife. Sheriff and deputies are expected to return to Greenville with Salmon late tonight. At the inquest today Mrs. Flinkenschelt charged that Salmon accorded her brutal treatment after killing her husband. She said that he took between \$800 and \$1,000 in cash from under her pillow after the killing.

Surrenders at Salisbury.

Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 8.—Walter Salmon, formerly of Morganton, N. C., who is alleged to have shot and killed Asa Flinkenschelt, near Greenville, S. C., last week and to have robbed him of several hundred dollars, gave himself up to Chief of Police Kesler here last night.

Salmon's wife is a relative of Mr. Kesler. Salmon told the police he had seen in a newspaper that his wife was visiting in Salisbury and he came here yesterday from Spartanburg, S. C., and surrendered to the authorities. The Greenville police have been notified of Salmon's arrest.

Coroner's Jury Reports.

Greenville, No. 8 (By the Associated Press).—Walter Salmon, alias Smith, Thirtieth Division veteran soldier, was today held by a coroner's jury for the alleged murder of Farmer Asa Flinkenschelt. The jury's verdict also held Mrs. Alice Aiken, who accompanied Salmon in his escape to Spartanburg after the killing, and she was remanded to jail this afternoon on a charge of accessory after the fact to the murder. Salmon will be brought back to Greenville this afternoon if the intentions of the officers who left here in an automobile to get him are not changed as a precautionary measure to prevent trouble. Bitter feeling was expressed by some men who attended the inquest.

It was announced tonight that November 18 had been definitely fixed as the date of which the president-elect will sail from New Orleans on his trip to Panama.

CAN STORE LIQUOR IN YOUR CLUB NOW

SUPREME COURT KNOCKS OUT CLAUSE ABOUT HOME STORAGE

Provision About Transporting for Lawful Purposes is Also Given New Interpretation.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Liquor lawfully acquired by a person for his personal use may be stored in a place other than his home under a ruling today of the supreme court.

The court's decision was on an appeal brought by William G. Street of New York from lower court decrees refusing an injunction prohibiting federal prohibition officers from seizing liquor which he had stored in a room leased from a safe deposit company. The court declared congress did not intend to prohibit such storage when the liquor was lawfully acquired for a lawful purpose.

Justice Clarke also held that the transportation of lawfully acquired liquor from a warehouse to the home of the owner did not constitute "transportation" within the meaning of the enforcement act.

The decision was rendered by Associate Justice Clarke. The lower court in upholding the portion of the enforcement act interpreted by prohibiting enforcement officials as prohibiting storage except in the home held that congress under the police power delegated by the prohibition amendment had authority to prohibit any transportation of liquor and in order to reduce the necessity for the transportation to a minimum it had the power to legislate as to the places where liquor might lawfully be possessed.

The question presented, Mr. Clarke said, was simply "may a warehousing corporation lawfully permit to be stored in its warehouse, after the effective date of the Volstead act, or admitted to have been lawfully acquired before that date, and which are so stored, solely and in good faith for purpose of protecting until they shall be consumed by the owner and his family or bona-fide guests?"

After answering the question in the affirmative, Justice Clarke declared the court could not bring itself to the conclusion that such retention of the liquor on the part of the storage company constituted "possession within the meaning of the section under consideration or would the transportation of such stores to the legal residence of the owner from the warehouse, constitute "transportation" under the act.

The opinion suggested that congress might have inadvertently omitted having declared such storage unlawful, but regarded it as more probable that the framers of the law had deliberately left this means of preserving lawful stores of liquor to those not possessing commodious dwellings.

AMERICAN FARMERS BREAK ALL RECORDS

CORN, TOBACCO, RICE, PEAR AND SWEET POTATO CROPS.

Very Large Outputs in Other Products—South Carolina Products Gain.

Washington, Nov. 8 (By the Associated Press).—American farmers broke production records of five crops this year. Preliminary estimates announced today by the department of agriculture show the corn, tobacco, rice, sweet potatoes and pear crops surpassed in size those of any previous year in the country's history.

In addition very large crops were grown in some instances closely approaching records, of oats, barley, rye, potatoes, apples and hay. The buckwheat production record, however, has stood since 1866, with this year's crop more than 8,000,000 bushels under it. Final crop production figures will be announced next month.

Corn, king of all crops and of which the United States grows more than 70 per cent of the world's output, reached the enormous total of 3,199,126,000 bushels. That is 75,000,000 bushels more than ever before grown in any year. This is the third corn crop to exceed 3,000,000,000 bushels, the previous record having been made in 1912, while the crop of 1917 was the second largest.

Huge Tobacco Output.
The tobacco crop this year, placed at 1,476,444,000 pounds by the preliminary estimate, is 87,000,000 pounds more than grown last year when all previous records were broken. Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina exceeded their last year's production, while Kentucky's crop this year is 36,000,000 pounds less than a year ago.

Production of rice this year exceeds by 12,000,000 bushels the previous largest crop in 1917. The output this year is placed at 52,298,000 bushels, almost half of which was grown in Louisiana.

The sweet potato harvest will show 105,676,000 bushels which is 2,000,000 bushels more than grown last year, when the crop exceeded all previous years' production. Alabama's output is larger than any other state's.

The crop of pears this year is placed at 15,558,000 bushels. The previous largest crop was that of 1917, when 13,281,000 bushels were produced. California produced more than 3,000,000 bushels, while New York's production is almost 2,250,000 bushels.

Preliminary estimates of this year's production of wheat, oats, barley, rye, hay, rice and peaches were announced last month.

Production of other crops, as shown by the preliminary estimates today, follows:

Buckwheat 14,321,000 bushels, compared with 15,532,000 bushels forecast last month and 16,301,000 bushels produced last year.

Potatoes 421,252,000 bushels, compared with 414,986,000 last month and 357,901,000 last year.

Flaxseed 10,836,000 bushels, compared with 11,704,000 last month and 8,919,000 last year.

Apples 236,187,000 bushels, compared with 227,978,000 last month and 147,457,000 last year.

Sugar beets 8,812,000 tons, compared with 8,970,000 last month and 6,421,000 last year.

Peanuts 37,499,000 bushels, compared with 39,217,000 last month and 33,263,000 last year.

The preliminary estimate of the production of corn in Southern states follows:

Virginia	45,600,000 bushels;
North Carolina	62,640,000;
Georgia	69,405,000.

Tobacco	179,653,000 pounds;
North Carolina	383,922,000;
South Carolina	87,750,000;
Florida	4,620,000.

Another Big Game.
There will be a football game on Thursday afternoon between the American Legion and college, at the college grounds, at 3:30 o'clock. Attendance and laugh away the blues. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

COTTON MOVEMENT WILL NOT FAIL

COTTON MERCHANT DEFENDS WANNAMAKER.

Holder to Blame—Surplus Staple of Low Grade—Many Warehouses at Mills Empty.

To the Editor of The State:

We dislike very much to see some very few making effort to break the organization of the farmers as embodied in the American Cotton association and especially breaking its head and very life blood, Mr. Wannamaker. We can only speak for our immediate community, where we hear it from business men and farmers alike. These few are being severely criticised.

Mr. Wannamaker has undertaken one of the most stupendous tasks in the knowledge of the writer—that is, to organize the farmer—that has ever been attempted on a like scale by any other man. Certainly the organization is farther along today than it was in the yesterdays. Then up to the present time the project is compelled to have been a success. Did they not set the ultimate price of last year's crop at 40 cents and then those who would make us believe this was failure on the part of the leader.

The writer is now actively engaged in the cotton business as cotton merchant, and agents for Southern shippers, including every territory from Texas to the Atlantic, shipping to port and selling to the Carolina mills. Being somewhat active in my line, I feel some degree of capability in judging whether those associated in the cotton sphere are working on concrete facts as regards its movement. My honest opinion is, Mr. Wannamaker is a close student of all the workings of cotton and the statistics surrounding it, and has formulated a plan that it will require time to complete, but when completed will put the producer in a position with his raw material that has never been dreamed of by our farmers. Mr. Wannamaker, by his untiring efforts and in spite of the buffets of the few, has gone forward and will go forward until the American Cotton association will be the greatest organized body on earth, and when his critics are dead and forgotten his monument, not made of marble, will speak on.

Mr. Wannamaker is right in his conclusions, especially as regarding the present crop and its price. We all know that Central Europe wants our cotton. We all know the exports to date have been practically what it was to date one year ago. The West furnished by far the largest per cent. of this, and consequently has gotten rid of practically all its distress cotton from this crop. Those who now have cotton in the West are joining the holding movement, for only in the past ten days they have hardened their basis in some instance two cents a pound, with numbers of firms withdrawing their offers from the market altogether. Those concerns in the middle and Eastern sections have all hardened their basis, and only a few will sell forward commitments, then with the privilege of the seller to call the price. There is not one out of 20 mills in the Carolinas that has enough cotton in its warehouses to run it 40 days, and the most of them not two weeks. I have been to see them and they are empty. Numbers of them have forward commitments bought, but this is paper for the time being, and ultimately must be replaced with the actual cotton which the farmers now own. From statistics as gathered from the Manufacturers Record and the Textile World Journal the condition in the Eastern mills is on about the same par with our own mills. The mills are frank to tell you they want to pay 40 cents for cotton, and I believe they are sincere. My opinion is that one of our greatest troubles in the avenue of trade now is with the commission merchants. They are composed of a comparatively few and are holding the price of their stock above that when our cotton a year ago was selling for 30 cents. In ten days we will begin to face the filling of November commitments. You will see the market begin to go up, and it will continue an upward trend until around

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