

FLORENCE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

This conference is on the Florence district and is composed of the Church School Institute, The Woman's Society of Christian Service, District Lay Activities, District Youth Activities of S. C. Conference of M. Church. As such this was its second session. It convened in St. Paul M. church 5 miles from Kingstree, S. C., Sept. 10 thru 14, 1941.

The throng and delegation of ministers, laymen and youths, were assuring and made the services interesting and lovely. The weather was ideal. Nature and people were impressive and happy from beginning to ending.

District Superintendent the Rev. C. C. Reynolds in his cultured style conducted three exquisite devotionals, themes "The Church," "The Person of Jesus Christ" and "The Holy Spirit".

The communion participated in by our fellow workers was edifying and sublime.

The organization was effected. The committees were appointed. Rev. C. C. Barr named as secretary. The business and deliberations were being dispatched with clarity and facility.

The entire conference moved that is send a body of resolutions expressing its profound gratitude and appreciation to Bishop Lorenzo H. King for the matchless and brilliant Area Council. Mrs. Phyllis M. Gibbs was selected to give the resume.

The Memorial message was presented by the Rev. T. W. White. His theme was "Death is not our goal". Mrs. Lydia A. G. Williams, local preacher, B. J. McCollough and Rev. S. E. Watson were the translated worthies eulogized.

Beautiful welcomes and greetings were cheerfully given in behalf of the church by Miss Nela Comma-dar and Miss Alberta Chandler spoke for the church school. Mr. Abram Greene sang a delightful solo, while the Rev. John C. Gibbs responded to the fine hospitalities and greetings.

The gospel was powerfully preached by Rev. T. W. White, Rev. W. D. Primus, Rev. N. T. Franklin, Rev. L. C. Gregg, Rev. G. B. Tillman, Rev. W. C. Connor, and the D. S., Rev. C. C. Reynolds. The rich music was furnished for the sacred services by the chorus of pastors, Lake City junior choir, Ministers' Wives Alliance chorus, St. Paul junior choir, Mullins junior choir, Bethesda junior choir, Salem and Wesley choir, Kingstree junior choir, Marion junior choir, combined chorus, and Cumberland junior choir.

Every pastor was present and every representative of all the different auxiliaries, to render reports on the strength, work and service of each local church. These reports, including the D. S.'s, were par excellent and expressed sacrifice, labor and achievement.

The Rev. R. E. Donnell discussed the theme, "The Methodist Church in Review." Mrs. M. L. Pearson ventilated the topic, "The Women's Society in Christian Service." Mrs. P. M. Gibbs discussed ably the subject, "The Value of a Living Ministers' Wives Alliance." The Rev. H. H. Cooper spoke on "The Value of Christian Advocate;" Miss Sarah Burgess discussed "The Church School in the new set-up;" Miss Rosanna Dukes read a paper on "Does the League Meet the Demands of the Church."

These titles were listened to with rapt attention and received hearty compliments.

Prof. D. L. Fulton, the district C. S. superintendent, and Prof. O. A. Goodwine, the district E. L. president, made their reports which showed improvement and great service rendered on all fronts.

The conference unanimously and beautifully thanked the pastor, Rev. E. M. Washington an noble flock and friends for their extensive accommodation and entertainment.

The following churches fed lavishly: Kingstree Station, Elijah and St. Paul, Jeremiah, Friendship. The next district conference will meet in Cedar Circuit. The Rev. M. C. Cooper is the progressive pastor, 1942.

John C. Gibbs

EVANGELISTIC TOUR

By Rev. W. G. Owens

I wish to state a few of my experiences during the months of August and September. My first stop was at Newberry, S. C., with Rev. J. E. Dixon, pastor of Trinity A. M. E. church. We had a great spiritual tide of love and converts, also the whole church was revived.

There were twelve happily con-

Conducts Six Weeks of Revival Meetings



REVEREND A. L. PETERSON

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 15th

Dear Friends: This is the end of my six weeks revival meetings which I have conducted from August the first Sunday, 1941. I want you to be the judge of the success.

The first week I was with Rev. L. W. Tyler, Orangeburg, S. C., Mt. Zion Baptist church. Twelve joiners for Baptism. \$79.00 collection.

Second week: Laurens, S. C., Rev. W. L. Wilson Good Hope Baptist church. Eight for Baptism. \$107.50 collection.

Third week: Rev. J. P. Neal, Kershaw, S. C. First Baptist church. Sixteen were Baptized. \$101.39 collection.

Fourth week: Rev. J. B. Barber Hopkins, S. C., Beulah Baptist church. Eighteen for Baptism. \$93.24 collection.

Fifth week: Rev. W. W. Wine, Fort Motte, S. C. Bowman, S. C. Baptist. Five for Baptism. \$74.50 collection.

Sixth week: Rev. Z. E. Dennis, Columbia, S. C., Ridgewood Baptist church. Eight Baptized. \$81.65 collection.

I am beginning on the 16th at Rev. Spann Hope to do good. I will end in Philadelphia, Pa., with Rev. Dukes.

All of these pastors treated me like they would have me treat them. I hope you and your members will continue to carry on for the kingdom.

We are still carrying on at Ebenezer Baptist, Calvary and Zion Temple. Our meeting will begin at Ebenezer, Columbia, 1927 Lady street, October 6th and continue through the 17th two weeks.

Rev. W. W. Wine, Orangeburg, champion great gospel preacher will conduct this meeting. Everybody is invited to come and get your soul spiritually renewed.

We added twelve to Ebenezer in August and raised \$185.97. Come to the gospel headquarters. Rev. A. L. Peterson, Pastor.

VERTED and eight accessions. The members and friends spared no little pains in making our stay pleasant. Rev. Dixon has things well in hand. They have covered wired and remodeled the church which shows great progress.

We stopped at brother and sister Clarence Davis who not only gave us a place to rest our weary bodies but killed a lamb and fed us sumptuously.

Our next stop was at Leesville, S. C., with Rev. N. Caughman, who is doing a great work among his people. I spent one very happy week here and we gained 17 in the name of the Lord, four souls and three joiners. The whole town cooperated with Rev. Caughman. We spent one night with Bro. J. E. Gregg who is the outstanding Steward of the church and four nights with Mr. and Mrs. Hartley. They had everything that would give anyone a happy reception. We took several well prepared dinners at the following persons homes: Mrs. J. Norris, Mrs. Emma Marshall and Mrs. E. Hartley. This was indeed a wonderful reception that shall long be remembered.

Our third stop was at Horatio, S. C. with Rev. J. A. Gamble who is also bringing things to pass. Here was the crowning work. Having fought a good battle both Rev. Gamble and myself; seven souls converted and twenty-one accessions which brought the total including my work at Irmo to twenty-eight converts and thirty-seven accessions.

So the great work of evangelization should be the aim of every minister.

SUMMERSVILLE NEWS

The work at Alston high is moving along nicely. We held our first chapel exercise Friday, September 12th. Principal Fields then introduced each new teacher to the student body; each made a few remarks. They are: Misses R. Stokes from Hartsville; P. Snipe, Mt. Pleasant; A. Simpson, Charleston; Mr. O. Humphries, Columbia.

Likewise, all the old teachers were presented to the students: Misses R. Glass, M. Dent, M. Roache, R. Amaker, R. Kittrell; Mesdames E. Mance, L. R. Pedrew, and Mr. McIver. Our other new teacher hasn't arrived yet so Mrs. Fields is substituting in his place until he comes.

Mr. F. D. Bailey, who was visiting with us Friday at Chapel, made a very interesting talk. Mr. Bailey is the representative for the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company for this district.

The student body received all joyfully. Our enrollment has now reached 502.

IMPERIAL SINGERS PRESENT

EUNICE M. ANDERSON

By Julia Braxton Clark

New York, N. Y.—The much loved Imperial Singers of New York City presented in concert, Eunice M. Anderson, lyric soprano and the Imperial Ensemble in their annual concert held at the Little Theatre at the YMCA, 180 West 130th street, Sunday afternoon, September 14.

Miss Anderson possesses a beautiful tone quality soprano voice with a personality that stands her in good stead with her audiences, as well as an unusual amount of stage department. During the program, she sang "Titan" Thomas, "A Maid Sings High and A Maid Sings Low," "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child," "Burlough." She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Gwendolyn Joseph.

The Imperial Ensemble opened the program with "The Lord's Prayer," Malotte. Selections by the Ensemble included "Roman Life," Victor Herbert; "City Calling Heaven," W. C. Handy, "Ave Maria," Schubert, was rendered by the Male Ensemble. The Female Chorus sang "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door," Dett. Isaiah Gaillard and Mrs. Tabitha Lee were received with applause after rendering a duet.

The Imperial Singers are eight years old having proved that they are represented by an all recognized group appearing on many occasions as professionals.

The personnel consists of H. Belle Fladger, business manager; William Allen, director; Alice Savage, accompanist; William Mundle, accompanist; Eunice Anderson, Ira Philpot, Tabitha Lee, Scott Jordan, Mary B. Salmon, Mary Johnson, Flipper Stone, Olga Belt, Esther Obey, William Mundle, Isaiah Gaillard. Acting as ushers were: Mary Lillwood, Gracye Johnson, Hester Crawford, Pearl Morris, Gracye Sumter. Remarks were made by Rev. E. Elliott Durant, D. D., and Mr. Allen.

LAURENS NEWS

7 O'clock D. S. T. September 9 Mr. S. D. Denny and Mrs. Arzella Watts entertained 40 of their friends at a fish fry on River Edge, an extension of the Buzzard Roost Dam, about 18 miles from the city. The thrill of the evening was the appearance of Prof. Sanders, who expressed himself as having a most enjoyable evening.

Not a minor attraction was the show place of the Cecil Ropers, which was open to the guests. This beautiful summer cottage is located on the edge of the lake-land has one of the most beautiful views of any in the vicinity.

Modern city conveniences in simple rustic settings produced an effect that can not be over estimated for its loveliness and charm. Each one expressed himself as having spent a most enjoyable evening.

BALTIMORE, MD. NEWS

Mrs. Lena Halsey was called to North Carolina to be at the bedside of her daughter for an indefinite stay. Every one wish for her an early recovery.

Mt. Hebron Baptist church singing union and Friendship Baptist church singing union will leave for Philadelphia, Pa. September 28. The buses will leave at 5:30 a. m. Everyone is cordially invited to go.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gore and Miss Louise V. Gore had for their week end guests, Mr. Leroy Peaks, Mr. John Colman, Mrs. Mary Birl, Miss Gladys Sims, Mr. Lonnie Doolin, Mr. Morris Brown, Mr. Willard Dadds, Mr. Tom Griggs, Mrs. Roosevelt Calhoun, Mr. Otis Holt, and Miss Colman. All were pleasantly entertained. Different games were played.

The S. S. S. club met with Mrs. Irene Boler, 613 N. Calhoun St., Mrs. Wilks, president. The club will have a bingo party September 26, at 613 N. Calhoun St. Everyone is cordially invited. The officers are: president, Mrs. L. Wilks; vice-president, Mrs. N. Hamilton; treasurer, Mrs. J. Whitlock; F. P., Mrs. Irene Boler; P. S. treasurer, Mrs. Ida Williams; chaplain, Mrs. E. Henry. Members: Mrs. Molly Gore, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. M. Andrews, and Miss Louise V. Gore. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Henry, 1318 Myrtle Ave.

Those on the sick list are: Rev. M. Flowers, Mrs. Maggie Lewis, Mr. Hopkins. All the sick ask for a special prayer from every person for a speedy recovery. The people have been sick for 9 or 10 months.

GEORGETOWN NEWS

The Howard school here began the 1941-42 session on Monday morning, September 8th, with a first day's enrollment of 1,180 pupils. With such a first day's showing, Principal Beck feels this year will mark the best enrollment the school has experienced. The number reached last year was 1,460 during the term.

The new teachers this year are the following: Miss Hattie Westbrook of New York; Miss Margaret Singleton of Georgetown; Miss Blanche C. Lyles of Tryon, N. C.; Miss Frances Thomas of Florence; Mrs. M. P. Manigault of Georgetown; Miss Thedra Wilson of Georgetown.

The opening on Monday morning presented an inspiring scene. The large number of out-of-town teachers, as well as those beginning here met with very warm and cordial greetings.

The additions now in course of construction at the million dollar paper mill are causing the school officials to plan additional facilities in the way of buildings for housing the increasing white and colored school population.

JOHNSTON NEWS

Willow Spring Baptist Church

Rev. J. H. Goodin, Pastor The Sunday School opened at its usual hour, the Supt. Mr. W. D. Stallard, and his co-workers, were at their posts of duty. Mr. Henry Outler being present, took charge of the lesson. Mr. Butler is a Bible scholar and an able teacher.

On Sunday morning, August 21, the annual revival began at the old historical spot, Deacon J. H. Robinson conducted prayer service, Rev. J. H. Goodin, the pastor, being at his best, preached the introductory sermon which gave the people the right start for the week's revival.

Bethel C. M. E. Church Rev. W. E. Wilson, Pastor At 11:45 a. m., our pastor preached a wonderful sermon from St. Luke 24:21. It was enjoyed by all. The Holy Communion was served. We were glad to have Profs. Bowman and Toomer to worship with us on Sunday morning.

Our Sunday School is still making progress we are glad to say. Before the close of Sunday School, some very interesting remarks were made by Prof. E. A. Ruben.

At 8:15 p. m. night service began. The pastor brought to us another wonderful sermon from St. Luke 5:26, subject, "Strange Things." Several visitors were present.

The silver tea which was given at the home of the Misses Carrie and Marie Mobley on Sunday for the benefit of the Willing Workers Club of Bethel C. M. E. church, was quite a success. The program was rendered by Mrs. W. W. Gary.

Mrs. Adlena Strother has returned to her home in Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., after a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Ruben on Herd Ave.

Revs. W. E. Wilson and M. M. Davis left Monday to attend the convention in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. and Mrs. Thompson of Hartsville, S. C., and Miss Mamie Peterson of Greenwood, S. C., were pop-caller of the Amuses, Poppers, and Mrs. A. M. Spain on Saturday p. m.

Mrs. R. Hurley was the dinner guest of Mrs. Noah Amos on Friday.

CAPERNAUM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lykesland—Last week and Sunday, a wonderful time was had at Capernaum. Rev. T. T. Marsh of Columbia, S. C., conducted the revival meeting for Rev. R. B. Stray and the meeting was a success. 13 souls were saved and added to the church.

Rev. Marsh preached until, seemingly the heavens were opened. This man of God cut a right-of-way for God's people to travel on to glory. Everyone who heard Rev. Marsh, their hearts were made to leap for joy and their soul revived. We were spiritually fed with the gospel this servant of God preached. Every sermon that was preached by this messenger of God was highly enjoyed. We are hoping to have the chance of hearing him again and to wish him a successful day as he goes to his church on Sunday at Ninety-Six, S. C. He is the beloved pastor of the Pine Pleasant Baptist church there.

I am pleading to his flock to take care of their shepherd, for he is worthy. Pray that he may live long to point out the way of salvation to a sin trying world.

Rev. R. B. Stray, reporter

DOUBLE BRANCH A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. B. C. Cunningham, Pastor The Sunday School opened at the usual hour by the Supt. The lesson was thoroughly taught and the Sunday School was well attended.

Rev. Cunningham conducted services at Mt. Pisgah Sunday morning. He delivered a wonderful message.

The A. C. E. league convened at 6:30 o'clock. Interesting games were enjoyed by all. We were indeed delighted to have with us, Mr. Benny Cunningham who has returned from Detroit, Mich., where he spent an enjoyable vacation.

The seven sermons were preached Sunday evening at 8 p. m. This was for the benefit of Steward's Board No. 1. We departed rejoicing in the Lord.

Miss Ruth Corley has returned home to attend school at Allen University after having spent her vacation in New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Suber spent last week in Aiken visiting relatives.

Cora Cleman, reporter

WAYMAN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Leroy Jackson, Pastor

Wainsboro—Sunday School convened at 10 o'clock. The Supt., Mr. S. A. Moore, and co-workers were at their posts of duty. After the class study of the lesson, the review was conducted by the Supt. Class number one has the attendance banner.

Sunday morning at the regular hour, the pastor selected his text from Proverbs 12:24. Subject, "A Real Friend." Sunday night his text was taken from 19th Psalm, first verse. Subject, "Giving thanks." Both sermons were enjoyed by all.

At 6:30 o'clock the league convened. The pastor and board met at the home of Miss Minnie Young on Zion Hill. A very good program was rendered. The group was then served.

The Sunday School choir met at the church Wednesday evening. They are going forward under the leadership of Mrs. L. P. Cambell.

The Senior choir is holding their own under the leadership of Mrs. S. A. Moar. Wayman is giving the pastor his vacation this week. He plans to go to Dillon, S. C. with his mother, Mrs. Callie Jackson.

Quite a few visitors were out Sunday.

Mrs. Irabella Batiste and Mrs. D. L. Smith are still on the sick list.

Mrs. I. B. Green has returned from her vacation. She reports a pleasant trip.

Come to Wayman, you are always welcomed.

BRANCHVILLE, S. C. Bethel A. M. E. Church

Rev. F. H. Rieburg, Pastor

Sunday School opened promptly at 10 a. m. The Supt. and co-workers were at their posts of duty. An interesting lesson was taught and reviewed by the pastor. Some encouraging remarks were made by Sis. Vera Leven. We are all glad to see her home again.

The pastor delivered a wonderful message at 11 o'clock. This being second Sunday, quite a large crowd attended.

Rev. Rieburg and Sis. Sallie Montgomery were the dinner guests of Sis. Mary Rager.

At 2 o'clock, Rev. Rieburg, Mrs. Lizzie Heyward, Mrs. Georgia Young, Mrs. Lilly Mae Glover, Mrs. Marie Simpson, Mrs. Martha Lockett motored to Emanuel. They reported a very pleasant trip.

Sunday, the Lord's Supper was served. Everybody enjoyed hearing our pastor preach.

On Monday, September 15, Class No. 6 will give a party at the home of Sis. Sallie Montgomery on Tuesday night, 16th, class No. 5 met at Sis. Martha Lockett; on the 17th, class No. 4 met at Sis. Heyward's home.

Marion Tatum, reporter

EBENEZER A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. D. N. Wilson, Pastor

On last Sunday morning the pastor preached a very inspiring sermon. His subject was, "A prisoner without crime." The scripture text was taken from Acts 25:27.

The Sunday School was conducted by the assistant superintendent, Mr. Paul Taylor, and the lesson was reviewed by Bro. Moral of senior class No. one.

The memorial service for Mrs. J. S. Williams was conducted by the chorister of the senior choir, and the leader of class No. 21.

The Cooper River Love and Charity Society No. one held their 23rd annual anniversary at 8 o'clock. The program consisted of recitations and papers. The annual report was read by Mrs. Anna Heyward. Mr. Sam Reedy, president, introduced the speaker of the evening, the Rev. D. N. Wilson. His subject was, "Dwell together in unity." The scripture text was taken from the 133rd Psalm. The services were largely attended and many visitors were present. Mrs. Queen Washington, member of the Deaconess Board, has silently passed away to the sweet beyond.

Miss H. Reaves, reporter

ST. PHILIP A. M. E. NEWS

Rev. T. H. Weathers, Pastor

Sunday morning at the usual hour, Sunday School took place, conducted by the Supt., Mamie E. Hinton, and the co-workers. The classes were arranged and beautifully taught by the teachers. Review of the lesson by Bro. Ebenezer Deveau.

A warm prayer service was conducted by Bro. Isaac Johnson, and others. A few announcements were made.

The pastor ascended the pulpit and preached a soul-stirring sermon. Every true Christian who was made to feel good. A few sinners asked for prayers. Mrs. Katie Jones asked that all sinners desiring prayers and want to be converted, to come out to the church on Friday at 8 o'clock, and a half of the sum and be made for. All true Christians are asked to come out.

The Sunday School convention will convene at St. Philip next week, Thursday and Friday.

A lovely feast was held at M. and Mrs. Paul Geon Sunday evening in behalf of class No. 5. Mrs. Katie Jones, reporter.

Come to church, join the choir.

M. E. Hinton, reporter

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