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## METHODIST APPOINTMENTS

### Lower Conference Adjourns After Successful Session.

Georgetown, Nov. 29.—After a quiet day of worship the Methodist conference got down to business this morning and in a few hours wound up the annual business and announced appointments for 1921 and the ministers hurried out on the noon train for their homes. Sunday the center of interest was the sermon by Bishop Darlington at the Methodist church. At this service deacons were ordained. Preceding the sermon Dr. J. S. Stokes presided over an old-time Methodist love feast.

At night Dr. Morrison preached a sermon to a record congregation in Duncan Memorial church. At the same hour the Rev. Geo. Harmon preached at West End Methodist church. Following the sermons Bishop Darlington dedicated this handsome church.

### Statistical Report

This morning reports were heard from boards and committees. The following figures were reported: Members 56,725; adults baptized 1,538; infants 1,411; Sunday School pupils 98,205; women's missionary societies 461; 4,797 members paid for foreign missions \$16,345; home missions \$20,745; church extension \$8,828; education \$31,400; conference claims \$14,640; bible society \$1,333; woman's missionary society \$33,425; paid to pastors \$245,811; presiding elders \$22,250.

A matter of interest was the proposition to give a fixed sum to superannuated ministers. This proposition originated with two laymen, T. H. Tatam and T. O. Lawton, who moved that \$500 be given to all superannuated ministers. The amount given has been small and uncertain. The Rev. S. E. Harper moved that a publicity secretary be appointed and the board of education named the Rev. H. J. Crutchen, who will furnish full reports on annual conferences to the press.

Resolutions thanking Georgetown for splendid entertainment were introduced by Dr. W. B. Duncan and heartily passed by a standing vote; also resolutions of appreciation of the presidency of Bishop Darlington, who has greatly endeared himself to the conference during the three years he has presided, were passed. His reappointment to this conference was requested. The appointments for 1921 follow:

### Charleston District

Charleston District: S. B. Harper, presiding elder; Allendale, J. T. Fowler; Appleton, J. A. Graham; J. T. Beaufort; Cartaret street, F. M. Dukes; Bethel circuit, G. C. Gardner; Black Swamp, J. K. Inabinet; Bluffton and Ridgeland, T. W. Godbold; Charleston, Bethel, C. F. Wimberly; Hampstead Square, D. N. Busbee; Hampton Park, R. R. Tucker; Spring street, J. H. Danner; Trinity, H. J. Cautchen; Cottageville, B. H. Covington; Cypress and Wando, W. E. Sanders; Dorchester, H. W. Whittaker; Early Branch, P. T. Morrison; Ehrhardt, T. L. Belvin; Eschell, G. W. Davis; Hampton, George Smith; Hendersonville, L. D. B. Williams; Lodge, R. P. Hucks; Meggett, M. M. Byrd; Ridgeville, B. A. White; Summerville, S. D. Colyer; Walterboro, J. P. Inabinet; Port Royal and soldier pastor, C. B. Burns; professor, Columbia College, F. Mason Cram, Summerville.

### Florence District

Florence District: F. H. Shuler, presiding elder; Bennettsville, G. T. Harmon; Bennettsville circuit, M. W. Hook; Brightsville, J. A. Campbell; Bethlehem circuit, W. O. Henderson; Blenheim, S. D. Bailey; Cheraw, G. F. Kirby; Chesterfield, L. E. Preler and T. B. Owen, supernumerary; Darlington, Trinity, J. H. Graves, Darlington circuit, J. P. Attaway; East-Chesterfield, C. P. Chevington; Florence, central, E. L. McCoy; Junior preacher to be supplied, Hartsville, M. L. Banks; Jefferson, W. V. Jernam; Lamar, G. A. Teasley; Liberty, T. G. Phillips; Marlboro, J. B. Prosser; McColl, L. L. Bodenbaugh; McColl mission, J. O. Bunch; Patrick, W. S. Myers; Pageland, J. R. Sojournor; Timmons-ville and Pisgah, W. R. Phillips; Timmons-ville circuit, A. S. Leslie.

### Kingstree District

Kingstree District: C. C. Derrick, presiding elder; Andrews, D. D. Jones; Blackriver, H. W. Shanley; Cades, D. H. Everette; Cedar Swamp, H. D. Shuler; Cordesville, B. S. Hughes; Cable and Trinity, W. L. Guy; Georgetown, Duncan Memorial, R. H. Jones; West End, J. L. Stokes; Greeleyville and Lanes, W. R. Jones; Hemingway, B. J. Guess; Honeyhill, J. Z. McConnell; Johnsonville, W. A. Massebaum; Kings-tree, W. W. Daniel; Lake City, W. A.

## Responding To Call.

Ten more men enlisted in the Kershaw Guards Tuesday night. This brings the total to over fifty, of the required minimum of 53, but as the physical examination will doubtless result in rejection of some of the men, therefore an energetic campaign is necessary to get over the top in a hurry.

Tuesday night's meeting at the Opera House was very poorly attended by Camden citizens, but what was better there was a crowd of those who had and were going to enlist.

W. B. deLoache and William King spoke at request. R. M. Kennedy, Jr., brought a message from the Chamber of Commerce, M. H. Heynau, M. N. Billings, old Kershaw Guardsmen were also present. Mr. James DeLoache as sole representative of the Confederacy responded to a request to speak, and was heartily applauded.

Representing the Kershaw Guards Corporation, L. T. Mills and E. C. von Tresckow are offering the following cash prizes for recruits for the new company. One dollar for each man who passes physical examination and is duly enlisted; for every five men so enlisted a bonus of \$5.00 extra. One energetic youth has already enlisted men to his credit.

Beckham; McClellanville, W. G. Ariall; New Zion, T. E. Derrick; Pamplico, F. A. Biddin; Phenix, J. E. Clark; Rome, G. K. Way; Samplif, D. O. Spires; Scranton, F. A. Lupton; Tuberville, J. J. Stevenson; Trio, G. T. Rhoad.

### Marion District

Marion District: D. A. Phillips, presiding elder; Aynor, E. K. Garrison; Brownsville, J. L. Mullinax; Bucks-ville, W. L. Parker; Centenary, R. W. Humphries; Conway, J. C. Atkinson; Conway Circuit, E. W. Hurst; Clio, B. G. Murphy; Dillon, W. B. Duncan; Dillon and Hamer Mills, J. D. Williams; Floydie, P. K. Crosby; Lakeview, S. E. Ledbetter; Latta, W. C. Kirkland; S. J. Betha, Supernumary; Little River, J. F. Carter; Little Rock, E. Z. James; Loris, C. S. Felder; H. L. Singleton, Supernumary; Marion, W. L. Herbert; Marion Circuit, J. E. Cook; Mullins, G. P. Watson; Mullins Circuit, T. J. White; Nichols, C. W. Burgess; Waccamaw, E. F. Scoggins; Business Manager Southern Christian Advocate, J. H. Noland; Little Rock; President Palne College, A. D. Betts, Conway; President Harry Industrial School, S. C. Morris, Aynor; Superintendent Young Peoples and Adult Work, W. C. Owen, Dillon.

### Orangeburg District

Orangeburg District: Peter Stokes, presiding elder; Bamberg, S. O. Cantey; Bamberg Mills and Embree, to be supplied; Barnwell station, F. L. Glenman; Branchville, J. A. McGraw; Cameron, P. A. Murray; Denmark, W. E. Wiggins; Edisto, P. B. Ingraham; Elloree and Jerusalem, W. P. Way; Eutawville, Woodrow Ward; Fort Motte, W. A. Youngblood; Grover, W. G. Elwell; Harleyville, W. T. Patrick; Holly Hill, A. V. Harbin, J. F. Way, supernumerary; Norway, J. B. Weldon; North and Limestone, E. H. Beckham; Olar, C. M. Peeler; Orangeburg, St. Paul, T. G. Herbert; W. S. Stokes, supernumerary; Orangeburg circuit, J. W. Ariall; Orange circuit, S. W. Danner; Providence P. K. Rhoad; Rowesville, L. T. Phillips; St. George, S. W. Henry; St. Matthews, J. T. Peeler; Smoaks, W. T. Bedenbaugh; Springfield, A. Sagar; Spring Hill, A. C. Corbett; conference secretary of missions, A. J. Cautchen, St. Paul; conference secretary of education, G. E. Edwards, St. Paul Sunday school field secretary, J. E. Ford, St. Paul.

### Sumter District

Sumter District: D. M. McLeod, presiding elder; Bethune, A. M. Gardner; Beulah, Paul T. Wood; Bishopville, Bethlehem, W. V. Dibble; Camden, Littleton street, W. H. Hodges; College Place, W. S. Heath; Columbia circuit, C. T. Easterling, Jr.; Elliott and Wells, R. M. DuBose; Heath Springs, W. D. Gleaton; Jordan circuit, F. E. Hodges; Kershaw, R. B. Doyle; Lynchburg, J. M. Rogers; McLeods and Bethesda, M. G. Arant; Manning, C. B. Smith; McBee, E. P. Hutson; Oswego, J. W. Elkins; Pinewood, G. W. Dukes; Providence, W. H. Perry; St. Johns and Rembert, B. L. Knight; Sumter, Trinity, J. W. Daniel; Broad Street, J. G. Ferguson; Summerton, T. E. Morris, Wateree, L. W. Shanley; West Kershaw, F. S. Hook; secretary federal council of churches, E. O. Watson, College Place; chaplain to penitentiary, J. C. Chandler, College Place; Professor Columbia College, D. H. Munson, College Place.

Safe blowers got \$15,000 from the Bank of Conway at Conway, N. C. last Tuesday night.

## POISONED HER HUSBAND

### Three Arrested in Sensational Georgia Murder Mystery.

Fort Valley, Ga., Nov. 27.—Warrants charging murder in connection with the death last June under mysterious circumstances of Fred D. Shepard, known as the "Georgia peach king," were served tonight on Mrs. F. E. Elmer, former wife of the peach grower, Mrs. Ione Henry, sister of Mrs. Elmer, and Ernest Hopson, son of Mrs. Elmer by a marriage previous to that with Shepard.

The arrest of all three was ordered after a pathologist and a chemist of Atlanta, had testified at a coroner's investigation here today that a post-mortem examination of Shepard's body had revealed the presence of poison in the viscera.

Mrs. Elmer, who took charge of Shepard's property after his death on the grounds that he died intestate, was arrested as she was leaving the courtroom, where the coroner's investigation was held. The first charge placed against her was illegal appropriation of Shepard's property. Several hours later she was served with a warrant charging her murder in connection with Shepard's death. Mrs. Henry and Hopson were arrested at their homes in Perry, near here.

Dr. John Funke, Atlanta pathologist, and Dr. Edgar Everhart, had concluded their testimony, both declaring that Shepard died of poison, taken through the mouth, and the courtroom was being cleared so that the jury could consider the evidence. While Mrs. Elmer was in custody of the deputy the coroner's jury quickly found its verdict that "Shepard came to his death by poison."

Shepard's death occurred at Marion hospital after an illness of only three days. Hospital physicians, unable to diagnose the case, conducted a post mortem examination and reported the finding of queer spots on the vital organs. Investigation was immediately started by the authorities.

Shepard's wife of less than a year, now Mrs. Elmer, immediately took charge of the extensive orchard holdings and other property of the peach grower, stating that he had left no will. The investigation into his death, which had practically been abandoned, was revived several weeks later by the announcement by Mrs. Alice Crandall, a sister of Shepard, that she had received an anonymous letter through mail inclosing what was purported to be a will executed by the peach king. This will bequeathed to the widow \$10,000 cash and a monthly allowance of \$100. All knowledge of the existence of such a will was denied by the widow.

Four months after Shepard's death his widow was married to Dr. F. E. Elmer, who according to statements by Solicitor General Garrett during the investigation, claims to have once been a governor of a state in Mexico and later the husband of the daughter of an English nobleman.

Shepard's career also was a strange one. Heir to the millions of his father, he ran away from home and was not found until years later on a ranch in Oregon. He had married and after obtaining a divorce returned to Georgia to assist his father in the management of Shepard's property. Upon the death of the elder Shepard, he received the major portion of the estate, which consists of property in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Southern California, Battle Creek, Mich., and French Lick Springs, Ind.

Dr. John Funke, Atlanta pathologist, who was one of the witnesses at today's hearing, testified that traces of poison were found in Shepard's body. His testimony was supplemented by that of Dr. Edgar Everhart, an Atlanta chemist, who told the jury that while he had found no poison at the time of his first examination, an analysis of the contents of other organs presented to him after a second examination of the body showed a large amount of bichloride of mercury. He estimated the dose which caused Shepard's death at 50 grains.

The testimony developed at today's hearing followed an exhaustive inquiry into alleged mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of the wealthy peach grower. The inquiry during its later stages has been directed by State Solicitor General Garrett.

### Marriage.

Married at the home of Probate Judge W. L. McDowell on November 28th, 1920, Mr. W. L. Goff and Miss Agnes Cornelia Baker, both of Camden South Carolina.

## LANCASTER COUNTY NEWS.

### Happenings of Interest From Neighbor County as Told by Exchanges.

Miss Virginia Cousar, daughter of N. R. Cousar, underwent an operation at the Charlotte sanatorium yesterday and information received here today is that she is getting along well. She was taken ill while at school at Dup West.

Mr. Ira Ellis and Miss Lula Catoe, two popular young people of this city were quietly married Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, Rev. T. H. Roach, in his usual impressive manner, performed the ceremony at his home on Brooklyn street.

Dr. W. F. Laney, of this city, suffered a severe stroke of paralysis early Wednesday morning at his home on Chesterfield avenue, the entire right side being affected. He had gone into the yard to feed his chickens, and upon his return to the house, complained of feeling badly. He was taken to his room and the stroke followed shortly afterward. While it is not thought the stroke will prove fatal, attending physicians and the family are yet much concerned over his condition.

William Samuel Blackmon died at his home in the Stoneboro section Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Blackmon was a son of the late William L. Blackmon and was about 62 years of age. He had been an active man up to a few years ago, when he was troubled with a heart affection, which caused his death. The body was buried at Creek church, of which he was a member, Sunday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Samuel Long, of Heath Springs, and a former pastor, Rev. B. F. Carson, of Hartsville, both of whom paid glowing tribute to the deceased as a church worker and as a man who will be missed as a citizen of the community. Besides his wife, Mr. Blackmon leaves a large family of children and three brothers: S. T. and Orrin C. Blackmon of this city, and Jesse L. Blackmon, of Arkansas.

In spite of the bad weather before and during the county show held in Lancaster last Wednesday, there was considerable interest shown in the various lines of exhibits. In the poultry department there were many more entries, the roads and weather keeping the farmers from bringing them in. In all there was 107 fowls on exhibition.

The carnival left town Sunday after putting on a week's diversification of attractions. It was well patronized and some parts of it were considerably above the average. As a whole the carnival was above the average. The horse show was the best attraction and "Lady Fanchon" proved a favorite. She is one of the best trained horses ever seen here. The Lancaster Post, American Legion, realized a good sum from the carnival.

### Granted a Charter.

The Secretary of State has granted a charter to the Home Furnishing Company of Camden. The new company will have a capital stock of \$20,000 and will do a general furniture business. This new corporation has taken over the former place of S. W. Parker, who recently purchased the property from the late Wm. Gelsenheimer, and it has long been run as a furniture establishment. The incorporators are W. C. Smith, president; A. C. King, secretary and Gus Beleos, treasurer. All are well known business men of Camden and they will no doubt get a good share of the furniture patronage of Camden and surrounding territory.

### Married at Bishopville.

Miss Sarah Bruce Smith and Mr. Russell Armstrong were married on Thanksgiving day at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Smith in Bishopville. It was a quiet, but pretty home wedding attended by only a few friends and relatives, including some from Camden. Miss Smith will be pleasantly remembered in Camden where she served for some time as clerk in the Camden post-office. Mr. Armstrong is a young business man of Fountain Inn, S. C., and the young couple will make their home at Fountain Inn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Collins.

### Grace Church Services

There will be services in Grace Church on Sunday at 11 o'clock. Beginning Monday night at 8 o'clock, there will be a Preaching Mission conducted by the Rev. A. S. Thomas, of Cheraw. The Mission will continue through the week, there being a service every night at the same hour. The public is cordially invited.

F. H. Harding, Rector.

## Omar Nobles Enjoy Great Day.

Tuesday morning a large number of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine went to Sumter to enjoy the day and make the "fresh meat" as comfortable as possible, for when one travels the hot sands of the desert he should always have a friend along who can supply him with fresh water and something to eat. To the delight of the Nobles and "fresh meat" the Camden Shrine Club arranged the program for the day which proved to be a big success, as was testified by the many comments of approval of the officers and Nobles of Omar. The following composed the class of "fresh meat":

Mr. C. H. Yates, "Boys I Am It"  
Rev. F. H. Harding, "Parson from Camden."  
Mr. W. G. Adams, "Big Chief from Camden."

Mr. S. B. Beard, "Miss Nancy."  
Mr. R. L. Bell, "Convict."  
Mr. Karl Rosborough, "Convict, Big Dick from Boston."

Mr. Gus Beleos, "Boot Black."  
Mr. Claude Rowe, "Clown."  
Mr. Frank D. Campbell  
Mr. C. B. McCaskill  
Mr. B. H. Clyburn  
Mr. Boyd E. Young  
Mr. S. C. Taylor  
Mr. L. D. Slmpson  
Mr. B. Casells Zemp

A special request is made to all the Shriners of this district to send in their names to the secretary so that we can have a list of them.

R. T. Goodale, President

W. Robin Zemp, Vice President  
W. F. Nettles, Secretary.

### Waterce Mill News.

The whole village is deeply in sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam DeBruhl in the loss of their daughter, Doris, aged nine months, who died at the Camden Hospital from the effects of pneumonia on Monday morning, Nov. 25th.

Burial took place at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Waterce cemetery with impressive ceremonies at the Waterce Baptist Church conducted by Rev. W. E. Furcon. Many friends and relatives of the bereaved parents were present. The hearers names were Emmie Player, Vera Anderson, Mae Gardner and Willie Blanche Gardner while Nollie Gardner and Viola acted as flower bearers.

The Hunting Club Committee have arranged for a hunt on Friday, Dec. 3rd and will leave the mill store at 6 a. m. A number of the party have kindly offered their cars and we are all looking forward to a good time. Shells may be bought at cost at the mill store by members. The roster of members is daily increasing and the committee presents the following list:

Rev. W. E. Furcon, A. S. Paine, H. K. Hallett, N. H. Rice, F. H. Marble, R. D. Dillard, W. W. Davis, Tom Newnam, H. C. Christmas, W. Newman, Neal Player, W. C. Robinson, Willie Robinson, Ernest Robinson, G. B. Gardner, Will Gardner, G. F. Marshall, Gib DeBruhl, W. L. Sanders, J. J. Sanders, W. C. Moore, Luke Newman, L. P. Anderson John McLain, W. P. Johnson, Frank Barnes, E. T. Barnes, J. C. Baker, Sam Belk, Sam Robinson, Ben Robinson, B. T. Davis, Cerle Brown, J. E. Robinson.

Considerable credit is due James E. deLoache and Nettles Lindsay for their quick presence of mind and action in rescuing Gib DeBruhl from a possible drowning on Thursday November 18, at the Waterce pond.

During the noon hour, DeBruhl in quest of game, ventured out in a boat to a point opposite the mill bathhouse, about midway between shores. While making preparations to bring down a passing bird he stepped from the stern to the bow of the boat and in doing so brought the bow beneath the water, instantly causing the boat to submerge.

Still clinging to his gun he made a desperate effort to reach shore, but soon relinquished his hold putting forth greater effort to save his life. Although a good swimmer, owing to the weight of clothes and chill of the water he very quickly became exhausted and gave cries for help.

Lindsay and deLoache, who at the time were near the mill office gave immediate response and ran to the scene, deLoache displaying remarkable coolness and good judgement caught up a spar of deadwood lying near by and with the assistance of Lindsay plunged into the water.

Not until swimming forty yards or more were they able to place the spar in position for DeBruhl to catch hold, however, this was accomplished very quickly and the three were soon on shore.

DeBruhl lost no time in donning dry clothing and although somewhat fatig-

## CAMDEN PRESSES CLAIM

### Demands Right to Play Charleston Eleven.

Special to The State.  
Camden, Nov. 30.—The action of the committee on athletics of the extension department of the University of South Carolina in throwing Camden out of the race for the championship of the lower part of South Carolina in favor of Sumter has caused a wave of protest and much adverse criticism in Camden, as well as the other parts of South Carolina. The decision has been discussed by every lover of football here and the fans can see no justice in it.

The Camden team now demands the right to play Charleston for the championship of the lower half of South Carolina. The statement of the Camden fans follows:

"Sumter has a good team, but was tied and defeated by Camden, and this defeat should have eliminated them from the race. Camden played the hardest schedule of any team in South Carolina and did not suffer defeat, but forfeited a game to Columbia when the referee, who made so many rank decisions favoring the capital city boys, and refused to allow a single decision of the umpire to stand, that the Camden coach took his team off the field. The referee had assisted in the coaching of the Columbia team and his decisions were very partisan.

"Camden picked the strongest teams in the section to play. Batesburg, the best team of the western part of the state was defeated by a score of 65 to 0. Camden using many substitutes. The Mullins representatives were not scored upon by the teams of the far eastern South Carolina while Camden defeated them 34 to 0, again using many substitutes. Darlington of the Pee Dee section went down to defeat, while Sumter in the central section could not stand Camden's rapid attack. Orangeburg of the lower part of the state gave way before Camden, admitting that they outclassed Sumter. The Winthrop Training school of the upper part of the state was twice crushed before Camden's speedy little team.

"All of these teams had eliminated other contestants for state honors, therefore it can be seen that Camden's claims are reasonable, and only a defeat by Charleston can convince them that the university decision is just, and for the good of football and the want of a square deal, demand the right to play Charleston and stand ready to back up their contestants."

No order has been issued by the university extension department athletic committee finally eliminating Camden, according to J. O. Van Meter, a member of the committee, last night. The Charleston-Sumter game, played yesterday, had the effect of merely lengthening the schedule of the two teams and was not a semi-final elimination contest, he says. The committee will meet today to take any further action deemed necessary, the call for the meeting having been issued at the session Saturday night when the Charleston-Sumter game was ordered.

### Presbyterian Bazaar.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar, on Friday and Saturday, at the Camden Motor Company's office. On Friday evening from 6 to 7:30 o'clock chicken salad and oysters will be served and on Saturday there will be a turkey dinner from 1 to 2:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to come.

### Mills Closed Wednesday.

The Waterce Mills of this city, employing several hundred people closed Wednesday. No announcement is made as to when mill will resume operations. Market conditions is given as the cause of the shut-down. The mill at Camden is one of a chain of mills operated by Lockwood Green & Co., of Boston.

### Death of Mr. Sligh.

A message was received in Camden Tuesday evening announcing the death of Mr. T. Erwin Sligh at his home in Darlington that day. He had been ill for a week or ten days with pneumonia. Mr. Sligh was a brother of Mrs. C. W. Birchmore of this city, and was one of Darlington's most prominent merchants.

He resumed work in the afternoon. Scores of friends congratulated him upon his narrow escape and all highly praised the work of deLoache and Lindsay.