



Dilworth Church Was Crowded Today As Methodists Gathered

North Wilkesboro Area

New Methodist District Seen

By HELEN PARKS
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A new district may be established in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. The delegates to the conference which opened this morning at Dilworth 34 1/2 St. Church, were scheduled to vote on establishing the North Wilkesboro District this afternoon.

The new district would be composed of 95 churches and about 10,000 members. The addition would bring the conference to a total of 11 districts. It was generally felt that the conference would vote favorably on the measure.

Bishop Costen J. Harrell announced this morning that this particular business item was urgent in that appointments could not be completed until the conference takes action in the matter. Delegates will have a recommendation concerning capital punishment during their six-day meeting.

In reporting to the conference the board of social and economic relations is expected to recommend temporary deferment of action on a previous resolution condemning capital punishment.

Almost 1,000 Methodist delegates today received the annual Western N. C. conference reports, which will be acted on during the meeting.

Presiding Bishop Costen J. Harrell officially opened the sessions this morning. Registrations are expected to pass the 1,000 mark by tomorrow when the delegates will elect representatives to general and jurisdictional conferences.

Recommendations from the commission on world service and finance include appointments to the Board of Christian Education, headed by Dr. C. C. Herbert Jr. of the Myers Park Church, is scheduled to present the report for conference approval Friday.

colleges' luncheons and official welcome and introductions. There has been growing interest in and speculation in the bishop's appointments scheduled at the last conference session Sunday. Tomorrow morning the address this is the first year that there will be a commissioning service will be presented by Dr. Clifford for directors of Christian education of N. C. State College.



PRAYER BEGAN THIS morning at 8 o'clock in the chapel of Dilworth Methodist Church and will continue around the clock until Sunday, when the conference of Western North Carolina Methodists being held here adjourns. Methodist from Charlotte churches will relieve one another at regular intervals.

APPLE-EATERS THESE DAYS PROVE MOSTLY METHODISTS

The man with an apple in his hand is a Methodist. Pedestrians and motorists passing Dilworth Church where the Western North Carolina Conference is in session are becoming accustomed to the sight of lay and clerical delegates strolling about the grounds eating apples.

"It's a custom. There have been baskets of apples at every conference meeting I can remember," a church staff member said.

White-eyed vireos (and red-eyed vireos, too) are having a tough time in North Carolina skies. The birds have been dropping dead and plumping to the ground. Reports from three widely separated localities, Charlotte, Greensboro and Troy, are in already this week. Everywhere, it's the same story: the vireos are coming down like rain.

Nobody knows why exactly. The birds which fell in large numbers here Monday dropped on to the Police Club grounds near Municipal Airport—leading to speculation that they were killed by exhaustion after flying around a high-powered Weather Bureau light, a "celemeter."

Janet Hits Remote Area Of Mexico

Powerful Hurricane Slams Into Coast

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Hurricane Janet rumbled into British Honduras early today. The hurricane, the 10th of the season, slammed ashore with 115-mile-an-hour winds. It was moving about 23 m.p.h. when it hit British Honduras. The newspaper Diario de Yucatan said a storm earlier hit Quintana Roo, the easternmost strip of Mexico, a lonely stretch of coastline.

PICKS UP SPEED

Between the two strikes, Janet had picked up a little speed, she was moving about 21 m.p.h. when she first lashed at Quintana Roo. Only a few reports were available about the area. The Weather Bureau in Miami said the latest advisory last night estimated the storm's highest winds at 135 m.p.h. The Weather Bureau advisory at 5 a.m. said the highest winds were about 115 m.p.h.

Winds of hurricane force swelled to 60 to 70 miles from the center and gales whirled across land and sea 225 miles to the north and 100 miles to the south.

DESTRUCTIVE COURSE

Janet buffeted the Yucatan Peninsula after completing a destructive course through the Caribbean Sea. Her course was suspected to be somewhat erratic as she swept further inland but there was a good chance, the Weather Bureau said, that any strength she might lose in her journey overland would be regained when she reaches the open waters of the Bay of Campeche.

The worst was yet to come, the Weather Bureau warned. The hurricane's 17 a day's had claimed about 200 lives in the Caribbean. Perhaps nine U. S. Army men and two Canadians were among them. They were aboard a hurricane hunter plane that flew into the storm Monday morning and has been missing ever since.

Tension Eases At Denver

DENVER (AP)—An occasional sign here and there indicates that in the past 24 hours the still deep anxiety over President Eisenhower's illness has eased a bit around the Denver White House. Until yesterday afternoon, news conferences and the release of bulletins on the President's apparent progress toward recovery were utterly serious affairs.

But then rosy laughter swept across the White House. When Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty announced that the President's condition had been fresh fruit cocktail at lunch—and a reporter inquired possibly whether the cocktail had been "fruit" and "cocktail." In addition, a record player was installed for the President yesterday, exciting ears and cast iron all a messenger delivered several records to the President's son John.

Eisenhower's condition was such that John arranged to fly back to Washington, D.C., today and return to his Army post at nearby Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Boy Scout Campaign Starts With A Bang

NAMPA, Idaho (AP)—The Boy Scout fund-raising campaign started off with a bang yesterday. An old-fashioned coal range blew up during a "kickoff" breakfast. The explosion, which was heard along the Eagles Hall. No one was injured.

After things quieted down, members of the scout organization took what was left of the breakfast to a nearby restaurant where it was cooked and brought back to the hall.

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Infant Returned Safe By Woman Kidnaper



MR. AND MRS. HANNA MARCUS. Picture Taken As She Left Hospital For Home Recently. (AP)

Lease Vs. Contract

Van Every Knocks Park Center Deal

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Criticism of the Park and Recreation Commission's decision to lease heating and air conditioning facilities at the new Park Center was voiced today by Mayor Van Every.

At a special meeting Monday night the park board awarded contracts for reconstruction of the fire-damaged Army Auditorium on Cecil St.

These awards were made after legal ruling permitting the board to pay an annual rental fee for the heating and air conditioning facilities instead of contracting for these facilities at a low bid of \$80,000.

Mayor's Statement

The mayor's statement regarding this action was that the Park and Recreation Commission has in my opinion served the public well on many occasions.

However, it is regrettable that they should use this method of financing the new armory by leasing equipment. This is not good business. It shouldn't be done. It is a subterfuge of the debt limit of our city.

If this policy is to be followed in city government, such as schools, buildings, etc. we could mortgage ourselves forever and there would be no need for constitutional limits on our indebtedness.

I hope this will not be a practice of the recreation commission. The mayor and the City Council are without legal authority to throw a block against this procedure of the park board.

However, Mr. Van Every said he wished to make the statement to let the public know how he feels.

The park board has rejected NEVER DOUBT INFLUENCE OF A FISH

VERONA, Italy (AP)—A fish stopped a passenger train here yesterday.

A small boy was fishing with a long, cane pole. He felt a nibble and pulled. The fish landed in the electric power line along which electric trains, trolleys run. The train arrived just then, the trolley hit the fish, there was a short-circuit and the train stopped.

It took half an hour to get the Verona-Bologna Rome express underway again.

Evening Prayer

Our dear heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Thy great love for us and for Thy need of each of us as individuals as co-workers with Thee. May we be worthy of Thy trust in us in all that we do from day to day. In His name. Amen.

California Baby Given To Catholic Priest

STOCKTON, Calif.—(AP)—A grief-stricken woman who kidnapped a baby because she decided her husband with a story of motherhood surrendered 11-day-old Robert Marcus to a Catholic priest today.

Officers said she confessed stealing the baby from the nursery of a San Francisco hospital nine days ago.

Police Chief Jack O'Keefe said Mrs. Betty Benedicto, 27, of Stockton delivered the baby to the Rev. Allen McCoy at St. Mary's parish after telephoning Dr. Sanford Marcus, the infant's father in San Francisco and instructing him to meet her here.

The baby is in excellent condition and police said there is no question he is Robert Marcus.

Dr. Marcus, 34, grinning for the first time since his son was stolen, said "We feel in our hearts he is ours. We are 99 per cent certain. But we will await fingerprint checks and blood tests."

Marcus and his grief-stricken wife, Hanna, 29, who has been in a state of near collapse since the kidnapping, made the 80-mile trip to Stockton in a San Francisco police car in 75 minutes.

Mrs. Benedicto, sobbing and near hysteria when taken to the Stockton police station, was booked on a technical holding charge. Chief O'Keefe said he understood San Francisco authorities would kidnap her for safe delivery of Robert, had promised he would not prosecute. Asked about that, he said:

"I think the woman is a psychologically disturbed person. I might have no further concern with the woman, other than to offer my thanks for the baby's return."

Chief O'Keefe quoted Mrs. Benedicto, wife of a prosperous publisher of a Filipino weekly newspaper, as saying she took the child because she had convinced herself, including her husband, she was pregnant.

The husband, Marcus Benedicto, 32, didn't know of the use, the chief said, and didn't become suspicious until last night. Then he went to police, almost at the moment his wife was telephoning Dr. Marcus, about 11:30 a.m. today.

O'Keefe said Mrs. Benedicto sobbed out this story:

"She began gaining weight several months ago and people began teasing her about being pregnant. To stop the kidding, she said she was—and convinced her husband and other relatives."

When the approximate time came for a baby to arrive, she went to Los Angeles to visit her mother and mother put her on diet. She lost several pounds and returned to Stockton. Her husband told her she was "not getting it" and she was "not out of the woods yet."

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Stocks Regain More Lost Ground As Heavy Trading Is Continued

By ED MORSE
NEW YORK (AP)—Heavy trading kicked stock market prices up still further today in a continued recovery from Monday's big break. Gains ran as high as 81 to 84 share and the ticker tape, which normally reports transactions within seconds, was three minutes late within the first ten minutes of trading.

Among big opening blocks, Douglas Aircraft, gained \$1.50 on 1,000 shares. Goodyear \$1.25 on 1,000. Youngstown Sheet & Tube \$1.50 on 2,200. Standard Oil (NJ) \$1 on 2,400. Bethlehem Steel 50 cents on 2,500. and Chrysler \$1.37 on 1,000.

U. S. Steel and American Telephone & Telegraph were up fractionally as the longest bull market in the nation's history faced a renewed test.

They've called it the "Eisenhower market" for the last two years of the six-year stretch and it was

He Continues To Register Improvement

DENVER (AP)—President Eisenhower's doctors reported this morning that he had a second comfortable night sleep with satisfactory progress toward recovery.

A 7 a.m. Denver time medical bulletin from Maj. Gen. Howard H. Sawyer, White House physician and Col. Byron E. Pollock, chief of heart services at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, said:

"For the second consecutive night the President slept comfortably throughout the night. He went to sleep last night at 8:30 o'clock and awoke refreshed at 6:30 o'clock this morning."

"His progress continues to be satisfactory without complications."

TEAM CONFIDENT

In Washington, reports such as these were the basis of confidence in the Eisenhower team that the President will be able to take over the helm of government within 30 days. In the interval, Eisenhower's top aides reportedly were ready to carry on business as usual on the basis of policy decisions he had laid down before Saturday's attack.

Even so, the medical experts attending the President at Fitzsimons still cautiously avoided outright predictions that recovery is absolutely certain and that no complications now need be expected.

The first 10 days or two weeks are the critical time in heart attacks such as the one Eisenhower suffered.

NOTE OF CAUTION

Last night's medical communiqué, reporting that the President had had "another satisfactory day" despite complications, brought word from heart specialist Dr. Paul Dudley White in Boston that while Eisenhower was "not out of the woods yet,"

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Our Weather

Partly cloudy and mild with a chance of some showers this afternoon. Partly cloudy and mild tonight and tomorrow. High yesterday—77. High today—80. High tomorrow—81. Low this morning—62. Low tonight—63. Sunrise 6:15 a.m.; sunset 6:12 p.m.

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