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M. E. CONFERENCE OFFICIAL PROGRAM

BISHOP MCDOWELL TO PRESIDE

SESSION WILL MEET MARCH 27 IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, SEAFORD, DEL.—ANNIVERSARIES ARE ARRANGED BY COMMITTEE.

The program for the meeting of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, that convenes in St. John's Church, Seaford, on Tuesday, March 27, has been issued. The official announcement follows:

Tuesday, March 27.

7.30 P. M.—Anniversaries of the Board of Home Missions and of the Board if Foreign Missions. Chairman, Rev. C. T. Wyatt; Speakers, Rev. David D. Forsyth, D. D., and Rev. Frank Mason North, D. D.

Wednesday, March 28.

8.30 A. M.—The sacrament of the Lord's Supper in charge of Bishop William F. McDowell, D. D., L. L. D., Conference session.

2.30 P. M. Anniversary of the General Deaconess Board. Chairman, Rev. H. F. Randolph; speaker, Rev. W. L. McDowell, D. D.

7.30 P. M.—Anniversary of the Board of Education. Chairman, Rev. Henry G. Rudd; speaker, Abram W. Harris.

Thursday, March 29.

8.30 A. M.—Conference session.

2.30 P. M.—Women's Home Missionary Society. Miss Mary J. Wheeler, presiding; speaker, Mrs. Mary Leonard Woodruff.

7.30 P. M.—Anniversary of the Epworth League. Chairman, Rev. W. G. Harris; speaker, Rev. Wilbur F. Sheridan, D. D.

Friday, March 30.

8.30 A. M.—Conference session.

2.30 P. M.—Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. Vaughn S. Collins, presiding; speaker, Rev. Gerhard J. Schilling, D. D.

7.30 P. M.—Anniversary of the Board of Conference Claimants. Chairman, Melville Gambrill; speaker, Rev. Joseph J. Hingeley, D. D.

Saturday, March 30.

8.20 A. M.—Conference session.

2.30 P. M.—Anniversary of the Board of Temperance. Chairman, Rev. George L. Hardesty; speaktr, Rev. Clarence True Wilson, D. D. Dr. Wilson will deliver his new lecture on "Adventures of a Street Campaigner."

7.30 P. M.—Anniversary of Anti-Saloon League. Chairman, Rev. Edgar L. Grabbe.

Sunday, April 1.

9.00 A. M.—Conference love feast. Rev. R. K. Stevenson, leader.

10.30 A. M.—Preaching service, sermon by Bishop William F. McDowell, D. D., L. L. D.

2.00 P. M.—Memorial Service.

2.30 P. M.—Ordination of deacons and elders by the Bishop.

7.30 P. M.—Anniversaries of the Board of Sunday Schools and of the Freedman's Aid Society. Chairman, Rev. S. N. Pilchard; speakers, Rev. L. O. Hartman, D. D., and Rev. P. J. MaVeety.

Monday, April 2.

8.30 A. M.—Conference session.

Methodist Laymen To Meet.

The seventh session of the Laymen's Association, which meets every year except that in which the Lay Electoral Conference convenes, will be held on Friday, March 30th. This will be the first session of the Laymen's Association since 1915, as the Lay Electoral Conference met last year.

The Annual Conference, a ministerial body, will sit in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Laymen's Association will meet in the Methodist Protestant Church, but there will be ab rlot joint session, the laymen visiting the ministers in the afternoon.

Each church in the conference is entitled to send one delegate to the meeting of the Laymen's Association, and a large attendance is expected. Walter O. Hoffecker, of Smyrna, is president of the association, and Professor Clarence A. Short, of Newark, secretary. The laymen will gather at 9 o'clock in the morning, and soon after the opening of the session there will be a love feast, in charge of Jas. M. Wise, of New Castle. Officers for theensuing year will be elected in the afternoon, when other important business will be transacted, including the adoption of resolutions. Should the program be prolonged the laymen may reassemble in the evening.

Lay Delegate Reports.

Various matters pertaining to the Methodist Episcopal Church will be considered, but interest will centre in the reports of the lay delegates from the Wilmington Conference to the General Conference and the lay members of the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund Commission. Such reports have not been made to the laymen heretofore, but the Lay Electoral Conference of 1916 ordered that they be submitted this year.

Reports concerning the General Conference are expected from Melville Gambrill, Martin B. Burris, T. H. Bock and E. J. Winder and, relative to the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund, from Governor John G. Townrend, Jr., Caleb E. Burchinal, Melville Gambrill, Walter O. Hoffecker, C. J. Jefferson, Henry P. Cannon, Albert W. Sisk, W. J. Downing, L. E. Harrison, William P. Jackson, W. Atwood Weldin and Dr. Layton Grier, or from as many of these gentlemen as shall be present.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Editors, The Observer,

Centreville, Md.

Messrs. Editors—"What sort of a man is John J. Mahon," is a question that is probably asked more often than any other when the Democratic party of Baltimore city is under discussion in all the county districts of Maryland.

Mr. Mahon is, at the present time, emphatically the leader of the old and highly efficient democratic organization of Baltimore. For more than a generation he had been one of the ward leaders, having slowly and gradually worked his way up from the ranks until, at the death of I. Freeman Rasin, he was easily the chief lieutenant of the "old man," as he was usually called, and by common consent stepped into his place as the head of what is known as the "city crowd." He was not formally chosen leader; no real leader ever is formally chosen, but it was tacitly agreed by the democratic workers and voters generally that Mr. Mahon would be the leader, that he merited the honor, that he was efficient and competent and no one has ever had the hardihood to dispute his title to the position of leader of the Baltimore city democracy since he became its real head.

He knows the game of practical politics from beginning to end, as it is played in a large city like Baltimore, has the confidence of his subordinates to a greater extent even than Mr. Rasin himself and what is of perhaps more importance, he has the confidence of a vast majority of the voters of his party who trust him to an extent much greater than they ever trusted any of his predecessors in leadership in the history of Baltimore.

And those who know Mr. Mahon best, even though they may not always agree with him, or approve of all his methods, know that he deserves all the confidence and trust that is reposed in him. He has all the best qualities of a practical politician in the way of skill to plan out a winning fight and the energy and ability to carry out his plans and, in addition to this skill, ability and energy, he possesses other qualifications not usually found in a city political leader in the way of loyalty to his organization and its aims, and, what is of more importance, loyalty to his friends and subordinates.

In fact the chief characteristic of Mr. Mahon, in the view of those who know him best personally as well as politically, is his loyalty to his friends, in season and out of season, in victory and defeat, and also his loyalty to those who have been loyal to him and his organization. He never forgets them, never goes back on them, is always ready to rejoice with them in success and help them in all practical and effective ways in misfortune and defeat.

He is thoroughly democratic in manner and conversation with all, from the lowest to the highest, and no man in public life in Maryland or elsewhere, is more approachable at all times. Day after day he may be found in the lobby of Rennert's Hotel, where he spends most of his time, accessible to all. At one time he may be seen talking with financiers, business men of prominence, political leaders of city, state or national fame, and a short time later he is extending sympathy and aid to an humble unfortunate, who has ventured there to see him.

No one is turned away, and no unfortunate or needy person ever leaves him humbled or empty handed. His charity is really boundless. Probably no man in Baltimore city practices more unostentatious charity than the democratic leader. His purse is ever open to the needy and his advice and practical sympathy are extended to all.

He is devoted to his family and his life as a father and husband is above reproach. His wife, his children and his grandchildren are devoted to him and he reciprocates their affection. Probably his greatest pleasure in life is to be surrounded by his family and his friends, who are many in number. The democratic organization in Baltimore is fortunate in having such a man as leader. The old time political scandals that troubled the party in days gone by are things of the past and such political vices as are unavoidably incident to the successful party organizations of all large cities have been reduced to a minimum in Baltimore, largely due to the careful and painstaking oversight of Mr. Mahon.

To sum up, while the city leader has his faults, like other men, his good qualities far outnumber them, and while his critics in past years have been not a few in number, all recognize his ability and worth, and a close acquaintance of more than thirty years, in which the writer has at times joined in the criticism, leads to the conclusion that the city leader deserves to hold the position he has attained, that he is capable and worthy of all the honors he has won, that whatever may have been his sins in the past, they were trivial in character; that his good qualities of hand and heart more than atones for all his faults and that his greatest virtue is that charity which covers a multitude of sins.

PAUL WINCHESTER.

Baltimore, March 19th, 1917.

HATCH EARLY FOR SIZE

SPRING CHICKS HAVE ADVANTAGE OF MORE FAVORABLE GROWING SEASON.

Contrary to general belief and practice, chicks do not grow or thrive as well during the warm months or hot summer days as they do earlier in the spring. Experienced poultrymen realize this fact. The average farmer, however, does not make an effort to hatch early so that the chicks will have the advantage of a longer and more favorable growing season. Early hatching not only insures more rapid gains in the growth of chicks, but has a favorable influence on the size of the individuals of the flock. Late hatched chicks rarely, if ever, attain the size of those hatched early. Early hatching likewise influences early maturity and consequently early egg production.

Given the same food, care an attention, chicks hatched the first of March will weigh more when they are four months old than those hatched a month later, say the poultry specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This likewise holds true with chicks hatched the first of April as compared with those hatched May 1st. This is due to the fact that the rate of growth of a chick is greater during the first four weeks of its life than the late hatched chick. During the early spring months when the temperature is not so varied the growth of chicks is more uniform and constant than it is during the summer.

Millions of chicks die every year as a result of being infested with lice which, under average farm conditions, are oftimes difficult to control. Hen hatched chicks are not as subject to lice in the early spring as they are during the warmer months when lice are more prevalent. If for no other reason chicks should be hatched early so their growth will not be interrupted by the presence of lice.

Many farmers realize considerable money each spring from the sale of broilers, the price of which is usually governed by their size when sold and the time marketed. Thus it would seem that in order to increase the amount of money from the sale of broilers and fryers early hatching would be employed so as to have a marketably sized fowl early in the spring when prices are highest.

18 CREEDS IN 1 CHURCH.

A federated church, in which eighteen denominations are worshipping harmoniously, seems to be solving the small town problem in Atascadero, San Luis Obispo County, California. In other places a federated church means the uniting of bodies already organized, while here, the plan came in response to the popular wish of the people that there be, from the beginning, but one church. Atascadero, it should be said, is a colony, ten miles long and seven miles wide, founded a few years ago by Mr. E. G. Lewis.

The church was organized in July, 1915, by the pastor, Dr. Edward A. Berry, a brother of Bishop Berry, of the Methodist Church. Dr. Berry made a systematic canvass of the colonists and found but one who opposed the idea. When the book of the church was opened for signatures, 120 members were enrolled. In less than a year membership went to 250.

The following denominations are represented: Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Evangelical Association, Freewill Baptist, Friends, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South, Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, United Brethren, Universalist, Unitarian, Spiritualist, Roman Catholic.

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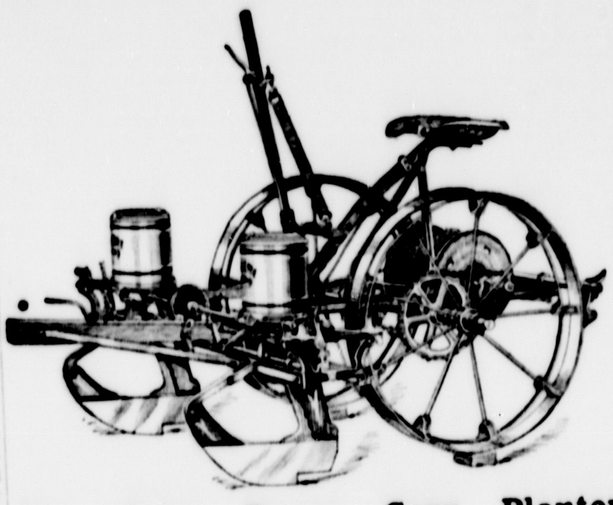

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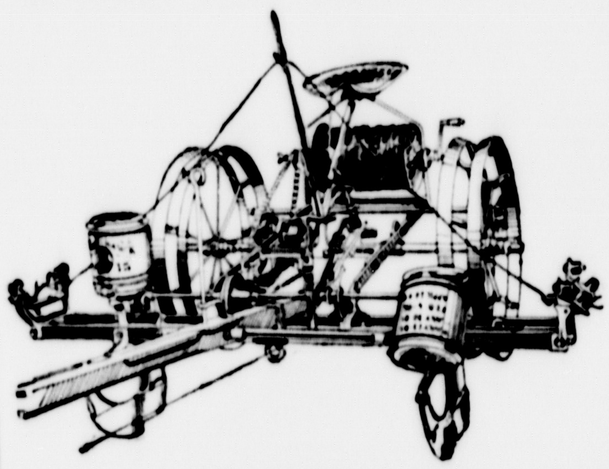

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