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Cleric Led in Promotion Of Denominational Unification

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Bishop Edwin Dubose Mouzon, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died unexpectedly of a heart ailment at his home here today.

The 65-year-old churchman was a leading spirit in the movement toward unification of the three major branches of Methodism and in his latter years saw rapid strides made in that direction.

Bishop Mouzon gained wide attention in 1928 as the result of his strongly pronounced opposition to the candidacy of Al Smith in the presidential campaign.

Bishop Mouzon returned to his home here Saturday from a strenuous mission into Florida, Alabama and Mississippi as one of the church officials conducting the "bishops' crusade" in that area. He preached here Sunday—his last sermon.

Late this afternoon he was sitting in his living room with Mrs. Mouzon, Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor of the First Methodist Church and Mrs. Weaver, discussing his recent trip.

Suddenly he stopped talking and leaned back in his chair. Dr. Weaver went over to him, spoke to him, and attempted to arouse him. The bishop died a moment later, never regaining consciousness.

A Charlotte minister said later that Bishop Mouzon had told him out in Oklahoma in 1922 that his physician had informed him he had a slight heart ailment and warned him not to overtax his strength.

Bishop Mouzon was one of the early advocates of unification of the branches of Methodism and as chairman of the southern church's commission on unification he had worked passionately toward the consummation of that objective.

Friends recalled a long sermon he devoted to the subject of unification at Memphis, Tenn., March 6, 1925, concluding it by singing:

"I'm a Methodist born, and I'm a Methodist bred; and when I'm gone there'll be a Methodist dead."

Bishop Mouzon was a vigorous opponent of the repeal of the eighteenth amendment and of the modification of any of the prohibition laws and it was on this ground, he had said that he opposed Smith's candidacy in 1928.

Bishop Mouzon's episcopacy took in the Virginia, West Virginia and Baltimore conferences.

As a young minister he entered the Texas conferences in 1899 and in the succeeding years he held pastorates at Bryan, Austin, Caldwell, Galveston, Flatonia, Abilene, Fort Worth. He also served a pastorate in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1904 he was made professor of theology at Southwestern University at Georgetown, Tex., and he was while serving in this capacity two years later that he became a bishop.

He was born at Spartanburg, S. C., the son of Samuel Gogswold Mouzon and Harriet Puerisoy Mouzon, and was graduated from Wofford College at Spartanburg in 1893.

He held a number of honorary degrees. He was awarded the degree, Doctor of Divinity, by Southwestern University in 1905. The same institution conferred the degree, Doctor of Laws, upon him in 1911. Duke University also gave

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him that degree in 1939, and Southern Methodist University in 1935.

Besides his widow, Bishop Mouzon is survived by two sons, Olin T. Mouzon, a graduate student at the University of North Carolina, and J. Carlisle Mouzon, a member of the Duke University faculty, and two daughters, Mrs. C. H. Thomas and Mrs. J. G. Pacifoy, who live in Texas.

No funeral arrangements had been made tonight, but Methodist ministers here said they expected the funeral would be held here Friday, and that the body would be taken to Texas for burial.

Bishop Mouzon was married twice. On his first marriage he married

Miss Mary Elizabeth Mike of Bryan, Texas. His children were by this marriage. Mrs. Mouzon died November 19, 1917, and on August 21, 1919, he married Miss Pearl Langdon, of Dallas.

Bishop Mouzon was one of the founders of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, a trustee of Scarritt College at Nashville, Tenn., and chairman of the committee on Interdenominational Relations of the Church Union.

He was a delegate of his church to many conferences, including the Ecumenical conference at Toronto, 1911; London, 1921; Atlanta, 1923, and served as chairman of a commission sent to South America in 1930 to set up the autonomous Methodist Church of Brazil.

He was the author of many books and pamphlets on the church and the work of his church.

Tex.), suggested during the debate that members of the Texas Senate who protested the proposed reorganization yesterday, might want to "mind their own business."

He said in the Congressional Record that they have plenty of problems at home. Among the things he listed the lack of a regulatory commission to deal adequately with utility rates, delinquent taxes and a tremendous deficit.

The President's proposals stirred fresh controversy and action in several other state legislatures.

The Indiana House of Representatives defeated a resolution condemning the proposals. The New Hampshire Senate rejected a resolution commending them. The Tennessee House defeated a motion for immediate consideration of expression of opposition, and the Arkansas House declined immediate action on a proposed endorsement.

While the national House of Representatives was debating Supreme Court retirement bill, Attorney General Cummings endorsed the principle of that measure in a press conference.

"The universal informed opinion is that judges should retire at 70," he said. "We lose some good judges and some we will hate to see go, but generally the farewell is not a source of deep regret."

In connection with the preferential proposal for additional judges in the lower courts, when incumbents past 70 refused to retire, the attorney general was asked if it were true that many districts where the dockets are up-to-date now have judges past 70.

Cummings replied many factors must be considered.

"They may have been lucky. We may have sent in justices to help them out," he said. "In some cases where dockets are current in districts may have been relatively inactive."

President Roosevelt discussed the proposed reorganization in a late afternoon conference with Senator Logan of Kentucky, another Democratic member of the judicial committee.

Logan told reporters he did not talk but listened a good deal. Asked his opinion of the President's legislation, he said he would follow the practice he used when on the bench in Kentucky. He would get all the facts and the law, he explained, before making a decision.

The Senate as a whole shows rare restraint in its session today. In more than an hour of debate on a bill to prohibit lower courts from enjoining enforcement of federal acts, the President's proposals concerning the Supreme Court were not mentioned once.

However, Senator King (Utah), an opponent of enlarging

the court, challenged the constitutionality of the injunction ban proposed by Senator McKellar (Tenn.).

"This is very important in view of attacks now being made on the courts in various parts of the United States," King said.

Senators Norris (Ind.-Neb.) and Connally (D., Tex.), questioned the soundness of his position.

Representative Cox (D., Ga.) planned to call a meeting, probably tomorrow, of all House members opposing the President's proposal.

This steering committee will direct Democratic opposition. Representatives Cox, Drewry (Va.), Pettengill (D., Ind.), May (Ky.), and Lamneck (D., Ohio.)

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WINCHESTER—Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1937, at the home of her daughter, 1106 E. View, Mrs. Marinda Winchester, survived by daughter, Mrs. Marie R. Raud; Mrs. Anna Gooden; son-in-law, James Raud. She was an old faithful servant of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. W. Funeral Friday, February 12, at 10 o'clock, from Spruce Street Baptist Church, conducted by pastor, Rev. B. Looper, assisted by Dr. A. M. Tolson and Rev. John B. Ridley. Interment, Greenwood, W. H. McGavock charge.

LEE—At the home of her daughter, 58 Green Street, February 10, 1937, Sarah Lee, age 84 years. Survived three daughters, Miss Pearl Lee, Annie Mortland and Mrs. Lettie Willis; sons, J. W. Lee, J. R. Lee, G. W. Lee, J. M. Lee, J. L. Lee and Charlie Lee of Indianapolis, Ind.; daughters-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mrs. J. R. Lee, Mrs. Marshall Lee and Mrs. J. L. Lee; relatives and friends. Her grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Funeral at Howell Baptist Church at Donel Friday morning, February 12, 1937.

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