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NORTH CAROLINA CHEESE MAKERS MEET AT MORGANTON

The North Carolina Cheese makers met at Morganton May 15 to perfect their organization which was organized at last winter's cheese school. The factories of the state were well represented by the cheese makers who are very much interested in the association. Others attending the first meeting held by the association were J. A. Arey (in charge) office of dairy extension at Raleigh; Mr. Sloan County Agent of Burke County; John B. Stecie County Agent of Watauga county; H. L. Wilson and W. M. Graham cheese specialist, and E. D. Moretz manager of the Deep Gap factory, Hopkins, N. C. Mr. Arey opened the meeting and gave an interesting talk. Mr. Wilson then read the constitution and by-laws of the association which was unanimously adopted. A state cheese brand was also discussed and adopted. He states that the object of the association was to encourage the development of the cheese industry in North Carolina by grading, branding and improving sanitary conditions. And that any person actively engaged in the manufacture of factory made cheese having six months practical experience or the equivalent under the observation of the association is eligible to membership. It was the voice of the members that in order to make a more uniform cheese, improve the quality and protect their brand, it was essential that the members comply with certain regulations. It was agreed that all factories working with the association be inspected by different members of the association as to sanitary conditions. To make and use a good commercial starter in each days make. To grade cheese when shipped and to mark with brand adopted by the association all cheese meeting the association standard, and if at any time the directors are satisfied the brand is being marked on under grade cheese the brand will be taken from that factory by the association. That the sanitary conditions of factories meet the approval of the association that makers must be free from contagious diseases, neat and clean in appearance. The makers when joining the association agree to abide by the above regulations and if upon conviction of the violation of any of the rules and regulations are subject to fine or expulsion from the association or both.

Several samples of cheese were entered in the scoring contest. Mission factory, Valle Crucis, T. D. Hefner maker, received the highest score. Haywood Factory, Delwood, M. C. Campbell, maker, second highest. Cove Creek Factory, Sugar Grove, Fred Blair, maker, third. Beaver Dam Factory, Sweet Water, Carter Farthing, maker, fourth.

There will be three cheese scoring contests during the year and the maker receiving the highest average score will be awarded a silver trophy cup. Should any maker be successful in receiving the highest average score for three years in succession the cup will become the property of that maker.

The directors are T. D. Hefner, Carter Farthing, Fred Blair, Palmer McCrary, Tom Wilson. The officers are T. D. Hefner, Valle Crucis, N. C. President. Palmer McCrary, Horse Shoe N. C. Vice President, Carter Farthing, Sweetwater, N. C. Secretary. Tom Wilson, Zionville, N. C. Treasurer.

The next scoring contest will be held in July and it is hoped that every maker in the state will send a cheese. The annual meeting and last scoring contest for this year will be held in November at Asheville, N. C.

CARTER FARTHING, Secretary

I shot an arrow into the air; it fell in the distance I know not where, till a neighbor said it killed his calf and I had to pay him six and a half. I bought some poison to slay some rats and a neighbor swore it killed his cats and rather than argue across the fence, I paid him four dollars and fifty cents. One night I sat sailing a toy balloon, and hoped it would soar till it reached the moon but the candle fell on the farmer's straw and he said I must settle or go to law. And that is the way with the random shot; it never hits the proper spot; and the joke you spring that you think so smart; may leave a wound in some fellows heart.—Selected.

Salt serves as a spice or condiment which whets the appetite and increases the palatability of feed for all livestock.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE TO MEET JUNE 12-15

The young Methodist of this district of the Methodist Church are making great plans for the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference that convenes in the city of Charlotte June 12-15. This annual gathering of the Epworthians of the different chapters representing Methodist churches of Western North Carolina is a gala event for them.

Charlotte Leaguers have been working on the preparations for the Conference for two months. In April the president of the conference, W. W. Edwards, met with the Charlotte Executive Committee and assisted them in their preparations.

The officials are expecting at least 300 delegates to be present and they unhesitatingly say that they will not be surprised if the total reaches four hundred and fifty. Each chapter is allowed to send one delegate for each 15 members and fraction. The President of the local chapter is also a delegate by virtue of his or her office.

The faculty secured for the conference is the best ever assembled for such a purpose. There will be courses of study in methods of the League work, personal work and in missions. The addresses each evening will be delivered by outstanding ministers of North Carolina.

Charlotte Leaguers will give the visitors a reception the first evening. On Thursday a drive over the city and a picnic will be special features of the affair.

Those in charge of the Conference are urging chapters of the different Methodist Churches to elect the delegates to the Conference at an early date so Charlotte will know just how many delegates to expect.

It is the desire of the District Secretary that each chapter in the North Wilkesboro District will send its quota of delegates. Nothing can be more inspiring, interesting, encouraging, and beneficial to Epworth Leaguers than to attend the Conference.

RUTH COLVARD,

District Secretary.

WOOL PRODUCERS WILL HAVE ORGANIZATION

The following is a letter that the Watauga Board of Agriculture has mailed out to the sheep raisers of the county. If you have sheep and have not received one of these it is because they failed to get your name. You can get one of these contracts by applying to Mr. W. D. Farthing at the Watauga County Bank.

Attention Watauga Sheep Raisers: Last year the sheep raisers in other parts of North Carolina sold their wool to a better advantage by bringing it together and having it graded and selling direct to the manufacturer. Will you as a sheep raiser be interested in such an undertaking?

It will work in this way: the raisers will sign an agreement to sell cooperatively and will elect five men directors, to have charge of the selling. The wool will be delivered on a specified date when it will be graded by a wool specialist, provided by the state and each wool grower given credit for so many pounds of a certain grade, or grades, of wool. The total amount of wool will then be advertised and sold by grade or in bulk as the directors decide, at the best price obtainable under market conditions and returns made to each grower according to the number of pounds of wool furnished by him.

It is hard to see where we could possibly lose anything by this sort of selling, and it is reasonable to expect that a better price will be obtained.

We all realize that the thing the farmers of Watauga need worst is team work, co-operation especially in selling. This is a step in that direction. The more farmers we get to join with us the greater will be our gain.

This organization will require no capital stock, no dues, no fees. If you will join in this movement please sign the enclosed agreement and return same in the next mail. This agreement must be signed so we will know whom to depend on.

If you are interested and believe in farmers working together answer at once to W. D. Farthing, Secretary of the Watauga Board of Agriculture, Boone, N. C.

Yours for more profitable farming in Watauga County.

L. A. GREENE

W. D. FARTHING

D. D. DOUGHERTY

W. F. SHERWOOD

J. M. GREER

B. T. TAYLOR

HICKORY PROUD OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

Hickory May 27.—Today was a day of unusually large congregations in this little city of churches, for the various Protestant pulpits were filled by leading ministers attending the General Synod of the Reformed church in the United States and that cooperation which has been so marked the first four days of the sessions will be in evidence. Incidentally while the famous Hickory climate has failed to register a real point, and "the Sunny South" has presented a gray cold shoulder, the folks here undoubtedly have registered well with their guests. The delegates in turn have made a decided hit.

The city is host to between 150 and 500 delegates and visitors; more than a hundred homes have been thrown wide, breakfasts served and dinner parties held, the ladies in the congregation given little attentions, and the men feted when possible. The automobile excursion to Blowing Rock was the greatest co-operative effort made during the Synod.

The afternoon and night sessions were dispensed with while the guests were carried to the mountains for a barbecue and view of the scenery. En route the large company ate their lunches and at Lenoir paused long enough to receive a warm welcome and a cup of hot coffee. Cold drinks had been planned earlier.

Rev. Walter W. Rowe pastor of Corinth Reformed Church is measuring up to the responsibilities of the occasion in fine style as are his assistants. A sub postoffice has been installed in the church and a committee named to take care of every detail. Rev. Dr. J. C. Leonard of Lexington, president of the Synod, is acquitting himself well and undoubtedly has great influence in this splendid body.

North Carolinians see news value in this synod only from the standpoint of State Advertising. In Tennessee there are only 7,000 communicants of the Reformed Church and most of them are in this immediate section. Hickory has the largest congregation. In Pennsylvania, however there are 200,000 communicants a somewhat smaller number in Ohio, Maryland, Indiana and the States of the Northwest.

Valle Crucis News

Commencement exercises at the Mission School passed off nicely last week with field day exercises and industrial exhibits Thursday afternoon, drills and a play Thursday night.

The commencement exercises were presided over by Rev. Mr. Burke who with his wife came here recently from Reidsville. Mr. Burke will have charge of the Episcopal work at this place and at Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Mack McKoy arrive dSunday from Washington state, where she has made her home for the past twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mast entertained a number of guests for supper Saturday night in honor of Mrs. McKoy.

Mr. James Farthing, recently graduating with honors from Wake Forest passed through Tuesday on his way to his home on Beaver Dam, where he will spend a few days before returning to Greensboro where he has work in Greensboro High School as teacher for the summer term and also for the coming year.

James Taylor amputated a finger in a wood saw last week.

Messrs Graeg and Gilbert, mechanics from Butler have opened up J. B. Taylor's garage here and are giving efficient service to the public.

Messrs C. D. Taylor, D. F. Mast, and Howard Mast are attending the District Conference in Wilkesboro this week.

FORMER GOVERNOR DEAD

Joseph W. Folk, former governor of Missouri, and once a leading figure in Democratic party politics, died in New York Monday.

THE OLD WATAUGA COUNTY BANK BUILDING SOLD

S. C. Eggers and Company who have been occupying the store room in the old Watauga County Bank Building have purchased the entire property. They will make considerable changes in the building (a good one as it is) and make it entirely modern, and will provide offices, etc. for rent. The location being ideal, the property is most desirable.

HERIOT CLARKSON GETS APPOINTMENT TO BENCH OF THE SUPREME COURT

RALEIGH—Heriot Clarkson, Governor Morrison's campaign manager in the 1920 campaign, won the succession to Justice Platt D. Walker today and will be here next week to sit with the court.

The governor's brief wire to his successful manager was in fine taste and there was no slopping over. Mr. Clarkson had wired J. M. McMahon prominent member of the machinists' union an a member of the Raleigh bar appreciation of Mr. McMahon's interest in him and said that he would accept the appointment if he was tendered it. The Charlotte attorney appreciated the interest of the Raleigh man and assured him that anything further done would be pleasing.

The appointment will be popular. The Charlotte lawyer, while perhaps more generally prominent in local and state politics than he has been as a professionalist, has nevertheless been a successful practitioner, is the author of the new prohibition act, was one of the liveliest of the road-builders, was powerful in the 1900 campaign, is a wheelhorse in the Episcopal church, and just a good fellow whom nearly all the folks including his enemies, like, not many things which are popularly called public betterment have been without his energy, good wishes and he is particularly popular in prohibition circles. He pretty nearly invented that thing.

STATE FAIR MAY BE BEST YET

Raleigh May 23.—The dates of the sixty second North Carolina State Fair are October 15-19, 1923. Plans are under way to make this year's exhibition superior to any previously held.

The Executive Committee has decided to conduct the fair along the same general lines as last year eliminating all concessions, excepting novelties, and stressing the educational and entertainment features.

Amusements will always be a part of any successful fair. However education is the primary feature of a fair, the great spirit back of it, the force which is making our exhibitions all over the land greater every year. With these interests in mind the midway attractions, free acts and the works have been carefully selected.

One hundred and thirty nine horses from twenty two states and Canada have entered in the four closing stake events, the purses for which are \$1000 each. This is an average of thirty five horses to a race. There will be six open class races announced later which in addition to the stakes should attract the best horses in the country.

The 1923 Premium List is now being revised. The classification for prizes will be practically the same as last year, having been arranged so that all products of the home and farm may be shown. There will be something applicable to every member of the family.

Mr. George F. Foley, Philadelphia Pa. who has successfully managed the Pinehurst Dog Show for the past years as well as some of the largest dog shows in the United States has entered into a contract with the management to put on a licensed show at the State Fair under the rules of the American Kennel Club. This will insure the best show of pure bred dogs ever held in North Carolina.

WORTH WHILE CLUB

The Worth While Club was entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. F. M. Huggins. The study of wild flowers was continued. This week the bird's foot violet, trillium, trailing arbutus and anemone were taken up. These common flowers have interesting histories and their study is both pleasant and profitable. Mrs. Moretz read a splendid paper on wild flower protection: "Our Heritage of Flowers"

This was followed by a very unique book contest the prize being awarded Mrs. G. P. Hagaman who guessed the largest number of books represented by the ladies. Games and refreshments occupied the remainder of the afternoon. Three new members were enrolled and both old and new members declared Mrs. Huggins a most worth while hostess.

The club will be entertained next time by Miss Bertie McNeil at her home on Rich Mountain.

THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The ladies of the club had entertained their husbands splendidly three times during the last fifteen months so these husbands gave the good women a trip to Bristol, Tenn.-Va. on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week Mrs. A. E. Hamby accepted an invitation to go along to the delight of Mr. Hamby and the company.

The party left Boone in motor cars Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock going by way of Mountain City, Tenn., Damascus, Va., and Abingdon, Va. Dinner had been pre-arranged for at the Hotel Abingdon, at Abingdon, and was heartily enjoyed by all after the ride and the feasting of the eyes on the beautiful scenery in the "Gorge" and down the Tennessee Laurel. The most of the road from Boone to Bristol is a scenic highway.

Bristol was reached at 3:30 p. m. where accommodations had been previously arranged for at the Hotel Bristol. At 4 a good game of baseball between Bristol and Morristown was enjoyed and at night 100 "boosters" from Cincinnati, and the movies furnished entertainment.

On Wednesday morning the ladies took advantage of the opportunity to shop while the men took in the town and made new acquaintances. By 11:15 all was ready for the return trip which was to have been via Johnson City, Elizabethton and Elk Park but owing to parts of that road being under construction and badly torn up it was decided best to return by the same route except from Abingdon to Damascus. Dinner was again taken at the Hotel Abingdon. The trip home was a happy one and everyone was delighted with the two days away from the care of the home and business. There were many expressions of regret that some could not be with us on account of sickness and pressing business engagements.

We extend our thanks to Hamby and his drivers for their excellent service and low rates.

Among other things heard, probably the most pleasing was the favorable comment of outsiders on the splendid progress now being made by our own state. —Reported.

WHERE SALVATION IS FREE

A Pennsylvania preacher announces that he has finished the collection plate and that hereafter worshippers will not be disturbed by having the offering jar thrust into their pockets. His argument is that the public offering is an unnecessary evil.

The Florida Christian Advocate favorably quotes some one who suggests that a man could not work in a Methodist Church since an offering to the Lord is an essential element of worship and that "where two or three Methodists gather together there the collection plate is also."

But the same paper tells of a congregation in North Carolina which has not made a collection in three years, nor assessed nor pledged a member, yet it has carried a budget of \$17,000 without a deficit. —The Despatch Independent.

Lillian Rich



Well known in England as a musical comedy star, Lillian Rich, prominent "movie" star in America, not so long ago was associated with Sir Harry Lauder. In America she has gained much fame in big features, one of which was a rising melodrama, scenes for which were taken at the track in Louisville, Ky., when the Derby was being run.

BOONE PEOPLE ATTEND BARBECUE AT B. ROCK

The Boone people that attended the big barbecue given by the Hickory people at Blowing Rock Saturday in honor of the Reform Church Synod in session in that city report a most enjoyable time; their only regret being that they were not able to get more closely in touch with the distinguished northern guests. Their stay at the Rock was short but the ministers and laymen, four hundred strong, were simply carried away with the sights they beheld and the courtesies extended during their short stay in the Land of the Sky. The menu prepared consisted of roast pig, barbecued by an experienced negro chef, corn bread, pickles, baker's bread, ice cream, lemonade, etc.

Our neighbors beyond the Ridge are to be congratulated upon their splendid reception given the honored guests in their city and at Blowing Rock.

GETTING READY FOR THE SUMMER TERM

To care for another expected overflow of students at the summer term of the Appalachian Training School, the old Lovill Home building one of the most ancient of the group is being very thoroughly renovated throughout, and fitted up for the accommodation of lady teachers. The rooms are being repainted, nicely furnished and the dining room is being converted into a parlor, new piano, carpets, etc. having been ordered. The plumbing has been put in good condition and four showers—hot and cold water have been installed. The lawns about the building are being clipped and by the time the term opens on next Tuesday the big plant will present a most pleasing appearance.

By far the largest enrollment in the history of the school is expected at the approaching summer term.

BIG SUMMER SESSION EXPECTED AT LENOIR

HICKORY, May 30.—Lenoir College, having just come through the great struggle for endowment and improvement and now finishing a most successful commencement season is about ready to plunge at once into the work of the summer session running from June 11 to July 21. Director Grover Morgan announces that applications for registration are coming in rapidly. The summer faculty numbers fourteen eleven of them being of the regular college faculty, and three school specialists in administration, primary work and music. It is stated that while the regular 15 high school units are required for entrance, just as in other sessions of the college, holders of elementary and higher certificates would be received and their courses counted on certificates as usual.

Both professional education courses and subject-matter college credit courses are given. All students who have not already the S. B. degree are required to take part of the work outside the field of education as advised by the State Department of Education. The Education courses are planned to meet requirements for every standard certificate issued by the state. Administration, Supervision Tests, History, Sociology, Psychology, and Methods course in most elementary and high school branches are offered. Students are being advised to register for only one method course at one time. New courses this year are elementary learning, hygiene and Sanitation, Civics, General Science, Penmanship and Musical Appreciation. A wide offering of regular college courses than ever before is also made. Mr. Creech of the Commercial department of the college is taking an intensive course in latest penmanship methods at the Bowen-Connater Business University of Columbia, S. C. He is prepared to give typewriting instruction to any who might wish to learn the touch system.

The assembly period at noon each day will feature chapel music. This should be most profitable to all.

COUNTY SINGING WELL ATTENDED

The county singing held at Brushy Fork on last Sunday was largely attended and altogether an enjoyable affair. The music was good, and the good people of that section had the grounds dotted with stacks of the best of foods. So far as we have heard the order was good.