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SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Meeting of State Association Last Week.

RANDOLPH COUNTY HOLDS THE BANNER

Large Delegation Attends From This County--Randolph Shows Largest Increase. Next Meeting to be Held in Burlington.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Sunday School Association was held at Reidsville last week.

The address of welcome was made by Prof. H. A. Hayes, of Reidsville, and responded to by Rev. C. Brown Cox, of Burlington.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Marion Lawrence, the General Secretary of the International Association, who was introduced by Mr. N. B. Broughton, Chairman of the State Executive Committee.

At the Wednesday morning session reports were heard from the officers of the association: Chairman of the Executive Committee, N. B. Broughton; the Treasurer, Mr. Geo. Allen, Office Secretary, Miss Maud Reid; Home Department Secretary, Mrs. Frances P. Hubbard.

Randolph county sent fifty-three delegates to the convention. Miss Dora Redding, secretary of the Randolph County Association, reported 119 Sunday Schools in the county with an enrollment of 9694 pupils and teachers.

Thursday morning the following were elected officers to serve for the next year: Dr. C. M. Poole, Salisbury, president; Rev. P. H. Fleming, Burlington; Rev. P. B. Hall and Rev. L. W. Clark, Spray, vice presidents; Rev. J. W. Long, Concord, general secretary; H. W. Jackson, Raleigh, treasurer; Miss Maud Reid, Raleigh, recording secretary.

Burlington was selected as the place for the next convention which will be held during the first week of April, 1908.

Miss Redding furnishes the following as the list of delegates who attended from Randolph:

- Messrs. Thomas Coltrane, J. M. Way, Eli Caudle, Chas. Walton, Chas. Redding, W. H. Pickard, J. J. Allen, Rev. R. I. Williamson, J. W. Blair, Clarence C. Frazier, E. C. Williamson, Chas. Beasley, Rufus Neese, J. W. Jenkins, Thompson Harrell, Rev. R. L. Melton, A. S. Pickett, J. C. Blacknell, H. V. Clark, R. S. Troxler, Col. Roy Reitzell, J. Rom Smith, Rev. F. Ashburn, O. R. Cox, D. J. Kemp, Dr. W. I. Sumner, R. F. Proctor, E. B. Bell, Chas. E. McCannless, W. A. Webster, Rev. W. O. Kennett, Dr. C. C. Hubbard, Mrs. May Dickens, Lura Hendrix, Lucie Crowson, Minnie Hoover, D. C. Clowson, Lizzie Bunch, Martha Redding, Mrs. E. P. Hayes, Virginia Redding, Dora Redding, Ethel Brown, Mrs. W. N. Elder, Eva Wender, Louisa Andrews, Mrs. Frank Hubbard, Pearl Chamberlain, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Hicks, Florence Owen, Miss Bird, Verla Coble.

WHITE BROTHERS PARDONED.

Pardon Recommended by Counsel of State--Crime Committed Three Years Ago.

Thomas J. and Chalmers L. White, of Mt. Ulla, sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder of Russell Sherrill at his home at Mt. Ulla, were pardoned by Gov. Glenn Wednesday upon recommendation of the Council of State.

The killing of Russell Sherrill by the White brothers took place more than three years ago, the tragedy occurring at Mt. Ulla, in Rowin county at the Sherrill home to which the Whites had gone early one morning after receiving a letter from their sister telling them that her daughter was a ruined girl and that Russell Sherrill was the author of her downfall.

After two continuances asked for because of the absence of material witnesses, the case was tried at Salisbury and a plea of self-defense was entered by the Whites, the trial being a notable one, resulting in a verdict of murder in the second degree, the sentence of Judge Chas. M. Cook being for six years.

DAVIS MONUMENT

Will be Erected to the Memory of Former Randolph Teacher in May.

The Courier is in receipt of an interesting letter referring to the C. W. Davis monument, which is to be unveiled in May, at Abbot's Creek Baptist church, in Davidson county. The monument committee is anxious that all parties collecting this fund, or any who may feel disposed to contribute, send in the amount at once to the treasurer, Wm. A. Hepler, Kernersville, N. C.

A Delightful Dinner.

Jesse Millikan, of Fairview, gave a Farewell Dinner in honor of R. V. Millikan, who left on Monday for Thomasville enroute for Jamestown, Virginia, where he expects to stay during summer. Millikan is one of Fairview's popular young men. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Millikan, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Millikan and family, of Thomasville; Miss Meredith, Fairview; Miss R. Davis, Miss G. Farlow, Flint Hill; Miss Leora Millikan, also a MacLaughlin, Flushing, Long Island, N. Y.; W. Sattford Bedale, Yorks, England; James Little, High Point; J. C. Pyle, Fairview.

After dinner music was supplied by Miss Meredith and Miss Davis. Every one present had an enjoyable time.

Stick Thief Skinned Foolish People.

Earl Vautere, a palmit and clairvoyant, spent several days in Greensboro telling fortunes and during his stay succeeded in securing from his patrons several thousand dollars in jewelry, etc. It has developed that Vautere is wanted at Elmira, N. Y., upon a similar charge. At Greensboro the shrewd villain secured valuables to the amount of \$10,000.

Wreck on Railroad.

A small freight wreck occurred near Randleman Thursday evening, delaying the train due here at 4:30 p. m. until eleven o'clock. Two freight cars were derailed. The two passengers were taken on the engine and brought to Asheboro. The mail was transferred to the north bound vestibule and brought to Asheboro Friday morning.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY WANTS RANDOLPH.

Business Men Oppose Granting Franchise to Dangerous Monopoly Over Franchise of Telephone Company Backed by Local Capital--Will be Injustice to Systems Now in Operation--Hint of Methods of Gigantic Trust.

At the meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners last Thursday night the Southern Bell Telephone Company filed an application for a franchise for the construction and operation of a telephone system in Asheboro. The matter has been referred to a committee who will act upon the application at some future date.

When it became known that application was made it was the subject of much discussion among our business men, and it is generally believed that to permit this company to enter Asheboro will be a bad move by our town commissioners.

The local telephone company began operation only a few years ago, having been granted by the commissioners an exclusive franchise for 30 years. They have slowly developed the business and improved the exchange until today Asheboro has a complete metallic system and the service is as good as the best.

For months the Southern Bell has been trying to get a foothold in Asheboro through the local company, but on account of the unreasonably binding contract and on account of the tricky methods of this gigantic corporation, which has, for its ultimate end, the crushing of the smaller companies, and following the monopoly, oppression of the people, the local independent company has ignored the many propositions.

The Bell claims to want only a booth in Asheboro, but this is nothing more than an entrance wedge, the first step toward an open warfare against local enterprises.

Mr. Morris Talks.

When Mr. Morris, manager of the local exchange was seen by the reporter Monday and questioned upon the application, in view of the fact that the local company held a 30 year exclusive franchise he said:

"The town is morally, if not legally, bound not to grant another franchise--we invested when there was no hope of the system paying and performed our part of the contract in good faith. We are giving as good service as any system in the State and as cheap as any metallic service system anywhere."

"The Bell only wants a booth," said the reporter.

"No," said Mr. Morris "they claim only to want to give the people the advantage of long distance connection. We have recently considered connecting with them, but their terms were unreasonably. Had we connected we would have given them control of our system, and then they would have required us to sever connections with all other lines not controlled by them, which would mean that we would have no telephonic communication with the county, and adjoining counties at all. We will connect with any system on a just basis, either exchange or mileage. We are independent in not belonging to a telephone trust, but dependent upon favorable public sentiment. Therefore, we must give service consistent with the rate charged. The interests of the local company and the people are therefore identical."

Disadvantages of Two Companies

"What effect would an exchange operated by the Bell Co., have upon the town?"

"That's the point," said Mr. Morris. "There're numerous disadvantages in having two systems. When the independent companies attempted to enter Greensboro a few weeks ago all the Bell officials were mobilized at the Aldermen's chamber and in an address opposing the granting of a franchise to the independent company, W. F. Gentry, vice president of the Bell Telephone Co., sized this point in a lengthy speech, and the franchise was denied. The town wants two telephone systems. Still, the Bell refuses to connect with anything but trust systems. Our people cannot afford to fight such a gigantic trust after they once get a foothold here and the result will be that in a few years they will win out in their effort to crush the company with limited capital. Then they will have the monopoly. Once they gain the monopoly Asheboro's

experience will be that of every other town. Rates will materially advance.

"The unfair methods used by the Bell Company in crushing the small company and attempting to gain control of smaller concerns and then oppressing the subscribers has just been demonstrated at Statesville, and many other towns in the State during the past year."

"Can't you connect with the Bell at High Point?" asked the reporter.

"We could by sub license, which would mean that we pay, besides a good per cent. of our toll, a bonus on each one of our subscribers whether they use long-distance service or not. Then they will allow us to connect with none of our neighboring exchanges unless they sub-license, which fact makes it next to impossible for our farmers to have telephonic communication with the town on account of exorbitant rates. This practice put them almost out of business in the West and Middle West and their exchange operation is confined strictly to the South, where there are practically no farmers' lines nor country exchanges."

How to Get Long-Distance Connection

"Long-distance connection can be best secured by arousing public sentiment against the trust, and forcing them to connect with the independents upon a just basis. This was undertaken during the meeting of the last Legislature, but lobbyists were too powerful.

"An example of their mercilessness can be found in the fact that prior to the expiration of their patent right to manufacture telephones about the year 1890 they would not sell a phone at any price but retted them at \$35 per year each."

Sheriff Ross on the Franchise.

The Courier representative talked with many of our business men and, without an exception, they oppose the movement of the Bell Company. R. R. Ross was one of those who was strong in his expression, declaring that to franchise the Bell Co. over the local system would not only be an injustice to the local telephone companies but as a business proposition it is bad. The Bell Co. is recognized all over the country as one of the worst of corporations, and I have traveled the West, where this corporation has been cut out by the people. We only have to take the experience of our own people to form an opinion as to what disposition to make of the application. We have an excellent system over the county and all that is needed is to compel this company to connect upon a legitimate basis. If we secure additional long distance service it should be done through the local company.

List Takers and Assessors.

The Board of County Commissioners at their last meeting appointed the list takers and assessors for the various townships as follows, the first name in each case being the list taker:

- Cedar Grove Township--W. S. Gadin, M. H. Lassiter, W. T. Tant. Concord--S. M. Lewis, H. C. Nance, D. G. McManis. Tabernacle--L. C. Philips, J. C. Hoover, H. H. Dalk. Trinity--W. N. Elder, Jno. W. Hill, J. G. Dorsett. New Market--R. L. White, R. L. Causey, J. A. Wall. Back Creek--C. L. Robbins, W. H. Redding, B. F. Bulla. Ashboro--M. W. Parriah, R. R. Ross, S. E. Lowdenmilk. Franklinville--D. M. Weatherley, R. W. Jordan, E. L. York. Columbia--Y. M. C. Johnson, T. P. Barker, R. S. York. Liberty--H. C. Causey, W. P. Fox, C. R. Curtis. Providence--W. R. Julian, P. A. Routh, Ed Frazier. Randleman--Frank Prevost, J. T. Bostick, N. T. Groce. New Hope--Orlando Hill, John N. Kearns, C. C. Shaw. Union--A. S. Callicott, D. A. Sikes, J. W. Birkhead. Richland--Jno. N. Cagle, M. S. Pressnell, T. W. Lawrence. Brower--E. B. Leach, J. E. Albright, L. O. Suggs. Pleasant Grove--J. P. Phillips, H. B. Lambeth, B. M. Caviness. Coleridge--W. R. Craven, Thos. Craven, L. E. Brady. Grant--S. S. Cox, A. S. Pugh, K. L. Winghamam.

CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS

The Snow Lumber Co., of High Point, lost heavily in the South Boston, Va., fire last week, and also lost by fire in Sampson county. The loss at South Boston was \$20,000.

A cyclone swept the eastern part of Texas last week doing great damage to property. At Alexandria, fifty residences, stores and factories, were demolished. Two city people were killed and 100 injured.

W. Thos. Bost, of Salisbury, has written an article for the Saturday Evening Post entitled "The Decline of the Cornfield Debate."

The Thomasville Times says ground has been broken for the new chair factory near the Smelting works and a new factory will also go up at Blairtown this spring.

Dr. Julius A. Coldwell, who went to Charlestown, W. Va., a short time ago has decided to return to Salisbury to live. He is one of the State's best practitioners.

An attempt is being made to secure the removal of the main office of the Seaboard Air Line to Hamlet.

Mrs. Solomon Rogers, of No. 4 Township Cabarrus County, who attempted suicide last week was the step mother of Rev. J. P. Rogers, formerly pastor of the Asheboro M. E. Church. She lived with her daughter and it is said the cause of her conduct was a sad accident of her son.

A street fight at Lynchburg, Va. last Wednesday was the beginning of a riot between the whites and blacks, and resulted in two white men and two negroes being shot. The two negroes may die. The fight was started by insolent negroes pushing a white man off the sidewalk.

A. Parker, a prominent citizen of Salisbury, was severely injured by falling from a burning barn while fighting fire one day last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloy Garee, of Fairmont, W. Va., were burned to death in the River View Hotel fire at Sutton, W. Va., Friday. They were married the day before and were enroute to the home of the groom's mother where a wedding supper was awaiting them.

The Secretary of State has chartered P. J. Honeycutt & Co., of Albemarle, to do a general undertaking business, embalming, etc. The capital stock authorized is \$80,000 with \$15,000 subscribed for. The incorporators are Messrs. Messrs. J. E. Ewing, R. F. Honeycutt and P. J. Honeycutt, of Albemarle.

N. Glenn Williams, of Yadkin county, was in Wilkesboro, a few days ago, and submitted a proposition to locate a \$100,000 distilling plant in that town. The matter will be submitted to a vote of the people at the town election in May.

The knitting mill recently destroyed by fire at Enfield, is to be rebuilt at once and machinery for a 400 dozen a day capacity will be installed. \$30,000 in common and preferred stock will be issued.

Capt. Pride Jones, for years yard master for the Southern at Winston Salem and Greensboro, died at his home at Winston Tuesday morning. Capt. Jones was at one time conductor between Washington and Charlotte, and was a native of Hillsboro.

The Jno. B. Wright automatic safety air brake attachment for railway cars was given another successful test at Greensboro Monday. The operation of the appliance was perfect, and forcibly impressed the railway officials present.

Assuming the role of detective, and placing his victim under "arrest" Ed. Doston held up and robbed another colored man near Durham Tuesday. He secured \$3.50 and a watch. Doston has been lodged in jail.

Uwharrie School.

The Uwharrie school closed Wednesday. The New Hope string band furnished music for the closing exercises. The literary address was delivered at 2 o'clock p. m. by Hon. R. T. Poole. Messrs. Lillie Bruton and Lucy Hunsucker were the teacher.

ON TO JAMESTOWN BIG CONTEST.

Four Hundred Dollars Piano Grand Prize.

WILL BE THE BIGGEST EVER ATTEMPTED.

Full Particulars Will Appear in Our Next Issue--Begin to Talk for the Courier Now! Then Work for Prizes.

The Courier will begin next week a contest with a \$400 piano as the grand prize. Trips to Jamestown Fair, four scholarships in the leading schools and colleges in the State, gold watches, sewing machines, etc., will be given as premiums to those who will give us only a few minutes of their time each day.

If you want the best piano on the market write us. Do you want to go to school, or get a sewing machine or gold watch, or stove or any one of a hundred other premiums write us for information how to get them free. Don't you want to go to the Jamestown Fair and stay a week and take a trip up the James River and other trips both by land and water, and all at expense of the Courier; if so write us for information and we will send you information telling you how you can succeed.

Davidson Clippings.

Capt. W. H. Ellis and Mr. R. L. Carter, agent and assistant agent at the Thomasville and Glen Anna Railroad station at Thomasville have resigned their positions and have accepted like positions at Mooresville.

Sheriff T. S. Dorsett has returned from St. Louis. While there he stopped at Mr. Fred Michael's hotel, which he says is a nice, 100-room house, enjoying a good patronage. Mr. Michael is a Davidson man.

Messrs. Leon T. Lane, of Ore Hill, and Walter Siler, of Siler City, were here yesterday making the deal with the Lexington Real Estate and Trust Co. Mr. Siler who is a lawyer, is the man who made Lee county. To him, more than to any one else, is due the creation of the new county. He is a very successful lawyer and withal a fine gentleman.

Union Institute Commencement.

The Courier acknowledges the following invitation.

The Faculty and students of Union Institute requests the honor of your presence at their Twenty-first Annual Commencement Exercises April, fourteenth nineteenth hundred and seven.

The literary address will be delivered by Dr. Wm. L. Potest, of Wake Forest College, Friday, April 19th.

Prof. O. C. Hamilton, a native of Randolph, is in charge of the school and has done a very successful year's work.

Chief Deputy Resigns.

Greensboro, April 9.--Mr. T. E. McCrary, who has been chief office deputy for United States Marshal J. M. Millikan for nine years, has tendered his resignation and will be succeeded by T. J. Winslow, of Asheboro. Mr. McCrary has made a most obliging and capable officer during his residence in Greensboro. His leaving the office is not due to any unpleasantness, but merely a political change to give way to another. Mr. Winslow was for six years register of deeds of Randolph county and is a thoroughly capable man.

Christian Endeavor Officers.

An interesting meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society was held last Tuesday night.

New officers were elected as follows:

President, Miss Esther Ross; vice-president, Miss Beulah Fox, secretary and treasurer, Miss Eil Hendricks, librarian, Lucy Crowson; corresponding secretary, Miss Lillian Bunch. Four new members were added to the roll.

School Exhibition.

The school taught by Miss Effie Frasier, near Randleman closed April 3rd. A closing concert by the pupils was creditably rendered in the afternoon, but the most enjoyable feature was a basket picnic on the school grounds. It was a happy occasion for both pupils and patrons of the school, as the students did excellent work during the term of five months.