

BERRYHILL TOWNSHIP S. SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday schools in Berryhill township have decided to organize a township association and will, on Wednesday, October 18th, hold their first annual convention at Steel Creek.

The Sunday schools that are located in this township and are to be represented in the association to be formed are the representatives from each Sunday school who are expected to see that their people attend, are as follows:

Mulberry Presbyterian, L. A. Marshall and J. N. Bingham.

Steel Creek (Presbyterian), R. S. Freeman and Wirt Pegram.

Betty's Chapel (Presbyterian), W. W. Davenport and S. A. Wilson.

Big Springs Baptist, A. H. Freeman and Tom M. McConnell.

Friendship (Methodist Episcopal), Covington Garrison and A. C. Fisher.

The above named men have had the arrangements in charge and have prepared an attractive program that will be of much benefit to those who attended.

It is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance, and it is earnestly desired that as many as possible of those who live within the territory served by these Sunday schools be present throughout the convention which begins at 10 o'clock.

- The Program.**
- 10:00—Devotional and song service.
 - 10:30—Address—Organized interdenominational Sunday school work. By Dr. Roy B. Foxville.
 - 11:00—Organization perfected.
 - 11:30—Address—The elementary department. Miss Julia Alexander.
 - 12:00—Organized adult classes. By B. T. Price.
 - 12:30—Dinner.
 - 2:00—Address—Teacher training. By Dr. J. G. Kennedy.
 - 2:45—Round Table on Sunday school problems. By Dr. J. G. Kennedy.
 - 3:30—Adjourn.

NEW BELTING MAN LOCATES HERE.

Mr. W. H. Gallup, late of the North Carolina Belting Co., has moved to Charlotte. Mr. Gallup comes to take a position with the Edward R. Ladew Belting people. He has been, for years, in the leather belting business. The company that he is now with has only lately opened an office and warehouse in this city. From this point all of their business throughout North and South Carolina is carried on. This branch office carries a complete line of leather belting in stock at all times and the amount of business that the company will do through the Charlotte office will be a good advertisement for Charlotte.

Circus But Two Days Off

The coming of the Barnum and Bailey circus is proving a strong factor in the interest of the community. The show opened its season in Madison Square Garden, New York City, last March. Never before in the history of amusement affairs was a circus given such a hearty reception. The newspapers without one exception, said it was the most brilliant engagement ever played in the metropolis. That verdict was indorsed by the half million or so who were fortunate enough to find seats in the Garden. The performances to be given here will be exactly the same as those presented in New York. Not a detail has been changed since the opening night.

Novelty is the keynote of the bill and fun runs rampant. There are the drollest clowns that ever whitened their faces, and thrilling acts enough for a lifetime. Jupiter, an Arabian horse, takes a ride in a balloon and comes down amid a brilliant shower of fire works. Charles the First, a chimpanzee, proves to the audience that he is a greater bicycle rider and acrobat than any man who ever lived. The program has great variety. There are 400 artists. Over 300 of these are from Europe and are making their first tour of America. They were selected by the foreign agents of the show from among the most original and versatile performers of England, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Russia, Spain, Norway and Asiatic countries.

The parade will take place at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. It is a monster of novel and varied interest. It is three miles long. It will doubtless be enjoyed by the biggest crowd that ever filled the streets of the city.

Those who wish to get ahead of the rush can buy reserved seats and admissions at the downtown ticket office. It will be open early on show day, next Tuesday, the 17th.

Was Good Once.

A certain well known composer now in the full vigor of his established reputation was at one time when he was comparatively unknown engaged in writing the music for a production fathered by two managers, who knew exactly what they wanted, in addition to knowing nothing of the musical classics. After having burned much midnight oil and worked himself into a state of semi-collapse in a vain endeavor to produce a finale which would please them the composer tore up page after page of rejected manuscript and in despair took to the theatre an entire section of "Faust" to which he had somehow managed to fit the words assigned to him. He played it over, and one of the managers said quite unfeelingly, "Well, Gus, the others were pretty bad, but this one is the rottenest of them all." "So," remarked the weary musician dryly, "it was considered good when Gounod wrote it!" —Metropolitan Magazine.

CAPT. SMITH DEFENDS THE SCHOOL BOARD

Capt. T. T. Smith, who has been a leading member of the school board for 20 years, comes to the defense of the board in the following open letter, which will be read with interest: To the Citizens of Charlotte:—

While I dislike to court newspaper controversies and notably I feel that the insinuation of the Honorable Heriot Clarkson made at the meeting of the school board at the city hall Friday night, and before quite a delegation of disgruntled citizens of Belmont section, made so, I fear, by designing attorneys who care more for their fees than for the interests of the public at large, should at least be answered by some one who has received large contributions of land and money, not to say anything of automobile parties given by the Pegram-Wadsworth Land Company for their votes for locating a site for a school building, located with a view of accommodating the greatest number of school children surrounding or accessible to, said location.

It was charged by said Mr. Clarkson that a notice was given the Pegram-Wadsworth Land Company that a meeting was to be called to go out and view the landscape over, with a view of locating the school site on said Pegram-Wadsworth Land Company's land and no notice was given to the Belmont people that such was going to be done.

Now the facts are these: The school board meetings for some two or three months had been monopolized by the Belmont people, who had harranged and harrassed said school board in an endeavor to come to some agreement as to this location, but failed to do so, to the complete disgust of all parties interested. So, on the day before this notable automobile party Mr. Phillips came to me and asked if I would join the school board in a trip the next afternoon to look over the different locations discussed as the most suitable place to erect such a school building as would accommodate the children of Belmont, North Charlotte, Villa Heights, etc.

I told him I would do so provided all the board members were notified and requested to go. I was notified and every member of the board was notified that I have heard of, except one and I am informed that a notice was left at his place of business. We met at 3 p. m. and waited until about 4:30 p. m., Mr. Phillips and others making every effort to get every member to join us. In the meantime Mr. Phillips, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, had asked the Pegram-Wadsworth Land Company if they could send us out to look at these various lots, and they very readily consented to do so. After getting every member of the board we could, and after picking up one or two other ways we proceeded. On arriving at the Belmont section we proceeded to examine all the lots spoken of: The Pegram-Wadsworth Land Company lot, the Allen street lot, the present Belmont school lot, and the Geo. Phifer lot, and while on the Geo. Phifer lot I saw that we had 11 members of the school board present. I suggested that we call the members to order and take a vote on the location, and I made a motion that we call the meeting to order, as we had Mr. McCall, our chairman, with us. This was done and Mr. Hirschinger was requested to act as secretary. Nothing had been done or said up to this hour as to the choice of any one as to the location, and I made a motion that we accept their proposition. It was seconded. Mr. McCall put the motion which was adopted without a dissenting voice. Two or three members did not vote. In the discussion of the matter two members suggested that we defer the matter until we could get a full board, but recorded no vote against it. This action was ratified at a subsequent meeting of the school board. Neither Mr. Pegram nor Mr. Wadsworth made any suggestion as to their lot, neither did any friend of their urge or advocate such location. No one ever spoke to me in their behalf concerning same. Now, it has been intimated that Mr. Hirschinger was an interested party on account of his daughter having some interest in this property.

I will say that I am as intimate with Mr. Hirschinger as any citizen of Charlotte, and I have never heard him say one word in advocacy of this location. No member of the Pegram-Wadsworth firm or any friend of such firm ever spoke to me about their offer. Our action was taken with a view of benefiting the greatest number of children. Respectfully,

T. T. SMITH,
Member of the Board of School Commissioners.
Charlotte, Oct. 14th.

CHURCH MUSIC.

Trinity Church.
Morning.

- Prelude—Allegretto . . . Wolstenholme
- Anthem—Oh Be Joyful . . . Thickstun
- Duet—Abide With Me . . . Verdi
- Miss Sessions, Mr. Jones.
- Offertory—Andante . . . Weil
- Postlude—Unfold Ye Portals . . . Gounod

Evening.

- Prelude—Berceuse (violin solo) . . . Von Kunitz
- Miss Van Gilluwe.
- Anthem—Shades of Night Are Falling . . . Sheldon
- Soloist, Mr. Auten.
- Anthem—The Day is Ended . . . Bartlett
- Soloist, Miss Van Poole.
- Violin, Miss Van Gilluwe.
- Offertory—Allegretto . . . Read
- Postlude—Moderato . . . Rossini

R. L. KEESLER,
Organist and Choirmaster.

In Disgrace.
Mother—"Tommy, why don't you play with Frank any more? I thought you were such good chums."
Tommy—"We was, but he's a mollycoddle. He paid ter git inter their ball grounds."—Suburban Life.

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