

Haywood Baptists Hold 65th Annual Meeting And Picnic



Between 350 and 400 people attended the second day session, and picnic of the Haywood Baptists, as they met at Mt. Zion church on Dix Creek. This is a partial view of the group at one of the several picnics on the church grounds. (Staff Photo)

Lake Junaluska Writer Might 'Retire' For Good

Maud M. Turpin, (Mrs. Cyrus W.) has made a success of everything she has undertaken in her 69 years, except one—she just can't stop work.

The energetic little woman, who knows the Methodist church, its leaders and work to perfection, followed the rules of the church and "retired" in 1947 at the age of 65.

This week, at 69, she observed her birthday by reporting for some 20 newspapers and the church publications, the addresses of two bishops, a sermon by a leading Methodist preacher, in addition to publishing a daily news bulletin for Lake Junaluska Assembly. Then she wrote some resolutions after interviewing two separate speakers about future addresses, and greeted a host of friends in her office in the administration building of the Assembly.

She celebrated her birthday by stopping in mid-afternoon and drinking a glass of sweet cider, and then started in on the second round of work for the day.

Mrs. Turpin, a resident of Knoxville, has been trying to pull the cover on her typewriter since 1947. Those who have been closely associated with her through the years feel that she had "too much speed" when she reached 65 to stop within a mere three years. "It takes time to slow down from such a fast pace," she was told by a bishop recently.

Early this spring Mrs. Turpin decided to go to Hollywood for a well-earned vacation. Her friends would not have been surprised to have learned that she had entered the movies by writing scripts—and she did almost just that. She had been there but a few days when she found herself on an audience participation radio program where people tell funny experiences.

To make a long story short, she won a beautiful gold watch by recounting one of her many newspaper reminiscences. As she walked from the studio admiring the watch, a messenger stuck a telegram at her. It was an urgent call to come back and handle the news at Lake Junaluska—a post she had held since 1923. Before the messenger left she wrote a reply: "I'll Be There."

And when the 1950 season at Lake Junaluska ends on Labor Day, Mrs. Turpin will have added thousands upon thousands of additional words to her already countless thousands which she has written about the Methodists.

She began writing for the Methodists in 1914, and for a number of years, her work was in connection with the publication of missionary literature. All her writings have not been for publication, however, as she has been successful in writing a number of plays and pageants. Many of these have been produced on the stage of Junaluska, and the first was "Missionary Milestones" and was directed in 1921 by Prof. W. G. Smythe, late of Knoxville.

Mrs. Turpin is a child of the Methodist parsonage, being the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Wellborn Mooney. She was born in Tennessee, and has lived within the Volunteer State all her life.

Mrs. Turpin's mother was a writer, and a sister of the late Will Allen Dromgoole, long time poet laureate of Tennessee.

After eight years of writing for the Methodist church board in the literature department, she began to write stories in behalf of a church-wide missionary movement, when she realized that "religion is news," too. Then it was that she

Canton Speaker



DR. PHIL ELLIOTT, president of Gardner-Webb College, will be the speaker at the Union Services at Canton on Sunday evening. The religious program will be held at the Central Methodist church, and is part of the 44th Annual Labor Day and Fall Festival Celebration.

decided to set up a religious news service and adopted as her slogan, "Religion Is News."

"There was something thrilling in that idea," she said recently.

"Ever since deciding upon this for my life work, I have sought to build up a spirit of cooperation between the Christian church and the national free press, for they are intimately related, both being founded upon and dedicated to interest in human beings and human welfare."

It was not always easy for Mrs. Turpin to decide on what to report, because after all, the service was supported financially by the church, and was designed to increase publication of religious news. Being true to both, she adopted a professional code, which she has consistently followed throughout the thirty years. She said of the code, "I decided that whatever happened, or was said, in

a public meeting and was heard by more than 100 persons, and would be interesting to the general public. I would report. If the matter took place in executive session, I would say nothing about it. Truthfulness and absolute accuracy were the tests I was determined to apply in every case."

Mrs. Turpin also resolved to avoid sensationalism, but has always made the normal, everyday doings of the denomination represented newsworthy by writing about them in an interesting way. She learned early in her career

to follow the ironclad rule of playing no favorites with rival newspapers, but to see that each paper got the break on news it was entitled. After what she thought was her "retirement" back in 1947, she sold (see WRITER, Page Three)

On To Canton FOR Labor Day

We Welcome All Haywood County To Our 44th Annual Fall Festival and Labor Day Celebration.

Through September 4

A Full Program of Entertainment . . . Fun, Sports, Recreation and Religious Worship

— PROGRAM —

ALL WEEK

Window Decorations and Displays — Merchants are urged to decorate and Scouts and other groups are urged to put in window displays.
Street Decorations — American Legion.
Lee's Rides at Canton High School Athletic Field.
Swimming at Canton Memorial Recreation Park.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9 a. m.—All boys and girls meet at Champion Softball Park for Clean-up program.
11 a. m.—Free Picture with compliments of Colonial Theatre for boys and girls that participate in Clean-up.
2 p. m.—Watermelon Festival at Canton Memorial Recreation Park for boys and girls that participate in Clean-up with compliments of Champion Paper and Fibre Company and the Canton Ice and Coal Company.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9 a. m.—Billiards, Checkers, Table Tennis, etc. (Champion Y.).
1 p. m.—Badminton, Croquet, Golf, Horseshoes, Marbles, Ring Toss, Shuffleboard, Target Throw, Swimming and Diving, etc. (Canton Memorial Recreation Park).
6:30 p. m.—Old Timers Softball Game. Franks vs. Tulls (Champion Park).
8 p. m.—Haywood County Beauty Contest (Football Stadium).
8:30 p. m.—Variety Program—Broadcast over Radio Station WWNC—Sponsored by Champion Paper and Fibre Company (Football Stadium).
9 p. m.—Coronation Ball sponsored by N. C. O. Club (Canton Armory).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

2 p. m.—Haywood County Singing Convention (Football Stadium).
3:30 p. m.—Union Colored Religious Program (Football Stadium).
8 p. m.—Union White Religious Program at the Canton Central Methodist Church.

LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10 a. m.—Parade—Forms at Branson Motor Company on Main and Water Streets. Moves up Main to Church, up Church to Bridge, over Bridge to Kirkpatrick Apartments, turn left down Main to Park, turn right down Park to Spears' Inn, turn left to Canton High School and Memorial Recreation Park. Everyone is urged to join in making this the biggest and best parade ever held in Canton. All entries should be ready to line up by 9:30 as parade starts moving promptly at 10 o'clock.
11 a. m.—Judge Window Displays and Decorations, Horse Show (Canton Memorial Recreation Park). Platform Program begins at Football Stadium and will last throughout day. (All entertainers invited to participate—register at platform). Horseshoe Tournament for Boys under 16 years of age (Football Stadium).
11:30 a. m.—Variety Program—Broadcast over Radio Station WHCC.
1 p. m.—Horseshoe Tournament for Men and Boys over 16 years of age (Football Stadium). Program by colored entertainers—including Silverdome Quartet.
2 p. m.—Quartet and Group Singing.
3 p. m.—String Bands, etc.
4:30 p. m.—Variety Program—Broadcast over Radio Station WWNC. Sponsored by Champion Paper and Fibre Company.
5 p. m.—Stunts and Contests, such as Hog Calling, Nail Driving, etc.
7 p. m.—Square Dance and String Band Contests.
9 p. m.—Ford Car given away by American Legion.

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Canton Labor Day Committee

C. C. Poindexter, General Chairman

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Author



REV. W. L. HUTCHINS, former district superintendent of the Methodist church here, has just published an 86-page book of poems, which he calls "Withered Weeds". The book is rich in humor, and especially interesting because of its treatment of the great problems that trouble the human mind. The book is printed on ivory feather-edged paper and is bound in handsome leatherette, stamped in gold. The price is \$2, and the sale is being sponsored here by the Secretaries Club. Rev. Mr. Hutchins is now confined to his bed at his home in Boonville.

