THE WINSTON-SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Announcement is made from the office of the North Carolina Sunday School Association that four of the most noted Sunday School specialists of America have been secured to take part on the program of the State Sunday School Convention at Winston Salem April 10-11-12.

Dr. LeRoy Dakin, Brooklyn, N. Y. Pastor of the Baptist Temple and the Chairman of the Adult Committee of the International Sunday School Council of Religious Education is an authority on the work of the Organized Adult Bible Class and will do special work along that line.

The services of Mr. E. R. Stanford, Nashville, Tenn. an expert in work with teen age boys and girls in the Sunday School have been secured. Mr. Stanford is Superintendent of Intermediate-Senior Department of the Sunday School Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Miss Wilhelmina Stocker Auburn, New York, Professor of Religious Education Auburn Theological Seminary, will be the specialist for the work in the Children's Division. Miss Stocker will also give lectures on the "Daily Vacation Bible School" and The Week Day School of Religious Education.

As previously announced Dr. Marian Lawrance Consulting General Secretary of the International council of Religious Education will be one of the convention speakers. Dr. Lawrance need no introduction to Sunday School workers for many is a household word throughout the Sunday School world.

Besides the four great Sunday School specialists mentioned above Mr. R. L. Ivey President of the North Carolina Sunday School Association will be one of the best Sunday School workers in North Carolina will take part in all the sessions of the convention. There will be very little from Sunday School of the state and will represent practically every organization in the state.

The committee in charge of the program is composed of J. R. Ivey President, President of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, chairman; [illegible] Superintendent of Hawfields Methodist Sunday School, J. [illegible] Raleigh, Chairman Executive Committee of the North Carolina Sunday School Association and Superintendent of Tabernacle Baptist Sunday School; E. R. Crow Raleigh, President of the North Carolina Sunday School Association and teacher of Vanguard Bible Class in the First Presbyterian Sunday School; Chas. N. Norfleet, Winston-Salem, Chairman Committee on Arrangements for the state convention, and Superintendent of First Presbyterian Sunday School; and D. W. Sims General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

Delegates t the Convention will be entertained free for lodging and for breakfast in private homes in Winston-Salem. It has been announced by the Committee of Arrangements that it is not necessary for the names of the delegates to be sent in advance as homes will not be assigned until delegates arrive.

The railroads have granted a round trip rate of one and one half fares certificate plan for the Convention, provided as many as 250 people travel to the Convention over the railroads and present certificates for validation in Winston-Salem.

State Superintendent [illegible] reports that a campaign of [illegible] endeavoring to organize Sunday Schools in the Convention [illegible] reported that [illegible] and more [illegible] in North Carolina [illegible] past seven years.

LARGE SUPPLY NEEDED

Eph Greene was truly honest and fond of any religious exercise.

When "de Secesh" [illegible] he became a sort of unofficial chaplain in a colored labor battalion, for worked assiduously among [illegible] and finally persuaded a [illegible] to join him in an open-air baptising on a day in January.

That it was unnecessary to cut a hole in the river ice to provide space for immersion indeed cooled the ardor of the converts but not [illegible] Epheo. Seizing the negro [illegible] ed him beneath the icy water. He had not reckoned on the swift current however and the [illegible] was carried out of his depth and carried swiftly out of sight.

It was not in his [illegible] disconcerted.

"De Lawd giveth" he [illegible] "de Lawd taketh away, [illegible] than privit."—American Weekly.

I AM YOUR TOWN

Make me what you will—I shall reflect you as clearly as a mirror shows back a candle beam.

If I am pleasing to the eye of the stranger within my gates If I am such a sight, as having seen me he will remember me all his days as a thing of beauty, the credit is yours.

Ambition and opportunity call some of my sons and daughters to high tasks and mighty privileges, to my greater honor and to my good repute in far places but it is not chiefly those who are my strength. My strength is in those who remain. [illegible] are content with what I can offer [illegible] with what they can [illegible] the greatest of all Romans who said: "Better be first in a little Iberian village than be second in Rome."

I am more than wood and [illegible] stone, more even than flesh and blood—I am the composite soul [illegible] call me Home.

I am your town—Selected.

Do you take Your County Paper?

"AS OLDER WE BECOME."

(By Rev. S. M. Davis., In Charlotte Observer.)

The few fleeting years we have to spend on earth and prepare for the future are like the weaver's shuttle, which swiftly shoots across the web of life we weave. And one thing we learn during these years is that the habits we form grow stronger, and harder to break off as life advances. These habits, whether good or evil, hold us with tighter grip every day; and parents and teachers who watch, pray and guard along the lines of child habits, do the best, most enduring work that can be done on earth, and lead more wisely than pulpit, college, platform, or all our popular clubs.

As life speeds on we become less ambitious, and less anxious in the accomplishment of certain things, and searching ends wished for. What we so desire to take place in youth may be in some measure taken as ours, or it may be altogether denied. It may be that the thing or prize so eagerly sought in early life has turned out to be empty, worthless, and may be harmful; and in riper years and in disappointment, if not dismayed we are now content. Much that we once thought beautiful, golden and greatly to be desired and possessed, we now find to be here glitter and show.

As older and wiser we grow in the hands of a wise and gracious providence we are better satisfied with life as it comes to us and abides a little while. As the years come to us and hasten on, our sympathies enlarge and our judgment of others becomes less severe. Our love, our patience, our prayers, sink deeper into life. Higher in aim, the plans and ideals we lift up among the stars in youth, in age, lead in the dust. When the writer was a young pastor he used to discourage souls crowding in darkness "Be perfectly pure and lead perfect lives." Now he says: "Be just as good as you can down here in a world full of evils; but be good in Christ and guarded by good angels."

As older we find ourselves, the more lonely we become. After the dawning of our three score and ten years, and their departure, it lonely when we sit and wait; but we need not weep because Jesus seeks to be our supreme companion. At the dawn of twenty years all or many of our companions in age, have gone over the mysterious river ahead of us, lonesome. Oh! so lonesome on the river banks. But to think of the reunion and fellowship with the departed ones on the shores of the eternal river, gives us far greater joy than the little, out dissolved, companionship down here. If our lives on earth be spiritually normal, our meeting, our greeting and eternal companionship up yonder will be sure and joyful.

Again, we learn that as age and time come our way our wealth increases, not material or money wealth. That is not best and safest; for while many who had riches and wealth here are in heaven and many are now on the way; but how hard do many enter into the kingdom on earth and above. But those will have riches of character and glory, and everlasting life who are faithful and triumphant. As older on earth we grow our intellectual and spiritual wealth increases, and what deep satisfaction does this thought give us as age and suffering claim us. The supreme proprietor of all earthly and heavenly riches has given to each of us our pound and tells us to trade and work and make the most we can of the pound until he comes at the death hour and the judgment day. In the hands of a [illegible] the pound will gain 10 pounds with many servants of Christ and faithfully the pound will by diligence of the holder gain five pounds. And rich and large and sweet will be the commendation and reward of the true and faithful ones here into the earthly vineyard. Let us hope that no reader of The Observer will put his pound away carefully in a napkin and make no gain to riches of heaven. One of the greatest sins committed in this world is the sin of doing nothing.

Carolina, Harmony.

COVE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The minstrel which was given at the choo lon last Saturday night was indeed a success. The proceeds amounted to about $75.00. This with what was received the first time making a total of around $150.00. With this money we are buying maps, library books, globes and various other necessary equipment.

Just before the minstrel Prof. I. G. Greer of the A. T. S. made a very interesting and inspiring talk on the essentials of a live and progressive school. As is always the case his talk was full of truths with just enough humor to arouse even the most disinterested persons. His talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Interspersed with the minstrel there was plenty of good string music furnished by the Isaacs band

On Friday of last week Mr. J. J. Glenn one of the patrons of the school talked very interestingly at chapel on some of the local happenings of the Civil War days. He related several incidents, both personal and general, which gave a vivid picture of those hard days.

Work on the new Cove Creek Baptist church is now going on. Mr. Wilson Lowrance of Valle Crucis has the contract.

MIXED 'EM

The editor of a paper at Storm Lake, Iowa is now in hiding in a swamp near that place as a consequence of the way he mixed up the report of a cattle show and a concert His paper said: "The concert given last night by 16 of Storm Lake's most beautiful and interesting young ladies was highly appreciated. They were elegantly dressed and sang in a most charming manner winning the plaudits of the entire audience who pronounced them the finest breed of shorthorns in the country. Several of the heifers were fine-limbed animals and promised to prove good property.

Do you take Your County Paper?

NORTH CAROLINA, WATAUGA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE COVE CREEK CO-OPERATIVE STORE

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Cove Creek Co-Operative store that there will be a meeting of the stocholders of said company at the office of the company at Sugar Grove on April 14, 1923 for the purpose of passing on the following resolution adopted by the board of directors of said company.

"'Resolved that in the judgment of this board it is advisable and most for the benefit of the Cove Creek Cooperative Store that the same should be dissolved and to that end it is ordered that a meeting of the stockholders be held on the 14th day of April 1923 at the office of the company at Sugar Grove to take action on this resolution.

Cove Creek Co-operative Store
by W. H. MAST, Secretary.

NOTICE

North Carolina)
Watauga County) Town of Boone.

Notice is hereby given that there will be held in the court house in the town of Boone, N. C. on May 8, 1923 an election for the purpose of electing a mayor and three town commissioners for said town. All voters not heretofore registered on the registration books of said town are notified to register for said election.

Notice is further given that J. P. Hodges and J. L. Winkler have been appointed judges for said election, and that J. D. Councill has been appointed registrar for said election, and that he will keep the books open for the registration of voters between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. for seven days before the second Saturday before the said election the said books will be closed.

Done by order of the board of town Commissioners.

E. M. HAHN, Mayor.

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(BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE UNION.)

"Stop! Look! Listen!" Do ye not know that EASTER morn will dawn upon us in a short period, of course we all know what Easter means to us, and I shall arise on the third day. Yes here is one verse that very simply explains Easter to us. Luke 24: 7. The son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. Listen dear members lets just meditate on this most glorious verse and for next Sunday The first Sunday in the Quarter lets set a new resolution to improve our Union by reading our bible more and meditate upon it and not only do this but lets try offering a few prays for the advancement of ur union toward the Standard of Excellence, this is what it will taac and unless we do this I will Guarantee that we will not get thire, and honestly I believe thire in not one of the members that does not desire to reach the Standard.

Well lets go over in mexico for a few moments and see what kind of peple we can find there. The people who number about 15,000,000, are composed of three classes, thos of white blod mainly of Spanish descent, comprise of about 19 per cent of the population; these are the mre enterprising element f the country, and number most of the great farmers and ranch owners. The Indian race compromise about 38 per cent of the population; they are the descendants of the ancient inhabitants of the land, and when we remember the state of civilization found by the Spaniards, we can readily see the latent possibilities of this people. Juarez, the statesman, Morelos, the soldier, we're pure blood Indians, Diaz, possibly the greatest of the presidents of Mexico was Indian on the mother's side. The remainder comprising of about [illegible] per cent of the people are known as mestizos, and are a mixed race of white and Indian blood, many of them are intelligent and industrious many courteous and polite, the lower classes among them however form the worst element of Mexican society.

Education.—While Mexico has popular education her system of public schools has never been fully developed, and the mass of the people are very illiterate, it is only fair, however to say that among some of the people of Mexico there is considerable learning and culture. The University of Mexico was founded in 1553, or eighty one years before Harvard College, and has done excellent work through all these years.

Religious Condition in Mexico—In 1895 a little more than 99 per cent of the people were conected with the Roman Catholic church. We have here a country where Rome has for about four centures had right of way, and what do we find? Our Missionaries find amng the people of Mexico almost a complete divorce between moralty and religion it does not interfere with the average person's conception of religion to drink, gamble desecrate the sabbath, lead an immoral life or even murder or rob- one can do these things and still be religious if only outward conformity to the church is kept up. When Romanism took possession of the country the Indians did not give up their old idolatry, but simply transferred their worship from their old idols to the Christian saints. In their case some one has said: "Paganism was baptised, Christianity was paganized." We find here a people totally ignorant of the world of God. After all these centuries Rome still keeps the masses in ignorance of the true source of lights. Jesus is not to the average Cathholic in Mexico the one to whom he looks for salvation but Mary instead. Missions in Mexico means carrying the story of Jesus and his love to a people among whom a corrupted religion has destroyed all real knowledge of him and his saving power. Let those who look upon Romanism as Christanity see this country where she has ever chance for centuries, and see what has really happened.

"I know of a land that is sunk in shame. Where hearts oftn faint and tire. I know of a name, a precious name. That can set that land on fire. It's sound is sweet. Its letters flame. I know of a rame, a precious name—'Tis Jesus.

HERMAN WILCOX

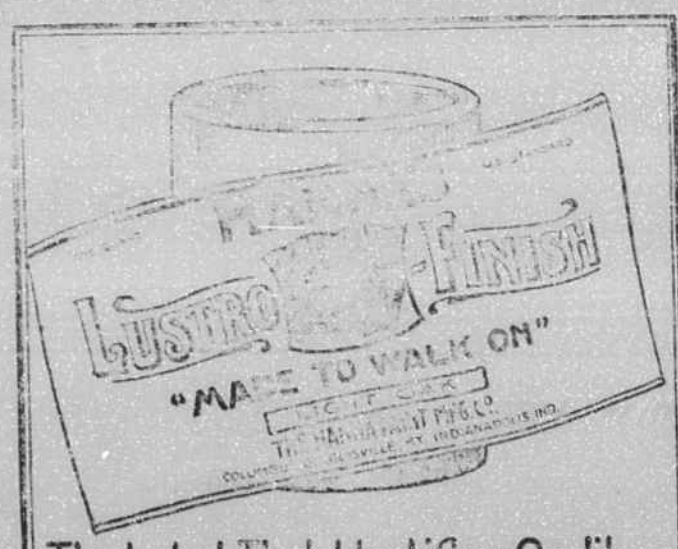
WHAT EXPERIENCE TEACHERS

Real success has been achieved thus far by the tobacco growers' co-ops of New England, of Tennessee and Kentucky, of Virginia and the Carolinas. Their members are netting more money for each pound of leaf produced, depending upon its grade and quality. This is a marked change from a few months ago when leaf could not be sold at any price. Tobacco growers in the middle states are about ready to imitate these successful examples.

In spite of over supply and lower prices for potatoes, the two or three co-ops in New Jersey and New York have been very helpful in marketing their members' potatoes this winter. Now the potatogrowers of Maine are finishing up their pledges to pool their crop for five years. That this is the only right thing to do requires no argument, yet as usual a few threaten to jeopardize the whole movement by staying outside.

Co-operative assembling, grading and marketing is the only proper way to handle, distribute and sell not only potatoes and tobacco, but all other products which are produced in sufficient quantity. Of course even such working together cannot add to values, but it can help the producer to get a larger share of the value. Some of these co-ops also are helping their members buy fertilizer, feed and other supplies direct in large quantity at lowest prices for spot cash.

Success depends upon management plus loyal membership. The peanut growers' co-op undertook too much, over-stayed the market, made losses and is being reorganized. Usually it is a hard job to start a co-op, but to run it successfully may be even harder. Profiting from others' failures and sticking close to its own business the growers of any special crop have much to gain and little to lose through associated marketing. This is further demonstrated by the splendid success of our organized dairymen.



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When you re-finish your floors or woodwork make a GOOD job of it. Use the brand of Varnish-Stain that wears and wears;—the one brand "Made To Walk On." It is

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It will make your floors look like real hardwood, the kind you can "see your face in." Because it is elastic, yet tough, it is the ideal finish for any surface that gets hard usage. Comes in the popular wood colors, Oak, Walnut, Mahogany, etc.

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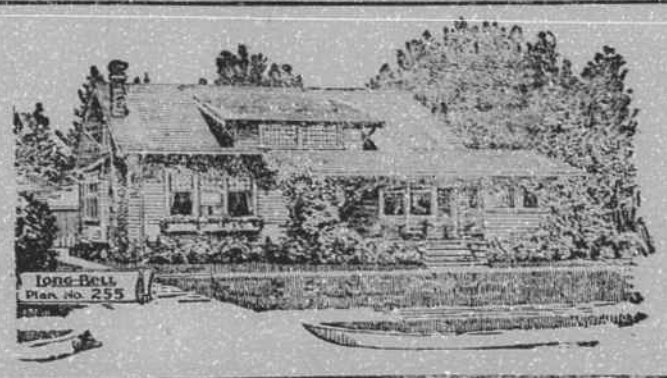

Do You Own a Lot In Boone?

If you do why not now begin to make preparations to build a nice house on it. Let the rent pay for it in a few years. Lots of people would like to come to Boone to live if houses were available.

If you don't own a lot proceed at once to buy one. The Watauga Building and Loan will help you to own a home. Don't make the mistake of waiting until you need a loan before subscribing your stock. Remember that those carrying stock are entitled to loans first.

Pay your dues promptly on thefirst Monday in each month and save a fine of two cents per share.

D. J. Cottrell, Pres. H. H. Greene, Sec.Treas.

BOONE,, N. C.

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BOONE, N. C.

Cash Grocery Store

We are now open to the public and have enjoyed a nice business during these few days of our business existence, for which we are grateful.

As stated previously our line is complete and the quality of the goods offered is good.

We solicit your trade, anyway, come in and we feel sure you will be proud of the nice new and thoroughly modern grocery store which has been started i n your midst.

It will be to your interest to form a habit of buying your groceries here. We sell for cash and therefore for the lowest consistent prices.

The Cash Grocery
H. H. McDOUGALD, Prop.