

2nd Annual Training School at M. E. Church

The second annual Standard Training School will begin at the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will continue through Friday night. Last year this school was pronounced the most successful in Southern Methodism, and it is the desire of the leaders that this one will be even more successful.

The instructors and courses offered are:

- Bible, the New Testament, Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick.
- Worship, Mr. P. M. Williamson.
- Principles of Teaching, Mr. Paul F. Evans.
- Pupil Study, Mr. L. F. Tuttle.

A goal of 100 credits has been set, but leaders would be pleased to go even beyond that.

FIRE FIGHTERS BURN TO DEATH AT DAMASCUS, VA.

Bristol, Tenn., April 8.—Dick Cornett, about 44, and Robert Keys, about 23, both government fire wardens, were burned to death Sunday afternoon when they were trapped in a forest fire two miles from Damascus. Cornett and Keys were in a crew of 25 men fighting a blaze that was discovered early Sunday afternoon and began sweeping across a 300-acre timber tract. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the crew suddenly was encircled by a huge blaze that closed in around them. Twenty-three members of the crew fled to safety. Sam R. Broadbent of Bristol, supervisor of the Unaka National Forest; G. T. Parker of the Virginia forestry service, and W. G. Thompson, led more than fifty searchers during an eight-hour search before the bodies were discovered.

The bodies were found at 12:30 o'clock this morning. Both were badly burned.

The blaze, believed to have originated from a carelessly tossed match or cigarette, destroyed about 300 acres of timber, including about 40 acres of private property inside the range.

More than 60 men, including a number of Norfolk and Western railway section laborers, combated the blaze. At 8 o'clock yesterday evening it was brought under control.

BLAIR MAY RESIGN JOB AS REVENUE COMMISSIONER

Washington, April 8.—A persistent report here says that David H. Blair will resign as commissioner of internal revenue. The story is that he wants to rest and attend to his private business. Mr. Blair was ill last year and underwent an operation for appendicitis, recovering and feels quite well, but his service here has been very strenuous, and four years more would break him up. No intimation has come from the White House or elsewhere that Mr. Blair would drop out but his friends expect him to act soon. Mr. Blair's home is in Winston-Salem.

CHAS. G. DAWES IS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO LONDON

Washington, April 9.—Former Vice President Charles G. Dawes has been selected by President Hoover as ambassador to Great Britain and formal announcement awaits only word from London that he is acceptable to the British government.

Another ice age is predicted in about 30,000 years, so it may be a good idea to keep those Florida lots.

DO YOU LIKE TO LAUGH?

If you do you mustn't miss "JINGLE BELLS"

The Funniest Story in Years

By FRANK R. ADAMS

Nationally Famous Author

Read about a fat Romeo; the Old Soldiers' Home; the escaped convicts; the missing pearls; and the automobile known as "Grandmother!"

JINGLE BELLS STARTS

Next Week in the Watauga Democrat

\$21,660,950 FOR SCHOOLS, 1929-31

Last Legislature Very Liberal With Appropriation for Education; Local Institution Gets \$60,500 for Permanent Improvements

News and Observer.

The legislature of 1929, in appropriating \$21,660,950 for educational purposes for the biennium 1929-31, exceeded by \$4,037,757 the previous high water mark, established by the assembly of 1927 in appropriating \$17,623,193.

The figures include the equalizing fund, which amounts to \$13,000,000 for the biennium, double that of the present biennium, and the permanent improvements fund of \$1,118,380, a reduction from \$3,755,000 for the present biennium.

Prior to 1927, the assembly of 1923 was most generous to schools despite the fact that it provided for an equalization fund of only \$2,500,000 for the biennium. The total was boosted that biennium by an item of \$7,375,000 for permanent improvements, the highest on record.

Commenting on the avalanche of criticism that has befallen the late assembly by virtue of its school legislation, Representative M. W. Nash of Richmond, a member of the house committee on appropriations, pointed out that the 1929 assembly was more generous toward the schools than any of its predecessors, and not one cent of the \$21,660,950 comes from tax on land but will be raised by indirect taxation.

"When the facts of the appropriations become known by the general public, there will cease to be criticism of the actions of the legislature and its attitude toward the public schools of the state," Representative Nash declared.

Regarding the Hancock substitute for the McLean bill, the measure carrying administrative provisions which have raised a storm among school folk, Representative Nash stated:

"... the school bill as passed instead of working any injury to the educational system of the state should, by putting proper business methods in the school system, work a great good, and by following rules and regulations prescribed in the school act there should be a great saving caused by the proper and efficient organization and management of the schools."

Appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 1929, for permanent improvements, follows:

University of N. C.	\$ 261,000
N. C. State	50,000
N. C. C. W.	97,500
East C. T. C.	283,000
Appalachian Normal	60,500
Negro A. & T. College	25,000
Elizabeth City Normal	12,500
Payetteville Normal	50,000
N. C. Negro College	45,000
Cherokee Indian School	25,800
N. C. Deaf School	57,080
State Blind School	150,000
Total	\$1,118,380

Appropriations for public school maintenance for the biennium were:

Administration	\$ 262,580
Equalization Fund	13,000,000
Farm Life Schools	50,000
Vocational Education	350,000
Indus. Rehabilitation	50,000
Teacher Training	104,000
Rural Libraries	20,000
Total	\$19,814,580

The maintenance appropriations for state institutions were:

University of N. C.	\$1,723,400
N. C. State	882,400
Cooperation Extension	350,000
N. C. C. W.	949,700
E. C. T. C.	408,800
Cullowhee	125,540
Appalachian	141,500
Cherokee	65,200
A. and T.	130,000
N. C. Deaf School	296,000
State Blind School	290,100
Blind Aid Fund	4,000
W.-S. Teacher College	102,400
Elizabeth City Normal	76,000
N. C. Negro College	93,000
Payetteville Normal	80,000
Total	\$5,708,065

Added to these sums, the \$469,949 appropriated to match federal aid appropriations makes the total of \$21,660,950 the last legislature appropriated for education.

Pastors' Conference to Hear Dr. Henderson

Dr. J. T. Henderson of Knoxville, Tenn., secretary of the Laymen's Brotherhood of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the chief speaker at the pastors' conference of the Three Forks and Stony Fork Baptist associations, which will be held at Boone Baptist church next Monday, April 15th. Pastors, deacons and Sunday school superintendents of the two associations are urged to attend the conference.

The program for the two sessions of the conference is as follows:

- ### Morning Session
- 10 o'clock—Devotional services: Power of Prayer, L. C. Wilson.
 - 10:30—A Program of Work for our Sunday Schools, W. O. Gordon.
 - 11—The Relationship of a Deacon and His Pastor, I. G. Greer.
 - 11:30—Duties of Deacons, Dr. J. T. Henderson.
 - 12:15—Dinner served by the ladies of the church.
- ### Afternoon Session
- 1:15—Devotional service: Power of Faith, D. J. Wheeler.
 - 1:45—Our Part in a World Program, Smith Hagaman.
 - 2:30—Stewardship, Dr. Henderson.
 - 3:30—Business.
 - 4:00—Adjournment.

FEDERATION OF LABOR WILL PROSECUTE KIDNAPPERS

Elizabethton, Tenn., April 7.—The influence of the American Federation of Labor and all its allied organizations was pledged today by William Green, president of the Federation, to the prosecution of alleged kidnapers of two labor organizers, who charge several Elizabethton citizens with forcing them to leave town.

Green's promise was made in a speech delivered here this afternoon to more than 3,500 persons.

Shortly before he made his speech Green talked with the two organizers, Edward McGrady and Alfred Hoffman, heard their version of the incident which brought him from Washington to Happy Valley and then made his public pledge.

"They will be prosecuted to the fullest extent in criminal and civil courts," the labor leader said while the crowd cheered.

The attempted kidnapping of J. B. Penix, federation representative, who organized a local of the United Textile Workers of America during the recent strikes here, was referred to by Mr. Green. "When your rights are assailed, when violence is used to attack the freedom and liberty of your people by men governed by passion, the millions represented by the Federation of Labor rise to your defense," he declared.

After his address President Green held a conference with union leaders. They said they intended to confer with Hoffman and McGrady and possibly draw up a list of other "alleged business men" the two said had a part in the alleged kidnappings. Six Elizabethton business men have been charged with felonious assault in connection with the incidents.

N. C. CONGRESSMAN GIVES UP OFFICE ADJOINING NEGRO'S

Washington, April 8.—Frank Clarkson, superintendent of the house office building, said today the key to the office assigned Representative George M. Pritchard, North Carolina Republican, had been returned. He added that Pritchard's secretary made no reference to the fact that the office was next door to that of Representative De Priest, negro of Chicago. Clarkson said that at the present there was no other office in the building to assign to Pritchard.

MRS. W. B. BAIRD DEAD

Mrs. W. B. Baird, aged 81 years, died at her home near Valle Crucis last Thursday, following an illness with heart trouble and dropsy. Interment was in the Baird graveyard on Friday, following a funeral service conducted by Revs. R. A. Taylor and L. F. Kent.

Deceased, besides her husband, who was formerly sheriff of Watauga county, is survived by the following children, all of whom were present for the funeral: John Baird of Elizabethton, Tenn.; Charles, Cluster and Clay Baird of Valle Crucis; T. J. Baird of Wilmington; and Mrs. Bonnie Mast of Sugar Grove.

COUNTY SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN

Named by Board of Education at its April Meeting for Fifty-five White and Three Colored Schools

The county board of education, in session on the first Monday in April, made the following appointments of school committeemen for the various school districts in the county:

- ### Boone Township
- Boone—W. H. Gragg, W. G. Hartzog and John E. Brown.
 - Oak Grove—J. C. Hodges, Linel Ward and Lee Gross.
 - Howards Creek—L. B. Hodges, J. J. Miller and W. B. Culler.
 - Rutherford—Hubert Cook, Dock Edminsten and Eller McNeil.
 - Poplar Grove—Pink Winkler, Mrs. James Hodges and Fred Winkler.
 - Liberty Hill—Frank Hollers, Ed Walls and W. P. Moody.
 - Brushy Fork—S. E. Edminsten, T. L. Mast and Andy Greer.
 - Boone (colored)—Roxford Horton, Ed Folk and Ronda Horton.

Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock—J. T. Miller, E. G. Underdown and John Lentz.

Blue Ridge

Bamboo—A. J. Edminsten, Geo. Keller and Ira Critcher.

Aho—Joseph Greene, Granville Story and Marion Coffey.

Penley—Roby Penley, Millard Coffey, L. Bradshaw.

Bradshaw

Bradshaw—Alex Greene, W. N. Story and J. Milton Bradshaw.

Cook—H. H. Greene, C. M. Hampton and John Trexler.

Middle Fork—Thos. Vandyke, T. C. Hodges and Grady Greer.

Beaver Dam

Timbered Ridge—A. Y. Smitherman, A. C. Greene and Ray Tester.

Bethel—W. Y. Farthing, Clyde Perry and James Sherwood.

Forest Grove—Charlie Johnson, Don Hagaman and Spencer Warren.

Beaver Dam (colored)

Moore, Tom Banner and John Ray.

Bald Mountain

Todd—Jessie Holman and W. S. Miller.

Castle—Joe Phillips, Will Byland and Russell Vannoy.

River View—M. S. Miller, E. F. Moretz and Paul Norris.

Cove Creek

Cove Creek—Enoch Swift, A. J. Payne and Sam Atkins.

Silverstone—H. P. Cook, A. L. Wilson and A. N. Mast.

Laurel Branch

Laurel Branch—Ben Henson, Charlie Henson and James Mast.

Mabel—Spencer Dishman, Ed Williams, N. W. Church.

North Fork—John Isaacs, R. A. Thomas, Hiram Greene.

Zionville—A. N. Brown, Mrs. Vertie Thomas and A. L. Miller.

Elk

Upper Elk—Joe Wheeler, P. G. Carroll and Clay Hodges.

Lower Elk—John Hendrix, Chas. Triplett and Lee Minton.

Laurel Creek

Phillips—Oscar Ward, Mrs. Howard Simpson and Jordan Shull.

Rush Branch—W. J. Love, G. A. Edminsten and J. L. Glenn.

Windy Gap—Ira Edminsten, Lewis Harmon and H. A. Hagaman.

Rominger—Craft Presnell, Masten Trivett and Marion Rominger.

Johnson—W. J. Farthing, Walter Ward and Wm. L. Ward.

Keilerville—Will Harman, Roy Trivett and L. J. Presnell.

Laurel Creek (colored)—Eb Whittington, John Whittington and O. G. Mitchell.

Meat Camp

Miller—Avery Greene, D. C. Coffey and Harrison Baker.

Greene Valley—S. F. Ragau, Sam Norris and Bynum Gross.

Winebarger—Henry Proffit, A. W. Hodgson and Eugene Moretz.

Chestnut Grove—Carl Byers, D. L. Greene and Walter Greene.

Rich Mountain—Wayne Miller, L. E. Beach and G. F. Culler.

North Fork

Thomas—F. M. Thomas, J. R. May and Roby Thomas.

Pottertown—Dave Hockada, Rom Potter and Walter South.

Student Conference Largely Attended

The Western Student Conference of the Baptist denomination, was in session at the Baptist church here last Saturday and Sunday and the attendance was large. The conference was formed from representatives of the Baptist organizations in the following colleges: Cullowhee State Normal, Fruitland Institute, Boiling Springs, Mars Hill, Sylvia Collegiate Institute, and the Appalachian State Teachers' College. Representatives were present from all these with the exception of the Sylvia Collegiate Institute. Four sessions of the conference were held and the following program rendered:

Saturday Afternoon, 2 O'clock

Music, directed by Prof. I. C. Greer.

Devotional, "Seeking His Will," Prof. Blackwell, Mars Hill.

Recognition of visitors, P. A. Hicks, pastor.

Special music, Boiling Springs.

"Historical Survey of Baptist Student Work," Cleo Mitchell, Greensboro.

"Past Achievements a Challenge to Future Accomplishments," Lucile Knox, Boiling Springs, and Ethelene Cain, Boone.

Music.

"The Opportunity and Responsibility of a B. S. U. Officer," Winnie Rickett, Raleigh.

B. S. U. Discussion, led by Secretary Leavell.

Announcements and adjournment.

Saturday Evening 7 O'clock

Music.

Devotional, "Knowing His Will," Prof. Blackwell.

B. S. U. Discussion, led by Secretary Leavell.

Special music.

Address, "Open Fields for Christian Service," Inabelle Coleman, Greensboro.

Student expressions: "Why I am Planning to Become a Teacher," Harold Lazenby, Boone; "Why I am Planning to Become a Lawyer," N. F. Ransdell, Mars Hill; "Why I am Studying for the Ministry," Wyman Wood, Boiling Springs.

Address, "The Need for Consecrated Leadership," Dr. J. B. Davis, Boiling Springs.

Sunday Morning, 9 O'clock

Music.

Devotional, "Doing His Will," Prof. Blackwell.

B. S. U. Discussion, Secretary Leavell.

"Emphasis on Sunday School Work," Inabelle Coleman.

"Emphasis on B. Y. P. U. Work," Winnie Rickett.

Worship service, Secretary Frank Leavell.

Sunday Afternoon, 1 O'clock

Music.

Greensboro Conference, Inabelle Coleman.

Demonstration Council Meeting.

Boonet.

Ridgecrest, Ethel Gregg, Mars Hill; Cleo Mitchell, Greensboro.

Music, Fruitland.

B. S. U. Discussion, Secretary Leavell.

Devotional, "Loving His Will," Prof. Blackwell.

Benediction.

SINCLAIR MUST SERVE THREE MONTHS IN PRISON

Washington, April 8.—Harry F. Sinclair, under a supreme court decision today must serve three months in jail for contempt of the senate in refusing to answer all questions in the Teapot Dome oil investigations. The opinion of the court was unanimous.

The wealthy oil operator will have 25 days in which to ask for a rehearing before the mandate will be issued but rehearsals are seldom granted. In addition to the jail sentence he must pay a fine of \$500.

Watauga

Valle Crucis—Aubrey Farthing, W. W. Mast and C. D. Taylor.

Clark's Creek—James Byrd, L. A. Lowrance and Charlie Lawrence.

Dutch Creek—L. F. Townsend, P. E. Tester and E. C. Welch.

Shulls Mills—G. W. Robbins, Ed Harbin and Mrs. J. A. Moody.

Foscoe—H. O. Aldrich, Charlie Moon and E. B. Fox.

Grandfather—A. T. Townsend, Mrs. L. M. Hodges and John Fox.

Whiting—T. M. Coffey, Henderson Gragg and Mrs. Clarence Newton.

Baird's Creek—N. H. Earp, Reuben Walker and I. N. Minton.

Boone Fork—J. A. Gragg, Blaine Coffey and H. C. Hollifield.

LARKIN DIES AT A

High School Debating Team led by West Jefferson and Valley; Town to Elect New Officials on May 7th

Blowing Rock, April 11.—Funeral services were held last Sunday at the Cool Springs church for Larkin Hartley, who died at his home here after a prolonged illness. Mr. Hartley was 74 years old. Burial was in the family cemetery at Cool Springs. The services were conducted by Rev. Ed Hodges and Rev. Roe Payne.

Mr. Hartley is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Will Knight and Mrs. Winnie Simmons, and one son, Tal Hartley, all of Blowing Rock.

Debating Teams Lose

The Blowing Rock high school debating teams were defeated here and at West Jefferson in the triangular debate last week. Paul Foster and Jay Knight, upholding the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved that the United States should enter the World Court," were defeated here by Glade Valley, and Lucile Reid and Bynum Crisp, the negative team, by West Jefferson.

Although neither team won a decision, both were complimented highly as having presented an excellent showing for inexperienced debaters. None of the debaters had ever appeared before in a formal debate.

Town Election

The town election will be held the first Tuesday in May, under an order issued by the town board of aldermen at its last meeting. A mass meeting for nominating candidates will be held April 25 in the school auditorium. Miss Doris Greene has been appointed registrar. She is keeping the books open at the Barnhardt-Sengle hardware store.

Swicegood McCubbins

The first of the weddings which summer always sees performed in the Episcopal church here, famed for its Daingerfield mural, St. Mary's of the Hills, took place Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, when Miss Sarah Swicegood of Spencer and Mr. D. B. McCubbins, clerk of the superior court, Salisbury, were married by Rev. Hardin of Salisbury, in the presence of about 50 friends and relatives who drove from Charlotte, Salisbury and Hickory for the occasion. Following the wedding, Mrs. Swicegood, mother of the bride, entertained the guests and bridal party at an informal reception given at the New Watauga Inn.

Junior-Senior Reception

The Junior-Senior reception of the Blowing Rock high school will be held Saturday evening in the Central Hotel. Committees of pupils are now at work preparing an entertainment that is expected to provide plenty of amusement for all who attend.

Would Develop Park

A committee appointed by Mayor C. C. Robbins is now at work on plans for carrying out the suggestion of T. H. Broyhill of Lenoir that the town acquire the property fronting in Mayview Lake and develop it into a town park, with a bath house and swimming pool.

Mr. Broyhill made the suggestion in a letter to Mayor Robbins, saying that he and Mrs. Haworth of High Point would donate their property fronting on the lake if the town would acquire the rest and develop it into the park.

The committee met Saturday afternoon, looked over the property, discussed the possibilities for a park, and prepared to make recommendations for the development. They will report some time later to the mayor.

The committee is composed of Lee Robbins, C. S. Prevette, E. C. Underdown, Mrs. N. C. Greene and Mrs. Rupert Gillett.

Preparing for Opening of Hotel

H. C. Martin has arrived in town and is making arrangements for the opening of the Martin cottage at an early date.

Donald Bowden, manager of Mayview Manor and the Blowing Rock Hotel has arrived here. He has not yet announced his plans for opening the hotels, but it is understood that they will open about the usual date.

Preaching at M. E. Church

Rev. C. H. Moser will preach in the Methodist church Sunday morning and everybody cordially invited to attend the service.