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EPWORTHIANS HELD SPLENDID MEETING

Record-Breaking Attendance at Conference Which Was in Session Here This Week; Gratifying Reports.

The Epworth League conference which closed here last night has been pronounced by all who were in any way connected with it as being the greatest annual convention that the league has ever held. The attendance broke all previous records, almost doubling that of any former conference, the enrollment of delegates reaching nearly three hundred.

The young Epworthians were entertained in the homes of Morganton and since Monday the town has been practically given over to their entertainment and pleasure.

The delegates began arriving on Monday's trains and the opening session was held Monday night. At that time a very cordial welcome was extended the visitors by Mr. W. M. Shuford, chairman of the local entertainment committee. Response was made by Rev. Clifton Ervin, of Dallas. Following an address by Dr. J. B. Craven, president of Davenport College, Lenoir, a social hour for the purpose of getting acquainted was enjoyed.

Both Tuesday and Wednesday were days jam full of work and interesting features. The leaguers began each day with sunrise prayer meeting at 6:30 o'clock. The early service Tuesday morning was conducted by Rev. T. A. Groce of Statesville and like the Wednesday morning service, which was led by Rev. J. O. Ervin of Sparta, was very impressive.

On Tuesday after the morning devotion conducted by Rev. Clifton Ervin, of Dallas, the conference settled down to regular business sessions. W. W. Edwards, of Asheville, presiding, and Miss Emily Mathis, also of Asheville, secretary, assisted by Miss Louise Wilson of Morganton. The delegates having been enrolled and all committees for the forthcoming year appointed, officers' reports were heard. These showed marked progress and the organization of many new leaguers.

The entire conference was then divided into groups and in the school of methods an intensive training course in league methods was engaged in, the faculty being composed of Miss Alice Crone, of Tampa, Florida, and Rev. H. R. Deal of Asheville, Mrs. V. R. Patterson of Winston-Salem, Rev. W. K. Cunningham of Antilla, Cuba, Miss Gertrude Falls of Charlotte and Miss Grace Bradley of Asheville.

Rev. L. A. Falls, of Charlotte, who was on the program for an address on life work, was detained by illness, but his subject was well handled by Miss Alice Crone.

Miss Ruby Hamilton, of Charlotte, conducted the afternoon devotion, which was followed by a report of the field secretary, Miss Grace Bradley.

Following adjournment the delegates were taken on an automobile drive and to the School for the Deaf for a picnic supper.

An inspirational address by Dr. H. G. Hardin, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church, Charlotte, was the big feature of the program Tuesday evening.

"A Call for Personality" was his subject for an especially strong appeal for Christian service. He said that the supreme call is the call for personality, that the man who thinks and prays, has a trained mind and an unselfish heart, is the man who accomplishes most. He closed with this appeal: "Put your life in the hands of Him who would use you for the salvation of the world."

Mrs. Ira Askew, of Asheville, led the devotional services of the Wednesday morning meeting. During

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MR. F. O. CANNON IS NEW TOWN MANAGER

Practical Engineer, Formerly With Southern Power Com- pany, to Manage the Town's Affairs

At a special meeting of the town council Monday night Mr. F. O. Cannon was chosen town manager to fill the place recently made vacant by the resignation of Mr. C. R. Claywell. Mr. Cannon's election was unanimous.

Mr. Cannon comes to Morganton highly recommended as a practical engineer and an all-round good business man. He was for three years in the employ of the Southern Power Company, part of that time located at Bridgewater. He is therefore not altogether a stranger in Morganton where he is favorably known to a number of citizens, who joined in recommending him to the board.

More recently Mr. Cannon has been engaged in highway construction work in Stanley county.

He expects to come to Morganton within the next week or ten days to enter upon his new duties.

"Self-determination" seems merely a diplomatic phrase for allies' determination.

MISS HARIOTTE G. COLE DIED TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Aged Lady Died At Home of Ne- phew; Remains to Old Home At Newbern For Burial.

Miss Hariotte G. Cole, aunt of Dr. L. M. Taylor and Mr. James C. Taylor, died at the home of the latter Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. She would have been 94 years of age next September, her death removing one of the oldest persons in this section of the State.

Until the past winter Miss Cole had been in unusually good health for her age. Several months ago she became sick and from that time there was a gradual decline until the end, which was hastened by a more severe attack a few weeks ago.

Miss Cole lived for almost half a century at Chapel Hill, and because of her interest and acquaintance at the university she was well known throughout the State. She was a woman of keen intellect and unusual ability, retaining these in old age to a marked degree.

Leaving Morganton yesterday afternoon the remains, accompanied by Messrs. Jas. C. and Erasmus Taylor, are being taken to Newbern, the old family home, where her only sister, Mrs. F. C. Roberts, resides. The funeral and burial services will be held there today.

During her residence here Miss Cole had won many warm friends. She was of a sweet, gentle nature, quiet and unassuming. A staunch member of the Methodist church she was faithful to its principles, and Methodism in this State has been much blessed by the influence of her consecrated life.

GOVERNOR PASSES THROUGH

Governor Cameron Morrison gave Morganton a fleeting glance yesterday afternoon on his way from Blowing Rock to Charlotte. The Governor has been at Blowing Rock and returned by way of Linville and Marion to Morganton and on to Charlotte. The Governor was on a road-inspecting tour and seemed greatly pleased with the outlook for a system of good roads for this mountain section. He was accompanied by Mr. W. H. Wood of Charlotte and the party was traveling in the Governor's private car.

MR. JOHN A. LACKEY DIED SUNDAY MORNING

Prominent and Influential Citi- zen, a Leader in His Com- munity and in the Coun- ty, Has Passed Away

Ex-Sheriff John A. Lackey, a leading citizen of Quaker Meadows town-ship and one of the most prominent and influential men in Burke county, died Sunday morning at his home near Morganton. He had been sick since March 3rd and though at times since then his condition had been considered serious until last Wednesday when he became much worse he had appeared to be getting gradually better.

The funeral was held Monday morning at Oak Hill church, of which he was a leading member, and interment made in Oak Hill church yard. Rev. C. M. Pickens, of the Morganton Methodist church, conducted the services.

Mr. Lackey's age was 68 years and 2 months, having been born April 19th, 1853. He was a native of Cleveland county, his mother being a member of the Falls family, of Fallston, but had made his home in Burke since young manhood. He graduated at Rutherford College in May 1875 and had been a member of the board of trustees of that institution for many years, secretary to the board since its reorganization in 1898.

His third wife, who was Miss Lillie Roderick, and nine children survive, six daughters and three sons—Mrs. H. O. Houk, Mrs. J. L. Garrou, Mrs. P. A. Franklin and Mrs. Finley Clark, of Morganton; Mrs. E. E. Vickers, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Edgar Shull, of Elizabeth, Tenn.; O. E. Lackey, of Washington, D. C.; J. E. Lackey and Master Dickson Lackey of Morganton.

His first wife was Miss Sallie L. Peeler, of Rutherford College, and all the children except the last one named are of that marriage. His second wife was Mrs. S. J. Benfield.

Mr. Lackey was sheriff of Burke county for several terms and was for a long time chairman of the county board of education. He was always active in every movement that looked to the educational, civic or religious advancement of his county.

All the children and two brothers, Dick and Pink Lackey, of Cleveland county, and a grandson, Guy Houk, of Washington, D. C., were here for the funeral.

Among the messages of sympathy received was one from T. H. Gatlin, of Washington, D. C., chief engineer of the Southern Railway, with whom Mr. Lackey was associated for a time in engineering work on this division.

A large assemblage of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral Monday morning and the grave was covered with many lovely floral designs.

Mrs. D. Kincaid, of Lowell, is visiting relatives in the county.

BOOST!

Boost and the world boosts with you,
Knock, and you're on the shelf,
For the world gets sick of one who'll kick,
And wishes he'd kick himself.

Boost when the sun is shining,
Boost when it starts to rain;
If you happen to fall, don't lie there and bawl,
But get up and boost again.

Boost for your own advancement,
Boost for the things sublime,
For the chap who's found on the topmost round
Is the BOOSTER every time.

—Selected.

LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

Short Items of Local and Per- sonal Interest Gathered During the Week.

Thelma Louise is the name of a little daughter born Wednesday, June 16, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lackey, of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gulley and children have taken rooms at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hairfield. Mrs. Alexander Taylor is desperately ill. The family and friends are much concerned about her condition. Friends will regret to learn of the desperate illness of Dr. E. S. Warlick. His condition is considered serious.

There will be services at Mt. Calvary Lutheran church Sunday morning and evening. Everybody welcome. All members are expected.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor entertained at a tea on Thursday in honor of Miss Isabel Spears, who was the house guest last week of Miss Georgia Riddle.

Mr. Robert O. Huffman is erecting a beautiful bungalow of gray brick on his lot on West Union recently purchased from Mr. A. G. Lyman and adjoining the Lyman home place.

The Embroidery club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. N. McNairy at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Perkins. Mrs. C. O. Bristow and Miss Leah Howard were invited guests. An ice course was served.

Miss Georgia Riddle entertained on Thursday evening for her house guest, Isabel Spears, of Lillington. Various games of cards were played, after which ice tea and sandwiches were served.

Rev. F. K. Roof was called to Leesville, S. C., last week to perform the burial rites of a former member of his. It was by special request he buried him. The crowd at the funeral was estimated at 800.

OXFORD SINGING CLASS AT RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

The singing class of Oxford orphange will give a concert in the Rutherford College auditorium at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening, July 2nd. This class has made an enviable reputation for giving concerts of a high order—concerts that entertain and edify. From some comments already published regarding this year's concert it appears to be up to the usual high standard, and all who attend can be assured of an evening of real pleasure and profit.

WAS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT AT DAM

Walter Allman Almost Instantly Killed When Car Left Road At Linville Dam; Jagular Vain Cut On Shield.

Walter Allman, of Glen Alpine, was the victim of a distressing automobile accident which occurred Sunday night about eleven o'clock near the power house of the Southern Power Company on the Linville dam near Bridgewater.

The young man was riding with Garland Simpson, Frank Epley, Lewis Powell and a young man Whisenant, Simpson driving, when for some unknown reason the car left the road as they were coasting down the road from the top of the dam and plunged into the bank. Allman was thrown over the windshield and his jagular vein cut. None of the other occupants of the car were seriously hurt, though they suffered cuts and bruises. The car was considerably damaged but not beyond repair.

Simpson claims, it is said, that there was a lock up or some other trouble with the steering gear that caused him to lose control.

Allman was a young man, about 21 years of age, a son of the late John Allman. His mother lives near Glen Alpine.

VALUATION REDUCTION CONFIRMED BY BOARDS

Commissioners and Assessors Confirm Previous Action of Reductions.

A joint meeting of the board of county commissioners and county assessors was held Monday for the purpose of considering the blanket reduction of 33 1-3 per cent on real estate values previously ordered. The former action allowing this reduction was confirmed.

The tax rate was not announced. This will be determined and made public later. In this connection it should be pointed out that there will probably be little change in the amount of taxes each property holder pays for as valuations go down the rate necessarily increases, this to apply to both town and county taxes.

PLANS FOR FOURTH ARE TAKING SHAPE

Aeroplane for Day Has Been Se- cured and Many Other Big Attractions on the Day's Program; Fireworks.

Morganton will have a "sure-enough" celebration on the Fourth this year. It gives promise of being the biggest gala event that the town has ever indulged in and if the weather is favorable it is anticipated that around twenty thousand people will be here that day. The word comes that Catawba, McDowell and Caldwell are expecting to join with us that day in making this first group celebration such a success as will set a standard for succeeding ones.

Arrangements were made yesterday with Aviator Mike Palm of Concord for an air flight and aeroplane stunts. Mr. Palm will probably fly from Concord to Morganton on Saturday the 2nd so as to be on hand for exhibition flights early Monday.

A brief outline of the program for the day as now planned is about as follows:

10:30 to 11—Grand parade.
11:30 to 12:30—Novelty entertainments, these including the day fireworks, athletic contests, a mule race, humorous contests, automobile races, etc.

12:30 to 2—Basket dinner on court square for soldiers.

2 to 3—Address by R. E. Simpson, superintendent Southern Railway.

3 to 4—Fire drills and races, Morganton, Marion, Hickory and Lenoir companies participating.

4 to 5:30—Ball game, Lenoir vs. Morganton.

6:30 to 7:30—Band concert by Morganton, Hickory, Marion and Valdese bands on court square.

8:30 to 10—Fireworks, the most gorgeous display ever shown in Western North Carolina.

The New Theatre will run an all-day show to which all men in uniform will be admitted free.

Troop "C," N. C. National Guard, will be present and join in the parade.

The four counties are being posted and the event thoroughly advertised. A big time and a big crowd are expected.

NEW FOUNDRYMAN

The Oxford Foundry has secured the services of W. D. Ballington, an expert foundryman, of Shelby, to begin work with the opening of the new business, announcement of which was made last week. The foundry will be ready for work within the next few weeks.

BASKET DINNER ON JULY 4TH

The committee appointed for the purpose has been soliciting this week baskets for the dinner which will be served to the soldiers on July 4th. All persons or families who will contribute prepared food for this dinner are requested to notify Mr. R. E. Green, chairman of the committee.

EXTRA LEGISLATURE SESSION IS PROBABLE

Will Likely Be Called Within Next Few Weeks to Correct Financial Ills of Towns.

A Raleigh dispatch of the 16th says municipalities of North Carolina, some 40 strong, assembled there that day, passed a resolution and in a body went to the executive offices that afternoon and begged Governor Morrison to call the legislature in extraordinary session that their financial ills might be remedied before the cities bankrupt and forfeit their credit in the money markets.

The governor gave them a patient hearing, taking issue with the speakers on some of the propositions involved, and let them go with the assurance that he will call the council of state together just as soon as Judge Mannings returns from New York and lay the distressing situation before his cabinet.

Little doubt was felt, even in the mind of the governor, that the session must be convened if the cities are to get along this fall and winter. They can't borrow any money, even if local banks are willing to lend, because the borrowing under the laws they must now operate under, would be malfeasance and subject lender and borrower to criminal prosecution.

After an hour's discussion during which time the governor informed the representatives of the various cities that the extent of the municipal embarrassment had only today become known to him, the argument resolved itself into some spirited debate as to the best time to call the lawmakers back to correct the error of the regular session. The first proposal from the governor, indicating that he would comply with the request for a special session, was his offer to compromise and make the call for January, 1922.

DROP IN LIVING COSTS IN MAY

Retail food prices to the average family declined 4.8 per cent in May, as compared with April, while wholesale food prices dropped 5 3-4 per cent in the same period, according to statistics made public by the department of labor. General wholesale prices, including farm products, food, building materials, metals, house furnishings and miscellaneous commodities declined approximately two per cent during the month.

The decline from the peak prices of May, 1919, amounted to 33 per cent in retail food prices and 44 1-2 per cent in general wholesale prices. The drop in wholesale prices includes a 53 1-2 per cent decline in manufactured food products and a 52 per cent reduction in the prices of farm products, the statement said.

From April 15 to May 15 the retail price of butter declined 24 per cent; cheese 16 per cent; sugar 13 per cent; lard 9 per cent; pork chops and oleomargarine 5 per cent. Smaller reductions were noted for other commodities.

Retail prices of three articles which increased in price during the month were onions 44 per cent; cabbage 10 per cent and oranges 5 per cent.

MRS. SIFFORD DEAD

Mrs. Nancy L. Sifford, aged 92 years and 8 months, a sister of Mr. S. M. Asbury of this county, died June 13th at her home in Lincoln county and was buried on the 14th at Marvin church in the same county.

GILBOA CHURCH REPAIR FUND

A fund is being raised for the repair of Gilboa Methodist church, which is in immediate need of a new roof and other work to be done. The News-Herald will receive for the committee contributions for this good cause.

FARMERS' UNION MEETING 25TH

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Burke County Farmers' Union will be held at Valdese on the 25th.

COUNTY TO CONDUCT TYPHOID CAMPAIGN

Beginning July 18th Free Vaccina- tion Against Typhoid Will Be Administered to Burke Citizens.

Arrangements have been made by the board of commissioners of Burke county to have an intensive campaign of typhoid vaccination beginning on Monday, July 18th, and continuing until the work has been completed. The treatment will be given under the auspices of the county board of health by local physicians and vaccination will be free to any citizen of the county.

The campaign is being undertaken altogether from a preventive standpoint. If there is a case of typhoid in the county at present The News-Herald has not heard of it. Five years ago, the summer of 1916, there was a similar campaign, and since that time there has been a remarkable reduction in typhoid cases in the county. There has not been a death from typhoid or a case among those vaccinated then since that time, according to County Physician E. W. Phifer. Those who were given the treatment then should be vaccinated again as it is effective as a guard against typhoid for only a few years.

YOUNG HOY CROUSE DROWNED IN LAKE

Young Delegate to League Con- ference Drowned in Asbury Lake Late Yesterday Afternoon.

Casting a gloom over Morganton and bringing deep grief to the League Conference was the drowning late yesterday of young Hoy Crouse, delegate from Lexington. The young man, who was perhaps twenty years of age, had gone to the Asbury lake, about four miles from Morganton, and very popular as a swimming and bathing place, to go in bathing. When they got into the deeper water he told his companions he could swim but evidently he was not a good swimmer or was possibly attacked by cramps while in the water. When the boys were attracted by his struggles in the water he was going down the last time.

The body was soon recovered but all efforts at resuscitation proved futile. It will be sent to his home in Lexington today.

BASEBALL GAME AT VALDESE

The Valdese baseball team played an errorless game against Newton first team on the Valdese diamond Saturday. The score was 5 to 0 in favor of Valdese. Rutherford and Benfield, the batteries for Valdese, were in wonderful form. Rutherford struck out 13 of Newton's men, and walking none. The Newton boys netted three hits only off the local pitcher. Thurman and Phillips were the batteries for Newton. Thurman hit one man and walked one and let the Valdese boys have 12 singles, these well scattered. The Valdese boys were not able to score except in the 4th and 7th innings, while the visitors did not get beyond the second base during the entire game. A large crowd encouraged the home team.

MR. GILES IN OFFICE OF STEWART AT HOSPITAL

Mr. Ernest Giles has accepted a position in the steward's office at the State Hospital and has entered upon the work.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News- Herald Correspondents

VALDESE.

The young people enjoyed a party over the Ribet garage Saturday night. The hall is large and well adapted for social gatherings.

The Valdese band had their annual picnic last Sunday afternoon. The rain marred the afternoon somewhat, but the supporters reported a pleasant time.

The Sunday school of the Valdese Presbyterian church will have their annual picnic next Sunday afternoon. The children will leave the church about one o'clock.

Mr. Oreston Baker and Miss Christine Mourgia were quietly married on Thursday last at the parsonage by Rev. John Pons.

The hail storm last Sunday afternoon played havoc in and around Valdese. One house and one barn were struck and set on fire. The neighbors in both cases seeing the smoke put out the flames. The skeleton of the Pauline mills in East Valdese was blown over and so terrific did the wind blow for a while that the citizens are a little surprised more damage was not done.

GLEN ALPINE.

Last week Earl Butler, son of Mr. W. S. Butler, was bitten by a dog. The dog was killed and his head sent to Raleigh for examination. The laboratory pronounced the dog mad and Mr. Butler carried his son to Raleigh for treatment. The physician in charge told him the treatment had already been sent to Dr. B. L. Long and he could have his son treated here. This has been the rule of the institution for the past two years. The young man is undergoing treatment and seems to be all right.

Miss Ellen Trexler is back from Greensboro from the Greensboro College for Women.

Mrs. Russell Green and little daughter have gone to Winston-Salem on a visit to her sister.

The Baptist Sunday school expects to picnic out at Glen Alpine Springs sometime in the near future.

Rev. Dr. Clark, synodical evangelist of the Presbyterian church, has been up to pay us and his folks a visit. The Doctor looks well and we were glad to see him.

Miss Charlie Mae Hennessee and Miss Mattie Conley are back from school at Greenville, and Miss Hennessee has brought back some specimens of her work in basket making which look very nice and well done. Card and hanging seem to be the prevailing styles. This is part of the school work.

There will be services at the Baptist church Saturday night before the first Sunday in July at 7:30 o'clock conducted by the pastor, Rev. P. J. (Continued on sixth page)