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ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS MEETS

COUNTY TEACHERS GATHER TO DISCUSS WORK

Interesting Program Rendered And Keen Interest Manifested in Meeting.

The second meeting of the Transylvania County Teachers' Association was held at the graded school on Friday and Saturday of last week. Supt. Henderson presided, and made a few opening remarks when the teachers assembled Friday morning.

In the absence of Rev. Paul F. Brown, who had been appointed to lead in devotional exercises, Rev. A. J. Manly read a paragraph of Scripture and led in prayer. The program was then taken up.

The first topic, "How to Study," based on one of the books in the teachers' reading course, was led by C. M. Gallamore. Mr. Gallamore contended that study should be required, and that it should begin early. Entertainment alone is not sufficient; work must be done. Only the very small ones should be excused. In regard to the idea of neglecting non-essentials, he said that this was in some respects very dangerous. He believed that everything in the text book should be taught.

Miss Daisy Holcom took up the second topic on the program, which was "Story Dramatization," and read a well prepared paper. According to her paper children are born dramatists, and the talent should be made use of. By this means the speaking voice is developed; self-forgetfulness is induced. The process should be carried through all the grades, but is very difficult unless begun in the first, before self-consciousness has set in.

Miss Hattie Aiken continued the same subject, emphasizing some points necessary to be considered by the teacher, such as allowing to the children as much freedom as possible. She then had a class of children to dramatize the story of "Epanimondas," which was done with considerable success.

"The Foundations of Method" was next discussed by Oliver Orr in a brief but logical and comprehensive address. Mr. Orr pointed out that the nature of the child on first entering school gave the foundation of methods to be emphasized in his education. At that time the child is full of activity, enjoys this activity, and consequently develops. The teacher should strive to keep this activity alive and direct it to useful ends.

Miss Elise Walker next read some selections on the subject of Nature Study, which were very interesting and afforded many hints to the alert teacher as to the ways in which this important branch of study might be pursued.

"Construction Work" was introduced by Miss Mary Underwood, and a display of work done in the school rooms was called for. The response to this was not general, but a few striking specimens were exhibited. Miss Underwood had brought some work done by the primary grades at Rosman. Miss Julia Owen of Calvert showed some excellent work in coloring of flowers and birds done by pupils in her school.

Miss Mary Rankin of English Chapel had for display some beautiful table covers worked by her children. All this display work went to prove what a new and live element had been introduced into the schools of this county. The fossils are gradually being eliminated.

The last thing on Friday's program was the meeting of the County Betterment Association, presided

S. S. ASSOCIATION HAS THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

STATE SUPERINTENDENT MAKES ADDRESSES

Interesting Program Carried Out By Sunday School Workers Of the County.

The Transylvania Sunday School Association held its opening session in the Presbyterian church last Saturday night. Rev. Lewis Collins of Asheville and Mr. J. Van Carter of Raleigh, representatives of the state association, were present, and conducted the introductory meeting.

Sunday morning the usual exercises of the Sunday schools were held in the various churches. Sunday afternoon at 3:30 a second session was held in the Presbyterian church, which was well attended. Rev. C. D. Chapman presided at this meeting. The principal speakers were Mr. Carter and Mr. Collins. Mr. Carter gave an interesting and instructive account of what the great Sunday school organization is doing. Mr. Collins spoke chiefly of the importance of teachers' meetings, and how they should be conducted.

Sunday night at the Baptist church there was a mass meeting in which all the Sunday schools were represented. The auditorium of the church was full of people, who gave close attention to Mr. Carter and Mr. Collins as they continued to urge the claims of Sunday school work. Both the speakers were thoroughly familiar with the great subject, and their appeals were evangelistic in their nature.

The work of the last day of the association began in the Presbyterian church at 10 a. m. Monday.

After devotional services the business session commenced.

Suggestion to have a press committee composed of Sunday school secretaries in the county, reporting the work in their schools to the county secretary, who should seek to arrange for its publication week by week that the Sunday school idea may be kept before all of our people and each school be helped by the experience of all of the others.

At 10:15 the program was taken up, three addresses being given: "The Economic Value of the Sunday School," by Robert L. Gash; "County Organization," by J. M. Hamlin, and "Sunday School Music," by M. J. Orr. A paper on the Home Department was read by Miss Bettie Armfield and voted to be so very helpful that its publication in the near future was requested.

There was a free discussion of the possibility and helpfulness of having a local co-operative Bible class to include something of the teacher training and the organized class ideas. The subject was postponed for further action in the afternoon.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, after which a discussion of "House to House Visitation" was commenced by Miss Margaret Breese who was followed by several others. At its close the following resolution

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POPULARITY CONTEST ENDS ON WEDNESDAY

CLOSING HOUR IS EIGHT O'CLOCK PROMPTLY

All Subscriptions to Count For Votes Must Be in Office By That Time.

First Prize—\$300 Milton Colonial Grand Piano.

Second Prize—Rock Hill Buggy, value \$75.

Third Prize—Majestic Range with cooking ware, value \$75.

Fourth Prize—Gold Rockford Watch, value \$18.

Fifth Prize—Tailor Made Suit, value \$18.

Special Prizes—In each township, a \$5 Oak Rocking Chair.

The great popularity contest of the News closes next Wednesday night promptly at eight o'clock. No votes, or subscriptions to be counted in the contest, will be received after that time. Promptly at that hour the judges will take charge of the votes, and make the final count to determine the winners of the several prizes offered.

The prize winners will be announced in the issue of the News next week. No questions as to who is ahead or who is going to win will be answered by the News force. In the first place no one knows just how any one of the candidates stands beyond the figures as published on another page, and if any member of the office force knew any further the information would not be divulged. So save yourself embarrassment by not asking questions.

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HILL FAMILY REUNION

On October 15 there was held a reunion of the S. W. Hill family at the home of Mrs. S. F. Norton near Brevard. All of the living children were present with the exception of one son, E. D. Neill, of far away Oklahoma. Although we all felt the loss of one who was with us at our reunion a year ago whom we all so dearly loved, we tried to make the gathering one of as much pleasure and profit to each other as possible under the circumstances. We all enjoyed being together and talked of many of the things of bye-gone days.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill of Victoria, N. C.; Mr. F. G. Hill of Oakway, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Nath McKinney of near Highlands; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Robinson of Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; Mrs. Robinson being a granddaughter; Mrs. J. A. McGuire of Lake Toxaway and her two children; Mrs. Nannie McCarron of Hendersonville; Willie McGuire and Mrs. R. W. Norton of Brevard. There were several grandchildren who could not be here who would have added much to our enjoyment. According to arrangements our next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bearden of Oakway, S. C. Mrs. Bearden is a granddaughter. S. F. N.

Brevard, Oct. 30.

Prize Winners

Will be announced in the News next week.

Contestants take notice that all votes must be deposited in the News office not later than eight o'clock on next Wednesday night, November 8th. Subscriptions may be brought in up to that time and votes will be issued.

Positively no votes will be issued or received after the hour mentioned. Promptly at eight o'clock the judges, T. H. Shipman, Chas. E. Orr, and Welch Galloway, will begin the final count to determine the winners.

The final announcement of each of the prize winners will be made only through the columns of the News next week. Don't ask at the office for we will not be able to tell you until after the paper comes out.

Six Days Yet

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS FOR LAKE TOXAWAY HOTEL PROPERTY

Road Encircling Lake, New Laundry, Electric Power Plant, and Other Improvements Are Announced by Mr. Jennings Means Large Expenditure of Money.

Improvements and new developments of a far reaching nature involving the expenditure of large sums of money are announced by Mr. E. H. Jennings for Lake Toxaway. Mr. Jennings, who is president of the Colonial Trust Company of Pittsburg, is now the sole owner of the Toxaway property. For the past ten days he has been at Lake Toxaway looking over the property and planning the many improvements to be made. The majority of these are definitely decided upon and the contracts for the work have been let. Mr. Jennings left last Friday afternoon for his home in Pittsburg.

The biggest of the several things to be immediately undertaken at the Lake is the building of a twenty-four foot road around the lake. The lake itself, one of the most beautiful in all of the eastern portion of the United States, is about seventeen miles around, and the road in following the contour of the lake will necessarily be some thing longer than this, probably about twenty miles altogether. The road is to be graded and made of sand clay after the most modern and approved methods of road building, and will be one of the most important improvements made on the property since the original development there.

On the work of surveying the road there are at present engaged a number of engineers, and their work will likely be completed within the next week. As soon as the survey is completed and approved the work of building the road will be begun and steadily pushed to completion.

The second thing in importance is to be the building of an electric light plant for the lighting of the hotel and grounds. Power will be developed from the lake to the extent of about 250 horse power, and the hotel and the entire grounds will at night be made as brilliant as electricity can accomplish. The machinery for the hydro-electric development as well as the power house for the distribution of the current have already been ordered and the work will begin as soon as the machinery can reach the property.

Probably the next biggest thing will be the building of a nine hole golf course. Golf is recognized as one of the most popular sports in the country today. It is the one game that keeps the player out doors and at the same time does not require too much of physical exertion. At numbers of resort places golf has proven a strong drawing card for tourists, and the fact that Lake Toxaway will have a modern nine hole course will undoubtedly tend to make it even more popular in the future than it has been in the past. An English expert was recently over the

grounds to lay out the links. On the golf links for the convenience and comfort of the guests will be erected a twenty room club house of architectural design in keeping with the surrounding country, a central gathering place for the amusement of the guests which will be unusually attractive. The club house, as all the other buildings, will be lighted with electricity and will be appropriately furnished.

Quite a good deal of work will be done upon the Inn in the way of remodeling and improving the building. Forty new bath rooms will be added. The whole will be re-painted throughout, both the exterior and the interior, and made to look like new. The contract for this has been let to E. F. Gillespie of Brevard, and he will have a force of men at work on the job within the next week or so. This contract amounts in round figures to \$2,000.

Especially is the kitchen and all the departments of the Inn devoted to cooking to be done over and improved. An improved baking plant will be installed, the kitchen will have tile floors, and the walls are to be enameled, electric cooking arrangements put in, and the whole made as modern as possible.

The laundry building which was burned nearly at the end of the past season will be rebuilt and modern machinery installed. The entire plant will be operated by electricity.

Along the road which is to encircle the lake there is to be built a number of cottages for the benefit of those who will prefer their own private homes to staying at the hotel. Also it is understood that a limited number of lots on the lake front will be sold to desirable people who may wish to erect summer homes.

Altogether something like two hundred thousand dollars will be expended on the property in the immediate future. The most of this will be spent with the people of this county, for where practicable homefolks will be given the preference in performing the necessary work.

There is no doubt but that next season the string of hotels on the property—Toxaway Inn, Fairfield Inn and Sapphire Inn—will all be under the management of experienced hotel people who will be able to maintain the standard of hotel demanded by the tourists who annually visit the country. It is rumored that an electric car service will be installed to connect Toxaway with Fairfield, but nothing definite in this connection has yet been announced.

MISSIONARY JUBILEE

The second Sunday in November will be observed as Missionary Jubilee Day by the women of the various churches of Brevard. There will be two services on that day at the Methodist church. At the morning service, which will be for the women of the town alone, there will be presented an attractive program full of inspiration, and all the women of the town of whatever denomination, and whether affiliated with a church or not, are urged to attend. At the evening service the pastors of the several churches and the entire congregations are to unite in a joint service. The News will next week publish the full program for the services.

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