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CONVENTION

The county singing convention was held at the Catholic Church Baptist Church on Friday, Saturday and Sunday last. The weather was exactly right for such a meeting except that it was unusually hot and dusty. A large number of people met there during the three days from many parts of the county. In spite of the large crowd, a part of which could not get into the church, there seems to have been little or no disorderly conduct, but the visitors as well as the choirs were harmonious.

The program, as published some weeks ago in the News, was followed generally, but with some deviations. Rev. C. C. Duckworth was to make the address of welcome on Friday morning but was absent. Rev. Queen of Jackson county, who was to respond, was also absent. An opening address was made by Rev. I. N. Lee, pastor of the Baptist church at Rosman. During the session of the convention addresses were made by Rev. J. C. Owen of Asheville and Mr. I. A. Ruby, assistant pastor and choir leader in the First Baptist church of Asheville. Mr. Ruby also sang a solo, "The Ninety and Nine," immediately following his address, in which double duty he proved himself both a speaker and singer of ability.

Most of the time of the convention was taken up in singing. Conventional singing—that is, singing by all classes in concert—formed a special feature of the exercises during the morning hours. These choruses were led by class leaders and teachers, and they did their part well. In the afternoon the time was devoted principally to alternate class singing. The classes, which took part were: Gloucester, William McCall, leader; Carrs Hill, Ellis McGaha, leader; Catheys Creek, Mr. Cassell, leader; Cedar Mountain, J. W. Burns, leader; Glad Branch was not represented by a choir, but their leader, Wesley McCall, led in congregational singing, and helped in the class work.

The most noticeable feature of all this singing was good training. The choirs sang sacred songs in which soprano, alto, tenor, and bass were all represented, and the singers had been excellently trained in all their parts. There was no dragging, no ragged-edged time, no hesitation, such as are so often found in church choirs. Another very commendable thing was the clear enunciation of words, making the songs understandable. There were no elaborate trills and other kinds of frills, but simple, straightforward singing, that produced the effect on the audience of sermons in song.

Dinner on the grounds Friday and Saturday added much to the social enjoyment of the convention. Much to the regret of the people assembled, the Cedar Mountain choir, which gave so much pleasure by their singing on Friday, were compelled to leave Saturday morning and could not take part in the afternoon program.

Sunday morning Rev. J. C. Owen preached. His sermons always find eager hearers in Transylvania county. The convention adjourned Sunday at noon by order of the president, Mr. Joe Galloway, and Mr. J. L. Wright, secretary.

EMERSON MILLS

Readers of the News will be interested in learning of the marriage of Mr. Joseph Mills and Miss Chara Emerson, both of Olathe, Colorado. The marriage took place on Sunday, July 19th, and our information was gained by reading a copy of the Western Slope Criterion, of Olathe. Mr. Mills is well known in Brevard and this county, his former home being at the Mills place near Pisgah Forest. He is brother of Mr. James Mills of Pisgah Forest and Mr. Wade Mills of Brevard. He with his mother and sister left this county about seven years ago, and has since made his home in Colorado.

RECORDER'S COURT

In the last two weeks a number of cases have come up before the recorder and disposed of in open court. Following is the record of cases:

- State vs. Furman Anderson, colored, assault with deadly weapon. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs. Bob Smith, carrying concealed weapons, guilty, three months. Notice of appeal given and waived in open court.
- State vs. Thomas Brown, assault with deadly weapon. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs. James Smith, Furman Anderson, Charles Erwin, Gudge Smith and Rufus Smith, all colored, unlawful assembly. Furman Anderson and Charles Erwin not guilty. Rest guilty; three months on road and costs. Notice of appeal given and waived, and appeal bond fixed at \$200.
- State vs. Harland McGaha, escaping chain gang; thirty days and costs.
- State vs. Thomas Brown, assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.
- State vs. Alex Gaston, colored, assault with deadly weapon. Continued one week; \$200 justified bond.
- State vs. Charley Nichols, beating board, guilty; thirty days and costs.
- State vs. J. B. Kelley, forgery. Defendant waived trial, and bond over to Superior court. Justified bond fixed at \$500.
- State vs. Dillio Owen, assault. Continued one week.
- State vs. T. J. Loftis, trespass. Prayer for judgment and prayer continued on payment of costs.
- State vs. T. J. Loftis, drunkenness; \$12 and costs.
- State vs. Rob Smith and George Smith, assault. Rob Smith, not guilty. George Smith, three months on road.
- State vs. J. L. Hamlin, assault; \$5 and costs.

BLANTYRE ITEMS

I am proud to be correspondent for as wide-awake paper as the News. Brother McFlesh preached a very interesting sermon Sunday morning at Pleasant Grove on "The Taking of Jericho." Also in the evening at Blantyre school house, subject, "Charity." Both were very impressive.

Mr. Sheen is installing a canning outfit at Blantyre. This will be of great advantage to the farmers in a vicinity like Blantyre in saving waste product.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gash, jr., twin sons on Thursday of last week. Evidently Lee don't believe in race suicide.

Blantyre is forging to the front. C. E. Hythe has recently added some improvements to his mill property at this place.

C. E. Hythe is preparing to sell lands selling thirty or forty lots at this place at auction.

The recent inquiry of Bill Wray for Jack Stephens reminds us of our silent fear of our friend William going off in a matrimonial cyclone, but we hope our fear is unfounded.

Rev. Frank Woodfin is preparing to move to his farm near this place. Work on the building is now under way, and as soon as completed his family will again be residents of Blantyre.

A protracted meeting is now in progress at Boilston Baptist church. A great deal of interest is being taken in these services. Several professions have been made. We hope great and lasting good will be done. JACK STEPHENS.

FOR SHERIFF

Editor Sylvania Valley News: Having been asked by some of my friends to be a candidate for sheriff in the Democratic primary, I wish to say that if I am nominated I will make the race to the best of my ability, and if not I will help elect the man that is nominated. W. L. AIKEN. 7-31-14

WHAT'S TO BE DONE WITH 'EM?



SOME SCHOOL STATISTICS

For several weeks Superintendent Henderson, along with other work, has been busy with annual reports which fall due about this time of the year. If any one thinks that the county superintendent has nothing to do but sit in the shade, fan himself, and draw a big salary, he may have this delusion dispelled by taking a peep into the office and casting his eye over the papers and reports that have to be handled, filled, read over, noted down, and got into shape for statistical information. Out of this chaotic mass slowly emerge the various reports which the state authorities must know or languish for lack of knowledge. The financial statement appears elsewhere in these columns. This is for the benefit of the county people who want to know how the money is spent.

Among the things that go to swell the vast statistical depot at Raleigh are some items that ought to be of interest to the people at home. The following figures tell something about the general school conditions of this county.

The school census for the whole county shows 2447 white children and 224 colored, making a total of 2741, as against 2300 for 1912 when the last census was taken.

The enrollment for the school year just closed was 2084 white and 222 colored, total 2306. In 1913 the enrollment was 1870 whites and 157 colored.

The average attendance for the year just closed was 1363 whites and 137 colored, total 1500. For 1913 it was 1129 whites and 71 colored.

The gain in enrollment of whites was 214; in average attendance, 234.

There are at present twenty local tax districts in the county. They cover four of the eight townships, while in the other four one has two local tax districts and three have one each.

Eleven districts in the county have no special local tax. In these the average length of term for the year just closed was 80.6 days. In the twenty local tax districts the average term was 149 days, or exactly seven school months.

THE ANTI-TRUST BILLS

The Senate is now considering the anti-trust bills which are expected to pass in a short while as Congress is exceedingly anxious to adjourn and the only method of getting away is to pass the anti-trust bills. When these bills are passed the country will then have a long and much needed rest, which the President is anxious to give it and which all hands will gladly welcome.

REVIVAL SERVICES

The revival services which began on Sunday, July 19, closed Sunday night, July 26. They were conducted from Tuesday on till the close by Rev. J. A. Bryan.

A good deal of interest was manifested in these services, more particularly by church members of the different denominations. The preaching was purely evangelical and authoritative with constant appeals for people to make decisions on the great religious questions. Mr. Bryan did not preach any formal sermons. He talked to the people in a way that the children could understand, with abundance of illustration and stories from his own experience. It was impossible to hear him for any length of time without being impressed with his sincerity, the simplicity of his faith, and his unbounded earnestness.

About 15 persons, mostly young people, professed conversion and ten united with the church.

Mr. Bryan left last Monday morning for his home and work in Birmingham, Ala.

ETOWAH NEWS

The farmers of this section are pleased because of the fact that the long drouth has been broken. The prospects for good crops are in evidence.

We are glad to note that S. N. Merrill, our esteemed merchant, is able to be out again after a severe illness of several weeks.

The new school building is nearing completion and is a distinct credit to the community. It is a one room building but is so constructed that another room may be added when needed.

Mr. Girlic Shipman of Boylston visited friends in this section Sunday.

Quite a number of our people have been attending the revival meetings at Boylston during the last week. BILL WRAY.

BOYLSTON NOTES

At the beginning of last week our pastor, Rev. J. R. Limer, began a series of revival services which will continue during the present week. Rev. John Bomar of South Carolina is doing the preaching. Mr. Bomar is a good speaker and is doing effective work. Several persons have professed faith in Christ and many others are seeking the light.

Misses Carrie and Julia Glazener of Brevard visited friends in this section last Sunday.

Carl Orr recently distinguished himself by killing two large rattlesnakes near the same place and on the same day. Carl is not discouraged by the fact that his height (about 6 1/2 feet) will not permit him to join the army and defend us at the Mexican frontier but bravely destroys our local enemies.

Our little neck of the woods is taking on new life since the siege of measles has passed. Rev. J. A. Bryan.

PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar at the U. D. C. library grounds on Wednesday morning, August 5th, beginning at 10 o'clock. Fancy articles in cross-stitch and other handwork and candy will be for sale. All strangers and visitors cordially invited to come.

Mr. H. C. Carlisle, who was here last summer connected with the street paving work, has been in town for several days. As an Idaho man he is naturally familiar with western ponies and undertook to break some of the wild ones recently purchased here. In doing so he met with an accident last Friday which was at first feared to be serious. In mounting one of the restless ponies he received a wrench in the back which laid him up for a few days. He is again out and apparently all right, and he is Christian Science restored him.

BIG CROPS AND BOOMING BUSINESS

President Wilson is receiving good news from every section of the country in regard to increase business activity and general prosperity. The most potential factor in this direction is the big crops which are records this year. The wheat crops amount to about 950,000,000 bushels which is about 25% greater than our previous largest crop. John D. Farwell of Chicago who is the head of one of the large wholesale dry goods establishments stated to President Wilson last week that prosperity is not only coming but has already arrived. President Wilson has freely consulted with many of the large business men of the country recently and is learning from them what is most needed in the way of legislation to promote healthy business and industries and he has received some useful suggestion from these sources.