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## MINISTERIAL UNION

The following preachers of Brevard and surrounding county—Revs. A. W. McDaniel, J. N. Lee, C. C. Duckworth, Judson Corn, C. M. Carpenter, E. H. Norwood and W. M. Robbins—met in the pastor's study of the Methodist church Monday morning, March 1, 1915, for the purpose of organizing a ministerial union.

After devotional exercises the following officers were elected: Rev. A. W. McDaniel, president; Rev. W. M. Robbins, vice president; Rev. E. H. Norwood, secretary.

Revs. McDaniel, Chapman and Norwood were elected a committee to draft constitution, and Revs. Chapman, Corn and Robbins were elected program committee.

Rev. McDaniel was appointed to get up a paper on pastoral visiting for the next meeting. And then a half hour was spent very pleasantly in discussing "Sabbath and its work." After which the meeting adjourned to meet again the first Monday in April, at 10 o'clock a. m.

W. M. Robbins,  
Secretary Pro Tem.

## AN HISTORICAL FRIDAY

Thursday night of last week, after what would be called by comparison a long dry spell—so long that the street waterer was brought into requisition Thursday afternoon—a steady rain began to fall and continued to fall all night. Next morning the trees were covered with a coating of ice, and telegraph and light wires were bending under a weight of the same substance, a perfect set of icicles hanging from the lines, from one end of the town to the other. The rain continued falling all day Friday and the water continued freezing on its aerial supports, many of which broke down under the accumulated weight.

Limbs of trees were snapped off and littered the ground as if after a pruning axe. A great number of trees were uprooted. Light and phone lines swagged from uprooted poles or lay with broken ends on the street and highway. Electric power was cut off at once, and out of about 150 phones only fifty-three remained in communicating condition. As a result everything depending upon electric power came to a standstill, no lights were on during the day, and the Egyptian record was broken in town Friday night. As a result also, many messengers had to go on foot where at other times they would have gotten connection at Long Central.

Thanks to the prompt attention and tireless energy of J. H. Eskel, superintendent, S. E. Allison and others of the light and power crew, who worked over the line from Brevard to the power house, the electric trolley was running the wire by seven o'clock Saturday night. The repair was, however, only temporary, as great damage had been done.

The forests and orchards were also great sufferers from this remarkable frost of winter. It is impossible to estimate yet the amount of iron timber and fruit trees. In many cases—the top limbs of trees were so soft and weak as to render the life of the trunks doubtful. Apple trees on account of their wide branching, were among the easiest victims, and at the foot of nearly every pine tree lay a pile of green boughs.

Conditions in the phone system were not materially improved by the middle of the week. Mrs. J. C. Witmer, who was visiting in Baltimore on hearing of the havoc played by the ice, set out for home to get in touch with the situation. Such a Friday as last the oldest inhabitant had never seen. It will go down in the history of this section.

## Best Treatment for Constipation.

"My daughter used Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation with good results and I can recommend them highly," writes Paul B. Bibin, Brushy, La. For sale by all dealers. adv

## DEATH OF MRS. ANNA WILLSON

Mrs. Anna Willson, whose severe illness was mentioned in this paper last week, died early last Friday morning at the home of Mrs. H. L. DeLong, where she had been making her home for the past few months.

Mrs. Willson came to Brevard about six years ago. She was born seventy-two years ago in Abbeville county, S. C., where she grew to womanhood, and where she married Hugh Willson, also a resident of that section. She was educated at the One West Female College, and was for a long time a member of the old Long Grove Presbyterian church—a church which in the course of its history has enrolled the names of many of the leading people of Abbeville county. Her husband died about eighteen years ago. For many years Mrs. Willson has been a cripple and a partial invalid, but her friends knew her as a woman of active mind and cheerful Christian character, with the brave spirit born of her race.

She is survived by her only child, Miss Cora Willson, who has for several years been teaching in the public schools of this county.

The funeral services were held at Mrs. DeLong's on Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. E. H. Norwood and Rev. A. W. McDaniel, and the interment took place at Oak Grove cemetery. A number of friends were present at the house during the service.

The pall bearers were: T. S. Wood, W. J. Puette, C. H. Trowbridge, J. B. Sumner, T. C. Henderson and A. B. Riley.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all those kind people in this community, who, during my mother's sickness and at the time of her death gave so much assistance and manifested so much sympathy. Their kindness will be remembered always.

Miss Cora Willson.

## BEEF CATTLE INDUSTRY

The North Carolina Beef Breeders' and Feeders' Association is offering a number of valuable prizes for the best beef cattle survey made by any boy or girl in the school district in which he or she lives. The plan in the survey is to exhibit the interest of the young people in the necessity of producing more beef cattle from the standpoint of profit, feed production and farm improvement. By thus educating the children, the parents will also become interested in an industry which is yearly increasing in importance.

Diversification in farming is greatly needed in every rural community in our county, and there is no branch of agriculture which offers greater opportunity of more inducements for growers' share and larger profits than the beef cattle industry which is being encouraged by the above named association.

We believe that North Carolina can grow beef cattle and fatten them for the market as cheaply as any other state in the Union, and that Transylvania county is as well suited to this branch of the farm industry as any county in the state.

Blanks for a beef cattle survey will soon be sent to the teachers of the county to be furnished to the boys and girls who wish to enter the contest.

The several prizes are as follows: One pure bred beef bull calf; One pure bred Berkshire boar; One \$25 live stock library.

Five individual prizes, consisting of recent books on live stock.

Dr. D. H. Hill will give a prize to be decided later. Other prizes will probably be added to the list later.

It is to be hoped that a number of boys and girls of this county will enter the contest, all be benefited by the effort, some succeed in winning prizes and the farmers of the county be induced to devote more time to this profitable branch of agriculture.

T. C. HENNINGSON,  
County Supt.

## DEBATING SOCIETY FORMED

At a business meeting of the Barren class of the Baptist Sunday school Tuesday night it was decided by those present that a debating society should be organized, and at the meeting a temporary organization was perfected by the selection of Coleman Galloway as temporary chairman and Carl Hardin as temporary secretary, and a committee was appointed, consisting of Charles Jolley, Ora L. Jones and Carl Hardin, to draft suitable constitution and by-laws. Another meeting will be held at the graded school building next Tuesday night for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization and adopting the constitution and by-laws.

While the initial steps have been taken by the Baptist Barrens the membership will not be limited to this class alone; anyone interested can become a member, and an especial invitation is extended to all the young men of the town to attend the meeting next Tuesday. Already a large number of young men have expressed their intention of joining the society and participating in the various discussions, and the organization will doubtless be a success from the start.

The name for the society has not been selected yet and everyone interested is asked to give the matter of a name some thought in order to have some suggestion to offer next Tuesday.

## STILL UNTESTED

A good many people seem to think that the decision of the United States Supreme Court in what is known as the Kansas beer case, in which it was held that the interstate shipment of beer could not be prohibited, nullified what is known as the Webb-Kenyon act, passed by congress a few years ago and designed to prohibit the shipment of liquors from one state into prohibition territory in another state. The following from the court's opinion in the beer case settles that point:

"The instant cause arose before passage of the act of congress, approved March 1, 1913, c. 9043 Stat. 699, known as the Webb-Kenyon bill; consequently neither its construction nor application is now involved; and what is said herein of course has reference to conditions prior to that enactment."

Which means that the Webb-Kenyon law was not passed on by the court and its legality is yet to be tested.—Statesville Landmark.

## COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The board of county commissioners met last week in the register's office, T. S. Wood, G. T. Lyday and W. L. Talley being present.

Besides drawing the jurors for the spring term of court, there were few matters of public interest attended to.

The stock law election, which had been ordered for portions of Eastatoc and Dorns Rock townships, was reported as having carried by a vote of 18 to 1.

It was ordered to make public the road which leaves the public road at W. H. Duckworth's, goes by James Bracken's, and intersects the public road again at the Rocky Hill railroad crossing.

## To the Housewife.

Madam, if your husband is like most men he expects you to look after the health of yourself and children. Coughs and colds are the most common of the minor ailments and are most likely to lead to serious diseases. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when it has a cold. If you will inquire into the merits of the various remedies that are recommended for coughs and colds, you will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy stands high in the estimation of people who use it. It is prompt and effectual, pleasant and safe to take, which are qualities especially to be desired when a medicine is intended for children. For sale by all dealers. adv

## THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, at its regular meeting March 11th, enjoyed a treat in the shape of notes from the recent annual meeting of the conference at Charlotte.

These notes were presented by the delegates, Mrs. Welch Galloway and Mrs. W. H. Harris. It was an inspiration to listen to their accounts of the sermons, addresses, reports, etc.

Mrs. W. J. Puette, superintendent of social service, reported \$13 collected for some special cases of local aid.

The superintendent of mission study reported the class well under way. The aim of the text book, "In Red Man's Land," is to deal with the Indian as an individual, and presents the human aspects of the red man more than the civic. The author of this book is Francis E. Leupp, former United States commissioner of Indian affairs. The touching dedication is as follows:

- To A. M. L., the partner of a life time, who, season after season, kept the campfire burning while the little white father was roaming through Red Man's Land.
- The table of contents is:
  - The Original Red Man.
  - The Red Man and the Government.
  - The Red Man and his White Neighbor.
  - The Red Man and our Social Order.
  - Aborigines who are not Red Men.
  - The Red Man as teacher and learner.
  - Missions to the Red Man.

"The poor Indian has sometimes been called 'the last man?' They are few in number. The negroes are thirty times more; the aliens thirty times more; yet God in His message forgets no man—hence the church and the missionary society must have a message and a mission for even the Red man.

"It is slow work gathering handicapped fruit, and there must be infinite patience in building up Christian character. The chief factor in uplifting the Indian is the work of the missionary and the Christian teacher. When the spirit of God comes upon them, he teaches them things not of this world—things that change the hard, stolid facade into a bright and hopeful one."

New members and visitors are always welcome at the meetings held at the M. E. church parlors every Monday at 3:30 p. m.

## INSTITUTE NOTES

The third term of the Institute opened last Tuesday, March 2, with few changes in the list of students enrolled. From this time on every energy will be exerted to the completion of the year's work. We expect to have a good graduating class.

Alva and Edmar Queen, of Wolf Mountain, who were called home by the death of their grandmother recently, have returned.

Miss Ethel Leatherwood, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Mission Hospital in Asheville last Friday, sustained the operation remarkably well and is doing nicely. We hope to have her with us shortly.

A number of our students went home for the few days intervening between the close of the second term and the opening of the third. All have returned and settled down to work again.

Mrs. Julia Trowbridge entertained the members of her Sunday school class on Monday evening. They toasted marshmallows and popped corn and had a jolly informal time.

## Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my customers because I have confidence in it. I find that they are pleased with it and call for it when again in need of such a medicine," writes J. W. Saxson, Monteville, Mo. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

## WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

With quivering lips, flowing tears and broken speech as a result of his irrepressible emotions, ex-Congressman John G. Grant on Thursday afternoon expressed his thanks for a purse of gold given him by his numerous friends as a result of his successful efforts in getting an appropriation for the new Hendersonville postoffice while in congress.—The board of education in monthly session Monday granted the petition for a local tax district election in Horse Shoe No. 5, and called an election to be held in April.—Western Carolina Democrat.

The merchants of Old Fort have associated themselves together in an organization known as the Retail Merchants' Association of Old Fort. The object of the association is to unite the merchants, enabling them to buy goods in larger quantities, thereby securing better prices, which would make it possible to sell goods at correspondingly lower prices; also to protect each other against the frequent losses suffered under the credit system. It is reasonable to expect this organization of the merchants to be beneficial to both the seller and the consumer.—Old Fort Sentinel.

J. Ramsey Buchanan left Monday for Raleigh where he went to take George Ward to the penitentiary to serve a seven year sentence for the killing of his father.—Jackson County Journal.

The prospects are good for an early construction of the Alaska railroad by the Alaska Lumber Co. It is expected that the survey will be made within the coming month, and as soon as the route can be definitely decided upon construction of the road bed will commence.—Bryson City Times.

The curfew law passed second reading and is now a law. It provides that the youth of the town under sixteen years of age must stay off the streets at night after the hours of nine o'clock in the winter months and after ten in the summer season, unless accompanied by a parent or unless they have written permission on occasions.—Carolina Mountaineer.

## MRS. MARY E. THOMAS

Tribute

Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, wife of F. L. D. Thomas of Buck Forest, N. C., was on Thursday, Feb. 11, 1915, called home to rest.

Oh! the sting of separation from dear mother seems hard to bear, as the joy and light of home have gone! It is hard to give her up, but to wish her back in this world of sorrow and tears would be vain.

A true and lovely wife and mother has gone to live with Jesus, in whom she faithfully trusted, and there will be no more suffering.

She was a woman of esteemed character and loved by all who knew her. While visiting her sons four years ago, we found her in failing health, but without complaining or murmuring, and always cheerful, patient and loving.

She was a loving and devoted grandmother, of whom all her grandchildren were proud.

A granddaughter,

Cleo Thomas,  
Hickory, N. C.

In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Mary Elizabeth Allison Thomas, who died at her home near Brevard, N. C., Feb. 11, 1915, at the age of 70 years.

Mother dear from us has gone,  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.

God in his wisdom has recalled  
The boon his love has given,  
And though her body moulders here,  
Her soul is safe in heaven.

A great granddaughter,  
Iduna Stone,  
Seneca, S. C.