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WEEKLY RELIGIOUS TALKS BY MINISTERIAL WORKERS.

Proceedings of Baptist Workers at Meeting in Hendersonville Last Week; to Conduct Newspaper Column.

The Ministers' and Laymen's Conference of the Carolina association met with the East Hendersonville Baptist church on Tuesday, March 2. The conference was called to order by Rev. R. N. Spratt. After song, Scripture reading and prayer the conference proceeded to the election of permanent officers. Rev. R. N. Pratt was elected chairman and W. H. Davis secretary and treasurer. Rev. K. W. Cawthon, pastor of 1st Baptist church presented a program for the present meeting, which was on motion adopted.

A few words of welcome were spoken by Pastor G. F. Wright of the East Hendersonville church, to which the chairman responded. On motion a committee consisting of brethren Cawthon, Limer and Lambeth was appointed to draft a constitution for permanent organization.

The first subject for discussion was "Do our Churches in the country need to furnish a better support for their pastors. If so, how can we help to bring this about?" This question was discussed by brethren Freeman, Pratt, Cawthon, Wright, Justice, Limer and King. The discussion was very interesting.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the conference adjourned one hour for dinner. Dinner was served by the ladies in very elegant style at the home of Bro. D. S. Pace. At the dinner hour Bro. J. D. Moore of our B. Y. P. U. work made a very interesting and impressive speech on young people's work. At the close of the speech a vote of thanks was extended to Bro. and Sister Pace for the excellent dinner and to the ladies for their splendid service. At 15 minutes to 3 o'clock the conference reassembled with prayer by Bro. T. C. King.

The subject of pastoral support was again taken up and discussed by Bro. Case of Horse Shoe.

The second subject, "The Formation of Pastoral Fields," was then taken up and discussed by brethren, King, Cawthon, Case and Justice. At the conclusion of this discussion the following resolution was offered by Bro. Justice:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference of ministers and laymen that the churches and pastors themselves take up the matter of forming pastoral fields and dispose of it as it may seem best to them.

The question of Fruitland Institute was then taken up. Bro. Melton, principal of the institute, reports that the work is in good shape but the institution is in great need of funds to finish the new Administration building. The question was then discussed by brethren, Limer, Cawthon, and others.

The conference decided to make a general canvass in the bounds of the Carolina association for this object. The date decided upon for this general conference was from the 29th of March to the 1st of April.

The work of foreign missions was then taken up and discussed by Pastor G. F. Wright.

Miscellaneous business was then taken up. On motion it was decided that our next meeting be held with Horse Shoe church on the 1st Tuesday in April at 11 a. m. A collection was then taken amounting to \$2.27 to defray the expenses of our meetings. The following resolutions was then offered by Bro. Justice.

"Whereas the editor of the W. C. Democrat has kindly offered to the Ministers and Laymen of the Carolina association a column to be used as may seem best, therefore be it resolved, First, That we heartily accept this kind and generous offer, and Second, That Bro. R. N. Pratt be appointed as manager of this department. On motion the conference adjourned with prayer by Bro. Justice. R. N. PRATT, Chairman. W. H. Davis, Sec. & Treas.

Gathering of Baptist Women.
 We are assured that every one present at our all day meeting, realized

that we had spent a helpful and profitable day. Seldom have we seen a better spirit manifested in any meeting.

A large delegation was present from our own church and many from the country churches. We felt it was a great get-to-gather meeting and as we shook hands and discussed topics that were of vital importance to all the Christian workers, we were deeply conscious that the bond of Christian fellowship was drawing each closer to the other and to the Master Worker.

The talks were all earnest and were seasoned with the salt of preparation: both of mind and heart.

The devotional hour led by Mrs. Cale and Mrs. Miller morning and afternoon, were filled with power and it was indeed "good to be there."

Miss Keithley was welcomed as a new member of our association and also as a member of the faculty of our school, Fruitland. She gave us a scientific talk on our Louisville Training school, and her words were an inspiration to us all and especially to the young women of the audience. We were glad to have her with us.

Many were the good impressions of this all day meeting. Several requests came for others to follow in the future. In closing I wish to say, my eyes reached beyond this meeting to greater events for the cause of Baptist women. We pray this association may spread its influence until more can measure its effects in the life of our denomination.

MRS. J. F. BROOKS.
Campaign for Fruitland Institute.
 The statement was made by the building committee in the meeting of ministers and laymen at Hendersonville, that work had to be suspended on the new school building at Fruitland for the want of funds, whereupon it was decided by the brethren in session to make a thorough canvass of the entire county in the month of March for said purpose. It is our purpose in this campaign to reach as near every person in the county as possible. A freewill offering will be asked of every one.

Arrangements have been made by which produce of any and all kinds can be taken and turned into cash. This will enable those who do not have money to help.

We hope that the result of this campaign will be, that work can be resumed on the building and carried forward until it is completed.

The following are canvassers and their territory by townships:
 Hendersonville—Rev. K. W. Cawthon and J. G. Lambeth.
 Mills River—Rev. Geo. F. Wright and A. I. Justice.
 Green River—Rev. T. C. King and John Slattery.
 Hoopers Creek—Rev. H. R. Freeman and Rev. W. H. Davis.
 Clear Creek—Prof. N. A. Melton and J. L. Whitaker.
 Edneyville—R. M. Pryor and W. A. Morris.
 Blue Ridge—D. S. Pace and Rev. R. N. Pratt.
 Crab Creek—Rev. T. A. Drake and R. P. Corn.

By the Committee.

ZIRCONIA DOINGS.

Mrs. Mattie Foster of Hendersonville spent Sunday with Miss Ledbetter.

Henry Pace has moved into the new residence recently completed for him on the farm of R. K. Osteen.

Cross Roads school will close April 1st, making a term of nine months. The school has had a most successful year, and we all hope to see Miss Ledbetter here again next year.

A. H. Osteen is slowly improving from a long illness. His many friends will be glad to see him able to be among them again.

Sam Sentelle recently purchased a fine automobile.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Osteen, on Feb. 15, a daughter, Nina Mabel. Both mother and child are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Osteen spent Sunday, with relatives at Mt. Olivet.
 Miss Bertie Morgan of Greenville, S. C., visited relatives here last week.
 We are all glad to see this fine spring weather. The farmers are plowing and making preparation for fine crops.

CAUGHT ON THE CURB.

J. F. Corn, blacksmith, has discontinued his own shops and accepted a position with the Community shops.

Among the destructions wrought by the freeze was one which, in the minds of many people, helped the outward appearance of the new federal building. It was the breaking of the small cedars under their heavy burden of ice.

J. R. Willson says that he is going to build several cottages this spring in Hendersonville. Mr. Willson has already built and sold several houses during the past few years. This method of investment is said to be profitable in many cities.

Surveyor Murray of the Appalachian Interurban Railway company has completed the preliminary survey for the dam site of the proposed water power development on Green River. He had a corps of about eight men at work since early in January near Zirconia.

Hendersonville and Henderson county is now without a veterinarian. Dr. Wolf, who came here to locate last fall left last month for Illinois, where he was offered a better position. Several parties have had to send out of town within the past few weeks for a veterinarian.

S. Maxwell came very near having a serious accident last Friday when one of his ponies hitched to a cart ran away with him and threw him with considerable force to the ground. Mr. Maxwell fortunately landed in soft mud and received no injuries. It is thought that the pony became frightened at the sight of the ice on the trees.

"Pee Wee," as everybody knows him, but whose real name is Rufus Fisher, has been missed from the streets for over a week with his cries of "morning paper, all about the war." He has been confined to his bed with a severe attack of lagrippe but is reported to be getting along nicely and he is expected to soon be out again.

When superior court convened last week there was a large number of people from the country in the court house. Just inside of the front door a sign was placed on the wall which puzzled a great many at first reading. It read, "If you spit on the floor at home, then spit on the floor here, we want you to feel perfectly at home." It is of interest to know that only a few took the invitation literally.

A modern two story brick building will be erected upon the site of the old Forest building which is now being torn down. The new building will be 100 feet deep with a modern store room on the ground floor and offices and apartments on the upper floor. John Forest, owner of the property, has accepted plans drawn by Architect E. G. Stillwell. The old Forest building was built by the father of John Forest, who was one of Hendersonville's leading merchants many years ago. This building between the Blue Ridge Inn and the Peoples National bank, is the oldest in that section of the city. The building was occupied by the French Broad Hustler previous to its moving into its present quarters.
 Mr. Forest states that a number of people have applied to rent his new store but that he has not yet closed the lease.

HORSE SHOE CURVES.

Mr. Philip Sitton has gone to Easley, S. C., to work.

Miss Byers of Hendersonville is nursing her sister, Mrs. J. O. Johnson, who underwent an operation at her home last week.

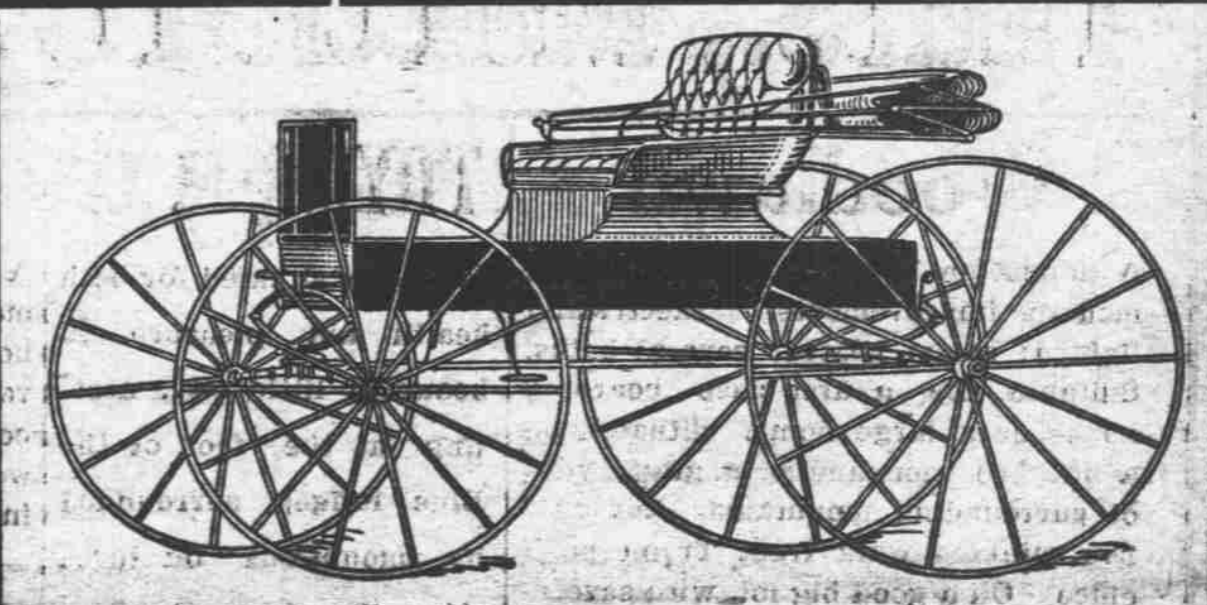
Mr. H. F. Johnson gave a birthday dinner to a number of friends on March 4.

Rev. S. H. Hilliard will fill the pulpit at Horse Shoe next Sunday at 11 o'clock and at Shaw's Creek Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the absence of our pastor Rev. Honeycutt, who will be at Sardis.

Mr. Frank Johnson of Asheville spent Sunday here.
 Miss Annie Johnson of Hendersonville spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson.

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can do. A stage has been built by some of the boys in the society and footlights arranged. Rehearsals are still continued daily. Mrs. Fuller has further been drilling and preparing a number of boys from the younger grades in songs and chorus and recitation.
 Miss McPheeters, with an able corps of girls, has had the charge of preparing the big curtain and we owe much to her sympathetic assistance. She is looking after the gathering together of the "properties." We urge again the appeal to Hendersonville to stand by our effort along Thespian lines. Come Friday evening and we are quite sure we can entertain you with an evening of real and innocent fun.
OLIVE MURIEL FULLER,
 High School Reporter.