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## WEAVER, WOOD & WOOSLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKERS

Three Methodist Divines Charm Marshville Audience With Wit, Philosophy and Oratory.

## ME. MOORE TO HOLD REVIVAL

Marshville, May 5.—The Sunday school rally held in the Marshville Methodist church on Wednesday was one of absorbing interest from start to finish. No cut and dried program had been prepared, but the pastor, Rev. J. J. Edward, had gotten together four stella attractions in their line and when the time came turned them loose with instructions to shine right where they were. They shone! First came Dr. C. C. Weaver of Central Methodist church of Monroe, with his inevitable and inimitable strain of humor. After inviting Mr. Woosley, the superintendent of Sunday school work, to take a nap while he spoke, he proceeded to give some sound ideas as to what a Sunday school needed to build it up. He sounded the note which predominated throughout the entire day—progress.

Next Miss Womack, the assistant of Sunday school work in the state, told something of efficient organization of classes, the books for them to study, music for the little flocks, organization of the cradle roll, and many little things which would make the Sunday school more interesting to the children.

After these talks came the material feature of the day—dinner on the grounds. It was a true to order Methodist dinner, with all the frills, beginning with fried chicken, stewed chicken, baked chicken and winding up with every conceivable order of pie, custard, and cake. In some way the viands rapidly vanished, and Rev. Edwards allowed a half hour then for social recreation, and for folks to recover from any indiscretions in eating.

**Purpose of Sunday Schools.**  
When the meeting re-assembled Rev. Charlie Wood, of Wadesboro Methodist church was introduced and made a talk upon "The Purpose of the Sunday School." Mr. Wood likes a joke as well as any Methodist preacher, and his thoughts were aptly illustrated with humorous stories which served two purposes—drove his points home and kept the congregation awake and interested. Among some of the good things he said were these: "The Sunday school must find a way to make religion a natural thing." "Each generation must find God for itself, and learn the language of God for themselves. Faith is a thing you believe in enough to do something about." And now comes a statement which all will please sit up and listen to. We may not have Mr. Wood's exact words but we have his exact idea and almost all his words. Listen! "When you are trying to do something to benefit a community the first thing necessary is to take a club and beat down the objections of the people who ought to be on your side!" Say Amen, please, somebody! You know how true that statement is!

## Not Enough Head Religion.

Here's another good one. "People are trying to get along with too much heart religion and not enough head religion. The Sunday school is the place to teach the children head as well as heart religion so that when these children grow up they will naturally take their places in the world as efficient workers on the Lord's side. Also the purpose of the Sunday school should be to study and learn the principles of God, teach them to be children that they may be able to adapt these principles to their own lines. And one must be wide-awake to do it." Here again was emphasized the note of progress. Get out of the rut; do things along up-to-date lines; learn, grow, progress! And to make this step more desirable Mr. Wood said: "Keep the spirit of progress in your heart and you will always keep young." Winding up his remarks the speakers said: "The world is really hungry for God, the Sunday school is the place for the children and young people to be taught about Him and to learn to know Him."

## Experience Meeting Reports.

Mr. Oscar Woosley, the state superintendent of the Sunday school, then began an experience meeting on extemporaneous reporting of Sunday school superintendents from the district. These reports were good, and the leaders looked as if they had received new inspiration from the day to carry on their work with new enthusiasm. Mr. Woosley and Miss Womack gave many valuable suggestions for more efficient work, which if needed, will give the Sunday schools in the county a new impetus which was greatly needed.

The Methodist meeting began Wednesday evening, Rev. J. J. Edwards preaching until Monday when Rev. J. W. Moore of Statesville will arrive to take charge. Mr. Moore's friends in the county are cordially invited to come and attend the services throughout the week. The evening services are at 7:45, the afternoon services at 3:00 o'clock.

Miss Mittle Green is visiting relatives in Charlotte.

Mr. B. L. Biggers spent Tuesday in Raleigh on business.

Formal assurance that financial aid would be available for the opening of the North Carolina Orthopaedic hospital on June 15, was given by Governor Morrison to R. B. Babington, of Gastonia, moving spirit in the building of the home for the crippled children of the state.

## COMMENCEMENT AT WESLEY CHAPEL COMES TO A CLOSE

Prof. L. A. Price, the Principal, resigns to the Regret of the Entire Community.

Monroe, R. F. D., May 5.—The Wesley Chapel high school closed a most successful term last week. The twentieth annual commencement was held, beginning Friday evening, April 29, and lasting through Sunday, May 1st.

Friday evening the declamation and recitation contests were held, in which six boys and six girls of the high school participated. Mr. Edward Helms won the declaimer's medal, his declamation being "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy." Miss Katherine Moore won the reciter's medal with the recitation, "The Soul of the Violin."

Saturday morning, the class exercises were held, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The class was the largest in several years, having ten members this year. The following received diplomas: Martha Louise Secret, Mary Elsie Price, Frank Houston Hawfield, Curtis Price, Faye Eulalia Price, William Carver House, Mary Jean Brasswell, Julian Carr Price, Faye Purser and Essie Mae Keziah.

Saturday afternoon the medals were awarded by Prof. R. L. Patrick and diplomas delivered by Prof. Ray Feuerburg, after which Dr. C. C. Weaver of Monroe delivered a most helpful and inspiring address.

Saturday evening, a play, "The Thread of Destiny," was given by the high school. The play was rendered with great success, under the splendid directions of the assistant principal, Miss Margaret Faulkner. The house was full and overflowing and every one enjoyed it very much.

Sunday afternoon, Rev. Braxton Craig, preached the baccalaureate sermon, which ended the commencement.

The school regrets very much to have its principal, Prof. L. A. Price, leave them this year. He has been the head of the school for the past four years, and during this time he has had the respect and confidence of the students and the entire community. The school has progressed rapidly under his management. It was quite a disappointment when he refused to accept the position for another year. We cheerfully recommend him and his good family to whatever community they may decide to locate. Also Miss Faulkner, his able assistant, Miss Godfrey, Miss Underwood, and Mrs. Redwine have contributed largely to the success of the past school year.

Prof. R. L. Patrick, formerly of Arkansas, but at present from Page land, South Carolina, will have charge of the school for the next year. He comes highly recommended. Mrs. Patrick will also teach. Mrs. Sam Redwine will have charge of the dormitory and will teach the primary grades. The other teachers will be elected soon.

## WEATHER PREVENTS PLANTING

Few If Any Farmers Around Corinth Have Started Operations.

Montgomery, R. F. D., May 5.—Farmers in this section are badly behind with their planting, the inclement weather having kept most of them indoors the last few days. Few farmers have planted their cotton, and but very little corn is in the ground.

Mrs. Mamie Usher and children of Matthews spent several days here last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Helms.

Rev. Jonas Simpson will preach at Corinth next Sunday at eleven o'clock; also on the fourth Sunday in May at eleven o'clock, Rev. A. C. Davis will preach here.

Corporal John H. Hannah, who has been here on a sixty day furlough, visiting his friends and relatives, will return Friday night to the Walter Reed hospital, at Washington, for further treatment. He does not expect to remain away but a few days, however.

Prayer services will be conducted at the home of Mrs. R. S. Spittle next Saturday night at early candle light. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

## Presbyterian Church Notes.

A cordial invitation is given to the following services:

10 a. m.—Sunday school. W. A. Henderson, superintendent.

11 a. m.—Worship and sermon. (Mother's Day.)

8 p. m.—Praise service and sermon. Do not forget to wear a flower in honor of your mother. A red one if she is still living and a white one if she is dead.

Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together." This was Mother's Day.

According to a recent story in the Charlotte Observer, the Wizard Automobile Company, in which several Union county men hold stock, may soon secure the loan of \$100,000 with which to complete its plant and put cars on the market.

It will be remembered that action was brought before a Federal commissioner charging officers of the company with fraud. These were bound over to Federal court following a hearing, but it is now rumored that on orders from Washington the charges against the officials have been or will be dropped.

Mr. Plyler's Little Escapade.

The Journal's story of how the editor and Peter Plyler mistook a colored man for a white one makes me wonder how they would get along out here where there are all colors and shades. For my part, I don't think

## Checker-Playing Texans Are Reminder of Old Monroe Days

"Observer" Recalls Incident Similar to That of Mr. Plyler When He Was Superintendent of Schools; Considers Esquias Jerre C. Laney Rich.

San Antonio, Texas, May 5.—Everybody has heard the story of the justice of the peace situated on the Arkansas-Texas border who was called on to try a prisoner charged with murder and horse stealing. He informed the accused that he might be tried by either the Arkansas or the Texas law, just as he preferred. The prisoner asked the judge to state the difference between the two codes so that he might make a decision.

"Well," replied his honor, "in Arkansas we will let you off for stealing the horse, but will have to hang you for murdering its owner; but if you want to be tried by Texas law we can let you off for the murder but we'd be bound to hang you for stealing the horse." Texas law is not so strict now on horse stealing and some folks complain that it is not much harder on killing, but I don't think this is true. It's about the average.

But they go after you for other things. Down in a nearby county the other day they tried a man in a local court for dancing the fox trot. The judge was not so resourceful as the Arkansas judge and so had to let the culprit off. A dance had been given in the church in a Polish settlement, under the auspices of the priest, who decidedly objected to the introduction of the fox trot and brought an indictment in court next day. As the whole bunch spoke no English and the court and the lawyers spoke no Polish, the case proceeded with some difficulty, the priest acting as interpreter and thus having things pretty much in his own hands. The court thought the charge was for disturbing religious worship, but found out after a while that it was nothing of the sort, but was for dancing the kind of dance which the priest forbade, to-wit, the fox trot.

The German Campaigner.

In this section there is a considerable German population. Some of the rural sections are settled wholly by them. These settlements date back from the early history of the state, and some of them are new. From the old settlers there are many descendants and German names abound. Much of the substantial element of San Antonio is of German descent. Last night I heard a native German lawyer speak in the city campaign which is now running at white heat. He was funny. He said that he had lived in San Antonio about as long as he had lived anywhere though foreign born and could speak five languages. He said: "I have rolled up my sleeve in this fight. I will speak to you in Femish, German, French, or brogue like I talk now, which you prefer. The crowd seemed to prefer the brogue and so he stuck to it. He made an effort for the women. It seems that one of the candidates had been a violent anti-suffragist and said hard things about the women before they could vote, but was now taking it all back. The German rubbed this in to the opposing candidate, who it seems, had irreverently referred to the women as old hens and old cats. "Now," he said, "listen all you girls, for I call you all girls, for I got a daughter younger as that lady out there. I think you will vote for Meester Zell who say 'de old hens shall not wote' and den wen dey do wote, he say, 'well, let de old cats wote of dey wants to.' This brought down the crowd, but the women, many of them apparently cultured ladies, and some Mexican mothers with their babies sprawled out on a blanket at their feet, did not seem to be worried by it at all.

Politics in San Antonio.

But here the negroes and Mexicans vote right along and the only obstruction is a poll tax requirement. And poll taxes are being paid up now. The anti-administration forces, which claim that the ins are backed by big business and have barrels of money, say that officials have been guilty of profiteering on city contracts and make their charges specific and above board. The outs claim to represent a simple reform movement that has no money. The city has two elections, the two candidates receiving the highest vote in the first, or primary election, running in the general election, and it is not a party primary at all. Nothing is said about Democrats or Republicans. The negroes and Mexicans seem to be divided. I dropped in at each headquarters and could not see much difference, except that the administration forces seemed to have more hangers-on of the type that turn out at such times for the little money that's floating about. A man once told me that you could buy any Mexican, but that he had the redeeming feature of staying bought once he was bought and would not sell to the next man. If that is true I guess the politicians will not have the trouble and grief here that some of them used to have in Union county when a man had "to be paid for his day's work."

Monroe of Olden Days.

I have been carried back to the old days when checkers and dominoes were the staple summer occupation of the men in Monroe. They still play dominoes in Texas and out here they call the game "the Texas special." I had not seen a game in years and years, and it took some time for it to come back to mind. Then came the visions of hot summer days long ago in Monroe, when the men sat on the streets and played and played and played and played. The old players came to mind and their jokes and laughter rang again in my ears. Every old citizen can call up the picture for himself. And today I read a piece in the city paper describing the old time camp lots in the city, and they were for all the world like the old ones used to be in Monroe.

OBSERVER.

Three hundred doctors attended the state medical society's convention at Pinehurst the past week. Dr. W. S. Franklin is re-elected for a term of six years.

Cotton on the Charlotte market clings to the 11 cents a pound mark.

## BELIEVES VOTERS WILL NOT REJECT ROAD BONDS

Siler Correspondent Says Those Who are Strongest in Their Opposition Need Improvement Worse.

Matthews, R. F. D. 26, May 5.—The writer was not surprised at the results in the recent road election. Control of our highways is now vested in the hands of good men, who will give the county the very best of service, and it behooves good roads' men to give them their loyal and earnest cooperation in the completion of the county's biggest project.

Despite the vote, the high standing of the personnel of the commission, and the imperative need for funds, it is to be deplored, calling for an election on the proposed issue of \$250,000 worth of bonds are being circulated, and largely signed, we understand, by well-meaning people who are unfamiliar with the existing state of affairs. We feel confident, however, that the voters will not reject the bonds, as they are perfectly aware of the fact that no road work can be done without money.

Mecklenburg county recently voted a \$2,000,000 bond issue, and surely the prosperous county of Union can afford a pauper issue of a quarter of a million dollars, especially when the need for funds of this sort is far more acute in Union than in Mecklenburg. Some parts of the county scarcely got any benefit from the last issues, yet it seems that people living in those un-worked sections are the strongest in their opposition to the bonds.

Roads in this community are in a bad shape and have been for some time, and unless the bonds are carried there is no hope for their betterment in months and months to come. Miss Kate Reid, of Charlotte, came down for the Wesley Chapel commencement. She was the guest of Misses Mayme and Fay Price.

Miss Mayme L. Brooks, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Miss Fay Price.

Mr. Brooks Price, of Charlotte, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Price.

Miss Kate Price, who is teaching school at Hickory Grove, near Charlotte, has returned to her home here.

## FRUIT KILLED IN GOOSE CREEK

Begins to Appear That Prophecy As to Famine Will Prove Correct.

Indian Trail, R. F. D. 1, May 5.—Revelations, sixth chapter, will be Mr. Brady Helms' text at the service that he will conduct at the Union Grove Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Furr school will close Saturday, May 8th, with appropriate exercises in the evening at eight o'clock. Mr. J. H. Cunningham is the principal, and he has given general satisfaction to both pupils and patrons of the district who hope that he can be procured for the same position next year.

A pet rabbit, highly prized by its owner, little Miss Hazel Furr, was devoured by a cat a few days ago.

The fruit crop in this section is a total loss on account of recent frosts and cold weather. The fate of the small grain is still in doubt.

It seems that the prophecy made by this correspondent's New York friend to the effect that this would be a year of cold weather and famine is coming true.

Mr. Lloyd Belk has returned from Orlando, Fla., where he spent the winter.

Mrs. J. C. Hill and son, Mr. Ernest Hill, spent the past week at Mint Hill with Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Morris.

Those who attend Union Grove Methodist church next Sunday are requested to wear a red rose as a tribute to "mother." If your mother is dead, wear a white rose. Rev. T. J. Higgins will have charge of services that day, preaching at 11 a. m.

## DEATH OF LITTLE SCHOOL GIRL

Miss Pearl Helms, Aged 12 Years, Passed Away Last Saturday.

Monroe, R. F. D. 1, May 5.—Early Saturday morning the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Helms and claimed their eldest daughter, Miss Pearl Helms, aged 12 years. She had been ill health for sometime, but her condition was not considered serious, she being in school until a short while before her sudden death.

In school Miss Pearl was bright, industrious, ever eager to do her work, and no task was ever too hard or too long for her willing mind. To her schoolmates she was ever courteous and kind, and she will be missed in the school as well as in the home. She is survived by her parents, one small sister and two little brothers. Her body was laid to rest Sunday at the Rocky River cemetery under a mountain of flowers.

Saturday the students at Belk's school assembled in a body at the home to pay their respects to their dead schoolmate, and many beautiful floral offerings bespoke their love for their sleeping sister.

## Bonds Grove Happenings.

Bonds Grove, May 5.—Messrs. S. L. G. E. and W. D. Rogers and Hunter and Ernest Cook motored to Charlotte on business Friday.

The Bonds Grove school closes Friday.

A family reunion was held Monday at the home of Mr. Stewart Clark.

Mesdames T. M. and J. C. Haywood are at the bedside of their sister in Charlotte, who is not expected to live.