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Woman's Missionary Conference Opens Three Days Session Here

Important Body of Workers Assembles in Central Methodist Church Tonight

EXPECT THREE HUNDRED ACCREDITED DELEGATES

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference which convenes in Central Methodist church tonight, brings to Monroe one of the largest gatherings of women that has met here in a long time. Mrs. Lucy H. Robinson, former president of Greensboro Female College, is president of the conference; Mrs. W. W. Hagood of Charlotte is vice-president; Mrs. G. W. Whitsett of Greensboro, recording secretary; Mrs. H. A. Durham of Asheville is corresponding secretary, and Mrs. P. N. Peacock of Salisbury is treasurer.

The opening service, which begins at eight o'clock tonight, will be featured by an address from the president, Mrs. Robinson. The welcome address will be delivered by Mrs. T. C. Lee, president of the local society, followed by welcome and greetings from others.

The appointed delegates are as follows: Charlotte Tryon Street—Mrs. Guy A. Elder, Mrs. Pierce Wyche, Miss Gertrude Dickinson, Mrs. W. B. Pickens, Mrs. W. W. Hagood, Mrs. E. A. Cole, Miss Fannie Bame, Miss Henrietta Logan

Shelby Central—Mrs. Rush Thompson, Mrs. M. P. Coley, Mrs. William Crowder, Mrs. D. J. Newton, Mrs. George Hoyle, Mrs. C. S. Young

Forest City—Mrs. Parker Holmes, Miss Kathleen Dorsey

Lilesville—Mrs. A. P. Liles

Wadesboro—Mrs. W. N. Jeans, Miss Johnnie Dunlap, Miss David Griggs, Miss Pauline Pinkston, Miss Edna Gray

Canton, Waynesville Dist.—Mrs. H. A. Helder, Mrs. J. C. Curtis, Mrs. G. C. Brockshire, Mrs. J. J. Dial

NO ABSENTEE VOTE ON MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Raleigh, April 21.—Attorney General Manning said today that the absentee balloting law does not apply to municipal elections. The voter who is out of town on the day of the primary cannot vote. Judge Manning explained that the law provides for the distribution of absentee ballots to the county boards of election by the state board of elections, and, of course, the state board does not assemble to supervise municipal elections. The law applies only to state and county primaries and elections.

In the primary held in Monroe Saturday and Saturday before, a large number of absentee votes were cast. But as this was a primary election only, the ruling of the party officials made this O. K. However, according to Attorney General Manning's ruling, no absentee votes can be legally cast in the regular election on May 7th.

TWAS TOO DARK FOR PARENT - TEACHERS

Indian Trail, April 23.—Under the direction of the Parent-Teacher Association, a measuring party was given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Y. Fitzgerald on Tuesday evening, April 17. The hostess, I think, was rather disappointed. In fact, the small crowd which was present was very much disappointed also. Since the weather was rather bad that night, the number present did not come up to the expectation of the interested patrons and pupils of the school. I suppose some of the people were afraid to be out since it was very dark that night. I am glad to say, however, that we have a few faithful as well as brave people in Indian Trail, and although it was dark and raining, several were present and spent a delightful evening. Cake and punch were served.

Messrs. Wallace, Johnson and Reid, all of a Presbyterian church in Charlotte, made some very interesting and instructive talks at the Presbyterian church here last Sunday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock. Although these good men were Presbyterians, their talks were not confined to the members of that church alone. Several Methodists and Baptists were present also, and I am sure that everyone was benefited by their interesting speeches. I feel sure that both the Presbyterian and the Methodist churches would have been benefited even more had a larger number of their members been present.

OLD SOW ALMOST CAUSED A DETOUR

Monroe Route 6, April 23.—Everybody on that preparing the ground where it is dry enough.

Miss Eva Helms spent the latter part of the week with her brother, Mr. Oscar Helms, below Monroe.

Mr. Z. A. Pressley and two children, Woodrow and Edith, visited the former's brother, Mr. D. A. Pressley of Charlotte, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pressley visited friends and relatives in Charlotte recently and while there attended the funeral and burial of the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Kessler. Mrs. Kessler being a niece of Mrs. Pressley. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. A. Smith and interment was in the cemetery at Matthews.

IMPORTANT GATHERING OF METHODIST WOMEN

The Woman's Missionary Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church which convenes in Central church tonight, is an important gathering. About three hundred accredited delegates from all over the western part of the State are expected to attend the conference. The bulk of the delegates will arrive this afternoon on the trains from Charlotte and the west. They will be entertained by the members of the denomination of the city with the old time hospitality, for which the town is noted and with which the conference itself has been entertained more than once. Immediately at the conclusion of the opening service tonight a general reception will be given at the church to which all the people of the town are invited. All sessions of the conference are open to the public and visitors will be cordially welcomed.

PROGRAM OF COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION

Beginning Sunday afternoon and continuing through Monday night the Union county Sunday School Convention will be held in the First Baptist church of Monroe.

On the program of the convention will appear some of the county's most prominent pastors and Sunday school workers. Among the local workers who will take part on the program are: Dr. W. R. Burrell, pastor First Baptist church; Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor Central Methodist church; Rev. W. B. S. Chandler, pastor Presbyterian church and Rev. J. E. Hoyle of Wingate.

The two outside workers who will deliver the principal addresses in the convention are Mr. Arthur T. Arnold, General Superintendent Ohio Sunday School Association, Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

The committee on arrangements has announced that in the coming of these workers "a veritable feast of good things has been prepared and spread before the Sunday-school folks of Monroe and Union county."

The first address of the convention will be delivered by Mr. D. W. Sims, his subject being "The Sunday school that meets its opportunity." Other addresses of his series will be given each succeeding session of the meeting.

The following is the Sunday program:
Sunday Afternoon, April 29
3:00—Devotional—Dr. William R. Burrell, pastor First Baptist church, Monroe, N. C.
3:15—The Sunday school that meets its opportunity—Mr. D. W. Sims.
3:50—Record of attendance and get acquainted.
4:05—Making the Sunday school educational—Mr. Arthur T. Arnold.
4:40—Announcements.
4:45—Adjourn.

Second Session, Sunday Night
7:30—Devotional—Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor Central Methodist church, Monroe.
7:45—Doubling the Sunday school—Mr. D. W. Sims.
8:20—Song.
8:30—Training our teachers and leaders—Mr. Arthur T. Arnold.
9:05—Announcements.
9:15—Adjourn.

TEN PER ACRE SAYS MARSH IS VALUE OF SOY BEANS TO LAND

And the Beauty of It Is That the Yield of Corn Is Not Reduced

HOW CROPS MAY BE QUICKLY DOUBLED

Last week's Progressive Farmer carries an article from Mr. G. A. Marsh on the importance of planting soy beans with corn for the purpose of building up the soil. Mr. Marsh makes the statement that he has never raised a crop of beans in this way that was worth less than \$10.00 an acre for soil improvement. And he further states: "The beauty of it is I find by experiments that the beans do not lessen the yield of corn or damage the crop of corn in any way. This being the case (and I am sure it is the case) every time I see a field of corn growing without beans it presents to my mind a net loss of fully \$10.00 per acre to the owner of the land. Mind you this is a very conservative estimate. I really believe a good crop of bean vines left on the land is worth more than \$10 per acre for soil improvement."

There are a good many farmers in this country who will concur with Mr. Marsh in the above statement. Yet there are thousands of acres planted to corn without the beans that are hungry for the nitrogen and the organic matter that the beans would supply were they grown and allowed to remain on the land. Think of the increased yield per acre in succeeding crops were it the general practice to plant soy beans in every corn field. About forty thousand acres are annually planted to corn in this country; if every acre was planted to soy beans how many thousands of dollars in fertility would be added? What would be the increase in succeeding crops were this the general practice? We have in lespedeza and soy beans two of the most economic soil improving crops we can grow when rightly used. The lespedeza on the small grains, and the soy beans on the corn. The farmer who makes a practice of this from year to year will soon cease to cultivate poor land.

The average yield of corn in this county is twenty to twenty two bushels per acre, of cotton, 250 to 250 lbs. lint cotton, oats, 12 to 15 bushels, wheat, 6 to 8 bushels. Why this low average yield? Lack of nitrogen and humus in the soil. We have made a fine start in the use of lespedeza, let's make use of the soy bean also. If every farmer will do this the average yield of the four crops named above can be doubled within a few years. We make this statement advisedly, for it is based on observation and experience. In 1921 we planted a four acre piece of lespedeza land to corn and soy beans. (This land had been in cultivation twenty four years and only one acre had ever had any manure other than commercial fertilizers and lime in all that time). The soy beans were left on the land, a fine crop, (the corn yield was about fifty bushels per acre), a few good diskings were given, and the land was sown to wheat, applying 250 lbs. 10-0-4 per acre. The 4 acres yielded 88 1-2 bushels of wheat. No commercial nitrate whatever was applied. Red clover was sown on the wheat and yielded a fine cutting last May. The second crop of clover was left on the land and will be planted to corn and beans this year. Last year we had our wheat on corn and soy bean land, and the nitrogen furnished by the beans caused the wheat to grow so tall that a rain storm the day before the grain was harvested broke the wheat down so badly that much of it was lost in harvesting. However, the yield averaged 18 bushels per acre. This year our wheat crop is looking like 20 bushels per acre, and no nitrogenous fertilizers have been applied. Last year our oat crop was on corn and soy bean land, no nitrogen was applied, and the land averaged 44 bushels of oats per acre. Our oat crop this year is on corn and soy bean land, no nitrogen has been applied, and the promise is for a good yield.

Forty to fifty bushels of corn, a bale of cotton, forty to fifty bushels of oats, and fifteen to twenty bushels of wheat per acre, are possibilities that will be obtained easily and quickly if lespedeza and soy beans are given a chance. Thousands and thousands of dollars are sent out of the county annually for oats that can and should be raised here in the county, and would be but for the low average yield. Most farmers would plant two to three acres to wheat if they could grow fifteen to twenty bushels per acre. We know of no quicker or cheaper way to get it than through the lespedeza and soy bean method as outlined above. Would it not be fine to have every acre planted to cotton growing a bale? A good many farmers are averaging a bale per acre now, why not all? We can do it in spite of the boll weevil, but we will have to plant less acres. This will enable us to combat the weevil successfully. And even, how good it would look to have every field looking like fifty bushels per acre. Many farmers are now averaging forty to fifty bushels, why not all? It is not impossible, it is feasible and practical. It is simply a matter of getting nitrogen and humus into the soil. Lespedeza and soy beans will give us these most economically.

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Death of an Infant.

Indian Trail Route 1.—On Tuesday, April 17, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Williams and claimed their little son, Lloyd. He was only a month old. It was so hard to give him up but God saw fit for him to go, and we can rejoice to say that he is at rest. His remains were laid to rest at Antioch cemetery. We extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy and bid them look to Him who doeth all things well.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Freeman of Charlotte visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Furr, Sunday.

Mr. T. A. Richardson will conduct prayer services at Union Grove Methodist church April 29th.

MAYFLOWER.

Stuive Braswell writes in his article today about the late Henry Godfrey. The Journal desires to add its testimony to the memory of this fine old man. He was a good citizen, a humble christian, and a man whose conduct always won the respect and confidence of all.

T. J. W. BROOM.