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## PRESBYTERY IN SESSION

Opened Tuesday Night With Large Attendance—Rev. W. M. Sikes Is Elected Moderator.

Concord Presbytery met in regular session at the Presbyterian church Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Dr. J. M. Grier, of Concord, preached the opening sermon, and was assisted in the service by Dr. T. L. Lingle, of Davidson College. Rev. W. M. Sikes, of Newton, was elected moderator, and Rev. R. W. Cuthbertson and Rev. F. A. Barnes were elected assistant clerks. Rev. E. D. Brown is the stated clerk. The roll of the ministers and the churches was called and nearly all of the ministers and a large number of the churches responded. This Presbytery is composed of all the Presbyterian ministers and a delegate from each of the churches in Cabarrus, Rowan, Davie, Caldwell, Iredell, Catawba, Alexander, Burke and McDowell counties.

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock Rev. W. L. Walker, superintendent of the orphanage at Barium Springs, addressed the Presbytery in the interest of this institution. Following his address, Dr. W. J. Martin, president of Davidson College, spoke in the interest of the schools and colleges under the care of this Presbytery. At 11 o'clock Dr. C. M. Richards, pastor of the church at Davidson College, preached the sermon and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. At the morning session the various committees were appointed to look after the business of Presbytery. Wednesday night is set apart for the consideration of the home mission work of this Presbytery. Dr. C. A. Munroe, of Hickory, will preside.

Quite a number of workers in the Home Mission field are expected to be present to address the Presbytery concerning the work that is now being done. These meetings are all open to the public and it is hoped that many of our citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear these church workers discuss the ways and means of carrying on their work.

The local Presbyterian church is sending up a very gratifying report of the work done during the past year. The membership is now 209, twenty-nine of whom are non-residents. During the year there were added by examination twenty-eight members, and by letter fourteen, making a total addition during the year of forty-two new members. This church has raised for all purposes the sum of \$2,484, being nearly \$14.00 per member.

Following is the list of ministers and delegates and the homes to which they have been assigned:

Mrs. T. A. White, hostess—Rev. C. A. Monroe and R. B. Caldwell; Mrs. William Pratt—Rev. F. A. Barnes and H. G. Tyson. Mrs. E. F. Greenlee—Rev. C. T. Squires and H. I. Woodhouse. Mrs. J. A. Poteat—Rev. E. T. Bradley and H. W. Parks. Mrs. D. N. Lonon—Rev. J. W. Lafferty and W. B. Green. Mrs. W. B. Ratliffe—Rev. W. T. Walker and J. H. Bell. Mrs. W. C. Gray—Rev. J. H. Brady and B. E. Arey.

Mrs. G. S. Kirby—Rev. R. W. Cuthbertson and Dr. G. H. West. Mrs. Geo. Gilkey—Rev. W. M. Sikes and J. T. Harris. Mrs. J. E. Neal—Rev. A. S. Caldwell and Ovid Pullen. Mrs. E. A. Neal—Rev. W. E. West and J. A. Harris. Mrs. G. B. Justice—Rev. C. M. Richards and Dr. G. H. Brown. Mrs. G. A. Banner—Rev. C. E. Reynal. Mrs. H. P. Keeter—Rev. H. M. Parker and T. M. Phifer. Mrs. Geo. I. White—Rev. H. F. Beaty and J. L. Matheson. Mrs. P. D. Sinclair—Rev. L. J. Moore and T. L. Gaither. Mrs. J. C. Story—Rev. Dugald Munroe and Mr. King. Mrs. J. E. Guy—Rev. C. T. Heller and J. L. Turner. Mrs. I. C. Griffin—Rev. Byron Clark, Rev. W. L. Lingle, J. M. Furr and J. W. Sloan. Mrs. B. M. Stepp—J. O. Mower and J. L. Ballard. Mrs. E. H. House—Rev. Yandell and Dr. McIntosh. Mrs. P. A. Reid—Rev. J. Y. Garth and G. W. Hall. Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey—Rev. J. M. Grier and E. D. Brown. Mrs. R. F. Burton—Rev. T. L. Lingle and Dr. C. R. Harding. Mrs. W. E. Landis—H. A. Tate. Mrs. E. K. Hild—Rev. J. C. Grier. Mrs. R. S. Clay—Rev. C. E. Myers and J. P. Sherrill. Mrs. W. A. Conley—Geo. W. Conley. Mrs. Jno. W. Kirby—J. W. Matheson. Mrs. W. McD. Burgin—Rev. J. W. Moss and M. E. Whisnant. Mrs. R. B. Laidlaw—Rev. S. H. Hay and E. P. Guy.

### Services at Zion Hill.

Old Fort, April 11.—There will be all day services at Zion Hill Baptist church Sunday, April 16. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., followed by a Sunday school lecture by Wm. Silver. Sermon at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. W. F. McMahan. Dinner on the ground. In the afternoon a missionary program will be rendered by the Sunday school. Everybody is cordially invited to be present and bring well filled baskets.

### Big Minstrel Here Friday Night.

J. H. Mahoney's Model Mobile Minstrel, playing under a big tent, is advertised for one day only at Marion, Friday, April 14. This is said to be one of the best minstrels on the road, carrying a company of sixty people, with solo band and symphony orchestra. A big street parade is advertised for 1 o'clock. The performance is presented under a complete canvass theatre and no doubt there will be a full tent. The admission will be 25 and 35 cents. ad

Good business! We can have it, if we pay proper attention to our schools, and our churches, and our houses, barns, stores and shops, our roads and farms, and all of the thousand and one other elements that have a place in the making of a prosperous commercial center. We want it, and we can get it if we go after it with the spirit and determination to succeed, but we must go as a community unit and not as one or two isolated individuals.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

### ASHFORD

Ashford, April 10.—The Clinchfield Lime Works is progressing nicely. The railroad is almost completed up to the quarry. A dwelling house and office combined has also just been finished, which is occupied by W. E. Poteat of Asheville and J. M. Carpenter of Altamont.

Harry B. Caldwell of Marion was here on business Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Wilson and brother, Charlie, were shopping in Marion, Friday.

Mrs. Nora Peterson, of Sprucepine, visited relatives here Friday.

Miss Myrtle McGhee will leave Tuesday for Banner Elk where she will attend a summer school.

Misses Madge Brown and sister, Jeanette, are spending a few days with relatives at Sprucepine.

J. C. Connelly made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

### TROMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, April 10.—Robert Bailey of Asheville spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGallard.

Beatrice Simmons of Marion visited homefolks here the latter part of last week.

W. C. Janes made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McGallard of Glen Alpine were visitors here the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Walter Pyatt of Nebo visited relatives here Sunday.

D. C. Brown and granddaughter, Flora Williams, are visiting relatives at Glenwood.

Mrs. Whisnant of Morganton is the guest of Mrs. Robert McGallard.

J. H. Janes made a business trip to Marion Thursday.

Taylor Anderson of Carlyle was a visitor here Sunday.

The condition of Robert McGallard, who suffered a stroke of paralysis several days ago, rendering him speechless, is reported as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy of Bridgewater were visitors here Saturday and Sunday.

Guy Brown visited relatives at Glenwood the latter part of last week.

M. L. Kaylor was in Marion today.

### Republican Committee Endorses Linney for Governor.

Greensboro, N. C., April 8.—At a meeting of the republican state executive committee here this afternoon and tonight for the purpose of selecting a candidate for each state office, a full state ticket was decided upon with Frank A. Linney, of Watauga, chairman of the committee, heading the ticket for governor. L. L. Jenkins of Asheville, was indorsed for lieutenant governor. The others on the ticket selected were: A. L. French, of Raleigh, commissioner of agriculture; Zeb Vance Walser of Lexington, attorney general; J. Q. A. Wood, Pasquotank, auditor; W. J. Jordan of Greene, commissioner of labor and printing.

The offer of the candidacy for attorney general to Walser was the only evidence of the presence of the olive branch.

Mr. Walser is, with a few others, bearing the heaviest part of the progressive machinery in the state, according to all indications.

All who vote in the primary of June 3rd must pay their poll tax by May 1. Just 17 days to attend to this important matter.

"The Girl and The Game" will be presented at The Grand tonight (Thursday). This is a splendid feature, a thrilling story of railroads, of love, and adventure.

### Death of Mrs. Byrd.

On April third while friends and loved ones watched by the bedside of the dear wife and mother, the death angel came and took away the spirit of Mrs. J. A. Byrd, who lived near Glenwood. Mrs. Byrd was born January 4, 1861, and joined the Methodist church at the age of thirteen. Soon after her marriage she united with the Baptist church, of which her husband was a member, and as long as able she attended regularly. But for the last eighteen months, her health having broken down, she had been confined to her home. She suffered untold agonies, but through it all she was a patient, loving mother, always bearing the burdens of all around her. As friends and loved ones watched over her with hope against hope that God in His mercy might spare her again to them in health, the end came peacefully.

Mrs. Byrd leaves to mourn their loss, a husband and three children, the younger being eleven; also seven step-children; three brothers and three sisters.

Rev. A. P. Sorrels, assisted by Rev. Mashburn, conducted the funeral services at Bethel Baptist church April 5th at eleven o'clock. The remains were laid to rest at Bethel cemetery to await the coming of Christ when friends and loved ones will meet to part no more. C.

### New Women's Building for Western Hospital.

Morganton, April 6.—Directors of the Western Carolina Hospital for the Insane have prepared plans for a new building which will accommodate 100 women and part of the material has been placed on the grounds.

The directors, who have been in session this week, reached an agreement with the township road board whereby a short stretch of the hospital road near the railroad station will be used as a public highway.

Annual election of officers by the directors resulted in the reelection of I. I. Davis, chairman; R. R. Clark, secretary.

These two with A. E. Tate, re-elected, constitute the executive committee. F. M. Scroggs remains as steward and Miss Cilla Summers as matron and housekeeper.

Superintendent McCampbell's report shows that 57 men and 68 women admitted within the past four months, 12 men and 16 women have died and the number of patients March 31 was 676 men and 908 women. No accidents have occurred and the general health has been good. No deserving applicant has been refused, but room is scarce.

Fully sustaining the ruling of the state board of elections made some days ago, Attorney General Bickett has rendered an opinion for the state board of elections to the effect that there must be provision made for the people of the state to vote for president and vice president and that the board must provide ballots for republican and democratic parties that have blank spaces left in which the names of the choice of the voter for president and vice president can be inserted.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Col. Al. Fairbrother has bought the Greensboro Record.

Shipments of strawberries from the eastern trucking section are expected to begin about the 25th.

Three children, two boys and a girl, were bitten by a rabid dog in Highland, a suburb of Hickory, and taken to Raleigh for Pasteur treatment.

Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio has been selected for temporary chairman of the national Republican convention, which meets in Chicago June 7.

Cold weather, with snow, prevailed throughout a large section of the country the latter part of the week. Fifteen inches of snow reported in West Virginia.

While handling a rifle Earl Duke, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duke of Concord, was shot by the accidental discharge of the weapon and died a day later.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Press association met in Greensboro Tuesday and selected Durham as the place and July 13 and 14 as the time for the next annual meeting of the association.

J. E. Misener, 29 years old, yard conductor for the Southern railway in Asheville, injured while handling dynamite a month ago, died of lockjaw Saturday. His remains were taken to Newton, his former home, for burial.

Vice President Thomas R. Marshall has accepted the invitation to speak May 23 in Greensboro at the commencement exercises of the State Normal and Industrial College. Mrs. Marshall will accompany him.

Davidson county Democracy, through the executive committee of the county, placed itself squarely behind the candidacy of H. B. Varner for Congress Saturday, when resolutions heartily endorsing him were unanimously passed.

According to the president of the North Carolina Orphan Association in his address at the meeting of the association in Raleigh last week, there are 5,000 orphan children in this state without homes and the next legislature will be urged to increase the provision for the care of these legitimate wards of the state.

### Vice-President to be at Vance Dedication.

Raleigh, N. C., April 10.—Associate Justice W. A. Hoke, as chairman of the commission for placing the bronze statue of Zebulon B. Vance, in Statuary hall at the national capitol, has secured Vice-President Marshall and Governor Craig as the principal speakers for the unveiling, which is to take place probably on June 7 and 8. Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, bishop of the diocese of North Carolina, has also accepted an invitation to take part in the ceremonies, which are to be attended by a great number of distinguished North Carolinians.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Roberts, April 10, a daughter.