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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION NEXT WEEK

Opening Session Will Be Held in Methodist Church Tuesday Night—Program.

The opening session of the McDowell County Sunday School Convention will be held in the Methodist Church, Marion on Tuesday night, September 6th at 8:00 o'clock. The Convention will continue through Wednesday, there being three sessions on that day—morning, afternoon and night.

The Sunday School leaders of the county consider themselves very fortunate in having secured Mr. D. W. Sims, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, as one of the speakers. Under Mr. Sims' direction the Association is doing some progressive Sunday School work. Before taking up the work in North Carolina Mr. Sims served for five years as General Superintendent in Alabama and for the past eight years has been General Superintendent of the Georgia Sunday School Association. Mr. Sims not only knows the organized Sunday School work, but he has also had practical experience as Sunday School teacher and superintendent. He is noted for the practicality of his addresses delivered in such a humorous, interesting and instructive way. Mr. Sims' first lecture in Marion will be on "The Program and Session." His long experience as a Sunday School superintendent will make this special interest to all who have anything to do with planning of the program for Sunday School, and is applicable to teachers as well as Sunday School officers. In connection with his Sunday School work Mr. Sims has traveled in thirteen foreign countries, one of which was Palestine, and last fall he took a trip in the Orient including China, Korea and Japan in his travels.

Miss Flora Davis, Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will also be one of the speakers. Miss Davis knows the Sunday School work and her addresses on methods of work are said to be very helpful and delivered in a very attractive manner. Miss Davis was one of the official delegates to the World's Sunday School Convention in Tokyo, Japan last October. She also took an extensive tour into China and Korea as well as visiting many of the principal cities of Japan. She has recently taken up the work in this state, and comes to North Carolina from Georgia where she has done similar work for the past nine years. The Sunday School leaders feel that a very competent assistant has been secured in Miss Davis.

The meeting at Marion is arranged under the auspices of the North Carolina Sunday School Association which is the only organization in the state which aims to help all departments of every Sunday School in the state. The Association stands for those interests common to Sunday School workers of all denominations. It is a systematic effort of workers from the various denominations to create public sentiment in favor of more and better denominational Sunday Schools. Leaders in thought in the various denominations help in this work.

The following local committee has in charge the arrangements of the convention: Mr. W. R. Chambers, Superintendent Baptist Sunday School; Prof. T. A. Holton, Superintendent Methodist Sunday School and Mr. Geo. A. Banner, Superintendent Presbyterian Sunday School.

The program for the four sessions of the convention follows:

First Session, Tuesday Night, September 6
8:00 Period of Worship. Led by Rev. J. P. Higgs, Pastor Methodist Church, Marion.
8:15 The Adults in the Sunday School by Miss Flora Davis.
8:45 Song.
8:50 The Program and Session by

Mr. D. W. Sims.
9:30 Adjourn.

Second Session, Wednesday Morning, September 7

10:30 Period of Worship. Led by Rev. J. T. Bowden, Pastor Baptist Church, Marion.

10:45 Trained Workers for the Sunday School by Miss Flora Davis.

11:15 Song.

11:20 Period of Business: Record of Attendance.

11:35 Our Purpose and Our Task by Mr. D. W. Sims.

12:05 Miscellaneous Business:

1. Offering for support of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

2. Announcements.

Third Session, Wednesday Afternoon

2:30 Period of Worship. Led by Rev. J. C. Story, Pastor Presbyterian Church, Marion.

2:45 Practical Points for Sunday School Efficiency by Mr. D. W. Sims.

3:15 Period of Business: 1. Place of next meeting. 2. Miscellaneous.

4:00 Story Telling by Miss Flora Davis.

4:30 Problem Solving Period conducted by Mr. D. W. Sims.

Fourth Session, Wednesday Night

8:00 Period of Worship. Led by Rev. E. J. Jones, Pastor Second Baptist Church, Marion.

8:15 Four Essentials of a Graded Sunday School by Miss Flora Davis.

8:45 Song.

8:50 Doubling the Sunday School Attendance by Mr. D. W. Sims.

ANNUAL SINGING CONVENTION AT BETHLEHEM

The McDowell County Singing convention which was held at Bethlehem last Saturday and Sunday was probably the best convention ever held in the county. Seven well trained choirs furnished music, as follows: Bethlehem, Old Fort, Graphite, Cherry Springs, Hankins, Ebenezer and Clear Creek. Several members of the Dysartsville choir were also present and rendered some very appropriate songs.

There was an unusually large attendance, both of singers and visitors and all were well cared for by the hospitable citizens of Bethlehem who opened their homes to the visitors and extended a hearty welcome to all. Dinner was served on the ground each day and the convention was enjoyed by all present.

Officers were re-elected for the coming year. A joint committee will be appointed later by the president, Mr. J. C. Burnett. The next annual convention will be held at Clear Creek on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1922. A called convention will be held in Old Fort on the fifth Sunday in October of this year. All choirs are urged to make ready and attend this convention as McDowell is making rapid progress in the way of singing.

J. W. STREETMAN SELLS STORE TO J. ROBT. DAVIS

Mr. J. W. Streetman, who has been in the drug business in Marion for the past thirty years, has sold out to Mr. J. Robt. Davis, and the new proprietor is now in charge. Mr. Streetman came to Marion when there was not a great deal for a prescription druggist to do. It was in the days when the doctors carried their medicines with them when called to see their patients. By sticking strictly to business Mr. Streetman gradually built up one of the best drug stores in the state.

Mr. Streetman has made no definite plans for the future. He and family will probably spend the winter in Florida where he owns a nice orange farm.

Mr. Davis, the new owner of the Streetman Drug Company, has been engaged in the drug business for some time. He is a young man of sterling character and business qualifications. His many friends throughout the county will be glad to learn that he has gone back into business and that his plans are to remain permanently in business in Marion.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

SUGAR HILL

Nealsville, Aug. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston Rabb and little daughter, Elizabeth, are visiting friends and relatives at Lenoir this week.

Fred Morris, who holds a responsible position at the First National Bank in Marion, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Guy Hemphill of Canton is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hemphill.

Miss Leota Morris and Mr. Signerd Westmoreland of Glenwood spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. C. S. Grayson and two children of High Point are visiting the former's father, J. C. Crawford.

Miss Pearle Simmons and Ernest Koone motored to the Cove Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hemphill and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Bright attended the singing convention at Bethlehem Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson is visiting her parents at Glenwood.

Mrs. P. R. Simmons and son, Ray, made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Jack Morris and Guy Hemphill spent the week-end with friends in Union Mills.

Clyde Hemphill attended the Memorial services at Bethlehem Saturday.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Misses Lillian Michael and Aldine Pleasant.

Service on the new mail route from Sugar Hill to Old Fort will begin the first of September.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Aug. 29.—Miss Reba Caplin of New York has returned to her home after spending the week with her brother, I. L. Caplin.

Miss Clennie Smith of Marion was the guest of Mrs. J. M. Kanipe during the week.

Misses Mae Allison and Annie Walls, who are teaching at Hankins, spent the week-end with Mrs. Ben Allison.

S. J. Fortune of West Asheville spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. G. Y. Gilliam.

W. L. Lytle of Asheville visited his father here during the week.

Seven choirs participated in the singing convention at Bethlehem Sunday as follows: Old Fort, Clear Creek, Bethlehem, Cherry Springs, Graphite, Ebenezer and Hankins. The singing was good and much enjoyed. The next convention will be held at Old Fort on the fifth Sunday in October at the graded school auditorium. It is hoped to have more choirs at the call convention here.

Robert, little son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Miller, died last Friday and was buried at Ebenezer Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Marshall have moved into Mrs. H. A. Spencer's house where they will keep house awhile.

Miss Helen Tomilson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Aug. 29.—Miss Regina Matthews of Rock Hill, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Miss Edna Metcalf of Rutherfordton is visiting Mrs. Mattie Jaquins.

A crowd of young folks enjoyed a trip to the power plant last Saturday.

Zeb Daves of Marjon visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goforth visited relatives in Nebo Saturday.

Misses Mamie and Laura Goforth will leave next Saturday to open school at the Clinchfield mills.

Claud M. Laughridge of Marion was a visitor here Sunday.

Mamie Goforth, after spending two weeks or more in Atlanta, Ga., visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Ray Denton, returned home last Thursday.

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SCHOOLS TO OPEN.

Monday, September 5th, will witness the opening of all the larger educational institutions in the county.

The Marion Graded School will open after the summer vacation and the prospects are bright for the best year's work in the history of the school. Supt. Holton has been busy all summer getting his work outlined and planned for the coming year. An able corps of teachers has been selected and unless the unforeseen should happen the coming school year for the children of Marion has much in store.

The graded school at Old Fort will open its doors on Monday. Supt. G. B. Strickland has perfected his plans for the year's work. The school will start off with the best organization it has ever had. The equipment has been enlarged and a teaching force is experienced and well qualified. The school has met the requirements to become an accredited institution, of which the people of Old Fort feel proud.

Nebo High School will open this year with Mr. H. M. Rowland as principal. Mr. Rowland has been on the grounds for sometime getting his work in hand and making preparations for the opening. Indications are that Nebo will have its best year, as much has been done during the past months to take care of the growing demands of the school. Ample equipment has been provided and the teaching force enlarged. The faculty is made up of experienced teachers of standard qualifications.

Glenwood High School opens with Miss Penny as principal again and a corps of assistants well qualified for their work. Miss Penny has spent the summer at Columbia University, taking special work in school supervision and management. She takes hold of our work this year with renewed zeal and expects flattering results during the coming year.

Clinchfield High School opens on Monday with Mr. John Poteat of Marion as principal. Mr. Poteat is a graduate of Davidson College and is well equipped for school work. He has been at work for the past few weeks making his plans and studying the local situation. From a standpoint of number, Clinchfield is one of the largest schools in the county and has a high percentage of attendance. Mr. Poteat will be assisted by a strong faculty and the prospects are bright indeed for a successful year's work.

Marion Mill school will begin the year's work also on Monday with Miss Maggie Taylor again at the head of the school. The building and equipment has been enlarged and extra teachers have been added. The authorities of the mill village are taking much interest in making the school efficient and the prospects are good for the coming year.

With the opening of these schools the entire system will be in operation. So far everything is running smoothly and great interest is being manifested. The teachers are taking their tasks seriously and much real hard work is being done. From the standpoint of attendance schools are by far ahead of anything in the past. Practically no difficulty is being made in keeping the children in school. People of the various districts are taking great interest in the bettering school facilities and much is being done to provide better equipment and buildings. The depression in business is having no effect whatever toward lessening or decreasing enthusiasm for schools; in fact, it seems that the reverse is true.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum, 88 degrees; minimum, 62 degrees; rain, 0.28 of an inch; sunshine, per cent., 71.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bradley, of Garden City, August 14, a daughter.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Seventy-eight of the 106 applicants for license to practice law in North Carolina were successful in the Supreme court's examination conducted last Monday. One woman, Miss Marie Shanks, of Asheville, passed the examination.

Charlotte and Asheville are possible choices of the new veterans' bureau for one of the 140 sub-offices to be established in the United States. The offices are to look after the needs of ex-service men for the regions surrounding them, and are part of the new plan of organization.

Raleigh, Aug. 30.—North Carolina's sixtieth State Fair during the week of October 18-22 will have as drawing cards a newly-elected governor, a football contest between State college and the university, greater number of exhibits of livestock and field crops and cash premiums of more than \$20,000. Col. Jos. E. Pogue, secretary of the North Carolina Agricultural society, is not making the announcement that the president has declined to accept the invitation, but there will be attractions a-plenty for the Tar Heels no matter whether the nation's chief executive visits the state or not.

REV. DR. J. H. DEW COMMITS SUICIDE AT RIDGECREST

Rev. Dr. J. H. Dew, Baptist evangelist, who has lived at the Southern Baptist assembly grounds, Ridgecrest, for the past five years, committed suicide by severing a jugular vein shortly after midnight Friday morning. Dr. Dew lived about an hour after he cut his throat, but medical aid summoned up on the discovery of his body was unable to save him.

The evangelist had been in ill health for over a year, and his condition for the past few weeks had bordered on nervous prostration, friends state. Although he had been somewhat despondent recently, friends and relatives had no idea of his intention to take his own life. When first discovered Rev. Dr. Dew was found lying on the floor in his home at Ridgecrest. His wife, who made the discovery, summoned a physician, who found him dying.

Before moving to Ridgecrest Dr. Dew was a resident of a small town in Missouri. He was a native of South Carolina, and his body will be taken today to Latta, S. C., where funeral services will be conducted Sunday.

Dr. Dew, who is survived by his wife, was a prominent Baptist evangelist and had been engaged in Baptist church work for over 25 years. He was about 60 years of age. The minister was well known and well liked throughout the southern Baptist field, and played a prominent part in the life at Ridgecrest.

Dr. Dew was well known in Marion, having held two successful revival meetings here, and preached at the First Baptist church several times recently while the pastor was away on a vacation.

TEACHERS STAND

EXAMINATION

A number of teachers were on hand to stand the examination at the office of County Superintendent of Schools on last Tuesday and Wednesday. Heretofore teachers have had the privilege of taking only a part of the examination at one time as it was divided into four groups. In this way they were given one year to complete the full examination. This rule, it is understood, will be discontinued after the regular examination in October. Teachers who have not completed all the examination not later than October will be required to pass on groups at one examination.