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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLKS HOLD GOOD CONVENTION

Many Attend Sessions of McDowell County Association—State Leaders Attend.

Sunday School workers from various sections of the county were in attendance at the McDowell County Sunday School convention which was held in the Methodist Church here Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. At the close of the meeting the records showed that thirteen Sunday Schools had been represented. Among those present were six pastors, ten superintendents and twenty-nine Sunday School teachers, the total attendance being about one hundred people.

The State Sunday School Association was represented by Mr. D. W. Sims and Miss Flora Davis, of Raleigh. The addresses of these two workers were said to be very helpful and instructive. Plans and purposes of the State Sunday School Association were presented by Mr. Sims in a most comprehensive way. "Our Purpose and Our Task" was the subject of this address.

In speaking of the work of the State Sunday School Association, Mr. Sims said it seeks helpful cooperation, not union. Its conventions and institutes discuss methods of work, not church doctrines. The conventions held under the auspices of the State and County Associations are free schools of methods open to all who attend. Again, in territories where there are no Sunday Schools, the Association does not suggest the organization of union Sunday Schools but urges the organization of denominational schools of the denomination preferred by the people of the community. Our task, said Mr. Sims, is to form enough Sunday Schools to reach every person and to make existing Sunday Schools better. Especially, he added, is this need great in the rural sections of the state.

There is no organization on the globe that will yield the same dividend as the Sunday School, said Mr. Sims. The records show that less than 10 per cent of the money raised for church purposes is put into the Sunday School, yet the church reaps from the Sunday School 90 per cent in results. This is shown by the fact that 85 per cent of all church members come from the Sunday School, 90 per cent of the church workers, deacons, elders, stewards, etc., come from the Sunday school, 95 per cent of all the ministers come through the Sunday school, as well as 90 per cent of our foreign missionaries. Through co-operation Mr. Sims urges more and better denominational Sunday Schools.

At the Wednesday afternoon session of the convention McDowell County Sunday School Association was organized and officers elected for the coming year. The object of the association is to bring Sunday School workers of all denominations together in county conventions for the purpose of exchanging plans and methods of work, and to be of mutual help to each other. According to Mr. Sims, many counties of the State have similar organizations and good results are being reported. Another object is to hold Township conventions when the workers of the various townships will get together to discuss their problems. The McDowell County Sunday School Association is one of the units of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

The officers elected for McDowell county were: President, W. R. Chambers, Marion; vice-president, Geo. A. Banher, Marion; Secretary, Prof. T. A. Holton, Marion. Township Presidents: Marion, Mrs. E. H. Dysart; Old Fort, R. F. Hughes; Crooked Creek, to be supplied by county officers; Buck Creek, Newton Buchanan; Montford's Cove, W. M. Wilson; Glenwood, Mrs. Abe Gardner; Nebo, Joseph Padgett; Higgins, C. P. Holland; Dysartsville, Bratcher Landis; North Cove, Geo. W. Con-

ley; Bracketts, Miles P. Flack; Broad River, Miss Mae Gilliam.

BAPTIST SUPERINTENDENTS MEET HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Two superintendents' conferences for Baptist Sunday Schools of North Carolina will be held this month, one in Goldsboro Sept. 19-23, the other in Marion Sept. 21-23. The conference here will be held at the First Baptist church and an interesting program has been arranged. Dr. B. W. Spilman, of Kinston, field worker of Baptist Sunday School Board, will be one of the speakers. The program follows:

Wednesday Evening, September 21.

7:30. Devotional, Pastor J. T. Bowden.

7:50. Words of Welcome, and Response.

8:00. Address, Dr. Spilman.

8:45. Announcements and assignment of homes.

Thursday, September 22.

Morning Session.

9:30. Song and Praise, Supt. J. N. Barnett.

9:45. Brief reports from Superintendents.

10:15. Address, Dr. Spilman.

10:45. A New Sunday-School Program for North Carolina—Rev. A. L. Stephens, Black Mountain.

11:15. Address, Secretary Flake.

12:00. Round Table on above discussions.

12:30. Recess.

Afternoon Session.

2:15. Devotional.

2:30. How I Brought My School to the Standard—Supt. J. N. Barnett.

2:50. A Worth-while Association—Mr. J. H. Grogg, Asheville.

3:10. Open Conference, conducted by Secretary Flake.

3:40. Address, Dr. Spilman.

4:15. More reports from Superintendents.

Evening Session.

7:30. Song and Praise, Supt. J. N. Barnett.

7:45. The Sunday-School in Evangelism—Pastor R. J. Bateman, Asheville.

8:15. Address, Secretary Flake.

Friday, September 23.

9:30. Song and Praise.

9:45. The Superintendent at Work: (1) Conducting a Session of His School—Supt. W. R. Gragg, Boone. (2) Developing His Leaders—Supt. M. W. Hamrick, Asheville. (3) Training His Teachers—Supt. O. A. Lynch, Caroleen.

10:15. Address, Dr. Spilman.

10:45. Promotion Day—Supt. T. P. Pruitt, Hickory.

11:15. Address, Secretary Flake.

12:00. My Plans When I Get Home—By Superintendents.

12:30. Adjourn.

Afternoon Session.

2:15. Devotional.

2:30. Some Achievements This Year—Secretary Middleton.

2:45. Address, Dr. Spilman.

3:15. Address, Secretary Flake.

4:00. Final Conference and Closing Exercises.

TERRELL-WEAVER.

Asheville Citizen, 8th.

Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Miss Ethel Terrell and Mr. Guy Weaver were united in marriage. The ceremony, which was extremely simple in detail, was performed at the Central Methodist church and was said by Rev. Dr. E. K. McLarty, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. P. L. Terrell, of Marion, father of the bride in the presence of a gathering of friends and relatives. The nuptial music was rendered by the organist of the church and Mrs. M. G. Terrell, of Burlington, sang several appropriate selections. After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver will return to Asheville to make their future home.

Mrs. Weaver was formerly a resident of Granite Falls, and has been superintendent of public instruction for Buncombe county for two years. Mr. Weaver is a prominent attorney of this city.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 13.—The Old Fort graded school opened Monday, Sept. 5th, with the largest enrollment in its history, numbering three hundred and thirty pupils. All available space in the building is taken. The high school numbers sixty-two pupils. We hope that the trustees will see fit to provide more room as soon as possible, as we are very much crowded.

Mrs. Field, of Jacksonville, Fla., is visiting Mrs. S. M. Hoffman.

Misses Mae Allison, Gertrude Durham and Millie and Bula Kanipe left Tuesday for Greensboro where they will attend the North Carolina College for Women.

Messrs. Sidney Mauney, William Burgin, Hugh Tate and Harry Burgin left Tuesday for the A. and E. College at Raleigh. Joe Crawford also left for Warford College at Spartanburg.

Misses Ruth and Martha Holder spent the week-end with friends here. A number of people motored to Chimney Rock Sunday.

Miss Katherine McElroy left Monday for Stonewall Jackson Institute, Abingdon, Va.

Work has been started on the Dixie Highway about two miles east of Old Fort.

SUGAR HILL

Nealsville, Sept. 13.—Miss Ella Grant is visiting friends and relatives in Marion this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nanney of Gilkey spent Sunday with the latter's brother, Mr. Fate Hogan.

Misses Aldine Pleasant, Lillian Michael, Mary Sue and Clara Hemphill spent Wednesday night at the home of Misses Lou and Alice Morris. Miss Pearl Padgett and Messrs. Ernest Beaman and Everett Padgett spent Sunday at the home of J. C. Crawford.

Lawrence Crawford left Monday for Maryville College.

Fred Morris of Marion spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Rabb spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall.

Ray Morris, a student of Round Hill school, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Morris.

Miss Mary Sue Hemphill will leave Wednesday for Asheville Normal school.

The Sunday school that was recently organized at the Grove church is progressing nicely.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, Sept. 13.—Mrs. Dulla Perry of Thomasville has been visiting relatives on the creek for some time.

C. L. Lytle and sons, Luther and Gudgey, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Pool of Rock Hill, S. C., and Mrs. Blankenship of Hot Springs have been visiting Mrs. C. W. Lavender for the past week.

Fodder pulling is progressing rapidly through this section.

Frank Turner moved into his new house last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lavender and Mrs. A. W. Lavender spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Halford.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Mills Hoyle, Sept. 5, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lavender, Sept. 6, a daughter.

Rev. Spencer preached a very interesting and helpful sermon at Salem Sunday morning.

BROAD RIVER

Old Fort, Sept. 12.—Work on the Crooked Creek-Broad River highway is progressing nicely. The grade is almost completed to the Stone Mountain gap.

The school at Stone Mountain was suspended Friday for two weeks on

account of farm work.

Miss Estelle Morris, who has been teaching at Stone Mountain, attended the teachers meeting in Marion last Saturday and went on to her home for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nanney are all smiles these days—it's a boy.

Messrs. M. T. Green and W. J. B. Ledbetter were pleasant visitors at the home of R. C. Nanney yesterday.

Fodder pulling will be the order of the day for the next two weeks.

T. B. Ledbetter went to Hendersonville Friday in the interest of the Crooked Creek-Broad River highway.

W. F. Stroud has his new residence about ready for occupancy.

TEACHERS' MEETING

HERE LAST SATURDAY

The first teachers meeting of this year's series was held in the auditorium of the graded school building on last Saturday, Sept. 10. Supt. N. F. Steppe opened the meeting by a short talk to the teachers. The summary of his remarks can be expressed in one sentence: the school program for McDowell county for the present school year is more efficient teaching. He very indelibly impressed upon the teachers their duty to the community as well as to the children in the school room. He urged them to take a little time for betterment associations or community welfare leagues, because that time would be well spent the lost from recitations. He renewed enthusiasm in the county-wide campaign for better physical equipment by showing them that no efficient work can be done with poor equipment.

Following Mr. Steppe's remarks, Miss Emma Belle McFalls, of the Glenwood High School faculty, sang most beautifully. The Glenwood people are extremely fortunate in having Miss McFalls with them this year.

Hon. D. E. Hudgins, who for 28 years has labored untiringly for the advancement of the educational system of McDowell county, spoke to the teachers of that most real part of our existence, thought life. He told them the child should be taught to be truthful, honest, kind, public spirited until he thinks along those lines. As a result of such teaching the child will develop into a more thinking, truthful, honest, kind, public spirited thoughts—and will be that kind of man "for as a man thinks, so is he."

Miss Sara Copeland, who was a few years ago a member of the graded school faculty, contributed to the meeting by telling the story of the Great Teacher, Christ. Her contribution was indeed a pleasant part of the program.

Supt. G. B. Strickland, of the Old Fort Graded School, followed up the thoughts of Supt. Steppe and Mr. Hudgins with helpful suggestions for organizing communities.

Supt. Holton, of the Marion Graded School, talked for a few minutes of the little things about school teaching and the value of time.

Miss Mary Greenlee urged the teachers to send in their reports promptly at the end of each week so that she can better keep up with the attendance. She urged community organizations to assist any families in their communities so unfortunate as are not able to sufficiently provide clothing for children to attend school this winter. It is her opinion that in any community where there is a Sunday school, a church and a school that the people in that community should take care of the deserving poor who are with them.

BOX SUPPER.

A box and ice cream supper will be given at Pinnacle school house Saturday night, Sept. 17. The funds raised will go toward painting the school building. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

The box supper scheduled to take place at Tom's Creek school house last Friday night was postponed until next Friday night.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

According to government figures there are 1,572 postoffices in North Carolina, including 14 first-class, 64 second-class, 219 third-class and 1,275 fourth-class offices.

Bobbie Stephens, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Stephens, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon at a mill pond in Raleigh when he dived from the bridge into abnormally low water and broke his neck.

Mrs. Charity Hicks, of Winston-Salem, has passed her 103 birthday and is still hale and hearty and as active as many women at 50 or 60. She is now on a visit to her son, S. B. Hicks, at Harmony, Iredell county.

While walking on the roof of the new 12-story hotel at Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon, Miss Lillian Mitchell, 24 years old, daughter of Edgar Mitchell, of Walnut Cove, fell from a high parapet to the roof over the ballroom, ten floors below, and was instantly killed.

MUCH CONSTRUCTION WORK GOING ON

There is more building and construction work going on and being planned for Marion and vicinity now than at any time in the past. Several handsome residences are soon to be completed; the Cross home on upper Main street will soon be finished. It is one of the prettiest buildings in Marion and a real ornament to the town. On Court street Mr. J. W. Goldsmith will soon complete his new residence. It is a handsome building and adds much to this section of the town. Mr. R. J. Noyes is erecting a very attractive residence on Garden street. The building will be completed and ready for occupancy at no great future date. Mr. Shaffer will soon have his residence ready for use. This building is located in the northeastern part of town and adds much to the general attractiveness of this section. Mr. W. C. Smith is also erecting a handsome eight-room brick residence on North Main street. Mr. J. Q. Gilkey is erecting a modern wholesale building near the station, the building being designed to take care of the constantly increasing business of the Marion Grocery Company, and when completed it is said will be one of the best business structures in Marion.

Considerable street and road construction is planned. The new concrete highway leading from Marion to the C. C. & O. Junction is already open for traffic for about half the distance. The completion of this stretch of road will meet a long-felt need.

In Marion considerable street work is to begin soon. The lower end of Main street is to be paved, and Logan street, from Church to Henderson street, is also to be paved. Court street, from South Main to the intersection of Logan street is to be put in first class condition.

Other work in various sections is also going on. Marion and vicinity has felt little depression in business, and the elaborating class of people have suffered little from unemployment. The general prosperity of this town is far above that of many other towns. All of which goes to prove that Marion is one of the best towns in the country.

CIGARETTE SMOKERS CAN'T TEACH IN WILKES

North Wilkesboro, Sept. 10.—If you want to teach school in Wilkes county, you can't smoke cigarettes. Such was the order made at the regular meeting of the county board of education for September, all members of the board concurring in the decision to eliminate all smokers of cigarettes from the teaching profession of the county, and no doubt their action will be met with genuine approval throughout the "State of Wilkes."