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LEADERS DISCUSS NEEDS OF CHURCH

Methodist District Meeting Here Wednesday Told of Plans to Rebuild Solidly.

Rev. E. W. Fox presided at a district meeting of pastors, stewards and lay leaders of the Methodist Church here Wednesday. Representation was general over the entire district, embracing twenty-seven churches and pastorates. It was brought out in the deliberations that the Marion First church and Marion Mills were the only two churches to pay up all claims last year.

A feature of the meeting was an address by Dr. John F. Kirk, executive secretary of W. N. C. C. Board of Christian Education, on the general outlook. "The last year was one of the hardest years," Dr. Kirk said. "Only during the Cleveland administration have we had such a year previously," he continued. "We are facing new conditions. Becoming more spiritually minded, people are searching after God. In all our meetings this has been especially emphasized. We are no longer rating men by what they have, but what they believe. We are hopeful for the future, and with this spirit we are to rebuild for the future."

Dr. Kirk offered his services in visiting the charges of the district to discuss church school problems, spending a week with interested Sunday school officers and teachers.

Rev. B. C. Reavis of Morganton spoke on "the pastor in the pulpit." The minister needs as never before, he said, to sound a note of inspiration and consecration. The responsibility of the pastor is greater than ever before. He should be divinely called and a God-sent man: The church being the greatest institution in the world, should have the place of first importance with the pastor, Mr. Reavis concluded.

W. F. Wood, of the Marion church, reported for the committee on benevolence, showing a reduction of \$3,083.

Dr. A. W. Plyler, of the N. C. Christian Advocate, spoke on the place of the church paper in the church's program, saying it should truly be the newspaper of the church.

The afternoon session was given to discussion of district stewards' reports. Steps were taken to plan for a district spiritual life conference to lay particular emphasis on the spiritual needs of pastors and people.

Marion Music Club Goes On The Air At Nine Tuesday Night

Tuesday night, December 6, the Marion Music Club will be heard over Station WWNC, Asheville, from nine to nine thirty. Mrs. T. A. Wilson is director with Miss Helen Lonon as accompanist.

The following program will be broadcast:

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| Sweet Miss Mary | Neidlinger |
| At Parting | Rogers |
| Cradle Song | MacDowell |
| The Club | |
| Polonaise in A Flat Major | Chopin |
| Miss McColl | |
| Twilight is Love Light | Rubenstein |
| Today | Bond |
| Mrs. Pless, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Klontz, Miss House. | |
| Forgotten | Cowles |
| Mrs. Wilson | |
| In the Heart of The Hills | Lee |
| Miss Gilkey, Miss Atwell, Miss Burton, Miss Ballentine, Mrs. Harris, Miss Moser, Mrs. Klontz, Miss House. | |
| Trio, Promises | Klontz |
| Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Klontz. | |
| Solo | Selected |
| Miss Burton. | |
| She Never Told Her Love | Haydn |
| Pleadings | Herman |
| Boats of Mine | Miller |
| The Club. | |

BAPTIST WOMEN ELECT

At a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church, held at the home of Mrs. J. D. Blanton Monday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the year: Mrs. T. H. Henderson, president; Mrs. J. D. Little, vice president; Miss Ethel Ford, secretary.

FOUR ASHFORD ROBBERS BOUND OVER FOR TRIAL

Theron McGhee, Ike McGhee, Roe Byrd, and Beauregard Blankenship, who were arrested in connection with the robbery of the postoffice and store of J. B. Lonon, at Ashford November 13, were bound over to McDowell superior court, the trial to come up in January.

The store, in which the postoffice is located, was entered on Sunday night while Mr. Lonon and family were at church. A big iron safe was carried away, apparently without trace or clue being left behind. After several days of investigation by Sheriff Adkins and Lieutenant Beck, with members of their departments, the safe was found near Ashford. It had been placed on a railroad handcar and carried a couple of miles, then removed from the railroad tracks to a more convenient spot and there opened and ransacked. The safe contained some money and valuable papers.

The men, when arrested, admitted their guilt, and told the officers that the robbery had been carefully planned some time beforehand. It was their belief, they said, that the safe contained a considerable sum of money, enough to cause them to take a great risk in the robbery. Such, however, was not the case, as there was a small sum kept in the safe. They waived a hearing when brought before a committing magistrate.

It was thought at first that the men would be carried to Asheville to plead to the federal charge of robbing a postoffice. But local officers decided the state case would come first, and the men will go to trial in January, when they are expected to plead to the charges of breaking and entering and robbery. The federal side of the case will be taken up later, it was said.

Finley And Party Get Three Bears On Big Hunt Thursday

It begins to look like a closed season on bear will have to be declared unless A. L. Finley and his famous pack of bear dogs can be kept out of the woods. The last hunt on which this aggregation turned loose their best stuff ended Friday when a party of about twenty hunters returned here with three bears, the best hunt had so far this season.

The bears were killed by W. F. Grant, Hayes Carver and Fred Lentz. In size they ranged from 150 pounds to 300 pounds.

Early Thanksgiving morning, the party entered the field, taking stands by daylight. Shortly afterward the hunting pack, numbering some of the best dogs in the country and famous for the number of bears brought to bay, was turned loose in the foothills. The first day two bears were killed. The party spent the night at the home of George Carver, where they were well cared for, and got out to another early start Friday morning. On the second day another bear fell victim to the deadly aim of a skilled hunter, after the faithful dogs, keenscented and tireless, had brought it around to a point where the men had taken stands.

Mr. Finley said he and his dogs had gone into the mountains ten times this fall and from the ten hunts eight bears have been brought out to furnish fresh meat with the gamey flavor to the hunters and their friends.

The last hunt was best of all. Finley and his dogs learn more about bears with the passing of time; it's getting so Mr. Finley and the old pack almost always bring a bear home when they get really set for a big hunt.

ANNUAL SALE OF THE CHRISTMAS SEALS IS ON

Mrs. R. J. Noyes, chairman of the Christmas seal sale, will begin an active canvass of the city Monday with the purpose of selling many of the little seals that help in the fight on tuberculosis. Last year much good was done by the seal sale, a large number of children in the Marion schools being helped with nourishing food as the result of the proceeds of the sale.

School children will call on the public beginning Monday, Mrs. Noyes said.

You will enjoy "THE BIG BROADCAST" next Monday and Tuesday at Marion Theatre.

PUBLIC INAUGURAL HERE MONDAY NIGHT

All County Officers to Be Inducted into Office at Ceremony in Court House.

Every public official elected by the people of McDowell county, from constable up, is expected to attend a public inaugural ceremony in the courthouse Monday night to be sworn in and inducted into his office which he will hold by right of the people's suffrage. J. Will Pless, Jr., district solicitor, will preside over the meeting.

Not only the recently elected officials, but all the citizens of the county are urged to attend. The meeting here will be one of a statewide series to be held in every county of the state, for public installation of all local officials.

The meetings throughout the state will open simultaneously at 7:45 Monday evening; from eight to nine there will be a broadcast of the purposes of the Institute of Government over a statewide hookup connecting with the public meetings in each of the 100 counties; then will follow the first formal public installation of local officials ever held in North Carolina.

It is desired that every officer who goes into office at this time be sworn in at these public ceremonies. After the installation there will be several short talks by prominent citizens.

The Institute of Government is being organized in the counties by Judges Junius G. Adams, M. V. Barnhill and W. A. Devin. Its purpose is to study affairs of government, to bring to the citizens generally a comprehensive picture of their state government in action, and to prepare them for the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship to the end that improvement in government may be achieved.

By the public installation it is expected that every officer will have a clear and concise conception of the responsibilities of his office, and outgoing and incoming officials may confer on the tasks confronting the officials going into office December 5.

Heading the organization committee here are J. Wallace Winborne, J. Will Pless, Jr., Robert W. Proctor, Dillard S. Gardner, and others who are familiar with the workings of the Institute, some of whom attended the opening of the Institute of Government in Raleigh last summer.

All the citizens of the county are urged to attend Monday night.

Tax Case Probably Heard At January Term, Burke County

The tax injunction suit brought by citizens of Crooked Creek, Montford Cove and Old Fort townships has been postponed again. It was to be heard at Lenoir Wednesday, before Judge Michael Schenck, but was postponed from that date to the convening of superior court in Burke county, which begins January 12 and runs two weeks.

This case was brought by taxpayers of the townships named, to restrain the collection of taxes under the terms of a resolution of the boards of education and county commissioners, which it is claimed by the complainants in the case works an injustice to the taxpayers of the townships named, in that the debt service of the schools and districts was placed upon the county as a whole, whereas some of the bonds outstanding were issued for the benefit of certain school districts only, such procedure placing a charge upon the townships suing while it benefited others and not the ones suing, it was claimed.

COLLEGE PLAY AT WEST MARION SCHOOL TONIGHT

"Mary Comes Home From College" will be presented at the West Marion school tonight by members of the P. T. A. It is a romantic little story with lots of homely philosophy and plenty of laughs, and will be very pleasingly presented.

Proceeds will be used for school purposes, a small admission being charged. A large attendance is urged and expected.

Music will be furnished by the Marion string band.

WALL'S PREACHING BRINGS IN SHEAVES

Number of Conversions While Evangelistic Meeting Was in Progress at First Baptist.

Evangelistic services held at the First Baptist church the past week were brought to a successful close Sunday morning. The meeting was an outstanding success, described by the pastor, Dr. B. F. Bray, as "the sanest, the most constructive, and the most helpful meeting in which I've ever had a little part."

Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church at Shelby, preached during the week, services morning and evening, and at the closing service--Sunday morning. A Thanksgiving service in which all churches participated was very beautiful, very helpful and very inspiring. Horace Eason, educational and musical director of the First church at Shelby and a man of rare personality and charm, conducted the singing.

Of these two, Dr. Wall and Mr. Eason, it has been said that "they are safe and sane leaders who will always leave a church better than they found it."

There were many conversions at the services. A large number will be added to the membership of the First Baptist, while it is thought there will be a number of additions to other churches of Marion as a result of Dr. Wall's preaching.

In the meeting conducted by Dr. Wall, with the assistance of Dr. Bray and other pastors of Marion, there was no sensationalism. Religious forces, all the churches of Marion cooperated in a very beautiful Christian way, for which the church through its pastor and officers expressed heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

STUDY CLASSES FOR NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

Each afternoon next week, at four o'clock, Mrs. B. F. Bray will conduct a study class at the First Baptist church for recent additions to the church. The book, "Meaning of Church Membership" will be used to instruct the new members.

Something like forty-eight were added to the church at the evangelistic services last week, of whom more than thirty were received on profession of faith, the others by transfer from other churches. The ordinance of baptism was administered last night, Wednesday.

Marion Vs. Newton Friday At Hickory For Football Crown

Football fans and all friends of Marion's scrapping eleven should go to Hickory Friday afternoon for the game Marion must play with Newton to settle the championship strife. The game will be played at Lenoir Rhyne College, starting at three o'clock.

The Marion lads felt themselves winners of the western conference title, by virtue of having won all six of their conference games, while Newton had tied one of theirs. However, officials of the conference have decided otherwise and have ruled that the playoff between Marion and Newton will decide which high school team is the winner of the conference title. Coach Beam stood out against the ruling but finally was overruled with the announcement that the game Friday must be played or the Orange and Black squad would forfeit the championship.

Therefore, a battle royal may be expected Friday. All those who have watched the Bearcats in action and have admired their fine exhibitions of good football and fighting spirit will want to see this final rally and heroic effort to justify their claim to the conference title. A great game is promised; a big crowd should go to see the Bearcats win, but they're still the home team and deserve all the praise in the world.

RHODES ON SCHOOLS

At the meeting of the Kiwanis Club Tuesday, Guy B. Rhodes, principal of the Old Fort school, read a very fine paper on school cost which will be published in The Progress next week.

THIS ROPE HAD A COW ATTACHED; NOW 2 MEN HAVE TO PAY PIPER

By sticking to the case officers of the sheriff's department were rewarded Saturday with the arrest of two young men who have formed the habit, the officers said, of picking up a rope and carrying it away although there may be a cow attached to the other end. The men are George and Arthur Hudgins, whose home is on Eli Mountain, near Marshall. They were brought into county court Tuesday.

In the county court the men were bound over for trial at the next term of superior court.

This case had its beginning about November 15, when a fine Jersey cow belonging to T. E. Mason, whose home is on old highway 10, was stolen from his home and carried away on a truck. Sheriff Adkins, when the theft was reported, sent Deputies Gordon Page and Geo. W. Duncan to investigate. The officers learned some facts that seemed to have a bearing on the case, being aided by W. H. Porter, a cow specialist of Old Fort. Clues led up beyond Asheville, between that city and Marshall.

Friday morning, early, the two young men thought to be the abductors of the Mason bovine, returned through the same community and had upon the Chevrolet truck another cow, a young animal, which they said would be offered on the market in Rutherfordton. Officers communicated with Sheriff McFarland in that city, who arrested the two young men in a short time.

It was found that they had sold the second cow to Will Flack, at Union Mills, receiving as payment \$7 in money, six gallons of gasoline, and a half gallon of oil, the officers said.

Patton, Broome Tie Waynesville In Hot Thanksgiving Game

Thanksgiving day Coaches Beam and Vance with their football boys went to Waynesville for an afternoon engagement which proved to be a thrilling game, ending 12-12. This was the first time the Marion and Waynesville teams have played in a number of years. Coach Beam stated that he and his team were received in a big way and that Waynesville displayed a high degree of sportsmanship. The boys of both teams were in the game every minute of the time, hit hard, played square, neither asked nor gave quarter.

Marion received to start the game, made one first down, then forced to punt. Waynesville immediately returned the kick. On the second down Bell standing on his own thirty yard line attempted to pass to Winborne, which failed as a defensive man stepped forward to snag the ball and race for the first score. Padgett was substituted for Bell and the duty of punting fell to Broome, who got off a short one which was returned deep into Marion territory. The mountain boys completed a short pass and then on several nice reverses carried the ball over for their second touchdown.

Padgett gave way to Bell and for the first time during the game the Marion boys made their plays click. Reverses, spinners, plunges, passes were all good. The local lads took the ball on their thirty marker and kept possession of it until Patton, left end, caught a nice pass and went over for a tally, a few minutes before the half ended.

Beam's boys came back into the game a touchdown behind at the beginning of the second half. Both teams fought hard but neither could score during the third quarter, however early in the next period Broome hit the line for the tying marker. The game ended with both teams making a desperate attempt to register an additional point, but to no avail.

The line as a whole deserves a lot of credit for the showing they made in the Thanksgiving contest. Bradburn and the Pattons were perhaps in the brightest glow of the limelight. Joe Noyes also put up an exceptional game until a leg injury gave him post to Bradley. In the backfield Broome was the big noise, well aided by his co-workers.

The lineup was as follows: Johnson, center; R. Patton and Noyes, guards; F. Patton and Hensley, tack-

URGE CHANGES IN N. C. CONSTITUTION

Entirely New Document Offered by Commission; Would Give Governor Veto Power.

Raleigh, Nov. 26.—Modernization of North Carolina's organic law, by writing into it many things that are now statutory and removing from it many things that are constitutional was recommended today by the Constitutional Commission in its report to Governor Gardner for submission to the 1933 General Assembly.

The most important change suggested were those relating to the organization and government of counties, cities and towns by statutory instead of organic law; strengthening the power of the governor by giving him the veto privilege and writing the executive budget into the constitution; broadening the authority of the general assembly, and writing into organic law provisions for limiting the incurring of public debt.

Governor Gardner, in a statement tonight, said a preliminary examination of the report "creates the impression on my mind that the commission has done a thorough piece of work."

"Ours is one of the few Southern states that has not completely revised its constitution set up in the reconstruction period," he said.

The governor declared the report followed "the best line of modern thought with respect to state constitution."

Comprehensive Report

He said it undertook "to present an adequate and comprehensive statement of fundamental principles and at the same time leaving a broad scope of authority to that branch of the state government that is most directly representative of the people—the general assembly—to meet the problems presented by changing conditions."

The commission, which was appointed in 1931 with Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, of the state supreme court, as chairman and eight other members, submitted a complete revised constitution for consideration.

It included 12 compact articles which, unlike the organic law adopted in 1869 and amended from time to time, leaves out many governmental functions which the commission, in its letter of transmittal, said were "only legislative" and not "basic in character."

"Stability is to be desired in a constitution, and the restrictions on the legislative power should be limited to the fundamentals of government, other wise changed conditions may not be met without amendments to the organic law," said the letter.

Transferring from organic to statutory law the organization and government of counties, cities and towns, the proposed constitution would authorize the general assembly to enact statutes for local government.

Optional Plans

Optional plans may be provided. The proposal, if adopted, would wipe from the state's organic law the offices of sheriff, coroner, clerk of court, county commissioners, justice of peace, treasurer and surveyor—all now constitutional offices.

A complete new article on taxation was suggested which would throw the problem squarely upon the shoulders of the general assembly with "debt limitation" the means of providing "tax limitation."

Although the short ballot is not included in a proposal in the draft, four members of the commission—Judge John J. Parker, George E. Butler, J. D. Carr and Burton Craig—submitted an alternate proposal for the executive set-up which would give the governor power to appoint heads of all state departments.

There also was an alternative proposal on the veto, submitted by Dr. Clarence Poe, which would permit a majority of the house and senate instead of a two-thirds vote to override gubernatorial objection.

The play "Mary Comes Home" at West Marion school tonight, is given by the P. T. A. of that school.

les; P. Patton and Bradburn, ends; Bell, quarterback; Burleson and Winborne, halfbacks; Broome, fullback.