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NEXT PRESS MEETING AT CULLOWHEE

(In Asheville Citizen Mar. 22.) Dan Tompkins, editor of the Jackson Journal and one of the best known newspaper men in this section was chosen president of the Western North Carolina Weekly Press Association at the closing session last night. He succeeds R. E. Price, editor of the Rutherford Sun.

Every member of the association enthusiastically expressed himself that the gathering was one of the most beneficial and interesting ever held. The topics given consideration were of vital importance and practically every one joined in the round table discussions.

The next meeting will be held during the latter part of May at Cullowhee Normal and Industrial Institute at Cullowhee; the invitation having been previously extended by Dr. J. T. Hunter, president of the institution, and supplemented yesterday by the personal solicitation of Mr. Tompkins, it being remembered that the institution is located in his native county of Jackson.

Other officers elected were: Lee B. Weathers, of the Shelby Star, vice-president; Noah M. Hollowell, of the Hendersonville News, secretary; R. E. Price, historian, and J. D. Boone, of the Waynesville Mountaineer, poet.

The afternoon session was held at the Langren Hotel and after the reading of the minutes, Noah M. Hollowell and Dan Tompkins opened a lively discussion. They show "How to Handle a Good News Story," first by getting the facts correctly, and second by using the proper language and telling the story properly. Lee B. Weathers began a discussion on "How to Handle Foreign Advertising," but it was not concluded until the evening session, which was held in the offices of The Citizen Company.

At the evening meal the visitors were guests of Charles A. Webb, president of the North Carolina Press Association at the Putnam Grill. To this they gave a vote of thanks and several extended their personal thanks to Mr. Webb.

At the opening of the evening session, Mr. Boone spoke briefly on "My Biggest Problem and How I Solved It." He indicated that weekly newspaper problems are not big problems, but little ones. Others spoke of how they had injected new ideas into their newspapers to make them distinctive and to give them a personal appeal to the subscribers.

"News, from the viewpoint of the reader," was the general theme of the talk by Colonel Pratt of Western North Carolina, Inc. He said that there are many times in every country that are not generally known which make good lead reading and often are worthy of note outside the country.

News items on what each county has that others do not or that one county is leader in are interesting, he said, suggesting a resume of the kinds of trees, what they are being used for; what a section has to show the tourists; where there are saddle horses for going to places of interest not approachable by motor; where fishing is good and how the streams are being stocked; where such game as pheasant, deer, bear, wild turkey and quail are available for hunters; what places in the National Forest Reserves are suitable for camping and other such items.

Colonel Pratt told his hearers that the two main objects of his organization, D. C. Hughes called on C. B. Terrell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wm. Freeman spent Monday with Mrs. Steve Bradburn.

Mr. Crawford Jenkins and Miss Myrtle Cooper called at Mr. Clark Webb's Sunday.

Mrs. D. L. Oxner and children spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. J. E. Hoyle's.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Oxner is very sick. Scarcely any progress has been made in farming for several weeks on account of rain.

Tom Tarheel says that he wants to know if the man is a help to his community, rather than how rich he is.

Y. W. A. MEETING

The Y. W. A. of Sylva Baptist church held its regular weekly meeting in the home of Mrs. Charlie Allison on last Wednesday P. M. Mar. 19th. An instructive program on various phases of our home mission work was well presented. There was also the rendition of special music which lends enjoyment to every program. Important matters were discussed and decided upon during the business session of the meeting namely: the sending of a delegate from the Y. W. A. to the woman's meeting in Goldsboro; the beginning at once of the Mission Study Class and that practicing on the Cantata to be given in the church on Easter Sunday night should receive immediate and earnest attention.

After the meeting a short social period was enjoyed, happy and cheery conversation engaged in while eating the delightful refreshments served by Mrs. Allison. Heartly appreciation for Mrs. Allison's kind hospitality was expressed by a rising vote of thanks to her by the Y. W. A.

The meeting was well attended, twenty-four girls besides the counselors and visitors. If you don't know that our Y. W. A. is a wide-awake organization, each member filled with intense zeal and enthusiasm for learning to do and doing God's work we invite you to attend one of our meetings. Young girl if you are sixteen years and not a member of the Y. W. A. we ask you to come and join us—we need you!

SHOAL CREEK

Mr. William Howell and Mrs. G. C. Wiggins were married at the home of Mr. G. T. Cooper Friday evening, Rev. B. S. West officiating. They were given a dinner reception at Mr. York Howell's, Saturday.

Messrs. D. L. and W. H. Oxner spent part of last week at the bedside of their brother, James Oxner, who died at his home near Saunook Thursday night.

Several of our younger folks attended commencement exercises of the local school Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Howell were guests at Mr. S. M. Crisp's Sunday. Miss Etta Kinsland called on Miss Mary Sander afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whittier were with Mrs. Wm. Moore of Whittier.

Prof. J. D. Warriek was a guest of Mr. Carl Hoyle Thursday night.

Attention are to co-operate with every county in this section in things that will benefit each section and to be service in helping them work out their problems for improved conditions and greater business.

Mr. Weathers cited an instance in which by co-operation with the merchants of his home town, he had been able not only to help himself but help the merchants and help his town.

Mr. Webb was called upon and he spoke of the problems that must be solved by the publishers of daily newspapers; explaining that they are different from those of the weeklies and just as perplexing.

MRS. F. A. LUCK PASSES ON

The many friends of Mrs. F. A. Luck will learn with regret of her passing, at her home here, Monday morning.

She had been in her usual health until a few hours before her death, and none of her family knew that she was seriously ill.

She was the widow of the late Felix A. Luck, Sr., and had three children, Jackson and Haywood counties.

She was born and reared in Pittsylvania, Virginia. She would have been 82 years of age the twenty-second of next month, and had been a member of the Baptist church for many years, having been one of the charter members of the First Baptist Church of Sylva.

The funeral was conducted at the Baptist church, Wednesday morning, by the pastor, Rev. W. Ross Yokley, assisted by Rev. O. J. Jones, pastor of the Methodist church.

Besides her large circle of friends, she leaves one sister, Miss Lucy Coleman, of Sylva, four daughters, Miss Annie Tompkins, Misses Addie Sadie and Lucy Luck, all of Sylva, son, Felix A. Luck, of Augusta, Ga., one grand-daughter, Mrs. Virgil Holingsworth, of Augusta, Ga., and three grandsons, Felix A. Luck, Jr., and Coleman Luck, of Augusta, and Dan Tompkins, of Sylva.

FIDDLERS' CONVENTION FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Plans for an "Old time Fiddlers Convention" to be held April 5th, 7 P. M., rain or shine, at the U. S. Veterans' Bureau School Auditorium at Waynesville, are being perfected by the Francis-Arrington-Jones Post No. 121 and the Auxiliary of the American Legion.

This convention is expected to draw leading talent from all points of North Carolina, and outside sections. An attractive prize list will include four cash prizes as well as an assortment of valuable merchandise prizes.

Competition of the keenest sort, is expected among fiddle, banjo, guitar, and harp artists, as well as features like hand-saw solos etc.

Entries are requested to notify the Francis-Arrington-Jones Post as soon as possible so that the program may be completed at an early date. Final details and complete prize list will be announced through the press.

Memories of the past Fiddlers Conventions are not too far distant to remind expectant contestants of the rousing reception assured their efforts in the forth-coming gathering.

This feature program is planned as the next of the series of Superior Community Entertainment arranged under Legion auspices.

The Francis-Arrington-Jones Post No. 121 The American Legion.

SAVANNAH

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ashe visited Mr. Ashe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gribble, at Gay last week.

Mr. Gathier Morgan has moved his family to Caney Fork.

Miss Bonnie Cagle spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. Austin Green.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Green spent Saturday night with Miss Byrd Allison.

Mr. Oscar Cabe has moved his family from East La Porte, back to his old home here.

Miss Maggie Morgan, of Webster and Blanche Ashe, attended commencement at Gay last week.

Messrs. Tom Bryson and Henry Tatham, of Gay were here Sunday.

Miss Mary Etta Deitz spent the week end with home folks at Gay. Glad to hear that Mrs. H. Hall is improving after being confined for several days.

Mr. Dearl Ashe went to Caney Fork last week on business.

Mr. Ora Reed has returned to Webster after spending a few days at home.

Miss Vinnie Cagle visited Margaret Green Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsie McMahan and children, of Cullowhee are visiting relatives here.

Mr. L. C. Estes has moved his family to Sylva.

Mrs. Richard Hall and son Walter spent Saturday night with her sister Mrs. Tatham, at Sylva, who is very ill with measles.

Misses Bennie Cagle and Blanche Ashe visited Leona Green Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Sutton, of Cullowhee, spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. Thomas Brooks visited her brother, Mr. T. B. Green at Gay, who has been very sick.

Miss Gertie Wilson, of Dillshoro is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Brooks.

Miss Lena Bradley spent Sunday with Gertie Cagle.

Mrs. Leannan Green and Mrs. Ella Hall visited their sister and daughter Mrs. Walter Mason at Whittier, last week.

Little Misses Annie, Effie, Elizabeth, Estes and Hix Ashe visited Saunook Hall Sunday.

Quite a crowd of young folks enjoyed a sociable given by Byrd Allison Saturday night.

Mr. Joe Allison and son, of Webster, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mr. Delos Reed visited Dearl and Thomas Ashe Sunday.

Mrs. Cling Green visited Mrs. Eva Buchanan Monday.

Mr. Jesse Dills has moved his family here from Dillshoro.

DEATH OF REV. F. M. JORDAN

Rev. Francis M. Jordan, one of the best of the pioneer Baptist evangelists in this section of North Carolina, and a life of 7,000 converts in the North and South of the State died Saturday morning at 3 o'clock of influenza at his home at Calvert in Transylvania County. His survivors include 33 grand children and 25 great-grandchildren.

In 1871, Mr. Jordan organized the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem with five members. Now this church has one of the largest congregations of any in North Carolina. During his career, Mr. Jordan preached also in Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina. He was the author of an autobiography entitled "The Life and Labors of F. M. Jordan." At the time of his death he was 94 years old.

ONE DOZEN POINTERS FOR CORRESPONDENTS

County correspondents get all too little attention and therefore we think the following dozen pointers, sent out by the Askov (Minn.) American, by its publishers, Petersen Brothers, are well worth broadcasting by other editors. The rules were as follows:

1. Above all get the news.
2. Do not express your own opinion about news events; let the reader form his own opinion about the matter on which you write.
3. Do not depend on rumor; investigate carefully all important news, for your own satisfaction and accuracy.
4. Above all be accurate in your statements.
5. Write your letter regularly, even though there are only a few notes. It is in this way that the people become accustomed to seeing your letters in the paper and look for it.
6. Who? Where? When? What? Why? How? Answer these questions in all your news stories and you are sure to make your letters to the papers interesting.
7. Speak a good word for every one in your community.
8. Give accurate reports of all public meetings and quote words of speaker accurately.
9. Never use your paper as a means to get even with any one. It will probably injure you and cannot fail to injure the paper.
10. Speak a good word for the paper you represent and try to get people interested in it.
11. Make a survey of your territory and find out what kind of news people are interested in.
12. Do not minimize your responsibility with regard to the paper you represent. As an associate editor you are charged with covering your particular field.

OLIVET

The Olivet School closed a very successful term of eight months, March 21, taught by Mr. and Mrs. Dee Parker, and Miss Ila Bumgarner. With a number of promotions in all grades on Friday night, March 21, a nice entertainment was given by the school and a large number was present. All seemed to enjoy the exercises of the children.

Rev. H. A. Bryan filled his regular appointment Sunday, and delivered a very interesting sermon.

Mr. Willie Howell and Mrs. Alice Wiggins were married at the home of Mr. Grady Cooper, Friday, March 21, and their many friends here wish them much happiness.

Miss Love Bumgarner, of Sylva, spent the week end at this place with her sister, Miss Ila Bumgarner.

Miss Oney Lamburt has just returned from Asheville, where she has Mr. Henry Rich made a business trip to Bryson City one day last week.

Messrs. Talmage, Curg and Roy Sherrill have returned from Robbinsville, where they have been visiting friends.

Mrs. Hillard Howell spent the day with her sister, Mrs. T. H. Bridges, Wednesday.

Mrs. William Sherrill is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ora Hyatt at Asheville.

Mrs. S. W. Hyatt has been very ill, but glad to say she is much better. Hope for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Zetta Farmer returned last week from Speedwell, where she has been some time with her aunt, Mrs. Zeb Watson.

Mr. Burk Sherrill and family are spending a few days with his brother, O. W. Sherrill.

We are having some spring weather, and we know how to appreciate it after being shut in so long on account of real winter weather. After all we have something to be thankful for, maybe the cold weather killed some bugs.

BUILDING HIGHWAYS

University News Letter.—During the year 1923 the State Highway Commission completed 1,044 miles of good roads at a cost of \$21,840,000, and the state led the Southern highway construction. Only two states in the Union spent more on highways in 1923 than North Carolina. The southern states ranking in order next to North Carolina are: Texas with 1,000 miles at a cost of \$20,000,000, West Virginia with 928 miles at a cost of \$13,200,000, Arkansas with 767 miles at a cost of \$7,250,000, and Georgia with 500 miles at a cost of \$4,000,000.

Almost exactly one-third of the road mileage completed in 1923, or 336 miles, is of hard-surface types. We led the southern states in the miles of hard-surfaced roads completed, with 200 miles more than Missouri, which ranks next to us. At our present rate we will soon surpass Maryland, and rank first in the South in hard-surfaced roads.

At the present time five miles of good roads are being finished each day in North Carolina by the State Highway Commission. More than two and a half miles of hard-surfaced highways are being completed per day. The year 1924 will probably be the record year in highway construction in the state. Chairman Frank Page will soon be able to attain his ambition of a daylight motor trip from Murphy to Currituck courthouse, if the traffic cops don't spoil it.

BIG RIDGE

We are still having some snow every day. Some of the drifts that blew up three weeks ago are not all gone.

Gardening is behind. We are hoping fruit will be kept back until it will not be killed later, and that we will have plenty of apples and peaches.

A very successful term of school just closed the 24th, taught by Miss Leona Mathews. Measles and cold snowy weather hindered somewhat but notwithstanding the average attendance was kept wonderfully well, and all like the way our school was taught, and think it a success.

We had preaching service yesterday, by Rev. Western Parker, and the people are hoping he will supply the church at this place for the next year.

Farm work is considerably behind, but we are promised "While the earth remaineth, seed time, and cold, and heat, and summer, and winter, and day, and night shall not cease." (Gen. 8-22.) So let us take courage, and keep trying.

BALSAM

Little Miss Beulah Mae Beck entertained a number of her little friends at Balsam Hotel Monday afternoon, the 24th, from two thirty to three thirty in celebration of her seventh birthday. The children enjoyed playing games. Music was rendered on the piano by their teacher Miss Carrie B. Fisher. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Oscar Beck, mother of the little hostess.

A large party of young people gave George Knight a surprise party at his home Wednesday night. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. D. E. Bryson, of Asheville, Monday afternoon.

Misses Grace and Jessie McHaffey, Coy Hedrick and Albert Ensley motored to Dellwood Sunday.

Quite a party of Balsamites attended the movie show in Waynesville, Saturday night.

Mrs. H. P. Ensley, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ensley and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ensley at Hazelwood.

Mrs. D. T. Knight and Mr. Geo. T. Knight were shopping in Waynesville Wednesday.

Mrs. D. W. Ensley is sick with influenza.

Mrs. E. B. Howell and two children are sick with tonsillitis.

We are sorry to report that Mr. J. R. McKay and family are on the sick list.

Miss Addie Crawford is also sick. Mr. Oxner, father of Mrs. W. R. Crawford, died at his home near Saunook, Friday of last week. Mrs. Crawford was with him during his illness. Messrs. W. R., Phil and Cicero Crawford attended the funeral Saturday.

WILL PUSH LIVE-AT-HOME MOVEMENT

Raleigh, Mar. 27.—According to an announcement made by Gilbert Stephenson, Vice-President in charge of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company branch at this city, his bank will donate \$500 in prizes to further the purposes of the "Live at Home" movement in the twenty counties in which the bank operates. The bank has a list of 200 farmer families who have been urged towards living at home during 1924, as told in an article of not over 500 words in length. The counties in which the farmers may enter the contest for this prize are Buncombe, Madison, Haywood, Forsyth, Yadkin, Surry, Stokes, Rockingham, Guilford, Davidson, Randolph, Rowan, Iredell, Cabarrus, Wake, Durham, Johnston, Franklin, Granville and Harnett.

Mr. Stephenson states that the prize is not necessarily awarded to the farmer who makes the highest grade in the ten things which he is asked to do by the Agricultural Extension Service of the State College and Department of Agriculture, but is to the one who makes the most progress toward "living at home". The story may be written by the farmer or by some one else for him. It will be submitted to three judges on or before December first, 1924. The winning story will be given to the local county paper for publication. Following this the twenty best stories (one from each county) will be submitted to a committee composed of Dr. Clarence Poe of the Progressive Farmer, Dean B. W. Kilgore of the State College, and Hon. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture. The best story selected by this committee will be published by the Progressive Farmer. Twenty prizes of \$25 each will be mailed to the winners on or before December 20 and will make a little Christmas present.

The purpose of this is to promote the work done by the extension workers of the college in making North Carolina happier and more prosperous.

BIG MISSION DAY AT CHURCHES OF THE TUCKASEE ASSOCIATION

The first Sunday in April is set apart by The State Association of the Baptist State of North Carolina as Mission Day.

Special speakers are assigned to the different churches and we are desirous of the cooperation of all the pastors and churches in this great movement that, with the help of the Lord it may be a great success.

Brethren let us pray that God may give us a great victory on this day. Don't forget the day; First Sunday in April. April the 6.

Signed: W. ROSS YOKLEY, Director of The Tuckasee Association.

BARKER'S CREEK

Mrs. James Messer went to Bryson City Sunday.

Mr. Andy Cabe of Green's Creek, visited his daughter, Mrs. Charlie Brooks Sunday.

Mr. Frank Brooks spent the week end with relatives at Green's Creek.

Mr. Fred Gates called at Mr. Joe Brooks, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. McKinley Davis went to Bryson City Wednesday.

Misses Bertha and Selma Jones spent Sunday with Mrs. John Davis, at Big Creek.

There will be preaching here the first Saturday night and Sunday in April. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton have moved to Smoketown, where they will make their home.

Mr. A. D. Jones went to Sylva Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Brooks went to Wilmet Tuesday.

Mr. George Gunter, of Conley's Creek, passed through our little town Sunday.

Mr. General Jones has purchased a new Ford road ter.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bradley called at Mr. J. L. Jones' Sunday.

Mr. Jess Jones passed through this place Friday enroute to Caney's Creek.

Miss Jessie Brooks has returned home after spending a few weeks with her grand mother, Mrs. Andy Cabe at Green's Creek.

Mrs. John Brooks spent Friday with her daughter, Mrs. James Bryson.

Mr. Viron Nations was a visitor at Mr. Jack Sutton's Sunday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

W. ROSS YOKLEY, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

J. T. Gribble, Supt.

B. Y. P. U. 6:30 P. M.

Preaching 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Welcome to all.