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## HOYLE TO DELIVER OAK HILL SERMON

Annual Address by Prof. B. B. Dougherty — Commencement Begins Sunday

(By E. L. Story)

Our commencement exercises begin on Sunday, May 1, at 3 p. m. with the annual sermon by Rev. J. E. Hoyle of Lenoir, and continue through a Tuesday evening program beginning at 8 p. m. May 3. Prof. B. B. Dougherty of Boone will address our people on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. On Monday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock the declamation and recitation contests for medals will be held. The primary and elementary children will present on Monday evening at 8 o'clock on operetta entitled "A Day in Flowerdom," which promises to be the best children's play we have ever given. On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the graduating exercises of the eleventh grade will be held. At 1 p. m. Tuesday addresses will be made by Miss Edith M. Thomas of Raleigh, Attorney W. A. Self of Hickory, Mr. W. L. Winkler of Boone and Supt. Y. D. Moore of Lenoir. At this time diplomas will be presented to the members of the seventh grade who have completed the work, and likewise to the eleventh grade. Following these exercises medals will be presented to the winners in the declamation and recitation contests. At 8 p. m. Tuesday the high school pupils will present a comic opera entitled "The Captain of Plymouth." These exercises will close our work for the year. The public is cordially invited to attend all of our programs.

Our people have been very busy for the past few days installing in the school building a lighting and water system. These new conveniences will add wonderfully to the pleasure and effectiveness of the school work. The school board desires to thank most heartily every patron and friend who has co-operated so faithfully in doing the work necessary for installing this plant. The subscriptions made to pay for this plant are now due.

Dr. M. T. Hinshaw, president of Rutherford College, spoke at Cedar Valley church at 11 o'clock on Sunday, April 24, to a large and appreciative audience on the subject of Christian education. He made very clear the necessity for supporting and encouraging our church schools and colleges.

At 3 o'clock on Sunday, April 24, a great number of people witnessed the final interment of John Ivey Smith in the Union cemetery. Of the twenty-five students of our school who were in service during the great war, he was the only one who was killed in battle. There were three others who died of disease. Mr. Smith joined the 19th N. C. infantry in the Hickory company at the age of 15 years and did service on the Mexican border. In 1917 when we engaged in the great war this regiment became the 120th regiment of the 30th division. He was killed on the British front in Flanders Aug. 31, 1918, at the age of 17 years. He is survived by his father, Mr. Abe Smith, of Lenoir, Route 2, a sister, Mrs. Spurgeon Barlow, and two brothers, D. T. Smith of Route 2 and Reno Smith of Hickory. Both brothers were in the service when he was killed.

## MISS SARA WAKEFIELD MARRIES IN PHILADELPHIA

A telegram has been received here by Mr. E. F. Wakefield from his daughter, Miss Sara, of Philadelphia, stating that she and Mr. Edwin Rambounet of the same place were married last Tuesday, the Rev. Mr. Jennings, pastor of the Presbyterian church which she attended, performing the ceremony. Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Rambounet went to housekeeping in an apartment on Chilton avenue, Germantown.

Mrs. Rambounet is the elder daughter of Mr. E. F. Wakefield. She received her education in the schools of Lenoir and at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., and took her training for the work in which she has been engaged at the Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton, where she was a popular teacher for a number of years. For the past two years she has been a teacher at Golden Swan, Mount Airy, Philadelphia, where she has made many friends. She is one of the most popular young ladies to grow up in Lenoir, and her many friends over the entire State will join in congratulations and best wishes for the happy couple.

Mr. Rambounet is in the automobile business in Philadelphia, and while he has a French name he is an American.

Mrs. Rambounet will continue her school until it closes in June, after which they expect to visit here, making the trip through the country.

## DAUGHTER BORN TO MR. AND MRS. GOFORTH

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Goforth have just received the news from their son, H. W. Goforth, U. S. vice-consul at Guatemala City, Guatemala, that they have a fine daughter, born on April 10 in the American consulate.

## BUYS TRIPLETT RESIDENCE

Mr. S. F. Hartley has bought the Molton Triplett residence. Mr. Triplett has sold his interests here and is planning to go west.

## NEW HOSIERY MILL STARTED MONDAY

Need More Girls to Learn to Operate the Machines; Will Enlarge Plant

The Hickory Hosiery Mill started operations Monday morning at their new Lenoir plant. A sufficient number of girls for operating all the machines has not been secured. The local manager is trying to secure more girls now so as to put the entire plant in operation.

A statement issued by Mr. Hugh D'Anna, secretary and general manager, says that "the present number of machines will be sufficient until more girls willing to learn come in. We have a much larger equipment to install provided we can obtain enough girls to keep the machines running."

Mr. D'Anna says that they have in mind a big plant for Lenoir, but since all of the help must be trained they will begin with a small plant and enlarge it just as help can be secured and trained.

## WESTERN UNION DELIVERS A BOY CROSS COUNTRY

During the 75 years or more the telegraph has been in use in America its ramifications have increased mightily. Everything, from presidential messages to flowers for one's sweetheart and checks from home, are flashed to us arranged for via the wire.

Every one is aware of the versatility and arduous errands required of the messenger boys who deliver these urgent missives, but few have heard of the latest test to which his abilities have been put and the most novel service which has yet been attempted by telegraph.

M. E. Whiting, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Bakersfield, Cal., himself was astounded when, 7-year-old Johnnie Caldwell arrived from Rutland, Vt., care of the Western Union, and specially marked for delivery to his parents at Oidale, a town near Bakersfield. Johnnie's Vermont relatives, after having put him on the train and duly tagging him, placed faithful trust for final delivery in the telegraph. Johnnie was promptly transmitted to Oidale, but the manager neglected to say whether he was handled as a night letter or a straight-day message.

## BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS IN CALDWELL COUNTY

Births exceeded deaths in Caldwell county by 467 last year, according to the report of Register of Deeds John M. Crisp, who is also keeper of vital statistics. There were 716 births and 249 deaths recorded during the year. Prior to the enactment of the vital statistics law a few years ago there was no way of keeping a record of deaths or births in any community or in the State. Since the law has been enacted all deaths and births must be reported, and this gives any township, county or the State a complete record of every birth and death that has occurred.

## SQUIRRELS EXTERMINATED

Philip Powell, accompanied by Hill Powell and Pink Suddeth, left early this morning to exterminate the squirrels in certain sections of Caldwell county. They had planned to get out about 4 o'clock so as to get in a full day's work. With ordinary luck this trio of famous hunters should complete the job by mid-afternoon in order to put in the balance of the day resting.

## A LENOIR MAN IN BIG BOONE TRANSACTION

J. A. Boldin Buys Turner's Interest in Wholesale Grocery Concern

Mr. J. A. Boldin has bought the interest of Mr. D. W. Turner in the Boone branch of the Boldin & Turner wholesale grocery firm. The consideration has not been named, but the new ownership became effective several days ago. The name of the new concern will be the Boldin Wholesale Grocery Company.

The Boone branch was established nearly two years ago, and from the first it proved a splendid success for the local people. During these two years it has been under the efficient management of Mr. J. F. Cook, who will retain his connection with the new concern. Mr. Boldin is in Boone this week looking after the interests of the company. Mr. Boldin will retain his residence here, and at the same time look after the general business of the concern.

## HERMAN STONE IMPROVING

The many friends of Herman Stone, son of Mr. B. L. Stone, will be glad to learn that he is steadily improving, and although he is not able to be out of bed yet he is able to sit in bed most of the day. He has been confined to his bed for two months and will have to be in for several weeks more. However, with the coming of warm weather it is hoped his improvement will be more rapid.

## LENOIR LOSES TO THE GRANITE FALLS TEAM

The Lenoir ball team played the Granite Falls team at Granite Falls Saturday afternoon, and lost by the score of 8 to 7.

## TO NOMINATE THE MUNICIPAL TICKET

Two Mass Meetings Called; Third May Be Called By Straight Republicans

Two mass meetings have been called to select municipal tickets for mayor and seven commissioners for the current year. The first meeting called is a Democratic mass meeting for Thursday night, at which it is proposed to nominate a straight Democratic ticket for these offices. The second meeting will be held Friday night, and is for the selection of a ticket regardless of political affiliations of any nominees selected. It is said that the mass meeting of the Democrats is the outcome of resentment of the Campbell contest against Congressman R. L. Doughton, and the appointment of E. H. Smith as county tax supervisor. For several years there has been talk of a straight Democratic ticket. However, no effort has been made until this year to nominate a straight ticket. Heretofore a general mass meeting has been called for the Friday night preceding the election on the first Monday in May, and a ticket composed of a Democratic mayor, four Democratic commissioners and three Republican commissioners has been nominated. Such is the purpose of the mass meeting that is called for tomorrow night.

A new registration has been ordered by the board and the books are now open in Mayor Pritchett's office for men and women who wish to register and take part in the town election. Those who registered for the school bond issue do not have to register for the town election, as their names have been transferred from the school registration book to the town registration book.

So far there has been no call issued for a Republican mass meeting, which, it is believed, will be caused by the call for a straight Democratic meeting. It is said by some that the Republicans will probably hold a meeting Saturday night. If this is done three tickets—a straight Democratic, a mixed Democratic and Republican, and a Republican—will be in the race.

## CASE OF THE NEGRO SHERIFF FORGOT TO HANG

The case of Lonnie Eaton, negro, whom the sheriff of Ouachita parish, Louisiana, "forgot" to hang Feb. 4, was on the docket for disposal by the State pardon board at its meeting last week.

Eaton's case caused widespread comment when Sheriff Grant of Ouachita wrote Gov. Parker shortly after Feb. 4 that he had been "so rushed with work that he forgot to hang Eaton," who was accused of participation in the murder of a white man.

Attorney General Coco, in a written opinion, held that Eaton's status was unchanged by the sheriff's oversight and that there was nothing in the statute books to prevent a future date being set for the execution.

Later reports say the negro's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

## CALDWELL, BURKE, CATAWBA BANKERS FORM ASSOCIATION

J. H. Beall, president of the Bank of Lenoir, was elected president of an association of bankers of Catawba, Caldwell and Burke counties at a meeting and banquet held in Hickory Tuesday night. Fourteen banks were represented and about forty bankers present. Present to address the association were Alexander Ryland, vice-president of the First National Bank of Richmond, and C. T. Reinbach, vice-president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Winston-Salem.

This organization of bankers has for its purpose a more united effort in the upbuilding of this piedmont-mountain section.

A resolution unanimously endorsing the movement of banks to furnish the State highway commission funds for road work was passed. This is a movement to furnish the State money for beginning road work immediately without having to wait until the bonds are sold.

## MRS. J. T. MCGHINNIS DIED IN MORGANTON

Mrs. J. T. McGhinnis died in Morganton last Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. T. Percy, after a serious illness of several weeks. The funeral was conducted from the home by Rev. F. A. Bower, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the burial was in Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bush, Miss Connie Bush, Miss Irene Pressnell, Mrs. Harriet McGhinnis, Mrs. Lou McGhinnis and Mrs. J. C. Anderson attended the funeral from Lenoir.

## TUTTLE-PATTERSON WEDDING IN ASHEVILLE

Mr. C. A. Tuttle and Miss Mildred Patterson of Dallas, Tex., were married in Asheville last Wednesday. They spent the night in Asheville, came on here Thursday and are now keeping house in Mr. Tuttle's home.

## OPENS STORE AT VALMEAD

Mr. F. H. Myrick, who moved here from Macon, Warren county, a short time ago, has opened a small store at Valmead. Mr. Myrick has located in Caldwell county and plans to buy a farm a little later.

## DEAD MEN DID NOT VOTE IN CALDWELL

Campbell Expects Republican Congress to Seat Him Over Doughton's Majority

No absentee vote for the late Jones E. Powell was cast in the November election, according to the additional evidence brought out at the continued hearing in the Campbell-Doughton contest here Monday. Dr. Campbell challenged a vote cast by "Jones E. Powell," when, in fact, no one by that name voted. The name was probably confused with that of "Jane E. Powell," who did vote absentee and who was entitled to do so.

The hearing here Monday completed the first round of Congressional debate. Dr. Campbell has ten days for rebuttal. It is not known here whether or not he will have another hearing in this county.

The hearing in Stanly county was completed last week. Mr. Doughton states that his evidence has rebutted many of the claims of Dr. Campbell, besides gaining much valuable affirmative evidence for himself.

Perhaps the most interesting evidence given during the hearing was that by Attorney G. D. B. Reynolds, who is a leading Republican of the county, and a one-time Republican candidate in the eighth congressional district. Mr. Reynolds testified that Campbell, the contestant, a day or two after the election last November stated the presence of several Republicans that if Doughton didn't receive more than 1,000 majority he (Campbell) would contest the election; that he believed he could locate 500 illegal votes and then, with a margin of 500 votes, a Republican Congress would give him the seat in Congress instead of Doughton.

## WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE BOND ISSUE

It is true that no great question has ever agitated the public mind without some knowledge being disseminated, and the bond issue was no exception to this rule. So for the enlightenment and information of our trustees and others I submit the following resume of facts given out by the wise ones.

We learn from some of the opposers of the bond issue that school houses and good equipment are really a hindrance to education. Only log cabin school houses, with stick and clay chimneys, and split poplar benches without "backs" are needed. Everybody in the world worth a hoot, and all Lenoir's finest and best, were educated thus. We've learned that what was good enough for Grandpap is good enough for our children today. So, Prof. Sisk and trustees of the Lenoir graded school, take notice and select several different sites upon which to erect a chain of log cabins, using the \$150,000 for this purpose.

The first of these might be in the vicinity of Steele cotton mill, the others judiciously sprinkled through the town, the northernmost one built upon the hallowed spot known as "Gooley's Bend," famed for the battle fought there, and touchingly referred to by Bill England in his historical work, "A Gasoline Hobo." Each of the cabins should be fitted with the following equipment: One pine table, one splint bottomed chair, one blackboard and plenty of split poplar benches without "backs," turned easy side upmost. Students should use slates and pencils, and only a few books, by fewer authors.

In the name of Cadmus, if it sharpens our children's wits to be incased in logs and seated uncomfortably let us not shirk our duty.

We are waiting for some one to suggest that our beautiful and up-to-date churches be pulled down and log structures built instead, and O how blessed we'd all be if, through stress and strain of circumstance, we could be picked up and set down in the middle of the sixteenth century.

I can voice the sentiment of the poet and say:

"I'm thankful that the sun and moon  
Are both hung up so high  
That not a human hand can reach  
And tear them from the sky!  
If they were not I'm very sure  
That some reforming ass  
Would recommend to take them down  
And light the world with gas."  
SIN TAX.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING IN N. YORK AND OTHER CITIES

Daylight saving will be effective this summer in most of the large cities and industrial centers in the northern section of the eastern time zone, in the majority of the larger cities in the northeastern section of the central time zone, but so far as reports are obtainable will not be put into effect in the southern or western states.

Stock exchanges, banks and other financial institutions in the eastern zone will follow daylight saving time principally because New York city has adopted such a plan. Railroads will run on standard time, making changes in train schedules for the benefit of commuters to cities having daylight time.

The law was effective April 24 in New York city and runs five months. Virtually all cities and industrial towns in New Jersey will be under daylight saving time.

## PLANS BEGUN FOR CHAUTAUQUA WEEK

Guarantors Hold Meeting and Appoint Committees; Ladies May Sell Tickets

The guarantors for the Redpath Chautauqua to be held in Lenoir beginning May 16 met at the Chamber of Commerce rooms and effected an organization by electing the following officers and committees:

W. J. Lenoir, president; A. K. Joy, secretary-treasurer; entertainment committee, G. F. Harper, chairman, to select his own committee; decoration committee, A. G. Foad, chairman, to select his own committee; advertising committee, F. D. Grist, chairman, to select his own committee; executive committee, W. J. Lenoir, A. K. Joy, Horace Sisk, W. C. Brannon.

After discussing ways and means for selling season tickets it was the unanimous decision of the guarantors that if the Woman's Betterment Association would undertake the job it was sure to be a success. To this end the executive committee was instructed to request the ladies to take hold of the sale, with the assurance that the men would help them in every way possible. The ladies will meet Friday afternoon to consider the matter, and it is hoped they will act favorably, and realize a tidy sum for one of the many good things for which they need money to accomplish.

The five big days of our Chautauqua will begin May 16 and end the night of May 20, making ten fine programs in all. The entire program is not yet in the hands of the local committee, but sufficient data is on hand to make the committee feel that the Redpat motto, "A better program every year," will once more be realized.

Dunbar's White Hushars Band and male chorus comes very highly recommended. An exuberantly funny American comedy, "Nothing but the Truth," will be as well received as "It Pays to Advertise" was last year. This comedy brings out the difficulty a young man found in telling "the whole truth and nothing but the truth" for 48 hours. After seeing the play try it for yourself. The musical attractions and lectures will all be of the highest class, and additional announcements will appear later in this paper.

## A BIG BUYER OF PRODUCE ON VISIT TO LENOIR

A. H. Witherington, of the S. L. Burr Company, commission merchants of Boston, was here Monday to confer with County Farm Agent Roberts about shipments of Caldwell county potatoes. Mr. Roberts took Mr. Witherington to a number of farms and showed him a number of potato cellars. These were the first of the kind to be visited by Mr. Witherington, and he expressed surprise at the arrangements. Mr. Witherington said that the Caldwell county potatoes run as nice as any he had seen, and said that he could use all of the No. 1's that the people of the county would ship him. Mr. Witherington buys big shipments of potatoes from Catawba county every year. County Agent Roberts reached him through Mr. Yoder of Catawba county and invited him to visit Caldwell county on his next trip South. Mr. Witherington left Monday afternoon after a conference with Mr. Roberts in regard to some co-operative shipments.

## CARLHEIM IS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

High Point Man Buys a Half Interest and Takes Over the Management

A half interest in the Carlheim Hotel has been sold by the Southern Hotel Company to Rev. W. H. Wall of High Point. Mr. Wall is also taking a five-year lease on the property, the lease to become effective May 1. Mr. Wall will continue in the ministry at Draper, N. C., with frequent visits here. Mrs. Wall, two sons and two daughters will operate the hotel. Mr. O. R. Wall, who accompanied his father here early this week to consummate the transaction, is remaining here at the hotel until the balance of the family arrives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rogers and son, W. R. Rogers, and Mrs. A. C. Bizzell, will leave shortly for Davis White Sulphur Springs to prepare for the opening of the hotel there on June 1.

Lenoir regrets that Mr. Rogers and his family have decided to leave Lenoir, but extends a cordial welcome to Mr. Wall and his family.

## WENT FISHING

Messrs. Tud Jones, Hall, W. C. Moore, Jr., L. Hoffman, F. H. May, J. M. Crisp, Dr. W. M. White, Rev. E. R. Welch and Mr. Bryan Jones of Hickory went to Bridgewater last Thursday and spent the day fishing. However, they had but fairly good luck.

## U. D. C. TO MEET WITH MRS. J. W. SELF

The Zeb Vance chapter of the U. D. C. will meet Tuesday afternoon, May 5, at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. J. W. Self. All members are cordially invited to attend.

## GETTING READY FOR MISSIONARY MEET

Plans for Entertainment of the Several Hundred Women Who Will Attend

Lenoir is just about completing plans for the entertainment of the 300 delegates that are expected to attend the annual meeting of the Western North Carolina Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. About 250 names have been received so far, and still others are expected. No other names will be published after this issue of the News-Topic.

These visitors will arrive here on Tuesday, most of them on the noon train, and will be here until Friday. There will be a meeting of the executive committee on Tuesday afternoon. Then there will be the address of welcome on Tuesday night, followed by the response by Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson of Greensboro, president of the conference, and this will be followed by a social hour. There will be a morning session on Wednesday, with dinner served at Davenport College, will use his pupils in giving a students' recital for the pleasure of the delegates. There will be a night session on Wednesday, and an all-day session on Thursday, as well as a night session. The conference will be concluded on Friday.

The ladies are planning automobile rides each day for the pleasure of the visitors and to show them the lovely country and mountains. The homes of the town are being gladly opened to entertain these women, and with the kind generosity and hospitality of our sister denominations homes have been provided for all the delegates whose names have so far been received.

Arrangements have been made with the railroad officials to carry extra coaches on Tuesday and Friday in order to take care of the extra travel. Extra jitneys will also meet the evening trains at Hickory to get the ladies who will not be able to reach here on the noon train.

Members of the hospitality committee will go to Hickory Tuesday morning, meet the trains, and come up with the delegates, assigning them to the homes where they will be entertained before reaching Lenoir, so that when they get off the train they will know just where they are to go.

The menus for the three dinners at the church have been decided on, and the provisions ordered. The arrangements for serving the dinners have also been taken care of, so that there is nothing much left to be done except prepare the meals after the guests get here.

There will be a final meeting of the four circles of the missionary society Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church for any other business that may come up, so every member is requested to be present.

A program of the conference will be published next week if it is received in time.

## FRANCE PREPARES FOR OUTBREAK IN GERMANY

France, in continuation of her policy of creating a Slav bloc about Germany and Russia from among the smaller nations of Europe, has concluded a secret offensive and defensive alliance with Czechoslovakia, according to advices received in Washington. The alliance follows closely upon that concluded by France with Poland. It is reported to be similar also to agreements which France is understood to have attempted to negotiate with Jugoslavia, Roumania and Hungary.

By the terms of the alliance concluded by France and Czechoslovakia the two nations are reported to have given pledges to assist each other offensively or defensively in the event of any of the following alternatives:

"Attempted restoration of the monarchical form of government in Germany, Austria or Hungary; appearance of a bolshevik coup d'etat in either Germany or Austria, or any ambitious effort put forward by Austria or Germany in the direction of union of the two countries."

## BIG FALLING OFF IN GERMAN POPULATION

Germany, Austria, Ireland and Russia, natives of which made up more than 59 per cent of the country's foreign-born population ten years ago, showed heavy losses in the number of their natives in the United States during the last ten years, census bureau statistics show. These losses aggregate almost 2,000,000 and are believed to have been due largely to the world war, with its consequent exodus of belligerent nationals and the stoppage of immigration.

German-born showed a loss of 818,035; Austrian-born a loss of 600,014; Irish-born a loss of 316,571, and Russian-born a loss of 203,783. While Germany had the largest loss numerically Austria's loss was relatively the largest, having been more than 50 per cent.

## LENOIR WINS TWO GAMES

Friday afternoon at Granite Falls the Lenoir high school baseball team won from the Granite Falls high school by a score of 18 to 7. Monday they won from Hudson high school by the score of 18 to 11. This makes five games won by Lenoir high school this season.