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## BAPTIST WOMEN IN SPLENDID MEETING

### Woman's Missionary Union Met With Lenoir Baptist Church on the 7th

The tenth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of Caldwell Association was held at the Lenoir Baptist church Thursday, Sept. 7. The church was beautifully decorated and the guests received a hearty welcome by the reception committee, who presented each visitor with a white flower. An all-day meeting was planned and a delicious dinner was served in the yard of Mrs. Jerome Triplett.

**Miss Biggs Talks**  
Miss Elizabeth Biggs, the State W. M. U. junior superintendent, added greatly to the meeting by giving a talk in the morning and one in the evening. Her subject, "An Inspirational Talk," had three words as keynotes—revelation, insulation and continuation. She showed how necessary it was to get a revelation of God's plan, insulate ourselves from the world to carry out his plan, and then be willing to continue his plan in spite of discouragements. Tithing and stewardship were brought out in a very forcible manner.

**Devoted to Young People**  
The afternoon session was devoted almost entirely to the interest of the young people. The Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Lenoir Baptist church had charge of the devotional exercises, assisted by the Sunbeams and the Girls' Auxiliary. Special music rendered by them was greatly enjoyed.

**Miss Michael's Message**  
Miss Michael of Marion spoke of "The Work of the Society in this Association." She was field worker for the State board of missions in this county during the summer and rendered valuable assistance to the pastors in the different churches. She told what the standards for the young people should be; how they had ambitions but lacked experience, and how they needed encouragement from those who were interested.

**Report Showed Increase**  
Reports from different departments showed a large increase over last year; in contributions to missions, in the number of subscribers to religious papers and a double in the number of mission study classes. Aims for next year were suggested and accepted by the union.

**Helpful to All**  
The splendid attendance and interest in the meeting proved that the day was a success and was helpful to all who attended.

## GAMEWELL SCHOOL TO OPEN

School at Gamewell will open on Monday, Oct. 2, with Mr. Earl Roper of Morganton as principal and Miss Eugenia Clarke of Collettsville as assistant. Mr. Roper was in Lenoir Tuesday and said that he wanted every member of the committee and all the patrons as well as the children to come to the school house on opening day.

## COLORED SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY, 18

### Parents Urged to Attend the Opening; Principal Wash- ington's Statement

The Lenoir colored public schools will open on Monday, Sept. 18, at 9 o'clock. Both schools will assemble at the Baptist church at West End for the opening exercises. The principal, Prof. W. T. Washington, urges the parents to come out on the opening day. Children who are entering the school for the first time should be vaccinated. No pupil will be admitted unless such pupil present a certificate or show evidence of a successful vaccination. Have the children vaccinated at once, so the effect of the vaccination will not hinder their school activities.

**Expected Visitors**  
Principal Washington is expecting to have on the opening day the city superintendent, W. S. Hough, and the chairman of the board, W. B. Watson. A successful school year is hoped for the new superintendent, and we trust the citizens of Lenoir will make it quite pleasant for him during his stay here.

There are three colored schools in the city—one in Freedman and two in West End. The attendance this year in these schools will probably reach 240. This will be an increase of some 30 over last year.

**A Statement**  
A statement has been issued by the colored principal to this effect: "During my eight years as principal of the schools in this State I must say that I believe the Lenoir school board is one of the best in North Carolina, and we have one of the best Chambers of Commerce and secretary in the State."

"Parents will see that their children bring their promotion cards, and see that they are on time. We hope that this year will be one of the best school years during the history of the colored school. Parents are urged to come out on the opening day."

Joe Steele, one of the respected old darkeys of Lenoir, died here last Monday night at the age of 68 years, and was buried at Freedman Wednesday. He worked on the streets here for years, and was a good old man.

## NOW UNDERGOING A TRANSFORMATION

### Episcopal Church to Be Made One of the Prettiest in Western Carolina

St. James' Episcopal church, in this city, a wooden structure which was built about the year 1846, and which was originally designed by Rev. T. W. S. Mott, whose labors made a wonderful impression on the people, is to be transformed into a beautiful and attractive house of worship. The work is now going on.

**The Improvements**  
The church is situated in a beautiful grove. The undergrowth and shrubbery which has for years covered portions of the lot has been removed, the trees thinned out, and a much more attractive place is the result. A stone wall is to be built around the lot, which is several feet above the sidewalk. The entire building, as originally built, and which is a precious memory to so many of the older communicants, is being stuccoed from ground base to turret, and when completed will have an exterior appearance resembling somewhat the Bank of Lenoir. The tower will be heightened some ten feet and topped off with small spires in an attractive manner. Hardwood floors will be laid throughout the building and new and handsome windows will take the place of the old-style sash. The walls will be gone over, tinted and given a cheerful appearance. Some \$3,500 will be expended in these improvements.

**No Rector Yet**  
When this work, as outlined, which is now going on, is completed it will transform the old St. James' church into one of the neatest and prettiest churches of this denomination in western North Carolina. The communion of this church is to be congratulated upon their forward step in these improvements, which are in line with all the other churches in Lenoir, which have made great advancement and improvements.

St. James' church just at this time has no resident rector, but the vestry has its eye on a most promising young man, and it is very probable that he will be secured very soon, when services can be held regularly.

## THE OLD SOLDIERS IN ANNUAL REUNION

### Met at the Training School and Had a Big Time; Long Session of the Court

(By J. M. Downum)  
Boone, Sept. 13.—The annual reunion of the old Confederate soldiers was an important event on Thursday and Friday of the past week. These old veterans were entertained at the Training School and seemed to enjoy most fully their stay, as the school authorities were no less glad to have them. A memorial service was held on Friday in honor of half a dozen of these heroes who had passed to the beyond. The remaining ones of the fast thinning ranks still retain the true patriotic spirit and thrilled all with martial music on file and drum.

**Special Events**  
Some special events at the Appalachian Training School the past few days were Mr. W. M. Beam's talk to the students on the Radcliffe Chautauqua, and Chautauqua in general; Rev. F. M. Huggins conducting devotional service; an interesting reading by Miss Dagenhart, a student of the normal department; a piano duet by Misses Ruth Coffey and Elsie Farthing, and several readings from James Whitcomb Riley by Miss Mary Jarrell of the normal department.

**Long Term of Court**  
The longest term of court in this county in many years is now in session. One of the main reasons for its length is the whiskey cases tried, resulting from the vigilance of the officers, who seem determined that whiskey must go. The good Judge McElroy joined heartily in this determination by sending the violators to the penitentiary and roads instead of letting them off with a fine.

## WONDER HOW MANY?

The Patterson School, at Legerwood, in the "Happy Valley," is doing a fine work in educating poor boys, who have no means, and who work their way on the farm. Seventy-two are now enrolled on the school register. They are sadly in need of an organ for the new chapel, to aid in cultivating and leading inspiring singing. An organ can be purchased for \$105. I wonder how many of the liberal-minded citizens of Lenoir, Caldwell county and elsewhere, who desire to aid in this good work, will chip in with me and get the organ for the school? Let's do it within the next week. Contributions can be sent to the News-Topic office, or telephone me there. Let's do it—now!  
JAMES A. ROBINSON.

**PROTRACTED MEETING**  
A protracted meeting was begun last Sunday night at the South Lenoir Methodist church. Rev. M. H. Tuttle preached the first sermon on that evening. He is being assisted by Rev. P. W. Tucker of the First Methodist church. They alternate nightly. Interest is being manifested. The meeting will last through this week, and probably longer.

## BLOODHOUNDS DID THEIR WORK WELL

### Were Put on the Trail of Store Robbers and Rounded Them Up

Hey, O you doubters! Lenoir has had a real, genuine, live bloodhound chase and the culprits were caught. Levi ("Yaller Bean") Bentley, Burwell Key and Eugene ("Little Titus") Keller were arrested Tuesday afternoon after bloodhounds had followed a trail from the Lenoir Hardware and Furniture Company, which had been robbed the night before. The Key boy was the first of the three to be arrested. He said that he did not have anything to do with the robbery; that "Yaller Bean" came to him in the morning wanting him to make a trip over towards "Cheraw" with him. The other two boys were arrested late in the afternoon after they had come back from the "Cheraw" section.

The robbery was committed some time Monday night. The boys entered through a back window. Three pistols and several boxes of cartridges were missed. Two of these pistols have been recovered, and two other pistols which the boys traded for are also in the hands of officers, who believe they have the other stolen pistol located.

The work of the bloodhound in picking up and following the trail was so remarkable that it seemed uncanny. It was followed through the public square and other streets that had been heavy with traffic all the morning. The hounds were brought here by T. H. Dillingham and J. C. Roberts of Asheville. Only one of the dogs was put on the trail. This was an old dog about 13 years old, the same one used here after the attempted postoffice robbery a few years ago. After picking up the trail at the rear of the store the dog followed it out through the back lot to Church street and then to West avenue. Here the dog worked through the square to the postoffice and back. Going down West avenue, the dog followed the trail to the corner at the depot. From this point he circled around the Hickory Grocery Company and the Lenoir Roller Mills and returned to the corner and picked up the trail again and followed it up the railroad track, turning in at the home of Jason Parsons. The dog went up on the porch and stopped at one of the doors. Mr. Parsons is a bachelor and works for the Harper Furniture Company. He was sent for, as it was thought there might have been a robbery there, as he has been running a store in his house. He came and opened the door. The dog walked in, smelled around and came out again. He seemed perfectly satisfied. He picked up the trail, followed it around the house and back to the railroad. After following the railroad for about 200 yards the dog turned up the path to the home of the Key boy. From there he went to Keller's home. In turning up from the railroad track the dog barked twice. This barking, the keeper said, was to tell that the trail had divided. After the dog had trailed to the Keller home he was taken back to the railroad, where he picked up the trail again and followed it to "Yaller Bean's" home.

Burwell Key was the only one of the three boys to be found at home. He was paced under arrest. He said that he did not have anything to do with the robbery, but told that "Yaller Bean" came to his house early in the morning and showed him the picture of the dog.

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## INABILITY TO GET SHIPMENTS THRU

### Work on the Lenoir-Taylorville Road Is Being Greatly Delayed

The Caldwell end of the Lenoir-Taylorville road will hardly be completed before Dec. 1, maybe Christmas, according to Engineer Williams, who is looking after the interests of the State in this project. All of the grading to the county line, Mr. Williams says, has been completed except about one mile on the lower end. One force is top-soiling the road on this end now.

**Hard to Get Material**  
The work is being held up or delayed on account of the State's inability to get shipments through for bridge work. The bridges, Mr. Williams says, could be completed within another sixty days if it was possible to get materials. A carload shipment of cement has been on the road since some time in July and has not reached here yet. To overcome the trouble in getting stone a rock crusher has been put down and will turn out stone for the remainder of the bridge work. The crusher is located on the place of D. C. Flowers.

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## LENOIR SCHOOLS OPENED SESSION

### Largest Registration in History of Institution—Interest- ing Exercises

With the largest registration in the history of the institution, the Lenoir public schools opened the twentieth session Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. At the ringing of the second bell school children, parents, friends of the school, the pastors of the town, board of trustees, every teacher and principal, as well as superintendent, gathered into the old building for the opening exercises. There was not room for all of them to be seated or to be gathered into the assembly room, but they stood around where there was any room. The opening was with a prayer by Rev. A. A. McLean, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Mr. V. H. Beach, a member of the board of trustees of the school, then made a talk about the plans for the school, and he told something of the disappointment at not being able to open the school this year in the new building. Mr. Beach then introduced Rev. P. W. Tucker, pastor of the First Methodist church, who made a most interesting talk to the children and teachers, and said that the opening of this school, the scene it presented of young life and possibilities, was always one of inspiration; that he hoped the boys and girls would take advantage of their opportunities and be able to fill the big places in life. He gave the faculty a most hearty welcome to our town and community. He said that the young ladies could come and add something more to their name and just stay in Lenoir. That would be only to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors.

Mr. J. E. Cassels, the principal of the high school, was next called on for an address. He responded to the splendid welcome given by Mr. Tucker and then spoke for a few moments on athletics. He said that no modern school was well equipped without athletics, and he hoped to make the Lenoir school rank high in this line.

Mr. W. S. Hough, the new superintendent, was then introduced, and he made a splendid talk, outlining some of the difficulties that face a school, and asked the hearty and sincere co-operation of all the parents, teachers and friends of the school. He appealed to the boys and girls for help and co-operation, saying it was absolutely necessary to have obedient and studious pupils to get the best results from school work.

The personnel of the faculty is as follows: W. S. Hough, superintendent; J. E. Cassels of Christiansburg, Va., principal of the high school; Miss Annie King of Denver, N. C., first grade; Miss Margaret Kerr of Rock Hill, S. C., second grade; Miss Mary Hope Crawford of Rock Hill, S. C., second grade; Miss Irene Caldwell of Greensboro, third grade; Miss Irene Fleming of Greenville, N. C., fourth grade; Miss Marie Hargis of Rocky Mount, fourth grade; Miss Kathleen Carter of Leesville, Va., fifth grade; Miss Alexandra Link of Lincolnton, fifth grade; Miss Annie Wilson of Lenoir, sixth grade; Miss Anna L. Garrison of Weaverville, seventh grade; Miss Agnes Thompson of Charlotte, seventh grade; Miss Lelia V. Shore, Blackstone, Va., high school mathematics; Miss Sara Townsend of McDonald, French and English, and the following local teachers: Mrs. B. H. Dula, primary; Miss Alice Robbins, third grade; Mrs. W. J. Dula, sixth grade; Miss Irene Robbins, high school history; Miss Mary Coffey, high school Latin.

## GEORGE E. WYNNE'S NEW MOTOR SPRING

### A Car Spring Without Bolts; Saves Lost Motion—Does Away with Noises

Mr. George R. Wynne, head mechanic for the Caldwell Motor Company of this city, has invented a boltless spring for vehicles, especially motor cars, which is designed to do away with lost motion and the noise caused by wearing springs. He has associated with him in the patent, which was granted on the 29th of August after nearly a year's investigation, Messrs. W. L. Lenoir and W. B. Lindsay. It appears to be a most practical idea and a good thing for automobiles.

**A Glance at the Invention**  
The spring leaves are held together by clips, not bolts. The ends are fastened with anti-friction bearings around the shackle, which does away with lost motion and rapid wear, which is the leading feature of the invention. A combination of a plurality of spring leaves, each provided with a laterally extended lug there-with and of the same thickness as its corresponding leaf; a clip member having a base plate and a plurality of angularly disposed side members, each provided with a slot extending entirely through the same and adapted to engage said side members, and means comprising a hollow housing to secure all of said members to the vehicle axle.

Miss Della Wright, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. Henry, left Friday for Greenville, S. C., where she will spend a week before returning to Austin, Tex.

## DAVENPORT HAD A GRAND OPENING

### Wednesday Red Letter Day for College; Large Number of Citizens Present

It was like good old times come back again when the 66th annual opening of Davenport College took place yesterday morning, under the management of Dr. C. L. Hornsaday, the energetic new president. The brightness of the glorious September sunshine; the warmth of interest and friendship on the part of a large gathering of the citizens of Lenoir, which filled one-half of the large auditorium, was an inspiring scene, and was an enthusiastic appreciation and testimony of the most gracious kindness manifested for the new president, faculty, both old and new, and the large student body, composed of both old and new students. Lenoirans, men and women, old and young, were present with beaming countenances and good cheer. No such gathering, and no such enthusiasm has been seen, at this aged and honored institution in many years. It was an hour of hearty rejoicing in a rejuvenated Davenport College, and a season of educational enthusiasm that thrilled the great audience through and through with joy, and kindled the fires of love, veneration and affection for the beloved institution. It was the most auspicious, the most encouraging and the most satisfactory opening of the most promising session in the history of Davenport. The warmth of welcome to the new president, faculty and student body, and in turn their appreciation and welcome to the citizens present was electrifying. Every speech and every act was unique, and the curtain of school activities was raised upon a beautiful setting, in a scene of lovely cordiality, and one that has filled Lenoir with pleasure unspeakable.

**The Exercises**  
The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle of the Eastern North Carolina conference, who is now located at Smithfield. He read the 13th chapter of I Cor., and said that this chapter was the heart of the Bible.

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## THE CONVENTION AGAIN POSTPONED

### Democrats Move Up Two Days; Republican Con- vention on October 30

The Caldwell county Democratic convention, which was called to meet on the 23d of this month, has again been postponed, and will meet on Monday, Sept. 25. This change was made on account of the Baptist Association and the quarterly conference of the Methodist church being in session on the 23d, and it was desired not to interfere with the deliberations of these bodies, or cause any one to be drawn away from their religious duties. This is the second postponement of this convention, the first being on account of one of the prominent candidates being in a hospital, and it was thought advisable to defer action until he was well enough to attend, thus giving all candidates a fair showing. So Monday, Sept. 25, in the court house, is now the time and place when the Democrats of Caldwell will make their nominations.

**The Republican Convention**  
The Republicans of Caldwell county have called their convention to meet in Lenoir in the court house on Saturday, Sept. 30, when they will select their candidates and put out a ticket in opposition to the Democrats. It is understood that they have invited John J. Parker of Monroe, late Republican candidate for governor, to be present on that occasion and deliver an address.

With the holding of these two conventions the candidates of both parties will be selected, and the lines drawn for the political contest which will end in the election in November.

## DOLLAR DAY COMING

The fourth semi-annual Dollar Day in Lenoir is on the way. These Dollar Day sales have become so popular in this city that it is heartily entered into by our merchants, and they have proven of great success. The second one for this year—the fall sale—will probably be held within the next two weeks. It promises to be the most attractive of all that have preceded it. It brings to Lenoir a large class of buyers, and our merchants vie with each other in giving the public attractive bargains. The fall trade is on and as there will be a breathing time between farm work it ought to be a great day for Lenoir; the gathering of the people from the surrounding neighborhoods, to enjoy a feast in trading.

## MRS. YOUNG TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Mary Young, who was so severely burned several weeks ago when a tub of boiling water turned over on her, was taken to Morganton last Friday by Mrs. J. L. Nelson and placed in a hospital there. Mrs. Young was greatly improved and it was thought her recovery would be more rapid in a hospital. Latest reports are that she is getting along nicely.

## WHAT MAKES IT GO? IS THE QUESTION

### The First National Bank's New Clock—It Is Quite a Curiosity

The First National Bank of Lenoir has a new clock which is exciting the curiosity of the populace. It is a piece of glass, octagon shaped, with hands and hour numbers marked on it; that's all. It is perfectly transparent. But what makes it go? is the question every one asks.

**The Answer**  
"The revolution of the earth on its axis every twenty-four hours possesses both a rotary and centrifugal force. The rotary force is neutralized, so we do not notice it, by the tremendous size of the earth's sphere, and the centrifugal force is neutralized by the magnetic attraction which causes articles to fall instead of fly out into space when dropped."

"By supplanting the neutralization of the rotary motion of the earth in its daily revolution by a counterbalancing influence secured by means of a bisecting spheroid to which a magnetic compass is attached, and by astronomically calculating the proper reduction in size so that the circumference of the clock's dial bears the same relation to the axis as the circumference of the earth bears to the axis of the earth and also utilizing the attraction of the moon to the earth, which is found to be felt upon the hour hand of the clock when this neutralization is removed by the above mentioned scientific discovery, then the hands are allowed to rotate in accord with the revolution of the earth, the same as the earth rotates on its axis, except that the calculation is such that the hands of the clock make two revolutions to the earth's one."

This is perfectly plain, and you now know what makes it go. But if it is not clear enough, ask the man inside.

## IMPROVING COURT HOUSE, JAIL

The dust of fifteen to twenty years and the accumulated cobwebs of equally that length of time have been brushed from the corners and other places about the Caldwell county court house, and that structure is now in the hands of painters who are giving its trimmings a new coat of gray, and with the brushing up of other parts—staining of the wood-work on the interior and kalsomining the walls—will give the temple of justice a more inviting appearance. The jail has also been repaired and its trimmings painted, and it is not now such a woe-begun-looking place as it was before the painter's brush went over it.

## LAID UP THREE WEEKS

Mr. C. A. Carr, who assists Mr. Hanks at the Universal Theater, three weeks ago had the misfortune to twist his right knee in walking, which laid him up. He was out and at the theater Monday night, on crutches, for the first time since the accident happened. The use of the injured limb is coming back slowly.

## AGENT KENT SLATED FOR OFFICIAL FALL

### Reported That His Resignation Has Been Asked for By Those Higher Up

Prohibition Agent R. A. Kent, appointed by Kohloss to succeed George Austin a little over a year ago, is slated for a fall, according to his friends here. Mr. Kent was notified several days ago, it is said, that his resignation was in order, and that he would be given an opportunity to send it in, and if the said resignation was not forthcoming, then his discharge would be in order. R. A. Kohloss, Federal prohibition director for North Carolina, was here several days coming here, it is claimed, to see Mr. Kent. He also asked the Republican executive committee to recommend a successor. J. Caswell Sherrill was recommended, and now it is claimed that Mr. Kent says he is not going to resign; that he will wait and let them put him out. If any charges have been preferred against Mr. Kent their nature has not been disclosed to the public.

## CALDWELL FARMERS THERE

A Fordson tractor exhibit was held in Charlotte last week, and quite a number of Caldwell farmers and prospective buyers of tractors were present. The fact that so many of our farmers were interested in this kind of machinery and went down to see their operation speaks well for our county and the prospects for further improved modes of farming. R. L. Gwyn, who handles the Fordson tractor in Lenoir, was also in attendance and aided in giving information on this gas farm worker.

## UNDERWENT OPERATION

Mr. L. O. Rector went down to Salisbury last week and underwent an operation that removed his tonsils and adenoids. He is now recovering from the effects of the operation and will be entirely well in a few days. He says he feels a great relief and would not have them back for anything. He experienced a very sore throat and inability to eat solid food during the healing.