

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Speakers Sought Helpful Co-operation Magnificent Representation — Officers Elected.

Sunday School workers from various sections of the county were in attendance at the Transylvania County Sunday School Convention which was held in the Baptist Church, Brevard.

At the close of the meeting the records showed that 8 Sunday School had been represented in the meeting. Among those present were 5 pastors, 4 Superintendents, 32 teachers, the total attendance being about 200 people.

The State Sunday School Association was represented by Mr. D. W. Sims and Miss Flora Davis of Raleigh. The addresses of these two workers were said to be very interesting and instructive. The plans and purposes of the State Sunday School Association were represented by Mr. Sims in a most comprehensive way.

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

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

The officer selected for Transylvania County were: President, E. W. Blythe, Brevard; Vice President, Alf Hampton, Brevard; Vice President, Welch Galloway, Brevard; Secretary, C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard.

PROGRAM TO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AT BREVARD HIGH SCHOOL

- 10 A. M. Oct. 1st, 1921.
1. Music, Mrs. O. L. Erwin, Leader.
2. Discussion of work of County teachers' Assembly and its relation to the N. C. Teachers Assembly. Supt. A. F. Mitchell, Leader.
3. Music, Mrs. O. L. Erwin, Leader.
4. School and Inter-school Athletic Contests, by Mrs. A. B. Riley.
5. Geography of Transylvania County, by Rev. J. C. Seagle.
6. Music, Mrs. O. L. Erwin, Leader.
7. Note:
 1. General discussion of the above topics by the teachers.
 2. Each teacher will be limited to ten minutes.
 3. A question box will be opened for use of teachers in which may be placed any and all questions of general interest.
8. The law requires the attendance of all teachers at the County meetings. Please be present at every meeting. Thanks.

A. F. Mitchell,
Co. Supt. Schools.

One chap is told of who always carries a whisk broom with him, to brush his clothes off when he gets up after taking a drink of hooch. — Eugene's (Okla.) Journal.

RANSON EXPLAINS SOME ERRORS

Says Article Written On High Prices Should Be Accepted In Spirit Written.

The Brevard News:— In regard to my article last week on "Trading at Home" and the high prices in Brevard. I have been informed by some of our local merchants that the list of prices as given contained some errors. Please allow me space to make the following corrections:—

1 lb. White House Coffee .45 instead of .50; 5 lb. can Karo Syrup, .45 instead of .55; 1 box unceda biscuits, .8 1-2 instead of .10; 1 cake (large) Octagon soap, .08 1-2 instead of 10; and Gillette razor blades for .50 cents.

I am very glad to make this statement in behalf of our merchants and will add that the majority of them have proven to me that their profits are not unreasonable, and that due to the absence of a local wholesale house they have to pay freight and drayage while Hendersonville and Asheville enjoy the advantage of having their goods delivered to the door free of charge. Another disadvantage suffered by our town is excessive freight rates. This is a duty for our Business Mens' Organization to take up with the proper authorities that we may enjoy the same advantages of other towns. Brevard's greatest need is a wholesale grocery house. If all of the merchants would take some stock and pledge to support one, there is absolutely no reason why a business of this kind should not pay handsome dividends. In conclusion, I would like to repeat that my article referred to above was written in an effort to reduce prices and encourage trading at home. This can only be accomplished by removing the cause that induces us to trade elsewhere — Let us all help to remove that cause.

H. C. RANSON.

DAVIDSON RIVER DAY

On Sunday October 2nd, old Davidson River Church will celebrate its annual "Davidson River Day", with service in the morning at 11 o'clock, dinner on the grounds, and preaching again after dinner. Rev. J. F. Ligon of Hendersonville will preach. This year quite a number of new and interesting features will be added to the day's program.

One of the services will be given up to a discussion of "old times" at Davidson River. Interesting bits from the oldest records of the session will be read, mention will be made of noteworthy persons and events in the past history of the church, the older people will be called on for stories and anecdotes of the by-gone days. A cordial welcome is extended to everybody to attend these services, to eat a good dinner, to spend a pleasant social hour with old friends.

Just after the morning service everybody will go to Davidson River Cemetery on the hill to lay flowers on the graves of all those who served as elders, deacons, or pastors of the church. It will be fitting that all who have loved ones buried there place flowers on their graves too. In order that the cemetery be appropriately neat and clean for this occasion, all people in the county who have loved ones resting there are urged to meet at the cemetery at 1 P. M. on Friday, September 30th, to give it a good cleaning-up. The rainy summer has caused weeds, briars, and grass to cover everything; clean-up is badly needed before winter comes on.

A SPECIAL SERMON:

A special sermon to the old people of Brevard at the Methodist Church Sunday at 11 A. M. Special music by choir and some songs sung by old people.

Let every old man and woman come. The children too.

If you will notify Welch Galloway an auto will call for you anywhere in town. Notify him on Saturday or notify Brother A. S. Raper the same day, Saturday.

Men are not necessarily big guns just because they are big bore. — Chicago Daily News.

COMMUNITY FAIRS IN COUNTY

Demonstration Agent Explains Failure To Inaugurate 5th. Annual County Fair.

When I first came to Transylvania County to take charge of the work begun by Mr. Lawrence, I was informed by Mr. Lawrence that the 1920 County Fair was not what it should have been. He reported a seeming lack of interest, and advised that the County Fair proposition be allowed to rest for a year. After this discouragement I decided it would be best to act on my predecessor's judgement, unless there was sufficient interest voluntarily manifested.

With the exception of one or two men living in Brevard, and two or three living in the surrounding community, a County Fair had not been mentioned until about three weeks ago. A few individuals cannot make a successful County Fair, and unless a proposition of this kind receives the whole hearted support of both town and community organizations, it is useless to undertake it.

Since the interest recently shown by the Brevard Club has been so favorable, it has been decided that there will be a County Fair next year, so let's not wait even until next June to make plans, but begin NOW. It really takes twelve months of preparation, to stage the best Fair. Let's begin NOW to "Plant and Sow" with the idea of having the best and biggest Fair ever held in Transylvania, in 1922.

There will be an entertainment given at Blantyre Schoolhouse Saturday night, 8 o'clock, in the interest of Community Fair. C. B. Deaver of Brevard will deliver the address. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited.

On account of difficulty of securing judges, the Community Fairs have been postponed one week. The new dates are, Lake Toxaway, Oct. 13th.; Blantyre, Oct. 14th. and Little River, Oct. 15th.

There is a disease prevalent among hogs in Oakland and Bohemia sections, which symptoms indicate hog cholera. We expect to secure the service of the Federal Agent, who is working to suppress hog cholera at an early date. All who have sick hogs, that would like to have them inspected, please report same to Farm Agent at once.

FARM AGENT

A GOOD COLLECTION

At the Baptist Sunday School last Sunday morning a collection was taken for the 75 Million Campaign and seven hundred dollars were raised.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday night at the local Baptist Church, Rev. Chas. C. Smith, the pastor, will preach on the subject, "The Distinctive Beliefs of Baptists." Of course there are many things that all evangelical denominations believe in alike. Likewise each denomination has its own beliefs that are peculiar to itself, Methodist holding the beliefs that other denominations do not hold, Presbyterians having their own distinctive doctrines that are not in the creeds of others, Episcopalians the same way. And Baptists are no exception to this rule, and these beliefs that distinguish Baptists from others and make their separate existence worth while, is what the Baptist pastor will set forth on Sunday night next.

Mr. Smith gives assurance beforehand that this subject will be discussed without "jumping on" any other denomination, and that no member of any other church who hears the sermon will have any cause for offense, or for feelings being wounded. Consequently a cordial invitation is extended to the public, generally to hear this sermon. The meeting hour is 7:30 o'clock.

Overworked.

We certainly hope that the government at Washington carries out its intention to economize in printing. Our waste basket will enjoy a release of its halting sides.

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE MEETING

Resolutions Drawn Up Commending The Mayor And The Brevard News.

At the regular meeting of the League Monday night, September 25th, a number of resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted expressing the attitude of the organization on various phases of the law enforcement question. One of these was offered by Rev. A. S. Raper as follows:—

Resolved: That it is the sense of the Law and Order League that those who pose as good, law abiding citizens, and still buy liquor from bootleggers are the greatest hindrance to the enforcement of the law. This brought up some discussion as there was a question in the minds of some members as to the absolute primacy in importance of this issue, but Mr. M. E. Gray urged that if this body of drinkers would stop buying liquor the business would likely die out, and the resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote.

Another resolution enthusiastically adopted commended Mayor Mitchell for his firmness in executing the law, and condemned the alleged attitude of some citizens who have threatened, on account of his official acts, to withdraw their trade from him. The third resolution commended the Brevard News for its firm stand for the enforcement of the law, and expressed a desire on the part of the League to co-operate with the Press in all things looking to bettered conditions. Brief addresses were made by C. H. Trowbridge, A. B. Riley, E. W. Blythe and Rev. A. S. Raper. Mr. Trowbridge referred to the traditional opposition of the liquor traffic which has always been characteristic of the Western North Carolina mountains. The large majority of the mountain counties having been dry under local option many years before state wide prohibition was adopted. In spite of a noticeable tendency to joke about liquor drinkers just now, he expressed the opinion that the real attitude of mountain people is as much opposed to whiskey as ever, and he urged that every effort be made by the members of the League to consolidate this anti-liquor sentiment, and that every one might feel responsible for his neighborhood.

Attention was called to the fact that Revenue Officer Osteen, and Commissioner Hampton have already destroyed seven stills and bound five men over to appear in Judge Shaw's court. The determination of the sheriff to push the fight for law enforcement was also mentioned for the encouragement of the League.

Mr. Blythe gave reasons for thinking that much less whiskey is sold now than two months ago. He states that the officers are conscientiously trying to do their duty, and are up on their jobs. He expressed sorrow that some young boys are learning the habit, and that otherwise good citizens are lending their influence to the lawless element. He stressed the power of public opinion, and expressed pleasure that there is no argument for illicit distillers now that the government treats all alike and does not license some to do what it punishes others for doing.

Reference was made to the Federal Bill in favor of permitting search of suspected automobiles without warrant, and it was voted that messages be sent to our Senators and our representatives requesting their support for this law.

Mr. Riley is expecting to leave Brevard for business reasons, and his resignation as a member of the Executive Committee was announced. He urged the importance of an expression in favor of law enforcement from every good citizen as the force of public opinion is the key to the entire situation. To this end all who are opposed to whiskey are urged to get an unmistakable expression of public sentiment on the matter. He felt sure that the agitation of the question already has had an important effect.

Rev. A. S. Raper, who expects to be moved at the approaching Methodist Conference, urged the arousement of all Christian people in the defense of law. He also had heard the rumor that some young boys are

DR. HUNT OPTIMISTIC

Has No Use For Calamity Howler— Suggests Several Progressive Measures.

Let the calamity howler howl. It is his nature, "The Leopard Cannot Change His Spots". To me the future of Transylvania County looks bright and big. We can "point with pride" to many improvements in the past; witness our improved roads, schools and churches and other public buildings. Our county home is a monument to its builders, praised by every stranger who sees it; and our other public buildings. The construction of many new dwellings and store houses, being daily built speak of prosperity and progress. Our modern telephone system recently installed is another step in the line of progress.

The efficient management of our public library and the bureau of information for the town has done a great deal for Brevard and helped many visitors who filled our boarders this season. Our Library is a great asset to the town and should be encouraged by everyone. Speaking of the Library I will repeat a suggestion made to me by Mrs. Beulah Zachary, who has labored unceasingly for the Library and the progressive prosperity of our town. Mrs. Zachary suggests that our next booklets, gotten out by the town and County, should contain a map of the County for the use of autos, riders and tramps. I wish to endorse the suggestion most heartily as it is just what we need, and will be of untold advantage in many ways. The map or copy can be obtained from the government. Yes by all means give us a map of the County in our next booklet. I wish to thank the street committee for the great improvement made in the sidewalk at M. M. Chapman's and the general improvement of the streets and for the work under way to improve our sidewalk at K. Kings. Mr. King will beautify his walk by building a fine cobblestone wall.

Yes, Brevard and Transylvania County are on the eve of greater prosperity. Let each one keep his shoulder to the wheel and push, push not only once but all the time. Our farmers, merchants and citizens in general, including the Brevard Club and all other local enterprises are busy and prosperous.

The calamity howler said that our tourist season would be a failure, while some of the towns in Western North Carolina may have had a poor season, Transylvania County has been full of tourists.

Another evidence of progress is the fact that our home paper is daily extending its list of subscribers. This is as it should be, nothing helps a place like its home paper, and the name "Home" paper should make it dear to every citizen, and every citizen for their own good and the good of his family, and for the good of his county should be a subscriber to his home paper. Think what the conditions would be without a local paper. It is a general clearing house of business, news, and knowledge for the town and county. The paper is better now than ever known in its history, thanks to the present manager.

DR. C. W. HUNT.

If every man has his price every woman has her figure. — Mount Morris (Ill.) Index.

beginning to meddle with whiskey. These boys will some day be the leaders in the community, and their influence is needed on the side of right. The tendency to lawlessness is found everywhere just now, and is an attempt to bring the prohibition law into disrepute with the hope that it may be changed. We must expect the churches to lead in all moral questions, and all church people should participate in the work of the Law and Order League. He referred to a rumor that some effort will be made to interfere with the prosecution of liquor cases at the next term of court, and urged that this matter be watched and handled with the full force of the law. Without knowing who his successor will be he predicted that he would certainly stand for law enforcement.

OUR RALEIGH COMMUNICATION

Mentions Mr. Warren As A Prospect For Governor in 1924 — Other News.

Raleigh, N. C., September 29, 1921:— The outstanding event in state official circles the past week was the hearing before Governor Morrison of an appeal for executive clemency in the case of J. T. Harris, Ridge Crest Merchant, under sentence of death for shooting to death, on September 3rd, 1920, E. W. Monish, a summer tourist from the state of Alabama. The plea of the prisoner's attorney was for commutation to life imprisonment, the reasons for which were ably presented by ex-Governor Locke Craig, Judge Frank Carter and Judge Thomas A. Jones, of Asheville. The family of the deceased was splendidly represented by former Solicitor Mark W. Brown, also of Asheville.

Defense attorneys contended that conviction of their client was largely due to the machinations of one Livingston Mays, corresponding secretary of the Southern Baptist Assembly Grounds at Ridge Crest, who was pictured by the prosecution at the trial as a messenger sent from Almight yGod to avenge this great wrong against society. At the time defense was unable to produce anything detrimental to the character of Dr. Mays and his evidence stood unimpeached before the jury. The defense contended before the Governor that without the testimony and other activities of Dr. Mays the prisoner could not have been convicted of murder in the first degree. Predicted upon this idea they proceeded to show by affidavits from leading churchmen and officials in localities served by Mr. Mays as pastor before he came to Ridge Crest that he is utterly unworthy of belief. These affidavits pictured Dr. Mays as an enemy to his country during the war, pointed to immoral practices while he held various pastorates and that he had been dismissed from the service of the government as consul to Canada, and from the service of the Y. M. C. A. in army camps during the war. On completing the reading of the affidavits Judge Carter declared that the prisoner had been convicted upon the perjured testimony of an imposter who stole the sacred cloth of the church to do the work of the devil. The Governor agreed that the defense had pretty thoroughly discredited the testimony of Dr. Mays but did not acquiesce in the contention that he was the only material witness against the defendant. Solicitor Brown presented a number of letters in rebuttal, but this did not change the strong impression created by the damaging statements presented by Judge Carter.

The closing argument by Governor Craig in the prisoner's behalf was a masterly effort. His frail body shook with emotions as he drove home telling blows in defense of his client. He sat to speak, but talked with the old time vigor and was heard by many of his friends of former years who rejoiced in the reality that although bent in form he is not bereft of reason. His mind is active, his voice clear, and his logic convincing. However, it failed to convince Governor Morrison who, at the conclusion of Mr. Craig's remarkably strong defense, issued a degree that the judgment of the court must stand.

Chairman Thomas D. Warren takes his defeat for associate justice like the good sport he has long shown himself to be. He was one of the first to congratulate Judge Adams on having won the honor and issued a statement which concludes thusly:—

"I am no kicker and have no complaint to make. I am unwilling to capitalize defeat or party service for personal aggrandizement. My service to the party and my friends has been rendered without any hope or wish for reward. The Democratic party owes me nothing except the opportunity to serve it in the future as I have tried to serve it in the past."

And now the folks, many of them, are talking Mr. Warren for Governor in 1924. If he should enter the contest there would be no doubt as to the result for Tom Warren stands for law enforcement.