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COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Many Prominent Speakers on the Program—Session Will Last Two Days

Opening session of the Transylvania County Sunday School Convention will be held on Monday afternoon, September 25, at 2:30 o'clock in the Rocky Hill Baptist church, 12 miles southeast of Brevard. Afternoon and night sessions will be held on Monday, September 25, and morning session on Tuesday, September 26.

The devotional periods at the four sessions will be conducted by the following religious leaders of the county: Rev. C. C. Smith, Pastor of Baptist church, Brevard; Rev. S. B. McCall, pastor Baptist church Brevard R. F. D.; Rev. J. C. Seagle, Rector, Episcopal church, Brevard; and Rev. J. E. Dupree, Pastor Baptist church Cherryfield; Rev. J. R. Hay, Pastor Presbyterian church, Brevard; Rev. L. A. Falls, Pastor Methodist church, Brevard will both address the workers at one session of the convention.

Sunday school workers of Transylvania county will have opportunity of hearing Mr. D. W. Sims, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association at various sessions of the convention. When Mr. Sims took charge of the co-operative work in North Carolina in November, 1920, there were only nine of the one hundred counties in the state with a County Sunday School Association. According to the report which he submitted to the State Executive Committee a few days ago there are now 67 county Sunday school associations in the state and plans are under way for the organization of other counties as speedily as practicable with the growth of the work. Mr. Sims has spoke to Sunday school workers of Transylvania County before, and is noted for his humorous, yet practical and instructive, addresses.

Assisting on the program at various sessions will be Miss Flora Davis, Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Miss Davis is a specialist in Adult Bible Class work. For many years she was connected with a large women's Bible class of Montgomery, Ala. She has had special training on all phases of Sunday school work and her addresses will be of special interest to all Sunday school teachers. Miss Davis will also speak on "Story Telling" which subject she has made a special study.

The Transylvania County Sunday School Association, under whose auspices the convention is being arranged is auxiliary to the North Carolina Sunday School Association. The North Carolina Sunday School Association stands for those interests common to all Sunday school workers. It is a systematic effort of workers from the various denominations to create public sentiment in favor of more and better denominational Sunday schools. Leaders in thought in the various denominations help in this work.

The officers of the Transylvania County Sunday School Association are vice-presidents Alf Hampton and Welch Galloway; secretary-treasurer, Prof. C. H. Trowbridge.

The local committee on arrangements for the convention is G. W. Bishop, chairman; S. A. Jones; E. A. Heath, R. W. Lee.

Following is detail program of the four sessions of the convention:

FIRST SESSION

Monday afternoon, September 25
2:30 Devotional, Rev. C. C. Smith, Pastor Baptist church, Brevard.
Duty of Parent to Sunday School. Rev. J. R. Hay, Pastor Presbyterian church, Brevard.
3:10 Three in One. Miss Flora Davis.
3:45 Song.
3:50 The Teacher Before the Class. Mr. D. W. Sims.
4:25 Announcements.
4:30 Adjourn.

SECOND SESSION

Monday night, September 25
8:00 Devotional. Rev. S. B. McCall, Pastor, Baptist church, Brevard R. F. D.
8:15 The Use of the Story in Teaching Religion. Miss Flora Davis.
8:50 Song.
8:55 The Sunday School that Meets Its Opportunity. Mr. D. W. Sims.
9:30 Adjourn.

NEW RESORT TO BE ON PICKENS ROAD

120 ACRES OF LAND ON ROAD TO BREVARD TO BE MADE A SUMMER RESORT.

Although rumors are current here that trouble is brewing over the building of the Pickens - Brevard highway in Pickens County, the following, taken from the Greenville News of Thursday, September 7, seems to contradict it.

It was learned yesterday that a party of eight or ten gentlemen of Anderson had closed a deal through Mr. W. H. Chastain of this place for the purchase of 120 acres of land in the Reedy Cove section of this county. The land is situated about 15 miles from here on the top soil road to Brevard, and it is understood that it will be improved and developed into a summer resort. Two of the men behind the enterprise are Mr. Albert Farmer and Mr. R. E. Ligon, but the names of the others could not be learned.

Mr. Chastain stated that these gentlemen would at an early date begin the development of this property and would build a lake on Cove creek and erect a number of cottages for summer tourists. It is also said they will stock Cove creek and adjacent streams with fish, build driveways around the lake and have quite a number of boats on the lake for those who like boating.

It is said to be one of the best locations in that section of the mountains for recreational purposes and summer camping and no means or efforts will be spared to make it inviting to those seeking the mountain climate for rest, pleasure and sport.

It is understood that work will begin soon and pushed to completion and that the place will be ready for next season's pleasure seekers.

BUSINESS MEN WHO ARE BUILD UP OUR COUNTRY:

We overheard F. P. Sledge, proprietor of one of our most up-to-date grocery stores, tell one of his steady customers that: "If we haven't what you want our competitor has."

That is the kind of spirit that is going to make Brevard and Transylvania County one of the greatest places in which to do business and enjoy the fruits of one's efforts. We long to see the day when the last vestige of that spirit of selfishness which will have been driven completely out of the business life of this town. Frank D. Clement, our prominent jeweler, said to us the other day: "I want to do all the business I can and make all the money possible, but I do not want to keep the other fellow from making money as a result of my work or my prosperity. In other words, if I can do well I should like to see the other fellow benefited by my well doing rather than injured."

THIRD SESSION

Tuesday morning, September 26
10:30 Devotional, Rev. J. C. Seagle, Pastor Episcopal church, Brevard.
10:45 Elements of Sunday School Success. Miss Flora Davis.
11:15 Period of Business:
1. Record of attendance
2. Reports of county officers.
3. Appointment of committees
11:35 Steps of progress in Sunday School Work. Mr. D. W. Sims.
12:10 Offering for support of North Carolina Sunday School Association.
12:25 Announcements.
12:30 Adjourn.

DINNER ON GROUND

FOURTH SESSION

Tuesday afternoon, September 26
2:00 Devotional. Rev. J. E. Dupree, Pastor Baptist church, Cherryfield.
2:15 Practical Plans for Reducing the "Black Spot" on North Carolina. Mr. D. W. Sims.
2:40 Evangelism in the Sunday School, Pastor Methodist church, Brevard.
3:05 Song.
3:10 The Teacher and the Method. Miss Flora Davis.
3:35 Problem Solving Period. (All are invited to ask questions on their Sunday school problems) Conducted by Mr. D. W. Sims.
3:40 Reports of committees and election of officers.
4:00 Adjourn.

OUR RALEIGH COMMUNICATION

The Electric Chair Claims Two More Victims—Strike to be "Ironed Out."

RALEIGH, N. C., September 18.—In the presence of seventy-two people, including four women members of the nursing staff of Rex Hospital here, Angus Murphy and Jasper Thomas, colored, each went to his death in the electric chair at the state prison on Friday morning for criminal assault on Mrs. A. E. Ketchen of Connecticut, near Southern Pines, several weeks ago. The small enclosure sheltering the deadly chair permits the presence of only about seventy-two people, but warden Busbee arranged a double shift which permitted slightly more than one hundred forty to see the effect upon human life of the electric current in action at this twin-electrocution. Fully a hundred people appeared at the gate vainly trying to gain admission. Both negroes were oblivious to the things that were transpiring. They had to be fairly dragged into the death chamber. A colored minister accompanied them, but they manifested little interest in scripture reading. Neither seemed to hear or pay the slightest heed, but both had made professions of faith and been baptised since entering the death cell. Neither made any statement. The father of Thomas, a respectable Baptist preacher from South Carolina came here in an effort to save his son, but was compelled to return with his lifeless body. No claim was made for the body of Murphy and it was consigned to the medical department of Wake Forest College.

The differences between many railroads and their striking shopmen are about to be "ironed out" and the psychological effect of the settlement upon the business of the country is expected to be far-reaching. Both sides claim to have won, but it matters not so much who won the strike. The end of it is more important than establishing a claim that either side to the controversy walked away with the pennant. The winners were the building business, the automobile industry, the coal industry, the machine and equipment manufacturers and the metal trades came in for the lion's share of the benefits to accrue from the get-together movement in Chicago last week. Terms of the agreement provide "all men return to work in positions of the class they originally held on June 30 and at the same point." Also that as many of the shopmen as possible who refused to return to work on July 1, be taken back at once, and all within thirty days. But it is not believed that either the unions or the roads will be able to carry out the agreement literally, for in many localities the men are not here to be sent back, hundreds and thousands having sought and accepted work with other employers.

The basis of agreement to end the strike was worked out by the shopcraft's general policy committee, composed of ninety members, and provides for a commission to decide upon adjudicated differences between the workers and rail heads. The shopmen have apparently won the seniority and over-time demands, but agree to the wage proposed by the Railroad Labor Board for the present. All differences growing out of the strike which cannot be settled by the individual railroads and its employees are to be submitted to a committee of six representatives of the shopcrafts and six representatives of the railroads. Those found guilty of acts of violence are not included in the list of those to be put back to work, leaders of the shopmen themselves being unwilling to wink at lawlessness in any form.

It is pointed out, however, that the Chicago conference has only opened the way for adjustment. The plan has not been approved by a number of the larger roads and will not be. They prefer to continue the fight in the hope of destroying the shopmen's union and thus contribute to the general effort to enforce the open shop in all lines of industrial endeavor throughout the country.

William Goldsmith, well known civic leader of Greenville, S. C., spent several days visiting his friend, Dr. C. W. Hunt.

BAPTIST MEETING QUITE SUCCESSFUL

REV. MR. STEVENS WINS THE BREVARD PEOPLE'S HEARTS

The revival meetings, which began in the Baptist church on Sunday, September 3, came to a close on last Sunday night and the pastor, Rev. Chas. C. Smith, and other officials of the church are much pleased with the meetings as a whole and with the general results. The accessions to the church membership were not as large as had been anticipated, but this is due to several causes, one of which is that last November in a meeting conducted by the pastor there were thirty-six accessions to the Baptist church, while twenty-two from that meeting united with the Methodist church. Another reason is that there were more than eighty additions to the Baptist church during the past year, and results so large can not be obtained every year in a town so small as Brevard.

However, the accessions to the Baptist church were fairly good during the meeting, there having been a total of twenty-five who presented themselves for membership. These will be formally received into the church at the service on next Sunday morning, and it is likely that the ordinance of baptism will be administered on the following Sunday morning.

Rev. Herman T. Stevens, who did the preaching during the meeting, captured the people of the community. His sermons rang true to the Bible; his expositions of the word of God were always clear and plain; and his illustrations were nearly all from the common and ordinary things of life which enabled his hearers to apply them to their every day living. Mr. Stevens is a lover of men, and is intensely earnest in his desire to win them to his Lord, and he is regarded as, perhaps, the most successful Baptist evangelist in North Carolina. Brevard was indeed fortunate in having him, and already quite a number have suggested to the pastor that he be invited to return for another meeting at a later time. He left for his home in Greensboro Monday morning.

The singing during the meeting was in charge of Mr. W. Plunkett Martin, who left on last Saturday afternoon for his home in Lafayette, Ala. He left sooner than he intended on account of his wife's illness.

At the service last Sunday afternoon Mr. Smith urged the people of his church and the town generally to attend the Methodist services this week, and give to them the same hearty co-operation that they gave to the Baptists during their meeting; and expressed deep appreciation for the fine way in which Rev. L. E. Falls had worked in this meeting.

NOTICE TO CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The rate of one and one half fare will be allowed Confederate veterans, members of their families to the State Reunion at Asheville, N. C., Sept. 26-28, minimum fare \$1.00 upon presentation of Identification Certificates to the Ticket Agents at the time of purchase of the tickets. Tickets to be sold Sept 22-28, inclusive, with final limit to October 4. Tickets to be validated by the regular ticket agent at Asheville before return journey is commenced. J. M. Hamlin of Brevard will furnish Identification Certificates to the veterans of Transylvania county.

THE LOCAL BAND PROPOSITION:

The movement for a community band has just started. The town can well afford to own and have a real band. The main obstacle at present is a leader. The leader must of course be a musical instructor, some one who can have a good deal of time off of his regular position in order to develop and instruct the members of the band. He must also be sure of becoming a permanent citizen in our community. When such a director is found, the "News" feels positive, knowing the sentiment of the community, that there will be music in "The Land of Waterfalls".

There are several progressive citizens who have offered to give employment to a suitable director. Mr. J. S. Silverstein and the Brevard News are willing to do so if said director is capable of holding a position in our line of business.

OUR WEEKLY SERMON

THE ACID TEST OF PROFESSION

Eighth in Series on Sermon on the Mount

By CHAS. C. SMITH
The Scripture passage that is the basis for this week's sermon is Mat. 7:15-23, with the 16th verse serving as the central verse, or text: "By their fruits ye shall know them." Of course you will read the Scripture passage carefully before proceeding further.
The fruit that a tree bears is sure evidence of the tree's character. Figs do not grow on brambles, and brier bushes do not produce grapes. Men's lives bear fruit according to the nature of the men, and show what that nature is, whether the old nature of sin or the new nature that comes from belief in Jesus. It is by the kind of fruit that professing Christians bear that others may know whether or not the profession is genuine or false. "Judge not," warns against going behind acts to motives; but the Lord warrants the use of the acid test of fruits that men's lives yield in deciding what kind of people our fellows are.

NOTE ITS APPLICATION TO RELIGIOUS TEACHERS. "Beware of false prophets," says the Lord, and by this He means false teachers. It is right for us to apply this test to those who are to teach us or our children. This acid test should be applied to our pastors and teachers in schools and colleges. Many of these teachers appear like lambs, but their fruit is as the destruction of wolves. There are those in our colleges and pulpits who deny the deity of Christ, the efficacy of the atonement, and who teach materialistic evolution. Their lives are beautiful, their characters are morally faultless, and they are clothed with all humility. Their clothing is indeed that of lambs. But what about their fruit? They lead no souls to Jesus; they hold no revival meetings; they do not seek to spread the gospel by missions. In their teaching they often blight the faith of the young whom they teach, and send them out from college outright atheists. As James and Jambres imitated the miracles of Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh, so these do many things that look like the genuine fruit, but soon their lack of power is apparent to do the mighty works. In this class belong such heresies as Christian Science and Millennial Dawnism. The Christian parent needs to apply this acid test to the school which he intends sending his children. The materialistic evolution now being taught even in our denominational colleges is ruining the spiritual lives of thousands of young college men and women.

NOTE ITS APPLICATION TO OUR FELLOWS.

I mean by our fellows those who profess to be Christians and are church members. These, too, we are to know by their fruits. The real Christian is like Christ and grows increasingly in Him. Christ is patient and gentle. Those are not like Him who are ever finding fault with the church, with the pastor and with the way things are run in their church. When one drops out of church life and work, and ceases to attend the church of which he is a member because of something that he does not like then he is not bearing the fruit of patience and gentleness. He fails to stand the acid test given by our Lord as a standard of judgement.

Christ loves the souls of human beings, and, not only died to save them but is still making every possible effort to win them. The church member who is unconcerned and indifferent about the lost is not like Christ. He does not bear fruit. The one who is filled with the spirit of Jesus loves souls everywhere; he seeks and seeks to send the gospel to them in any land. The profession one who is opposed to the missions is not doing the work of Christ. He fails to stand the acid test. Is he a Christian?

NOTE ITS APPLICATION TO OURSELVES. We should not fail to apply this acid test to ourselves. For, surely, we do not want to say "Lord, Lord," here, and then in the day of judgement have Jesus to say to us, "I never knew you, depart from Me." We should know that they enter the kingdom who do the will of God. No matter what activities may be engaged in—testifying, casting

ENGINEERS BUSY ON STATE HIGHWAY

Scott Dodgen Dies in Asheville Hospital—Other News From Quebec—T. C. H.

R. O. Thomas is busy this week making molasses for the people of the community who are hauling their cane to him. He says it costs more than one dollar the gallon to make molasses where one plants only a small patch of cane, enough to make only about ten gallons; but that molasses is a profitable farm product where one plants for two hundred gallons or more.

Mack Reid is building him a new residence between the "double branches" near the public highway about one hundred yards from his old house. He has as his carpenters for the work T. T. Miller and Alfred Owen.

Homer McCall, who is engaged in the garage business at Greenville, S. C., was a recent visitor in the Quebec section recently.

The engineers are in this community this week locating the state highway between Eastatoe township line and Indian creek. They are running about as far south of Quebec as they ran south of the community of Lake Toxaway, but are coming close enough for the citizens of these communities to gain access to the highway without much trouble or extra road making.

Scott Dodgen of this community was taken seriously ill about two weeks ago, and after suffering about a week was taken to the Kenilworth hospital at Asheville for an operation. He died in the hospital soon after the operation was performed. His body was brought back to Quebec and buried in Oak Grove cemetery on Wednesday of last week. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Judson Corn. Scott was 22 years old and had been a member of Oak Grove church for about six years. The members of the family who survive his are a father, "Dick" Dodgen, who lives "in the west"; a brother, James, of Quebec; and a sister, Mrs. Maude Andrews, whose home is at High Point. A large crowd of Quebec citizens attended the funeral services. Many beautiful flowers, contributed by friends, decorated the grave.

AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT:

It certainly is an impressive sight to see over five hundred enrolled school children marching in line and happy to be there ready to be taught and made good American citizens. No citizen will stand in the light of our children or see them grow up in ignorance in Transylvania. The citizens of this great county are determined that nothing is too good for their children.

out demons, wonder-working—if they are not the will of God then we have missed it all. Searchingly should we come to our lives and apply the acid test. If a man's belief does not make him better, and he is still unamiable, censorious, untruthful, dishonest, peevish, mean, then his belief is, for him, a lie. Further, no tree is good which does not bear fruit. It may be stately, filled with leaves, and its branches wide-spreading, but if it bears no fruit then it but cumber the ground. Do you recall the fate of Olivet's barren fig tree? Afar off Jesus saw a fig tree full of leaves, and, going to it for fruit, found there on nothing but leaves, pronounced a curse upon it, and at once the tree withered from its roots. Even the Lord of love will blast a pretentious but fruitless professor of religion.

One says that under the headman's axe a strange metamorphosis took place at the death of Mary Queen of Scots. As she knelt at the block she seemed to be in the very flower of her loveliness; but at her execution the false plaits fell off; the seeming beauty vanished; and what the executioner exposed to view was the wrinkled and grizzled head of an old woman. Hypocrisy puts on the beautiful robes of religious profession, but the final test removes them all and leaves the mere professor naked and hideous in his doom. The only safe-guard against this doom is to do the will of God by first having the right relation with Him through faith in Jesus Christ.