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Completed Sectional Meetings Program

We completed our Sectional Meetings Program last week as announced in The News Record some time ago. Our plan contemplated the reaching of every church in the French Broad Association with a good missionary information program. Owing to some misunderstandings and other preconceived notions it was not the greatest success possible in every case. At Hot Springs we began Sunday 16th. They are going to meet their obligations. In this church there is enough wealth to carry out their full pledge. At Bull Creek Monday 17th. We had a great time. This was an old time revival. We shall never forget Bro. Coffees talk as well as some others. This meeting was perhaps the best of the whole batch, as all the co-operating churches were well represented. At Walnut and Middle Fork Tuesday 18th, not so good. No one at all at Middle Fork where we had expected to meet five churches. We had a small program and a correspondingly small crowd at Walnut, but with the assurance that they would finish their task by November 30th. Next we went to Laurel Seminary and Forks of Ivy Wednesday 19th, met the largest crowd at all at Seminary. Had a splendid day with leaders of church out in full force. At Forks of Ivy other churches in group represented, with some lack of attendance of leaders of local church. Thursday 20th Enon and Oak Ridge were visited. Enon and Madison Seminary did themselves honor in the splendid representation of their leaders. Owing to bad roads, Oak Ridge was not reached on time and the congregation did not wait until the speakers got there. Grapevine was reached Friday 21st. We found an interested crowd waiting for us. They were ready for the messages which they gladly received. Here we also had one excellent day.

Our people are very democratic they exercise their own rights of determining their conduct which is all right. I asked that in each case the entertaining church furnish a light lunch. This was not heeded in any case. At Laurel Seminary, Enon and Grapevine the good women spread us one of the old time picnic dinners you read about in the story books, or dig up in the relics of memories of the long past. I forgot that I was no longer a boy and just ate pie till it was no longer good. Did not hear from the Forks of Ivy, but I know how that great country church does, having been there on many such occasions. I feel sure these meetings will bear fruit to God's glory in all the years to come. Sorry the pastors of these churches were not all with us. What would the churches of the French Broad do for Kingdom service if all their people and pastors would come together in one great purpose to save our own people and carry the gospel to the ends of the earth? I can never express fully my gratitude and appreciation of the fine spirit of co-operation and help given me by the brethren and sisters who assisted me in putting on this program.

My plans, as director of the 75 Million Campaign are by no

Walnut Items

The Pie Supper that was given last Saturday night in the interest of the Walnut High School was quite a success. Everything was sold and the proceeds amounted to one hundred dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lunsford from Tenn., or here on a visit to Mrs. Lunsford's father, Mr. R. V. Ramsey.

Rev. J. H. Ballard has traded for a house and lot in Walnut, and has moved to his new home.

Mrs. Paul Ballard who underwent an operation at Asheville some days ago, has returned home.

Mr. Davis the mechanic of Walnut has returned home after being away for some time on account of the sickness of his sister-in-law.

The general debating contest that was scheduled between all the High Schools of the State was pulled off last Friday night. Two of the High School students from Leicester who were on the Negative, spoke against two of the Walnut High School students who were on the Affirmative side of the question. These two speakers were Miss Martha Catherine Ramsey and Ashley Roberts. The decision was in favor of the Affirmative. This debate was held at Walnut.

We wish to state that the two speakers from Leicester are to be very highly congratulated upon the able manner in which they handled their side of the question.

The other two debaters, from Walnut, who were Miss Bertie Fortner and Mr. Rom Fortner spoke on the Negative side of the question, against two of the High School students who were on the Affirmative side. This debate was held at Marshall. The decision was in favor of the Negative.

The Walnut debaters having won out at both places, entitles them to go to Chapel Hill and be in the final contest there.

B. E. GUTHRIE.

Shuford Jenkins

News Record,
Marshall, N. C.
Gentleman:-

The fifth Sunday of March is the day set for the opening of my first Gospel Tent Meeting. By the leadership of our Lord, I believe I have decided to have this first meeting near Clayton, Ga. under the direction of Rev. J. W. Kesterson, who is the noble pastor at Clayton.

My personal friends know how highly I esteem and crave their sincere prayers, and these lines are penned with full intention to secure the prayers of my friends that this meeting may be a great success.

Earnestly yours,
Shuford Jenkins

means finished. I want to assist every pastor in our association to lay on the hearts of his people this stupendous task. Also I want the earnest co-operation and prayers of every pastor in the finishing in a glorious way of this giant task. If any church would like this program of Missions put on in your church or Sunday School write me about it.

R. P. McCracken,
Marshall, N. C.

Near East Relief

Mr. J. H. Hendricks,
Marshall, North Carolina.

My Dear Mr. Hendricks:-

As you have heard from Mr. Bealle, I have assumed the directorship of North Carolina, and on coming here I find that the New York National Office in face of a very critical condition, are urging us to take every step toward production right now.

As county chairman for Madison County, I feel it my place to tell you the reason for this emergency. Short of a year ago, you will remember the great Smyrna disaster. This cost us several million dollars, absorbing all the surplus cash and food supplies at that time, which would have naturally gone into the orphanage programme. It was impossible for Americans to stand by and watch the awful suffering of the orphans without doing something and so in a humanitarian spirit, we rescued those people.

We have never made up the deficit that this caused. At the executive meeting in New York, it was decided if we cannot show that we have the money or a good promise, we will have to reduce the orphanage programme probably forty per cent. This means back to starvation, filth, disease and probably death for many little kiddies now happy, clean and well fed.

Madison county's quota is \$720.00, which is equal to twelve children at \$60.00 a year. Will you please go into immediate action with a campaign of your own now and raise this whole quota? We will give you whatever publicity and co-operation you want. We will give personal attention but we are trying to push the larger and richer counties in order to increase production.

Our State Chairman, Mr. Bellamy, has just recently died and we have lost his wonderful support which has somewhat crippled us.

Now is the time for all of us to show co-operation and willingness to serve humanity, which is the greatest thing in the world.

Cordially yours,
S. CAMERON RALSTON,
State Director.

The above letter explains itself. I most respectfully appeal to all churches, Sunday Schools, and all other charitable and benevolent institutions and all other people in Madison County who have sympathy for the orphan children mentioned in the above letter to take up this matter and do all possible to raise the amount expected of Madison County. Whether you profess to be religious or not this is a humanitarian cause, ought to forceable appeal to every person who is possessed of any sympathy for suffering humanity. Bear in mind that the pitiful cries of these children are at your doors. "For as much as you have done it unto to one of the least of these you have done it unto me" said the Savior. Send check or money to the undersigned or to A. W. Whitehurst, Cashier, Citizens Bank, Marshall, N. C., who is the treasurer of this fund.

JOHN A. HENDRICKS,
County Chairman.

Local Marine Visits Many European Lands

Washington, D. C.—A voyage to virtually every European port has been made by William Hampton Rector, formerly of Marshall, N. C., who left the United States on the cruiser Pittsburgh early in October, 1922 and has been aboard that vessel during one of the most extensive cruises ever made by an American vessel in European waters.

The Pittsburgh has a roving commission overseas, frequenting the waters of the Mediterranean in the winter months and leaving for more northern ports in the summer. During the earlier months of its voyage, the Pittsburgh visits Spain, Algeria, Turkey, Egypt, Palestine and Greece, later leaving for England, France, Norway, Germany, Italy, Holland, and touching at virtually every harbor in Europe where a ship could cast anchor. During the cruise, the Marines came ashore to view the Pyramids, the Holy Land, Mt. Vesuvius, Rome, Venice and other spots frequented by travelers abroad.

William was born in Marshall, and is a son of Mr. George H. Rector. He joined the Marine Corps at Detroit, Mich., in December, 1922, subsequently being assigned to duty on the Pittsburgh. That vessel will probably return to the United States in four or five months, upon the completion of a two-year cruise abroad.

A MEDITATION A Warning

I stood near the open grave of Mrs. Will Allen while some singer present sang "Will you miss me when I'm gone?" The thought rang in my mind of the importance of living in a way that we will be missed when gone. And to be missed so much that some one else will feel the need so great for our work to continue that they will go and do likewise.

In the instance of Mrs. Allen the daughter cried, "yes mother we'll miss you!" and oh! how many lives could echo back, "yes we miss you!" in regard to loved ones gone, but best of all it seems to me in so many cases Angels sing the sweet refrain, Earth's loss but heaven's gain.

As I looked on the open grave waiting to receive the lifeless form, a silent yet insignificant signal to the soul of each individual present saying, "walk softly!" you do not know how close to the grave you may be walking. It behooves us to walk carefully too, for soon some body may be singing over our listless body, the spirit gone to God who gave it.

Mrs. A. B. Metcalf

Misses Mae Davis from Tusculum and Eloise Ramsey from Carson Newman College were home on Spring vacation, returning to school Wednesday of this week.

Frisby Fashion Shop, over Chas. B. Mashburn's, Law Office.

From Spring Creek

Editor News Record,
Marshall, N. C.

Hon Sir:-

Please find space in your valuable paper for a few lines from Spring Creek. Last Thursday and Friday was the Closing Exercise of our Spring Creek Seminary School. The weather was very bad, still we had large attendance. Dr. Hadley of Dorland Bell School of Hot Springs was scheduled to speak at eleven A. M. Friday, on account of bad roads and disagreeable weather, we are sorry to say he was not present, still we had some good speaking by local talent, and good recitations by the boys and girls of Spring Creek Seminary School, on Friday dinner was served by the good ladies of Spring Creek. Plenty for all and some to spare, we had a nice time and all seemed to enjoy themselves, we want to thank the good teachers for their interest and service. The citizens of Spring Creek are taking great interest in educational work. We are conscious of the fact by educating our boys and girls we make better citizenship.

Some one may say this is not true and refer to some of our noted Educators at Washington, D. C. when we give our boys and girls the book knowledge they should have and they have been born of the water and of the Spirit and their hearts have been touched with the finger of love then they will not get tangled up in unclean things. This is the kind of education I am speaking about, train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it, BIBLE I have learned, this training should start around the hearth stone.

Fathers and mothers of Madison County please do not get the wrong idea, it's not how much our children can do for us, it's how much can we do for our children. I am pleased to say the prospects are good for a good road from Hot Springs through the Spring Creek Valley to Waynesville, N. C. When this road is completed and we get a modern School building we feel that our property will enhance from its present valuation to one half million dollars greater.

After looking on the bright side of the picture of Spring Creek township, our minds drifts back to our county seat, a little town we call Marshall. I am proud of Marshall and her citizenship. A great many times we hear people speak very disrespectfully of Marshall, and our county officers. We sincerely believe these same people do not know our county officials personally.

I came to Madison County about twenty five years ago, I met and formed acquaintance with some of our county officials whom I learned to love. That same love still exists in my heart until today, during this period of time the business transactions between myself and these gentlemen have been very pleasant, and not a single one of them has ever shown any crookedness to me.

I sincerely believe we have just as good citizens and county officials, in Marshall as there is on the globe and if I was condemned to die tomorrow in the electric chair and the brains of Marshall could not save me I would kiss my wife and children good bye, Success to the News Record and its readers.

Yours very truly

Shuford R. Coward.

WOODMEN COME!

Every Saturday night we meet at 8 o'clock. Get a new applicant and come. You old has been's come on and get in line. Lots of fun twenty eight new members added during the month of March. The goat was very gay last Saturday night and hard to manage due to several years rest. Come on boys investigate Woodmen of World Insurance. We have fun and plenty of it.
W. A. S.

Growth Of A Great Movement

Consolidated schools are increasing in number; one-room schools are disappearing; and more school money is being spent for transportation of pupils each year. Data on consolidated schools show that 1,628 were formed in the school year 1921-1922. Fourteen States did not report the number of consolidations that year. Among the 14 are Ohio, Kansas, North Carolina, and Maryland, known to be making considerable progress in consolidation. The most accurate figures obtainable show that there were 11,890 consolidated schools in the United States in 1920. Estimating an increase of at least 3,000 in the next two years, there were in 1922 approximately 15,000 consolidated schools. Louisiana, Indiana, and Ohio each reports over 1,000 such schools; Texas, Virginia, and Mississippi each more than 600. There were 187,931 one-room schools reported in 1920. Two years later the estimated number was 179,450 a decrease of 8,501. Most of this decrease is due to consolidation. Some of it is due to a natural growth of small schools into larger two, and three room schools.

Replacing approximately 4,000 little schools each year by something is a considerable achievement. The amount spent for transportation was \$14,514,544 in 1920 with 8 States not reporting. For 1922 it was \$20,624,805, an increase of more than six millions of dollars, again with no reports from 8 States. Iowa, Ohio, and Indiana each spent over two millions in this way. Minnesota, North Dakota, Massachusetts, and New Jersey each more than one million.

From Boone, N. C.

Dear Editor:-
For some time I have been reading your paper and think it very good. We look forward to its coming to the school with pleasure, which reminds us that perhaps you would be interested in the success of a young man of your county who is in school here, Mr. Jeter P. Ramsey. Mr. Ramsey has made a good reputation while here in school and is looked on as one of the leaders in school. He has made good as a singer and sings with the best in school. Besides taking part in regular school work, he is an active singer in the churches in Boone. Last Sunday he sang before a large audience at the Baptist Church. We hope for Mr. Ramsey much success in his chosen profession and are glad to have him with us in school this year.

Yours truly,
A Student