

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRESS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(By D. W. SIMS, General Superintendent, North Carolina Sunday School Association.)

One thousand fifty-one interested Sunday School workers from fifty-seven counties attended the two sections of the annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association held during the week from Monday, May 3, to Sunday, May 9, one section being held in Hickory on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the other in New Bern on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Practically half of those attending, or to be exact 488, were pastors, superintendents, teachers and other officers. Besides those who registered from the different counties fully three hundred people attended as visitors.

The following items taken from the reports submitted for the past Convention year, from April 1, 1925, to March 31, 1926, show the accomplishments for the year, and the growth of the work during the past five years:

1. All the one hundred counties in the State are now organized into County Sunday School Associations, and all held County Sunday School Conventions during the past Convention year. Five years ago only 17

counties were organized and holding conventions.

2. In the one hundred County Conventions held during the year a total of 1,541 Sunday Schools were represented by 409 pastors, 769 superintendents, and 3,799 teachers. The estimated total attendance was 24,350 people, or an average of 243 at each meeting.
3. Four hundred seventy-four Township Sunday School Conventions and Institutes were reported held during the year. This is an increase of 109 over the number held in the previous Convention year. Five years ago only 34 such meetings were held during the year.
4. The employed workers of the State Sunday School Association attended all of the one hundred County Conventions and eighty-two of the Township meetings, reaching in these one hundred eighty-two meetings 2,280 Sunday Schools, 641 pastors, 1,128 superintendents, and 5,689 teachers, and an estimated total of 33,351 people.
5. Reports from the various County Sunday School Associations show that the organizations are rapidly increasing in efficiency. Twenty-four counties won places on the Efficiency Honor Roll for work done during the Convention year. At

present there are 1,599 people serving as officers in the County and Township Sunday School Associations. The free service rendered by these people is equal to eight people employed on full time.

6. The officers in charge of the work of the North Carolina Sunday School Association are as follows: President, J. B. Ivey, Charlotte; President Eastern Region, T. W. Corten, Gatesville; President East Central Region, Dr. John B. Wright, Raleigh; President West Central Region, Dr. C. M. Van Poole, Salisbury; President Western Region, Thos. P. Pruitt, Hickory; Treasurer, E. B. Crow, Raleigh; Chairman Executive Committee, L. W. Clark, Spray.

The employed workers of the Association are D. W. Sims, General Superintendent; Miss Flora Davis, Associate Superintendent; Miss Daisy Magge, Children's Division Superintendent; Miss Ruby Holland, Office Secretary; Miss Daisy Atkinson, Office Assistant.

This is a typical American idea of an Englishman talking over the telephone:

"Yes! This is Mr. 'Arrison! What You can't 'ear me? This is Mr. 'Arrison. Hee, her, bee, hee, her, tee, 'Erbert. Haich hay, har, har, a hi a hess, a ho and a hen, 'Arrison. 'Erbert 'Arrison 'imself."

—PUBLIC SERVICE

### MARS HILL CEMETERY MAY 22

Dear Editor:  
Will you please make this announcement in your paper, that whoever is interested in the Mars Hill Cemetery will please come to a general working on next Saturday, May 22nd, and dinner on the ground.

Also on the 30th of May will be a program—Rev. Frank Snider, pastor of the North Baptist Church, of Asheville will conduct the services.

Thanking you in advance,  
MRS. W. E. SMITH.

### DORLAND-BELL SCHOOL TO CLOSE MAY 26

Dr. Hadley To Leave Hot Springs  
The Dorland Bell School will close this session May 26. It is with regret that we announce the decision of Dr. Hadley to leave the Dorland Bell

School after this session. Dr. and Mrs. Hadley have many friends in Hot Springs and other parts of the county who regret that they will leave Hot Springs. Where they will go has not yet been made public.

### HOT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL CLOSED LAST MONDAY

#### EXERCISES HIGHLY PLEASING TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED

The public school at Hot Springs came to a close last Monday evening with a contest in six readings by girls and three declamations by boys. The program began with a Japanese Fan Drill by the high school girls which showed splendid training and proved to be very entertaining and pretty. Following this an instrumental duet by Miss Alene Burgin and her mother was rendered which was not on the printed program. With that exception the program was carried out as printed below: The double duet by Mesdames Davis, Burgin, Miss Hawes, and Mr. Lawson was enjoyed by all. The readings by the six girls were all well done and we did wish that we might have a prize for each one. The contest for second prize in the girls' contest was exceedingly close, but so far as we know the decision of the judges—Dr. Hadley and two of the lady teachers of Dorland Bell Institute, as Editor Story of the News-Record—was approved by the audience. While Miss Helen Gorenflo won the second prize, the slightest error on her part would have given it to Miss Margaret Lippard. The first prize, \$5.00 in gold, given by Mr. Warren Davis, Cashier of the Citizens Bank at Hot Springs, was won by Miss Jaculyn O'Dell. This young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. O'Dell of near Hot Springs and her sister is one of the teachers. Her selection was the winner of the prize at Walnut last year. Miss O'Dell's soul was in her recitation and her expression, memory, poise, enunciation, and pronunciation were exceedingly fine.

The second prize, won by Miss

Helen Garenflo of Hot Springs, was \$2.50, given by Mr. Lon Brooks of Hot Springs.

In the declamation contest, first prize, \$5.00, given by Mr. W. R. Ellerson, was won by Tom Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren T. Davis. Tom has quite a reputation for declaiming and deserves it. To win so many prizes and praises would give some boys the "swell head," but we trust Tom has too much poise to be spoiled.

The second prize to the declaimers, \$2.50, given by Mr. J. D. Hensley, was won by Phil Brown. Declamations well delivered are always enjoyed and it is hoped these boys will keep on trying and that others will join them.

Superintendent O. S. Dillard, in presenting certificates and prizes, announced that twenty had made a record of perfect attendance, not being absent or late during the year and of this number five are in high school. Those entering high school next year are Frank Brown, Walter Chockley, Herbert Angel, Hill Corbett and Maxine Alman. A prize of \$2.50 was given by Miss Hawes to the student making the most progress during the year and this was won by Miss Beatrice Smelser, of near Hot Springs.

We regret that we could not attend the exercises Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but we understood from those who attended that all these exercises were fine and much enjoyed and were with few exceptions carried out as printed on the programs below. One exception was that the presentation speech scheduled by Hon. Geo. M. Fritchard of Asheville, was made by Mr. Shepherd, of Asheville, Mr. Fritchard becoming suddenly sick after.

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### PROPOSAL TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY, AS A CANDIDATE FOR TAX COLLECTOR

Referring to Mrs. White's and Mr. G. C. Redmon's statement, I am in favor of the high man or lady being the nominee, thereby saving the county the expense of a second primary.

Yours to serve,  
J. H. SPRINKLE.

### MARKER UNVEILING POSTPONED

#### ROBERT E. LEE MARKER DEDICATION POSTPONED TO JUNE 14

Dedication of the Robert E. Lee marker at Hot Springs has been postponed from May 20, the date originally scheduled, to June 14.

This change has been made, it was announced, so as to make the dedication fall on Flag Day, and thus add an air of solemnity to the occasion which would make it fittingly comport with the ideals which the marker will express.

The marker to be unveiled is a gift of Mrs. Bessie Rumbough Safford.

The barbecue, planned to be held in connection with the unveiling has also been postponed to June 14.

These markers are being placed all along the Dixie Highway under the auspices of the D. A. R. to commemorate the bravery of Robert E. Lee.

Funds are being raised in Marshall to erect one of these markers in front of the Court House.

### TAXPAYERS, ATTENTION

The Tax books are turned over to the tax collector for collection, on the first Monday in each year, with the proviso that no new tax book shall be turned over to said Tax Collector until a full settlement shall be made for the old tax book.

During the month of December a discount of 1 per cent shall be allowed. During the months of January and February the taxes are at Par. During the succeeding months a penalty of 1 per cent is added for each month, until twenty per cent has been reached.

Drawn off by JOHN McELROY, Atty.  
By request of Grover C. Redmon  
May 19, 1926

### EDNEY EXPRESSES POLITICAL VIEWS

Mars Hill, N. C.  
May 21, 1926

Editor of News-Record  
Dear Sir:—  
Permit me to thank you for the kind offer made through your editorial columns to candidates for nomination for Representative in regard to statement and discussion of platform taken by you to be highly commended, because it indicates that you have the interests of the public at heart. In response to your offer I

will say 1st, I am opposed to all unfair and extravagant expenditure of the taxpayers' money for local and special purposes.

2nd. I am opposed to having unnecessary county officers.

3rd. I am opposed to raising salaries of any county officers.

4th. There is no political ring nor clique, with an ax to grind, and desiring special legislation urging me to offer myself as a candidate.

5th. I am appealing directly to the people who feel heavy burdens as a result of how things have gone in the past. I feel that the taxpayers need a "breathing spell."

6th. I am a full-fledged Republican and always have been.

7th. I will favor no action to cut off any part of Madison to Buncombe County.

8th. I stand for general county taxes to be used for the general county good, and for local benefits to be financed by local taxation.

9th. I favor good roads and good schools. I will use all my influence to get State aid for better roads or better schools for Madison County. I am progressive but favor a sane, sensible progress. I do not favor a "Florida land boom" type or wrecking type of progress. I favor a progress that our taxpayers can stand. Let's progress as we can stand it.

I trust that each candidate will refrain, as you suggested, from mud-slinging. Accusations that someone has lied do not ever establish a truth and aren't conducive to good political feeling. My opponent is known by the people. If he is the people's choice, he is mine also. I am coming clean with people in regard to my platform. I have no trick up my sleeve. I hope the people will not be influenced by last minute reports that may be circulated.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I am

Yours truly,  
CALVIN R. EDNEY.

### \$100.00 REWARD

The Sheriff of Madison County is offering a reward of \$100.00 for the arrest or information leading to the arrest of one Milt Presnell, charged with the murder of Fred Anders.

WILLARD C. RECTOR,  
Sheriff of Madison County

### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Republican Primary of June 5, 1926.

GARRETT BUCKNER

### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
After being requested by so many of my friends from different sections of the County, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner subject to the Republican primary to be held June 5th, 1926. If nominated and elected I will endeavor, to the very best of my ability to serve the people of all sections of the County.

I have had four years' experience as County Commissioner and 2 years of that time as Chairman. I believe that I understand the details of the office and know how the business of the office should be handled.

Thanking you all for your support in the past and asking for your vote and influence in the coming Primary,

I am,  
Yours to serve,

JONAS C. CHANDLER

### FOR SHERIFF TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Madison County, subject to the Republican primary to be held June 5, 1926. If nominated and elected I will endeavor, by the help and cooperation of the good people of the county, to enforce the laws and execute the duties of this office in a fair and impartial manner. Thanking you for your support in the past and asking for your vote and influence in the coming Primary.

WILLARD C. RECTOR

### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Republican Primary of June 5, 1926.

If nominated and elected, I promise to serve the people to the best of my ability.

Thanking you for your support, I am

Yours to serve,  
LUTHER J. LUNSFORD,  
Barnard, N. C.

### TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY

It has been reported that I am working for one of the candidates for sheriff and against the other. This is absolutely untrue, I am making a campaign for myself only. I haven't asked any candidate for the various offices to make a campaign for me, nor have they asked me to make one for them.

As to my life in my community, I am willing for anyone to investigate it. I have taught seven terms of school in my home community, and was asked to take the place again next term.

I have always tried to practice the Golden Rule and will continue to do so.

There are some who try in the closing hours of a campaign to start something that is calculated to hurt. All I ask is that you investigate any report before coming to a definite conclusion.

I am your friend for a square deal,  
E. N. WARD.

### FOR TAX COLLECTOR

### TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Tax Collector, subject to the action of the Republican Primary of June 5, 1926.

GROVER C. REDMON